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## Abdulghani Puts Together a New Government with Experience, Knowledge and New Blood:

# The Motor Is Running

By: Abdulaziz Al-Saqqaf, Yemen Times

So we have a new government. It is not the totally new government of technocrats so long promised by the politicians, but it does bring together a highly skilled group of people from all over the country. But the tasks ahead of this government are truly draconian. The prime minister is fully cognizant of this fact.

In a telephone call I made to congratulate him, Abdulaziz Abdulghani repeated three times the phrase: "Pray for me in view of the task ahead of us." I think he will need a little bit more than my prayers. One of the key issues against which the government has to battle is the frustrated mood of the public. A demoralized public has more or less lost trust in the system and lost confidence in the officials. That confidence needs to be rebuilt, but that requires straight politicians.

One leading businessman had appealed to the rulers to change two persons who had thought were obstructing business and proper dealings. He urged that the former Minister of Finance and the Governor of the Central Bank be removed. The businessman was promised the two men will leave their posts. Happily, he told many people. Come the new government, the Minister of Finance did leave his post, but was appointed as Governor of the Central Bank. The Governor did leave his post, but was appointed Minister of Finance. I do not intend to call the businessman to ask him how he feels, because I rather know what he would say. The government has taken the official oath in front of President Ali Abdullah Saleh. It is now working on the program it is going to take to parliament to get the vote of confidence.



In a statement on the occasion of the first meeting of the cabinet, President Ali Abdullah Saleh urged the ministers to work as one team. "I expect you to think and act as one team. The PGC and Islah members of this government see things the same way and should work together, and not against each other. If we notice that any one minister deviates or tries to create his own little empire, he will find us, all of us, against him," he stressed. In a press conference on Saturday, October 9th, Mr. Abdulaziz Abdulghani, the Prime Minister, stressed that he

and his colleagues will embark immediately on corrective measures. "The economy is our first priority," the new prime minister said. He also insisted that his government will work to mend fences with the neighbors. "We will direct all efforts to correct the unnatural relations between Yemen and some of the neighbors," he added. Finally, the prime minister asked the ministers to show up for work and remain at their offices for the full number of working hours. "We have a lot of work ahead of us," he added.

## Gov't Takes Al-Shoura to Court

On Thursday, October 13th, Al-Shoura will stand trial at the Penal Court headed by Qadhi Hamood Al-Hitar. There are two offences filed against the newspaper: the first is that the chief editor, Abdullah Sa'ad is not qualified to become a chief editor - an interesting crime. The second is that the paper has sown dissent and division among the people and that it has attacked the person of the president. The offence is based on the article written by Deputy Abdul-Habeeb Salim in his last-page article in issue number 144 dated September, 18th, 1994. Issue No. 146 dated Sunday 2nd, September, 1994, was held up at the printing house for four days by verbal orders from the deputy minister of information, Mr. Mutahhar Taqi. The Sunday newspaper was released on Wednesday morning. Qadhi Al-Hitar is the Chairman of the Yemeni Human Rights Organization. Therefore, both freedom of the press and the credibility of the human rights organization are at stake. In this case, Al-Shoura urges friends to show up in court for Thursday's hearing.

## Fisherman's Night at the Sheraton

On Wednesday, October 5th, the Sheraton Sanaa Hotel kicked off a weekly dinner event called the "Fisherman's Night". This is an exquisitely delightful event that combines fresh and excellent marine food, with soothing music, and a relaxing atmosphere by the poolside. Several ambassadors, company directors and businessmen joined-in on the first night. According to Sheraton people, the YR 700 cover price per person is well worth it. "We are working aggressively to regain the trust and interest of our customers," the Sheraton Sales Officer said.

## The Gulf Heats Up, Again

Iraq has decided to create another crisis in its on-going debacle with Kuwait and its Western allies. Of course, it did not get any one to support it in its current efforts at creating another crisis, let alone a war. But this development is understandable and was expected. Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, the West and the UN Security Council have shown little flexibility or even proper legal interaction with the repeated concessions and many appeals of Iraq. Clearly, Iraq has worked towards complying with the UN Security Council demands. But it is apparent that the Security Council did not react positively to the Iraqi concessions. It is neither morally nor legally right to continue to penalize Iraq forever. The allies need to rise up beyond the primitive and short-sighted urge for vengeance. On the contrary, they should help in the rehabilitation of Iraq into the world community of civilized and law-abiding countries. Unfortunately, that has not been attitude of the victorious forces. Over the last four years, Iraq has fulfilled many of the Security Council demands, and has worked towards peace. No one will say it has fulfilled all the demands, but even the adversaries will agree it has done a lot to return to the fold of law-abiding nations. But it was not rewarded by the UN to match its forthcoming nature. Today, the world needs to contain the recent Iraqi military moves because of their menacing nature. But the world is also required to sympathize with the sufferings of the Iraqi people. Security is not a one-sided concept.

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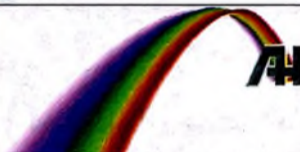
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## OUR VIEWPOINT

### Our Little Rascals Are Growing to Become Adult 'Thugs'!

Some of my readers have repeatedly mentioned to me that I am putting a lot of emphasis on values, which is true. I feel that the kind of values we instill in our children and students will go a long way in determining their behavior and attitudes. The values I am talking about are not necessarily religious rituals, I am talking about the values that shape people's interaction with each other and with society at large.

What is worrying me most is the way the our children are growing. Neither the parents nor the school-system is able to give them the proper value they need for future interaction. There is a vacuum. Whatever values are instilled in them are based on fear - like being scared of what God would do to the child if he/she were not to become a good religious person, or the fear of what the parents would do to them if they misbehaved, or what the authorities (officials) would do to them if they were to make them angry. The whole ethos of becoming good or straight is controlled by fear. If that fear is removed, then the children become lawless and very destructive.

How is that fear removed?

One common way is that the children - as they grow up - realize nobody is watching and that adults do not know or watch everything. So, when no one is watching, they would engage in deviant behavior.

Another common way is limited to the children of rich and powerful people. The children realize that their parents pamper them to the extent that they would not punish them, or would not allow the authorities - through their influence - reach them. So they do whatever they want.

A third way is to reach the inevitable conclusion of not being afraid of the punishment or just not afraid altogether. Thus, children grow to become thugs and law-breakers.

What should be done?

