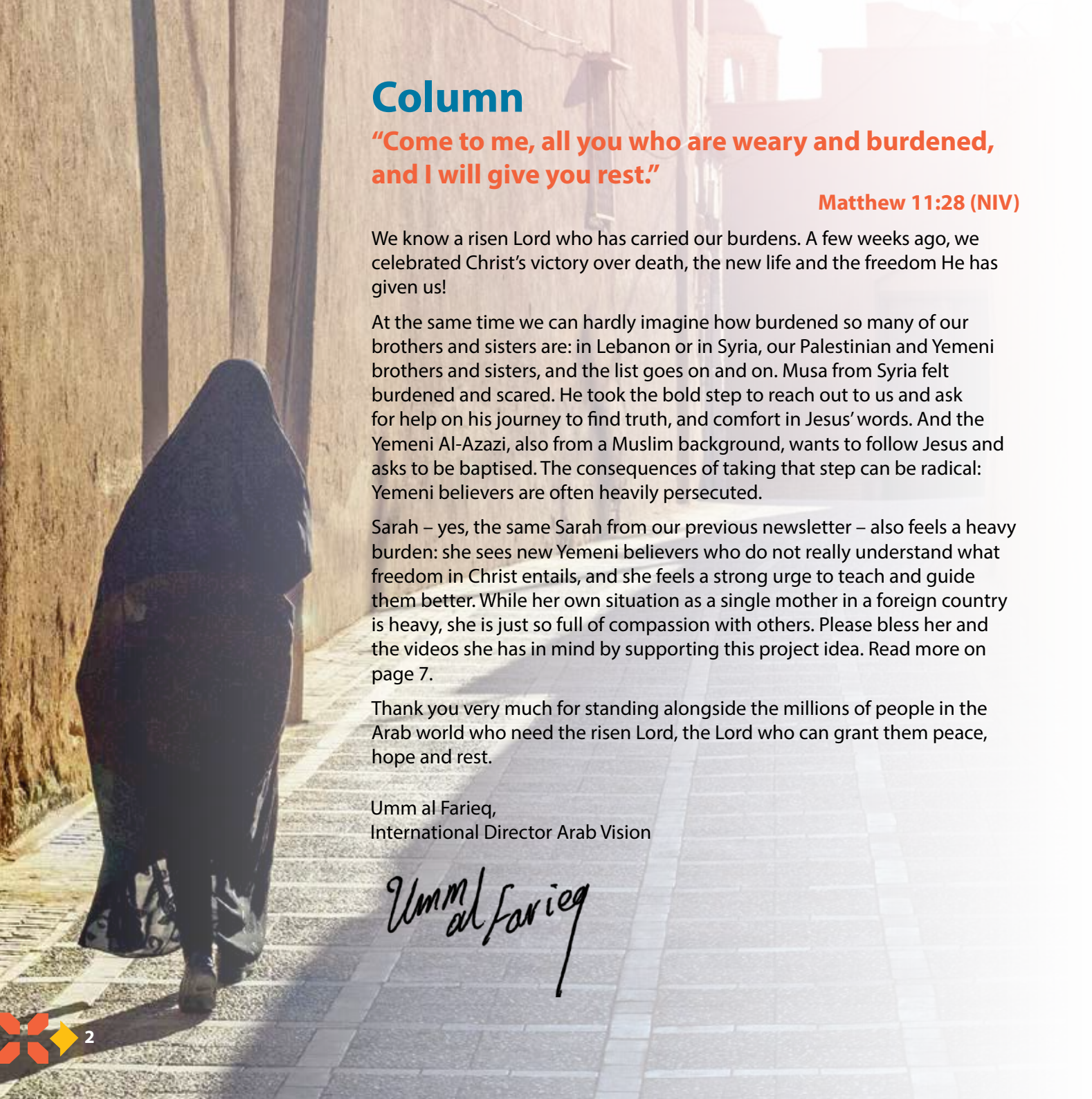




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Column

**“Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened,
and I will give you rest.”**

Matthew 11:28 (NIV)

We know a risen Lord who has carried our burdens. A few weeks ago, we celebrated Christ’s victory over death, the new life and the freedom He has given us!

