

SEMIC:

Demands Immediate Payment Of Yemen Civil Servants' Salaries



Introduction

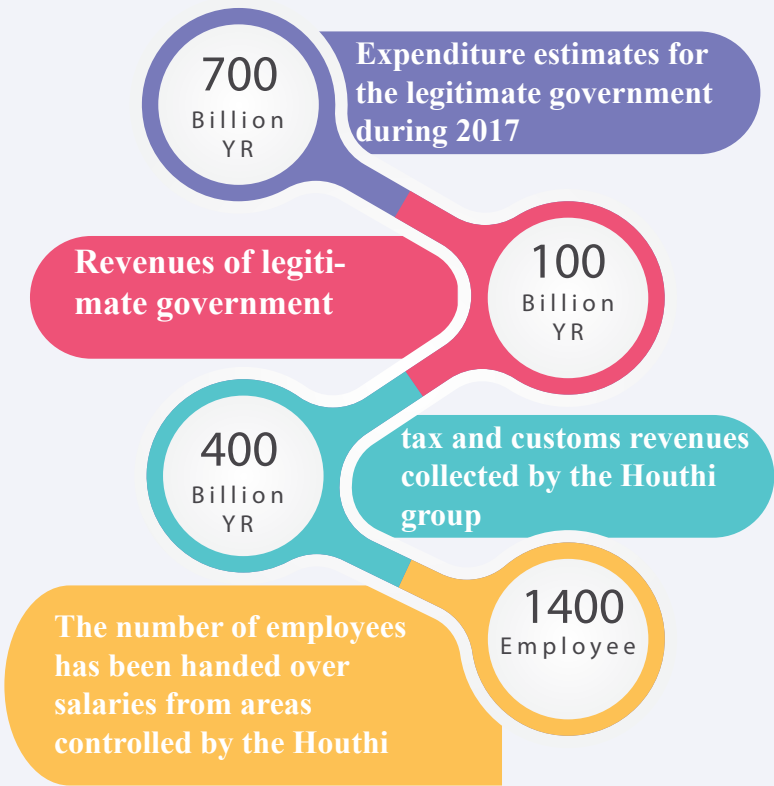
The Studies and Economic Media Center (SEMC) has demanded the immediate payment of salaries of Yemeni civil servants who have not received any payments for the 19th month running, especially those working in education and health sectors and non revenue generating institutions.

The Center expressed surprise over political rivals' disregard for such serious humanitarian situation that plunged over six million people into grinding poverty, particularly with the advent of the holy month of Ramadan during which time citizens' spending on life necessities increases.

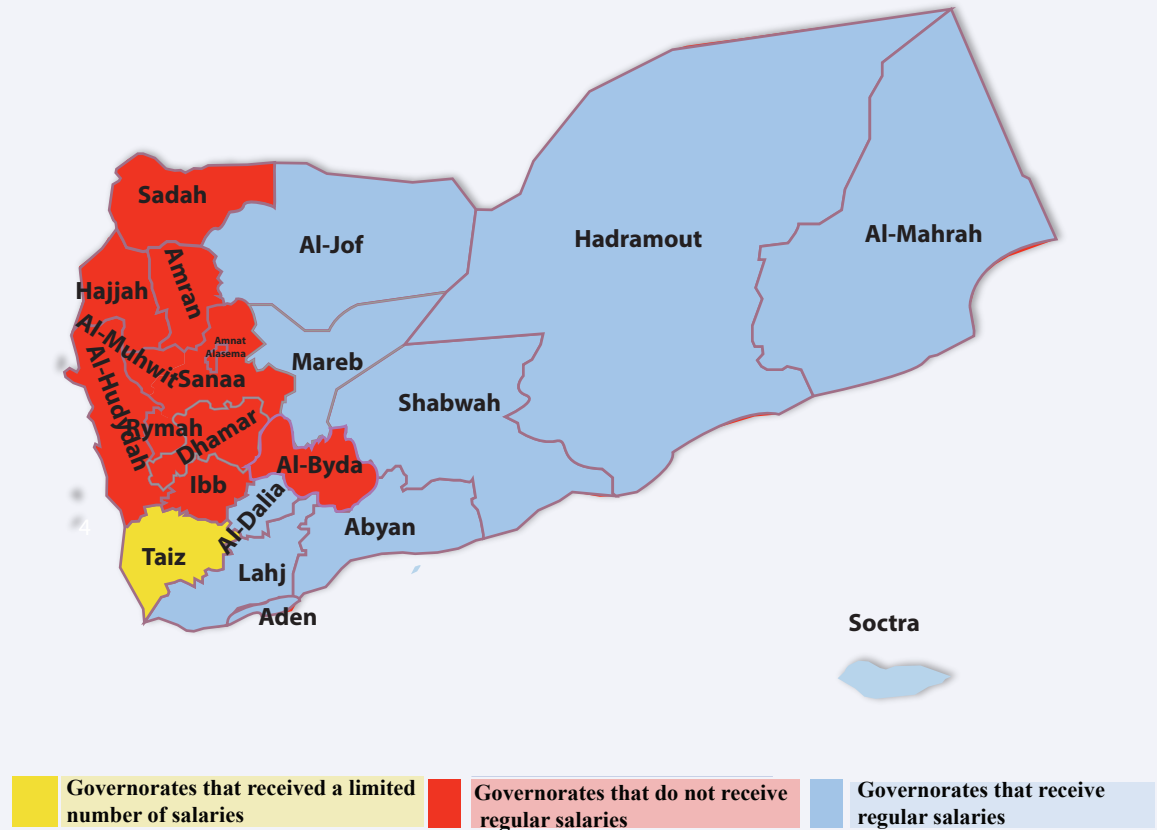
SEMC held all conflict parties, mainly the Houthis and the legitimate government fully accountable for this humanitarian tragedy, pointing out that the government last year spent nearly YR 700 billion, while the Houthis collected over YR400 billion in revenues from the areas under their control. It further indicated that more than 500,000 public servants have not been paid salaries since September 2016.

