

Statement issued by the Yemeni Tribal Forum – Amman – December 6, 2021

Based on their patriotic responsibility toward the dangers facing Yemen and the vital role of tribes today and throughout Yemen's history, a group of tribal leaders and social figures gathered in Amman under the auspices of the European Union in an event organized by the Sana'a Center and the CMI - Martti Ahtisaari Peace Foundation.

The participants agreed to the following:

- Calling upon all sides in Yemen to implement a comprehensive and immediate ceasefire, open all roads and humanitarian crossings in accordance with regulations to allow for the flow of goods and facilitate the travel of Yemenis, respect the sanctity of roads and the lives of Yemenis, and release all prisoners and detainees. They also call upon all Yemenis to implement customary rules and traditions, which have been the guarantors for interactions among Yemenis, including respect for residential areas and IDP camps and agreeing to not target them.
- Calling upon all sides in Yemen to immediately participate in the efforts of the UN Special Envoy and mediators to Yemen and present their visions for peace. Participants call upon all Yemenis to end the fighting and reach a partnership based on the principles of the Republic, justice, and equal citizenship.
- Stressing that a sustainable, comprehensive, and multi-track peace process in Yemen must begin at the local level and move up to the leadership and political components.
- Stressing the importance of ending the monetary divisions between different parts of the country in order to alleviate the suffering of Yemeni civilians, and calling for all financial revenues to be deposited with the Central Bank and used to provide basic services in all parts of the country and pay public sector employees' salaries.
- Calling upon donors, friends, and neighbors to Yemen to provide economic and humanitarian support to Yemen.
- Calling upon the United Nations and the international community, specifically the European Union, to promote the role of tribes and tribal mechanisms to contain the conflict and its impact, as well as to provide guarantees for the efforts of local mediators to support and facilitate a comprehensive tribal conference in Yemen.
- Agreeing on the necessity of holding a general conference of Yemeni tribes in Yemen, in addition to governorate-level meetings. Participants call upon prominent social figures and tribal leaders to join these foundational efforts.
- Encouraging the sponsors of the Riyadh and Stockholm agreements, as well as all local agreements, to adhere to these agreements and implement them in order to stop the bloodshed among Yemenis.

May Allah guide us.

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