

Agreement between
The Tribes of 'Ubaydah and Ansar Allah

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In the name of him, the gracious, the merciful

*Praise be upon him, and prayer, and peace be upon his Prophet,
and the God of the good and virtuous*

Given the great challenges that are currently going on in our homeland, which requires concerted efforts and serious cooperation by everyone for the good of the nation and the people; to establish the principles of brotherhood, peace¹ and agreement between al; after the success of the popular revolution, which imposed upon us religion and custom, and the desire for everyone to turn a new page between those in Yemeni society and bestow on it peace, harmony, respect and peaceful coexistence between all groups without any discrimination and the presentation of the agreement between Ansar [Allah] as the first party and the 'Ubaydah Tribes and those under their auspices in Ma'rib governorate; representing their people are societal notables at the head of the tribes and who by their hands will exert every conceivable effort.

And so on a number of important points established in the next stage without the problems and difficulties between the children of a unified nation for all citizens to enjoy in safety, peace and stability as it represents the Ma'rib governorate in its geographical, economic, societal, and historical distinctness as well as to what this governorate has suffered in the past in regards to a denial of development, a lack of security and stability, the following has been agreed:-

First: Co-existence between the first and second parties in an atmosphere of brotherhood, peace, harmony and relations of cooperation, good faith, and respect for each other.

Second: The second side commits to protect the roads for the first party as they would for the sons of all Yemeni people from any assault or exposure by either of the two sides or any other. In case of any attack on the first party where the second party is silent, they will leave it for the second side to take action and provide protection and security from any aggression. Whoever commits an aggression will be charged² by everyone.

Third: The second side commits to make sincere and serious efforts in securing facilities and public goods such as oil, gas, electricity and service facilities or other production. In the case of non-compliance with this requirement, the first party is entitled to secure them and open the roads.

¹ Note: Other anomalies in text indicates errors with the letter ل, thus السلام (peace) is most likely translation.

² Possibly 'accused'

Fourth: The second party is committed to secure the road and prevent any attacks or establish checkpoints or sectors in their country to rob Muslims, loot public and private property or intimidate travellers.

Fifth: The second party is committed not to accept al-Qaeda, include them, or provide them with assistance or support because they are a great danger to people and the country.

Sixth: Both sides commit to each other harmony and cohesion and to live in peace and also with freedom of thought and belief in light of Shari'ah without hostility or coercion from any party towards the other, and all are committed to refrain from incitement and spreading rumours that harm the unity of social fabric.

Seventh: All agree that the areas and villages committed to this agreement are considered peaceful areas and the first party will not attack them unless except when it is clear what has been agreed upon.³

Eighth: Everyone agrees that in the case any of the above items are breached by any tribe or house then everyone will be responsible.

Ninth: All parties commit to the freedom to express his opinion peacefully and this is generally accepted without detriment to the party.

Tenth: The parties agree that the articles of this agreement will not repeal or absolve the security and military authorities from doing their job and their role in maintaining security and stability in the province.

Eleventh: The first party commits to stand by the second party in their lawful and fair outstanding monies and in their monies from land rights, which is produced from wealth under the rules of law.

Twelfth: The first party is committed to the preservation of private property to all those that sign the document.

Thirteenth: In the case of signing and committing to the articles of this agreement, the first party commits to turn a fresh page in regards to any individual or group and begin good relations between them and any other groups and signatories of this document (as an honoured document) to thereby ease the minds and help [create] a peaceful, gracious, strong and a brotherly co-existence between all parties and signatories⁴.

And upon this it is signed

[no signatures on website version]

Source: 'Tribes of 'Ubaydah in the two districts of al-Wadi and al-Medina give up on AQAP and sign agreement', al-Omanaa.net, 4 December 2014, <http://alomanaa.net/news18305.html> (accessed 25 April 2016)

³ structure unclear in final phrase.

⁴ Final word incomplete in agreement, most likely signatories.