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### July in Review



His Excellency President Dr. Rashad Al-Alimi, the Chairman of the Presidential Leadership Council (PLC), announced Republican Order (17) denoting a limited government reshuffle on July 28, thus [appointing](#) the following;

- Lt. Gen. Mohsen al-Da'eri as the new Minister of Defence;
- His Excellency Dr. Sae'ed al-Shamasi as the Minister of Oil and Minerals;
- His Excellency Mr. Mane'a Saleh Bin Yameen as the Minister of Electricity and Energy;
- His Excellency Mr. Salim Mohammed al-Harizi as the Minister of Public Works and Roads;
- Lt. Gen. Mohammed al-Maqdashi, the Former Defense Minister, as the President's Advisor for Defense and Security Affairs.



His Excellency President Rashad al-Alimi met with Secretary of State Antony Blinken, who [welcomed](#) the “*Republic of Yemen Government’s bold leadership on the truce, which has had a tangible impact on the lives of Yemenis across the country*” and “*reiterated the United States’ full support for the Presidential Leadership Council and its initiatives to improve services and daily life for Yemenis.*” President Dr. al-Alimi [discussed](#) with Blinken the latest developments and regional and international efforts for achieving peace and stability in Yemen. President Dr. Al-Alimi:

- Expressed appreciation for the US’ firm position towards Yemen, its political leadership, supporting peace efforts and alleviating severity of the humanitarian crisis in the world, as well;
- Reaffirmed the commitment of the government to support efforts consistent with domestic, regional and international references of peace, including 2216;
- Briefed Blinken over Houthi failure to honor their commitments, including by lifting the siege on Taiz and rejection to pay civil servants their salaries using fuel derivatives.



His Excellency President Dr. Rashad Al-Alimi welcomed on July 25, the Ambassador of the friendly Republic of France, Jean-Marie Safa, at Ma'asheq Presidential Palace in the interim capital Aden to discuss the latest developments and peace efforts in Yemen. President al-Alimi:

- Praised the firm French role supportive of the Yemeni people, its political leadership and constitutional legitimacy in European institutions and international forums;
- Briefed the ambassador on the situation in Yemen, and ongoing economic and service reforms;
- Affirmed the council's support for the efforts of the international community to bring peace and stability to Yemen, and its commitment to a comprehensive and sustainable solution in accordance with national and regional references, and relevant international resolutions, especially Resolution 2216;
- Reiterated the significance of exerting international pressure on the Iranian-backed Houthi militias to fulfill their commitments.

The Finance Minister H.E. Salem bin Breik signed a debt deferral agreement between France and Yemen with the French Ambassador to Yemen Jean-Marie Safa. Their excellencies discussed strengthening bilateral sectoral cooperation and coordination in financial, technical and economic domains and the

alleviation of burdens of public finances in light of the current difficult conditions in the country.

The Minister of Foreign Affairs and Expatriates His Excellency Dr. Ahmed Bin Mubarak met with the Special Envoy of the Secretary-General of the United Nations, Mr. Hans Grundberg. During the meeting, the Envoy briefed the Foreign Minister the results of recent consultations aimed at implementing & consolidating the truce and truce extension. For his part, FM Bin Mubarak:

- Briefed the envoy on commitment of the government of the truce, the thousands of violations committed by the Houthi militias and reaffirmed the vital significances of credible, systematic on the terrorist insurgency;
- Reaffirmed the importance of compelling the Houthi militia to fulfill their agreed-upon commitments before discussing other issues, most notably opening the main roads of Taiz and all roads in the governorates;
- Cautioned against continued international inaction towards Houthi systematic blackmail to gain more time, prolong war & deepen suffering;
- Reiterated support for the UN Special Envoy efforts to achieve a just and sustainable peace.



During the truce, the Yemeni government facilities the entry of more than 26 fuel ships to Hodeida Port and 21 flights departed from and to Sana'a International Airport. The fuel that entered Hodeida in the months of the truce in 2022 exceeds that of 2021 combined, leading to a 53% increase in sea-shipped fuel to Hodeida. The Houthi militia, however, violated the truce in full by:

- Rejecting three UN proposals to lift its arbitrary siege on Taiz and open roads;
- Committing more than 95% of truce violations in Yemen, accounting for 1,680 violations, according to ACLED's Truce Monitor. Houthi violations encompassed 1,310 shelling and missile attack, 284 armed clashes across frontlines, and 165 drone strikes against Yemeni cities and villages;
- Rejecting to use Hodeida Port's oil money – amounting to more than Yemen 105 billion – to pay the salaries of civil servants in their areas as per the Sweden-hosted Stockholm Agreement in 2018.



their efforts to tighten the siege on civilians in Taiz Governorate." His excellency also warned that the militias' failure to implement all provisions threatens to worsen and deteriorate the humanitarian situation, which is inconsistent with the main objective of the truce - to alleviate the suffering of the Yemeni people and the effects of the humanitarian catastrophe caused by the Houthi militias.

