



## **The Monthly Report of the Southern Observatory for Human Rights** **December 2011**

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Despite the calls by the UN Security Council and the Council of the United Nations for Human Rights to the Yemeni government to rein in its military and security forces 'attacks on the peaceful marches and limit the use of excessive force to disperse them and abide their obligations to respect human rights ,those force still continue to commit more serious violations of human rights in South Yemen ,in disregard of those calls ,abandoning its international commitments and obligations .During the month of December ,2011the Yemeni government forces continued to pursue a method of repression and abuse against the people of the South, using excessive force to disperse peaceful demonstrations including firing live bullets and gas bombs irritating the eyes and chests ,which claimed the lives of many citizens.

The Yemeni government's forces are still lying in wait for the peaceful Southern Movement activists through incentive and intimidation means in attempts to curb the voice of freedom and limit the powers of independence .On the same level ,it was noted the complicity of the forces of power with frivolous elements who try to disturb security ,and keeping silent about their efforts to destabilize security and public tranquility in the south .This could be noticed through overlooking the presence of dozens of members of armed militias roam in the cities of some southern provinces ; moreover these groups have had a foothold in the cities of Zanjibar and Jaar , where they trifle with public life in an illegal way.

The Yemeni regime's policies towards the South are still the same since ;1994marked by domination ,domination ,subjugation and humiliation .Such policies are rejected by the people of the south and declared the revolution against them demanding the right to freedom and



independence ,and the people of the South is aware that this will only be achieved with more enhanced support for the peaceful struggling forces of freedom ,democracy and peace, along with the general international pressure.

Therefore ,the Southern Observatory for Human Rights salutes the position of the international community that has condemned the Yemeni government for its repeated aggressions on human rights ,represented in the statements made by Mr. Ban Ki-moon, Secretary General of the United Nations ,and the statements of Ms .Navi Pillay ,High Commissioner for Human Rights, which come in confirmation of the UN Security Council resolutions and the Council of the United Nations of human rights on the crimes committed by the Yemeni government of gross violations against the right of the peaceful civilians ,calling for the perpetrators do not escape punishment .We also appreciate its position that condemns the immunity law ,considering it a violation of Yemen's international obligations

.While the Southern Observatory as salutes the role of the Arab Organization for Human Rights ,it welcomes the planned visit of its Secretary-General, Mr .Alaa Shalaby ,to the south of Yemen, which we hope it will not only be to evaluate the situation, but to take supportive position to the southern victims of the human rights violation and adopt before the international forums.

The Southern Observatory reiterates its condemnation of any attempts that would grant the President of the Yemeni regime and his aide's immunity to be able to escape punishment ,since it is a disregard for the blood and suffering of victims of human rights violations ,which is not approved by law, or even by a humane or moral tradition .And the legal base confirms the invalidity of any law or agreement contrary to the principles of justice and fairness in mind that what they relate to human blood, “what is built on falsehood is false” Therefore, the Southern Observatory renews the retention of all the southern victims of their rights in front of the international community so that the perpetrators of such crimes receive just punishment.

Regarding the matter ,the Southern Observatory calls upon the international community to take all that would maintain the international legal provisions to protect human rights wherever this human being is ,for there are some people trying to undermine and repudiate the its arbitration and granting the perpetrators of crimes against humanity the possibility to escape



punishment.

The Southern Observatory for Human Rights ,while monitoring the inter violations committed by the regime forces of Yemen against the people of the south during the month of December ,2011 has been able to monitor and document six cases of extrajudicial killings and eighteen cases of attempted murder led to the injuries in different degrees ,in addition to five arbitrary arrests and other abuses that include shooting on peaceful marches , besieging cities, and tampering with the security of citizens.

The Southern Observatory ,while assuming its functions, will refer such violations to the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights ,the International Council for Human Rights and other international organizations concerned with this, to keep such violations a witness to the offenses of the Yemeni government against the people of the south ,until the perpetrators have their just penalty for what they have done.

