

وثيقة رقم (181/48/30) المؤرخة في ديسمبر 1953

من : الحاكم الإداري لمدينة عدن

إلى : السير / بيرنارد ريلي ، مسؤول شئون المستعمرات - لندن

ملخص الوثيقة:

- الإشارة الى محضر اجتماع لندن بتاريخ 12 نوفمبر 1953 والتوصيات الناتجة عنه والمتعلقة بصحيفة الفضول.
- اشار حاكم عدن بأن مسألة صحيفة الفضول قد اخذت منحى جديد كون ترخيص الصحيفة قد انتهى بتاريخ 17 نوفمبر 1953، وأن الصحيفة استمرت باصدار عددين متتالين بتاريخ 18/11/1953 و 31/10/1953.
- استمرار الفضول بإصدار أعداد لصحيفته بدون تجديد تصريح جريدة بعد مخالفة جسيمة طبقاً للبند (14) لقانون الصحافة والمطبوعات.
- اعتبر الحاكم الإداري لمدينة عدن هذه المناسبة فرصة سانحة لمعاقبة الصحيفة وفقاً للقانون.
- طلب الحاكم الإداري لمدينة عدن المشورة في حالة طلب عبدالله عبد الوهاب نعمان تجديد رخصة صحيفته، حيث يرى بأنه في حالة الموافقة على تجديد رخصة جريدة الفضول ومن ثم سحب هذه الرخصة في وقت لاحقاً بحجة مهاجمة الصحيفة للنظام في الشمال يعد امر صعب ولا يحذى أن يقوم به.
- إقتراح الحاكم الإداري لعدن بالمقاطلة في حالة تقديم عبد الله عبد الوهاب نعمان تجديد رخصة صحيفته، حيث يتوقع الحاكم الإداري لعدن بأن الفضول سوف يكتشف حالاً أن رخصة صحيفته منتهية ويترتب على ذلك إجراءات عقابية ضد الصحيفة.

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December, 1953.

Dear Sir Bernard

(2o) Thank you for your letter of the 12th November, enclosing the record of the discussion we had in London with the Foreign Office on the subject of "AL FADHUL".

A new development has arisen with regard to the licence of this newspaper. The licence expired on the 17th October. The Editor has taken no steps to obtain a renewal and has produced two editions, on the 31st October and 18th November. By so doing he has committed an offence against Section 14 of the Press & Registration of Books Ordinance (Cap III) and I have agreed that a prosecution should be instituted. I should like to make it clear that I have not agreed to this prosecution as a means of punishing the Editor for the mischievous manner in which his newspaper has been conducted, but rather because I feel it is high time that proper steps were taken to administer the provisions of the Ordinance more strictly than has been the case hitherto, and any other case where there is a similar transgression will be similarly treated.

The point that now arises for consideration is the attitude which I should adopt when and if Mr. Abdulla Abdul Wahab Noman applies for a renewal of his licence. You will appreciate that if I consent to the renewal of the licence now, it will be rather difficult for me to cancel it in a few months' time on the ground that the Editor has declined to observe a warning to exercise moderation in his attacks on the present Government and Rulers of the Yemen. I therefore feel inclined to withhold my consent to the reissue of a licence to this gentleman, but I should not like to do this unless I am assured that such action is agreeable to you.

/Since

Sir Bernard Reilly, K.C.M.G., C.I.E., O.B.E.,
The Colonial Office,
LONDON, S.W.1.

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Since we must expect the Editor to submit his renewal application as soon as he knows that proceedings are to be instituted against him I shall be grateful if you will let me have a telegraphic reply. Meanwhile Mr. Noman will be informed, if he applies, that his application is under consideration.

I am sending a copy of this letter to H.B.M. Charge d'Affaires, Taiz.

Sir from Hudechka, who appears the draft of this letter, is absent on tour and I am therefore signing on his behalf.

Yours sincerely

P. D. Lane