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## **FOSY CALLS FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF VICTIMS' COMPENSATION FUND**

Friends of South Yemen (FOSY) is calling on the Arab-coalition to set up a compensation fund for the victims of the explosion that struck Aden airport as the newly formed government was arriving on December 30th. Twenty-two people were killed in the blast and nearly 100 were injured.

It is essential that the families of those who were killed are provided for along with medical care for those injured in the blast. Some may require treatment in a regional state. The UAE has kindly treated seriously ill people on the island of Socotra in its hospitals and we respectfully suggest that the victims of the airport blast also be treated in the UAE if they cannot be adequately cared for in Aden.

As the new government was formed under the auspices of the Riyadh Agreement, it is incumbent on Saudi Arabia to compensate the innocent victims of a terrorist attack against this government.

On December 28th the Saudi Development and Reconstruction Programme for Yemen signed contracts for three major projects covering health, education and transport. They included the establishing of the King Salman Medical and Educational City in Mahara (\$56m), rehabilitating Aden international Airport (\$14m) and rehabilitating Alabr Road in Marib (\$9m).

A generous grant could be made to the innocent victims of the airport bombing who were targeted by terrorists determined to disrupt work of the government and the development of Yemen.

