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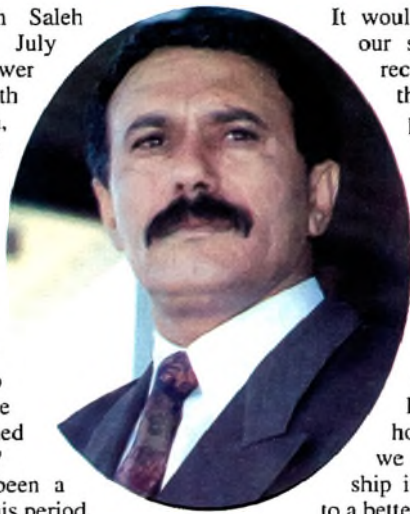
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President Saleh Starts This Week His 19th Year of Rule

CONGRATULATIONS

General Ali Abdullah Saleh completes tomorrow, July 16, his 18th year in power and moves on to his 19th year. On this occasion, the Yemen Times is happy to send good-will wishes and warm congratulations. The paper would also like to take the occasion to ask Yemeni intellectuals, public figures and community elders to stop and ponder the moment. What happened during the last 18 years? For sure, there have been a few ups and downs in this period.



It would be worthwhile for our society to assess the recent past and see how the strong points in the president's rule can be further consolidated and strengthened. Such an effort should not shy away from the shortcomings in the system, but should try to address them with the objective of reducing them. It is only through an honest evaluation that we can assist our leadership in leading the country to a better future.

IMF / World Bank Step up Efforts on Reform Program!

A team from the International Monetary Fund (IMF) is arriving in Sanaa next week. Actually, the early delegates have already arrived. The IMF had awarded Yemen \$193 million in stand-by credit facility. Of this, some \$60 million has already been released. The problem is that this is a 15-month commercial term loan. The IMF team is trying to convert it into a 3-year soft loan. But this will depend on the government

accepting additional steps to consolidate the present economic reform package. According to Central Bank of Yemen sources, the government is edgy about additional austerity measures. It prefers to implement any measures after the elections of April, 1997. The World Bank has also approved several loans this year totaling \$165 million, of which the Economic Recovery Credit is \$ 80 m. In addition, total IDA lending up to June 30th,

1996 amounted to \$1,022.4 billion covering projects in various sectors. Meanwhile, a senior World Bank expert is in Yemen to help overhaul the bureaucracy. The main question is, however, whether the government is ready for this serious job. The bureaucracy remains one of the major sources of corruption and inefficiency. As such, it is a main target of the reform process, but the authorities have shied away from it, so far.

Yemen Occupies First Place in the World for Discriminating Against Girl Enrollment in Schools

It was shocking, though not unexpected. The Republic of Yemen occupied first place among the nations of the world in the difference between boy and girl enrollment in schools. The percentage of school-age boys out of school is 28%, and the percentage of school-age girls out of school is 65%, resulting in a 35% point difference, the highest in the world. According to 'The Progress of Nations: 1996' report of the Unicef which ranks the nations of the world according to their achievements in child health, nutrition, education, family planning, and progress for women, Yemen is also guilty of a number of other 'crimes' as the

publication calls it. The Unicef Representative in Yemen, Carl Tinstman, best summarizes the feeling in a covering letter to the report. His very first sentence starts with, "With a high level of professional concern, ..." Carl points to the maternal death statistics. "At 1,400 (maternal deaths per 100,000 live births), this new estimate is several hundred higher than all previous estimates for Yemen. It is more than double that of any other country in the Middle East and North Africa," he wrote. Indeed, Yemen's maternal death rate is among the highest in the world, exceeded only by such countries as Somalia, Guinea, and Bhutan.

Gender gap

The table on the right lists the 19 countries of the world in which the difference between boys not in primary school and girls not in primary school is 10 percentage points or more.

In the main league table the statistics on school attendance apply to the 1990s and are derived from household survey data, net enrolment data from UNESCO, and data from UNICEF country offices. Data for six nations (Central African Republic, Germany, Guinea-Bissau, Papua New Guinea, Singapore, and Somalia) are from the second half of the 1980s.

