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Introduction:

Just few days left before the end of 2021, the year that looked different from its predecessor in both South and North Yemen in terms of the frequency of political and military developments and their disastrous economic ramifications, in addition to the deterioration of humanitarian and living conditions in the country that has entered a consecutive 7 years of war.

The final moments of 2020 witnessed a bloody missile attack which targeted the International Aden Airport during the arrival of the Parity Government to the capital, Aden. The attack, for which the Houthis were blamed, resulted in dozens of dead and wounded.

In this report, “South24” monitors the most prominent events in 2021 according to the chronological order from the oldest to the most recent within 3 main axes.

The first axis is related to the political and military levels, as it reviews the most important political developments which have been less sharper than the previous years between the internationally-recognized Yemeni Government and the STC, as well as the political and diplomatic efforts made by the international community which have failed until now to stop the war or reaching a comprehensive political settlement while the military escalation changed the nature of war in the country due to the change of power balance on the ground, especially in North Yemen after the downfall of a number of governorates and cities into the Houthi hands.

The second axis addresses the economic level, as 2021 was the worst in both Southern and Northern areas including those run by the Government in Marib and Taiz, and the Houthi-controlled regions, as the unprecedented collapse in the price of the local currency “riyal” against foreign currencies has created a catastrophic conditions over the year which led to a record food price hike amid a state of rage and large grassroots discontent.

The third axis addresses the humanitarian side as it monitors many humanitarian events and issues, and highlights the violations against civilians,

women and those who work in press and media fields across Yemen. These violations are caused by different disputing parties but to varying degrees.

With the end of 2021, it does not seem that stopping war in Yemen is looming as the battles escalated in Marib fronts southeast of Sanaa and the fronts of the Western Coast, Dhali and Shabwa. Moreover, the Houthis intensified their aerial attacks against the Saudi territories and their rivals in South Yemen and Marib. The Saudi-led Coalition escalated targeting the Houthi locations which included the International Sanaa Airport for the first time in months. As it seems that Shabwa could witness a big incoming battle to secure South Yemen.

The peace efforts have been hindered by the stubbornness of the Iran-backed Houthis. The Riyadh Agreement between the government and the STC has not achieved any practical progress, despite some positive indicators in the last week of 2021, while the tension increased with forces affiliated with the islamists, in Shabwa and Wadi Hadramout amid the escalation of the AQAP's activities there.



Photo: STC

First: The Political and military level

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(January 2021)

The political level:

Al-Ula Summit

On Jan5th, the Saudi city of Al-Ula witnessed the end of the opening session held by the Supreme Council of the Cooperation Council for the Gulf States in its 41st Summit, with the so called “Al-Ula Statement” signed by the leaders and the heads of delegations. The Supreme Council praised the fruitful Saudi and Emirati efforts that led to signing on a mechanism to accelerate the implementation of the Riyadh Agreement between the Yemeni Government and the STC on July 29th, 2020. The Council welcomed the Yemeni Parties’ implementation of the Riyadh and the formation of a technocratic government along with appointing a Governor and a **Security** Chief for Aden.¹

The UN Envoy in Aden

On Jan7th, the UN Special Envoy to Yemen, Martin Griffiths, concluded a visit to Aden that witnessed a number of meetings with the Prime Minister Maeen Abdul-Malik, and the Governor of Aden, Ahmed Bin Lamlas. He condemned the horrific attack that targeted the members of the Yemeni Government during their arrival at the International Aden Airport on December 30th, 2020, which left at least 25 civilians dead including governmental officials.

The classification of Houthis as a “Terrorist Group”

On Jan11th, the former US Foreign Minister Mike Pompeo announced that the Trump Administration intends to classify the Houthis as a “Terrorist Group”. The aim behind the decision was to “hold the Houthis accountable for their terrorist acts including those Cross-border attacks that pose threats against the civilians, infrastructure and the commercial shipping movement”.²

¹ [الجلسة الافتتاحية لأعمال القمة 41 لمجلس التعاون الخليجي في مدينة العلا بالسعودية \(5 يناير\) - YouTube](#)

² [واشنطن تعزم تصنيف الحوثيين "جماعة إرهابية" | أخبار الصراع في اليمن | الجزيرة مباشر \(aljazeera.net\)](#)

The military level:

The killing of 54 Houthis elements

On Jan 6th, the “Yemeni Army” Forces and tribal forces advanced in the fronts of Jabal Murad and Rahba, South of Marib Governorate, in which the battles with the Houthis were renewed after the arrival of large reinforcements for the latter that were targeted by the Coalition’s jet fighters in Mahlia that led to the killing and wounding of 54 Houthis.³

(February 2021)

The political level:

Aidarus Al -Zoubaidi in Moscow

On Feb 3rd, The STC President Aidarus Al -Zoubaidi, along with an accompanying delegation, visited Moscow and met with Russian Foreign Ministry’s officials. This visit came days after the STC and Hadi Authority agreed to form a technocratic parity government which has been equally divided between South and North in light of the Riyadh Agreement’s outcomes, and which began performing its duties in the capital “Aden”.⁴

Biden suspends supporting the military operations in Yemen

On Feb 4th, US President Joe Biden announced that the United States “suspended its support for the military operations in Yemen including selling weapons and equipment, stressing that his country will continue backing and helping the KSA to defend its sovereignty and territories.”⁵

A Houthi Leader in the Sanction list

On Feb 25th, the Security Council added the Houthi Leader Sultan Zabin to the Sanction List for accusations related to grave human rights violations.⁶ Recurrent reports said that the Houthis got rid of “Zabin” on April 9th, 2021, claiming the

³ اشتداد المعارك في جبهات مأرب.. ومقتل وإصابة 54 حوثياً (emaratalyouth.com)

⁴ "الانتقال" اليمني في موسكو ورئيسه لا يستبعد علاقة مع إسرائيل | انديبننت عربية (independentarabia.com)

⁵ الرئيس الأمريكي جو بايدن يعلن وقف الولايات المتحدة دعمها للعمليات العسكرية في اليمن - BBC News - عربي

⁶ مجلس الأمن يضيف القيادي الحوثي سلطان زابن إلى لائحة العقوبات - صحيفة الشارع (alsharaeanews.com)

Covid-19 is the reason behind his death, in order to mitigate their human rights file in front of the international community.

The military level:

Threat and challenge

the Military Axis Forces, affiliated with Hadi redeployed in Lahij Governorate's Tur Al Baha after an earlier agreement to remove them due to concerns of igniting a civil war. The Tur Al Baha Axis, in the 4th Military District launched the first stage of the Combat and operational training in 2021 by a military show for the forces attended by the Axis's Commander, Abu Bakr Al Jabouli, in a step that challenged the agreement and the political partnership between the STC and the entities affiliated with "Hadi", top of which is the Islah Party.⁷

Al-Sabiha Alert

On Feb. 9th, the "Security Belt" Forces were alerted in Lahij's Al-Sabiha, to confront military advances from Taiz borders made by forces affiliated to the 4th Mountain Infantry Brigade, led by "Ahmed Al Jabouli". "Security Belt's commanders described this advance as being a dangerous escalation" which aims at sowing the seeds of disaccord and bringing the region into conflict.⁸

"Coffel" camp falls into the Houthi hands

On Feb 10th, the Houthis intensified their attacks on Marib and managed to control the strategic "Coffel Camp" and launched booby-trapped drone attacks against the Saudi territories.⁹

⁷ بعد الاتفاق على الغائه.. مجور طور الباحة يعود مجدداً - وكالة عدن الاخبارية (adennewsagency.com)

⁸ صحيفة الأيام - حزام الصبيحة: التغلغل العسكري بطور الباحة تحلّ خطراً يجب مواجهته (alayyam.info)

⁹ تقرير إخباري: الحوثيون يسيطرون على قاعدة عسكرية للقوات الحكومية ويهاجمون السعودية - arabic.china.org.cn

(March 2021)**The political level:****The Guardian's interview with Al -Zoubaidi**

On March 1st, the Guardian conducted an interview with the STC's President, Aidarus Al -Zoubaidi, in which he expressed that "Joe Biden can help end the six-year civil war in Yemen by backing a UN-sponsored referendum on independence for the South. He added that a referendum would show 90% support for independence for Yemen's South and should be held exclusively within the South, pointing out that in the Brexit referendum the rest of the European Union was not given a vote."¹⁰

A Saudi Initiative

On March 22nd, the KSA announced an Initiative to solve the crisis in Yemen that began with a comprehensive cease-fire under UN supervision to reach a political agreement. The initiative included cooperation with both the UN and the US Special Envoys to Yemen.¹¹

A Second wave of the Pandemic

On March 23rd, The Yemeni Government imposed a state of health emergency across cities and governorates to confront the increasing number of Covid-19 infection. The Yemeni Health Ministry gave directions to increase the degree of readiness in the healthy centers and hospitals. The state of emergency included imposing a partial curfew depending on the local authorities' estimates in the governorates and in light of the Epidemiological situation of each city.¹²

A political Office for the National Resistance

On March 25th, a Political Office, led by Tariq Saleh in the city of Mocha, west of Taiz, under the so-called "the Political Office for the National Resistance"

In the inauguration ceremony, Tariq Saleh said that "launching the Resistance's political project does not aim at replacing anyone or acting against the legitimate



¹⁰ Biden can help end Yemen civil war by backing referendum, say secessionists | Yemen | The Guardian

¹¹ السعودية تعلن مبادرة لانتهاء الأزمة في اليمن | سكاي نيوز عربية (skynewsarabia.com)

¹² كورونا في اليمن... فرض الطوارئ وحظر جزئي لمواجهة موجة ثانية (al-ain.com)

authority in which it seeks to be part of it”, Stressing that the National Resistance’s political arm is not limited to it and that its doors are open for all.¹³

A state of emergency in Hadramout

On March 30th, Hadramout Governor, Major General "Faraj Salmin Al-Bahsani" declared “the State of Emergency in the governorate, and established a committee to investigate the events of the city of Mayfa on the background of killing a demonstration and injuring others. Local sources indicated that a number of demonstrators were injured after being assaulted by military forces in response to furious protests held by Mayfa residents who demanded the availability of services and electricity supplies which had been cut off from their city for about one year.¹⁴

The military level:

Terrorist attack

On March 18th, 12 soldiers of the STC-affiliated Security Belt were killed including civilians due to an insidious attack by members of the AQAP on a Security Belt Checkpoint near the city of Ahwar, in Abyan. “Mohammed Al-Naqeeb,” spokesman for the Southern Forces and the Fourth Military District blamed the Yemen’s Muslim Brotherhood (The Islah Party) holding them responsible for the attack because the AQAP members fled to MB’s camps and barracks after being chased by the Security Belt.¹⁵

Military advance

On March 21st, the forces, affiliated with the government, thwarted Houthi advances in several areas within the Taiz eastern front. Moreover, governmental forces, backed by the Coalition’s jet fighters thwarted an attack by the Houthis on Al-Kasara front in west of Marib with the continuation of the battles on the

¹³ طارق صالح يعلن عن إشهار مكتب سياسي للمقاومة في الساحل الغربي - المشاهد نت (almushahid.net)

¹⁴ اليمن... محافظ حضر موت يعلن حالة الطوارئ على خلفية مقتل متظاهرين وإصابة آخرين - RT Arabic

¹⁵ إحباط هجوم إرهابي جنوبي اليمن... والاعوان في مرمى الاتهامات (al-ain.com)

Al-Mashjah, Haylan and Al-Jadaan fronts around Sanaa. The Joint Forces managed to abort a Houthi scheme in the city of Hodeidah.¹⁶

The AQAP claims responsibility

On March 26th, the AQAP claimed responsibility for an attack that targeted a checkpoint belonging to the Security Belt Forces in Ahwar, in Abyan on 18th of the same month, which resulted in 12 dead including civilians.¹⁷

(April 2021)

The Political level:

Removing random dwellings and restoring lands

On April 7th, the STC-affiliated Emergency and Security Support Battalion, led by Colonel "Samed al-Mansoub", carried out a campaign to remove random dwellings, in implementation of the directives of the Governor of Aden, "Ahmed Lamalas", and under the direct supervision of the Aden's Security Chief, Major General "Mutahhar al-Shuaibi", in the district of Dar Saad. The battalion forces regained the lands of the old officers in the district, after they were converted into random buildings and private farms belonging to influential outlaws.¹⁸

The military level:

AQAP targets Balhaf facility

On April 6th, the AQAP claimed responsibility for targeting the Emirati Forces in Shabwa's Balhaf area with 2 rockets on the fourth day of that month.¹⁹ Sources then informed "South24" that the facility was subjected to two mortar shells without causing losses.