Basically, we should act immediately. Society has a duty to care for the youngsters, and we should not wait until they grow out of control. It is already happening. A quick stroll in the streets of our cities will show that the young adolescents gang together and behave irresponsibly. Bringing them under control will be increasingly more difficult and expensive. That is why we have to start immediately.

The experience of other countries is readily indicative of what is in store for us. Human societies evolve in similar patterns. We must learn for those experiences and make sure that our children go not get out of hand. It will be tragic if we are forced to fight against our loved ones.

We do not have the resources or the abilities to engage in this battle. It is uncalled for and unwanted. But we need to care better for our young ones by raising them properly. The values we instill in them as little children will play a decisive role in their evolution.

The Publisher  
عبد العزيز

### Yemen Hunt Oil Co Trainees Return

Today, October 10th, ten trainees of Yemen Hunt Oil Company returned to the country following a short training course in Alexandria, Egypt.

The names of the trainees are:

- 1) Abdulkareem Ahmed,
- 2) Naif Ali Hussein,
- 3) Ali Mojalli,
- 4) Abdullah Mohammed Saleh,
- 5) Ali Al-Wajeeh,
- 6) Yahya Humran,
- 7) Kamal A. Ahmed,
- 8) Hashem Kaid Ibrahim,
- 9) Shamsuldin Mohammed,
- 10) Abdullah Ali Khowlani.

The group were trained in highly advanced electrical fields especially in SR4 generator. Yemen Hunt Oil Company has been carrying out intensive training programs for its local manpower, with an eye to steadily replacing the expatriate personnel. Over the last years, many Yemenis have risen up the ranks and have occupied senior positions in the company.

### Yemen's Human Rights Organization Opens New Branches

Qadhi (Judge) Hamood Al-Hitar, Chairman of the Yemeni Human Rights Organization (YHRO), told the Yemen Times that a branch in Ibb was being started today, October 10th. An Aden office will be established on October 12th. Members in each city will elect the leadership of the branch.

The YHRO already has branches in Sanaa, Taiz, Hodeidah, Abyan, Lahej, Hajjah and Al-Baidha.

According to Qadhi Hamood, the organization's membership has expanded steadily, especially after the demise of the rival organization, who has had the supported by the Yemeni Socialist Party.

The YHRO is financed by the government. In spite of that, it is trying to independently assess the human rights record in the country.

### Ministry of Information Allows Al-Ayyam to Go to Print

Hisham Bashraheel, chief editor of Al-Ayyam, told the Yemen Times that the Ministry of Information has agreed to let Al-Ayyam come out. "Deputy Minister Mutaahhar Taqi has personally called and said we may go to print," Bashraheel said. Yemen Times would like to hail this good development in our freedom of the press.

### The YIDD Is Launched

The Yemeni Institute for the Development of Democracy (YIDD) will be officially launched on Thursday, October 13th. According to Ahmed Al-Soufi, the founders and many interested persons have been invited to the morning event to take place at the Taj Sheba Hotel in Sanaa. "Participants will come from all over the country," he indicated. "The YIDD will promote democracy in Yemen."

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# WFP Country Director Dali Belgasmi: "WFP assistance to Yemen up to-date is in excess of US\$ 400 million."

The World Food Program (WFP) has been one of the most effective UN tools in helping Yemen. Many factors explain this. Its assistance is in kind. Therefore, little is chipped away by our not-so-straight officials. Second, a lot of the aid is addressed towards small, local self-help projects targeting women and children. Especially effective has been the food aid used as an incentive to encourage women to enroll in training programs that help equip them with income-generating skills. Finally, the volume of assistance has been meaningful and substantial.

To address the contribution of the WFP to Yemeni development, Yemen Times spoke to Dali Belgasmi, WFP Country Director. Belgasmi of Tunisia, comes to Sanaa with a lot of enthusiasm and dedication. One of the reasons for this commitment is that he traces his ancestry to Hadhramaut, Yemen. A more important reason, of course, is the dedication he feels to doing his work.

Excerpts of the interview:

**Q: Can you give us an overall view of what WFP does and who it targets in its assistance?**

**A:** WFP works by providing food aid which targets the poorest segments of the population in the recipient society. This means the rural people.

Here in Yemen, WFP assistance is concentrated on the health, social welfare, education, agriculture, and road construction sectors. The largest contribution is in health and social welfare, where food aid is provided to support the training programs for health care personnel, to encourage the continued attendance at manpower training programs and institutes, and to increase exposure of expectant and nursing mothers and children under five to health and education services. Overall, the largest proportion of beneficiaries of this assistance are women.

**Q: Maybe we go over a short background of the WFP in Yemen?**

**A:** The World Food Program commenced activities in Yemen in mid-1967, with a total assistance to-date of approximately US\$ 405 million. Currently the program is supporting five development projects and one emergency operation. The total cost of these efforts is approximately US\$ 60 million over a three-year period, thus making Yemen one of the largest per capita recipients of WFP assistance.

**Q: You mentioned 5 projects. What are these?**

**A:** One project is in the education sector, where the total level of WFP assistance is US\$ 22 million. Assistance is provided to boarding institutions and to girls attending primary schools. Some 100,000 beneficiaries are covered every year.

The main objective of the assistance is to attract girls to attending school and to contribute to a nutritionally balanced diet. The termination date for this project is September 1996.

Another project, worth about \$ 7 million, is in the agricultural sector. Within the overall soil and water conservation effort, the project aims to assist in reducing erosion, rehabilitation of degraded land, improving farming potential, and generally to create job opportunities for farmers and increase their income. This is a food for work program where beneficiary wages are supplemented by food aid. Part of this project is implemented in coordination with IFAD.

A third project is implemented jointly with the Ministries of Construction and Local Administration. WFP assists the authorities in developing the rural infrastructures and services necessary to integrate rural communities into the mainstream of socio-economic development and improve living conditions in rural areas. The immediate objectives of the project include: to expand the transportation infrastructure, to build-in protection of transport system against environmental risks, and to establish water-supply facilities and sewerage networks.

Another project deals with NGO efforts in helping the lowest stratum of society. These are the akhdam group, sewing and knitting projects for women, literacy programs, etc. This project runs out in November, but is expected to be extended.

Finally, there is a project oriented towards absorbing the returnees (formerly employed in Saudi Arabia and other Gulf countries). WFP food assistance in this food-for-work scheme is to provide an incentive to rural



communities and retain low-income workers to participate in project activities. The project is worth US\$ 14 million, and will terminate in 1998. Those are the main development projects in which we are engaged.