Where gap is 10 pts. or more

	% out of school		% point difference
	Boys	Girls	
Yemen	28	65	37
Benin	29	65	36
Alghanistan	58	86	28
Chad	45	73	28
Nepal	19	47	28
Guinea-Bissau	42	68	26
Central African Rep.	29	54	25
Togo	20	42	22
Gambia	36	54	18
Pakistan	37	55	18
Morocco	39	55	16
India	25	39	14
Lao Rep.	25	39	14
Egypt	5	18	13
Zaire	40	53	13
Papua New Guinea	21	33	12
Bissau	54	65	11
Algeria	1	11	10
Bhutan	54	64	10



Mr. Tinstman moves to another indicator. "Child malnutrition at 30% of Yemeni children is one of the highest in the world, and the second highest in the Middle East," he explains. This rate is surpassed only by such states as Sudan, Eritrea and Ethiopia. The Under-five years mortality rate of Yemen stands at 112 per 1000. Again here, Yemen's record is dismal because of falling immunization efforts despite the fact that vaccines are paid for by Unicef.



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OUR VIEWPOINT

From NGO to GONGO

One of our Swiss readers wrote to the paper about the efforts of Third World governments to co-opt Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs). Learning about what is happening in Yemen, she wrote, "I could not resist, after reading the June 24th issue, (of Yemen Times) sharing with you the newest bit of international jargon - after the NGO, we now have the GONGO." It stands for Government-Organized Non-Governmental Organization.

Here in Yemen, we have seen the mushrooming of GONGOs at the expense of NGOs. The authorities are openly converting any trace of NGOs into GONGOs.

Let us start with the beginning - definitions. NGOs refer to voluntary non-profit organizations which belong to neither the government nor the private for-profit business sector. As such they take many variable formats - associations, societies, trusts, foundations, cooperations, unions, syndicates, etc. A study syndicated by the Dutch Embassy, not yet formally released and carrying the title Yemeni NGOs & Quasi-NGOs, quotes The Commonwealth Foundation, 1995, on NGO characteristics as follows:

- It is voluntarily formed and participation within it is voluntary.
- It is controlled and managed independently from government, while operating within the laws of society.
- It is not for private profit or gain of those control and manage them, and its revenues are used to further the aims of the organization.
- It is not self-serving; i.e., it aims to improve the circumstances and prospects of the disadvantaged, and/or act on those issues which are detrimental to the well-being, circumstances or prospects of people or society as a whole.

In addition to the above characteristics, the growth and evolution of NGOs in any society must be appreciated against the overall backdrop of political structures and public participation. That is why NGOs have become a yardstick to measure the existence and evolution of civil society. "Their existence as voluntary associations reveals political awareness as well as deliberate, often sophisticated attempts to increase government accountability in a civilized society." (Yemeni NGOs and Quasi NGOs, May 1996, p. 7). Therefore, the deliberate effort on the part of the Yemeni authorities to force their hands and take control of the NGOs is a political decision which aims to reduce the pace of evolution of civil society in Yemen. More directly, they want to reduce and possibly illuminate the space for the participation of people in public matters. The growth and flourishing of NGOs reflects the norms of equality, participation, tolerance and political inclusion (which) characterize activity within civil society. Hence civil society is a basic platform on which democracy will grow and flourish.

As Peter Mansfield argues that the Middle East as a whole lacks a viable civil society because the organizations that exist there have been co-opted by the state. He adds, "Without strong challenges to despotic regimes, there is little hope for the emergence of more democratic politics in the region."

Converting NGOs into GONGOs is a setback to Yemen's democratization process.

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German Assistance to Taiz Water System

On Saturday, July 13th, the foundation stone for the Taiz water distribution network was laid down. On hand for the occasion were Taiz Governor, Mr. Ahmed Abdullah Al-Hajri, Dr. Mohamed Al-Saedi, Chairman of the National Water and Sanitation Authority, Mr. Harald Gehrig, Charge d'affaires of the German Embassy, and other dignitaries. The German Government is providing DM 15 million for the Taiz & Mukallah water projects.

