# Al- Hamdani's Biography

- Name: Ahmed Ali Ahmed Hasan Al Hamdani
- Name of his mother: Saeidah Mohammed Abdo Algalal Alhubaishi
- Name of his grandmother from his mother side: Hamdah Hussein Alawadhi
- Name of his grandmother from his father side: Zahra Mohammed Hasan Alzabidi
- Poet, Critic, Translator and Academic Researcher.
- He was born in Sheikh Othman City / Aden on October 8, 1951.
- He worked in his father's grocery at an early age and helped him to support their big family.
- He completed his Primary, Intermediate and Secondary schooling in Aden (1958 1972).
- He studied the Primary Schooling in the Western school in Sheikh Othman (at present called Sheikh Abdullah Hatim school) from 1958 till 1962, the Intermediate schooling in the Intermediate School in Sheikh Othman (at present called November 30<sup>th</sup> school) from 1962 till 1965, and completed the Secondary schooling in 1972 in Aden secondary school in Dar Saad city where he got the certificate of general education (examination questions and answers at that time were set and marked in Egypt).
- He participated in national work before Independence and was a member in the Liberation Front for liberating the occupied southern Yemen.
- He worked as a clerk in 1966 in the ninth battalion in the Alhabelen in the Federal army.
- He worked as an accountant in the shipping company in 1970.
- He worked as a teacher in the Ministry of Education from 12/10/1972 teaching Arabic Language and Islamic Education in Aden Preparatory Schools till 1978 when he left for the former Soviet Union for higher studies.
- He completed the preparatory stage in Dynastic town in Ukraine where he studied the Russian language from September 1978 till July 1979.
- He studied the first and second stages of his university education in Simferopol University in Ukraine from 1979 till 1984.
- He got his Master's Degree with the grade of excellent and received honors from Simferopol University, in the former Soviet Union, in 1984 in literature and Russian Language for his dissertation "The Objective Dimensions and the Technical Characteristics in the Plays of Chekhov"
- He studied the third stage of his university education Kharkov University in Ukraine from 1986 till 1989.
- He got his PhD. from Moscow University, in the former Soviet Union, in 1989 for his thesis "Chekhov in the Arabic Criticism".
- He ended a two-year course in the study of Chekhov's plays at the University of Kharkov in Ukraine in 1989-1990 academic year.
- He started writing poetry in 1972 and writing researches in 1974.
- He translated a great number of studies and researches and different creative texts from Russian Language since the first third of the eighties.

- He collected a large number of unpublished works of literary Yemeni writers for publication: The Complete Works of Mohammed Ali Luqman, Ali Mohammed Luqman, the Complete Works of the poet Edris Hambla, The Complete Works of the poet Mohammed Saed Gradah, and others. He also collected and published an anthology of contemporary Yemeni very short stories in two volumes. Besides, he collected and published the Works of Abdul-Rahim Mohammed Alahdal and some of the Works of Abdullah Yaaqoob Khan.
- He composed a great number of studies and researches in the fields of poetry, drama and storytelling and other things in the Modern Yemeni Literature and in Arabic and Russian Literatures.
- Presently he works as a Professor of Modern Literature in the Faculty of Education/ Aden University of Aden.
- He has been the Vice Rector of the University of Aden for Higher Studies and Scientific Research since 1995.
- He is the first vice president of the University of Aden for Graduate Studies and Scientific Research and the oldest vice president who has spent a longer period than all other vice presidents of all Yemeni universities. As such, he is the Dean of the vice-presidents of the Yemeni universities in this regard.
- He is a participant member in the programme for higher studies in the Department of Arabic Language in the Faculty of Education/ Aden.
- He has been supervising Master and PhD theses in Arabic Language and its literatures.
- He contributed in preparing and introducing literary programmers for the Aden Broadcasting Service.
- He has written in many scientific and literary journals in Yemen and outside Yemen (Russia, Syria, Jordan, United Arab Emirates, and Algeria).
- He was a member of the editing board of *Al-Yemen* journal, issued by Centre for Research and Yemeni Studies in University of Aden for fairly a long time.
- He is the chief Editor of Al–Tawasul Journal issued by the Vice-Rector for Higher Studies and Scientific Research in Aden University and it is a half-yearly refereed journal and it is concerned with cases of literature, culture, thought and translation.
- He participated in the membership of panel committees for the prize of Hayel Saeed Anam for Culture and Science in Yemen for a number of times.
- He participated in the membership of panel committees of the research presented to the Prize of the President of the Republic for a number of times.
- He has been participating in membership of panel committees for Aden University Prize to encourage the scientific research.
- He organized, managed and supervised a large number of seminars, conferences and workshops at the University of Aden.
- He has judged many researches and scientific studies which are published in his field of specialization for a number of scientific journals in Yemen and outside Yemen and scientific researches presented for academic promotion.
- He published a large number of his books out of Yemen in both Beirut and Amman.

