



The Monthly Briefing

June 30, 2021

June in Review

- The Foreign Minister, Dr. Ahmed Bin Mubarak, visited Brussels, and met with high-level EU officials. H.E. Bin Mubarak held talks including with the EU High Representative for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy & Vice-President of the European Commission, Josep Borrell, Belgian Deputy PM and the Foreign Relations Committee Chair in the Belgian Parliament. H.E. also visited to Berlin and met with high-level German officials, most notably the Foreign Minister and Bundestag's Committee on Economic Cooperation and Development, and German CSOs such as Berghof Foundation.



- During these meetings, Mr. Bin Mubarak:
 - Underscored the Government of Yemen's continuous positive engagement with peace proposals, contrary to the Houthi militia;
 - Explained the humanitarian, economic and political implications of continuous Houthi aggression on the governorate of Marib, home to an estimated 2 million IDPs;
- Refuted some of the widely circulating claims on fuel imports and blockade narratives propagated by the Houthi militia and publicly consumed without due diligence;
- Reaffirmed commitment to deepening Yemeni-EU ties across sectors, and expressed gratitude for the EU role;
- Called for action to prevent FSO Safer's multifaceted crises in view of Houthi blackmail of the international community.
- During the Yemen Feminist Peace Convening, Ambassador Sahar Ghanem presented the Government of Yemen's statement on behalf of the FM affirming that "*Yemen National Action Plan is an important step that genuinely demonstrates the government's commitment to women empowerment and inclusion.*"
- Marib Local Authority appealed to the International Community to act firmly and credibly against the terrorist massacres committed by the terrorist Houthi militia against civilians and Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs). The recent Houthi missile and drone attacks occurring between 5 and 13 June claimed the lives of approximately 30 civilians and injured 30 others, including Layan and her father.
- In the first half of 2020, the Houthi militia fired an estimated 60 ballistic missiles at Marib, thus:
 - Killing and injuring hundreds of civilians;
 - Destroying civilian infrastructure, including mosques, schools, ambulance vehicles and gas stations;

- ✚ Punishing civilians and exacerbating the humanitarian crisis.



Image: Layan, a five-year old child, was burned to death by a Houthi ballistic missile in Marib ❤

- Between 5 and 29 June, the Houthi militia fired more than 5 ballistic missiles and 3 drones on Marib, killing a minimum of 30 vulnerable civilians and injuring at least 40 others, including children. The continued use of Houthi missiles and drones against civilians and civil infrastructure fulfill the criteria of terrorism.
- The U.S., UK, France, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, the UAE and several Arab and Western countries and organizations condemned in the strongest terms Houthi ballistic missile attacks on Marib, calling on the Iran-backed militia to cease terrorism.
- The Supreme Economic Council (SEC) issued a report on indicators of fuel flow to Yemen for the duration of April 1 to May 31, 2021:
 - ✚ **1,053,266 metric tons** entered Yemen, a rate higher when compared to the average for the same period in 2019 and 2020;
 - ✚ **65% of fuel imports** went to Houthi militia-held areas and covers civilian and humanitarian needs for a period that **exceeds 3 months**;
 - ✚ With the Houthi militia **plundering** the revenues of oil derivatives (more than 70

billion Yemeni Riyal) supposed to be used for payment of civil servants' salaries and **forcing** land transporters and merchants of fuel supply black markets, the Government of Yemen increased shipments to liberated ports to mitigate systematic Houthi means to loot resources and salary rights, fabricate fuel crisis and increase commodity prices.

- The Yemeni Alliance for Monitoring Human Rights Violations or (Rasd Alliance) announced, through collation of first-hand evidence, that the Iran-backed Houthi militia has recruited 12054 children in several provinces between May 2014 and May 2021, including:

- ✚ 308 children aged between 8 -11 years;
- ✚ 4430 aged between 12-14 years;
- ✚ 7305 aged between 15-17 years;
- ✚ According to the report, Amran had the highest number of **child solider recruits** (1935) followed by Dhamar (1861), Sana'a Province (1861), Taiz (1248), Sa'ada (1116), Sana'a (1031) and Hajjah (803).

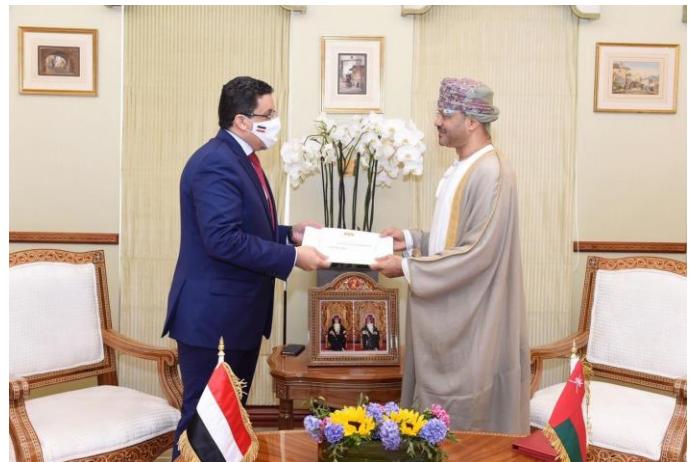


- The Minister of Information Mo'amer Al-Eryani said: “*Indifference to the warnings we raised earlier about the risks of these Centers [summer school camps], shown by the organizations concerned with child protection and prevention from exploitation in war which used as a coverup to children recruitment and murder, is unjustified.*”

