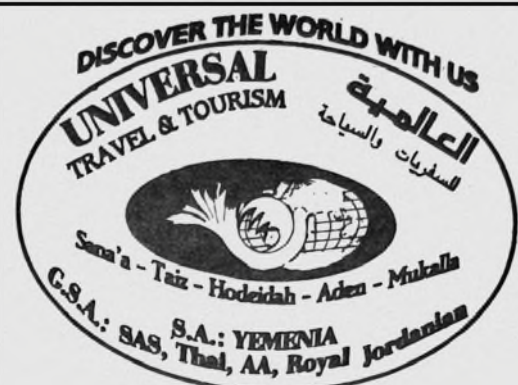


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## OUR VIEWPOINT



### LIVING BY OUR IDEALS

The 2nd of August triggered a current of thoughts in my mind. For days now, ideas and questions kept flowing in and out of my head. Why has it happened? Who is to blame? And who is paying the price? After many and long hours of reasoning, I came up with what I think is the answer - Arabs don't live up to their ideals. We as Arabs exhibit a high level of power adoration in daily lives. We are overwhelmed with awe and admiration for brute force - as a result, dictatorships flourish in our region.

The Arab World today is in ruins, not because our moral fiber and ideals are not noble or high, but because we allow one man, or a few men, to exercise so much power in directing our every day lives. As a result, from the lowliest citizen to the highest ranking official, our lives are losing meaning by the minute. The sea that separates Arab reality from Arab ideals has become as wide as it can ever get.

When our forefathers lived by their ideals in the early days of Islam, we created a civilization which has contributed immensely to the progress, prosperity and happiness of mankind. Yet today, the necessities and balances of a monotonous and fractured conduct of life has made us lose track of our ideals. Building a great nation requires a basic element - to be true to oneself: an assertion of selfhood, self awareness, and self reliance based on a dedicated adherence to lofty and worthy ideals.

So let us learn from the Gulf lesson. Let us strive to get as close to our ideals as we can. Let us stand up to the dictators and tell them "Enough is enough!" We in Yemen are leading the way for the Arabs to follow by steadily moving away from the old ways, and by establishing a system in which no one man can singularly take the country where he wants. We are becoming true to ourselves and to our ideals. Yet, it is still amazing that we have been unable to take a clear position vis-a-vis what happened in the Gulf. We have been wishy-washy about it. What a pity!

The Publisher

## P.G.C. RE-VITALIZED

On Monday, August 5th, the People's General Congress concluded the 11th round of the meetings of the Permanent Committee. This round was critical in that it achieved the historic transformation and re-structuring of the internal organs of the PGC. It also demanded firm commitments from its members, specially the senior ones, and drew the lines distinctly to achieve a clear vision of the direction of the party.

In a statement on the occasion, President Ali Abdullah Saleh, Secretary General of the PGC, affirmed once more "the strong commitment to the democratic path we have chosen, even though some people may transgress on the rights of others under the name of democracy," he said. "We will continue to work closely with the Yemeni Socialist Party in our objective of achieving a state firmly established on the principles of freedom, democracy, and socio-economic development," he added.

In a 20-page communique at the end of the 11th Round of the Permanent Committee, the PGC took many decisions and resolutions notably the following:

1) To approve tentatively the by-laws, the standing orders, and the internal organizational structure for the PGC. These will be enriched by feedback from the various levels of cadres.

2) To approve the merging of the National Yemeni Congregation into the PGC.

3) To upgrade 63 persons to the Permanent Committee. These are:

Mohammed Ali Haithem, Tawfeeq Ali Awbali, Abdullah Al-Kurshumi, Mohsin Al-Ulufi, Ahmed Mohammed Al-Qu'tubi, Abdul-Sattar Abdul-Ghani Al-Shameeri, Riyadh Omer Al-Ukburi, Abdo Ali Abdul-Rahman, Alawi Al-Salami, Dr. Mohammed Ali Muqbil, Mohsin Al-Hamdani, Mahdi Abu-bakar Al-Hamid, Mohammed Abdullah Al-Sayyari, Sultan Al-Dowsh, Haidarah Omer Saleh, Mohammed Abdul-Jaleel Al-Sarari, Abdullah Ahmed Mahnaf

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## THE YEMENI GOVERNMENT'S POSITION ON THE GULF CRISIS WAS WRONG

Mr. Abdul-Rahman Ahmed Numan, the well-connected politician, told the Yemen Times that Yemen's position on the Gulf was wrong. He added that the political leadership's position was based on a serious miscalculation and a near-total neglect of the interests of our people and country. In an assessment of the crisis, one year after it started on August 2nd 1990, he said that the sufferings of the peoples of Iraq, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, Yemen, Palestine, Jordan, and all others affected by the crisis are due to the egotistic behavior of a ruthless dictator called Saddam Husain.



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CAN OXY  
DOES IT  
AGAIN!

Mr. Ahmad Kaid Barakat, Vice Minister of Oil and Mineral Resources, declared that Canadian Occidental announced the discovery of the biggest oil producing well in the country at its Maseela concession in Hadhramaut governorate. The production of this well is estimated at 10,000 bpd. Dr. Barakat said, "This new oil find in same area in encouraging quantities adds to the potential of the whole region. The Vice Minister has described oil finds in Maseela as encouraging, and the reserves as better than expected. Over the last few weeks, oil companies have competed for new concessions in this area. Drilling operations upto now have covered only the eastern areas of the country.

In an independent development, Dr. Barakat said drilling operations will start at the "Janah" field in mid-August. Five new drilling rigs are on their way to this site to bring the total number of rigs to eight, he said. It is known that this new well is the fourth well Can Oxy has drilled in its Maseela concession. The output from the previous three wells is about 4,000 bpd each. Geologists at the Ministry of Oil and Mineral Resources told the Yemen Times that the fourth oil well is in a different formation. Ministry experts believe that oil production in the fourth well in Maseela is expected, in the near future, to exceed those quantities discovered in any big well in the region. Ebqaiq oil well, in Saudi Arabia, considered one of the biggest oil wells whose oil layer thickness is estimated at 1,500 feet, produces about 17,000 bpd.

Second to Hunt Oil Co, so far, Canadian Oxy is successful in its oil discoveries. During a short period, its potential production is about 22,000 bpd from the four wells.

Recent reports indicate that Canadian Oxy is currently on the move to construct an oil pipeline along the coastal strip from its oil fields to the exporting port of Balhaf on the Arabian Sea. The Ministry of Oil & Mineral Resources has a plan to build a small refinery of 10,000 bpd capacity to cover the demand of the eastern and southern governorates of the Republic.

CAPITAL OF INDUSTRIAL BANK  
TO BE RAISED

Yemen Times learnt from private sources that the Industrial Bank of Yemen (IBY) suffers from a serious liquidity problem. The resources available to it are already committed, and the bank is over extended, Yemen Times learnt. To allow the bank perform its duties, it needs an infusion of new money badly and urgently. Thus, it applied to the government for a 150% increase on its current capital of YR.100 million. The Supreme Committee for Economic, Oil and Investments Affairs agreed to a 100% increase (doubling of its capital), and turned in its recommendation to the cabinet accordingly. The government is expected to look into this question later this month. Industrial Bank sources expect the government to approve the increase. It is worth mentioning that the IBY is a joint venture between the Yemeni government (70%, the Yemeni private sector (24.25%), and foreign ownership (5.75%).

MARIB INSURANCE DECLARES  
HEALTHY PROFITS

The General Assembly of the Yemen Marib Insurance Company (YMIC) ratified the balance sheet of the company last month. Net after tax profits for 1990 stood at YR.11.63 million, some 58% of the company's YR.20 million capital. The YMIC, as the country's largest and oldest insurance company, controls about 60% of the market. As a pioneer in the field, the company is the first to open a branch in Aden, with other branches planned for. At another level, the YMIC has finalized arrangements to build a ten-storey headquarters building on its Sanaa site. It is to be noted that the YMIC is a joint venture between the Yemen Bank for Reconstruction and Development (53.5%), the Yemeni Corporation for Grains and Foreign Trade (10%), and the Yemeni private sector (36.5%). According to General Manager Aqeel Al-Saqqaf, the company prides itself in prompt settlement of claims and compensations, and in providing the full range of insurance services and coverages.

MINERALS OPEN HOUSE  
PRESENTATION IN OCTOBER

Mr. Ali Jabr Alawi, Deputy Minister and Chairman of the Mineral Exploration Board, told the Yemen Times that the Open House Presentation, previously scheduled for 7-12 September, 1991, will be shifted to the later part of October, 1991. Mr. Alawi indicated that the needs for a more thorough preparation, specially of the documents, and the fact that August/September is a high season business time, were factors in the postponement. A much larger number of companies is expected to be represented due to the change of meeting time.