### **Killed and injured outside the scope of the judiciary:**

The continued shedding of blood committed against the people of the south is still carried out by the Yemeni government forces and other militias trifling the security and stability of the south, these human rights violations affects the southern citizen's right to live that is granted by God Almighty .Despite the condemnation and denunciation of the

repressive actions by the international community and local authority, the forces of

Yemen do not care about those convictions, based on the directives of the political leadership in how to deal with the people of the south who are eager for freedom and independence .During the month of December:

Yemeni forces stationed at Alhusoh checkpoint on Saturday, Dec. 31 .shot at the citizen Abdul-Karim Fhadi Amir 26 years, killing him on the spot .Citing from a relative, Adenalghad.net said that a group of soldiers intercepted his vehicle and asked him to arbitrarily pay five hundred riyals in exchange for allowing him to pass ,as a result of rejection ,the soldiers started to" beat him with the butts of guns in an immoral way that does not live up to the level of bullying security ."Then one of the soldiers proceeded to shoot his ,which led to his death on the spot.



The citizen Salem Saeed Khamis 60 ,years old ,from the region of Abr-Lasloum in Tuban District of Lahej province ,was killed on Monday evening ;December 26 was by a stray bullet from an unknown source .The Web site, adenalghad.net said that Khamis was near his home in the area of Abr-Lasloum when a stray bullet hit his causing him to die on the spot.

A group of gunmen in the city of Kuttu on Saturday, December ,24 fired live bullets on a car belongs to an oil operating company in the province of Hadramaut ,led to the death of the citizen Hamdi Askar and injuries amongst three of his workmates.

On Monday, December ,5 Sheikh Tawfiq Ali Mansour Juneidi ,nicknamed "Hawas "the leader of the People's Committees in the town of Lauder of Abyan province ,died as a result of wounds sustained by a blast of an explosive package targeted him on Friday, December ,2 and which also caused the death of his colleague ,Ali Nasser Houshan .The Web site" ,Taj South Arabia "reported that the People's Committees protect the district from the al-Qaeda operatives ,since it is believe that the al-Qaeda is behind this assassination.

Sa'id al-Hanafi ,a person from Ghil Bawazir of the province of Hadramaut , died on Friday, Dec. 2, by stray bullets fired by a number of militants targeted one of the security leaders, who were killed as well in the attack while the other was sitting near him .The Aden News Agency said that the citizen Hanafi was then sitting in a "Abu-Saba'a "downtown ,together with a number of citizens whom two of them were also wounded in the attack.

### **Attempted murder leading to different injuries:**

During the continued policy of oppression against the people of the south , what has been perpetrated by the regime forces of shameful deeds was about to expose citizens to deprive them from their right to live ;because of God's intervention and His care ,such

acts from the standpoint of law are attempted murders leading to different injuries ,such crimes do not subject to the statute of limitations regardless of the their time of occurrence.

The guards of the building of the University of Aden on Saturday ,December



,31shot on student demonstration organized by the students of the Faculty of Medicine in the governorate of Aden ,to condemn the management of the university .The students demanded the departure of the corrupt Rector and his followers .According to Aden News Agency reported that the Rector of the University instructed a number of thugs to attack participants in the demonstration. The thugs attacked the students using wooden and iron sticks, causing injuries amongst a number of students Their names come as the following - 1 :Nasser Marzouqi - 2 Mohammed Omar - 3 Khaled Mahmoud Shuaibi - 4 Mohamed Fawzan - 5 Ali Alhtaibi -6 Bakil preferred -7Marina Salem.

Dr. Adel Hassan Haythami the lecturer at the Faculty of Education / Saber , was injured on Monday, December ,19 when he was shot by an unknown attacker during his presence in the center of the city of Saber in Lahej province .Adenalghad.net said that the source of the bullet is unknown ,and settled above his tight leaving him bleeding and then taken to a hospital in Al-Mansoura city in Aden.

