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Arabic Land-Bridge Report Printed in Yemen

April 14—On March 23, 2016—simultaneous with the EIR-sponsored Frankfurt conference “Solving the Economic and Refugee Crises with the New Silk Road!”¹—Fouad al-Ghaffari, a friend of the La-Rouche Movement, released the Arabic-language translation of *The New Silk Road Becomes the World Land-Bridge* report in Sana’a, the capital city of Yemen.

Frankfurt seminar participant Hussein Askary sent [a video message](#) to the Sana’a, Yemen event.

In releasing the report al-Ghaffari issued both a personal greeting and an official press release. Excerpts follow:

The Greeting

“Dr. Abdul Aziz al-Magaleh,² today in the celebration of the advisory office for coordination with BRICS and from the Yemeni Center for Studies and Research, announces the launching of the reading of the Arabic report, *The New Silk Road Becomes the World Land-Bridge*, in the republic of Yemen, and expresses the report as an objective report that extends bridges to the countries in the third world which are suffering enormous misery and suffering. He also confirmed that we are addressing an international event made by great and experienced minds through long expertise, and called for moving the waters to build the nation by the intellectuals.”

Press Release

“In the presence and sponsorship of Dr. Abdul Aziz al-Magaleh, the Chairman of the Yemeni Center for



Dr. Abdul Aziz al-Magaleh (left) and Fouad al-Ghaffari (center) at a press conference in Sana’a, Yemen, on March 23, as they announced the release of the Arabic-language translation of The New Silk Road Becomes the World Land-Bridge.

Studies and Research, the advisory office for coordination with BRICS, Al Fouad Solutions launched today, the 23rd of March 2016, the program of reading the Arabic report, *The New Silk Road Becomes the World Land Bridge*.

“The first session is supported by the Chairman of the advisory body of the office and occurs in the presence of a number of intellectuals, academics, media, businessmen and businesswomen, and bankers.

“The best introduction of the report was made by the translator of the report, intellectual Hussein Askary. The report was made by a group of intellectuals, working for a period of forty years, headed by a German lady, Mrs. Helga LaRouche, the Chairman of Schiller Institute, widely known as the Lady of the New Silk Road for her leadership in presenting the project of the New Silk Road to the BRICS countries.

“This report is considered as an educational refer-

1. For a report on the conference, see [EIR, April 1, 2016](#).

2. A poet and former President of Sana’a University, and now the Head of the Center for Studies and Research in Yemen.

ence that sums up the great experiences of various nations, including similar experiences of the Arab World today, which have enabled them to build a better future for their nations.

“This report also shows the experiences of nations that started building their economy and civilization in the right way but faced certain deteriorations, and this led them to change their way of thinking and provoked the people and the leaders to go back to ground zero.

“The report launched today in Yemen, after being officially launched in Egypt on March 7, 2016, is a great description of the nature of the new international system that started with the establishment of the BRICS, and the announcement by China of its intention to cooperate with all the countries worldwide to build the economic belt for the New Silk Road.

“The advisory office for coordination with the BRICS is seeking a new way of thinking to pay tribute to the martyrs and the wounded people on all fighting fronts and to be able to prepare the decision makers to end this vicious death cycle and create an economy based on production and not on austerity measures—to present hope to the people in the right time.

“The office considers the BRICS philosophies as free dynamics to a new system of international relations made by the five fast growing nations worldwide (Brazil, Russia, India, China, South Africa) which was born as the new modern genius to represent a life boat to save humanity from the floods of the collapse of the world Imperial System that has involved the world in a series of conflicts and wars.

“The advisory office believes that Yemen’s problem is not the lack of money, but it is the lack of *vision*. Hence we should adopt the vision that would have the faith of the people to defend it, and act to fulfill the outcomes of the national dialogue conference and the agreement that peace and partnership must be the main solution, after trying other solutions hundreds of times. The economic change to be made is the one that would make the world look to Yemen as an opportunity, not as a burden.

“At the end of the workshop, the advisory office for coordination with BRICS is grateful to the Yemeni Center for Studies and Research for sponsoring the program of reading the report every Tuesday, and the office is expressing thanks and appreciation for all who supported them to reach this advanced stage.

“The advisory office for coordination with BRICS is exerting its best efforts, along with a wide spectrum

from the government side, civil society, private sector and mixed-sector businessmen, and it has taken executive steps to reach its goals:

- Raising a proposal on the importance of forming a National Committee for Coordination with BRICS.
- Reaching out to the World Club of the Youth on the BRICS.
- Adopting the proposal of forming an operations room for the preparation of a Bank of Reconstruction and inviting external experts to design the bank, which is a demanding requirement, to solve the problems of money and internally displaced persons together.
- Reading the first Chinese Policy Document for the Arab Nation and arranging for its translation with the concerned community partners, due to the importance of this document in drawing the new line of Chinese International Relations.
- Raising the proposal of forming an economic delegation to travel to see the economic indications of the new economic system.
- Reading the New Silk Road book, according to the program here, every Tuesday—to expose the reality and to show the benefits Yemen will get from the passage of the New Silk Road.
- Adding the discussion of Yemen to the second edition of the New Silk Road Report.”