## PGC: Continued from page 1:

Mohammed Shayef Jarallah, Husain Al-Maswari, Ahmed Amin Numan, Ali Ahmed Al-Harazi, Saeed Rawah, Abdul-Kareem Shamsan, Abdullah Mohammed Al-Haiunany, Ahmed Hassan Al-Awas, Abdullah Najji Al-Qowski, Mohammed Mohammed Al-Aanisi, Mahmood Al-Najjashy, Awadh Saleh Obaid, Fathiyah Mohammed Abdullah, Abdul-Habeeb Saleh Al-Qirshy, Dr. Abubakar Al-Qirby, Izzeddeen Al-Muaddhin, Abdullah Nasser Rasheed, Ali Abdul-Rahman Al-Bahr, Abdullah Ahmed Ghanim, Mohammed Sulaiman Nasser, Mohammed Abdullah Al-Battani, Mohammed Ali Abdul-Qawi, Ali Hassan Al-Ahmadi, Ali Shaikh Omer, Selah Al-A'ajam, Ali Mohammed Uthrub, Abdul-Aziz Al-Barati, Zaid Abu Ali, Yahia Musleh, Dr. Abdullah Al-Huraibi, Mohammed Abdullah Al-Iryani, Ahmed Mohammed Al-Iryani, Yahia Mohammed Ashami, Hibatallah Shuraij, Ahmed Mohammed Al-Akwa', Mohammed Al-Khader Al-Shagi, Mohammed Saleh Hadran, Mohammed Saleh Al-Minhali, Mohammed Ali Al-Zuwaidi, Ali Al-Haithami, Hassan Mohammed Al-Matari, Abdul-Hameed Numan Bin Rajih, Ali Ahmed Al-Salami, Saeed Mohammed Al-Hakeemi, Ahmed Salim Obaid, Abdul-Wahab Mahmood. 4) To upgrade three persons (Mujahid Abu Shawarib, Mohammed Ali Haitham, and Tawfeeq Ali Awbali) to the higher General Committee.

## PERSONAL VIEW

REFORM OR  
DISASTER

Fares Al-Saqqaf,  
Secretary-General  
Yemeni Renaissance Movement

The reform program that was presented by the government, who is behind it. Is it the reform of the government? Is it the reform of the Presidential Council? Or is it the reform of the people and the political circles? No one can doubt that today Yemen lives in a reality represented by the independent authorities interlinked yet competing against each other. These competing forces in Yemen are:

- the executive authority (government),
- the judicial authority,
- the legislative authority,
- the presidential council.

Every one of those authorities claims that it wants and seeks reform. Even the layman on the street wants reform. The first step towards reform is to diagnose the problem and identify the source. But that is not enough. Next, we need a strong will to impose reform. Many so-called or would-be reformists are perplexed and hesitant when they approach the problem. Thus one wonders if the corruption so prevalent in our lives today is an accident or is it planned. Should we be wary of overplaying foreign meddling and conspiracy theories, when the real problem lies within us. The tremendous level of in-fighting among the partners who created the union - is this not proof of our attitudes and approaches.

This country, since the September and October revolutions has been trying to cross over from legitimacy based on revolutionary zeal to legitimacy based on the constitution and a state based on institutions. Unless the leadership takes the initiative and protects the general interest of the nation, it will be the first loser in this game.



M.M.Adhban :

# "Success is the fruit of good information and hard work"

The Adhban conglomerate is a family business which controls sixteen large companies with dozens of branches through-out Yemen, as well as branches world-wide in nine countries. The Adhban group, from Harib in Marib governorate, is one of the major success stories of Yemeni business. Today, it enjoys the respect and admiration of citizens, the business community and government officials. Mr. Mohammed M. Adhban is the key figure in this group. Yemen Times went to speak to him on the family business and the outlook of the Yemeni economy.



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transfer of technology and knowledge from the foreign party to Yemen. With time, we buy them out. We are happy, they are happy, and the business is good.

**Q: Your group has been known to make generous contributions to charity and development projects. What is your philosophy on that?**

**A:** We believe some of the fruits of our success have to go back to society. But I would rather not talk about this.

**Q: What is the most troubling problem facing private entrepreneurs in Yemen today?**

**A:** I think the overall uncertainties create a problem. There are many small problems but these can be overcome with the cooperation of the various groups in society. One thing I hope for is a better banking service. Our bankers do not provide the necessary support and back-up.

**Q: How do you see the outlook for the Yemeni economy?**

**A:** It depends on what we do to it. As I said earlier, based on a sound educational system and a good flow of information, and if we willing to work hard, then we can build a strong economy. Nothing is beyond reach. But I keep repeating, a good information system coupled with

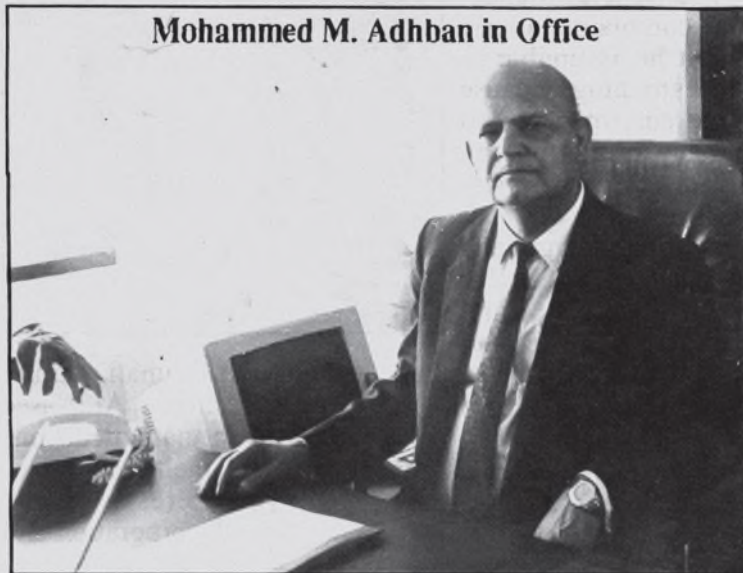


The ADHBAN Commercial Center

work, and we will be at on top. Of course we have to learn to work together and have a high level of education and understanding. This will allow a system of management and administration to evolve. We also learn from the rest of the world.

**Q: What is your advice to the government?**

**A:** I think there is a good level of cooperation. I hope they will continue to support private business do its job. We need to build confidence and trust both of which can only be achieved through stability and a clear vision of where we are going.



Mohammed M. Adhban in Office

**Q: If you were to pinpoint the factor most responsible for the success of the Adhban group, what is it?**

**A:** I think there are two factors: 1) decisions must be based on good, complete and accurate information and knowledge; 2) consistent and thorough hard work. I don't think success can be achieved or sustained without a solid information base supported by long hours of thorough and hard work.

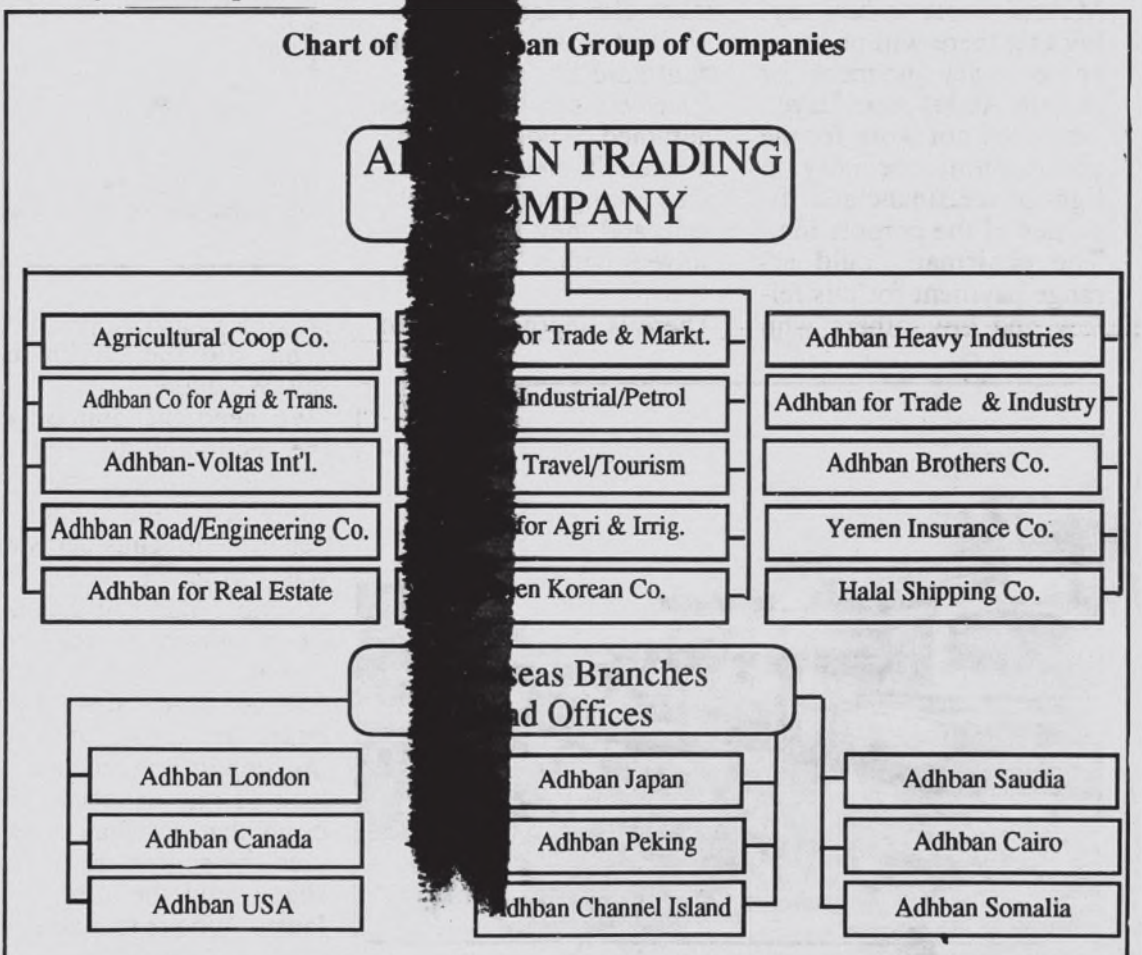
**Q: Let us take stock of your companies. Could you briefly describe them?**