It noted that Yemen minimum wage has dropped to \$ 45 a month compared to \$95 in the past, meaning that employees lost out on more than half of their income due a drop of 143 percent in the value of the local currency owing to the war still raging on in Yemen.

The majority of civil servants in the Houthi-held areas are experiencing harsh living conditions, as salaries are paid only to those working for revenue generating institutions. Employees living in the government run areas are better off as they get paid regularly.



INFOGRAFIC illustrates the status of salaries of civil servants in the public sector according to governorates



" hungry lead me to begged people to feed my kids , I tried very hard to look for work. I asked everyone I knew and whose who did not know to help me get job that ensure good life to my 12 kids but I could not get job, I feel shy to beg people but there is no other way to feed my family. hunger is ruthless, as they are merchants of war who do not have mercy on us."

A.A (40 years old) public sector employee affected by ongoing war and lost his source of income.



"The salary cut has changed my and my family's life to the worst. Almost a year and a half, we still have no salaries, we received one salary from the legitimate government, two half of salary of the Houthis, and because of the irregularity of paying salaries, we could not pay rents of our houses and living expenses. No One cares for our suffering , the Houthis and the legitimate government ignore it , we are the forgotten victims of this war "

F.M (45 years old) Employee in education in Sana'a



"The Houthis periodically threaten me to terminate me from my job because I do not attended to the school, and we have only received half a salary for months while we received a full salary from the government in Aden only over a year and a half and so far there is no promises or hope to get At least half a salary. "

Mohammed Al-Yosifi (37) teacher in education ministry in Sana'a , he leaves teaching and works as taxi driver to feed his kids and pay department rent and he did not plan to return to school until he got his salaries.