Sheikh Badr Saleh the manager and hygiene improvement fund in the in Lahej province ,on Sunday December ,11 was exposed to an assassination attempt by unknown gunmen threw a hand grenade at his home in the city of Houta in Lahej province .The website, "News Today "said that the explosion caused the injury of the child ,Abdul Rahman Ali Mohammed 14 ,years old , by shrapnel in the back and the child Khalid Abdullah Saad 13 ,years old ,by shrapnel in the chest and the young man ,Khaled Abdullah Abdu Al-Dahiri , -21year old, by shrapnel in the leg while they were sitting besides the house.

"Al Qaeda "operatives on the evening of Monday, December , ambushed two vehicles to target a number of people from Almayaser Tribe from the Farajs when they were passing in" Ekd "area between the districts of Lauder and Wadiea .Aden News Agency said that the ambush caused injuries among three people ,they are :Ahmed Hussein Ashal ,Hussein Ali Ashal and Ahmed Mohammed al-Ghairi.

Both of the citizens Haaj Obeid and Adel Amari were seriously injured on Friday, December ,2 by an armed group opened fire on a security leader in the city of Ghail Bawazir of Hadramout province .The Aden News Agency said that the unknown gunmen were riding a Hilux car ,passed in front of the Abu Saba'a Cafe and opened heavy fire on the security leader and those around him



On Thursday, December ,1 a grenade was thrown at the house of Sheikh Abdullah Rajeh Yahri ,Vice Chairman of the peaceful movement for the liberation of the south on the province of Hadramaut ,left a state of fear among his family and neighbors who feared

this immediate threat .It is noteworthy that Sheikh Abdullah Rajeh Yahri has actively participated in the celebrations of the forty-fourth anniversary of the Independence Day in various cities and villages of Wadi Hadramout which miffed some of those who sent him this message on ,as said by " Mukalla Star " new network.

### **Arbitrary arrests:**

Depriving the people of the south ,in particular the Southern Movement activists ,of their physical liberty arbitrarily ,is a traditional conduct by the forces the Yemeni authorities, in order to abuse ,humiliate and disrespect their dignity .Such violations themselves are condemned practices by the religion ,law and human conscience .However, the forces of the Yemeni authorities insist on committing them along with depriving them of their basic political rights as detainees, without caring about the sufferings of the victims and humanitarian ethics.

The detainee and political activist Mahmoud Mohamed Junaid ,on Wednesday, December ,28 announced a hunger strike to protest about the inhumane treatment practiced against him and against depriving him of his rights as a political detainee .The website" ,Aden Life" said that the detainee , Junaid ,who was born in Shabwa ,is detained now in solitary at the Camp of the21 st Mechanized Brigade in Shabwa.

The Yemeni authorities released on the evening of Wednesday, December ,7 the most prominent leader in the Southern Movement, Ahmed Hassan Ba'oum ,the head of the Supreme Council of the Peaceful Southern Movement and his son Fawaz after he was abducted and arrested on February 19 from a hospital in Aden ,where he was subjected to treatment.

The website ,Sada Aden reported that his release came hours after the announcement of the national reconciliation government which was formed equally between the Joint Meeting and the ruling party in Yemen, pointing



out that he was transferred to a hotel in the Yemeni capital, Sana'a, until he is forcibly transferred abroad under the pretext of receiving treatment.

The Yemeni forces arrested on Sunday, December 4, Ghamdan Obadi, the political activist and the head of the Youth and Student Movement in the district of Mualla, as well as the citizen Fahmi Abdu Mohammed, the taxi driver who was with him. The relatives of the detainee Ghamdan expressed their concern over the fate of their son, for they do not know his place of detention and the causes of the arrest. The Web site, Aden Alghad said that the incident provoked the people of Mualla, where angry protesters blocked several streets and stopped the movement in part.

