

CALENDAR OF EVENTS, 1972

JANUARY

- 4th New law prohibits shipping within PDRY territorial waters without prior permission.
- " Immigration, Passport and Nationality Department becomes a military department.
- 23rd Fadhil Muhsen Abdulla appointed Minister of Finance.
- " Moscow municipal delegation begins 9-day visit to PDRY.

FEBRUARY

- 1st Minister of Foreign Affairs, Mohammad Saleh Aulaqi, begins a tour to Hungary, East Germany, Czechoslovakia and Poland.
- " Foundation stone laid of first tobacco and cigarette factory, with a capital of \$ 3/4 million.
- 2nd Romanian Counsellor (resident in Cairo) arrives to set up a Romanian Embassy.
- 4th New law nationalises hotels and cinemas.
- 9th Diplomatic Corps visits Seiyun (Say'un) in the 5th Governorate at invitation of MFA.
- 10th Prime Minister, Ali Nasser Mohammad, opens plenary session of Union of Arab Journalists (from Egypt, Tunis, Morocco, Lebanon, Syria, Iraq, Kuwait, Jordan and PDRY/YAR jointly).
- 15th North Korean Minister of Finance arrives.
- 22nd National Defence Council announces "repulse of a border attack" in Beihan, 4th Governorate, by mercenaries who suffered 67 casualties including Sheikh Ali Nagi Alghadir.
- " Deputy Prime Minister, Mahmood Abdulla Ushaish, leaves for Algeria to "strengthen economic relations".
- " Lufthansa jumbo jet airliner hijacked by Palestinian commandos to Aden. Passengers included Joseph Robert Kennedy, son of US Senator Edward Kennedy.
- 28th (?) PDRY/YAR border closed by Sana'a government without official announcement.

MARCE

- 2 - 6th Fifth Congress of the National Front Political Organisation.
- 20th DC9 aircraft on charter to Egyptian Airlines crashes in Aden hills.

March (continued)

- 1st Minister of the Interior, Mohammad Saleh Muti', begins tour to Syria, Iraq, Egypt, Libya and Algeria to give PDRY views on North/South tension.
- 30th The Keith Falconer Mission in Aden, a long-established British missionary society with a hospital and clinic, closed on orders of PDRY Government.

APRIL

- 2nd Locally-engaged Commercial Officer, Mustapha Hasson Obali, (cousin of prominent anti-Aden exile in YAR) disappears without trace.
- 3rd Prime Minister, Ali Nasser Mohammad, issues 7-point plan for reducing North/South tension.
- 5th Minister of Education, Ahmed Abdullah Abdul Illah, visits Cairo for Palestinian People's Congress and talks with Egyptian Minister of Education.
- 6th National Front Secretary General, Abdel Fattah Ismail, begins tour to Iraq, Algeria, Libya and Egypt to give PDRY views on North/South tension.
- " Algerian Minister of Energy and Industry arrives for talks with PDRY Petroleum Commission.
- " Ratification of Agreement for Judicial Cooperation between PDRY and East Germany.
- 10th "Uprising" of poor fishermen in 4th Governorate against "exploiters" announced.
- 15th IMF delegation arrives for talks with Ministries of Economy, Finance and Agriculture.
- 18th "Uprising" of peasants against mortgage and crop-sharing system in 3rd Governorate announced.
- 23rd Ministerial Resolution forbids employment of Yemeni citizens by foreign Embassies without "advance co-ordination" with Ministry of Foreign Affairs.
- " Yemeni-Bulgaria Friendship Committee set up.
- 26th Ordinance on Educational System issued, aimed at reforming society on revolutionary, democratic lines.

MAY

- 3rd Minister of Interior, Mohammad Saleh Muti', begins tour to USSR, East Germany, Hungary, Bulgaria and Romania to explain "imperialist-reactionary plots in Arabia and to consolidate mutual relations with the People's Police in those countries".

May (continued)

- Omani fort at Habarut is attacked from neighbouring fort in PDRY territory.
- 8th Deputy Prime Minister, Mohammad Abdulla Ushaish, leaves for "medical treatment" in Poland.
- 11th Minister of Foreign Affairs, Mohamed Saleh Aulaqi, summons British Charge d'Affaires to deliver protest against "repeated violation of PDRY air space by British aircraft and territorial waters by British warships". The protest was not accepted.
- 13th PDRY protests to United Nations regarding continued "British aggression against PDRY territories".
- 14th Trade statistics issued, as follows:-

	Imports (%)		Exports (%)	
	1966	1971	1966	1971
Arab countries	28	30	13	15
Socialist countries	2.7	6.4	.17	1.42
Developing countries	28	33	19	29
Capitalist countries	42	11	(Not available)	

- 24th Minister of Foreign Affairs begins tour to Algeria, Libya and Iraq.
- 25th Sultan of Oman's Air Force bombs PFLOAG headquarters in PDRY border town of Hauf.
- 29th First (non-resident) Polish Ambassador presents credentials.

