**Articles/information**

The situation in the country is critical. The letter attached, was sent to the UK Prime Minister summarises the situation reasonably well at the moment. In Aden, the battles are fierce between the South Transitional Council STC supported by the UAE and the so-called legitimate government supported by Saudi. In the North, bombing by Saudis continue as well as ground battles between Houthi and Saudi allies.

Coronavirus does not seem a priority for the fighting parties despite increase mortality in Aden, Sanaa, and other areas. No one knows the true number of Coronavirus the way it’s reported in other countries except through the counting of graves or social media. The phrase we get nowadays, الله يرحمه أو يرحمها، إن لله وإن إليه راجعون "" It’s a phrase that someone has died. We get it almost on daily basis.

You might want to watch the Channel 4 coverage below about the scale of the graves in one area in Aden.

**For Your Information**

Liverpool Arab Arts Festival LAAF digital programme covers 2 main areas on Yemen: 1) Yemen in Conflict, covers poetry nationally in UK, animation films, and documentary film, and 2) Arabs, a 3,000-year History of Peoples, Tribes, and Empires, by Tim-Macintosh Smith, we are using art positively.

<https://www.arabartsfestival.com/2020festival/>

<https://www.liverpoolecho.co.uk/whats-on/arts-culture-news/performers-join-liverpool-arab-arts-18347538.amp>

British Yemeni Society (BYS) Annual General Meeting (AGM), followed by 5 panellists from Yemen and elsewhere talking about Coronavirus in Yemen, bringing Yemeni voices to events in UK

<http://b-ys.org.uk/event/b-ys-agm-followed-panel-discussion-health>

Anyone interested to join the webinar on Friday 19th June 2020 at 18:00 London time, here’s the Zoom details <https://zoom.us/j/8862905785>meeting ID: 886 290 5785.

A letter attached was sent to the Prime Minister Boris Johnson on Wednesday 3rd June 2020 and published on The Times Newspaper on the same day. It asks the PM to: 1) More sustainable arrangements are needed to deliver health supplies (oxygen equipment and testing as well as PPE) at scale to Sana’a, Aden and Seyoun, Hadhramout. 2) The parties to the conflict will need to enable unhindered access for planes carrying humanitarian cargo to the airports they control. And 3) Opening air routes for COVID-focussed aid, to both the north and south of the country, will assist this considerably.

**Gloomy articles**

The Lancet: Fears of “highly catastrophic” COVID-19 spread in Yemen

<https://www.thelancet.com/journals/lancet/article/PIIS0140-6736%2820%2931235-6/fulltext>

Channel 4 News, 3rd June 2020, distressing images by Iona Craig one of the panellists at the BYS AGM on Friday 19th June 2020 at 18:00 London time

<https://www.channel4.com/news/doctors-fear-silent-covid-disaster-in-yemen>

War, pestilence and famine have pushed Yemen to brink, UN warns

<https://www.thetimes.co.uk/edition/world/war-pestilence-and-famine-have-pushed-yemen-to-brink-un-warns-lhgsj66dq>

Yemen faces spread of COVID-19 'with no health care system at all'

<https://www.pri.org/stories/2020-06-04/yemen-faces-spread-covid-19-no-health-care-system-all?amp&__twitter_impression=true>