**A:** The mother company is the Adhban Trading Corporation established in 1952. Then we branched out to all sectors through our investments in various companies and projects. Today, we employ about 900 full-time permanent employees and several hundred temporary workers. These work in the Agriculture Cooperative

Shipping Company, Yemen-Korean Co for Industries and Maintenance, Sabaa for Agriculture and Irrigation, Yemen Insurance Company, Adhban Road Engineering and Construction, and Adhban Heavy Industries. These companies produce agricultural goods, light and heavy industrial products, services in shipping, tourism, travel, insurance, trade, finance, and, of course, maintenance. We produce pumps for water drilling, parts of agricultural tools and machines, spare parts for all kinds of machines and vehicles, etc.

**Q: What is the strategy you follow in your investment management?**

**A:** It is simple. We believe that foreigners know a lot more about all of these projects than we do. So, every one of these companies and projects started out as a joint venture between ourselves and a carefully selected foreign partner. This allows the





# BUS COMPANY GRINDS TO A HALT!



## Special to the YEMEN TIMES

The General Land Transport Corporation is one of the most important government organizations. It has played an important role in facilitating the movement of people and goods across the country. However, today it is bogged down in a major dispute of authority which led to inefficiencies. The problem started a long time ago, according to reports by Colonel Al-Wasee dating back to 4/6/1990 and 14/7/1990. The straw that broke the camel's back came, however, on the 9th of July, 1991. The Chairman of the corporation Colonel Ali Al-Wasee could not make the general manager continue to pay the salary of one of his "employees". On July 9th, General Manager, Hameed Mukrid wrote to him saying that there will no longer be salary payment for Husain Abdul-Aziz Hayel, who does not work for the corporation, specially in light of the financial difficulties of the corporation. The chairman could arrange payment for this fellow and any others who

collect salaries from the corporation without working for it from other sources, if he wished. According to reports, the chairman, who is not used to be told "No!" was very furious. He decided to get rid of the general manager. On the 15th of July, 1991, he wrote to the Minister of Transportation proposing to give the general manager an open leave from work and to replace him with Mr. Ahmed Saeed Addahi, Deputy of the Transportation Board. The next day, on the 16th, he wrote to the Minister another letter proposing to replace the general manager with Mr. Mohammed Abdullah Annajhi, assistant to the general manager. Yemen Times sources indicate that neither the Ministry nor the Vice Minister have taken either letter seriously, if at least due to their contradictory proposals. Vice Minister Gamal Mohammed Abdo told the Yemen Times that they are looking into this problem, and they hope to resolve it within "two days".

There is another problem

at the corporation. The fleet of about eighty buses has come to almost a total stand-still. Forty two buses literally have no wheels (tyres) and they are permanently stationed in the garages as the pictures we shot indicate. The technical department of the corporation wrote to the general manager on 30/1/1991 pointing out this serious problem. In turn, and on the very same letter, the general manager wrote to the chairman on the same day proposing to immediately purchase the necessary tyres so that the buses



all of this? All indicators point to the chairman, according to the people with whom the Yemen Times spoke, and the documents which we were able to gather.

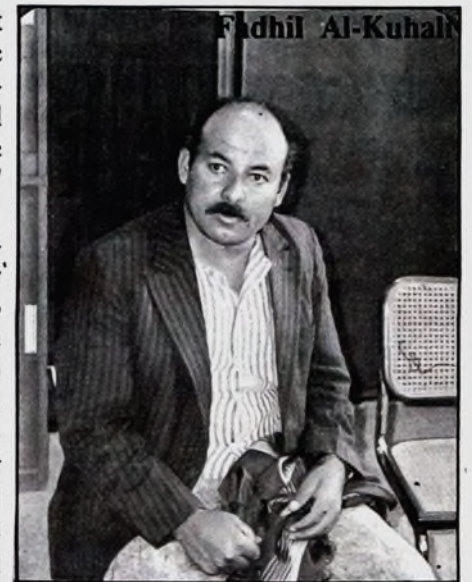
The workers, engineers, drivers and employees are all complaining. "The corporation revolves around one man, Colonel Ali Al-Wasee, the chairman who manages the corporation as a household firm," said Mr. Fadhil Al-Kuhali, the union chief and an engineer with the corporation for the last seven years. "The administrative structure is so centralized that no action can be taken on anything," he added.

The General Manager complains bitterly that he is unable to do anything because the chairman put so many limitations on him. At the insistence of the Minister to allow the general manager exercise his functions according to the law, Colonel Al-Wasee signed an administrative decree on 16/2/1991 which states: "The General Manager

9) bank guarantees.

In other words, the general manager would not do much. Commenting on this situation, the general manager added, "In fact, even under these circumstances, the chairman bypasses me and gives instructions to my subordinates with the aim to create a wedge between the management and the employees."

At the same time, the workers are growing restless. According to Mr.



Fadhil Al-Kuhali, union chief, Chairman Al-Wasee has taken many decisions very detrimental to the interests of the corporation and the workers.

He wants to personally decide on everything thus leading to many unnecessary delays and pending issues. "We have written to the Prime Minister about our grievances, but there is no answer. I hope they will attend

to our demands and respond to our needs. I hope they don't neglect the issues thereby pushing us to a strike."

The Minister of Transportation, in two letters to the chairman, of 15/12/1990 and 29/1/1991, following inspection tours and meetings with the various workers and officials, warned against violations of the administrative and financial procedures. The Minister also instructed that the needs of the workers be met. Nobody listened at the time, and it is highly unlikely anybody will listen now.

will not grounded to a halt. What did the chairman say. We quote:

"We need the opinion of the technical department ..." although the letter had come from the technical department. Thus decision was further delayed. Today more than half the buses are not on the road because of this delay. Another dozen or so of the buses are not in functioning condition because of lack of maintenance. The buses that continue to service the routes are in bad shape, and the service is lousy. Who is to blame for

may exercise authority only in chapters one, two and three of the budget and may not decide on any of the following items:

- 1) worker's bonuses and assistance,
- 2) spare parts and operating material inputs,
- 3) stationery and printed materials,
- 4) maintenance and repair decisions,
- 5) advertisements, publicity items, brochures,
- 6) new employment,
- 7) insurance on vehicles and buildings,
- 8) loans and advances to employees,



# THE FREE ZONES AUTHORITY LAW

YEMEN TIMES interrupts its translation of the Customs Law to provide below the official text of the Free Zones Authority law on the occasion of the issuance of the application forms for investment in the Aden Free Zone.

## Text of Republican Decree No. (49) of 1991

### Article 1:

A Public Authority entitled "The Yemen Free Zones Public Authority" is hereby instituted and subordinated to the Council of Ministers. The Authority shall have a juristic personality with an independent financial liability. It shall be subjected to the direct supervision of the Prime Minister and shall have its headquarters in the capital Sanaa.

### Article 2:

The Authority shall be in charge of establishing and operating free zones that are instituted by law in any area within the Republic of Yemen, and shall in particular, exercise the following duties and powers:

a) Provide studies covering economic, geographical,

legal and residential aspects of those areas which possess the basic elements and factors that qualify such areas to be included under the free zones region.

b) Prepare and arrange for the institution of free zones according to law.

c) Deal with all domestic and foreign bodies having connection with the activity of any free zone in the Republic. The Authority is the sole body authorized to do so, and to summon investing companies, invite specialists, send delegations, make contacts with similar authorities in Arab and other friendly states, hold local and international symposiums and seek assistance from regional and international research centres.

d) Make the draft-law concerning the institution and organisation of free zones and its executive regulation and draft-resolutions that should be issued by higher authorities of the state regarding administration and activity of free zones.

e) Define principles and standard requirements of investment in the free zones. Prepare studies, make plans and working programmes for the erec-

tion of infrastructure projects, facilities and essential equipments. Suggest methods of necessary financing and commence carrying out its duties after the Council of Ministers approves the rules and principles of govern the free zones according to the law.

f) Conduct negotiations and conclude contracts; relevant to the nature of its responsibilities.

g) Carry out necessary acts of publicity and provide needed information, explanations and facilities for investors in the free zones.