JUNE

- 1st Yemeni-North Korean Friendship Committee set up.
- 3rd Secretary-General, Popular Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine (PDFLP), Nalf Hawatmah, arrives for one-month visit.
- " People's Court of 1st Governorate (Aden) passes death and lesser sentences on "saboteurs trained in Saudi Arabia".
- 4th 36-member Chinese medical mission arrives Aden to replace existing team.
- 5th Minister of Labour, Mohammad Ali Imayah, leaves for International Labour Conference in Geneva.
- " Cabinet approves Agreement on Information and Cultural Cooperation with Iraq.
- 6th Director-General, PDRY Radio & Television, returns from East Germany after signing agreement for training of Yemeni broadcasters.

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- th Minister of Justice, Mustapha Abdul Khaleq, leaves for USSR and Bulgaria to sign Cultural Agreement for 1972-73 and attend Dimitrov celebrations respectively.
- 10th Abortive attempt to assassinate Prime Minister on 22 May announced.
- 11th Chinese textile and weaving experts arrive.
- " Minister of Foreign Affairs, Mohammad Saleh Aulaqi, begins tour to Algeria, Libya, Syria and Iraq to arrange Algerian loan for oil exploration and "explain U.S.-British aggressive plans in Arabia".
- 12th East German trade delegation arrives.
- " Official spokesman denies French magazine "Express" story about secret PDFLP camp on Perim Island.
- 13th People's Court of 1st Governorate (Aden) passes death and lesser sentences on 12 persons for subversion.
- 16th Ethiopian military aircraft lands at Aden and pilot asks for asylum.
- 17th "Uprising" of poor fishermen in 5th Governorate against "exploiters" announced.
- " People's Court of 1st Governorate (Aden) passes gaol sentences on 5 persons for subversion.
- " Minister of Agriculture, Mohammad Suleiman Nasser, leaves for Kuwait.
- " North Korean Deputy Minister of Defence arrives for "22nd June" celebrations.
- 19th Plant to manufacture agricultural accessories (set up with North Korean aid) opened by Prime Minister, Ali Nasser Mohammad.
- 20th Czechoslovakian Deputy Chief of Staff arrives for "22nd June" celebrations.
- 21st Romanian Deputy Defence Minister arrives for "22nd June" celebrations.
- 26th Prime Minister, Ali Nasser Mohammad, in press interview says a YAR initiative to foil imperialist-reactionary plots is awaited and promises increased support of PFLOAG.
- 28th First Cuban (non-resident) Ambassador presents credentials.
- 29th Minister of Information, Abdullah al-Khamri, leaves to attend 10th anniversary of Algerian independence.

JULY

- 5st Korean Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs arrives.
- 7th National Front Secretary General, Abdel Fattah Iamail, in capacity of member of Presidential Council, begins tour to China, North Korea, Mongolia, East Germany and Bulgaria.
- 8th People's Court of 1st Governorate (Aden) passes death sentence on 6 persons for sabotage.
- 14th Economic and technical agreement between PDRY and China signed in Peking.
- 16th "Uprising" in the 5th Governorate by peasants taking over 52,000 acres from "exploiting feudalists" announced.
- " Minister of Culture and Tourism, Abdulla Abdul Razzak Ba-deeb, leaves for Bulgaria.
- 18th PDRY condemns meeting in Jedda of "Red Sea States" and rejects any conclusions of such meeting.
- 21st "Uprising" in 5th Governorate by workers against privately-owned Hadhrami Electricity Co. in Seiyun (Say'un) announced.
- 22nd PFLOAG delegation leaves Aden for China and North Korea.
- 24th Mr Henry Hogger, Third Secretary, declared persona non grata (in retaliation against Mr Ali Ahmed Amer, First Secretary, PDRY Embassy in London).
- 26th Arab League Secretary General, Mr Mahmood Riyadh, visits Aden in course of a tour of Arab countries.
- 31st National Front Politburo announces severe reductions in salaries of party members.