Forces of the Yemeni authorities on Friday, December 2, proceeded to arrest the political activist, Yasser Massaeib, the security official of the Youth Movement of February 16<sup>th</sup>, and an activist of the People's Committees and the Abyan IDPs. The Aden News Agency said that this arrest made the youth of Mansoura city indignant and pushed them to

express that through protesting and paralyzing the movement in the streets of the city of Al-Mansoura in the province of Aden.

Against the backdrop of his participation in the Southern Conference, held in Cairo, security forces at the airport in Sana'a on Thursday, December 1, proceeded to arrest of the southern activist Abdul-Hakim Darwish, the brother of the martyr, Ahmed Darwish, after his return from Cairo. The web site, "Aden life" reported that Yemeni security forces took him to an unknown destination.

### **Suppression of peaceful demonstrations:**

The right to freedom of expression is a right granted by the international law, for it is the right in which the human beings can express their aspirations and choices towards a better future. Southerners have pursued that option as a civilized way to express their political views, through organizing peaceful marches reflect their aspirations to freedom and independence. However, the forces of the Yemeni authorities do not work to respond to those aspirations, but they work to deprive them of this right not just through using excessive power, but also through using live ammunition, as well as using the choking gas bombs.



Senior Director of the Office of Education in Wadiea district, on Tuesday , December 27 shot on dozens of teachers who demonstrated in front of the Office of Education in the district to denounce the rampant corruption in the educational field, demanding the departure of the Director of the Office of Education in the district.

The group calling itself " Ansar al-Sharia ",on Saturday, Dec ,31 .fired in the air to suppress the march of dignity ,which started from Aden province toward the city of Zanzibar, demanding an end to the war in the city between the Yemeni army and the group .The march was attended by thousands from the South ,in particular from Abyan province .The website" ,Sada Aden " quoted from Mohammed Ahmed Qais ,the Chairman of the Organizing Committee of the March of Dignity, that the peaceful march aimed at demanding the departure of the militants of" Al Qaeda ",as well as the Yemeni army troops from their city, but the militants of" Ansar Al-Sharia " stopped the march in the village of Alkod that is located five kilometers away from the city of Zinjibar, firing in the air to prevent their progress.

A peaceful march organized by the Southern Movement in Sayoun district of Hadrmout ,on the evening of Thursday, December ,22 was exposed to an assault by live ammunition fired by a gunman instructed by the forces of the Yemeni government. The gunman attacked the participants in the march by shooting on them in sync while the lights in the street were off.

The South masses and the Southern Movement ,on Saturday, December ,17 in the capital ,Aden ,and the districts of Mahvd in Abyan and Nissab in Shabwa organized rallies to

mark the second anniversary of the Al-Majala massacre ,in which the participants demanded the international community to quickly submit the Yemeni President Ali Abdullah Saleh and all the pillars of his regime to the international courts on crimes committed against the people of Al- Majala and the people of the South in general .In the city of Aden ,the authorities ' forces stationed at the Al-Mansoura prison ,fired live ammunition and tear gases at the marchers .The Aden News Agency said that the event organized on the occasion of the district of Al-Mahfed demanded the International Criminal Court to submit all those involved in the crime of Al-Majala to the court to receive their just punishment for their actions on the morning of December 2009 ,17 of a massacre against humanity against the defenseless





innocent people of Anbur and Hydra families of Bakazim tribe ,adding that such genocide and other massacres committed against the people of the South will not be time-barred ,but they will be chased to be justly punished.

A large security force supported by tanks ,armored vehicles and dozens of soldiers on Monday, December 12 broke into Al-Oroud Square the has been swept by supporters of the Southern Movement began to stage a sit-in in it .Altaif website said that Yemeni forces were deployed in the entire Square to reduce the number of the participants those are estimated by thousands of protesters .They absolutely used live bullets ,tear gas and water cannons, injuring a number of young protesters .It is notice worthy that the protesters gathered up since the first day of the incident ,when hundreds gathered amid the Al-Oroud Square where they took down the picture of the Yemeni president replacing it by the former flag of the South instead, naming the Square the" Independence Square."

