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President Al-Zubidi heads a delegation of the STC on an official visit to Moscow

The President of the Southern Transitional Council, Supreme Commander of the Southern Armed Forces, President Aidaroos Qassem Al-Zubaidi, heads today, Sunday morning, high-level delegation on an official visit to the Russian capital, Moscow, at the invitation of the government of the Russian Federation.

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President Al-Zubaidi renews the pledge to the people of the South to follow a safe path to achieve independence and restore the state.

President Aidaroos Qassem Al-Zubaidi of the Southern Transitional Council, renewed the commitment for the independence and the restoration of the sovereign Southern state.

President Al-Zubaidi upon his arrival in the Russian capital, Moscow, heading a high-level delegation, on Sunday (31 Jan 2021) - in response to...

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President Al-Zubaidi heads a high-level delegation on an official visit to the Russian capital Moscow



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It is scheduled that President Al-Zubaidi and his accompanying delegation will meet during his visit with a number of Russian officials in the government, the Senate and the House of Representatives (Duma), in addition to specialized centers and scientific institutions, to discuss files of mutual interest, ways to achieve peace, and to enhance security and stability in the South, Yemen and the region, in which meet the legitimate aspirations of our Southern people.

President Al-Zubaidi is accompanied on his visit by the members of the Presidency of the Council, Major General Ahmed Saeed bin Brik, Chairman of the National Assembly, and Ahmed Lamalas, Secretary-General of the Presidency; Governor of Aden the capital, Dr. Nasser Al-Khobaji, Head of the Negotiations Affairs Unit, and Ali Al-Kathiri, Deputy Head of the Negotiations Affairs Unit; Official Spokesman of the Council, and Amr Al-Baidh; member of the Presidency, and Mohammad Al-Ghaithi, Deputy Head of the General Administration of Foreign Affairs, and Anees Al-Sharafi, member of the Negotiations Affairs Unit... [Read more.](#)

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Upon his arrival in Moscow, President Al-Zubaidi renews the pledge to the people of the South to follow a safe path to achieve independence and restore the state.

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In an interview with Sky News Arabia:

President Al-Zubaidi “There is no peace without South”

The President of the Southern Transitional Council, Supreme Commander of the Southern Armed Forces, President Aidaroos Qassem Al-Zubaidi, affirmed that “there is no stability in the Red Sea and the Arabian Sea without the two-state solution.”

President Al-Zubaidi indicated that the Council has undertaken the goal of restoring the state of the South within the year 1990, as a goal for which our people have fought for a long time, and will not retreat from it.



President Al-Zubaidi added, in an interview with Sky News Arabia Channel within the TV show AL-MWAGAHA “The Confrontation”, that the Riyadh Agreement is proceeding with steady steps and according to strategic goals that the people of the south aspire to, as the equality government is working well and faces great challenges in providing services, reconstruction, and a number of emergency tasks, besides it has the support of the Transitional Council, and His Excellency President Abdu Rabbo Mansour Hadi, and the brothers in the Arab Coalition.

He added that the southern forces are fully prepared to secure the government of equality between the south and the north in order to perform its tasks, and provide services, and activate state institutions... [Read more](#) .. [Watch the Interview](#)

President Al-Zubaidi addresses the Southern people on the 15th anniversary of the reconciliation and tolerance occasion

We greet you with a greeting of steadfastness, fortitude and cohesion, as you commemorate the 15th anniversary of the southern reconciliation and tolerance, this great event that began on the 13th of January of the year 2006, from the headquarter of the Sons of Radfan Charitable Society in the capital, Aden

We salute you with pride and glory as you break the enemies’ bet that you brought this day out from a painful memory, that the opponents of the south used to tear it, into a great occasion in which everyone transcended the wounds of the past and set out with strength and steadfastness towards the future..... [Read more](#)

President Al-Zubaidi appoints a new spokesman for the Southern Transitional Council



President Aidaroos Qasim Al-Zubaidi, issued Resolution No. 3 of 2021, the first article of it stipulated the appointment of Mr. Ali Abdullah Salem Al-Kathiri as an official spokesman for the Southern Transitional Council.

The second article of the decision stipulated the cancellation of any previous appointment in this regard, and to be published in the ... [Read more](#)

President Al-Zubaidi appoints Nazar Haitham as member of the Presidency



President Aidaroos Al-Zubaidi also issued Resolution No. 4 of 2021, the first article of which stipulated the appointment of Eng. Nazar Nasser Ali Haitham as a member of the Presidency of the Southern Transitional Council.

