

# South Yemen Update

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

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## President Aidarous Qassem Al-Zubaidi, President of the Southern Transitional Council (STC) and Vice-Chairman of the Presidential Leadership Council (PLC) made his first historical visit to the US.

President AL-Zubaid spoke to FOSY, about the great potential that exists in stronger ties between the US and the Southern Transitional Council” during his first visit to Washington. He further said that a new positive relationship with the US will enable the STC to contribute even more effectively to a sustainable & prosperous future for the Gulf Region. He elaborated a new foreign policy framework for the STC that will pursue, among others, first priority is to gain international recognition for a Southern state, but, similarly, we want to engage and convince our achievements to the world through our collective efforts to make the PLC work effectively, as well as recognising the important position our country is located in, the stability, and the recent combined peace process, where much of the World and observers commended, is a treasury we can sell to the World.



President of the STC Aidarous Qassem Al-Zubaidi

The specific meeting with state officials discussed efforts to end the war in Yemen and bring about peace to the country, and in this regard, the Secretary of State reiterated the position of the USA in support of all ongoing endeavours aimed at ending the conflict and bringing about lasting peace to Yemen and the entire region, noting the importance of the cohesiveness of the PLC. The meeting also reviewed recent political developments, on top of which efforts have been made to launch a comprehensive political process with the participation of all parties.

The security, political and economic gains achieved by the visit of the STC LEADER to the United States reinforce the fact that STC and its military wing is waging a fierce war against terrorism in Yemen and facing the dilemma of ECONOMIC COLLAPSE. The two sides discussed opportunities to continue military cooperation to confront regional threats that impact on the security of international trade. He pointed out that South Yemen in particular should benefit from the American interest and the positive steps that Washington is taking towards fighting terrorism and extremism.

The two sides will also discuss developments in the bilateral defence relationship, while many in the US HAVE praised the current STC security performance and the sacrifices made by South Yemenis to confront the terrorist AQAP and DASH movement.

It is expected that the STC leader will meet the huge South Yemeni community in the US. In order to achieve the goals of the STC which is the quest for international recognition, the STC values the role played by the South Yemeni community and has initiated to craft out community empowerment and contribution to the furthering of the South Yemen issue.

Al-Zubaid thanked the Coalition for their support to Restore Legitimacy in Yemen and appreciated the support in particular of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates “for their unlimited support to the Yemeni people in various political, economic and humanitarian fields, as well as for their continuous efforts to bring about comprehensive permanent peace in our country. He emphasized that their assistance to our country is a debt on our shoulders



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