594 thousand
Number of civil Employees

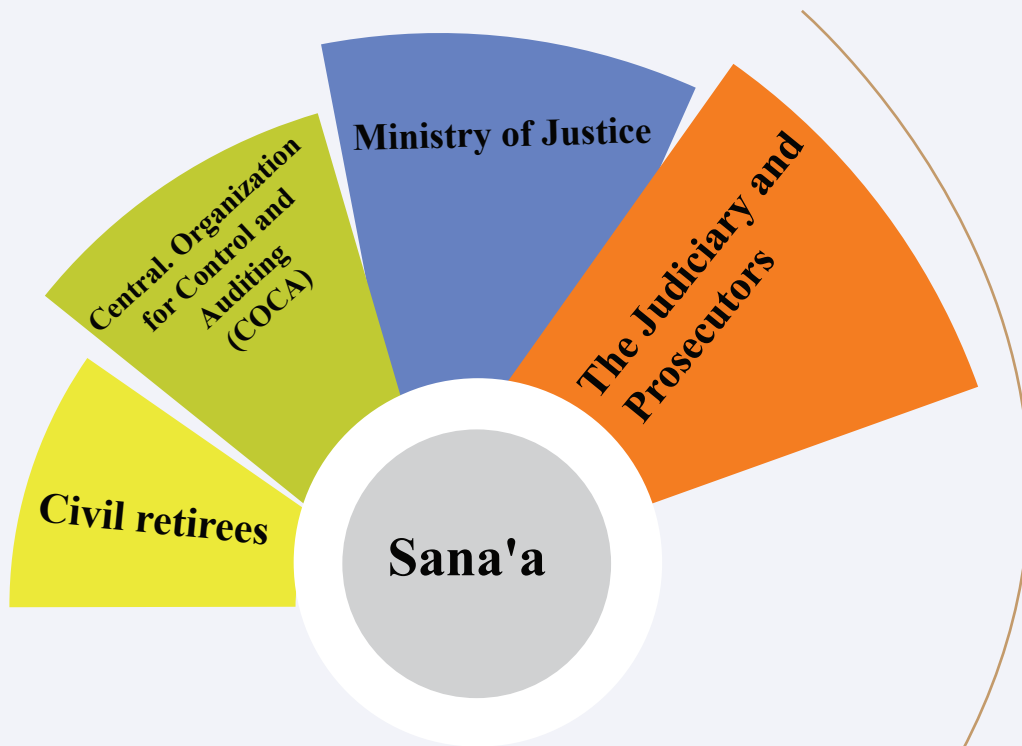
709 Billion YR
Total salary cost per year

546 Billion YR
Total salaries of units of central & local Authority per year

162 Billion YR
Total salaries of economic sector units Independent and attached units and funds Per year

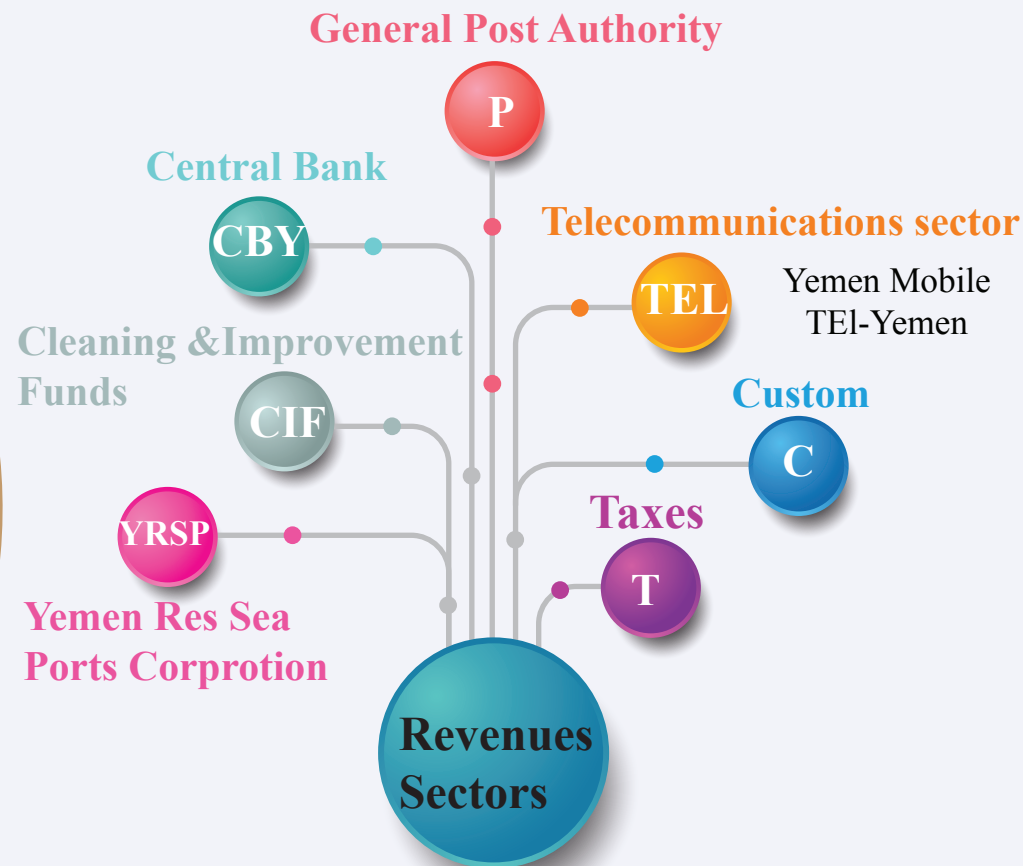


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Some sectors in Sana'a receive Monthly salaries from the legitimate government in Aden

Infographic: shows the revenues institutions that Controlled by the Houthis and continues to pay regular salaries for their employees.





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