Last Tuesday, President Aidaroos Al-Zubaidi, issued Decision No. 1 for the year 2021... [Read more](#)

President Al-Zubaidi chairs the periodic meeting of the Presidency of the Southern Transitional Council

The President of the Southern Transitional Council, President Aidaroos Qasim Al-Zubaidi, chaired on Sunday, the periodic meeting of the Presidency of the Council, in the presence of his deputy Sheikh Hani bin Brik, and Chairman of the National Assembly Major General Ahmed Saeed bin Brik, besides members of the Council negotiating team and members of the Presidency at home and abroad, and in the presence of the Council's ministers in the government of parity between... [Read more](#)



Lamlas to Griffiths: UN contribution to investigations into Aden airport terrorist attack imperative



Lamlas discusses with the UN envoy ways to support the developments in Aden and the investigation process into the airport incident

The Governor of Aden Ahmed Lamlas stressed on the importance of the UN contribution to the investigations into the terrorist and criminal attack on Aden airport that resulted in killing and wounding scores of the innocent civilians.

His remark came as he met on Thursday with the UN's Special envoy to Yemen Martin Griffiths in the temporary capital Aden.

Lamlas called on the UN's agencies and international organizations to increase their activities in the governorate of Aden to push the construction and development drive in the interim capital.

For his part Mr. Griffiths voiced pleasures to see Riyadh Agreement put in place and the government returned to Aden to exercises its mandates and do its jobs.

He confirmed the UN support for the investigation into the terrorist operation in Aden airport. He stated that a team from the Experts Panel is going to arrive in Aden shortly to offer technical support for the investigation process.

Mr. Griffiths also stated that he will urge the UN's agencies which operate in Yemen to contribute actively to the development efforts in Aden...[Read more](#)

Flights resume at Aden airport after deadly Yemen rocket attack

Flights to and from Aden airport resumed just four days after a rocket attack killed 26 people as Yemen's new Cabinet arrived there, the government said on Sunday.

The decision was made to resume normal service after the Minister of Transport, Dr Abdul Salam Humeid, and Minister of Interior, Brig Ibrahim Haidan, inspected the airport with Aden's Governor, Ahmed Lamlas... [Read more](#)

International community responses to Aden's International Airport attack (p. 6 & 7)



@OSE_Yemen

Griffiths to UNSC: "On 30 December, a vicious attack targeted the Yemeni cabinet at #Aden airport and killed and injured dozens of civilians. I condemn this attack in the strongest terms possible and offer my sincere condolences for those who lost their lives."... [Read more](#)



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@UN_Spokesperson

UN Secretary-General condemns the deplorable attack on Aden airport shortly after the arrival of the newly formed Yemeni cabinet. He extends his profound condolences to the families of the victims & to the people and Government... [Read more](#)



Press release:
UN Special Envoy
concludes visit to Aden

7 January 2021

Martin Griffiths

The UN Special Envoy for Yemen, Martin Griffiths, concluded today a visit to Aden that included meetings with the Yemeni Prime Minister, Maeen Abdulmalik, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Ahmed Bin Mubarak, members of the Cabinet, and the Governor of Aden, Ahmed Hamid Lamlas.

During his meeting with Prime Minister Abdulmalik, Mr. Griffiths once again stressed his strong condemnation of the heinous attack on the Cabinet ministers upon their arrival to Aden Airport which killed at least 25 civilians including government officials and three humanitarian workers from the International Committee of the Red Cross. He also offered his condolences to the families of the victims and the people of Yemen.

"The attack on the cabinet in Aden was devastating, not only due to the tragically heavy civilian toll, but also because it has political implications that could stir deep distrust," Mr. Griffiths said. "I discussed the prospects of the political process with the Government and I stressed that I remain committed to support Yemen to end this conflict comprehensively and sustainably through a negotiated political settlement."...

Full statement: [Read more](#)



@USEmbassyYemen

U.S. Embassy to Yemen U.S. Ambassador Christopher Henzel : The Government of the United States strongly condemns today's attack on Aden airport , which killed and wounded civilians and endangered the lives of Yemeni Government officials. We stand with the Yemeni... [Read more](#)



@HMAMichaelAron

I condemn the cowardly attack on Aden Airport timed to coincide with the arrival of the new government. A despicable attempt to cause carnage & chaos & bring suffering when Yemenis had chosen... [Read more](#)

Yemen: Statement by the EU Spokesperson on the attack in Aden

30 December 2020



@EUinYemen

The EU strongly condemns the attack on #Aden airport right after the ministers of the new, broad-based government landed. This is an unacceptable act of violence that comes at a key moment of the implementation of the Riyadh agreement. Full statement... [Read more](#)