AUGUST

- 3rd National Front Politburo announces severe reductions in salaries of all public sector employees.
- 5th New law (No.32) nationalises all residential and commercial premises except owner-occupied dwellings and property of 5 remaining foreign firms.
- " Minister of Foreign Affairs, Mohammad Saleh Aulaqi, leaves for Non-Aligned Conference in Guyana.
- 6th "United Yemen/Kuwaiti Fisheries Company" set up with capital of £1 million shared equally.
- 13th Cuban delegation arrives.
- 16th Italian delegation arrives to discuss "economic and technical cooperation" between PDRY and Italy.
- 19th Minister of Works, Haider Abubaker al-Attas, begins economic talks in Baghdad on "technical and economic cooperation" between PDRY and Iraq.

August (continued)

- 1st New Chinese Ambassador, Mr Tsui Tsien, presents credentials.
- 21st PDRY Government apply for 10 technical assistance scholarships for training in UK.
- 22nd PDRY condemns hijacking of ALYEMDA (Yemen National Airlines) DC-6 aircraft to Benghazi.
- 25th New law establishes a Central Bank with capital of YD 1 million.
- 26th "Uprising" of peasants against "feudalists" in Museimir, 2nd Governorate, announced.
- 27th New Soviet Ambassador, Mr Vladimir Polyakov, presents credentials.
- 28th Deputy Defence Minister and Armed Forces Commander, Ali Ahmed Nasser Antar, leaves with military delegation for Romania.
- " Agreement concluded between National Cigarette Factory and Rothmans for manufacture of cigarettes.

SEPTEMBER

- 1st Soviet Prime Minister sends letter affirming support of PDRY against imperialist and reactionary plots.
- " Minister of Education, Ahmed Abdulla Abdul Illah, leaves for Kuwait to arrange aid for schools, and for teachers.
- 2nd Kuwaiti Foreign Minister arrives.
- 3rd HM Ambassador sends Note to MFA demanding resumption of payments due on Oil Refinery loan (1955-58) and two Exchequer loans (1961 and 1962).
- 5th Kuwaiti Foreign Minister returns from trip to Sana'a with Prime Minister al-Aini's 5-point proposals for North/South settlement.
- 6th 5-man Arab League mediation committee visits Dhala near YAR border in 2nd Governorate.
"Top-level" Iraqi delegation arrives.
- " It is announced that scholarship awards offered by socialist countries rose from 26 in 1968 to 175 in 1972. Students on scholarships in Arab countries total 339.
- 7th Minister of Foreign Affairs leaves for Arab Foreign Ministers' Conference in Cairo.
- " New law sets up National Drug Company to replace expropriated Orient Pharmacies.
- 11th "Top-level" Cuban delegation arrives.
- 14th Iraqi Minister of Education arrives, in bid to reduce North/South tension.
- " New East German Ambassador, Dr Guenther Scharfenberg, presents credentials

September (continued)

- 8th Minister of Finance leaves to attend IMF and World Bank meetings in Washington.
- 23rd Minister of Agriculture, Mohammad Subiman Nasser, leaves for Arab Agriculture Organisation meeting in Khartoum.
- 24-26th Special mass celebrations for 10th anniversary of "26th September Revolution" (i.e. North Yemen revolution in 1962)
- 27th Minister of Justice, Mustapha Abdel Khaleq, leaves for Moscow to attend 50th Anniversary of Founding of USSR.
- " Agreement for renewal of aid for fisheries development by USSR signed.
- 29th Prime Minister announces attacks on PDRY villages in 2nd Governorate (Dhala) by "Saudi Arabian mercenaries, supported by YAR regular forces".
- 30th MFA spokesman suspects that aggression said to be planned by Saudi reaction "is coupled with a comprehensive plan against Democratic Yemen which is to be undertaken by the British forces in Oman".

OCTOBER

- 1st HM Ambassador sends Note to MFA saying such suspicions could have been allayed by prior reference to him.
- " Presidential Council and Council of Ministers "condemn internecine fighting" and offer all facilities to Arab League mediation committee.
- " Prime Minister Ali Nasser Mohammad, first calls for immediate cease-fire and committee of enquiry; then announces unilateral cease-fire.
- " Minister of Foreign Affairs, Mohammad Saleh Aulaqi, leaves for New York to attend UN General Assembly.
- 5th Arab League Mediation Committee, led by Mr Saleem al-Yafi, arrives.
- " Mr Ahmed al-Massiri, personal envoy of the Egyptian President, arrives.
- 6th Iraqi peace delegation returns from Sana'a.
- 8th YAR takes possession of Kamaran Island, part of PDRY, in the Red Sea.
- 10th Chinese Deputy Minister of Communications arrives.
- 13th Arab League mediation committee urges cease-fire, eschewal of warfare, inter-Yemen summit conference and "genuine unity".
- " Minister of Education, Ahmed Abdullan Abdel Illan, leaves for East Germany.

