

Impact of the War in Ukraine on the Humanitarian Crisis in Yemen and the Prospects of Peace

Tuesday, 25th October 2022

10:00 – 13:00 PM

Location: King Hussein Club, Amman

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A few years ago, several international organizations including the World Food Programme (WFP), UNICEF, and UNHCR among others, designated Yemen as the world's worst-largest humanitarian crisis. The war, according to U.N. reports, put 24.3 million people "at risk" of hunger and disease, of whom roughly 14.4 million were in acute need of assistance. The Russian invasion of Ukraine has just exacerbated food insecurity, especially since a large percentage of Yemen's need for grain used to be imported from Ukraine.

At the same time, the Office of the Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for Yemen (OSESGY) is working hard on maintaining the truce between the warring parties following the Houthis' refusal to extend it unless their new demands are met.

Against this backdrop, the Konrad Adenauer Foundation (KAS) Jordan Office is holding a panel discussion to deliberate on two topics: the implication of the war in Ukraine on the humanitarian crisis in Yemen and the prospects for peace.

Programme 25th October 2022

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| 10:00h | Registration |
| 10:30h | Opening Remarks
Dr. Edmund Ratka
Resident Representative, KAS Jordan Office, Amman |
| 10:35h | War in Ukraine and the Humanitarian Crisis

Moderator:
Mr. Oraib Rantawi
Director of Al Quds Center for Political Studies, Amman |

Speakers:

Ms. Safa Rawiah

General Manager of the Youth Leadership Development Foundation (YLDF), Sanaa

Input: An Overview of the Humanitarian Crisis in Yemen

Ms. Nawal Duabis

Programs Manager, YLDF, Sanaa

Input: Response of the de-Facto government to the Humanitarian Crisis in the North of Yemen.

Eng. Mugahed Alameri

Director of the Global Aid for Development and Eights (GADR), Hadramout.

Input: Response of the Internationally Recognized Government to the Humanitarian Crisis focusing on the South of Yemen.

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Open Discussion

11:45h

Coffee Break

12:00h

The State of the Truce and the Prospects for the Peace Process

Speakers:

Ms. Yasameen Al-Nadheri

Political Analyst

Input: Points of Disagreement between the Warring Parties in Yemen and the prospects to bridge them.

Ms. A. Heather Coyne

Senior Security Sector Reform Officer, Office of the Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for Yemen (OSESGY)

Input: Strengthening Support to the Truce through Tangible Actions to Alleviate Suffering of Civilians and Fighters.

Mr. Masaki Watanabe

Deputy Chief, Political Affairs Section, Senior Political Affairs Officer at OSESGY

Input: OSESGY Political Update

Open Discussion

13.00h

Light Lunch Reception

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Speakers' Biographies

Dr. Edmund Ratka

Dr. Ratka is the Resident Representative of the Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung Jordan Office since 2020. Prior to this position, he was Assistant Representative to Tunis in 2015, where he worked until 2017. In 2017 Dr. Ratka became Policy Advisor in the Middle East and North Africa Department of KAS Headquarters.

Prior to working with KAS, Dr. Ratka was an Associate Researcher at the Ludwig-Maximilians-University in Munich between 2008 and 2014. He also worked from 2013 until 2014 as a Project Coordinator and Research Fellow at the University of Passau. Dr. Ratka holds a Ph.D. and MA in Political Science and Government from the Ludwig-Maximilians-University Munich and Aix-en-Provence University. His dissertation focused on German policies in the middle east and Mediterranean.

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Mr. Oraib Rantawi

Mr. Oraib Al-Rantawi is the founder and director of Al-Quds Center for Political Studies (A think-tank and a training center for political parties). He is also a well-known researcher and author who published numerous articles and books on Jordan, the Middle East, the Middle East conflicts and democracy in the Middle East. He is an expert on Jordanian political parties and reforms in Jordan. His center has been a close partner of KAS Jordan for 20 years. He has a bachelor's degree in Political Science.