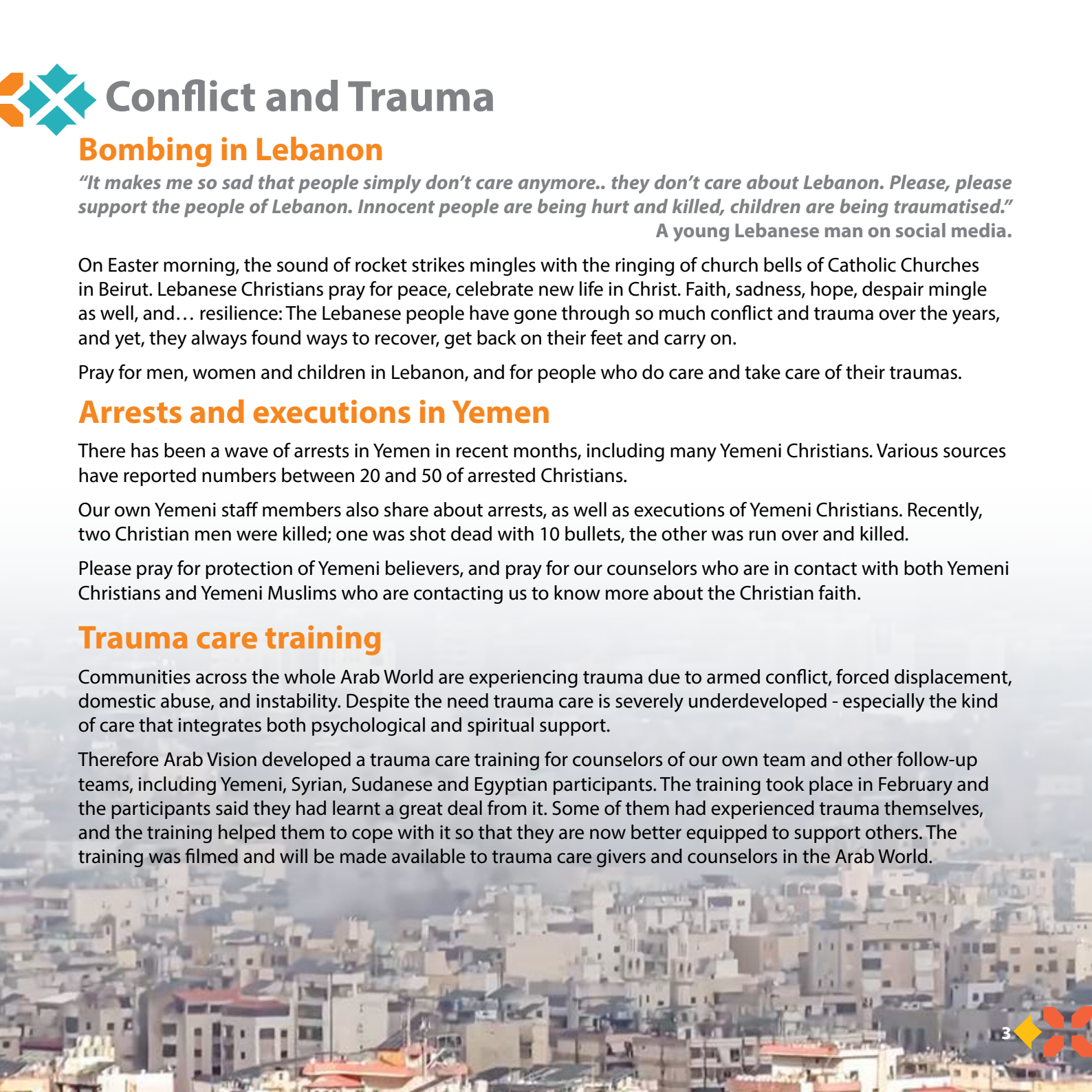
At the same time we can hardly imagine how burdened so many of our brothers and sisters are: in Lebanon or in Syria, our Palestinian and Yemeni brothers and sisters, and the list goes on and on. Musa from Syria felt burdened and scared. He took the bold step to reach out to us and ask for help on his journey to find truth, and comfort in Jesus’ words. And the Yemeni Al-Azazi, also from a Muslim background, wants to follow Jesus and asks to be baptised. The consequences of taking that step can be radical: Yemeni believers are often heavily persecuted.