¹⁶ الجيش اليمني والمقاومة بحران مناطق عدة في الجبهة الشرقية لتعن (emaratalyoum.com)

¹⁷ اليمن.. تنظيم "القاعدة" يتبنى الهجوم على نقطة لقوات الحزام الأمني في أبين - RT Arabic

¹⁸ حملة أمنية تزيل العديد من العشوائيات وتستعيد أراضي ضباط قدامى في دار سعد بـ عدن - صحيفة الشارع (alsharaeaneews.com)

¹⁹ تنظيم "القاعدة" يتبنى استهداف القوات الإماراتية بصاروخين في محافظة شبوة اليمنية - RT Arabic

Prisoner exchange

On April 9th, a prisoner exchange operation was carried out between forces affiliated with the Hadi Government and the STC Forces in Abyan's coastal city of Shaqra. The STC released the Director of Marib Governor's Office and four administrative staff. Meanwhile, the Government's Forces released 15 soldiers affiliated with the STC who were captured during the Abyan clashes 5 months before the exchange process.²⁰

Escalation in Abyan

On April 10th, the STC in the capital, Aden, called its forces to get ready for confronting the "challenges" and "all possibilities", accusing the Yemeni Army of carrying out assaults against the Security Belt units, loyal to the STC, in the districts of Ahwar and Khanfar. It added that the aim behind the assaults is to impose a new reality on ground in favor of the terrorist forces, and enable them to freely move and reach the coast and other areas.²¹

Exchange deal in Marib

On April 27th, 2021, a local mediation succeeded in accomplishing an exchange deal that included 42 war prisoners in Marib (170 Km east of Sanaa) between the Houthis and the Forces affiliated with the Yemeni Government. The deal included the release of 21 members of the "National Army" in return of 21 Houthi elements.²²

(May 2021)

The political level:

Al -Zoubaidi's return to Aden

On May 1st, the STC President, Aidarus Al -Zoubaidi, returned to the capital 'Aden' for the first time since about one year of staying at Abu Dhabi. Al-Zoubaidi's return was accompanied with escalatory signs in the crisis with the

²⁰ صفقة تبادل أسرى بين القوات الحكومية و"الانتقالي الجنوبي" في أبين (eremnews.com)

²¹ المجلس الانتقالي يتهم الجيش اليمني بالاعتداء على قواته في أبين 10.04.2021, سبوتنيك عربي (sputniknews.com)

²² اليمن: تبادل 42 أسير حرب بين قوات الحكومة والحوثيين في مأرب (news.cn)

Hadi Government, in which the STC participated with a number of ministerial portfolios. The escalation has been attributed to the failure to complete the implementation of the “Riyadh Agreement”²³

Appointing Griffiths as Undersecretary for Humanitarian Affairs

On May 12th, the United Nations officially announced the appointment of its Envoy to Yemen “Martin Griffiths” as Undersecretary for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator to replace Mark Lowcock, who served the post since 2017.²⁴

American Sanctions

On May 21st, The US Treasury announced imposing sanctions against the Chief of Staff of the Houthi Forces, Major General Mohammed Abdul Karim Al-Ghamari, and the Commander of the Fifth Military Region, Major General Youssef Al-Madani accusing them of prolonging the civil war in Yemen and exacerbating of the humanitarian crisis, as well as engaging in acts that directly or indirectly threaten peace, security and stability in Yemen.²⁵

The 27th Anniversary of the Disengagement Declaration

On May 21st, the Southerners celebrated the 27th Anniversary of the former Yemeni Vice President, Ali Salem Al-Bidh’s Declaration of the disengagement between South and North on May 21st, 1994. Al-Zubaidi, stressed, in a speech on the occasion of the anniversary, "that the Government's failure to return to the capital, Aden, or to attempt to open the headquarters of the ministries outside the capital, Aden, is nothing but a real disruption of the Riyadh Agreement, and even targeting and undermining the efforts of the Saudi-led Arab Coalition, and that this serves the interests of hostile projects."²⁶

The STC: All options are open

On May 24th, the STC renewed its call to the Parity Government for fulfilling its promises and implementing its commitments in light of the Riyadh Agreement’s.

²³ الرئيس اليمني يعود إلى العاصمة عدن ((stcaden.com))

²⁴ رسمياً.. تعيين مارتين جريفيث وكيلاً أميناً للشؤون الإنسانية ((al-ain.com))

²⁵ واشنطن تفرض عقوبات على رئيس أركان أنصار الله وقائد المنطقة الخامسة بتهمة إطالة الحرب - أوردو بوينت ((urdupoint.com))

²⁶ هل تعود الحكومة اليمنية إلى عدن بعد دعوة رئيس الانتقالي؟ - 22.05.2021، سبوتنيك عربي ((sputniknews.com))

In a statement published on its official website, the STC said that “all options are open for the STC and the Southern People”.²⁷

The military level:

Clashes in Al-Hodeida,

On May 13th, clashes erupted between the Joint Forces and the Houthis, using various types of heavy and medium weapons southwest of the city of Al-Durayhimi in Al-Hodeidah Governorate, after the Houthis bombed the densely populated area of Dakhnan, during the early hours of Eid Al-Fitr.²⁸

An operation against the AQ

On May 19th, the Anti-Terror Forces, of the STC-affiliated Security Belt in In Al Mahfad, Abyan Governorate killed the AQAP'S leader "Saleh Ahmed Al-Samel" and his companion 'Nasser Lakraa" during an ambush in Deika based on intelligence information received by the anti-Terror Forces.²⁹

(June 2021)

The political level

An Omani delegation in Sanaa for the first time

On June 5th, an Omani delegation arrived in Sana'a, accompanied by Houthi leaders. The visit was to discuss the situation in Yemen and the process of pushing for improving the humanitarian situation and the peace process, according to the Houthis' "Saba" agency.³⁰ The Sultanate responded to American pressure to make mediation efforts according to high-level political sources who spoke to "South24".³¹

²⁷ هيئة رئاسة المجلس الانتقالي الجنوبي تعقد اجتماعها الدوري برئاسة الرئيس الزبيدي ((stcaden.com))

²⁸ اليمن: قتلى وجرحى بصفوف الحوثيين جراء اشتباكات في أول أيام عيد مصراوى ((masrawy.com))

²⁹ تصفية قياديين بـ"القاعدة" في كمين للجزام الأمني بالمحقد ((almashhadalaraby.com))

³⁰ وفد عماني يصل إلى العاصمة اليمنية صنعاء... فيديو - 05.06.2021, سبوتنيك عربي ((sputniknews.com))

³¹ رهان واشنطن على الدور العماني في حرب اليمن ((south24.net))

A security campaign in Aden to ban carrying weapon

On June 16th, Aden Security Department launched a widespread security campaign to ban carrying arms and roaming with them illegally, as well as seizing vehicles that violate the Customs and Numeration system. Units from the Emergency and Storm Forces, the Security Belt Forces, the Back and Support Forces, and the Traffic Police participated in the campaign.³²

Closing Iranian websites

On June 22nd, the US Department of Justice seized control of 36 Iran-affiliated websites, mostly engaged in misinformation activities or organizations that adopt violence. It pointed out that it suspended the activities of such websites for violating the US sanctions. The Houthis' Al-masirah TV has been among those channels.³³

Withdrawal from the Riyadh Agreement

On June 26th, the STC ordered its negotiators in Riyadh to withdraw and suspend all forms of communication with the other party in the talks related to completing the implementation of the Riyadh Agreement as the “the Muslim Brotherhood’s militias, who occupied Shabwa, continued their terrorism, intimidation and aggression against the governorate’s people”.³⁴

The military level:

Fierce battles

On June 23rd, battles intensified between the Hadi Government’s National Army and the Houthis, west of the city of Marib. During this time, the Houthis took control of several sites from the Raghwan district towards the Al-Nudoud area and reaching the desert areas linking the governorates of Marib and Al-Jawf.

³² صحيفة الأيام - لميس: عدن وأهلها أول من مستصدي للإرهاب قبل قواتها الأمنية (alayyam.info)

³³ أمريكا تحجب مواقع الكترونية مرتبطة بأنشطة تضليل إيرانية | Reuters

³⁴ الانتقال الجنوبي: يوقف التواصل مع أطراف محادثات استكمال اتفاق الرياض - RT Arabic

Repression in Shabwa

On June 26th, forces affiliated with Islamists in Shabwa stormed the square of a peaceful protest in Nisab District, Abdan District in Shabwa organised by the governorate's people to express their aspirations and refusal for the approach adopted by the governorate's authority against Shabwa residents and South Yemen in general. The STC's Spokesman deemed those acts destructive to the Riyadh Agreement and the efforts to complete its implementation.³⁵

Scattered battles

In late June, battles resumed between the military forces and tribes on the one hand, and the Houthis on the other, in seven governorates including Al-Dhalea, Al-Jawf, Marib, Taiz, Al-Bayda and Al-Hodeidah. The Houthi confrontations left dozens of dead, wounded and prisoners, in addition to destroying qualitative combat mechanisms.³⁶

(July 2021)

Political level:

The KSA criticises the STC

On July 2nd, the Saudi Authorities called the two parties of the Riyadh Agreement to immediately respond to what had been agreed upon so as to achieve stability and security in Yemen. It claimed that the political and media escalation and the ensuing political and military appointments by the STC don't accommodate the earlier agreement articles between the two parties.³⁷

New UN Envoy

On July 2nd, the United Nations chose the Swedish, Hans Grundberg, as its new Envoy to Yemen, to succeed his predecessor Martin Griffith, according to press sources³⁸ although his appointment was officially declared weeks later. The

³⁵ south24.net: الرئاسة اليمنية تفشل في مصادرة صوت شبوة

³⁶ emaratalyoum.com: اليمن: عمليات قتالية في 7 محافظات.. والانتقالي الجنوبي يدعو إلى وقف التواصل مع الحكومة

³⁷ [CNN Arabic](https://cnnarabic.com): السعودية تدعو طرفي "اتفاق الرياض" حول اليمن للاستجابة العاجلة

³⁸ alharf28.com: مصدر اعلامي: تعيين "غرندبيرغ" مبعوثاً أمميًا جديدًا إلى اليمن - موقع الحرف 28 الإخباري

Yemeni government officially informed the UN Secretary-General "Antonio Guterres," its approval to appoint the new Envoy on July 17th of the same month.