- He has been a member in the Supreme Council of the Academic Police in the Republic of Yemen in the year 2009.
- He is a member in the Union of Yemeni writers and authors.
- He is member in the board of trustees of Hambala Documentation Centre.
- He is a member in the Scientific Council in the Arabic Centre for Arabicising, Composing, Translating and Publishing/ Damascus.
- He is the Chairman of the Council for Higher Studies and Scientific Research of Aden University.
- He is the Vice-Chairman for the Administration Council of the scientific-refereed journals in Aden University.
- He is the Vice-Chairman of the main Panel committee for Aden University Prize for encouraging scientific research.
- He is the Vice-Chairman of the Yemeni Association for Arabicising and Sciences.
- He is the chairman of the project committee for the one-hundred book about Aden in Aden University.
- He is a recipient of a medal on scientific superiority in the year 1984.
- He was honoured by the Union of Yemeni writers and authors Aden branch, for his many critical participations in the year 2002.
- He was honoured by Aden University in 2006, for his distinguished participations in building the academic and administrative traditions in the University.
- He received certificates of appreciation for his participation in the work of a number of seminars, scientific conferences and workshops both inside and outside Yemen (Egypt, Syria and Bahrain).
- He visited a number of centers and universities in Egypt, Iraq and Jordan and held talks with his counterparts in order to strengthen relations in the scientific, administrative, technical and academic issues.
- He is the recipient of merit certificates for his organizing and administrating a great number of workshops, symposia and conferences in Aden University from 1995 to 2012.
- He received multiple and different certificates of appreciation from the student councils in the faculties of the University of Aden and civil society organizations (cultural literary forums and seminars).
- He has been participating in the viva-voce examination of a great number of M.A and Ph.D. theses in the specialization of Arabic language and its literatures in the universities of Aden, Sanaa, Ibb, and Dhamar.
- He headed the establishment of the graduate programs at the master's and doctoral degrees in the University of Aden in various disciplines.
- He got merit certificates for his contribution in a number of works preceded for the Hayel Saeed Anam Prize for Culture and Sciences and the Aden University Prize for encouraging Scientific Research.
- He has evaluated a great number of studies and research papers which are preceded for publication in the refereed scientific journals issued by Aden University and presented in the scientific symposia and conferences.