“This is a tragic day for the ICRC and for the people of Yemen,” said Dominik Stillhart, ICRC’s director of operations. “The Yemeni people have endured a terrible amount of suffering over the last five years. A day like this adds even more grief both for the Red Cross family and for the Yemeni families who had loved ones killed or injured in this explosion.”... [Read more](#)



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I am appalled and saddened by today's attack at Aden airport during the arrival of the new Cabinet. The Government of #Yemen has the UK's full support and I strongly condemn this unacceptable act of violence. My sincere condolences... [Read more](#)

Important Statement: The Southern Transitional Council confirms its rejection of one-sided decisions

The Southern Transitional Council expresses its strong condemnation of the repeated attempts aimed at disrupting the process of completing the implementation of the Riyadh Agreement, confusing the scene and thwarting the work of the government of parity between the south and north resulting from the agreement, including the package of unilateral Yemeni presidency decisions issued on Friday on January 15, 2021, which constituted a flagrant departure and dangerous rebellion against the contents of the Riyadh Agreement, and the process of consensus and partnership between the two parties to the agreement, stressing that these decisions cannot be dealt with.

The Southern Transitional Council renews its commitment to complete the implementation of all provisions of the Riyadh Agreement, and calls on the sponsors of the agreement to complete the implementation process, stressing that appropriate steps will be taken in the event that the decisions taken without prior agreement are not addressed... [Read more](#)

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Southern Transitional Council issues an important statement about continuous targeting of members of Shabwani Elite



January 21, 2021

The Southern Transitional Council strongly condemns and denounces the acts of repression, abuse, and terrorism practiced by the Muslim Brotherhood authority in Shabwa governorate against the people of the province, especially against the members of the Shabwani Elite Forces, the latest of which is the recent targeting of the hero soldier Zakaria Al-Aqil, one of the elite's members, in revenge for its heroic role in combating terrorism in the governorate before it fell in the hands of the invading Brotherhood militia.

At a time when the Council, and with it our southern people and the moderate political forces, hoped that the procedures for implementing the Riyadh Agreement, including the military aspect, would proceed smoothly, the Brotherhood insists on obstructing the implementation of these commitments, and at the forefront of that is the obstruction of the return and deployment of the Shabwani Elite Forces in the governorate, and we noted with great regret the increasing of killings, repression, terror, arrests and stalking that targeting elite forces heroes without justification other than revenge for the role of these heroes in purifying their province of terrorism, and acts of banditry and warfare.

While the Southern Transitional Council condemns these terrorist acts that are inconsistent with the provisions and spirit of the Riyadh Agreement and with all laws and canons, it affirms the necessity of implementing the agreement's obligations and creating appropriate conditions for its implementation by work, including stopping all repressive acts targeting members of the elite forces and preparing for their return and deployment in their specified locations to avoid scenarios that do not serve the purpose of making the agreement.



The soldier Zakaria al-Aqil who was assassinated in Shabwa

In this context, the Council calls on the brothers in the leadership of the Arab Coalition led by the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, which is the sponsor of the Riyadh Agreement, to condemn these acts that are out of law, customs and values, and are in conflict with the text and spirit of the Agreement, and to oblige these militias outside the agreement to implement what they owe as a prerequisite to proceed with the implementation of the remaining provisions of the agreement.

While the council salutes the heroics, fortitude and sacrifices of the Shabwani Elite Forces, it affirms that it will not give up its patriotic duty towards it and will not stand idly by in front of the continuing series of targeting this southern national strike force, that history preserves for it an honorable record of championships and achievements

Ali Al-Kathiri, Official Spokesman for the STC, Member of the Presidency, Aden.. [Read more](#)

The Southern Transitional Council welcomes the US designation of Houthis as a terrorist group



The Southern Transitional Council (STC) has welcomed on Monday, the US decision to designate the Iranian-backed Houthi putschist militia as a foreign terrorist organization.

The STC spokesman, Abdullah Al Kathiri said in his statement that such move will put an end to the practices of the Houthis and the other extremist terrorist groups.

Al Kathiri reiterated the STC's support for the fight against terror and its commitment to a comprehensive peace process enabling the Southerners to exercise their right to self-determination.

U.S. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo announced that the Congress would be notified of his intent to designate pro-Iran Houthi militia as a Foreign Terrorist Organization (FTO) and also his intent to designate three of the militia's leaders; Abdul Malik al-Houthi, Abd al-Khaliq Badr al-Din al-Houthi, and Abdullah Yahya al Hakim as Specially Designated Global Terrorists (SDGTs). [Read more .. US Federal Register notice](#)

Perpetrators of the attack on Aden International Airport must be brought to justice

On 30 December 2020, three mortar shells targeted the terminal at Aden International



Airport, minutes after the arrival of a plane carrying members of the new Yemeni government that reports to President Abd-Rabbu Mansour Hadi, who resides in Saudi Arabia. Among the victims, one journalist died and ten others were wounded.