Arrests in Shabwa

On July 6th, security forces, controlled by the Islah party in Shabwa arrested dozens of the Governorate's residents, including STC's leaders. This came at a time when the STC called on its supporters to gather to hold events and protests on the seventh of July, on the occasion of what it called "Southern Land Day", the July 7th 1994 Anniversary.³⁹

The military level:

Al Najm Al-Thaqib (Piercing Star) Operation

On July 2nd, forces loyal to the Yemeni government announced the beginning of a large-scale military operation called "Al-Najm Al-Thaqib" (Piercing Star) to complete the liberation of Al-Bayda Governorate, in the center of the country, from the Houthi hands. They were able to liberate several sites in the Hazmieh Front in Al Sawma'ah District. The Houthis incurred heavy casualties and material losses.⁴⁰

Storming Lawdar

On July 3rd, Hadi's forces took control of a camp affiliated with the STC in the "Lawdar" of Abyan governorate. The STC accused the government, in a statement, "that the military reinforcements were backed by terrorist organizations to storm the city, intimidate the safe civilians and control the Security Belt Forces camp"⁴¹

³⁹ قوات "الإصلاح" في شبوة تمنع إقامة فعاليات سلمية دعا لها الانتقالي - صحيفة الشارع ((alsharaeaneews.com))

⁴⁰ عملية عسكرية للجيش اليمني في البيضاء وتحريم عدة مواقع ((alarabiya.net))

⁴¹ الرئيس القائد عبدروس الزبيدي يرأس الاجتماع الدوري للقادة العسكريين والأمنيين ((stcaden.com))

Targeting a camp in Abyan

On July 4th, the Houthis targeted a mosque inside the Yemeni Army's 5th Brigade in Abyan which led to killing seven people and injuring 20 others who were moved to the Mudiyah Public Hospital in Abyan.⁴²

US support and "Alahmar" welcomes

On July 5th, in a report issued by its State Department, the US revealed its intention to support the Yemeni Government by military experts including Pentagon officers who contribute in training the Yemeni Forces and building the Army capabilities along with the continuation of combating terrorism, child recruitment and the preventing arms access to the Houthis. It pointed out that this American support will include 3 Yemeni military fronts. In a tweet, the Yemeni Vice President Ali Mohsen Al-Ahmar welcomed the move, expressing the Yemeni Government's endorsement of this decision.⁴³

The failure of "Al Najm Al-Thaqib"

On July 8th, the Houthis announced their control over the center of the Al-Zahir district in Al-Bayda Governorate, which in June and July turned into one of the largest flashpoints of military tension in Yemen reversing the short-term victories of the pro-government forces, which meant the failure of "Al Najm Al-Thaqib" The Arab Coalition continued its airstrikes against Houthi reinforcements in the districts of Dhi Na'im and Taffah.⁴⁴

Battles intensify in Marib

On July 25, dozens of people were killed and injured as a result of the intensification of battles between the National Army and the Houthis in Ma'rib and Al-Bayda governorates, specifically in the "Al-Kasara and Al-Mashjah" areas, west of Marib, as well as in the Al-Jafra area in Raghwan District, north of the governorate. The battles left nine soldiers dead while nearly 35 Houthi militants were killed and dozens wounded.⁴⁵

⁴² هجوم حوثي على مسجد داخل اللواء الخامس في أبين.. ومقتل 7 (alhadath.net)

⁴³ - واشنطن تعزز تدريب القوات اليمنية... و«الشرعية» ترحب | الشرق الأوسط (Arabic(aawsat.com)

⁴⁴ الحوثيون يعلنون سيطرتهم على مركز مديرية الزاهر في البيضاء - RT Arabic

⁴⁵ تقرير إخباري: اليمن: أسبوع من المعارك في مأرب.. والحكومة تؤكد أن الحوثيين لم يحققوا سوى "الفشل" (cgtn.com)

“Al-Nasr Al Mubin (The Clear Victory)

On July 31th, the Houthis announced that it seized control of the districts of "Numan and Nati" in Al-Bayda, southeast of Sanaa. They added that they carried out Operation "Al-Nasr al-Mubin" in its second phase in Al-Bayda Governorate, which began on July 20th and lasted for several days.

(August 2021)

The political level

New UK Ambassador

On August 6th, the new UK Ambassador to Yemen Richard Oppenheim assumed the duties of his position. During his meeting with the Yemeni Foreign Minister "Ahmed Bin Mubarak", he stressed on the continuity of his country's efforts to prevail peace in Yemen.⁴⁶ Oppenheim succeeded his predecessor Michael Aaron who announced the end of his position as a UK Ambassador to Yemen on July 26th, 2021.

Southern Dialogue from Cairo

On August 15th, the internal Southern Dialogue kicked off in Cairo. The Dialogue, launched by the STC, aimed at creating a common ground among all the Southern parties without exception. A lot of Southern figures and powers positively interacted with the Dialogue's calls.⁴⁷

Strong Saudi measures against the Yemeni expatriates

On August 17th, Reuters reported that hundreds of Yemeni workers in the kingdom's Southern area were informed by their layoff decision. The report pointed out that several cases working in the medical field as well as academics and others have been laid off.⁴⁸

⁴⁶ صحيفة الأيام - السفير البريطاني الجديد يدلي بأول تصريح تجاه الأزمة اليمنية (alayyam.info)

⁴⁷ جنوب اليمن: الحوار الوطني الجنوبي ينطلق منتصف أغسطس (south24.net)

⁴⁸ مئات اليمنيين يفقدون وظائفهم في السعودية - RT Arabic

The AQAP congratulates Taliban on victory

On August 18th, AQAP commented on the victory achieved by Taliban in Afghanistan pledging to “the expulsion of the occupiers out of Muslim lands.” This came in a message shared by AQAP, in which it congratulated the Taliban and “and all the mujahedeen in the world” for what they described as a “blessed victory” in Afghanistan.⁴⁹

Death sentences

On August 25th, a Yemeni military court issued death sentences against Abdul-Malik al-Houthi, and 173 other Houthi leaders. The verdict also included the confiscation of all convicts' assets.⁵⁰

The Military level:

British soldiers in Al-Mahra

On August 7th, 40 British Special Forces soldiers arrived at Al-Ghaydah Airport in Al-Mahra Governorate, southern Yemen, with a unit specialized in electronic warfare in the field of communications, on a mission to pursuit “terrorists” affiliated with Iran (in reference to the Houthis) who attacked the oil tanker “Mercer Street” in Gulf of Oman, on July 30th, 2021.⁵¹

Bloody attack on Al-Anad Base

On August 29th, the Houthis launched a “terrorist attack” on the barracks of soldiers at the Al-Anad military Base in Lahij governorate, 70 kilometers from the capital, Aden. 40 soldiers were killed in the attack, and more than 60 others were wounded. In the operation, the Houthis used ballistic missiles and drones.⁵²

⁴⁹ [القاعدة في شبه الجزيرة العربية تزعم بانتصار طالبان وتتعهد بطرد "المحتلين من أراضي المسلمين" - CNN Arabic](#)

⁵⁰ [سياسي / محكمة عسكرية يمنية تصدر حكم إعدام بحق زعيم الحوثيين - وكالة الأنباء السعودية \(spa.gov.sa\)](#)

⁵¹ [British special forces on hunt for drone killers | World | News | Express.co.uk](#)

⁵² [40 قتيلاً في هجوم إرهابي حوثي على قاعدة العند في لحج \(albayan.ae\)](#)

(September 2021)**The Political level:****Grundberg: There is no peace without South**

On September 10th, the UN Special Envoy to Yemen “Hans Grundberg” delivered his first briefing to the Security Council since his appointment. He stressed the necessity for the United Nations to adopt a comprehensive approach to end the conflict in Yemen. He revealed his intention to evaluate the previous efforts to determine the best way for moving forward and to listening to as many Yemeni men and women as possible, stressing that “that peace in Yemen won’t last without a role played by the southern voices in establishing it in a responsible way”.⁵³

The STC declares the State of Emergency

On September 15th, the STC President Aidarus Al -Zoubaidi declared a state of emergency and public mobilization across the Southern governorates, and the increase of the combative capabilities against the Houthis. He called the Arab Coalition “to correct the course of our joint battle”.⁵⁴ The declaration came concurrently with the spread of grassroots protests in Aden as a result of service deterioration.

The Quartet states Meeting

On September 15th, the Ambassadors of Saudi Arabia, United Arab Emirates, the United Kingdom to Yemen and the US Chargé d'Affaires met to discuss the situation in Yemen. The Quartet countries highlighted the importance of achieving rapid progress in implementing the Riyadh Agreement, and stressed the need for the Yemeni Government to return to Aden in As soon as possible.⁵⁵

Maeen’s return to Aden

On September 28th, Yemeni Prime Minister Maeen Abdul-Malik returned to the capital, Aden, after six months of absence.

⁵³ إحاطة المبعوث الخاص للأمين العام للأمم المتحدة إلى اليمن السيد هانس غرونديغ أمام مجلس الأمن | OSESGY (unmissions.org)

⁵⁴ الرئيس القائد عيديرؤس الزبيدي يوجه خطاباً هاماً ويعلن حالة الطوارئ ((stcaden.com)

⁵⁵ تشيد الدول الرباعية بجهود المملكة العربية السعودية والإمارات العربية المتحدة لدعم الاقتصاد اليمني - NetieNews.com

He arrived from Hadramout as part of a visit that included Shabwa.⁵⁶

Prisoners exchange in Taiz

On September 29th, the Houthi Prisoners' Affairs Committee in Sanaa announced the success of a prisoner exchange with Yemeni government forces in Taiz Governorate through local mediation after 8 months of negotiations. A total of 68 Houthi prisoners were released, in return of 113 prisoners from the government forces.⁵⁷

The military level

The Islah Party hands over Bayhan districts

On September 21st, 2022, the Houthis made advances for the first time since 2016 deep into Southern Yemen lands. Within hours, they seized control of the Bayhan and Ain Districts in Shabwa without encountering any resistance, after a mass escape of the Government's Forces. Military leaders later accused the Islah authorities in the governorate of handing over the districts to the Houthis. Southern activists and politicians circulated videos which show, according to them, members of the government forces and the Houthis exchanging greetings and chanting Houthi slogans, or the so-called "the cry" as known among the group's followers.⁵⁸

The full downfall of Harib District in Marib

On September 22nd, the Harib District in Marib fully fell into the hands of the Houthis who headed towards the Marib Governorate Centre from three directions, Al-Jawf, Sirwah, and finally Harib.⁵⁹

The fall of the entire Bayda Governorate

On September 23rd, the Houthis announced completing their full control of the Al-Bayda Governorate in the center of the country. The group took control of

⁵⁶ رئيس الوزراء يعود إلى عدن بعد غياب لنحو ستة أشهر - الخبر بوست ((alkhabarpost.com))

⁵⁷ اليمن... الحوثيون يعلنون تحرير 68 من أسراهم بوساطة محلية في محافظة تعز - RT Arabic