President Responds to Omar Al-Jawi Appeals and Releases His Paper

President Ali Abdulla Saleh, responded to the appeal of Mr. Omar Al-Jawi, Secretary-General of the Yemeni Unionist Gathering, and ordered the resumption of printing of his party's newspaper, 'Al-Tajammu' by 14th October Printing House, in Aden, and owned by the state. "There had been objections regarding the contents of the paper. They asked us to get permission from the President personally," Al-Jawi wrote in a memo dated 12th July. At the time, the president was out of the country. But since his return, he has been overwhelmed by many things, and could only give the okay to print the paper this week. The 14th October Printing House enjoys a virtual monopoly in printing in Aden.

Military Manoeuvres Using Live Ammunition

The Republic of Yemen carried out last week extensive military manoeuvres in Hadhramaut, Aden and Abyan using live ammunition. The land-to-air activities involved squadrons of helicopter gun-ships, mig 23 and sokhoi fighter planes, hundreds of tanks, armored personnel carriers, and the infantry.

More Yemeni-Iranian Cooperation

Yemen and Iran signed last week several protocols aimed at enhancing bilateral cooperation. A priority area of cooperation has been the oil sector. According to the agreement, Iran will provide expertise and training, and will refine crude at Aden.

Vice President Anchors in Hadhramaut

Vice President Abdo Rabo Hadi Mansoor spent all of last week in Hadhramaut. He is still there. He is on assignment to sort out the problems of Hadhramaut. The Vice President follows in the food-steps of President Saleh who also visited the governorate. Both officials are trying to calm down the local population which has been disturbed by excesses and violations. President Ali Abdullah Saleh had promised Hadhramaut self-rule recognizing its special status within the nation. But then he backtracked because he found out such a step to be unconstitutional.

Cabinet Approves Local Administration Draft Law

The Government of Abdulaziz Abdulghani approved last week the draft of the law on local administration. The government stated that the proposal will redivide the governorates along lines that will consolidate national cohesion and unity. The draft law will be sent to parliament for discussion and enactment.



NOTICE OF VACANCIES at the World Food Program (WFP)

The World Food Program (WFP) is seeking to fill 2 vacancies in Sanaa, the job descriptions are below. Interested applicants should deliver their applications to this office in sealed envelopes by noon on Tuesday 16th, July 1996, along with their CVs in English, which should include their contact details. The vacancies are open to male and female candidates. Applications from qualified female candidates are encouraged. The WFP office is located on the top floor of the UNDP building, off the sixty meter Road, Phone 415-199. No extension for applications will be given.

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Yemen and Morocco are located on two extremes of the Arab World, separated by a land-mass of some 4000 kilometers. Yet, the similarities between the peoples, the culture, social values, etc., are amazing. In addition, there is considerable good will between the two countries, in spite of limited contact and exchange.

H.E. Ahmed Al-Idrissi, Ambassador of Morocco to Yemen is about to conclude his service in Sanaa.

Mr. Al-Idrissi is an old hand in diplomacy. After all, he first joined his country's diplomatic corps forty years ago - in 1957. Since then he had served in many posts in various countries such as Nepal and Pakistan to Syria. He was appointed in Yemen in 1992.

He returns to Rabat in a few weeks.

Ismail Al-Ghabry of Yemen Times interviewed the ambassador and filed the following report.

Q: As you get ready to leave us, what are the things you will remember most of Yemen?

A: I think it is the folklore (singing, dancing, costumes) and traditional life of Yemenis that I will remember most. The hospitable nature and kindness of the Yemeni people will also remain in my memory.

Q: During your term in Yemen, the country witnessed tremendous transformation. How do you assess this?

A: I don't know if I am qualified or even entitled to assess the transformation of Yemen. But indeed, the last four years have witnessed many changes that will affect the future of Yemen. Let me specify some of these changes:

1. I have personally lived through the events that led to the consolidation of the country's unity. Yemenis have sacrificed a lot, under the wise and courageous leadership of President Ali

Abdullah Saleh, in order to safeguard the unity of their land.