The Minister of Public... [Read more](#)

GCC Welcomes the US decision to designate Houthi Militia as a terrorist organization

Secretary General of the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) Dr. Nayef Falah Al-

Hajraf welcomed the US decision to designate the Houthi militia as a terrorist organization and to put a number of its leaders on terrorist lists.

Dr. Al-Hajraf expressed his hope that this decision would contribute to putting an end to the acts of the terrorist Houthi militia and its supporters... [Read more](#)

Southern Transitional Council congratulates holding successfully the Gulf Cooperation Council summit in Saudi Arabia

The Southern Transitional Council congratulates the success of the Gulf Cooperation Council summit, which was hosted by the city of Al-Ula in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, and appreciates the role played by the leadership of the State of Kuwait towards achieving Gulf and Arab reconciliation, praising at the same time the pioneering role of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and the prestigious position it takes over in the region.

While the Council expresses its appreciation for all efforts aimed at strengthening joint Arab action, it affirms its support for the principle of peace, and supports any effective move that would contribute to protecting Arab national security and strengthening international peace and security.

The Southern Transitional Council stresses the need to make the most of the Gulf and Arab reconciliation to unify efforts to confront various security challenges, top among them the Iranian threats represented by the Houthi militia, as well as the Muslim Brotherhood, and the terrorist organizations associated with them, noting that peace and stability require a firm and joint position to face the projects of Iranian expansion, and the terrorist and extremist groups proliferating, in addition to the current economic and humanitarian challenges.

The Transitional Council hopes that this reconciliation will contribute in creating an enabling environment to address the economic and humanitarian crisis afflicting our

UK appoints Richard Oppenheim as new ambassador to Yemen

Britain has appointed a senior Saudi-based diplomat as its new ambassador to Yemen.



Richard Oppenheim, the current deputy head of the UK's Riyadh mission, will take over from Michael Aron in July, the Foreign

Office said on Wednesday.

Aron has held the position since February 2018, a period in which Yemen continued to struggle through a devastating conflict. Oppenheim's appointment comes at a crucial time for Yemen as... [Read more](#)

people by supporting the government of power-sharing between the south and the north, starting to rebuild what the war has destroyed, and speeding up the implementation of the remaining provisions of the Riyadh Agreement, including the formation of the joint negotiating delegation between the two parties to the agreement, reaching to preparing the situation for the comprehensive political process sponsored by the United Nations, and the Transitional Council looks forward to a positive role towards the cause of the people of the South, respecting their legitimate will and aspirations, and their right for self-determination. [Read more](#)

ADEN PORT RESUMES OPERATIONS THROUGH MAERSK SHIPPING LINE

Maersk line arrived on Monday at the port, marking the official resumption of operations through this key line.

This represents a victory for the Yemen Gulf of Aden Ports Corporation and the Aden Company for Port Development and boosts hope that Aden port is restoring its full services and operations, he said...

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The administration of Aden Airport has resumed operations through the Maersk shipping line after years of suspension triggered by security and political turmoil in Yemen.

Manager of the berths at the port of Maulla Shafi'a Mohsen said the Kiel Trader Container Ship affiliated with the



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Events Coverage



Aden the capital celebrates the 15th anniversary of Southern tolerance and reconciliation

The capital Aden, witnessed on Wednesday, a ceremony celebrating the 15th anniversary of tolerance and reconciliation, organized by Gulf of Aden Foundation for Development and Social Services under the patronage of President Aidaroos Qassem Al-Zubaidi, the President of the Southern Transitional Council, and in the presence of Mr. Fadl Mohammad Al-Jaadi, the Deputy Secretary-General of the General Secretariat of the Presidency of the Southern Transitional Council.... [Read more](#)



Transitional Council Foreign Affairs Office in United States organizes seminar on “New American administration and its handling of Yemen and South file.”

The Office of the General Department of Foreign Affairs in the United States organized on Sunday, a seminar on the new US administration’s policy towards the Middle East in general, and Yemen, the South, and the Southern Transitional Council in the US politics and media in particular.

Mrs. Hadeel Owais, the writer and politician American of Syrian origin, who is specializing in American foreign policies and having several contributions to the press



on the issue of the South, delivered a speech in which she explained that what the American presidential candidates say about the Middle East during their election campaign does not form the basis of their foreign policy when they reach the American... [Read more](#)

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