**Q: You mentioned an emergency operation?**

**A:** Yes, and I would like to differentiate between two phases. The first phase started in 1992, and is expected to run at least until the end of the current year. Based in Aden, this Emergency Operation is oriented towards helping the Somali and Ethiopian refugees. Initially, the caseload was targeted at 25,000 refugees. But following repatriation of some of the beneficiaries, the total number targeted now stands at 14,300. This project is executed in collaboration with the UNHCR which takes direct responsibility for managing the refugee camps.

The second relief operation is related to the recent war, and our efforts to help those families and individuals affected by it. We have so far focused on Aden, Abyan and Lahej. We are shortly going to expand the project to include areas in Sanaa, Taiz, and other parts. This operation is worth US\$ 4 million.

**Q: You have been quoted as pushing for a re-structuring of the WFP efforts in Yemen. What does that mean?**

**A:** Since my arrival here two months ago, I have studied the efficiency with which WFP projects are executed.

I have decided to introduce three tools:

1. Consolidation,
2. Cleaning, and
3. Activation

Consolidation really means that all the projects that had been designed along North or South Yemen basis will be integrated. Projects targeting similar groups will also be brought together in order to reduce overheads.

Cleaning means to ensure that food aid really goes to those targeted. In Yemen, like in many other countries, the people targeted by a project do not receive the assistance, or at most, receive a small share of it. We want to cut out the people in between. This involves a more effective monitoring system.

Finally activation means more intensive handling of the

projects in a more efficient way. This involves improved cooperation with the Ministry of Planning and Development and the line ministries. It also means closing down our Aden office so that all efforts are coordinated through Sanaa, thus avoiding overlaps and undue paperwork.

**Q: How do you assess cooperation with the government?**

**A:** I have only been a short time, but I can tell you that I have been warmly received. I have been assured of the cooperation of all government agencies. I feel we can do a lot of good work in Yemen. But this means we will all have to work together for the efficient use of WFP resources with the aim of better contributing to the Yemeni development process.

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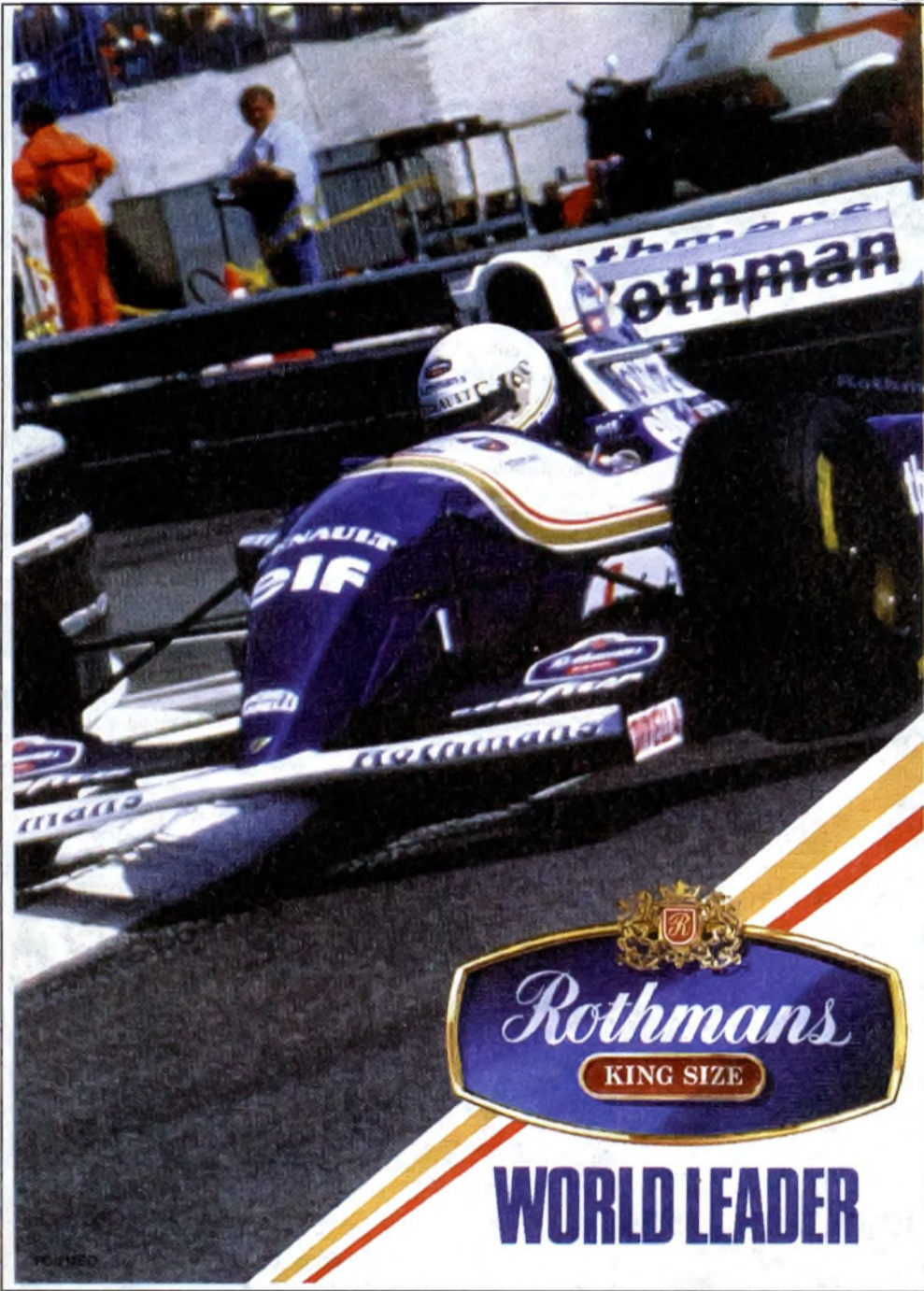
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
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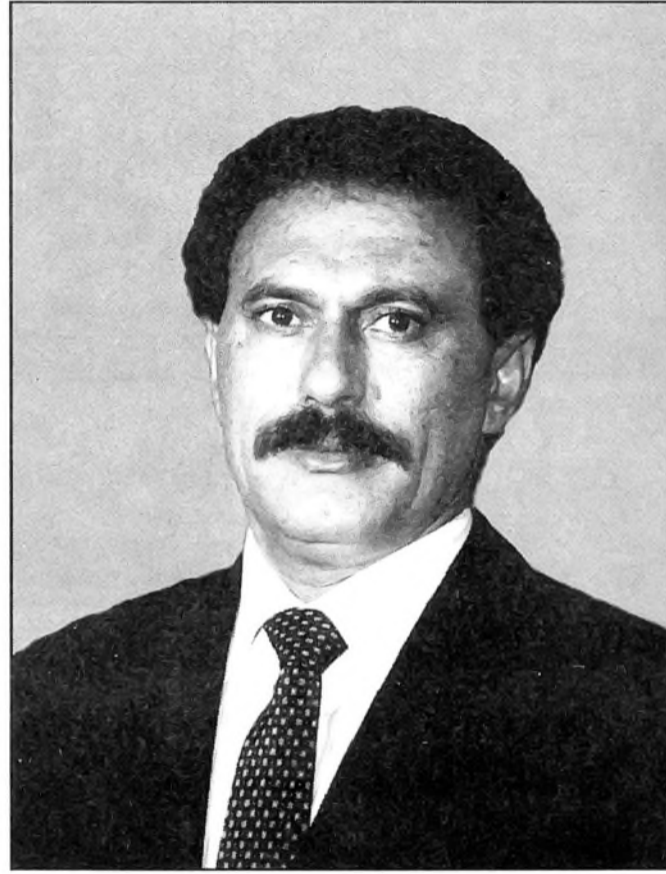
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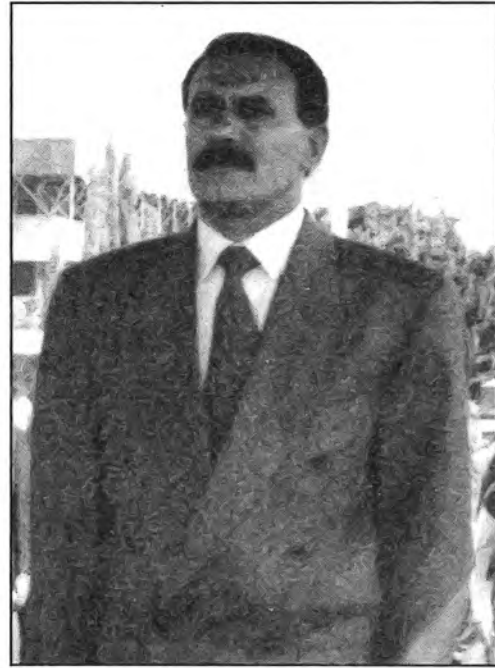
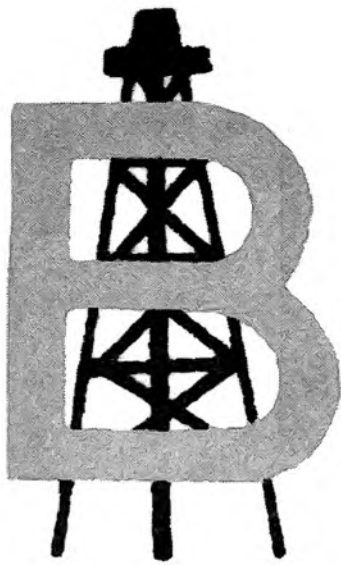
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# Plague Haunts World