2. I have also witnessed a continuous effort to strengthen democracy and political pluralism in the country.

3. Finally, there are the tremendous efforts to rectify and reform the economy in order to raise the standard of living the Yemeni people who have suffered a lot.

Q: Yemeni-Moroccan relations and cooperation are limited in spite of the desire of both sides to improve them. What can be done?

A: Clearly, Yemeni-Moroccan relations are excellent at the political level. It is at the level of commercial exchange and economic cooperation that should be elevated to the level we aspire. Towards that end, the joint ministerial committee was held in Sanaa in March 1996, and many agreements that regulate bilateral cooperation were signed. These



include agreements in trade, education, culture, youth and sports, local administration, and cooperation between the chambers of commerce.

On 7th June, 1996, an agreement was also signed regarding air transport services, which will facilitate the transportation of passengers and goods. We expect the signing shortly of two more agreements - one on tourism cooperation, and the other on investment protection.

Q: Morocco is witnessing a major evolution at the moment. Could you highlight that?

A: That is correct. Morocco at

the moment is undergoing major transformations at many levels.

1. At the economic level, it is common knowledge that my country has adopted a free market system which has resulted in an important production dynamism. As a result, 70% of our exports today are manufactured products. The giant industrial investments in the extracting industry, especially in phosphates, iron and steel, petrochemicals, sugar, manufacturing, fishing and packing, etc.

This does not mean that the traditional sectors such as agriculture, tourism, handicrafts, etc. have been neglected.

Morocco has also encouraged foreign investment to make-up for any shortfall in domestic savings.

2. At the political level, individuals and groups in Morocco enjoy democracy, freedom, social and economic justice. The constitution guarantees political pluralism, freedom of the press, of opinion, of movement, of residence, of meetings, and of formation of associations, and all the liberties that enable individuals to grow fully.

The constitution also stresses respect for human rights, and draws clear lines between the various authorities. The system is based on checks and balances that enforces accountability. Let me add here that the parliament plays an important monitoring role. For example, the government is obliged to respond to parliamentary queries within a maximum of twenty days.

To further enhance the level of participation of the population in public affairs, there is presently an on-going study which aims to

create a two-tier parliament, like in many other countries - upper and lower houses. If agreed, this will require a constitutional amendment.

Q: Any last comment you wish to add?

A: Yes. Through the Yemen Times, I would like to add two comments:

1. I pray and deeply hope that the Yemeni people will preserve the unity of their nation. Through wisdom, tolerance, honesty and patriotism, the Yemeni people will overcome the obstacles facing them and elevate their country to the high status that its resources allow it to occupy.

2. I would like to express my sincere gratitude for all Yemenis - officials and citizens, for all the support and assistance they have given me during my service here. Without such assistance, I would not have been able to fulfill my duties in promoting better understanding and cooperation between the two fraternal countries and peoples.

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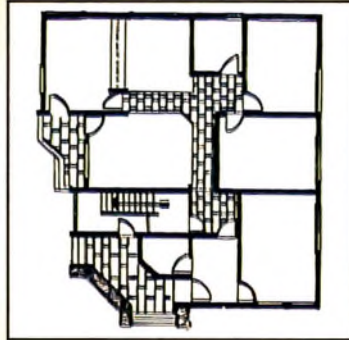
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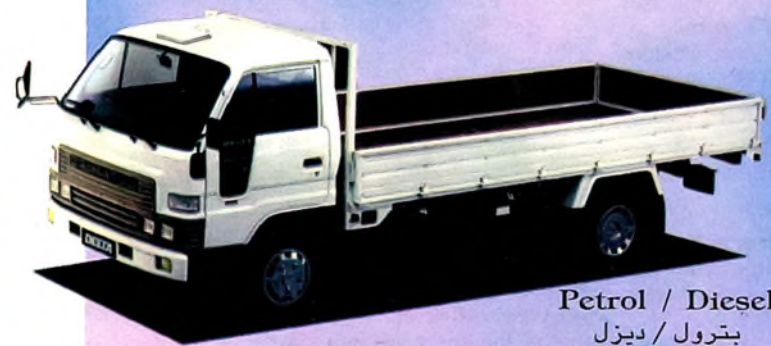
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The President Openly Threatens Yemen Times and Its Editor