Ms. A Heather Coyne

A. Heather Coyne leads the Security Sector Reform team for the UN Special Envoy for Yemen, designing options for transitional security arrangements that integrate civilian protection mechanisms. She previously served in UN missions in Somalia and Afghanistan, building capacity of security agencies and strengthening civil society to make those institutions more accountable and responsive to their citizens. Before joining the UN, she worked for the US Institute of Peace and as a civil servant in the U.S. government. In her last mission, A. Heather worked on SSR with the Rule of Law and Security Institutions Group of the UN Assistance Mission in Somalia, where she focused on building capacity of the security agencies to oversee the armed forces, manage weapons and regulate the private security industry, and conduct public outreach.

Ms. Yasameen Al-Nadheri

Ms. Yasameen Al-Nadheri is a Yemeni Political Entrepreneur and Expert in gender, peace, and security policies, based in Amman, Jordan. She is currently working as a Co-Researcher with Integrity. She held the position of the Program Representative of PartnersGlobal in Jordan, for 2 years, liaising with the UN Special Envoy to Yemen to support the implementation of the Stockholm agreement. Yasameen has participated in the 1.5 track diplomacy on SSR led by the OSESGY & DCAF and has facilitated Track II discussions with security leaders in Yemen. Through PartnersGlobal, Yasameen was able to share her analysis with the Bureau of

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Conflict & Stabilization Operations at the U.S. Department of State on Yemen. Yasameen has worked persistently to create a space for women's participation in the peacebuilding process during her former role as an Executive Director for Peace Track Initiative. She led the women civil society delegation who participated on the sidelines of Geneva Peace Consultations for Yemen in September 2018. Yasameen has worked for more than 11 years in the development field with international organizations, as well as in the private sector: including GIZ, MDM France, and Occidental Petroleum of Yemen, in Yemen, Jordan, and Germany. She is also a public speaker and has engaged in public speaking with the Nobel Peace Center and Oslo Women's Rights Initiative, Virtual Panel with Middle East Institute, and Carnegie.

Ms. Safa Rawiah

Ms. Safa Rawiah is the General Manager of leading Yemeni non-governmental organization, Youth Leadership Development Foundation (YLDF). She is a well-known development professional and a recipient of numerous international awards for her contribution to the development of Yemeni women and youth. Ms. Rawiah has on-the-ground experience in development, humanitarian and peacebuilding initiatives in fragile and complex settings, with specific expertise in the empowerment of youth and women, civil society strengthening, peace-building and conflict resolution. Additionally, she is a chairwoman for Civil Alliance for Peace, and a co-founder of both the Leaders School and WARD for Women's Empowerment in Sana'a. She has an MA in International Development and Gender from the Gender and Development Studies and Research Center at Sana'a University.

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Ms. Nawal Dubais

Ms. Nawal Dubais is a Programs' Manager at Youth Leadership Development Foundation (YLDF) since July 2016 managing development programs related to women and youth empowerment in livelihoods, peacebuilding, human rights, gender and social accountability. Currently, she manages the the YLDF's emergency and livelihoods programs that address the humanitarian situation in Yemen, all of which adhere to Sphere Standards and Core Humanitarian Standards. Ms. Dubais is a young activist work mainly with youth civil society organization (CSOs) and youth initiatives providing consultancies, capacity building efforts and institutional assessments. She has been active in Yemen civil society since 2006 and during her career she has contributed in different voluntary activities that sought to foster the empowerment of women, youth, youth initiatives and CSOs.

Eng. Mugahed Alameri

Eng. Mugahed Alameri is an internationally oriented development specialist. He is Ph. D Candidate in global conflict analysis. He worked with government and international organizations, and he has five years of experience in coordinating communication and public relations strategy, monitoring campaign execution, and handling public perception crisis situations. Alameri has interned for United Nation and worked closely with second committee for economic and social council. Two

Year ago he established the Global Aid for Development and Rights (GADR) which aims at achieving the sustainable Development Goals in Yemen and promoting awareness of the public rights in Education and Food insecurity.

Mr. Masaaki Watanabe

Mr. Masaaki Watanabe has been serving with the Office of the Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for Yemen since late 2018 as Deputy Chief of the Political Affairs Section. For more than 16 years, Mr. Watanabe has served in different UN field missions, including the United Nations Assistance Mission for Iraq, the United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo and the United Nations Support Mission in Libya. His professional background prior to the entry to the United Nations includes the Japanese diplomatic posting to Yemen in the 1990s. He is an Arabic speaker.

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