- He was honoured by the International Association of the Arab Translators and Linguists in the year 2007.
- He was honoured by the University of Aden in 2010 on the occasion of the fortieth anniversary of the founding of the university in recognition of his various outstanding creations in several areas.
- He was awarded the prize of Hayel Saeed Anam for Culture and Science in literary creativity in 2010.
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- He was honoured by the University of Aden in 2012 for his contribution in the success of the celebrations of the University's fortieth anniversary.
- He was granted by the State Committee for awards in the Russian Federation in 2012 a medal and Pushkin award in recognition of his contribution to the development of Russian culture abroad as stated in a letter addressed to him by the Russian Embassy in Sanaa, through the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Yemen and was supposed to receive the prize in the Kremlin on Sunday, November 4th, 2012 from the Russian President Vladimir Putin on the occasion of the anniversary of the Public Unity for Russian Federation.
- He was given Pushkin Medal by the Russian ambassador in Yemen Sergei Kozolov on behalf of the Russian President Vladimir Putin in the Russian consulate building in Aden in a ceremony attended by the elite of intellectuals and media on December 4th, 2012.
- He was honoured by the civil society organizations in Aden (Union of Yemeni Writers, Forum of Thought and the culture of democracy, Yemeni Association of history and relics, Bahisama cultural and art forum, Departments of Arabic at the University of Aden in each of the Faculties of Arts, Education/ Radfan, Education/ Aden) in April 9, 2013 on the occasion of receiving the Medal of Pushkin in recognition of his contribution to the development of Russian culture abroad by a decision of the State Committee for awards in the Russian Federation.
- He was appointed a member of the Board of Trustees of Al-Saeed Foundation for Science and Culture in the decision number 31/7, issued on 31.07.2013.
- He visited some of the countries of the world: Russia, Ukraine, Crimea, Armenia, Moldova, Latvia Caucasus, Syria, Egypt, Jordan, Iraq, United Arab Emirates, Saudi Arabia, Iran, Turkey and Bahrain, and had toured in several cities in each country.
- He is married and a father of a son and three daughters.

## Al-Hamdani's Published Works

- 1. Idris Hambala: The Poet and the Militant, Alhamadani House, Aden 1984.
- 2. The Technical Dimensions and the Objective Characteristics in the Plays of Chekhov, (authoring and translation), Aden University House for Printing and Publishing, first print, Aden, 1998.

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- **6. Idris Hambala: The Poet and the Militant: from the revolution to the self,** Aden University House for Printing and Publishing, Aden, 2002.
- 7. **Defending Lutfi Aman,** Obadi Centre for studies and publishing, Sanaa, 2003.
- **8.** Al -Hamdani Collections of Poems, Almasira House for publishing, distribution and print, Amman, 2004.
- **9. Studies in the Yemeni Contemporary Story,** Ministry of Culture and Tourism, Sanaa, 2004.
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- **11.Texts from the Russian Literature**. (Translation), Aden University House for Printing and Publishing, Aden, 2004.
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- **15.** Aden in the Eyes of Poets. Aden University House for Printing and Publishing, Aden, 2005.
- **16. Aden: From a Temporal Pioneer to a Creative Pioneer.** General Organization of the Book, Sanaa, 2005.
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- 18. The Poet Mohammed Abdo Ghanem: From Romanticism to Classicism. Obadi Centre for studies and publishing, Sanaa, 2005.
- **19.** Chekhov Plays (From Platonov to Cherries' Garden) in Chekhov's Creative Laboratory. First print, Almasira House for publishing, distribution and print, Amman, 2006.
- 20. **Reading in Creation and Other Things.** Obadi Centre for studies and publishing, Sanaa, 2006.
- 21. **The Poet Ali Mohammed Luqman: The Complete Poetic and Theatrical Works,** in two volumes, The Modern Printing Press, Beirut 2006 Collected, Prepared and Studied by Prof. Dr. Ahmed Ali Al -Hamdani.
- 22. **Translated Yemeni Short Stories** (1) (Arabic short stories translated in English, in English and Arabic), Obadi Centre for Studies and Publication, Aden 2006. Collected,

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- 24. **Mohammed Ali Luqman Pioneer of Enlightening Movement in Yemen**, in two volumes, (Luqman Symposium in Aden University), Aden University House for Printing and Publishing, Aden 2006. Edited and Supervised by Prof. Dr. Ahmed Ali Al-Hamdani.
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- 33. Aden: From a Temporal Pioneer to a Creative Pioneer, the second print, Aden University House for Printing and Publishing, Aden, 2008.
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- a. The Scientific Research.
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- c. Numbers and Facts about the university.

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