⁵⁸ جنوب اليمن: «الإصلاح» يسلم مناطق جديدة في شبوة للحوثيين ((south24.net))

⁵⁹ الحوثيون يسيطرون على مدينة حريب في مأرب - YouTube

the remaining areas in Al-Bayda in an operation dubbed “Fajr Al-Hurreya” (Dawn of Freedom).⁶⁰ The Houthis spokesman pointed out that the Coalition Forces launched more than 30 air raids during the operation while the Houthis, in turn, carried out ten missile operations using drones.⁶¹

(October 2021)

The Political level

The UN Envoy makes his first visit to Aden

On October 5th, the new UN Envoy to Yemen, "Hans Grundberg", arrived in the capital, Aden, in South Yemen, in his first visit since his official appointment in early September. His visit aimed at reaching a ceasefire and reviving the faltering peace process, during which he met with the STC and the Yemeni government.⁶²

Attempt to Assassinate Aden's Governor

On October 10th, a booby-trapped car exploded in the main line in Hajif, Al-Tawahi District, during the convoy of the Aden Governor. This led to killing of 6 persons and wounding 10 others. Governor Ahmed Hamed Lamalas and Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries, Salem Al Socotri survived the assassination attempt.⁶³

The assassination of an Islah leader in Taiz

On October 23rd, gunmen assassinated the leader of the Islah party, Zia al-Haq al-Ahdal, in the city of Taiz. The assassination operation was carried out while he was leaving his home in Taiz governorate, which is shaelly controlled by the Houthis and the Yemeni Islah party.⁶⁴

⁶⁰ الحوثيون يعلنون استكمال السيطرة على محافظة البيضاء وسط اليمن (news.cn)

⁶¹ الحوثيون يعلنون "السيطرة الكاملة" على محافظة البيضاء (aa.com.tr)

⁶² اليمن... المبعوث الأممي يبدأ زيارته الأولى لعدين | سكاي نيوز عربية (skynewsarabia.com)

⁶³ وزير: مقتل 6 على الأقل في انفجار سيارة ملغومة استهدف مسؤولين في عدن اليمنية - SWI swissinfo.ch

⁶⁴ وسائل اعلام يمنية: اغتيال قيادي بارز في "حزب الإصلاح" في تعز - RT Arabic

The European Union in Al-Tawahi

On October 28th, the EU expressed its support to the implementation of the Riyadh Agreement “as a basis for reunification of institutions and to secure security and provide services” in South Yemen. This came during meetings held by the Ambassadors of Germany, France, the Netherlands and Sweden, with southern leaders and officials in the capital, Aden. The STC’s President, Aidarous Al-Zubaidi, held a meeting with the EU Ambassadors at the STC’s headquarters in the city of Al-Tawahi.⁶⁵

Saleh: A call to unify efforts

On October 28th, "Tariq Saleh", the leader of the National Resistance in the Western Coast, called for real partnerships with the active political forces, led by the Yemeni government and the STC to resist the Houthis. ⁶⁶The STC welcomed any efforts to unify ranks to confront the Houthis along the lines of contact in South Yemen according to its official spokesman, "Al Kathiri".⁶⁷

"George Kordahi"'s Statements

On October 29th, Saudi Arabia recalled its Ambassador in Beirut and asked the Lebanese Ambassador to leave the kingdom. The KSA suspended all Lebanese imports to Lebanon due to statements by the Lebanese Minister of Information, "George Kordahi" regarding the war in Yemen.⁶⁸

Explosion around Aden Airport

On October 30th, a booby-trapped car targeted the areas around the International Aden Airport that led to the death of five civilians, including women and children, and about 20 injuries, some of them serious.⁶⁹ The attack was met with large international and regional condemnation and has been described as “terrorist attack”.

⁶⁵ الاتحاد الأوروبي ينفذ على الجنوب ويشدد على تنفيذ اتفاق الرياض (south24.net)

⁶⁶ كلمة العميد طارق صالح خلال ترؤسه اليوم الاجتماع الأول للمكتب السياسي للمقاومة الوطنية YouTube -

⁶⁷ اخبار وتقارير - أول تعليق للانتقال على تصريحات طارق عفاش (aden-tm.net)

⁶⁸ السعودية تطرد سفير لبنان وتستدعي سفيرها في بيروت بسبب تصريحات جورج كورداي CNN Arabic -

⁶⁹ بعد يوم من مغادرة وفد أوروبي: عشرات القتلى والجرحى ببحوم مفخخ أمام مطار عدن (south24.net)

The military level

Crater confrontations

On October 1st, clashes sparked in Crater entries between an outlawed group, affiliated with former military commander Imam Al-Salwi and Southern Security and Military Forces. The Clashes left two dead among the militants, as well as at least one member of the security forces and a journalist. The Security Committee in Aden had issued a statement which called Crater residents to stay at home to launch a campaign that aims at “purging the city from the hotbeds of terrorism”. It stressed on protecting the public and private possessions.⁷⁰

Al-Juba in the Houthi grip

On October 15th, the Houthis penetrated the Juba District, in the center of Marib, after violent battles that left dozens dead and wounded on both sides. The group’s fighters published pictures showing their progress in Al-Juba, one of which included the home of the Commander of the Bayhan Military Axis and the 26th Infantry Brigade, Major General Mufreh Buhaibah, one of the most prominent military leaders affiliated with to the Yemeni Government in the governorate.⁷¹

Control Declaration

On October 17th, the Houthis declared their control of three districts in Shabwa Governorate, "Usailan, Bayhan, and Ain" in South Yemen. They also announced seizing control of the Northern districts of Harib and Abdiya.⁷²

Accusations against the Islah Party

On October 21st, the former Commander of the 119th Infantry Brigade in Baihan, Brigadier General "Ali Saleh al-Kulaibi" accused the Islah party of handing over the Shabwa districts to the Houthis. Similar military statements followed later, accusing the Islah Party and the Commander of the so-called

⁷⁰ 3 قتلى على الأقل في اشتباكات بين الأمن ومسلحين في عدن (south24.net)

⁷¹ أرب: الحوثيون يتقدمون في «الجوية»، و«العبدية» تحت الحصار (south24.net)

⁷² الحوثيون باليمن يعلنون سيطرتهم على خمس مديريات في شبوة ومأرب - SWI swissinfo.ch

Special Forces, "Abed Rabbo Laakab" of complicity in handing over the districts of Marib and Shabwa to the Houthis.⁷³

The Coalition's withdrawals from Shabwa

On October 26th, the UAE Forces withdrew from the strategic Al-Alam Camp in Shabwa. The withdrawal followed discussion with the Saudis and the local Authority. The withdrawal process came amid efforts to reduce the Coalition's role in the governorate due to received threats. On the same day, the KSA began withdrawing their forces based at Ataq Airport in Shabwa towards Saudi Arabia, according to high-ranking sources who spoke to "South24".⁷⁴

(November 2021)

The Political level

The US Envoy visits Aden

On November 9th, the US Special Envoy to Yemen Tim Lenderking along with Chargé d'Affaires to the US Embassy, Kathy Westley, accomplished a short visit to Aden in South Yemen during which they met with Prime Minister Maeen Abdul-Malik, Minister of Foreign Affairs Ahmed bin Mubarak, Governor of Aden Ahmed bin Lamlas, other senior government officials, and representatives of Yemeni civil society. In a statement, the US State Department called on the Yemeni government to strengthen Internal coordination with the STC.⁷⁵

strongly worded statement

On November 9th, the STC issued a statement in which it threatened to take a step regarding the continuations of its presence in the Yemeni Parity Government, formed by the Riyadh Agreement in December 2020. The STC held the government "responsible for the quick deterioration of economic, service and living conditions." It pointed out that this "leads to destabilization of security and stability and the growth of terrorist group activity which was demonstrated

⁷³ العميد لكبي يتهم الاصلاح بافشال التحالف وتسليم بيحان للجوثيين ويدعو لايعاد الاصلاح عن السلطة YouTube -

⁷⁴ جنوب اليمن: القوات السعودية تنسحب بالكامل من محافظة شبوة (south24.net)

⁷⁵ واشنطن تدعو الحكومة لتعزيز التنسيق مع الانتقالي (south24.net)

through the return of assassinations and bombings in the southern governorates."⁷⁶

Call for pacification

On November 11th, the Five Permanent Members of the Security Council stressed the need for pacification in Yemen, including an immediate halt to the escalation in Marib. It called on all Yemeni parties to involve in a real dialogue in order to reach an all-out political solution to end the crisis in Yemen and alleviate the human suffering of the Yemeni people.⁷⁷

Batarfi attacks the Southern Forces

On November 12th, Al Malahim Foundation, affiliated with the AQAP released the first part of "Exclusive Interview" with the Organisation's Leader Khaled Batarfi to comment on the current developments. He criticised the STC-affiliated Southern Forces, while he praised Taliban and advised the islamist groups, such as the "Muslim Brotherhood" to adopt an approach similar to what happened in Afghanistan.⁷⁸

An Invitation to visit Riyadh

On November 15th, The STC's President "Aidarus al-Zoubaidi," left the capital, Aden, heading to Riyadh, at the invitation of the Kingdom, within the framework of continuous communication and consultation between the STC leadership and Saudi Arabia.⁷⁹

Grassroot gathering in Shabwa

ON November 16th, a large grassroot gathering in Shabwa called for alienating the governorate's local authority, controlled by the islamist Islah Party and renewed its adherence to President Hadi and the Riyadh Agreement. Hundreds of tribal members attended a popular meeting in the Al-Wata area, in the Nisab

⁷⁶ بيان هام صادر عن الاجتماع الاستثنائي لبيئة رئاسة المجلس الانتقالي الجنوبي ((stcaden.com)

⁷⁷ سفراء الدول دائمة العضوية بمجلس الأمن يدينون هجمات الحوثي على السعودية ((alhadath.net)

⁷⁸ زعيم القاعدة يهاجم القوات الأمنية الجنوبية ويحثها بالعودة لـ «الإلحاد» ((south24.net)

⁷⁹ تلبية لدعوة الأشقاء في قيادة المملكة.. الرئيس الزيدني يغادر العاصمة عدن إلى العاصمة السعودية الرياض ((stcaden.com)

district, at the invitation of President Hadi's Adviser, Sheikh "Awad Mohammed bin Al-Wazir Al-Awlaki". The STC in the governorate welcomed it.⁸⁰

Condemning the storming of the US Embassy

On November 19th, the UN Security Council condemned the Houthis' storming and seizing control of the US Embassy's Headquarters in Sanaa. It called for an immediate Houthi withdrawal. The Houthis stormed the US embassy in Sawan Neighborhood on November 10th and arrested dozens of local employees there without any comment from the group.⁸¹

Diplomatic Meetings:

In late November, the STC delegation in the Saudi capital, Riyadh, held diplomatic and political meetings, which were described as "important," including: the STC's President, Aidarous Al-Zubaidi, and the accompanying delegation, with the Ambassadors of the five Security Council's Permanent Member. The meetings focused on "the implementation of the Riyadh Agreement, and the latest developments on the ground."⁸²

The military level:

The withdrawal of the joint forces from the Western Coast

On November 12th, the "Joint Forces" in the Western Coast began a sudden withdrawal from its locations in Al-Hodeidah, and they described the move as being in light of "repositioning". On the other hand, the Yemeni Government denied any prior knowledge of this step.⁸³

On November 22nd, the Arab Coalition declassified a video showing Houthi elements while testing an aerial system using an UN plan during landing and take-off at Sana'a International Airport to ensure the effectiveness of the

⁸⁰ شيوعة: لقاء شعبي موسّع يطالب بإبعاد السلطة الموالية للإصلاح (south24.net)

⁸¹ مجلس الأمن يدين اقتحام الحوثيين مقر السفارة الأمريكية في صنعاء - RT Arabic

⁸² المجلس الانتقالي الجنوبي: لقاءات سياسية ودبلوماسية كبيرة (south24.net)

⁸³ القوات اليمنية المشتركة تنسحب من الجديدة وتعيد تموضعها جنوباً | الشرق الأوسط (aawsat.com)

system, considering the plane as a moving air target.⁸⁴ On the same day, the coalition intensified its air strikes on Sanaa.