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- 16th Arab League mediation committee announces formation of joint Yemen military committee to supervise withdrawal of forces from borders.
- 19th Minister of Interior, Mohammad Saleh Muti', in Cairo for PDRY/YAR talks preparatory to Prime Ministers' meeting.
- 23rd Abdulla bin Salman leaves to take up duties as PDRY Ambassador in London.
- 24th Deputy Prime Minister, Mahmood Abdulla Ushaish, returns after 4½ months' medical treatment" in Poland and USSR.
- 26th Prime Minister, Ali Nasser Mohammad, leaves for Cairo.
- " National Front Secretary General, Abdel Fattah Ismail, leaves for Cuba.
- 28th "Agreement concerning Total Unity" signed in Cairo by Prime Ministers of both Yemens.

NOVEMBER

- 3rd Prime Minister, Ali Nasser Mohammad, returns after visiting Libya and Algeria.
- 5th PFLOAG delegation leaves Aden for USSR to attend 55th Anniversary of October Revolution celebrations.
- 8th Ministerial resolution sets up committees to conduct population census.
- 10th Minister of State, Abdul Aziz Abdel Walli, leaves for East Germany.
- 13th Council of Ministers endorses Agreement on Unity signed in Cairo.
- 14th Arab League military committee leaves for Sana'a after a tour of PDRY/YAR border.
- 16th Personal representative of PDRY Presidential Chairman, Abdulla Al-Khamiri, and personal representative of YAR President, Abdulla Arra'i, sign 10-point agreement for withdrawal of forces and removal of mines.
- 18th Borders between PDRY and YAR officially re-opened.
- " IBRD delegation arrives.
- 20th Chairman of Presidential Council, Salem Robaya Ali, leaves on first visit to Moscow. Egyptian President receives Chairman Salem Robaya in Cairo.
- 22nd Minister of Interior, Mohammad Saleh Muti', and Minister of Information, Abdullah al-Khamri, leave Tripoli.
- 27th PDRY and YAR Presidents hold closed meeting in Tripoli.
- " Council of Ministers ratifies Cooperation Agreement between PDRY and Cuba.

November (continued)

- 17th Hungarian Defence Minister arrives with 17-man military delegation.
- 28th Joint Statement on Yemen Unity issued in Tripoli by Presidents of both Yemens.

DECEMBER

- 1st Agreement on Trade Cooperation between USSR and PDRY signed in Moscow.
- " Kuwait Minister of State arrives.
- 5th 1973 programme for party and cultural cooperation between National Front and Soviet Communist Party signed in Aden.
- " Foundation stone laid of new textile factory in Aden (part of Chinese aid).
- 6th Ma'aglah bridge on road from Aden to Mahfid in 3rd Governorate (part of Chinese aid) opened by Prime Minister, Ali Nasser Mohammed.
- 12th Cuban Defence Committee delegation arrives on 3-week visit.
- " Minister of Economy & Industry, Anis Hasson Yehya, leaves Cairo for Romania after attending Arab Economic Council meeting.
- 15th Early opening of diplomatic relations with Switzerland announced.
- 17th Prime Minister, Ali Nasser Mohammed, in capacity of Minister of Defence, leaves on official visit to Moscow.
- 19th Meeting on political unity between two Yemens opens in Sana'a in presence of Libyan Foreign Minister and Assistant Secretary General, Arab League.
- 20th Formation of Price Stabilisation Fund, particularly for food and medicines, announced.
- 23rd Prime Minister, Ali Nasser Mohammed, meets Dr Fidel Castro in Moscow.
- 24th Arab League Secretary General arrives from Sana'a accompanied by Assistant Secretary General and personal representatives of Libyan and Algerian Presidents.
- 26th Personal representative of President Amin of Uganda delivers letter to Presidential Chairman Salem Robaya Ali.
- 28th Revd Ian Findlay, last nonconformist minister in PDRY, expelled on orders of PDRY Government.
- 29th Cuban medical team for Lahej Hospital arrives; and Cuban experts on animal breeding.