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Description

Just reported by HispanTV News : “The Yemeni popular movement Ansarolah accuses former President Ali Abdullah Saleh of organizing a coup against his alliance. Call on all groups to maintain the unity and stability of the country”.

It seems that the clashes between the two factions are circumscribed to the city of Sana´a.

Yemeni people should learn from the Lebanese people on how maintaining the unity of the country is a must to avoid being exterminated by the “Axis of Evil”.

Of course, something must be done for the relief of the suffering of the civil population and achieve the rising of blockade, but to give up the fight just to get Saleh at the helms again is like if all this years of sacrifice would have bee for nothing.

When I visited Yemen, almost a decade and a half ago, under Saleh rule, poverty was widespread there, people was said to eat only one meal a day, and the only people who had a university degree were those original from former Popular Democratic Republic in the South, who had had the opportunity to study in Cuba and the USSR, being at that time no opportunity for nothing except allowing them working as travel guides, with the most ambitious amongst them wishing to leave the country not seeing any future at all there.

I can remember people affected by Poliomyelitis, a disase already erradicated in our developed world, like that man who was oblied to walk bent, like an animal, with two wooden blocks in his hands as if they were shoes....Also I remember getting very impressed by a little girl playing with other children in the old city of Saada, who had one of her eyes completely in process of destruction by a serious infection,..Both her and the other children seemed to accept such a tragic destiny as a natural curse....

Before my travel, as usual, I had read a bit about the country, and amongst the things I had read was about some kidnapping of tourists which were taken place for to exert pressure on the government for providing electricity or water to the village or any other thing like this. They were adding at those readings that the kidnapped tourists were always so well treated that there had been cases where the tourists had asked for remaining some aditional days in the village when their liberation was about to come....Such friendly, warm and kindhearted is the people living in *Arabia Félix*....They do not deserve such a leader as Saleh who, most probably, will loot all the funds coming for reconstruction....

During this travel, my group, as the proletarian travelers we were, stayed at humble hotels and people's homes, but, for one day we stayed in a four stars hotel at Maareb, most probably because there was no other option in that conflictive zone very hostile to the government, only for four hours of sleep before starting the crossing of Ramlat Al Sab'atayn desert to get to Hadramawt valley, the only guests I could see at that hotel were a group of about four tall anglosaxon guys wearing caps.... Although at that time I was very young and ignorant about what was being cooked around the world, while I was having a funny time with my travel companions, they did not go unnoticed by me and I got to think that they only could be CIA agents... well, they were not tourists, I can assure you..... I really wondered what the hell they were doing there....