The Joint Forces advance

On November 28th, the Joint Forces in the Western Coast announced their control of new sites south of Hodeidah. The military media of the Joint Forces said that the village of "Al-Run", west of Hays District, was liberated. The forces seized control of the outskirts of Wadi Saqm and several strategic hills, including "Tabat Al-Jamal ", north of Maqbnah District in Taiz.⁸⁵

Threatening of lifting the immunity

On November 28th, The Arab coalition stated that Sanaa airport has become a military base for the Revolutionary Guards and Hezbollah experts. It pointed out that the Houthis use sites with legal immunity to carry out cross-border attacks. It declared its intention to take legal action to lift its immunity if necessary so as to protect civilians.⁸⁶

Houthi casualties in Marib

In November, Saudi media outlets said that the Houthis mourned the loss of 783 of their members, including 571 who posed as officers. They were killed during the battles with the government-affiliated Forces west of Marib. Sources pointed out the casualties include a Brigade, 20 Brigadier generals, 43 Colonels, 58 Lieutenants, and 94 Majors.⁸⁷

(December 2021)

The Political level:

US Forces in Yemen

On December 8, US President Joe Biden revealed the deployment of a limited number of US Forces in Yemen, to implement operations against the AQAP and

⁸⁴ فيديو حصري.. الحوثيون يحولون مطار صنعاء إلى ثكنة عسكرية - YouTube

⁸⁵ اليمن.. القوات المشتركة تسيطر على مواقع جديدة بالحديدة وتعز (alhadath.net)

⁸⁶ «التحالف»: مطار صنعاء قاعدة عسكرية لـ«الحرس الثوري» و«حزب الله» الإرهابي | الشرق الأوسط (aawsat.com)

⁸⁷ 783 قتيلاً حوثياً بمعارك الجيش اليمني خلال نوفمبر (alarabiya.net)

ISIS. This came during his review of the US Forces Map in the Middle East in a letter he sent to Congress.⁸⁸

A grassroots movement in Hadramout

On December 8th, the Executive Committee of inclusive Hadramout's Bloc and Alliance, during the Hadramout General Meeting in Harw, decided to establish civil checkpoints in the entrances and exits of the oil-rich governorate in South Yemen and suspended the exportation of fish, livestock and agricultural wealth until reaching self-sufficiency in the local market. The decision came as a result of the government's corruption and because people don't benefit from the governorate's wealth.⁸⁹

UN concerns and Russian warning

On December 14th, The UN envoy to Yemen, Hans Grundberg, warned of "street war" in Marib in North Yemen. He expressed his concern about the military escalation and the continuing violence in Yemen. He stressed that military options will not lead to sustainable solutions. Meanwhile, the Russian representative to the Security Council warned of the failure of Hans Grundberg's efforts, and of letting things reach a point of no return.⁹⁰

US praises the role of the Southern Forces

On December 17th, a report issued by the US Department of State stressed that "Security Belt Forces loyal to the STC continued to play an important role in counter terrorism efforts" accusing forces affiliated with the Yemeni Government of not implementing Counter-Terrorism (CT) Measures in Yemen.⁹¹

The death of the "Iran's Ambassador" to the Houthis

On December 21st, the Iranian Foreign Ministry announced the death of the Iranian Diplomat and former Revolutionary Guards' official, Hassan Erlo due to Covid-19 infection.⁹² The announcement came two days after he left Sanaa on

⁸⁸ south24.net) بايدن يكشف عن قوات أمريكية «محدودة» باليمن لمحاربة «الإرهاب»

⁸⁹ south24.net) تقدير موقف: التحرك الشعبي في حضرموت... لماذا الآن؟

⁹⁰ south24.net) مجلس الأمن: غرونديغ يحذر من حرب شوارع في مأرب

⁹¹ [Yemen - United States Department of State](https://www.state.gov)

⁹² [Fars News Agency - FarsNews Agency](https://www.farsnews.com) | وكالة أنباء فارس | استشهاد سفير إيران لدى اليمن متأثراً بإصابته بكورونا -

an Iraqi plane, amid speculation that he was killed or injured in an Coalition's airstrike in Sanaa.⁹³

Drug shipment in the Port of Aden

On December 21st, the Anti-Terrorism Forces in South Yemen announced that they seized 200 kg of drugs smuggled at sugar containers through the Port of Aden coming from Brazil. The Head of the Anti-Terrorism Forces, Shallal Shaie' said that the shipment is connected to figures affiliated with the Lebanese Hezbollah, and it was in its way to Saada in North Yemen to smuggle it to the Gulf States.⁹⁴

The appointment of a new Governor in Shabwa

On December 25th, the Internationally-recognized President, Abdrboh Mansour Hadi, appointed Awad Mohammed Al-Awlaki as the Governor of Shabwa to succeed the former Governor Mohammed Bin Adyo who has close connections with the Islah Party. The move came months after protests that called for his departure. The STC welcomed the decision describing it as being a "combinatorial" one stressing the importance of completing the implementation of the Riyadh Agreement's articles.⁹⁵

The military level

Detecting a "terrorist" cell

On December 5th, the security authorities in Aden revealed members of "terrorist" cells, which they said were behind the bloody attacks that targeted the convoy of Aden Governor and the bombing of the gate of Aden International Airport in October 2021.

in an official statement, The Security Committee said that the two operations were guided and funded by the Houthis, and that "the main perpetrators of the two terrorist operations are individuals loyal to a leader of the military

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⁹³ مندوب إيران بصنعاء.. إجلاء غامض لـ"إيرلو" يثير التكهنات (al-ain.com)

⁹⁴ (5) قناة الغد المشرق: "auf Twitter: وحدات مكافحة الإرهاب في #عدن تضبط أكبر شحنة مخدرات قادمة من #البرازيل عبر #ميناء عدن... وقائد مكافحة الإرهاب، اللواء شلال علي شائع يؤكد لقناة #الغد المشرق تورط #حزب الله اللبناني في عملية التهريب <https://t.co/O4YVIXTYnS>" / Twitter

⁹⁵ Hadi Removes the «Islah's Man» From Shabwa (south24.net)

brigades," referring to the Commander of the Transportation Brigade, who is close to the Islah party, Amjad Khaled, who was mentioned by a member of the cell that was investigated.⁹⁶

“The December 7th” Operation

On December 7th, after more than two weeks of silence and monitoring since the beginning of the Coalition’s airstrike intensification on Sanaa, the Houthis announced launching a military operation, dubbed “The December 7th” which targeted a number of sites and headquarters in six cities deep into the KSA using ballistic missiles and drones.⁹⁷

The defense minister mourns the killing of a Major General in Marib

On December 13rd, the Yemeni Ministry of Defense announced in a statement the killing of the Commander of the Ministry's Military Operations Authority, Major General "Nasser Al-Thibani" in battles around the city of Marib. Al-Dhubyani. He was killed along with 27 soldiers in confrontations with the Houthis in the Balaq Mountains, south of Marib.⁹⁸

Lifting immunity of the International Sanaa Airport

On December 20th, the Saudi-led Arab Coalition announced that the Military Operations Command takes all legal measures to remove the protection imposed on some locations in the International Sanaa Airport. Late in the same night, The Houthis announced that the airport became out of readiness after being subjected to a series of airstrikes by the Arab Coalition’s jet fighters.⁹⁹

The "Giant Forces" moves to Shabwa

On December 27th, the Giant Forces announced moving military brigades from the Western Coast to Shabwa. The "Giant Forces" attributed said that the move aims at contributing in the operation to liberate Shabwa districts which fell into the Houthi hands last September.¹⁰⁰

⁹⁶ هل الحوثيون وحدهم وراء الهجمات «الإرهابية» التي ضربت عدن؟ (south24.net)

⁹⁷ العميد يحيى السريع يكشف عن عملية السابع من ديسمبر والتي استهدفت العمق السعودي - YouTube

⁹⁸ مأرب.. هادي ينفي رئيس هيئة العمليات اللواء الذبياني (alarabiya.net)

⁹⁹ التحالف العربي يسقط الحماية عن مطار صنعاء ويدعو إلى إخلائه | انديبننت عربية (independentarabia.com)

¹⁰⁰ قوات العمالة تنطلق من الساحل الغربي إلى الساحل الشرقي محافظة شبوة – المركز الإعلامي لألوية العمالة (alamalika.net)



Photo: France Press

Secondly: The economic level

Secondly: the economic level

(January 2021)

1 dollar = 730 riyals

On Jan 5th, the value of the Yemeni riyal declined to the level of 730 against the US dollar, and 195 against the Saudi riyal. This came after a remarkable improvement in the wake of forming the Parity Government in late 2020. Meanwhile, the Yemeni riyal in Sanaa, controlled by the Houthis, preserved its value at the level of 600 against US dollar and 158 against the Saudi riyal.¹⁰¹

Sack of wheat=15000 riyals

on Jan 10th, the impact of the local currency deterioration, the price of one sack of wheat (50 kg), in the markets of Aden and Southern governorates climbed to 15000 Yemeni riyal.¹⁰²

A total closure of exchange firms

On Jan 13rd, The Central Bank in Aden gave instructions to close all exchange firms and shops after the big collapse of the riyal, before the companies resumed their activities later in the month.¹⁰³

The UN Sanctions Committee

On January 22nd, United Nations sanctions Committee' monitors accused the Yemeni government of money laundering and corruption, "which negatively impacts the delivery of adequate food supply". They said that the Houthis used at least \$1.8 billion of state revenue in 2019 to fund the war effort. The report added that the Central Bank of Yemen violated the rules of currency exchange, manipulated the currency market, and "laundered a large part of the Saudi deposit [\$2 billion provided by Riyadh in 2018] with a complex money-laundering scheme" that generated about \$423 million in favour of traders including Hayel Saeed Anam Group.¹⁰⁴

¹⁰¹ مصادر مصرفية لـ "مركز سووث24"

¹⁰² مصادر محلية لـ "مركز سووث24"

¹⁰³ لماذا قررت الحكومة اليمنية الجديدة إغلاق شركات الصرافة وإحداث شلل تام في البلاد - 13.01.2021, سبوتنيك عربي (sputniknews.com)

¹⁰⁴ تقرير أممي يتهم البنك المركزي اليمني بانتهاج استراتيجية مدققة (south24.net)

(February 2021)

Aden, Hike in fuel prices

On February 13th, the Aden Oil Company announced a new 1000 riyal increase per gallon of gasoline of 20 liters. Consequently, the price of one gallon reached 7600 riyals instead of 6700.¹⁰⁵

One dollar = 875 riyals

On February 15th, the local Yemeni Riyal scored another record collapse, as it reached the level of 875 against US dollar and 230 against the Saudi riyal.¹⁰⁶

(March 2021)

Donors Conference for Yemen

On March 1st, the Donors Conference for Yemen, organized by the United Nations in partnership with Switzerland and Sweden, pledged to provide 1.67 billion dollars to help humanitarian agencies continue to provide basic and emergency services in the country. According to a statement issued by the United Nations, 36 international bodies¹⁰⁷ have donated, led by the KSA (430 million dollars), followed by Germany (244), while The UAE came third with 230 million\$, and the UK was fourth (123 million\$. The UN Secretary-General, Antonio Guterres, expressed his disappointment with the Donors Conference, as the amount donated by countries and bodies was "less than half of the required money", 3.85 billion dollars.