The Government of the Republic of Yemen welcomed the Joint Statement of the Quint Group on Yemen issued on July 18, in which the US, the UK, KSA, Oman and the UAE reaffirmed strong commitment to the unity, sovereignty, independence and territorial integrity of Yemen, and commitment to stand by the Yemeni people, as well as expressed concern over the severe humanitarian impact of the continued road closures around Taiz resulting from the Houthi militia's siege of the city, and the continued Houthi naval mine-laying in the Red Sea near FSO Safer Tanker. The statement also demanded the Houthis to immediately open the main roads in Taiz and improve the freedom of movement of civilians throughout Yemen. The Foreign Ministry appreciates the Quint's efforts and reaffirms the importance of applying pressure on the Houthis to engage in good faith in peace talks.

The National Committee to Investigate Alleged Violations to Human Rights (NCTIAVHR) documented 245 violations to International Humanitarian Law and International Human Rights Law committed by the Iran-backed Houthi militia during the UN truce. NCTIAVHR conducted field investigations and met with the victims in several governorates, including Taiz. The committee renewed its call to all parties to stop violations against civilians and civil establishments and to respect freedoms of people without any discrimination.

Amnesty International called upon the Iran-backed Houthi militia to release the forcibly kidnapped journalist Younes Abdulsalam. The Houthis kidnapped and held Younes incommunicado without any accusation since August 4, 2021, and eventually fabricated spying charges against the Yemeni journalist over false accusation of communication with foreign entities, before subjecting him to torture

The Minister of Foreign Affairs Dr. Ahmed Awadh bin Mubarak participated in the consultative meeting of Arab Foreign Ministers in the Lebanese capital, Beirut. During the meeting, FM Bin Mubarak briefed their excellencies on current developments in Yemen, especially the efforts made by the Presidential Leadership Council and the Yemeni government in improving services, institutional reforms, and the challenges faced. His Excellency also briefed their excellencies on urgent requirements to alleviate the economic hardships facing our people, and so to establish peace and end the war launched by the Houthi militia. FM Bin Mubarak said: "While the Presidential Council and the Yemeni government made many concessions in order to extend and preserve the UN-sponsored truce, the Houthi militias did not make any concession, and instead continued their intransigence and siege of civilians in Taiz, so as to double the humanitarian suffering and dedicate



and ill-treatment. “After arrest, Journalist Younes Abdulsalam has been subjected to forcibly disappearance for a number of weeks and has been detained in isolation from the outside world for at least three months,” Amnesty said. The Houthi militia must release the kidnapped journalist immediately and other journalists who were kidnapped on the charges of being journalists. They must also have access to fair and legal representation, be allowed to have regular family contact, and free from fear and violence.

The Syndicate of Yemeni Journalists [demanded](#) the immediate release of Yemeni journalist Tawfik Almansouri, who has been forcibly abducted and held incommunicado by the Houthi militia since June 2015. The health of Tawfik has deteriorated significantly, with his family members demanding prompt and swift hospitalization. The Houthi militia, however, denied Tawfik access to healthcare, after subjecting to excessive torture and ill-treatment. The Syndicate called on all international organizations concerned with freedom of expression including the International Federation for Journalists and the Arab Journalists Union to intervene and save Yemeni journalists from execution and ensure their release.

On July 20, the Ministry of Human Rights [condemned](#) in the strongest terms the terrorist Houthi militia’s attack on Khubzah village in Al-Qurayshiah district of Al-Bayda Governorate. For more than a week, the Iran-backed militia besieged the village in an attempt to storm it and shelled local tribes using various types of medium and heavy weapons. The siege and indiscriminate use of violence is, coupled with cutting food and medical supplies routed to the residents, including the injured, constitute serious violations of International Humanitarian Law. The Ministry called upon actors concerned with international peace and security in Yemen, including the Arab coalition, the UN and US envoys, and all international institutions, to put immediate pressure on the Houthi militia, stop their blatant attack, end the siege and abide by the truce.

The Iran-backed Houthi militia [shelled](#) again the heavily populated al-Rawdhah neighborhood Northeast of Taiz, thus killing a child and injuring 11 others. Ages of injured children ranged between 3 and 13 years old, and their injuries varied between medium and serious, according to Musawah Organization for Rights and Freedoms. The Embassy of the Republic of France [condemned](#) in the strongest terms the terrorist Houthi attack on civilians: “This blind violence by the Houthis against the population must stop. France calls on the Houthis to choose the path of peace instead of the path of war.”