Hope in the Midst of Hell

One year ago, in March 2015, Saudi Arabia, acting as a proxy for the Obama Administration and the British Empire, began a sustained terror campaign of air warfare against the nation of Yemen. The Saudi air strikes, which continue to this day, have been indiscriminate, utilizing cluster and other banned anti-personal bombs to hit schools, hospitals, markets, private homes, centers for the blind and disabled, and other humanitarian targets. According to UNICEF, at least six children have been killed or maimed in the fighting every day for the past year, and this represents only the verified casualties, with UNICEF stating that the actual totals are almost certainly much higher.

One week before the March 22, 2016 Brussels terrorist attacks, a Saudi-led air strike bombed a market in Mastaba, Yemen. Although more people died in Mastaba than in Brussels—106 versus 34—the media and the international community in general ignored that earlier atrocity, as they have ignored most of the 150 indiscriminate aerial attacks reported by the United Nations during the last year.

Almost all of the military hardware, including the planes, bombs, and logistical support utilized by Saudi government in this air war of terror has come from either the United States or Great Britain. Saudi Arabia is now the world's largest purchaser of weapons, and in 2015 it purchased \$20 billion worth of weapons from the United States and over \$4 billion from Britain. The United Arab Emirates, Saudi Arabia's main partner in the Yemen war, is now the world's fourth-largest purchaser of weapons, acquiring \$1.07 billion from the U.S. and \$65.5 million from Britain last year.

The situation inside Yemen is a genocidal catastrophe. In addition to the more than 6,500 civilians killed and 30,000 wounded, the nation is under almost complete embargo. More than 600 health centers have shut as medicine and other supplies have disappeared. In August 2015, the head of the International Red Cross stated, "Yemen after five months looks like Syria after five years," and in terms of the "numbers of people in need" the humanitarian crisis in Yemen was "the largest in the world," according to the UN Security Council.

Out of Yemen's total population of 24 million, it is estimated that 21 million now require urgent aid, that 18 million lack access to safe clean water, and that more than half lack access to food. UNICEF officials in Yemen state that there are more than 850,000 half-starved children in the country, and outright starvation is now killing increasing numbers. UNICEF also estimates that in the last twelve months the number of children who died from preventable diseases increased by 10,000 over the previous twelve-month period.

Fighting for a Future

At the March 23rd event in Sana'a, Yemen, where the Arabic-language translation of *The New Silk Road Becomes the World Land-Bridge* was released, Fouad al-Ghaffari announced that this meeting would be followed up by readings from the Land-Bridge Report, to be held on a weekly basis.

The first of these readings took place on March 29, and in a report from that meeting Hussein Askary had the following to say:

"An indication of the shift taking place in the world is that in Yemen, *people being bombarded by the old order are meeting to read the materials of the new order!* There were five more writers and poets at the second reading than the first.

"Look at what we have achieved! We are not telling

people good news; we are not frightening people with bad news, and then giving them good news to make them feel better. We are creating a new geometry in the world—with Russia, China, and others. We have to get people away from this idea of the British order as having so much money, so much media power. They are wrong. *There is a new dynamic in the world and we are providing the ideas for that dynamic.* We must convey to our supporters that we are changing the world. They should turn their TVs off and stop listening to the commentators who were wrong about the economy, wrong about Syria, wrong about everything. We must convey to people that we are operating in a new geometry."

Another report on the same meeting was forwarded from Fouad al-Ghaffari, in which he stated the following:

"In the second session of the program of reading the Arabic report, *The New Silk Road Becomes the World Land-Bridge*, and after the successful unique launching by Dr. Abdul Aziz al-Magaleh on March 23, the advisor office for coordination with BRICS held its activity today, March 29, 2016, sponsored by the Yemeni Youth Businessmen & Women Committee, which attended the session for the reading of the first and second chapters, read by intellectuals Mr. Faiz al-Bokhary, Mr. Abdulbasit al-Mashwaly, and Mr. Zaid Alfagayh.

"At the opening of the session, Advisor Fouad al-Ghaffari welcomed all the attendees including intellectuals, businessmen, poets, and economic figures, as the right and healthy trend since the start of reading the report.

"He confirmed the importance of implementing the UN Security Council Resolution No. 2250, about youth, in accordance with what is believed in the *New Silk Road* report as a practical guide to the World Land-Bridge for the Yemeni young businessmen and businesswomen.

"Mr. Hareth al-Zubairi, the Deputy of Yemeni Youth Business Committee, delivered a speech expressing the need to cope with change and the need to seize the opportunity available, praising highly the cooperation with the team of advisory cooperation with BRICS.

"Today's meeting was presented by Ms. Fatima Abu Dyna, and the discussions were facilitated by Mr. Mohammed al-Nunu, the Executive Manager of the Advisory Council.

"The session had various discussions and inquiries and advices about the new international land-bridge...."