### Article 3:

The finance of the Authority consist of:

1) Funds allocated to the Authority by the State,  
2) Income collected in return for work and services rendered by the Authority to others.

3) Financial aid, donations and endowments given to the authority and approved by the Prime Minister.

4) Loans ratified according to constitutional procedures.

5) Any other sources of revenue endorsed by the council of Ministers.

The Authority shall have its own Budget approved by

the Board of Directors. Legal procedures and principles in respect to the Budget are to be adhered to.

### Article 4:

The Authority shall be managed by a Board of Directors whose members are appointed by a Republican Decree on the recommendation of the Prime Minister.

The Board shall exercise its duties and competences in conformity with laws, standing orders and resolutions in force.

### Article 5:

The Chairman of the Board of Directors shall exercise the powers and duties of the Executive Chairman of the Authority and shall control its administrative, financial and technical affairs. He shall coordinate all proceedings with local authorities in order to enable the Authority carry out its duties. He shall be held responsible towards the Prime Minister for the performance of the Authorities duties.

The government of the Republic of Yemen, while entrusting this mission to the Free Zones Public

Authority, invites all investors in different fields (commerce, industry, banking, tourism, transportation services, bunkering, etc.) to contact the Authority at its headquarters either in Sanaa or in Aden and submit their applications, inquiries including any particular suggestions regarding investment in infrastructure and service promotion.

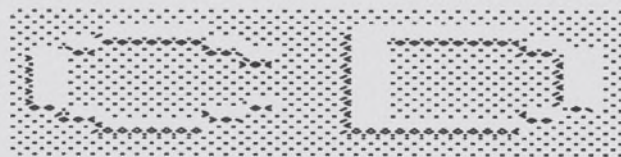
The government assures all parties that the Authority is prepared to offer generous facilities and to conclude amicable agreements. And in the course of performing its responsibilities, the Authority shall apply the most favourable conditions and privileges and shall give particular consideration to pioneer investors.

### Editor's note:

The government's declaration on the Aden Free Zone, the questionnaire for application to invest in the Aden Free Zone, and an interview with Dr. Mohammed Al-Saidi, Vice Chairman of the Authority are found on page 7.

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# THE POLITICAL LEADERSHIP SEEKS THE OPINIONS OF ALL THE PARTIES BEFORE IT REACHES ITS DECISIONS

Mr. Abdul-Rahman Ahmed Numan comes from the Numan family, well-known for its long struggle against the oppressive Imamic rule and the colonial rule of the British. Abdul-Rahman himself has seen much action over the years. Today, he is secretary-general of the Constitutional Liberals Party. He is a key figure among the Hugarriah elders. The Yemen Times talked to him about the contribution of the Free Yemeni Movement, current issues, and his reflections on the overall political evolution of the country.

**Q: Your family was in the forefront of resistance against Imamic tyranny and British colonial rule. Could you tell us a bit more?**

**A:** Everybody knows that the Numan family led the resistance against the Imam and the British. We have seen martyrs from among family members fall one after another. The first martyr was Ahmed Numan, Sr., who was killed in the Za'aze'i area while he was fighting under Saeed

liberty of the people with our lives.

**Q: What was the role played by your father?**

**A:** My father was one of the key founders of the Free Yemeni Movement, along with Muhammad Mahmood Al-Zubeiri and others. His mission started in 1934 when he established, in Hugarriah, the country's first modern school. But Ali Al-Wazeer closed the school, and my father was forced to go to exile. He went to Egypt where he was enrolled in Al-Azhar. A few years later he returned to Yemen and hoped to win the confidence of Crown Prince Ahmed in the hope of using him to achieve reforms through him. When these efforts failed, under the patronage of Sheikh Abdullah Ali Al-Hakeemi, they fled in 1944 to Aden where they declared their open resistance to the Imam. They participated in the first revolution (the Revolution of 1948). Upon the revolution's failure, my father and his companions were arrested in Dhamar. They were chained and driven to Sanaa on foot.



was asked to form the government. Due to differences with the Egyptian authorities, the government lasted for only two months. He formed another government in 1969, and was later a member of the troika Republican Council. Today, at a very old age and suffering from a frail health, he resides in Switzerland under the constant care of doctors.

**Q: When we take of the resistance movement to the Imam and British rule, what were the contributions of Yemeni immigrants?**

**A:** I have to emphasize that the Yemenis residing in Ethiopia, Egypt, Britain, and even the USA provided a lot of financial and moral support. Names such as Sheikh Abdullah Al-Hakeemi, who was an immigrant in Britain, and Ahmed Abdo Nasher, who was an immigrant in Ethiopia played a major role. Let me mention that at one stage, the Free Yemeni Movement was almost disbanded because of lack of resources. Zubeiri, Numan and the others almost gave up the whole thing. Then comes the rescue of 300 Rupees (about 300,000 shillings at the time) from Ahmed Abdo Nasher. In a historic letter, he urged the resistance movement to continue and promised more support. More support did come.

In another example, the British authorities, in an attempt to appease the Imam, told the Free Yemeni Movement they could no longer print their newspaper and pamphlets. The immigrants came to the rescue again. Ahmed Abdo Nasher and the others collected more than 3000 Egyptian pounds with which a printing press was purchased.

It is with this background in mind that I get disgusted when half-literate so-called officials hassle the children of immigrants when these apply for identity cards or other such documents.

**Q: Let us come to our present times. Your party came out strongly in favor of "Yes" to the constitution during the referendum. Do you think it is being observed?**

**A:** It is a major step that we have a constitution in force. If it is not being observed sufficiently, then it is our duty to check transgressors. We should make sure all citizens are equal in front of the law. The Jew Yousef Ya'eesh, Shaikh Ahmed Fare' Al-Khadim, etc., are equal to the clergy Abdul-Majeed Al-Zindani and equal to General Ali Abdullah Saleh, and equal to you and me. We are all equal in the eyes of the law irrespective of any other considerations.

**Q: Today marks the first anniversary of the Iraqi invasion of Kuwait. In hindsight, what do you think of it?**

**A:** I think it was all a big blunder. The egotistic behavior of one man has led the country (Iraq) and the whole region to disaster. I think the Yemeni government made a mistake. We should have come out strongly against Saddam Husain. In any case, I hope we can overcome the remaining difficulties and get on with our relations and lives in a more normal fashion.

**Q: But didn't the government's position reflect the popular mood in the country at the time?**

**A:** Of course it did. But the popular sentiment was being fed with one sided views and the demonstra-

tions were, to a large part, a game or a show, being orchestrated by certain groups which were able to control the situation.

**Q: You have problems with the Islamic bloc parties. What is the reason?**

**A:** I don't know, maybe you should ask them. But I think it is because they live by mentalities that have not kept up with the march of time. I strongly believe in the absolute equality among human beings whatever their color or religion or sex. They don't. They took up some of our ideas and tried to circulate them and use them as evidence to our perversion. Their efforts backfired. They gave us a chance to universalize our ideas and gain more followers among the educated and tolerant classes.

**Q: You have voiced a lot of anti-military feelings. How do you justify?**

**A:** I am not against the military establishment, if it does what it is supposed to do - to protect the country against foreign invasion. But some people use their military links to break the law and oppress the very citizens they are supposed to protect. I do not intend to generalize and I don't blame the whole establishment. I just want all of us to join hands to clean this important establishment and get rid of those who give it a bad name.

**Q: How much impact do the smaller parties have in directing government policies?**

**A:** It is a well-known fact that the coalition of the People's General Congress and the Yemeni Socialist party rules the country. Every now and then, they call us to meetings to discuss issues of vital interest to the nation. Over the last month, there were two such meetings in which we voiced our opinion and concern. I am happy to tell you that the leadership tries, as much as that is feasible, to incorporate these views in its decisions and plans. The leadership even consults people who are outside of the political life of the country. It is fair to say that the leadership asks for the opinions of as many circles as possible before it reaches its decisions.



Pasha against the British. The next martyr was Abdul-Wase'i Numan. In 1948, Imam Ahmed executed Abdul-Wahab Numan among several martyrs of the first revolution. After the September Revolution, my uncle Sheikh Mohammed Numan was killed in Haradh while defending the city against royalist counter-attacks. You know that the last martyr, so far, is my brother, Mohammed Ahmed Numan who was ambushed in Beirut by certain mercenary groups. We continue to feed the freedom of the country and the

From there they were shipped to the notorious Hajjah prisons (Nafe'i and Al-Qahirah) where they spent seven years. He was released in 1955, when Imam Ahmed began his alliance with Egyptian President Nasser. After the fallout, my father again found himself in exile. The Imam accused Ahmed Numan of sectarianism.