Mass protests in Seiyun

On March 15th, thousands protested against the deteriorating living conditions and the high prices of petroleum products in Seiyun city, Hadramout Governorate in South Yemen.¹⁰⁸

¹⁰⁵ ارتفاع أسعار الوقود في عدن - المشاهد نت (almushahid.net)

¹⁰⁶ مصادر مصرفية لـ "سوث24"

¹⁰⁷ Virtual High-level Pledging Event for the Humanitarian Situation in Yemen | OCHA (unocha.org)

¹⁰⁸ أعمال قمع واسعة في سنون، والمجلس الانتقالي يتوعد (south24.net)

Angry demonstrations in Aden

On March 16th, hundreds of peaceful protesters demonstrated in front of the Yemeni Government's headquarters in Aden demanding the improvement of services and paying salaries.¹⁰⁹

The Expert Team retracts its accusations

The Security Council's Panel of Experts on Yemen announced its review of the report accusing the Yemeni government and the Central Bank of looting the Saudi deposit. The retraction of the accusations came after a letter submitted by the panel's coordinator, Sri Lankan lawyer Dakshini Rwanthika, to the Security Council in which she acknowledged the "flaws and invalidity of the evidence upon which the Team's Financial Expert has relied."¹¹⁰

Saudi oil grant

On March 31st, the KSA announced a \$422 million grant of oil derivatives to Yemen, to operate power stations, especially in Aden. This grant came following a severe fuel crisis in the electricity stations in Aden, and power outages more than 18 hours a day.¹¹¹

(April 2021)

Sack of wheat = 19000 riyals

On April 14th, the price of one sack of wheat (50 kg) reached 22000 Yemeni riyals, with 7000 riyals increase compared with January. The prices of the basic food commodities climbed also with similar rates. This led to stagnation in some commercial markets in major cities such as Hadramout in South Yemen.¹¹²

¹⁰⁹ عدن: احتجاجات سلمية غاضبة في ساحات مقر حكومة المناصفة (south24.net)

¹¹⁰ لماذا احتفى الإعلام السعودي بـ «تربة أممية مريبة» لحكومة بن دغر من تهم الفساد (south24.net)

¹¹¹ السعودية تدعم اليمن... منحة نفطية بـ 422 مليون دولار (al-ain.com)

¹¹² صحيفة الأيام - ارتفاع أسعار المواد الغذائية يتسبب في ركود الأسواق التجارية بحضرموت (alayyam.info)

(May 2021)

One dollar = 900 riyals

On May 1st, the Yemeni rial scored another collapse at the level of 950 against the US dollar, and 235 against the Yemeni rial.

Eight currency containers

On May 10th, 8 containers carrying billions of printed riyals (new currency) without foreign currency coverage arrived the Port of Mukalla in Hadramout¹¹³ amid warnings about the collapse of the currency.

\$127 million from the World Bank

On May 15th, Yemen's Minister of Planning and International Cooperation, Waed Badheeb, announced the World Bank's approval of \$127 million to support food security and rural livelihoods in the country.¹¹⁴

(June 2021)

The International Monetary Fund

On June 3rd, a press statement was issued by the International Monetary Fund regarding a team of experts holding a virtual mission with the Yemeni authorities.¹¹⁵ The statement noted that Yemen's economic prospects in the near term appear to be "gloomy." The statement noted that "with the continuous presence of Covid-19 pandemic in the world, and without finding new additional external sources of funding, the Yemeni GDP is expected to shrink by another 2 percent in 2021 after declining by 8.5 percent in 2020."

¹¹³ 8 حاويات محملة بأموال مطبوعة حديثاً تصل حضرموت | المشهد الخليجي (almashhadalkhaleeji.com)

¹¹⁴ البنك الدولي يوافق على تمويل مشروعين لدعم الأمن الغذائي - يمن شباب نت (yemenshabab.net)

¹¹⁵ خبراء الصندوق يختتمون زيارة افتراضية حول اليمن (imf.org)

50 million \$ for Yemen

On June 8th, the UN Yemen Humanitarian Fund announced \$50 million in emergency humanitarian aid to support people with special needs, internally displaced people and minorities.¹¹⁶

(July 2021)

\$150 million from the World Bank

On July 1st, the World Bank decided to provide Yemen \$150 million in grants covering health, food, and sanitation projects to help reduce the supply shortfall.¹¹⁷

\$60 million from the King Salman Centre

Moreover, on July 1st, the King Salman Centre for Relief and Humanitarian Action announced that it had signed a cooperation agreement with the World Food Program (WFP) worth \$60 million to "meet the food needs of the most vulnerable groups in Yemen."¹¹⁸

Agreement that prohibits exporting the Taiz Revenues

On July 10th, a meeting between Taiz Military Axis Command and the governorate's local authority approved to allocate the governorate's revenues for the army personnel and injured and suspending transferring it to the Central Bank in Aden.¹¹⁹ In a memorandum, the Yemeni Prime Minister, Maeen Abdul-Malik, gave instructions to stop this move. However, it has not yet been known whether the governmental part of Taiz's revenues which is divided between the government and the Houthis is transferred to the central bank in Aden or not.¹²⁰

¹¹⁶ Twitter (16)

¹¹⁷ البنك الدولي يمنح 150 مليون دولار لليمن وسط نقص في المساعدات | Reuters

¹¹⁸ عام / مركز الملك سلمان للإغاثة يوقع برنامج تعاون مشترك - وكالة الأنباء السعودية (spa.gov.sa)

¹¹⁹ اتفاق السلطة المحلية ومحوّر تعز .. يخلق تناقضاً في مواقف الأحزاب - المشاهد نت (almushahid.net)

¹²⁰ نيوزيمن - رئيس الحكومة يلغي محضر قادة محوّر تعز لنهب الإيرادات المالية (newsyemen.net)

One dollar = 1000 riyals

On July 12th, the riyal entered a new and unprecedented level of collapse, to reach +1000 against the US dollar and 260 against the Saudi riyal.¹²¹

100 million from Qatar

On July 21st, Qatar News Agency announced that Doha has allocated \$100 million in support of the efforts of the UN-affiliated WFP in Yemen "to support food security and prevent famine in Yemen."¹²²

Warnings against financial shortage

On July 27th, The WFP warned of "financial shortage after months of devastating consequences for aid-dependent vulnerable people".¹²³ The WFP said the total number of severely food insecure people is 16.2 million. 2.3 million Children under the age of five suffer from acute malnutrition including 400,000 at risk of death if left untreated. Moreover, about 1.2 million pregnant and breastfeed women suffer from severe malnutrition.

FAO'S Food Security Report

On July 29th, the Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations (FAO) said that approximately 16.2 million Yemenis are "affected by acute food insecurity (stage 3 and higher) according to Integrated Food Security Classification Analysis".¹²⁴ The report added that "Nearly 47,000 of these people suffer from catastrophic levels of food insecurity ((stage 5) - in famine-like conditions."

(August 2021)

\$555 million in withdrawing rights from the IMF

On August 1st, the Yemeni Central Bank in Aden announced that the IMF allocated one unit of its own withdrawal quotes worth 555 million\$ for Yemen



¹²¹ [الدولار يتجاوز ألف ريال يمني... وحملات ضد المضاربين بالعملة \(al-ain.com\)](http://al-ain.com)

¹²² [قطر ترصد 100 مليون دولار لدعم الأمن الغذائي في اليمن - RT Arabic](http://RT Arabic)

¹²³ [اليمن: برنامج الأغذية العالمي يحذر من عجز مالي | أخبار الأمم المتحدة \(un.org\)](http://un.org)

¹²⁴ [الفاو - مقالات إخبارية: 127 مليون دولار أمريكي من البنك الدولي لدعم الأمن الغذائي وسبل العيش الريفية في اليمن \(fao.org\)](http://fao.org)

to enhance the country's reserves of hard currencies and support the value of the deteriorating national currency.¹²⁵

The closure of Exchange shops in Aden

On August 8th, the Central Bank closed five exchange firms accusing them of violating the laws in conjunction with the collapse of the local currency.¹²⁶

Famine Early Warning Systems Network knocks the alarm of danger

On August 5th, the Famine Early Warning Systems Network warned that the rise of food prices in Yemen, particularly in south Yemen, threatens many with "famine". The report pointed out that the increase of food prices due to the decline of the riyal currency "led to the reduction of purchasing power in an environment in which financial income is below average rate."¹²⁷

165 \$million from the United States

On August 9th, the US announced the allocation of \$165 million in new humanitarian aid to Yemen, to be provided through the United States Agency for International Development.¹²⁸

\$75 million from the International Finance Corporation

On August 10th, the International Finance Corporation (IFC) announced delivering a \$75 million debt financing to the Yemeni food group Hayel Saeed Anam.¹²⁹

¹²⁵ [المركزي اليمني يعلن تخصيص صندوق النقد الدولي 555 مليون دولار | آخر الأخبار | عربية \(cnbcarabia.com\)](https://www.cnbcarabia.com/Article/125)

¹²⁶ [البنك المركزي يوقف 5 شركات صرافة \(الأسماء\) | المشهد اليمني \(almashhad-alyemeni.com\)](https://almashhad-alyemeni.com/Article/126)

¹²⁷ [اليمن: ارتفاع أسعار الغذاء يهدد الكثيرين ببلوغ «مرحلة المجاعة» \(south24.net\)](https://south24.net/Article/127)

¹²⁸ [واشنطن تعلن عن 165 مليون دولار إضافية على شكل مساعدات لليمن \(alarabiya.net\)](https://alarabiya.net/Article/128)

¹²⁹ [مؤسسة التمويل الدولية تقدم تمويل ديون بقيمة 75 مليون دولار لمجموعة أغذية يمنية Reuters |](https://reuters.com/Article/129)

(September 2021)**Angry demonstrations in south Yemen**

On September 15th, the capital, Aden, and other southern governorates such as Abyan, Shabwa, and Hadramout witnessed violent popular protests to denounce the continued deterioration of living conditions.¹³⁰

\$600 million from donors

On September 23rd, donors pledged \$600 million in additional support to the Yemen Humanitarian Response Plan at a conference hosted by Sweden, Switzerland, and the European Union.¹³¹ Pledges included providing \$291 million from the United States of America, 119 million euros from the European Union, \$100 million from Qatar, and \$90 million from Saudi Arabia.

