

**Republic of Yemen**

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### **Code of Honor and Covenant among the People of Subayha**

Praise be to Allah, the Lord of the Worlds, who said, "And hold fast, all of you together, to the rope of Allah and do not separate. And remember the favor of Allah upon you when you were enemies, and He brought your hearts together, and you became, by His favor, brothers." (Quran 3:103)

Peace and blessings be upon the Messenger of Allah, who said, "There is no faith for one who does not fulfill his trust, and there is no religion for one who does not keep his covenant."

Afterwards:

On Thursday, the 23rd of May 2024, corresponding to the 15th of Dhul-Qi'dah 1440 AH, the people of Subayha, including scholars, dignitaries, tribes, elders, sheikhs, notable individuals, and political and social components, both individuals and groups, signed this covenant in the face of political project tensions. This was followed by targeting the security and stability of Subayha and attempts to drag it into chaos, conflicts, and divisions.

All the people of Subayha, including scholars, dignitaries, tribes, elders, sheikhs, notable figures, and those who follow them, whether individually or collectively, have signed this covenant in the name of Allah and His agreement, which includes the following:

1. The blood, wealth, and honor of every individual are sacred, and the only means of resolving disputes is through dialogue, adherence to Islamic law, and the inherited traditions and customs of our society, aiming to achieve consensus for social peace.
2. We must avoid treason, incitement, suspicion, and stand united against any aggressor, whether from outside the people of Subayha or from within the community, without distinction between the various components of society. We are one family, and there is no difference between black and white.
3. Subayha is a community with a deep-rooted identity that embraces partnership among its members and with those from outside its community.
4. Subayha is a unified geographical entity, encompassing coasts, mountains, plateaus, deserts, valleys, islands, and seas. All members are committed to preserving its identity, defending its distinctiveness, and safeguarding its sovereignty, and avoiding stirring up tribal, sectarian, or religious strife that would tear apart the community.
5. The interests of Subayha and its people must take precedence over any political or partisan factions, and all efforts should focus on advancing what meets the aspirations of its people.
6. Only the people of Subayha represent the will of Subayha, and no one has authority over its land except its own people. All are committed to enabling the people of Subayha to realize their rights and entitlements.
7. We declare our disassociation from any individuals who act outside the law, belong to terrorist organizations, or promote drugs and harmful substances. We will not support, defend, or harbor such individuals.

8. We pledge to support the oppressed and defend their rights, adhering to the words of Allah: "And no bearer of burdens will bear the burden of another" (Quran 35:18).
9. This covenant is sacred in the sight of Allah, and it is binding without return as long as Allah is worshipped, the water is drawn, the raven is black, and people are bowing in prayer. We commit to not spilling blood, not seizing wealth or rights, and to maintaining peace, security, and safety. We pledge to uphold this covenant and be ever-conscious of Allah in our dealings.
10. In accordance with this covenant, any individual who commits a crime or incident after this agreement will be held accountable for their actions. Such incidents will be considered personal crimes and the individual will face legal consequences. We commit to not sheltering or covering up these actions, and to turning them over to the judiciary for judgment. All signatories pledge to oppose such acts.
11. This is our pledge, and anyone who betrays it will have to answer to Allah, who is the ultimate reckoner and witness.

**Signed on 3/05/2023**

Office of Sheikh Abdulghani Muhiuddin Ali Salah

And Allah is the best of witnesses.

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**The Dignitaries, Sheikhs, and Elders of the Mudhayrah and Ras Al-Arah Districts:**

**Names:**

(This covenant has been signed and stamped by the dignitaries and notable figures listed on the second page of this covenant, along with their fingerprints, signatures, and seals of the elders, dignitaries, and individuals who were part of this agreement.)

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