In his press conference on 7/7/1996, President Ali Abdullah Saleh accused the Yemen Times and its editor of shady contacts with the outside world. He explicitly accused both of being paid agents giving out wrong information to 'damage the nation's interests'. "I am giving my warning. This is my last warning!" the President said menacingly. He finally said that he will see to it that the newspaper is printed out of Cyprus, implying that the newspaper and its editor will be pushed out of the country into exile. (The President's full press conference is available with the newspaper on tape).

This development has resulted in a grave and dangerous situation for the Yemen Times, its editor, and the staff. The President's accusations and threats have complicated our lives, to say the least. Following long consultations with friends, the editor decided to send a letter to the President. The original letter is reproduced next to this article, and the exact translation is given below:

Quote:

His Excellency General Ali Abdullah Saleh,
President of the Republic, Esq.,

Greetings.

I seize the occasion of the 7th of July, and forthcoming occasion of 17th of July to offer my warm congratulations and good wishes to your person, and to our country - hoping for both good fortune and prosperity.

As I was following your press conference of 7/7/1996, I was extremely worried by the accusations and threats to which my newspaper and myself were exposed. Thus I found no way but to write to you first, and to ask to meet you second.

Mr. President:

I am a citizen who is active in society using legal means and for constitutional objectives which I see and believe serve my country. My activities are not based on any group affiliation, political party, or local or foreign entities. I depend primarily on the will of God, and on the stipulations of the law and constitution in the country.

In my activities, I have worked to support the good efforts of society in the battle against corruption, carelessness and oppression.

Mr. President:

I contend that I am a decent and honest man who spends long hours at work. I stand at no one's doors asking for personal benefits - whether that person is a Yemeni or a foreigner. I have never received one Riyal or one dollar for me from any one (in return for illegal services as you contend). If you have been informed otherwise, Mr. President, I urge you to please refer the matter to the courts for my trial.

Mr. President:

My newspaper and I do not need you as an enemy. We need you as a friend (supporter).

I pray to God to guide you to the right path, one that serves our nation; and I wish you good health.

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Common Sense

By: Hassan Al-Haifi

It Is No Myth: Jerusalem Is Sacred to All Believers

1) "The success of Arab propaganda, Western betrayal and media ignorance has rewritten history in a manner that is positively Orwellian... that goes something like this: The Jews invaded Arab land when they began returning to 'Palestine' (a name created out of nothing), gobbling up Arab property and displacing legal residents (Palestinians)... in 1948, Israel continued to dislodge and render homeless and stateless a people whose ties to land are at least as the Jews" Cal Thomas, Washington Times; 3-7-96

2) "Myths have lives all their own, especially when experts propagate them. A prime example is a contemporary myth that is presented as fact by our news media... It is the myth that Jerusalem is sacred to Islam and that it always was an important Arab population center" Si Franklin, The Baltimore Sun; 3-7-96

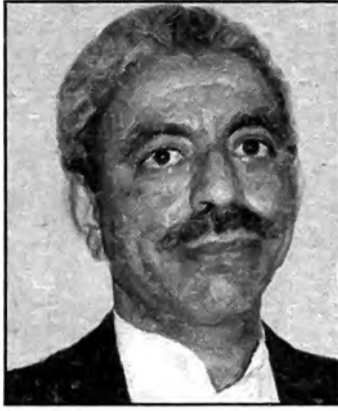
The above quotes are extracted from two presumably reputable American newspapers, written by two presumably reputable writers. Such kind of literature has begun to surface with systematic frequency in the American press. Could respectable American newspapers stoop so low as to carry such garbage fit for the training manuals Anti Defamation League of B'nai Brith or the United Jewish Appeal fund raiser training manuals.