- In the third week of June, MASAM de-mined 1,557 Houthi-laid mines. Worth noting, the Houthi militia has laid more than a million mine across Yemen – a long-term security threat to mobility of people, goods and livestock.
- Around the International Day of Victims of Torture, the Yemeni Network for Rights and Freedoms documented 866 Houthi abuses committed against tribal chieftains (Sheikhs) in 13 Yemeni governorates between January 1, 2016 to March 3, 2021. These include:
 - ⊕ Cases of murder, physical elimination, dragging the body of the slain, burning corpses, torture, injury and paralysis, blowing up houses, seizure of properties and forced displacement of the tribal figures.
 - ⊕ **Shooting and killing 41 tribal chieftains** before their wives and children;
 - ⊕ **Killing, mutilating and dragging** 16 bodies;
 - ⊕ Using **military trucks** to run over 9 bodies.
- In mid-June, the Houthis reignited a fierce large-scale offensive on Marib in al-Mushajh, Raghwan and Sirwah fronts, yet again showing that political violence is their best resource and that the humanitarian costs their offensive inflict is of zero importance. Time and again, the Government and People of Yemen are not surprised by the reckless nature of the Houthis.
- The Foreign Minister met with the outgoing UN Special Envoy and current U.S. Special Envoy for Yemen, reaffirming the Government of Yemen's long-standing position and commitment to peaceful end to the conflict and sustainable peace.
- Prime Minister Dr Maeen Saeed AbdulMalik met with the British Ambassador Michael Aron and discussed bilateral relations, peace-focused efforts and the Houthi obstruction of all UN and international initiatives in support of the resumption of the political track. In another meeting, PM Maeen also met with U.S. Special Envoy Timothy Lenderking, reaffirming the

position of President Hadi and positive interaction with peace efforts on the basis of the recognized references.

- In an official statement, the Republic of Yemen's Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Expatriate Affairs condemned again Houthi ballistic missile and drone attacks against civilian infrastructure in Marib, Jawf, Hodeida and Saudi Arabia.

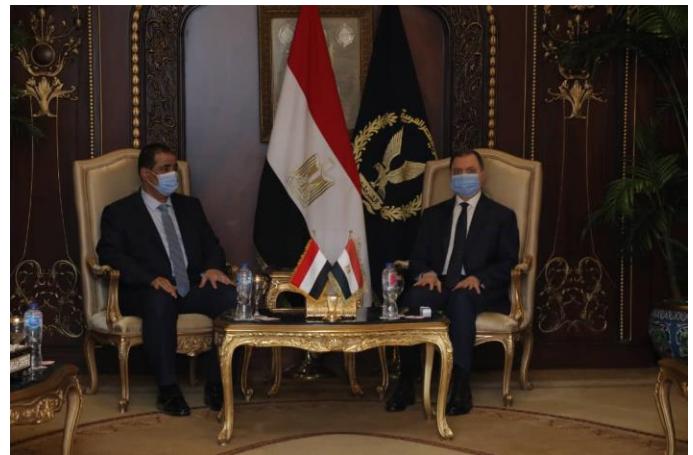


- The Foreign Minister met with and handed Omani FM in Muscat a letter from Yemen's President Abdu Rabbu Mansour Hadi to the Sultan of Oman. During the meeting, Bin Mubarak:
 - ⊕ Applauded Oman's role in facilitating talks and supporting relief efforts in the Republic of Yemen and the Sultanate of Oman;
 - ⊕ Discussed the reactivation of bilateral sectoral committees to deepen cooperation;
 - ⊕ Reaffirmed the Government of Yemen's full commitment to sustainable peace;
 - ⊕ Conveyed the highest consideration and respect of the Republic of Yemen President to his brother the Sultan of Oman.
- During his field tour in al-Mahra, the Interior Minister:
 - ⊕ Applauded the Criminal Investigations Directorate's efforts in countering narcotics;

- + Inaugurated the opening of Hedhab Electricity Project in Hof District, together with al-Mahra Governor, and rehabilitation of the security and police administration building in Hof district to improve services;
- + Affirmed the importance of unifying counter-narcotics efforts and raising public awareness to up interception of illicit trade;
- + Commended al-Mahra authority for maintaining peace, security and calm.



- Yemen's Deputy Information Minister Ahmed Rabee'a launched in Marib the '*Lost Dream*' film, which exhibits the suffering of IDP children targeted by Houthi missiles in three IDPs camps in the government-held province: Marib. The film's anecdotal draws a real picture of the suffering of a child who suffered displacement between three IDP camps to escape the Houthi shelling on Marib – to which the child had previously been displaced to due to the Houthi crackdown in the northern governorate of Hajjah.
- The Interior Minister met with the Egyptian Interior Minister in Cairo and discussed bilateral security cooperation amid increasing threats posed by Iran and its transnational network. Their excellencies also discussed means to ease the regulatory conditions of Yemeni diaspora.



- The Central Bank of Yemen (CBY) convened, through PRAGMA, a training on combating money laundering and terrorist financing in Aden to enhance the capacity of CBY employees, within the support extended by USAID.
- The World Bank approved a grant worth \$20 million to support COVID-19 vaccination campaigns in Yemen and strengthen the Republic of Yemen's health system.
- The International Cooperation Minister discussed bilateral cooperation with the Netherlands Ambassador to Yemen, H.E. Peter Derrek Hof, and appreciated the Kingdom of the Netherlands' support to the People and Government of Yemen.



- Foreign Oil Companies operating in Yemen reached an agreement to resume work in Shabwa, with the local authority inaugurating the launch of renovation work to enhance al-Abr International Road with an estimated length of 20KM. Earlier this month, Shabwa Governor also launched a new project to connect Ataq with al-Abr in a bid to ease trade and mobility of people and goods.