

South Yemen Update

Dream no small dreams for they do not have the power to move the hearts of men

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A hero from South Yemen

Captain Abdul kader was born in Behan, Shabwa South Yemen approximately in 1950. He was a leading aircraft military pilot who enjoyed the support of the revolutionary leadership in South Yemen following independence. He left South Yemen for health reasons and came to Britain following the 1994 war. He is remembered by many who know him in South Yemen and here in the UK as a brilliant pilot and a high ranking officer who spent his senior years in leading military positions, defending his country and supporting and training his colleagues. In 1978, he was charged to be the commanding general for one of the most important air force brigades in Rayan, with responsibility to build and develop the airport. He was later promoted to high ranking officer in the air force and charged with the responsibility of supervising the building of hadramaut airport. He held many leading positions in the military air force with many responsibilities, he talks with passion and in details about his contribution to build a better country and a better world.



When captain abdul kader came to Britain, his struggle continues, refusing to surrender to the difficulties of life. He wanted to improve his English and develop his civilian pilot skills, he gained an

advanced diploma in computer technology and a civilian pilot licence and became fluent in the English language. He loves Sheffield and always engages in events making his individual contribution here. He has become an elder statesman and a community Icon with so much to offer. During his military missions in South Yemen he encountered enemy fire in many occasions and many of his injuries are a testament to his bravery and sacrifice. He was engaged in several accidents caused by plane mechanical failures but heroically managed to steer the planes to safety. He was always concerned about the safety of his passengers and somehow managed to stay alive He took the brunt of one collision to his back, initially paralyzing him from the neck down and continues to suffer from back injuries. He endured surgeries and never regained the use of his back-- a disability that led him later to become a champion for many south Yemeni veterans, fighting for their rights at every level of government and beyond. In one memorable conversations I had with Captain abdul Kader, he says,

"Many days during my time as a high ranking commanding officer, I would step out on my balcony overlooking the mountains of Shemsan in Aden, and be reminded of what made my journey possible and all the brilliant things and sacrifices we the South Yemeni army officers made to make South Yemen a genuine independent state. Facing me were monuments to our nation's military heroes, the authors of our Declaration of Independence, and those who died from the air force in the service of our nationhood. In the distance were the countless graves of those who gave their lives so that we could live free from oppression "Our nation has since 1990 certainly faced periods of division and uncertainty. But at the end of the day, we have always found ways to come together. We can find that unity again and build our South Yemeni state based on equality and justice."

Our hero Abdul Kadir spends most of his time passing his experience to the younger generation, making regular visits to see everyone and to educate us and raise our understanding of history, always emphasizing the need for values and morals and unity of purpose. I believe there is a wealth of experience, skills and talents our country can benefit from such a fantastic hero and may be its time now to honour him as a soldier of South Yemen.

STCs General Secretariat Holds Periodic Meeting and Discusses Latest Economic Developments in the South

The General-secretariat of the Southern Transitional Council (STC) held its periodic meeting, on Wednesday 2 May 2022, in the capital Aden, chaired by Mr. Fadhl Mohammed Al-Gaadi, member of Presidential council of the STC, Deputy of the secretary general. The STC is keen to see the economy develops and peoples living standards are improved. Taking into account that poverty is at the highest rate and that the government must do everything it can to support ordinary people. The STC is concerned about the worsening economic position of ordinary people to manage their everyday life..



The meeting discussed a report submitted by the Economic Department, which dealt with the most prominent economic and political developments and issues that the liberated governorates of the South witnessed during the month of October, 2022. The meeting reviewed the performance report of the Studies and Research Department during the third quarter of this year, 2022, which included the

implemented activities, initiatives and organizational tasks, in addition to the encountered challenges and difficulties. The meeting, too, shed light on the level of job discipline in the General Secretariat during the month of October as per a report submitted by the Department of Financial and Administrative Affairs. The worsening economic situation was discussed at length with recommendations made on to how to improve the economy and encourage investments in the country. The secretariat discussed the latest economic developments taking place in the capital, Aden and other governorates of the South, as well as topics and issues related to the activities of the departments of the secretariat, as suggestions that can lead to boost and upgrade the workflow were presented. The meeting reviewed and approved minutes of the previous meeting after assimilating the presented economic recommendations.

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