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### Abdulla Luqman, managing partner

Abdulla Luqman, Managing Partner of Luqman Legal, explains the progress of Luqman Legal and the new trends in arbitration over recent years impacted by the war in Yemen.

**What do you see as the main points that differentiate Luqman Legal from your competitors?**

Luqman Legal was established with a young and modern outlook. From day one, we embarked on attracting the best lawyers who are Yemenis but foreign educated and exposed to both cultures. This enabled the firm to bridge the common gap in Yemen relating to the ability to communicate and serve international clients, via modern technology and foreign language skills.

In addition, all members of the firm, understood and applied the fundamentals of providing efficient and prompt services to clients wherever they are and regardless of the current conditions on the ground in Yemen. In order to serve our world-wide international clients we do not abide by fixed working hours. We make ourselves available 24/7, 365 days.

**What practices do you see growing in the next 12 months? What are the drivers behind that?**

**Arbitration:** Over the past few years of political turmoil and war in Yemen, most international clients left Yemen especially in the sectors of oil & gas, energy and construction. A vast number of such entities invoked force majeure. Contracts in such sectors are usually governed by local and international arbitrations. Many arbitrations were filed in this respect and the firm continues to play a pivotal role in such arbitrations whether locally or internationally. With the deterioration and closure of many courts and judicial bodies, we are noting a significant growth in the field of arbitration and expect that to continue over the coming years.

**What's the main change you've made in the firm that will benefit clients?**

Despite war conditions, we made a decision to remain on the ground, close and available at all times to our clients' needs. Clients appreciate this and often express their gratitude for such availability.

**Is technology changing the way you interact with your clients, and the services you can provide them?**

Surely, technology has enhanced the working styles, efficiency of services and delivery of all businesses. Luqman Legal has benefited from such tools to better communicate and interact with its clients.

**Can you give us a practical example of how you have helped a client to add value to their business?**

The examples are many and occur every day. One of our goals is to push parties to amicably settle their disputes. Some of the reasons include, the controversial judicial system in Yemen, the length of court disputes and the unjustified time spent in such proceedings. Therefore, although striving to mediate between the parties to reach amicable settlement may not be in the best financial interest of the firm, we feel it is our obligation to serve our clients' interests before our own.

We are especially proud of reaching an amicable settlement between a multinational telecom operator and the Government of Yemen. The initial claim was for USD100 Million and we managed to settle it for USD20 Million.

**Are clients looking for stability and strategic direction from their law firms – where do you see the firm in three years' time?**

The firm has now completed its thirteenth year moving from one success to another. Our plans over the next three years include expanding our newly established firm in Saudi Arabia and setting up a fully fledged office in Aden.