## Yemeni Officials Worry About the Plague

Many government officials have expressed their worry about the possibility of the spread of the pneumonic plague that has menaced India over the last few weeks. They have asked for advice from the World Health Organization, and have followed closely the steps taken by the neighboring countries.

"We are concerned, but we are happy that the Indian authorities have taken big measures to curb the spread of the disease," said an official at the Ministry of Health. Moreover, the steps taken by the Gulf states has provided Yemen with a protective band that screens any potential carriers before they come to Yemen.

## What Happened in India

Two outbreaks of plague were reported in the Indian states of Maharashtra and Gujarat, in the western part of the country. In Maharashtra, plague surveillance was initiated following reports of increased flea and rat infestations in some villages in Beed District, as early as August 6th, 1994.

When the first suspected case of human plague was detected on August 26th, surveillance and vector control efforts were intensified, and the use of antibiotics to prevent the disease - chemoprophylaxis - among persons in contact with clinical cases in the infected area was instituted. By

September 26th, 90 cases of bubonic plague - non-fatal - had been reported in 15 villages within a ten kilometer radius of Beed District. This outbreak is now believed to be under control. A second outbreak of suspected pneumonic plague was reported in Surat, Gujarat State, on September 22nd. By September 24th, 452 cases had been reported and 41 persons had died. Surat has since been declared an epidemic zone.

In addition, many apparently confirmed cases in New Delhi and Bombay were identified.

## Facts about Plague

Plague is a disease of rodents and spreads from rat to rat, and from rats to humans mainly by rat fleas biting first a sick rat and then a person, thus transmitting the bacterium of the disease, *Yersinia pestis*. Humans can be infected directly from a plague-infected rodent or other animal while skinning it and cutting up meat. In this process, the plague agent penetrates through visible or invisible lesions of the skin, or through mucous membranes of the nose or throat.

Plague most commonly has two forms: bubonic and pneumonic - corresponding to the two typical ways in which the plague bacillus invades the body. Bubonic is more common. In this case there is a sudden-onset of severe malaise, headache, shaking chills, fever and pain in the affected regional lymph

nodes. This is accompanied by a swelling of the lymph nodes nearest the point of the infected bite or skin lesion to produce large hard and painful lumps called buboes.

However, the other kind of the disease - pneumonic or pulmonary - is more dangerous. In this case, the lungs are affected and the disease can be transmitted from person to person by droplets in the air containing plague bacilli from sputum discharged by the patient.

On average, some 1,500 cases a year of plague are reported to the World Health Organization. The most important cases in 1993 were reported in Peru (611 cases, of which there were 31 deaths), Zaire (267 cases, 70 deaths), Uganda (167 cases, 18 deaths), Madagascar (147 cases, 23 deaths), Myanmar (87 cases, no deaths), Mongolia (17 cases, 7 deaths), USA (9 cases, no deaths), Kazakhstan (3 cases, one death). Many countries fail to report to the WHO.

## Conclusion

According to the WHO press release, there is very little to worry about. Actually WHO is not even advising against travelling to India. Thus, it is lucky for our officials that on this count, they can sit back and relax without much to worry about. And that is exactly what they are doing.