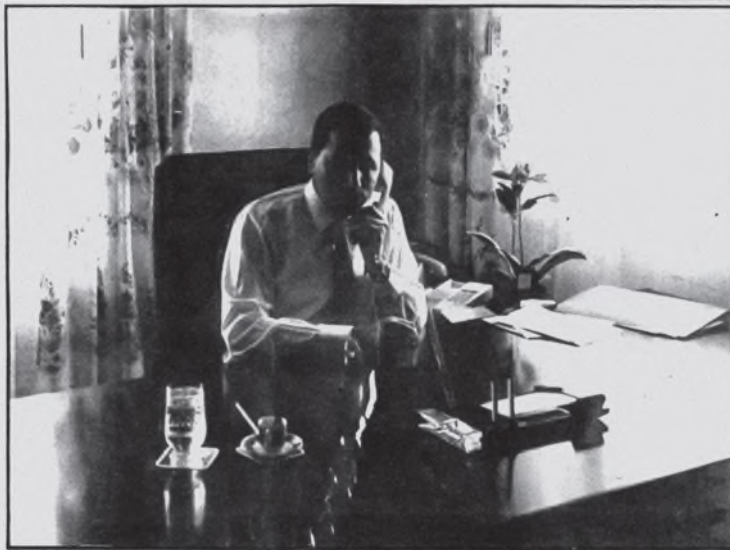
With the coming of the revolution, Ahmed Numan became Minister of Local Government. In 1964, along with Zubeiri and Qadhi Abdul-Rahman Al-Iryani, he submitted his resignation. In 1965, he



# THE FREE ZONE GAINS MOMENTUM

Dr. Mohammed Ahmed Al-Saidi, Vice Chairman of the Yemen Free Zones Public Authority (YFZPA), told the Yemen Times "We are gratified with the strong response we got from prospective investors." The number of calls, fax messages, and personal visits regarding investment conditions and details are by the dozens.

The YFZPA is presently working on the standing orders and regulations covering the details of the procedures and working arrangements. The initial draft is ready, and the board of the YFZPA is going to discuss it with an eye towards approving it. Once approved, the draft will be shared with chambers of commerce and industry, and individual companies and entrepreneurs to receive their feedback. The draft of standing orders will then be redone (thus incorporating the feedback) before it is finally passed on to the Council of Ministers, Dr.



al-Saidi explained. Of course, we will speed up this process as much as possible since no investor will entertain doing business with these details, he said.

Regarding the projects that have a firm application, he mentioned that a drug manufacturing plant (the Al-Mihdhar Company), An Electric Cable Factory, and the Arab Bank branch are among the first projects to see light in the Aden Free Zone area, Mr. Saidi said.

"The early applications for investments will receive priority and utmost cooperation and favorable treatment," he pointed out.

Regarding relations with the governor of Aden, Dr. Saidi indicated that the YFZPA is going to start at a very small level, and will not make jurisdictional claims. "We are lucky that the governor of Aden is Mr Al-Arasi who is development-oriented and is easy to work and cooperate with," the Vice Chairman added.

The Vice Chairman also explained that the YFZPA has prepared a questionnaire which is the first step for the parties interested in investing in the Aden Free Zone. In a special arrangement completed between the YFZPA and the Yemen Times, investors are authorized to use the form reproduced below in order to directly apply to the YFZPA. Dr. Saidi's final comment was that he thinks the Aden Free Zone is the beginning of a major accomplishment.

**ACCORDING TO ARRANGEMENTS BETWEEN THE YEMEN FREE ZONES PUBLIC AUTHORITY AND THE YEMEN TIMES, INVESTORS MAY APPLY BY TEARING OFF THE FORM BELOW OR BY PHOTOCOPYING IT.**

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Yemen Free Zones Public Authority  
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## QUESTIONNAIRE FOR INVESTORS' DEMANDS IN THE FREE ZONE

INVESTOR'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
TELEPHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ FAX: \_\_\_\_\_

Place and date of Establishing Mother Company: \_\_\_\_\_  
Proposed Title in the Free Zone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Branch of Investment: Industry  Commerce  Banking  Services  Trans  Others   
Investable Capital in the Free Zone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Source of Raw Material: Domestic  Foreign   
Kind of Product: \_\_\_\_\_  
Product Marketing: In the Republic  Outside the Republic   
Environment Pollutant Materials (if existing): liquid  solid  gas   
Area Required: \_\_\_\_\_  
Factories \_\_\_\_\_ Warehouses \_\_\_\_\_ Offices \_\_\_\_\_ Residential \_\_\_\_\_ Sheds \_\_\_\_\_ Open area \_\_\_\_\_  
Other Requirements/Services:  
a) Employees: Yemenis \_\_\_\_\_ Non-Yemenis \_\_\_\_\_  
b) Electricity: kilowatts \_\_\_\_\_ volts \_\_\_\_\_ hertz \_\_\_\_\_ 2 or 3 phase  
c) Water: \_\_\_\_\_ gallons per month  
d) Communication: Phones (local) : \_\_\_\_\_ (international): \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_ Telex: \_\_\_\_\_  
(number of lines)  
e) Amount of sewerage Water: \_\_\_\_\_ gallons per day

Mention two Banks for Reference:  
1. \_\_\_\_\_  
2. \_\_\_\_\_

Time Required for Starting Business:  
Is there a project feasibility study? Preliminary  Final   
Project manager or an Authorized Person for Further Information:  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Fax: \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Application: \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**YEMEN FREE ZONES PUBLIC AUTHORITY**  
Fax: 252585  
Telephone: 252583  
P. O. Box 13408, Sanaa,  
REPUBLIC OF YEMEN

## YEMENI GOVERNMENT DECLARATION REGARDING THE ADEN FREE ZONE

Believing that cooperation and integration are necessary for mankind to achieve continuity of human evolution, coexistence and progress, and that joint free will directs cooperation and integration towards serving peoples' mutual interests and supports economic and geographical potentialities of the City of Aden and of the natural advantages and historical reputation Aden enjoys in international economic relations and of the city's vital role in strengthening such economic and commercial links between continents of the world, the Government of the Republic of Yemen is trying today to make Aden capable of resuming its historic role in the field of international commercial exchange with the purpose of expanding relations between countries and nations looking for security, stability and peace on the basis of developing and enhancing mutual interests, friendship and respect between nations.

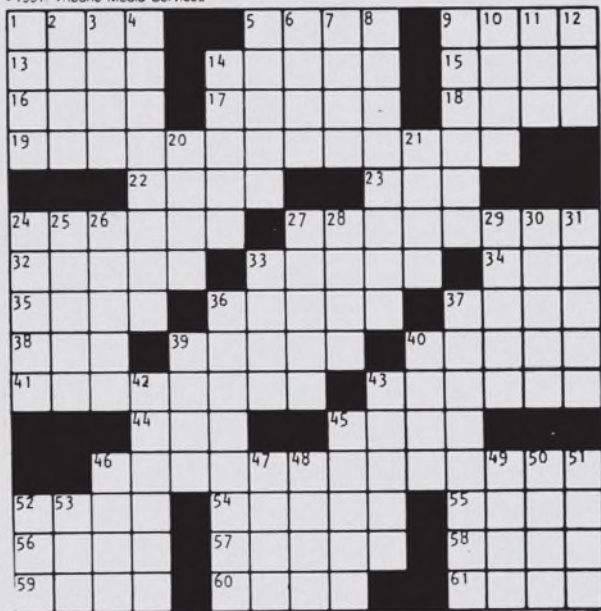
The Government of the Republic of Yemen, in the course of its effort to attain such aim, decided to convert Aden City into a free zone. In this respect, the Presidential Council of the Republic of Yemen issued the Republican Decree No. 49 of 1991 on the 25th of April 1991 with respect to the institution of the Free Zones Public Authority. The decree specified the Authority's duties and the powers necessary for the performance of its functions under the direct supervision of the Prime Minister.

Under the said decree, the Government of the Republic of Yemen authorised the Board of Directors of the Free Zones Public Authority and its Executive Chairman to commence carrying out their duties and to take all steps concerning preparation and arranging for the institution and management of the Free Zone. The Authority is regarded as the sole body responsible to deal with investing companies and consultative firms who wish to give consultations to the Authority, and also to deal with all investors and those desirous of using the Free Zone.