The website, "Aden Alghad "said that a number of the authorities 'soldiers had received orders to shoot any "separatist" trying to reach the Square.

### **Besieging safe cities:**

In an expression for the failure of the Yemeni government forces to perform its functions to rein in the southern activists ,those forces resort from time to time to the method of collective punishment, besieging cities and the closure of roads ,prevention of food supplies and living conditions of citizens , moreover they are subjected to collective threat and intimidation to the lives of citizens, the release of military flight to fly at low altitude over the safe cities and villages.

Yemeni military forces on Monday, December ,12 closed all ports of entry and exit to the province of Aden .Passengers stuck on the roads of those ports told Xinhua Agency that the security authorities prevented citizens from entering or leaving the province .Adenalghad.net reported that the passengers made it clear that the "triangle of al-Anad ",which is the main port that connects Aden with a number of other provinces since the dawn of that day.

In the same context, local residents said that there were strict security



measures and widespread heavy deployment for security forces in most of the neighborhoods and streets of Aden which almost paralyzed the province.

The main road linking the provinces of Aden and Abyan has been closed since the events of the city of Zinjibar of the incursion of armed elements "Ansar Al-Sharia "to the neighborhoods until now .There have been several attempts to open it and to allow travelers to pass through it ,but they all fail because of the tense military situation between the forces of the Yemeni army and the armed groups .Following the closure of that road, citizens from both sides are affected and suffer from traveling from one province as an alternative way make them spend a lot of time and efforts ,as well as depriving the citizens of the cities of Zanzibar and Jaar from returning to their homes which they had abandoned fearing for their lives.

On the morning of Tuesday, December ,6 warplanes flew at low height over Abyan province ,in the city of Wadiea ,breaking the sound barrier ,and triggering fear and terror among the children and women.

The Aden News Agency said that the people of the city fear of possible bombing maybe exposed to innocent civilians, especially of the flights of the U.S. drones hovering constantly over the cities and villages of the region for long periods.

The U.S. aircraft on December ,2009 17 ,launched several Cruz rockets from American battleships in the Gulf of Aden to strike Al- Majala village in the district of Al-Mahfed in Abyan province that killed dozens of innocent children, women and elders.

### **Breakdown of security causing loss of lives:**

The province of Aden has become a region where arms spread widely. It has become common to see many of people carrying guns in the streets without legal impediment .This phenomenon comes as a result of the security breakdown and the absence of the role of security forces to perform their role in crime prevention or the response to the wantons who try to break the security in the province .Because of this phenomenon, the security imbalances are increasing ,as well as the misuse of such weapons, and the continuous sounds of fire in many residential neighborhoods that ,in some cases, caused deaths among citizens.



Calls have recently gotten louder in Aden to stop the deterioration of the situation and ask the security authorities to take a deterrent measures to stop those imbalances, which reflected negatively on the lives of people in Aden.

On Tuesday, December ,27 a person from Al-Mansoura city ,was seriously injured as a result of a gunshot in the head after a bullet hit his head as a result of the outbreak of an armed clash between a security force and thugs on Aden – Taiz road .Another citizen was also injured.

Six people were injured on Friday December ,23 when a grenade exploded in the city of Mualla in Aden .Sada Aden website reported that a woman was among the wounded, while three others were passing in the place .The grenade was thrown by a person chased by armed men after they shot him and fatally injured him in his leg.