Yemen Times Staff

## Public Electricity Corporation (PEC) - ADEN

**TENDER ANNOUNCEMENT for the 2nd time:  
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PEC ADEN announces the issue of the above two tenders for the rehabilitation of Aden electric network affected by the flood and financed by the Arab Fund.

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All bids must be accompanied by a bid-bond in the form of a bank guarantee or a "good-for-payment" check for 2% (Two Percent) of the total bid amount in favor of the Public Electricity Corporation - Aden Branch, and should remain valid for 120 days from the closing tender date.

Tenderers in the Republic of Yemen who are willing to participate in the above tenders are required to submit with their tender documents the following:

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3. COPY OF THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE CERTIFICATE (for local firms).

Bids of the above tenders are to be submitted in sealed envelopes to the secretary of the Tender Committee at the Managing-Director's office at Hedjuff no later than 11:00 a.m. local time on 10th October 1994. Bids received after the closing deadline will not be considered.

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## SCIENTISTS FLESH OUT THE BARE BONES OF HISTORY

He was the original tough guy pre-dating Sylvester Stallone, Arnold Schwarzenegger. He was there even before Samson was running around smacking people with the jawbone of an ass.

The evidence is a piece of bone considerably smaller than an ass jaw: a 29 centimeter fragment of left leg tibia found in Boxgrove quarry in England. From that 500,000-year-old bone, scientists deduce that Boxgrove man was the European champion, walking upright, making tools and probably beating the stuffing out of everything around him.

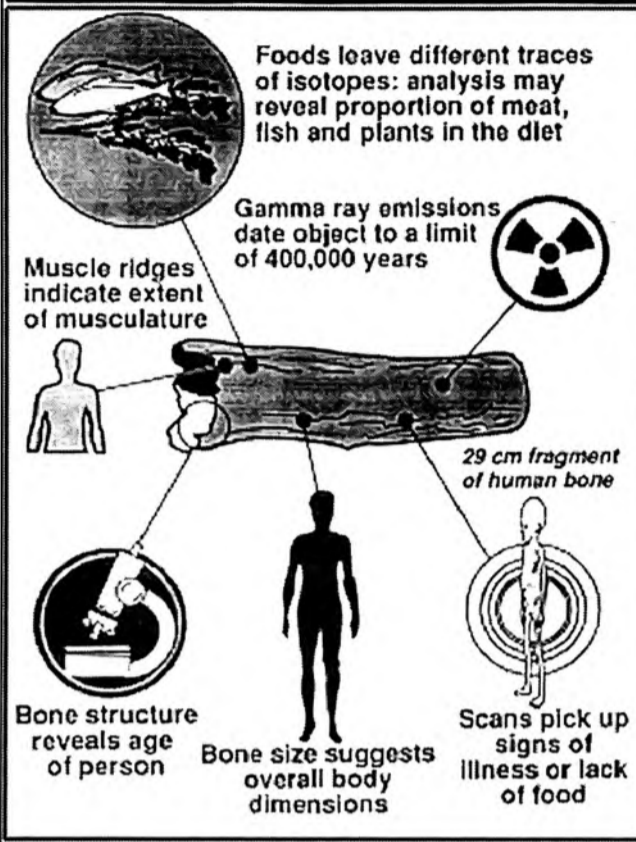
"He had arms like a Russian shotputter," says Dr. Simon Parfit of the Natural History Museum in London, part of the team working on the bone. "And he wouldn't be following any Marquis of Queensbury rules of gentlemanly combat."

That Boxgrove man was not a gentleman can be deduced from the available facts of prehistoric life. The muscles in his arms seem a less certain assumption. But the knowledge gleaned from the find is not limited to the direct physical manifestations of a scrap of bone; it is also based on what can be read into the bone and surrounding objects.

Knowledge of his shotputter's build comes from the work of experimental archaeologists, who attempt to reproduce the tools found at archaeological digs. Boxgrove man's cutting and scraping tools were made by flaking chips from larger pieces of flint. The size of the chips suggests Boxgrove man was tremendously muscular.

In addition, the bone fragment has a series of muscle ridges, where muscles attaches to bone, which indicate an unusually high amount of musculature. If his leg was exceptionally muscular, it is

### Archaeological body-building



likely his arms were too. Detective work of this order is necessitated by the fragment's frustrating silence about all the other bones to which it was connected and the world they collectively strolled around in. His tools might tell something about his character. Parfit is reluctant to say that humans 500,000 years ago were concerned with aesthetic but he notes that many of the tools found are strikingly attractive. "They're beautiful objects, some perfectly symmetrical. It's almost

as if they wanted beautiful tools. Mind you, some of them are quite ugly." What he cut with his tools also reveals much about the man. In the last 10 years more than 10,000 large mammal fragments have been found at the site and hundreds of thousands of small mammal bones. Each has been laboriously catalogued, and examined by microscope. "We know with certainty what Boxgrove man was eating from the cut marks on the bones from his flint tools," says Parfit.

That his menu included bear and rhino as well as deer and horse only confirms the likelihood of his machismo. No weapons have been found at Boxgrove but a nearby, slightly younger site has produced a wooden spear.

Whether Boxgrove was a hunter or a scavenger remains a mystery, however.

"I can't imagine standing with a wooden spear and having a rhino charge you," laughs Parfit. But it may have happened. Alternately, whole communities of Boxgrove men and women might have chased large predators away from recent kills. Or Boxgrove might have waited for the largest carnivores to slake their appetites and then snuck in before the small carnivores could strip the carcass.

Dr. Mark Roberts, the anthropologist directing the dig at Boxgrove quarry, says scientists need to use anything when trying to learn volumes from titbits: "We use life, the universe and everything. We use anything we can learn with."

Anything includes the teeth of voles.

Long ago voles had non-growing teeth with roots, ideal for chewing the berries and soft foods in the woodlands where they lived. Then, following a climate change which favoured grasslands, they evolved continuously growing teeth without roots. The new abrasive grasses wore teeth down quickly and without constantly growing teeth a vole's life would be short.

The date of this evolutionary change has been determined. So scientists can roughly estimate, from the vole teeth nearest the bone, the age of the Boxgrove bone.

Anything also include Roberts' experience as a hunter. He has

gutted, skinned and jointed deer with both a modern knife and with the flakes and edges found at sites like Boxgrove.

Whether a modern blade is used or the ancient tools, the process takes about 30 minutes.

"I'd much rather use a modern knife but a flint would do the job very well," Roberts chuckles.

The effort has also demonstrated that Boxgrove man was careful with food preparation.

