

A Lie by Saleh Kantoush: Claiming a Yemeni Ruler Asked Them to Visit Al-Zubaidi in Riyadh

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Among Saleh Kantoush's fabrications is his statement in *Kashf al-Tashwish* (p. 1) that a certain Yemeni ruler invited them to attend the Riyadh Agreement, so they consulted senior scholars, who welcomed the idea.

I say:

I challenge you, Saleh Kantoush, to name the Yemeni ruler—the one who held authority in Yemen at that time—who invited you to attend the agreement.

How could you visit state officials and inform them of the fatwa regarding fighting the Muslim Brotherhood?

The reality of the matter is that you consulted Sheikh Rabee bin Hadi al-Madkhali (may Allah have mercy on him) but did not tell him you intended to visit Al-Zubaidi in Riyadh—even though you had recently spoken to him and asked about the fighting in Yemen. You knew Sheikh Rabee would not approve of such a visit, so you went to Sheikh Al-Bukhari instead and informed him; he authorized you to visit Al-Zubaidi in Riyadh. He is the one you were referring to when you claimed to have consulted “senior scholars.”

When I brought your errors to Sheikh Al-Bukhari's attention—including your visit to senior figures who had rebelled against the state—Sheikh Al-Bukhari asked me, “What is wrong with that?” meaning, “What is the harm in them visiting him?”

I was truly astonished by Sheikh Al-Bukhari's words and said to myself, “How can he authorize them to visit people who have rebelled against the state?” This is one of the reasons that led me to withdraw from the arbitration process—or what they call “arbitration,” whereas in reality, I had simply asked him to offer some advice.