Sarah – yes, the same Sarah from our previous newsletter – also feels a heavy burden: she sees new Yemeni believers who do not really understand what freedom in Christ entails, and she feels a strong urge to teach and guide them better. While her own situation as a single mother in a foreign country is heavy, she is just so full of compassion with others. Please bless her and the videos she has in mind by supporting this project idea. Read more on page 7.

Thank you very much for standing alongside the millions of people in the Arab world who need the risen Lord, the Lord who can grant them peace, hope and rest.

Umm al Farieq,
International Director Arab Vision

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Conflict and Trauma

Bombing in Lebanon

“It makes me so sad that people simply don’t care anymore.. they don’t care about Lebanon. Please, please support the people of Lebanon. Innocent people are being hurt and killed, children are being traumatised.”

A young Lebanese man on social media.

On Easter morning, the sound of rocket strikes mingles with the ringing of church bells of Catholic Churches in Beirut. Lebanese Christians pray for peace, celebrate new life in Christ. Faith, sadness, hope, despair mingle as well, and... resilience: The Lebanese people have gone through so much conflict and trauma over the years, and yet, they always found ways to recover, get back on their feet and carry on.

Pray for men, women and children in Lebanon, and for people who do care and take care of their traumas.

Arrests and executions in Yemen

There has been a wave of arrests in Yemen in recent months, including many Yemeni Christians. Various sources have reported numbers between 20 and 50 of arrested Christians.

Our own Yemeni staff members also share about arrests, as well as executions of Yemeni Christians. Recently, two Christian men were killed; one was shot dead with 10 bullets, the other was run over and killed.

Please pray for protection of Yemeni believers, and pray for our counselors who are in contact with both Yemeni Christians and Yemeni Muslims who are contacting us to know more about the Christian faith.

Trauma care training

Communities across the whole Arab World are experiencing trauma due to armed conflict, forced displacement, domestic abuse, and instability. Despite the need trauma care is severely underdeveloped - especially the kind of care that integrates both psychological and spiritual support.

Therefore Arab Vision developed a trauma care training for counselors of our own team and other follow-up teams, including Yemeni, Syrian, Sudanese and Egyptian participants. The training took place in February and the participants said they had learnt a great deal from it. Some of them had experienced trauma themselves, and the training helped them to cope with it so that they are now better equipped to support others. The training was filmed and will be made available to trauma care givers and counselors in the Arab World.



Testimony Al-Azazi

Can I be baptised?

I've been receiving your 'Miracle every day' emails for a while now. My name is Al-Azazi and, after fleeing Yemen, I ended up in Egypt with my wife. Through a foreigner I heard about the Gospel and now I go to church from time to time. I'd really like to be baptised – is that possible?

We are thrilled about this question from Al-Azazi, a young man of 25, and start a conversation with him. It turns out he has been reading the Gospel online for three years and regularly attends church services. He is still afraid to tell that he is from a Muslim background.

He has never prayed himself. We talk together about the Gospel message. We ask him whether he is convinced that Jesus died for him to give him life. We also ask him to express his desire to follow Jesus wholeheartedly. Then, we pray together. It's such a joy!

Together we talk about the meaning of being baptised. Al-Azazi has very little knowledge of the Christian faith and is very keen to grow further as a follower of Christ. We offer him to follow a discipleship programme, and ask a local pastor to mentor him. They meet, and once again Al-Azazi professes that he wants to follow Jesus, and they pray together.

The next day he returns, but this time with his wife Rafiqa. She too wants to get to know Jesus and be baptised.

We thank God for His work in their lives!

Testimony Musa

For the first time in my life I prayed in my own words

"My name is Musa. I am from Syria. I was born and raised as a Muslim, but after a long period of studying different religions, I wish to embrace Christianity.

This decision has not been easy. It is the result of a sincere desire to find truth, peace, and meaning in my life. In Christianity, I have found values that deeply moved me: love, respect, compassion, and forgiveness. These teachings have touched me in a way I had never experienced before. Like this verse from Matthew 11: Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest

I want to accept Christ and follow His path. However, I am living in a very dangerous environment. In my society, leaving Islam can lead to severe consequences, including threats to my life. Because of this, I am afraid to express my beliefs openly.

I am reaching out to you with hope and trust, as I would like to learn more about Christianity in a safe way, and if possible, to be connected with people or communities who can help me in this journey.