Names of the Southern Victims by Yemeni Security Forces in December 2011

### Names of dead:

NO	Name	Date	Province		Notes
1	Saeed Al-Hanafi	02.12.2011	Hadrmout	killed	Killed by random fire while targeting a security leader in Hadrmout province.
2	Ali Nasser Hawshan	02.12.2011	Abyan	Killed	Killed by a roadside bomb in city of Lauder
3	Tawfiq Ali Mansour Jounaidi	05.12.2012	Abyan	killed	Killed by an explosive package.
4	Hamdi Askar	24.12.2011	Hadrmout	killed	Killed in Kuttn city when he was shot while driving his car.
5	Salem Saeed Khamis	26.12.2011	Lahej	killed	Killed by live ammunition.
6	Abdullkareem Fhadil Al-Omeiri	31.12.1011	Aden	Killed	Killed by soldiers of security checkpoint located in Burega city in Aden.



## Names of wounded:

NO	Name	Date	Province	State	Notes
1	Nasser Marzouki	31.12.2011	Aden	Serious injury	Injured when shooting on demonstration organized by students of Faculty of Medicine in Aden
2	Khalid Mahmoud Shuaibi	31.12.2011	Aden	Serious injury	Injured when shooting on demonstration organized by students of Faculty of Medicine in Aden
3	Mohammed Omar	31.12.2011	Aden	Serious injury	Injured when shooting on demonstration organized by students of Faculty of Medicine in Aden
4	Mohammed Fawzan	31.12.2011	Aden	Serious injury	Injured when shooting on demonstration organized by students of Faculty of Medicine in Aden
5	Ali Hatibi	31.12.2011	Aden	Serious injury	Injured when shooting on demonstration organized by students of Faculty of Medicine in Aden
6	Bakil Fhadil	31.12.2011	Aden	Serious injury	Injured when shooting on demonstration organized by students of Faculty of Medicine in Aden
7	Marina Salem	31.12.2011	Aden	Serious injury	Injured when shooting on demonstration organized by students of Faculty of Medicine in Aden
8	Sami Bawazir	17.12.2011	Aden	Medium injury	Injured while shooting on demonstrators in Mansoura city in Aden
9	Abdullah al-Saqqaf	17.12.2011	Aden	Medium injury	Injured while shooting on demonstrators in Mansoura city in Aden
10	Farhan Fhadil Naji al-Kildi	17.12.2011	Aden	Medium injury	Injured while shooting on demonstrators in Mansoura city in Aden
11	Ahmed Ali Zmiki	17.12.2011	Aden	Medium injury	Injured while shooting on demonstrators in Mansoura city in Aden
12	Adel Hassan Haithami	19.12.2011	Lahej	Serious injury	Injured by a bullet from an unknown source
13	Abdullrahman	11.12.2011	Lahej	Injury in	14 years old, injured by a



	Ali Mohammed			the back	grenade thrown at his house
14	Khalid Abdullah Saad	11.12.2011	Lahej	Injury in the chest	13 years old, injured by a grenade thrown at his house
15	Khalid Abdullah Abdu Dhahiri			Injury in the leg	Injured by a grenade thrown at his house
16	Ahmed Hussein Ashal	05.12.2011	Abyan	Medium injury	Injured by an ambush
17	Hussein Ali Ashal	05.12.2011	Abyan	Medium injury	Injured by an ambush
18	Ahmed Mohammed Alghiri	05.12.2011	Abyan	Medium injury	Injured by an ambush

### Names of Detainees:

NO	Name	Date	Province	Notes
1	Ghamdan Abadi	04.12.2011	Aden	The Head of the Student and Youth Movement in Mualla district of Aden
2	Fahmi Abdu Mohammed	04.12.2011	Aden	A Southern Movement activist
3	Yasser Masaieb	02.12.2011	Aden	A member of the People's Committee
4	Abdullhakeem Darwish	01.12.2011	Aden	Brother of the martyr, Ahmed Darwish
5	Mohamed Mahmud Aljunjd	28.12.2011		

### Photographs:



**Hassen Adel Haithami, the lecturer at the University of Aden**



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**An injured in Al-Oroud Square in Aden**

## **Videos:**

Shooting at the demonstrators :

[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RZaHwyJr1RU&feature=player\\_embedded#!](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RZaHwyJr1RU&feature=player_embedded#!)

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