"When we look at the bones from the site there is no evidence of Boxgrove smashing down willy nilly with great choppers. Most of the marks are quite small, microscopic. He treated game carefully," says Roberts.

Indeed, Boxgrove man seems to have been quite intelligent about how he dressed his game. His meals well all cut up sensibly: jointed where a butchers would

joint, sectioned and gutted in a most modern fashion.

The shinbone could provide years of study. There are animal teeth marks on the bone as well as what appear to be marks from flint tools. Aspects of Boxgrove's diet and medical history could be revealed by chemical analysis. In addition, his age at death might be ascertained.

Roberts and company plan to reinvestigate the Boxgrove site in an effort to learn more. Their dream their pot of gold, according to Roberts is to find a skull. From it could be learned what the fellow looked like, how much thinking he did and how healthy he was when he died.

The site is so rich in prehistoric relics, says Parfit, each hole they dig is like a keyhole through which to peek into the past.

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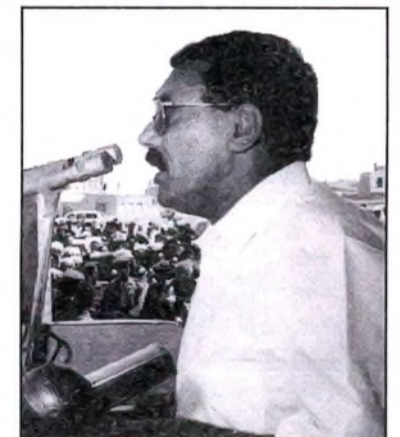
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# Solomon's Words: Will They Find Attentive Ears?

*Solomon, a king and prophet who lived around 1,000 BC, was sought by Yemen's Queen Bilquis for his wisdom. Her descendants today would likewise benefit from following his wisdom.*  
Sayings of Solomon extracted by Alan Pashkevich.

## ON SELF CONTROL

- A fool shows his annoyance at once, but a prudent man overlooks an insult.
- A patient man has great understanding, but a quick-tempered man displays folly.
- A gentle answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger.
- A hot-tempered man stirs up dissension, but a patient man calms a quarrel.
- Better a patient man than a warrior, a man who controls his temper than one who takes a city.
- A man of knowledge uses words with restraint, and man of understanding is even-tempered.
- Even a fool is thought wise if he keeps silent, and discerning if he holds his tongue.
- Do not make friend with a hot-tempered man, do not associate with one easily angered.
- Mockers stir up a city, but wise men turn away anger.
- A fool gives full vent to his anger, but wise man keeps himself under control.

## ON WEALTH AND RICHES

- One man gives freely, yet gains even more; another withholds unduly, but comes to poverty. A generous man will prosper; he who refreshes others will himself be refreshed.
- A man's riches may ransom his life, but a poor man hears no threat.

- What a man desires is unending love; better to be poor than a liar.
- If a man shuts his ears to the cry of the poor, he too will cry out and not be answered.
- He who pursues righteousness and love finds life, prosperity and honor.
- A generous man will himself be blessed, for he shares his food with the poor.
- He who oppresses the poor to increase his wealth and he who gives gifts to the rich both come to poverty.
- Better a poor man whose walk is blameless than a rich man whose ways are perverse.
- A rich man may be wise in his own eyes, but a poor man who has discernment sees through him.

## ON DILIGENCE

- Go to the ant, you sluggard; consider its ways and be wise! It has no commander, no overseer or ruler, yet it stores its provisions in summer and gathers its food at harvest. How long will you lie there, you sluggard? When will you get up from your sleep? A little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to rest and poverty will come on you like a bandit and scarcity like an armed man.
- Diligent hands will rule, but laziness ends in slave labor.
- All hard work brings a profit, but mere talk leads only to poverty.

- The plans of the diligent lead to profit as surely as haste leads to poverty.
- Be sure you know the condition of your flocks, give careful attention to your herds; for riches do not endure forever, and a crow is not secure for all generations.
- He who works his land will have abundant food, but the one who chances fantasies will have his fill of poverty.

## ON RULERS AND KINGS

- Kings take pleasure in honest lips; they value a man who speaks the truth.
- Arrogant lips are unsuited to a fool, how much worse lying lips to a ruler!
- A fool finds no pleasure in understanding but delights in airing his own opinions.
- A wise king winnows out the wicked; he drives the threshing wheel over them.
- Love and faithfulness keep a king safe; though love his throne is made secure.
- A ruler who oppresses the poor is like a driving rain that leaves no crops.
- A tyrannical ruler lacks judgment, but he who hates ill-gotten gain will enjoy a long life.
- By justice a king gives a country stability, but one who is greedy for bribes tears it down.
- If a ruler listens to lies, all his officials become wicked.
- If a king judges the poor with fairness, his throne will always be secure.

## ON WORDS

- He who conceals his hatred has lying lips, and whoever spreads slander is a fool.
- When words are many, sin is not absent, but he who holds his tongue is wise.
- The tongue of the righteous is choice silver, but the heart of the wicked is of little value.
- The lips of the righteous nourish many, but fools die for lack of judgment.
- A man who lacks judgment derides his neighbor, but a man of understanding holds his tongue.
- A gossip betrays a confidence, but a trustworthy man keeps a secret.
- A wicked man listens to evil lips; a liar pays attention to a malicious tongue.
- He who covers over an offense promotes love, but whoever repeats the matter separates close friends.
- A gossip betrays a confidence; so avoid a man who talk too much.
- He who guards his mouth and his tongue keeps himself from calamity.
- Without wood a fire goes out; without gossip a quarrel dies down.
- The words of a gossip are like choice morsels; they go down to a man's inmost parts.

## ON SEEKING ADVICE

- For lack of guidance a nation fall, but many advisers make victory sure.

## ON INTEGRITY

- The man of integrity walks securely, but he who takes crooked paths will be found out.
- The integrity of the upright guides them, but the unfaithful are destroyed by their duplicity.
- Righteousness guards the man of integrity, but wickedness overthrows the sinner.
- It is not good to punish an innocent man, or to flog officials for their integrity.
- Bloodthirsty men hate a man of integrity and seek to kill the upright.