★ CROSSWORD PUZZLE ★

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|-----------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------|
| <b>ACROSS</b>         | 37 Ripped                 | 3 Bustle                    | 33 Rid of disease    |
| 1 Deck officer        | 38 Caviar base            | 4 Settle snugly             | 36 Aloof attitude    |
| 5 Time gone by        | 39 Coercion               | 5 Nuisances                 | 37 Over-door windows |
| 9 Infant              | 40 Fragile                | 6 Branches of learning      | 39 Run from danger   |
| 13 River in England   | 41 Matriculated one       | 7 Boil slowly               | 40 German wife       |
| 14 Bed on a ship      | 43 Fireplaces             | 8 Floor cover               | 42 Colorful bird     |
| 15 City in Algeria    | 44 Scarlet                | 9 New England city          | 43 Lawn herbage      |
| 16 Fishing poles      | 45 Country in Asia        | 10 Curved structure         | 45 Dot of land       |
| 17 Fall flower        | 46 Short frankfurter      | 11 Bleat                    | 46 Small bottle      |
| 18 Large number       | 52 Medley                 | 12 Terminate                | 47 Back of the neck  |
| 19 View on the topic  | 54 British noblemen       | 14 Groups of musicians      | 48 Opera melody      |
| 22 Chances            | 55 Uttered                | 20 Border                   | 49 Vicinity          |
| 23 Court to wed       | 56 Sound of bells         | 21 Highway                  | 50 Stare in awe      |
| 24 Inanimate objects  | 57 Watches secretly       | 24 At that place            | 51 She: Fr.          |
| 27 Unknown one        | 58 Cry weakly             | 25 Wading bird              | 52 Make a choice     |
| 32 Ergo               | 59 Floor cover            | 26 Before nature or sanctum | 53 Hawaiian garland  |
| 33 Mass of mist       | 60 Install in office      | 27 Cut                      |                      |
| 34 Protecting shelter | <b>DOWN</b>               | 28 Style of expression      |                      |
| 35 Sea eagle          | 1 Place to buy, old style | 29 Gaze with delight        |                      |
| 36 Prompting openly   | 2 Declare                 | 30 Out of this world        |                      |
|                       | 31 Whirls                 |                             |                      |



MAGICWORD

HOW TO PLAY: Read the list of words. Look at the puzzle. You'll find these words in all directions — horizontally, vertically, diagonally, backwards. Draw a circle around each letter of a word found in the puzzle, then strike it off the list. Circling it will show a letter has been used but will leave it visible should it also form part of another word. Find the big words first. When letters of all listed words are circled, you'll have the given number of letters left over. They'll spell out your MAGICWORD.

**LET'S GO FISHING (Sol.: 6 letters)**  
 A-Angling; B-Bait, Bass, Bluefish, Boat; C-Cane, Carp, Casting, Catch, Catfish, Clam, Cook; D-Diversion, Dock; E-Early, Enjoy, Entice; F-Float; H-Hooked; L-Lake, Leader, Line, Lure; M-Mimicry, Minnow; N-Nets; O-Ocean, Oyster; P-Perch, Pike, Plugs, Po.e, Pond; R-Reel, River; S-Sandbug, Shark, Sinkers, Skill, Snaring, Sole, Sport; T-Tile, Trawl, Trolling, Trout, Tuna; W-Water, Whale, Work, Worm.

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ANSWERS ON PAGE TWELVE  
 GOOD LUCK!

WOULD YOU BELIEVE

Military scientists are trying to develop DNA "dog tags" that would eliminate war casualties called "unknown soldiers."

Three of the first five Super Bowls were played at the Orange Bowl in Miami. Now the game changes sites every year.

The most precise collective for a group of kangaroos is "mob," as in "look at that mob of kangaroos leaping about over there, mate."

In 1989, Chicago's O'Hare airport handled more than 59 million passengers. That's a whole lot of folks.

The common sneeze travels at speeds up to 100 miles per hour.

A fan doesn't actually cool a room. By increasing air circulation, the room only feels cooler to the people inside it by speeding the evaporation of moisture off their skin.

What was different about a 14th-century Polish king called Cubitas? He was a dwarf.

Unscramble these four words, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

KORPE  
 USSEO  
 SEXOUD  
 NASHEK

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Answer: \_\_\_\_\_



WORDS OF WISDOM

Love is like fine china. Handle it carefully and it will give you pleasure for many years.

It's best to test drive a relationship before you make a major investment in it.

Cats are smart enough to know that it's important to look like you know what you're doing.

People are more in conflict with their own errors than each other.

Any place can be made to feel like home.

It doesn't cost a thing to admit you made a mistake.

Better to face life with a smile than a sneer.

SLAPSTIX

MODERN FASHIONS  
 LOOK LIKE THEY WERE  
 COSTUME MADE

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THE FAR SIDE

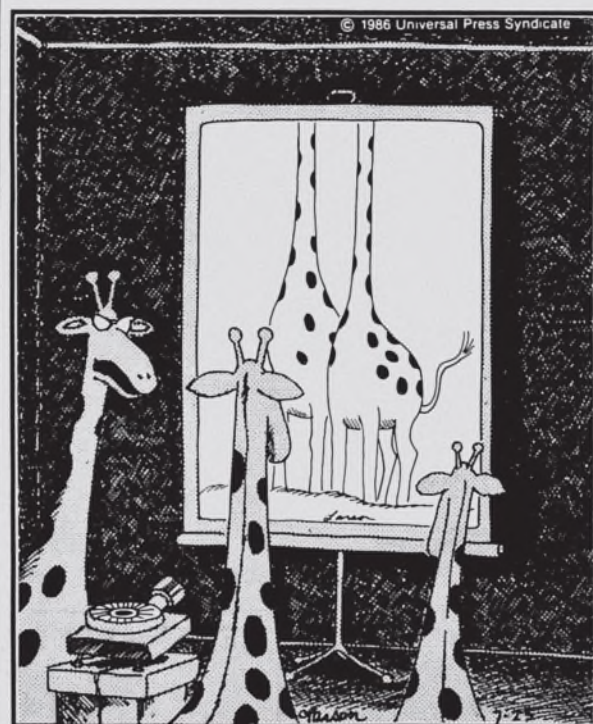
By GARY LARSON



"Mr. Bailey? There's a gentleman here who claims an ancestor of yours once defiled his crypt, and now you're the last remaining Bailey and ... oh, something about a curse. Should I send him in?"

THE FAR SIDE

By GARY LARSON



"Oh, lovely — just the hundredth time you've managed to cut everyone's head off."

THIS WEEK'S

HOROSCOPE

By Joyce Jillson

Weekly Tip: Energy helps you organize your mind for the coming week.

**Aries (March 21-April 19)** Fine tune your body and emotions. You can plow through the dull stuff.

**Taurus (April 20-May 20)** Taking small steps is best. Greater investment activity. Luxuries are desirable but costly.

**Gemini (May 21-June 21)** Make your home life the solid foundation for your success out in the world.

**Cancer (June 22-July 22)** Obligatory phone calls may prove to be productive or fascinating. Maintain some financial reserves.

**Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)** Handling details are a necessary nuisance. A speed up of spending.

**Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** An excellent start to the week. You are renewed, ready and determined. Privacy counts.

**Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)** Make preparations for a productive and eventful week. You're at your best.

**Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 21)** Business and social connections aid you. Others may lean on you for support.

**Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)** Stay on good terms with superiors early in the week ... avoid competitive situations.

**Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** International relations may take on added importance. Public success this week.

**Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)** Profits should come this week ... a reward for recent efforts. A lucky week for you.

**Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20)** Know where you stand with partners. Lucky in love. Success selling luxury or art items.

If You Were Born This Week

New chapters in life occur this month. Clear out the old and non-essentials. Take care of health and take steps to increase energy. Finances reach a turning point in late July and August. Set goals and stick to them. September shows schooling or travel. Spend on practical items.



## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR, LETTERS TO THE EDITOR, LETTERS TO THE

## ARE WE ALONE?

by: Anwar Al-Qubaty

Seventeen years ago, on November 16, 1974, the people of the planet Earth sent purposeful message to interstellar space, using a giant radio telescope in Puerto Rico. We beamed up a 3 minute message about ourselves to anyone listening in a cluster of stars in the constellation Hercules. We told them about the solar system we live in, about the population of the world at the time, and about the atomic elements we are made of. We haven't heard back from anyone.

Moving outward, our message has travelled 17 light years so far, nearly four times the distance to the nearest star, Alpha Centauri, but needs at least another 24,983 years to get to the 300,000 closely packed stars in the Hercules cluster. Then it will be another 25,000 before we should expect to hear anything back.

Today several programs around the world are tuned into the great beyond. Perhaps best known as SETI (for Search for Extra Terrestrial Intelligence), NASA is most heavily involved. Harvard runs the META (for Megachannel-Extra Terrestrial Assay) receiver, which covers 674 times as many channels as its predecessor project sen-



tinal. In 1992, a group of NASA scientists will begin a 10 year search for Extra Terrestrial Intelligence using a radio spectrum analyzer that will tune into 10 million radio channels simultaneously. The radio telescopes used by the Naval observatory are trained on 73 distant quasars, performing the essential mission-related work needed for precise navigation. They measure earth rotation, and do astrometric research. In this program of observation, the same quasars are being monitored year after year. Finding a signal from the great beyond would be momentous, a turning point. Definitely finding that there existed intelligent life elsewhere in our universe would perhaps be the greatest event in all of human history. Mankind's view of itself would change irrevocably, and forever.

abridged from: U.S. Naval Observatory.

We have a daily attack by herds of goats and sheep around the Sheraton Residential Area. These goats/sheep may be seeking compensation or revenge against humans who chew grass, or rather qat (gat), for no particular benefit to them.

In the contest for survival, these herds eat away in anything in their way - flowers, papers, left-over qat leaves, etc., as they roam about picking on any edible thing in sight. At the same time, they leave behind their droppings, ticks, fleas, etc. The fight is growing insidiously, and it is time that the Municipal authorities decided to rescue us by limiting/frobbing grazing of herds.

