

*In the name of Allah, the Beneficent, the Merciful*

### **Ajmar Agreement (The Black Line Agreement)**

[Preface missing from translation<sup>1</sup>]

First – They [the Bani Sarīm] and Ansar Allah will live in brotherhood, peace and harmony, and a life of cooperation, loyalty and respect.

Second – Ansar Allah commit to not undertake military aggression in the areas [of Bani Sarīm] and will reassure them of such.

Third – It is up to the sheikhs and elders of Bani Sarīm to secure the roads in their area from any disruption or assault.

Fourth – The mujahidin<sup>2</sup> will not allow for any evil in the country [of Bani Sarīm] and they [the Bani Sarīm] will not rise up against the mujahidin.

Fifth – The sheikhs and elders of Bani Sarīm commit not to attack those that join the Quranic Rally in their country, or their children, and will have faith in itself, its land and its wealth.

Sixth – They [Bani Sarīm] will not object to the peaceful cultural activity of Ansar Allah in their area – [that] like anyone else, [operates] in a peaceful and voluntary framework.

*Allah is the Conciliator*

Signed 4 February 2014<sup>3</sup>

[Signed by the two parties in the Ajmar Nayābita area by Sheikhs of Bani Sarīm Hāshid including Sheikh Ālī Hamīd Jalaydān, Shiekh ‘Adel Hamūd ‘Ataf and other elders, in addition to Ansar Allah representatives and in the presence of dignitaries of Hamdān municipality.]

Source: Yemeress. ‘Key points of the ‘Ajmar Agreement’ between Hashid and Ansar Allah ‘Houthi Movement’ 6 February 2014, <https://www.yemeress.com/hshd/26458>

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<sup>1</sup> Refer to original handwritten document.

<sup>2</sup> Presumably referring to Ansar Allah, though unclear.

<sup>3</sup> Comment: Authenticity of the agreement was denied by [Sheikh Ali Jalaydan](#). Moreover, another document signed Sheikh Ali Jalaydan revealed the [conditions imposed](#) upon the Bani Sarim by Ansar Allah was made public on February 11, 2014. However, in later [interviews](#) with Shiekh Amin al-Ataf, the Shiekh confirmed the existence of the Ajmar Agreement that he refers to as the Black Line Agreement [Khut al-Aswad], which was broken by Ansar Allah quickly after signing.

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