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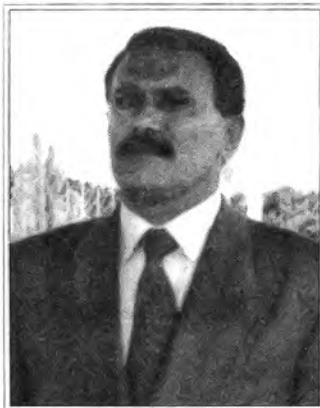
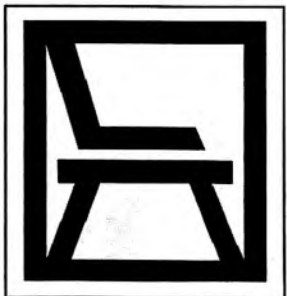
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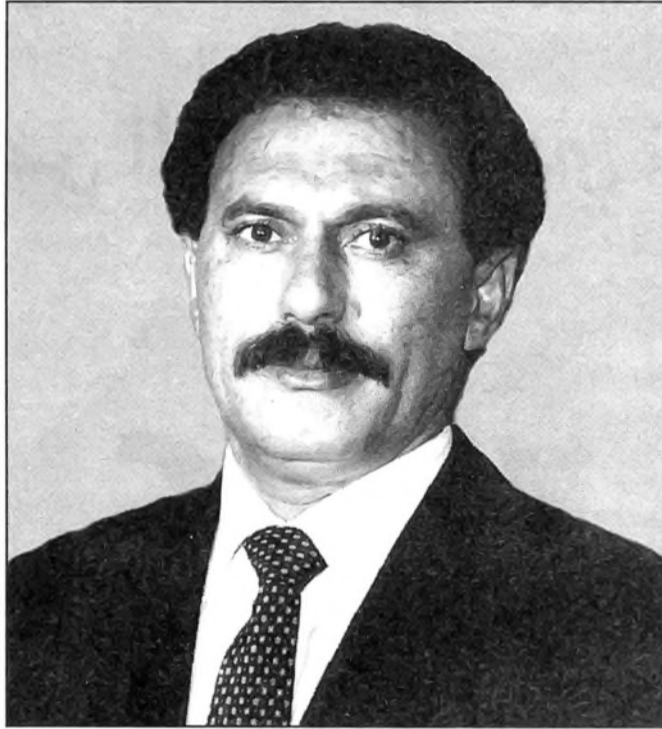
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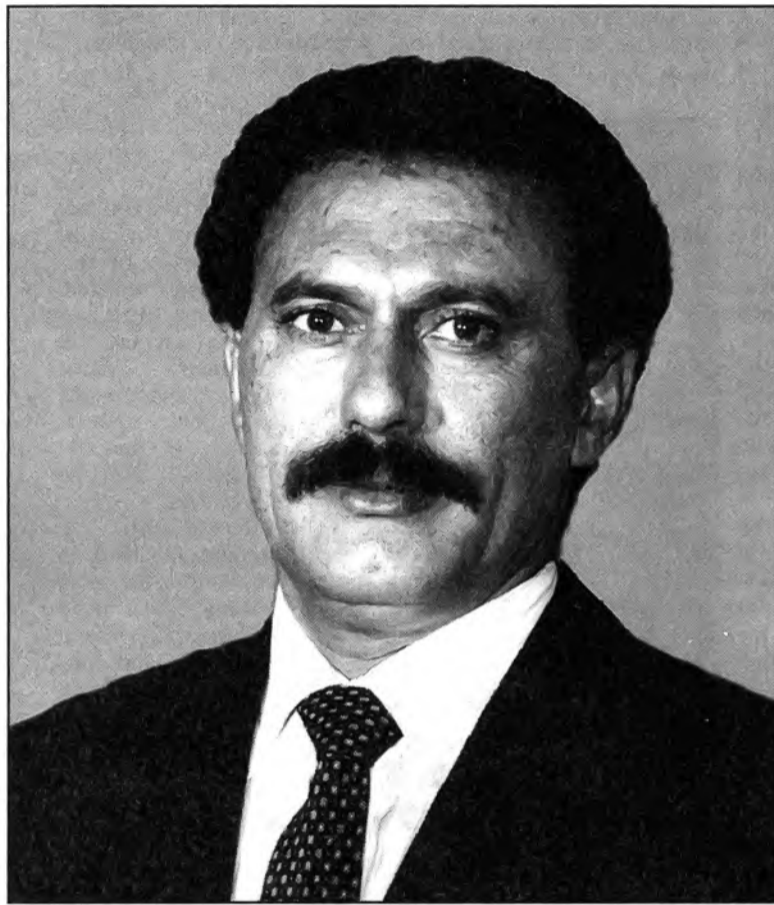
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The Government of Yemen has taken shape, last week. Its structure does not represent the dramatic infusion of new blood, and the repeated claims that it will be a government of technocrats. Even then, the government does present a carefully balanced composition of old hands - like Abdulghani, Al-Iryani, Al-Attar, Basindiwah, Al-Mutawakkel, Al-Arashi, Jubari, Al-Anisi, Al-Junaid, etc. It also includes the newcomers, really fresh blood like Al-Qubati, Rawah, Sharaf, Al-Akwa', etc. There are also the relatively new people like Najeeb Ghanem, Al-Qurashi, among others.

Abdulaziz Abdulghani, a master politician who has served as prime minister under three presidents, and who has survived the turmoils of the last twenty years, is expected to wield considerable influence in running the government. He is not expected to have trouble controlling any of the members of his government, especially given the confidence and trust he enjoys in the leaderships of the PGC and Islah.

The cabinet includes highly qualified people - six with PhDs - Al-Iryani, Al-Attar, Bafadhle, Al-Qurashi, Al-Dailami, and Rawah. Many more, including the prime minister (who has an MA in economics) have post-university degrees. In addition, there are the engineers, medical doctors, and religiously-learned.

The government has seven southerners and two military men. It has members who come from Abyan, Aden, Dhamar, Hadhramaut, Hajjah,



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Hodeidah, Ibb, Saadah, Sanaa, Shabwah, and Taiz. The only heavily populated governorate which is not represented in this government is Lahej.

The spirit of comradry and team-work is clearly visible among the group, and it cuts across partisan and geographic lines.

The new government has already started steps to formulate a budget for 1995. The government has been working for the last three years without a budget. "The first step in correcting the current situation is to work out a budget and abide by it," said the new prime minister. A committee has been set to outline the basic components of the budget. "Our vision is of a decentralized budgetary system in which allocations are distributed to the governorates which will have full control in dispensation," he added.