We have to fend off these animals every hour of the day. We specially have to fight in our efforts to protect the flowers and trees which are a symbol of joy and beauty, both badly needed. Next come the ticks which crawl all over the place and blend through natural camouflage with the beautiful carpets of the people's sitting rooms. But still worst is the infectious parasitic diseases that can be inflicted from the goats/sheep droppings. I am afraid soon it be a matter of either the goats/sheep or the human beings in the Sheraton residential area.

by: Abla Abed Awadh,  
Sixth Year Student,  
College of Medicine and Health Sciences,  
Sanaa University.

## GARBAGE

by: Concerned Citizen

Much has been said and written about the filth in our beautiful city. Regrettably, little or nothing has been done by the authorities. However, I would point out that the garbage problem does not concern the Authorities alone. It is we, the residents, who should play the major role in keeping our city clean.

It is a pity that wherever you go in the residential areas, especially the crowded ones, you would notice piles of garbage scattered carelessly everywhere. Misplacing garbage in residential areas is not only a bad habit, but also a health hazard. It is a good breeding place for mosquitoes, ticks and flies which cause deadly diseases like malaria, yellow fever, cholera, etc. Unfortunately, also, the garbage dump has become a good feeding and grazing place for the goats, sheep and cattle raised in the city. In order to bring the garbage problem under control, here are a few suggestions:-

1. Since much of the garbage consists of empty bottles of mineral water, I would like the producing companies, in the collaboration of the Municipal Council, to collect the empties, and if that is possible, to be recycled.
2. That anybody found dropping the garbage elsewhere other than the big garbage bins within the area should be heavily fined by the Authorities. The Municipal Council could "employ" say volunteers whose main duties will be to catch offenders.
3. The Municipal Council could provide, at a low price, small bins to the households for the purpose of dropping the garbage as most residents can not afford the present garbage plastic bags.
4. If possible, the Municipal Council employees could collect the garbage from each house daily so as to be dropped by them into the big bins as a further collection step.
5. That a company or the Municipal Council should build a factory to compact or recycle garbage. I hope these few suggestions will be useful in reducing the garbage problem in our beautiful city.

## THOUGHT BRICKS

You are the sum total of your own thoughts. If you think of negative terms, you will achieve negative results, but if you think in positive terms, you will achieve positive results. Wise men and philosophers throughout the ages have disagreed about many things, but they are unanimously agreed on one point: We become what we think about!

You are guided by your mind and you must live upon the fruits of your thoughts in the future. Since "we become what we think about", then it is most important that we carefully examine our thought patterns.

Most of us try to change other people. To achieve our goals, we do not need to change others; we need to change ourselves. Others change as we change our thoughts about them.

Developing right thinking is not easy because it involves establishing new habits which take days, weeks, months, and often years before they become an integral part of ourselves. New habits are not easily formed especially when they must replace entrenched bad habits.

To be successful you need direction. This means setting your sights on the things that are worthwhile in life and then establishing a plan to continuously work toward their fulfillment and accomplishment. Here are some tips: Lead a balanced life. Keep a proper perspective about every area of your life. Stay in harmony with nature's laws for perfect balance in your life. Balance in all things bring about happiness.

Believe in yourself. No person will become successful who does not possess belief. The greater your belief, the greater your degree of success. Successful men and women are believers!

Success is many things to many people. Success is not merely "money grabbing". This is a short-sighted view because having money does not make a person successful. Al Capone was a millionaire and unsuccessful.

Don't despise money. It takes money to accomplish just about anything worthwhile in life. It takes money to print and publish good literature. It takes money to support churches, hospitals and educational institutions. Money is good and useful when we keep our motives right and choose to use money for worthwhile causes.

You have a spirit within you which will lead you to greatness. Every person possesses this spirit. It is the spirit that can mould your life so you will truly achieve your maximum potential. Learn to tap this spirit.

Each day many people go to work only because they have to. They sit at their desks and go through the motions of doing work they really hate. They are miserable. They are working only to hold their jobs. They are not doing what they really want to do, therefore they receive no fulfilment. Refuse to be one of them.

The vital elements of the happy and successful life are time, work, and action. Time control combined with hard work and action built on the firm foundation of belief creates a potent force. You must believe.

by: RM

## STOP CORRUPT BUREAUCRATS

A major problem facing citizens in Yemen today is the administrative corruption and mismanagement so prevalent in government organizations. This crime is not only committed by the junior bureaucrats, but also by the educated high-placed government officials who earn good salaries. They misuse their positions to gain personal benefits. When you explain to them that they have committed a crime, they just laugh at you and say that is the order of the day. They don't care about the welfare of others. Their aim is to meet their selfish ends. The government should control this group, if it really wants to achieve a viable system of government and a prosperous country.

The whole community is responsible to achieve this. We should not look for excuses for our problems and blame them on the government alone. We should co-operate with each other and with the Government. We don't want words to be thrown around, but justice to be done. We should all contribute in building a strong and prosperous country.

by: Tawfiq Hail Abdul Wali.



# Olympic Day Run: August 2nd:



By: Abeid S. Abeid  
Yemen Times Staff:

## A. Background:

The Olympic Day Run for 1991 began on August 2, all over the world. Here in Yemen the run was organised by the Ministry of Youth and Sports and was very successful in that over 50,000 participants took part. Among these were children (the youngest at age four) and young men including many physically handicapped competitors. The event was witnessed by many sports fans and government offi-

cial. Later on, presenting the awards to the winners, the Minister of Youth and Sports, Dr. Mohammed Al-Kabab, emphasized the need for sports in our lives and its importance in building a healthy nation and in fostering better understanding among nations. The events were many, but all of them converged onto the Maidan Sabeen, the old airport.

## B. The Results:

The winners in the events received awards and trophies as well as certain small rewards.

The events of the physical-ly handicapped, and their



results (first three places in each race) were as follows:

### a) Sports Wheel Chair 3,000metres Race:

1. Abdul-Rahman Al Marwany
2. Ali Nasser Bukheiti
3. Najib Mohamed Al-Ammary

### b) Shaking Wheel Chair 3,000 metres Race:

1. Ali Hussein Al-Wajih
2. Mohamed Abdulkarim Al-Nahmy
3. Nassir Ahmed Al-Gily

### c) Tri-cycle 3,000 metres Race:

1. Abdu Saleh Khalidi
2. Ali Ahmed Mohamed Al-Reimy
3. Shuweih Abdhulla Said

### d) Wheel Chair Pedal Race:

1. Shaef Ali Nassir
2. Mohamed Al- Sharie
3. Farhan Farhan Azaab

### e) Two-kms Race for Those with Artificial

## Limbs

1. Mohamed Hussein Al-Jaradi
2. Abdu Mohamed Saleh Hussein
3. Sadiq Ghalib Bukheiti

The events for non-handicapped persons were as follows:

### a) Two-kms. Children's Race:

1. Haitham Ahmed Al-Galeesi
2. Saleh Jabr Al-Azaab
3. Hatim Ghalib Nassir

### b) Three-kms. Children Race:

1. Yahya Mohamed Al-Khalil
2. Marwan Al-Magaleh
3. Mohamed Taher Al-Tairi

## Race for Men:

1. Hussein Al-Jaem
2. Awadh Saleh
3. Ahmed Al Saqqaf.

All in all, it was a major contribution by the Yemeni sportsmen and children to this international occasion. The only missing component was the participation of females in the sports, although women did make up a big part of the spectators. Another missing component is the sponsorship part. We are used to asking the government to sponsor everything. Is it time for the citizens and the companies to sponsor some of these activities? Yemen Times has led the



way by sponsoring the participation of the handicapped sportsmen and children in the various races. We ask all the companies and individuals to sponsor future events. We also take this opportunity to ask the government entities, specially the Ministry of Youth and Sports to allow the private sector in sponsoring and organizing future events.



## KUWAIT: A YEAR LATER

On August 2nd, it was one year since Iraqi Saddam Husain decided to invade Kuwait. He was, of course, dislodged, although at a tremendous cost to Iraq, Kuwait, and a lot of other countries in the region. One year later, the region is far more vulnerable and dependent on foreigners. In Kuwait itself, the situation is very tenuous. Kuwaitis are gradually taking the hard decisions required in social, political, military, and economic re-structuring.

At the social level, the structure of the population has changed definitely. The 400,000 Palestinians, and the total of 200,000 Yemenis, Sudanese and Jordanians are being told to go home. The government has decided to bring down the total population of the country from the pre-crisis level of 2.2 million, to 1.2 million. This way, the 600,000 or so Kuwaitis will represent half the population. At the political level, the 1,000 member ruling family is trying to experiment with new arrangements to satisfy the aspirations of the people, as much as that is possible. Kuwaitis no longer tolerate the incompetence and corruption that have pervaded the old ways. The Emir has promised parliamentary elections for October 1992, and he has recalled the National Council, a powerless consultative body of 50 elected and 25 appointed members. Neither action is enough. Work on the constitution, strongly demanded by the people, continues in order to determine the limits of the various government organizations, and to guarantee the freedom of the citizens. "We thought that Free Kuwait meant really free, not just free from Saddam," said Bashar Abdul Rida, 25, who was in the Resistance. On the 25th of June, the government of Kuwait, partly to appease the demand for democracy, decided to end the martial law declared following the liberation of Kuwait.