100 million euros released

On September 26th, the Central Bank of Yemen in Aden announced that the British Bank of England had released 100 million Euros of its balances that had remained frozen for years.¹³²

Grassroot protests in Taiz

On September 27th, the Northern city of Taiz witnessed violent protests against the Yemeni government, to denounce corruption, the continued worsening of economic conditions, the deterioration of the national currency and the price hike.¹³³

¹³⁰ مظاهرات في جنوب اليمن احتجاجا على تدهور الأوضاع المعيشية، وتعديل وزاري في بريطانيا - BBC Arabic

¹³¹ مانحون بتعهدون بتقديم 600 مليون دولار كدعم إضافي لليمن - الموقع بوست (almawqapost.net)

¹³² البنك المركزي اليمني يعلن الإفراج عن أرصده المجمدة لدى "بنك إنجلترا" - سبوتنيك عربي (sputniknews.com)

¹³³ اليمن.. احتجاجات غاضبة في تعز تنديدا بالفساد واستمرار تردي الأوضاع الاقتصادية (صور + فيديو) - RT Arabic

(October 2021)**One dollar = 1322 rial**

On October 15th, the price of US dollar reached 1322 Yemeni riyals while the Saudi rial touched the level of 248 Yemeni riyals scoring a new record.¹³⁴

Governmental measures

On October 17th, a Joint meeting between the Yemeni Government and Central Bank's officials gave directions to tighten the procedures at land crossings to prevent the smuggling of the foreign operation, and to temporarily stop transfers through internal financial networks due to the high fees imposed for these transfers to Houthi-controlled areas.¹³⁵

(November 2021)**The World Bank wars of the hike in food prices**

On November 7th, a World Bank's report pointed out that "the increase in the price of food commodities plays a pivotal role in the food security crisis in Yemen". The report added that there is little evidence to prove that the hike in food price is attributed to the lack of agricultural production, stressing that Yemen used to import more than 90% of its food needs before the conflict, and that there has been no notable change regarding agricultural production during this year.¹³⁶

\$90 million from Qatar

On November 8th, Qatar signed an agreement with the WFP Program to support the food security and nutrition in Yemen with \$90 million as a response to WFP Program.¹³⁷

¹³⁴ مصادر مصرفية لـ "سوث24"

¹³⁵ قرار تاريخي في عدن لإنقاذ الريال اليمني ((al-ain.com

¹³⁶ ارتفاع أسعار السلع الغذائية يلعب دوراً حاسماً في أزمة الأمن الغذائي باليمن ((south24.net

¹³⁷ قطر و"الغذاء العالمي" يوقعان اتفاقية لدعم الأمن الغذائي في اليمن - وكالة أنباء تركيا ((tr.agency

\$45 million from the United Nations

Also on November 8th, the UN Humanitarian Fund for Yemen announced the allocation of \$45 million to support the humanitarian side in the country.¹³⁸

Foreign currency auctions

On November 10th, the former Deputy Governor of the Central Bank of Yemen, Shakib Hubeishi, announced that the Central Bank would organize weekly auctions for buying and selling foreign currencies, auctions that coincided with the accelerating collapse of the value of the Yemeni riyal.¹³⁹

Dollar = 1500 riyals

On November 20th, the price of the US dollar reached 1,500 Yemeni Riyal while the Saudi riyal touched the level of 393.

Fuel price hike

On November 22nd, the Aden Oil Company announced a new dose in fuel prices, with the price of a 20-litre gallon of gasoline reaching 21,800 Yemeni riyals, which caused a sharp transportation crisis, and impacted food prices.¹⁴⁰

(December 2021)

One dollar = 1720 riyals

On December 2nd, the collapse of the Yemeni riyal reached its lowest level in 2021. The price of one US dollar in Aden reached 1720 riyals.¹⁴¹, and 455 for the Saudi riyal, while the riyal in Sanaa, controlled by the Houthis, maintained its stability over the year at the level of 600 against dollar and 158 against the Saudi riyal. This difference between Sanaa and Aden caused a large gap in remittances, prompting those who wanted to send a remittance from Aden to Sanaa, most

¹³⁸ 45 مليون دولار.. الأمم المتحدة تدعم الجانب الانساني باليمن (aa.com.tr)

¹³⁹ "المركزي" اليمني ينظم مزادات لبيع وشراء العملات الأجنبية لانقاذ الريال المنهار - الشرق (asharqbusiness.com)

¹⁴⁰ دفع أسعار البنزين في عدن جنوبي اليمن بنسبة 19% | ديبريفر (debriefer.net)

¹⁴¹ "نكسة تاريخية".. الدولار الواحد بـ1720 ريال يمني | المهرة بوست (almahrahpost.com)

of whom are employees and workers from the Northern governorates to incur heavy transfer fees that exceed 140%.

Sack of wheat = 47000 riyals

Also on December 5th, the price of one Sack of wheat in Aden exceeded the level of 45000 Yemeni riyals, in a new hike record. The difference between its price in January at the beginning of the year and the beginning of December is more than 30 thousand riyals. The prices of other basic food commodities such as corn, rice, cooking oil, milk and its derivatives, and others, have also risen at close rates, in addition to the steady rise in the prices of poultry and livestock meat, and fish meat.

Changing the management of the Central Bank

On December 6th, Yemeni President, Abd Rabbuh Mansour Hadi, issued decisions to appoint a new administration for the Central Bank of Yemen to replace the one which has been accused of "corruption". The new decisions included appointing Ahmed Al-Mabaqi as its new Governor, and Muhammad Banaja as his Deputy, and assigning the Central Organization for Control and Accountability to review the Bank's activities for the previous years. These decisions were met with great optimism. The STC announced that the decisions were passed by consensus between it and the Yemeni presidency. The Ambassadors of the United States, Britain and the European Union announced their support for the new administration of the Bank, and the comprehensive economic reforms in the country.¹⁴²

Popular escalation in Hadhramaut

On December 10th, civil checkpoints in Wadi Hadramout prevented crude oil locomotives and fish trucks from leaving the governorate, as part of a grassroots escalation condemning the deteriorating living conditions and high fuel prices.¹⁴³ The escalation by people is still going on at the time of publishing this report.

¹⁴² محافظ البنك المركزي يلتقي سفراء الدول الأوروبية ورئيس بعثة صندوق النقد الدولي (cby-ye.com)

¹⁴³ حضرموت: غضب شعبي يوقف تصدير النفط والأسماك (south24.net)

A statement by the International Quartet

On December 16th, a statement by the International Quartet (US, UK, Saudi Arabia, UAE) welcomed the appointment of a new Central Bank Governor. The statement noted that "the appointment of qualified cadres is a positive step forward".

A continuous improvement of the riyal and a remarkable price decrease

On December 20th, the value of foreign currencies decreased dramatically against the Yemeni riyal. The value of the US dollar fell below 1000 Yemeni riyals while the Saudi riyal reached 261¹⁴⁴. 42 The prices of some food products also gradually decreased, while the prices of some basic materials remained at their high value. The Aden Oil Company also announced a reduction in the price of gasoline, bringing the value of (20 liters) to 18,600 riyals.



Photo: Houthi media

Thirdly: The Humanitarian Level

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(January 2021)

Mass executions in Taiz

On January 13th, the Houthis committed many violations against civilians after controlling Al-Hayma in Taiz Governorate. The Yemeni Network for Rights and Freedoms confirmed that the group committed 334 violations during the period between 6th and 11th of January.¹⁴⁵

The rape of 13 students by their teacher

On January 23rd, a teacher raped 13 of his students In Baadan District, Ibb Governorate, which is under the control of the Houthis, according to local media outlets.¹⁴⁶

(February 2021)

Hundreds of women were arrested and disappeared in the areas controlled by the Houthis

On February 19th, a report issued by “Women for Peace in Yemen” Alliance and 8th of March Bloc revealed that the Houthis are behind the arrest and disappearance of 1181 Yemeni women in their areas of control.¹⁴⁷

A model was arrested in Sanaa

On February 20th, the Houthis arrested the Yemeni Model and Actress Intisar Al Hammadi accusing her of breaching public morals. Amnesty International later demanded the group to immediately release the actress.¹⁴⁸

¹⁴⁵ صحيفة الأيام - اعدامات جماعية تطال مدنيين في الحيمة بتعز (alayyam.info)

¹⁴⁶ معلم بغتصب طلابه ويصور الجريمة وسط اليمن (alameenpress.info)

¹⁴⁷ تقرير حقوقي: بوثق انتهاكات الحوثيين ضد النساء | الشرق الأوسط (aawsat.com)

¹⁴⁸ العفو الدولية: على الحوثيين باليمن الإفراج عن ممثلة تخشى تعرضها لفحص عذرية | Reuters

(March 2021)**A child kidnapped in Shabwa**

On March 3rd, the 13-year-old son of journalist Zabeen Attia, a correspondent for Yemen TV, in Shabwa governorate, was kidnapped in an attempt by the authorities in the governorate to put pressure on his father.¹⁴⁹

Crackdown against protesters in Seiyun

On March 15th, 7 protesters were injured after being shot by governmental security forces during a crackdown against a demonstration that condemned the deterioration of living conditions and the hike of oil derivatives in the city of Seiyun of Hadramout.¹⁵⁰

Bombing IDP camps in Marib

On March 21st, 5 women were injured including three with serious wounds, in addition to the destruction and burning of 27 tents and 18 water tanks after the Houthis bombed Al-Mail, Al-Khair and Tawasul Camps in Marib.¹⁵¹

A crackdown against a demonstration in Hadramout

On March 30th, A citizen was killed and others were wounded, by security forces, after they dispersed a protest sit-in in the city of Mukalla in the Eastern Governorate of Hadramout.¹⁵²

(April 2021)**A journalist was killed west of Taiz**

On April 2nd, Journalist Hisham Al-Bukiri was killed while being on a mission to cover the military battles against the Houthis in the Maqbnah front, west of Taiz.¹⁵³

¹⁴⁹ أخبار وتقارير - قناة اليمن اليوم تدين ملاحقة سلطة الإخوان لمراسليها في شبوة واحتجاز نجله ((marsad.news))

¹⁵⁰ أعمال قمع واسعة في سيئون، والمجلس الانتقالي يتوعد ((south24.net))

¹⁵¹ أخبار محافظات اليمن - قصف حوثي يدمر مخيمات نازحين ويصيب 5 نساء في مأرب ((aden-tm.net))

¹⁵² احتجاجات المكلا.. مقتل مواطن وإصابة سبعة آخرين برصاص قوات الأمن - الموقع بوست ((almawqapost.net))

¹⁵³ مقتل الصحفي هشام البكري في جبهة مقبنة غرب تعز - اليمن نت ((theyemen.net))

Storming of media company in Sanaa

On April 18th, Yemen Digital Company, based in Sanaa, and which supplies media services to TV Channels were stormed and looted under the pretext that its owner escaped from justice.¹⁵⁴

Killing three children in Ibb

ON April 22nd, the bodies of three children were found in Wadi AL-Janat in Al-Maqab Village of District Baadan in Ibb.¹⁵⁵

(June 2021)

14 persons were killed including a child in Marib

On June 5th, 14 people, including a female child, were killed due to bombing of a gas station in the Northern city of Marib. The authorities in Marib accused the Houthis of involvement in the attack.¹⁵⁶

(July 2021)

Widespread violations in Shabwa

On July 7th, dozens of civilians were injured and arrested including children during a crackdown by security forces affiliated with the Islah Party in the Yemeni government. This came during large peaceful demonstrations that took place in all regions and cities of Shabwa, to commemorate the "Land Day" on July 7th, and to renew the call for the independence of Southern Yemen. The security forces arrested the Head of STC's Office in Ataq, Nasser Moqlem Al-Khulaifi, and his Deputy, Silan Hanash. The forces also besieged the house of the Head of the Mass Department of the STC Office in Nisab District in Shabwa and arrested his son, Hamza as well as Taha Hadir. the Director of the Media Department of the STC's Office in Bayhan, in addition to Nasser al-Mahri, the

¹⁵⁴ [مليشيا الحوثي تصادر أكبر شركة إعلامية بصنعاء \(al-ain.com\)](http://al-ain.com)

¹⁵⁵ [العثور على جثث ثلاثة أطفال مرمية في إحدى الأودية بمحافظة اب في ظروف غامضة | بوابتي \(bawabatii.net\)](http://bawabatii.net)

¹⁵⁶ [اليمن: مقتل 14 شخصا بينهم طفلة في قصف استهدف محطة وقود بمأرب شمال البلاد - YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=...)

