



## STATEMENT

We, the Southern Transitional Council (STC), have become increasingly concerned over actions by the so-called recognised Yemeni government that undermine the protection of the Southern people and the stability across the South. Such actions have directly targeted our Revolution, our Cause and our Social Fabric which are aimed at increasing the suffering and pains of our people at every level, including:

1. The non-payment of salaries of military and security personal and retired military and civil servants for number of months.
2. The stopping of support to the frontlines including the supply of weapons, food and daily necessities.
3. The stopping of support to the families of martyrs and those injured.
4. The attempts to fuel national divisions and undermine national cohesion.
5. The support for terrorism and terrorist groups.
6. The deterioration of basic and necessary services including basic infrastructure in electricity, water, highways, the impact of which was evident during the recent floods which caused unimaginable suffering for our people in the capital Aden, particularly before the Holy month of Ramdan, and using this as a weapon to suppress our people.

In light of the continuing unwillingness and refusal of the Yemeni Government to perform its duties and to make best use of our people's resources and assets, including serious levels of corruption by government officials, , in addition, its refusal to implement its responsibilities as part of the Riyadh Agreement which has been met by unexplained and unjustified silence by our partners in the Arab Coalition towards sabotaging steps are aimed at undermining our Revolution and our just National Cause.

The Southern Transitional Council is left with no choice –based on the popular mandate given by the Southern people on the 4th May 2017 – to take the necessary steps to protect our people and safeguard the accomplishment of our Revolution and the victories of our heroic Southern resistance. And in light of the fact that the Southern Transitional Council had given the partners in the Arab Coalition and the Yemeni Government an opportunity since the 3rd October 2018 in order to improve the living conditions of our people, however, no response or active steps have taken place to deal with these problems. As a result, the Council has decided as follows:

**Firstly:** A state of emergency is declared in the capital Aden and all Southern areas and the military and security services shall begin its implementation today Saturday, 25/4/2020, the 2nd Ramadhan 1441 Hijri.

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**Secondly:** The Southern Transitional Council shall assume the autonomous administration of the South starting from midnight of Saturday, 26 April 2020 and the Autonomy Administration Committee shall commence its responsibilities in accordance with the duties assigned to it by the Council's presidency.

**Thirdly:** To call on the people of the South to stand with our political leadership and to support it in the implementation of the autonomous administration of the South.

**Fourthly:** To establish a Supervisory Committee to oversee the performance of the public administrations and to tackle corruption in the central and local administrations in collaboration with the National Assembly and the Heads of the Council's local administrations in the governorates within their geographical area to ensure good autonomous governance.

**Fifthly:** The Council's economic, legal, military and security committees shall direct the public bodies and administrations to implement the autonomous administration of the South within their individual remit and expertise in a way which does not contravene the interest of the Southern people.

**Sixthly:** To call all Southern governors of all Southern governorates, officials in all public administration bodies and public facilities to continue in their positions and perform in a way which does not contravene the interest of the Southern people.

**Seventhly:** To call on our partners in the Arab Coalition and the international community to support these autonomous administration steps to ensure the security and stability of our people, to combat terrorism and protect international peace and security.

**Victory for the South**

**Eternal Peace to the Martyrs**

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