Two observations stand out from reading such kind of print:

1) There seems to be an apparent underestimation of the American reading public's awareness of history, and such material appears with the confidence that nothing will reach the readers that would protest against such poor taste in public persuasion, with which the American press has lately become flooded.

2) There is apparently something worrying these two writers and their likes, who have written similar types of articles in several American renown journals. Apparently the feeling is that the American media has begun to portray the Palestinian problem in ways that do not satisfy the wishes of the strong American Zionist backup machine. This requires a systematic campaign to discredit such handling and to 'straighten out the facts', as these two gentlemen would like them to be seen, or else the media in question will be damned.

If you just look at the first one, especially the first 20 words, you are struck by the amazing coincidence that three unrelated fields of public persuasion could all of a sudden become successfully joined together to direct their efforts to "change history" in the Palestinian issue: "Arab propaganda, Western betrayal and media ignorance." The article does not give any further clarification on such wide angle gen-



eralizations. Nor does it highlight conclusive evidence to support such broad based incomprehensible attacks and heavy assault.

One wonders where are the links between the three: Arab propaganda, Western betrayal, and ignorance of the media?

The second assumption from the quotes seems to indicate that someone has been double-crossed, but the article shies away from shedding clear light on the victim or the deed that are the sources of concern to the writer. If that was not enough to throw the reader off-balance, there is ignorance of the media, which would imply the American media. Other important statements that the author wished to impress the readers with is the danger at hand:

"... without a knowledge of history, Israel is not just doomed to repeat it, Israel is doomed.

"...most Americans would be surprised-legitimately-to learn: The Balfour Declaration in 1917 promised the Jewish people a national home in 'Palestine' (previously called Judea and Samaria... 'Palestine' was revived not by the Arabs but by the British... the League of Nations Mandate of 1922 'recognized the historic connection of the Jewish people with 'Palestine' and the groundwork for reconstituting their national home in

the country...

"... the betrayal of the Jewish people by the British, Americans, the Arabs and the others who once gave them aid and comfort." [except for the breaks (...), this is exactly how it appeared in the article].

Now, can somebody please explain what would bring bewilderment to most Americans: the Balfour Declaration, the League of Nations Mandate or the betrayal of the Jewish people by the British, Americans, the Arabs and others...?"

The only surprise is the fact that the Washington Times can actually regard such non-sense as first rate commentary. On the other hand, the Americans and the British would probably feel being cheated out of some appreciation for all the support and taxpayers' money that has been given, without which "Israel" would not have appeared on any map. As for the Arabs, they - more than any one else - can tell what it feels like to be cheated. But the 'others', that is something left for future need, I guess.

Wait folks, the fun is not over yet. Mr. Thomas now really telling us how to learn history. Forget about Toynbee and other great historians or even Henry Kissinger: "Anyone looking for a succinct (concise), accurate and accessible history of the treatment of Jews should read Mr. Netanyahu's (the current Prime Minister of Israel) book, *A Place Among Nations!*" How objective can you get after that?

Now we come to the author's objective: "In light of this and much more unrevised history (like Netanyahu's) peace talks can proceed. But this government (i.e. the US government?) is not about to relinquish the Golan Heights or territory west of the Jordan River, where construction of new homes continues at a rapid pace. Nor will it redivide Jerusalem!"

Now, brace yourselves for the finale: "That still leaves plenty to negotiate, beginning not with 'land for peace' - (how horrible to even think of it?), but with whether Israel's enemies are prepared to make peace with the facts". And of course, as only Netanyahu can show them.

Hoping that the reader has reset his/her marbles, we come to the second article, aptly titled; *So, Whose Jerusalem Is It Anyway?* by an author who lives three thousand miles away from Baltimore (Studio, California), but can only write in the East Coast apparently. The "writer and lecturer", as the "Sun" describes Mr. Franklin, is going to lecture on myths - "the myths of experts". Which experts? We will never know. But let us get the facts to re-order history a la Netanyahu: - "Jerusalem is indeed central to Judaism and Christianity", that is all! It is absolutely forbidden for anyone to give any other claims of holiness beyond these two groups!