Thank you for taking the time to read my message. Can you help me?"

One of our counselors contacted Musa and invited him to a video call. He tells: "I met with Musa at 1:00 AM, as the internet connection in his area is very weak during the daytime. During our time together, I walked with him through the message of Christ: His love and sacrifice for humanity. We spoke about the meaning of prayer in the Christian life, not as a ritual, but as a personal relationship with God."

For the first time in his life, Musa prayed. In his own words he expressed his desire to believe in Jesus Christ as his personal Lord and Savior.

Please join us in prayer for him, for peace and discernment as he reads the bible, and for wisdom and patience for our colleague. Also, please pray for mutual trust as they walk this journey together.



New Project

Like Clay in the Hand of the Potter

The Word of God is full of lessons learned from traditional crafts and professions. We are going to produce a television series, filmed in authentic workshops and traditional neighbourhoods in the Middle East, connecting everyday work with concepts of faith, dignity, perseverance, and change.

Through conversations with artisans, personal testimonies, and reflective teaching, each episode demonstrates how faith can be lived within daily work and community life.

Carpenter

Mark 6:3 *Jesus worked with his hands.*

Vine-grower

John 15:1-2 *Pruning can be painful but is necessary for growth.*

Weaver

Matthew 9:16 *New life requires renewal, not patchwork repair.*

Shepherd

John 10:11 *Leadership through care.*

Silversmith

Malachi 3:3 *Purifying and refining believers.*

Potter

Jeremiah 18:6 *Formed and shaped by God's hands.*

Goals of the Project

- Spiritual: Many believers struggle to connect faith with daily life. This program demonstrates that faith is not abstract - it is lived in work, patience, struggle, and craftsmanship;
- Social and economic dignity: Highlighting artisans restores respect for manual work and craftsmanship;
- Contextual Christian witness: The programme communicates Biblical truths through culturally familiar images and situations.

New Project

Freedom in Christ - Your Help Needed

Do you remember Sarah's story from our previous newsletter? Sarah, the young woman who fled an abusive marriage and persecution in Yemen to a safer neighbouring country? She shared that she had the opportunity to work with us, helping (Yemeni) women who have experienced trauma.

In the meantime, Sarah has realised that she herself is still too much affected by her own trauma, making it too confronting for her to offer a listening ear and support to other women. She came to this realisation while participating in the trauma care training in the trauma care training you can read more about on page 3.

Driven as she is by her desire to make a meaningful difference for her fellow Yemenis, Sarah has come up with a project proposal. She observes a significant lack of knowledge among Yemeni new believers.

"I see a theological and cultural disconnect: freedom misunderstood as liberation from all moral accountability, rather than what Paul describes in Galatians 5 - a freedom that leads toward the fruit of the Spirit, expressed through love, service, and transformed relationships."

That is why we, together with Sarah, develop a series of programmes that connect well with the mindset of Yemenis from a Muslim background - focusing on biblical principles for marriage, parenting, family, and other areas of daily life.



The production and broadcast of this series of 10 episodes, and the follow-up support for 3 months, will cost about £ 850 per episode.



Consider making a donation through our website, thank you!



Sandy Tales

Bible Stories through Sand Art - in Sorani and Hijazi Arabic

Through the hands of a talented sand artist, you see the Bible stories grow, the message told by the sand pictures and the voice-over in local languages of the Arab World. We produced these artistic programmes in Arabic dialects: Egyptian, Yemeni, Sudanese, Moroccan, and Algerian Arabic. Watch a compilation through the QR code.



Christian believers who feel isolated and alone, are encouraged to watch these in their own heart language. People who search the internet to know more about the bible and Jesus, easily come across the stories that will trigger them as they are in their own spoken dialect.

Kurdish Sorani is a language spoken by about 6 to 9 million worldwide, primarily used in Iraqi Kurdistan and the Kurdistan Province of Iran. It is widely used in daily life, media, and education.

The Hijazi Arabic dialect is spoken by about 9 millions people, mainly in the western region of Saudi Arabia, including cities like Jeddah, Mecca, and Medina.



**We have 29 Sandy Tales. To produce one story in Sorani or Hijazi costs GBP 175.
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by sending a gift. Thank you!**

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