Another priority step for the new government is the local government system. "We are now pushing for a system according to which the country's financial and administrative decisions are to be decentralized," he added. According to many observers, this government opens a new era in the country's modern history. Some journalists have gone to the extent of speaking about the Fourth Republic. Whatever the assessment and hopes, there is no denying that the Abdulghani government starts a new chapter in the country's history. What it can and will achieve, however, is a different matter. Only time will tell.

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## Riddles in the Early History of Yemen

By: David Warburton\*

The early history of Yemen is a matter of research. But also of debate, for many of the key relationships are not well understood. The casual reader with a bent for history may have noted that a month ago in the Yemen Times, Dr. J. Pirenne's late date for a ren-



naissance of the Kingdom of Awsan was cited, while two weeks later reference was made to the Kingdom of Awsan having been conquered by Saba in the 7th century B.C. Very frequently those who agree about the event will put the date in the 5th century B.C. Occasionally one reads about the ancient port of Qana. More frequently one reads about Bilqis, the Queen of Sheba. Who are these actors, and what do we really know? The flippan-

answer to the second question is: "Awfully little and less every day." What happens is that the historians and archaeologists working on various aspects of the problem come up with answers which unravel what we had assumed we knew before.

The broad outline of early Yemeni history is quite clear. Sometime around 1200-1000 B.C., a number of kingdoms emerged on the edge of the sea of sand stretching between Marib and the Hadhramaut, the Ramlat al-Sabatayn. Each kingdom occupied one of the great wadis leading into the sands: Main in the Jawf, with its capital at Qanaw; Saba (Sheba) in wadi Dhanna, with its capital at Marib; Qataban in Bayhan, with its capital at Timna; Awsan in wadi Markha with its capital at Miswara; and the Hadhramaut kingdom with its capital at Shabwa. Each kingdom organized systems of irrigation permitting the cultivation of wide expanses of the steppe, and each controlled some part of the aromatic trade, which linked Yemen to the rest of the ancient world.

For the first thousand years or so, trade will have been dependent upon camel caravans with the sea-borne trade a major factor only later. Those camels required lots of fodder, and the goods required guards, so that trade will have been a very important factor in daily life, even if very few people were directly

involved in the incense trade. The commercial contacts were extremely valuable, and a cause of competition among the various kingdoms, for the amount of income falling to a particular state depended on the amount of the trade that it



controlled. If we understand things correctly, the Hadhramaut kingdom must have controlled the access to the supplies of frankincense, which lay far to the East, near the present-day Omani border, while the kingdom of Main in the Jawf controlled the export, by dominating the caravan

route to the Mediterranean in the North. The kingdoms in between will have controlled the movement of goods through their territory. This will have been the reason for strife between the kingdoms.

While the kingdoms contested domination of the trade routes, historians contest the existence of Bilqis, the Queen of Sheba. There is not a shred of evidence that a person of this name ever existed, and many historians go on to suggest that she never existed under any other name. She first appears unnamed in the Old Testament, as the Queen of Sheba, bringing gifts to Solomon, the King in Jerusalem. Solomon probably lived sometime around 1000 B.C., and thus this date has been used to date the Queen of Sheba, but the story of the life of Solomon will have been written long after his death, and thus

this detail might have been added later, so we have no means of dating the Queen of Sheba. We do however know that the Assyrians faced an army of bedouin camel cavalry led by a queen around 720 B.C., so that the idea of a South Arabian Queen with camel cavalry is substantiated from sources not influenced by the Bible. And we have Karabilu the Sabaean appearing in the Assyrian records around 700 B.C.

Even though Karabilu is a king and not a queen, the name and the event are of extreme importance, for they bring the South Arabians into the realm of history, for in his own inscriptions, a Karabilu Watar, Mukarrib of Saba, claims to have destroyed the kingdom of Awsan. If the two are the same, then the conquest of Awsan by Saba can be dated to around 700 B.C., and the queen may have lived earlier.

If the two are the same. As you see, there is more than a slip between the queen and her date.

The dating of the statues of the Kings of Awsan (Yemen Times 12 September, 3 October) then creates a further difficulty, as the presumed Cypriote style clothing of the one can logically place him conveniently in the right period, but the clothing style of the other is more difficult. One view sees the style as a return to the native Yemeni, while another sees some Median influence in the tight costume. It is perfectly reasonable to place the Cypriote and Median styles at roughly the same date, but this would put both statues about a century or two later than the date of 700 B.C.

One way of facing the problem is to recall that it is a

tradition among many peoples even today, to name children after their grandfather, so that names repeat themselves over the generations, and thus the Karabilu of the Assyrian inscriptions need not be the same person as the Karabilu Watar of the South, and yet of the same family and nation, but of another generation.

Another way of getting round the problem is to assume that the statue represents Greek influence, but to give certain details a bit more importance, and date the statue to around the beginning of our era, as Dr. Pirenne did, and thus come to the conclusion that the kingdom of Awsan experienced a renaissance. While this might appear improbable, it would explain a reference in a first century document to the "Ausanic coast", which would otherwise be incomprehensible, identifying a coast with an inland kingdom which disappeared centuries earlier.

In the course of time the country split up into several kingdoms, although Saba certainly controlled a large part of Yemen in the middle of the first millennium B.C., after destroying Awsan, by the beginning of our era the kingdom of Main had broken off the Jawf, and become independent, Qataban had separated itself (and was itself breaking apart), and the Hadhramaut kingdom was also an independent power. Dominating the incense trade, the Hadhramaut presumably controlled the coastal ports as well, and thus it was generally assumed that this was done through the port at Qana, modern Bir Ali.

The excavations there have however not shed light on Qana's role as the Hadhrami port in antiquity, as the port seems to have flourished after the kingdom of Hadhramaut disintegrated, and to have continued to flourish after the mountain Kingdom of Himyar had subdued the desert kingdoms, at a time when trade was increasingly sea-borne rather than by desert caravan. But the real port of the kingdom has never been found. Was the coast truly Awsanic, and never Hadhrami? And where was the Awsanic port? No one has ever found anything of great antiquity in Aden, and the logic suggesting that Aden

was the main port of ancient Yemen (before Mokha) is the same as that which was previously applied to Qana/Bir Ali, which makes it quite uncertain.

Thus, the early history of Yemen has many unsolved problems.

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The Opinions expressed are purely his own.



The three pictures above represent three ancient Yemeni women, on the left a Qatabanian priestess; are these the Queen of Sheba's Sisters? Below is a mustached bureaucrat from Awsan. All of these items were stolen from the Bayhan and Aden museums.



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