At the military level, Kuwaitis feel insecure more than ever. Saddam, although less of a menace, remains across the border. The resistance continues to hold on to some of the weapons. Iran is forcefully demanding to be a partner in the post-crisis security arrangements for the region, and opposes the stationing of forces from outside the region. The regular army is in disarray, and psychologically shattered. "The invasion was a nightmare... Change must come," said Colonel Kaif Al-Saleh, the Navy Commander.

At the economic level, Kuwait still has no budget or fiscal policy. Oil production is still a meager 50,000 barrels per day - less than Yemen's output. The highest level of output projected for the end of the year is a mere 150,000 bpd. Of the 650 oil wells on fire, only 220 have been put out. The bills, on the other hand, are piling up. The USA has already presented a bill for US\$22 b. which is Kuwait's share of the liberation costs. The US Army Corps of Engineer is completing a US\$400 million non-military reconstruction work. American companies have supplied goods and products valued at US\$3.6 billion. The reconstruction costs are estimated at US\$14 billion. The country is steadily borrowing against its foreign assets, estimated at almost US\$100 b.

What Kuwait needs today is a clear vision as to how to handle its affairs, and how to interact with its neighbors - friends and foes alike. Internal harmony and correct, and if possible cordial, relations with the countries of the region will be the critical factors in the smooth return of Kuwait to normalcy.

## OMAN: A Nation Making Progress

On Tuesday 23 July, 1991, Oman marked the 21st anniversary of the accession to the throne of His Majesty Sultan Qaboos Bin Saeed. When Sultan Qaboos took over the responsibilities of leading the country, he inherited a poor and backward country lacking any of the modern facilities in physical and human infrastructures. The social and political fragmentation along tribal lines were moulded into a national perspective, and the unruly tribesmen were transformed into law-abiding citizens. Since those beginnings over two decades ago, the country has come a long way in its quest for a place among the civilized nations of the world. A good part of the success can be attributed to the wise and dedicated leadership of the Sultan. In the numerous Arab squabbles, the Sultan's far-sightedness has come in handy in intermediating and reconciling the differences. The anniversary coincided with the efforts to create the Majlis Ashura (the People's Assembly). These efforts have won broad support from all citizens of Oman. For the first time the citizens will be able to select their representatives to the national Assembly which would be a marked departure from the State Consultative Council whose members were appointed by the government.

In his National Day speech, Sultan Qaboos proclaimed the year 1991 to be the "Year of Industry". To mark this, he presented thirty companies with awards for their contributions to the growth of industry to the national income.

He also emphasized the need to foster unity among Gulf and Arab peoples through the Arab League and donated US\$1 million to help the organization's headquarters in Egypt.

It is worth mentioning that special ties and relations link the Yemeni and Omani peoples, leaderships, and governments. The two sides are presently working quietly to finalize the border demarcation between the two countries.

Yemen Times takes this opportunity to wish the fraternal people of Oman a happy national day, and a more prosperous future.

## WHAT IS IN A NAME?

On June 3rd Mr. George Shakhnazarov the Presidential Aide to the Soviet President informed the Official News Agency, Tass, that President Mikhail Gorbachev and regional leaders decided to drop the word "Socialist" from the republic's name. The official name will now read the "Union of Soviet Sovereign Republics". Mr. Shakhnazarov took pain to elaborate that the decision did not mean the rejection of socialist ideals.

However, the way the change is to be implemented is not clear in light of the decision of the Congress of People's Deputies in December last year not to tamper with the names. It is worth noting that nearly all former Soviet allies dropped the words socialism and/or democracy from the states' names when they threw off Communist rule.

## Hughes to US Senate:

### "Yemen Plays a Very Important Role in the the Peninsula's Stability"

On July 30th, the Senate Foreign Relations Committee recommended Senate confirmation of the nomination of Arthur Hayden Hughes as U.S. Ambassador to Yemen. During the confirmation hearing, Hughes noted that while Yemen "is geographically a little bit far removed from the peace process countries, it can play a very important role as a source for stability in the Arabian Peninsula." Yemen is "passing new laws to establish procedures and norms for their national political life. The national leadership and the new constitution stress political pluralism, stress democracy, stress participation, and in fact they have the only functioning parliament in the Arabian Peninsula now, including 10 female members," Hughes said. Yemen "will basically look inward to try to resolve some of its ongoing questions and problems" during this period of unification and democratization," he said.

In its relations with Yemen, the United States will "encourage the successful completion, of democratization, of opening up the economic system which would encourage more growth, more investment," he told the committee. Yemen has voiced its support for President Bush's peace initiative in the Middle East, he noted. The U.S. will "encourage them to become perhaps a little bit more vocal and more public on that support," Hughes said.

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# WE NEED A MORE ACTIVE CENTRAL BANK

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## EXIT THE RIYAL

We all know that billions of Yemeni Riyals have been smuggled to neighboring countries. Such stock of Yemeni currency in foreign hands could be a devastating weapon against Yemen, as was evidenced during the first half of 1991 when some countries dumped hundreds of millions of Riyals. The exchange rate of the Riyals plummeted as a result - from around YR.13 per US dollar to over YR.26. Our mismanagement and unclear vision have helped in adding oil to an already big fire.

## THE POLITICAL FACTOR

When inevitably takes a position which other countries may not welcome, it will be under pressure. Some of that pressure will come in the form of manipulation of the currency in an attempt to destabilize the system. The hope is that the loss in the value of the Riyal will lead to high inflation rates, which result in higher and higher costs of living, and maybe political unrest. Happily, we have overcome these

scenarios and bad intentions, but we have to make sure we do not expose ourselves to a similar situation in the future. This requires that the bank of banks, the Central Bank of Yemen, perform its duties and functions properly.

## INFLATION AND THE CURRENCY

But how can we blame the foreign parties for dumping the Riyal if we keep on printing large quantities of it. The panic created by the shortage of foreign exchange has led many ordinary Yemenis to dump the Riyal. The growth rate of money supply was almost always four times the growth rate of the economy - in 1990, it was 900%. Under such circumstances, we can only expect a spiral in the cost of living. Why does the Central Bank of Yemen keep printing those papers, and a phenomenal rate?

## CENTRAL BANK'S

## MISSING ROLE

The main job of the Central Bank today is to receive orders and execute them. It behaves like a government office in charge of simply safe-keeping some of the money, and printing some more as money is needed. It does very little planning or even independent thinking. Thus the country suffers from bottlenecks in all the functions of the Central Bank; i.e., foreign exchange, exchange rate, money supply, interest rate, credit and savings structures, and in general issues relate to monetary policy. The persistence on this non-policy will lead to many victims and casualties, notably among the poor and fixed-income individuals.

## CORRECTIVE MEASURES:

Probably the most important decision that could be taken in this regard is to provide the necessary protection to the Central Bank's top echelons while they carry out their responsibilities. If they feel helpless in front of the reckless demands of politicians, then there is no way they can perform their duties properly. There are of course many other steps that could be

taken, but the first and foremost is actually to install a leadership in the Central Bank that will take the hard decisions is pulling us out of this mess.

## FINAL POINTS

One cannot overlook the dire need to train and qualify the employees of the Central Bank of Yemen. The Central Bank should also perceive itself as responsible for the revitalization of economic activity, specially by directing savings and investments. It could use the various tools at its disposal to guide the banks to play the role expected of them in the progress of the country. This is especially important if there are signs of impending disaster in the banking sector.

We also need to regularly revise our banking and financial laws, and adjust the various requirements as the times dictate. We should revise the capital requirements, reserve requirements, adequacy ratios, etc. We should restructure interest rates, and fees for the banking services. All these need somebody who knows the stuff, and likes his job, not somebody who is in charge of the Central Bank because it is an accident. The Central Bank is probably the most important organ in guiding our economic well-being. At the moment, it does very little to play the role expected of it. I am asking of it to look into what it could do, and get on with it.

## OIL MINISTER VISITS USA AND FRANCE TO SPEED UP INVESTMENT

On Sunday, August 4th Saleh bin Husseinoo Minister of Oil and Mineral Resources, accompanied by a Yemeni delegation is on its way to France and the USA.

Before leaving Sanaa Airport, the Oil Minister told Yemen News Agency, Sabaa, that his visit aims to continue dialogue with the two American companies. "Hunt and Fugro" regarding investment in gas discovered in the reb governorate and its urgent exploitation in areas of development of the country. The visit also include "working programs" with a number of oil companies currently operating in Yemen, to speed up explorations by introducing the most sophisticated means of technology in areas of exploration and drilling. Bin Husseinoo also declared that exploration agreements have been reached with a number of high-tech American and French new oil companies, but has not named these companies. It is known that Hunt, Chairman of Oil Company, previously announced his visit to Sanaa last week and conducted talks with the Yemeni Oil Minister and many other officials. The outcome of the high-level talks has not been disclosed. It is believed, however, that the talks are centered on projects and investments which are about to take off in the Yemeni oil and gas sectors.

1. The citizen asks: "What's cooking?"



2. Our correction: "Who is cooking?"

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