Director of the Youth and Students Department in the STC'S Office in Radhum.
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The killing of a doctor and her child in Sana'a

On July 14th, a doctor and her child were killed after her husband threw a grenade at her, in Al-Huthaili Neighbourhood in Sanaa.¹⁵⁸

(August 2021)

A journalist arrested in Sanaa in mysterious circumstances

On August 3rd, Journalist Younis Abdel Salam disappeared in mysterious circumstances. Weeks later, his family confirmed that he was in the Houthi Intelligence Prison in Sanaa.¹⁵⁹

A displaced child killed in Ibb

On August 9th, child Aboud Mustafa Al Alimi, who was displaced from Taiz was killed after being shot by an armed man in front of Al-Thawra Public Hospital located in the center of the Northern city of Ibb.¹⁶⁰

Genocide Accusations against the Islah Party

On August 10th, all members of "Al-Harq" Family were subjected to a horrific genocide crime by forces affiliated with the Islah Party in Taiz according to multiple sources. The crime followed the family's refusal to enable a gang, led by "Al-Araj" to seize its own land in Ammad Neighborhood in Bir Basha district in Tai. Seven family members were eliminated after directives from "Abdo Salem Al-Mikhlaifi," a prominent Islah leader in the city.¹⁶¹

¹⁵⁷ south24.net) دماء ومعتقلون: مظاهرات شعبية تجتاح شبوة في ذكرى يوم الأرض، «7 يوليو» (south24.net)

¹⁵⁸ smanews.org) رجل يقتل زوجته الطيبة وطفليها في صنعاء - سما نيوز (smanews.org)

¹⁵⁹ أسرة الصحفي المخفي يونس عبد السلام تؤكد اعتقال الحوثيين له في صنعاء - الموقع بوست (almawqapost.net)

¹⁶⁰ كان يبيع المناديل... مقتل طفل برصاص مسلح بمدينة اب وسط فوضى أمنية - الخبر بوست (alkhabarpost.com)

¹⁶¹ شاهد كيف اقتحمت عصابات الإصلاح منازل أسرة الحرق في تعز - يمني برس (yemenipress.net)

(September 2021)**A Yemeni youth killed in Lahij**

On September 8th, a Yemeni youth, who had returned from the United States, was killed in the Lahij governorate, north of the capital, Aden, after being stopped by a military point affiliated with the southern Forces.¹⁶² The incident sparked widespread public resentment. The STC gave instructions to investigate the incident and refer those involved to the Military Prosecution.¹⁶³

Six children and a woman were injured in Marib

On September 9th, six children and a woman were injured in a missile attack by the Houthi group at dawn on the Al-Hama IDP Camp in Marib.¹⁶⁴

Activist arrested in Marib

On September 13th, military force affiliated with the government in Marib stormed the home of the activist "Amatullah Al Hammadi" and arrested her. Her fate has not been revealed until the time of writing this report.¹⁶⁵

Arbitrary arrests in Shabwa

On September 15th, the local security authorities arrested a number of activists in the Southern governorate of Shabwa, including Nasser Al-Tawka, Saree Habtoor and Talib Al-Homsi, during demonstrations that denounced the presence of the local authority, which is run by the Islah party. The authorities deployed armored vehicles and military units to suppress the demonstrations, which raised the flags of the former state of South Yemen.¹⁶⁶

A protester killed in Mukalla

On September 15th, security forces shot the 21-year-old Salim Bugshan, who was a resident in the Sayyad Neighbourhood. The young man died of his direct

¹⁶² news.cn) مقتل شاب يمني أمريكي بحاجز أمني في لحج يثر غضبا في اليمن

¹⁶³ رئيس "الانتقالي الجنوبي" يوجه بتشكيل لجنة للتحقيق في ملاصات مقتل عبد الملك السنياني eremnews.com)

¹⁶⁴ إصابة 6 أطفال وامرأة بقصف حوثي على مخيم بمأرب almashhadalaraby.com)

¹⁶⁵ اعتقال ناشطة حقوقية وإيداعها سجن الأمن السياسي في مأرب | المشيد الخليجي almashhadalkhaleeji.com)

¹⁶⁶ شبوة: «حملة قمع» أمنية خلال تظاهرات طالبت برحيل «الاخوان» south24.net)

head injuries in Mukalla during demonstrations condemning the deteriorating living conditions.¹⁶⁷

A young man was killed in Aden

On September 16th, a young civilian was killed by security bullets, and three soldiers were wounded by armed elements, following clashes that broke out in the streets of the capital, Aden, between protesters and security forces deployed in the city.¹⁶⁸

Executing 9 persons including children in Sanaa

On September 18th, the Iran-backed Houthis carried out execution verdicts against nine persons including a child. They were accused of involvement in killing the Houthi leader, Saleh Al-Sammd in April 2018 after being subjected to an airstrike implemented by the Saudi-led Arab Coalition. The execution was met with widespread condemnation locally and internationally.¹⁶⁹

A citizen killed in Taiz

On September 27th, a citizen was killed and another wounded, as a result of shooting at a peaceful demonstration in Taiz by the security authority affiliated with the Islah Party in the Governorate.¹⁷⁰

(October 2021)

A journalist killed in Crater clashes

On October 2nd, the Journalist and Activist Khaled Askar died of his injuries during the clashes between the Security Forces and armed members in Aden's District of Crater.¹⁷¹

¹⁶⁷ [مقتل "بقشان" في المكلا وإصابة آخرين | موقع حبروت الإخباري \(hayrout.com\)](http://hayrout.com)

¹⁶⁸ [اليمن.. مقتل مدني وإصابة 3 جنود خلال احتجاجات عدن \(elbalad.news\)](http://elbalad.news)

¹⁶⁹ [إعدام الحوثيين 9 أشخاص بينهم قاصر عيز اليمن | انديبندينت عربية \(independentarabia.com\)](http://independentarabia.com)

¹⁷⁰ [بيان مخيب للأمال من أمنية تعز بعد مقتل متظاهر | المشيد اليمني \(almashhad-alyemeni.com\)](http://almashhad-alyemeni.com)

¹⁷¹ [استشهاد الناشط الإعلامي خالد عسكر اليافعي متأثراً بالإصابة التي تعرض لها في أحداث كريتر \(nhadramout.com\) *](http://nhadramout.com)

Two journalists killed in a "terrorist" attack in Aden

On October 10th, Aden Governor's Press Secretary. Ahmed Saleh Bu Saleh, and the Photojournalist, Tariq Mustafa, were killed in the "bloody bombing" that targeted the convoy of the Aden Governor and Minister of Agriculture, Major General Salem al-Saqtri, in Aden's Tawahi District. ¹⁷²

Doctors without Borders treats 269 malnourished children

On October 18th, Doctors without Borders announced that 3,269 children were treated for malnutrition during the first half of this year. ¹⁷³

A booby-trapped car explodes in front of Aden airport

On October 30, at least five civilians were killed, and about 30 others, including children, were injured, in an explosion of a booby-trapped car near the gate of Aden International Airport in Khormaksar District. ¹⁷⁴

(November 2021)

A journalist died of his injuries

On November 7th, Journalist Ahmed Hadeej Paras was killed of his injuries in the explosion that targeted the convoy of Aden Governor on October 10th. ¹⁷⁵

A pregnant journalist was assassinated in Aden

On November 9th, pregnant Journalist Rasha Al Harazi was assassinated, her embryo was killed and his husband, Journalist Mohammed Al-Atamy was injured after being targeted by the explosion of their booby-trapped car in Aden's Khormaksar District. ¹⁷⁶ Press sources accused the Houthis of standing behind this operation, but the accusations have not been confirmed by any formal body, and the Houthis themselves have not confirmed or denied their involvement.

¹⁷² South24 (12) عربي: "#auf Twitter: انفوجرافيك | خلال شهر .. عدن تودع أربعة صحفيين وتتشبث بالخامس

¹⁷³ أطباء بلا حدود: علاج 3269 طفلاً من سوء التغذية ((almashhadalaraby.com

¹⁷⁴ بعد يوم من مغادرة وفد أوروبي: عشرات القتلى والجرحى، يهجم مفخخ أمام مطار عدن ((south24.net

¹⁷⁵ المصدر: 155

¹⁷⁶ مقتل رشا الحرازي.. صحفيو اليمن في مرمى نيران أطراف الصراع | DW

A journalist arrested in Ibb

On November 24th, The Houthis arrested Journalist Majed Yassin, after participating in a sports event in the Yemeni governorate of Ibb.¹⁷⁷

An International Organizations has concerns about the conditions in Marib

On November 25th, A report, issued by the international immigration Organization, pointed out that over 15000 persons fled the affected areas of the conflict to more safe regions in Marib during November. Among the affected, there are about 3500 immigrants who have been stranded across the governorate according to the international organization's estimates.¹⁷⁸

(December 2021)

Assassination of a Shabwani Elite's soldier

On December 10th, Shabwani Elite's soldier Abubakr Salama Al-Awlaky was assassinated by anonymous gunmen who are likely affiliated with the AQAP in Shabwa's Saeed District.¹⁷⁹ Sources told "South24", that the gunmen threw the soldier's body in the Al-Masha area before they seized a vehicle belonging to the Shabwani Elite that was in the victim's possession.

Trial in absentia

On December 10th, the Yemeni Syndicate of Journalists announced its rejection to try journalists, Sabri Mukhashin and Awad Kashim, by the local authority in Hadhramaut Governorate.¹⁸⁰

Three children died in IDP Camps in Marib

On December 18th, at least three children died in Marib as a result of low temperatures in winter and the worsening living conditions against Marib

¹⁷⁷ ما زال الصحفي ماجد ياسين رهن الاعتقال في إب - المشاهد نت (almushahid.net)

¹⁷⁸ البجرة الدولية: قلقون من تدهور الأوضاع الإنسانية في مأرب - المصدر أونلاين (almasdaronline.com)

¹⁷⁹ مقتل الجندي في النخبة الشبوانية أبوبكر سلامة على يد مسلحين مجهولين برّح انتماءهم لتنظيم القاعدة #south24 / Twitter

¹⁸⁰ نقابة الصحفيين اليمنيين ترفض محاكمة صبري مخاشين وعوض كشميم أمام محكمة غير مختصة في حضرموت (masralyoun.net)

displaced people according to a report published by the Executive Unit for managing IDP Camps in the governorate.¹⁸¹

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