After giving us a very brief explanation of Christian and Jewish ties to Jerusalem (including the reminder that Christ was crucified there!), Franklin throws the bombshell: Muslims have no such ties to Jerusalem". How naive so many billions of people have been? How stupid have all those historians been. Why the hell did Salahaddin (Saladin) waste his time? With the stroke of a pen a "writer and lecturer" can remove the worry of one billion people and hundreds of politicians and decision makers throughout the world.

To give weight to such guidance to all those whom the author apparently regards as fools by pointing out that only "casual" mention of the city is found in Muslim Arab religious or historical reference, which not only tell us that Jerusalem is "central", but indeed very sacred to the

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Muslims.

Okay, you guys burn all those misleading books, and forget about the Quran and other theological references published over the last 1400 years, as well as the hard work done by all those naive orientalsits. The truth is found only in Studio, California!

Anyway, are not two holy cities enough? "Their (the Muslims) holy places are Mecca and Medina." That is all!

Now we come to the right method of asserting claims of holiness of cities, according to the writer and lecturer: During centuries of Muslim rule, it was the small town of Ramle, not Jerusalem, that served as the administrative capital, while Damascus, Cairo and Fes were the religious centers in the region!"

Now that is the kind of history and geography that is not meant for laymen! Yet all those popes and archbishops never knew stuff like that, otherwise they would have made the Western and Eastern Christian Churches seated not in the Vatican or Byzantium, but in Bethlehem or Jerusalem itself!

Only historians from Lithuania could be enlightened to such historical revelations (The author had started his article by telling us of myths he heard while growing up in Lithuania in the 1930's, like "all children born in America had their appendixes removed at birth!", in order to show "how advanced American medicine was!")

Not only that but Jerusalem's insignificance for Muslims was underscored between 1948 and 1967, under Jordanian rule. There was no attempt to make Jerusalem the capital of Jordan, nor did any of the Arab kings and rulers make pilgrimages to Jerusalem during that time." Apparently, the author kept track of world leaders' travel itineraries! So there you have it folks, all the logic that will convince the American readers to disregard any claims by the Muslims that Jerusalem is a holy city to them, even if Mohammed had been flown there by God, as the Quran clearly tells us.

Just to make the authors conten-

tions have weight they batter us with statistics of the demographic make-up of Jerusalem over the years:

- "For the last 2000 years, except for brief periods of destruction and exile, the majority of Jerusalem's populations were Jews!"

- "In the 1840's 5,000 Jews lived there... 11000 by 1870 - an absolute majority" (Of course, no mention was given of the sources for these "figures").

This one is really fantastic:

- *My 1903 Britannica* counts 20,600 Jews, 988 Christians and just 1,600 Muslims".

Remember the British never saw Jerusalem until 1918!

What Mr. Franklin has clearly revealed is that he has no right to be a writer or a lecturer! His ignorance of Islam is obvious and his knowledge of Jerusalem's history is minuscule

A few points are in order:

Islam, as Judaism and Christianity does hold Jerusalem in the highest of esteem, perhaps more than any other religion!

Islam is actually a continuation of 'Judaism and Christianity' and regards itself as the climax of all the monotheistic faiths, since they all derive from the same Al-Mighty God.

Most of the prophets of the Old and New Testaments (Peace of Allah be upon them all) are also prophets and messengers of Islam, just as much as they are to Christians and Jews.

Prophet Mohammed (P) and his followers prayed towards Jerusalem years before Mecca and Medina were ordained as Holy Cities of Islam. The Arabs who lived in Jerusalem and elsewhere in the Arabian Peninsula are the first cousins of the Israelites, and the Israelis are the descendants of the uncle of the Arabs, Ishaq or Isaac (P), brother Ismael or Ishmeal(P), son of Ibrahim or Abraham or Avraham (P).

When the Crusaders invaded Jerusalem, in 1100, they did not persecute only the Jews as he said (without having the courage to say the Crusaders), but slaughtered 90,000 Muslim residents of the city (See Anthony Nutting, *The Arabs*, and other books).



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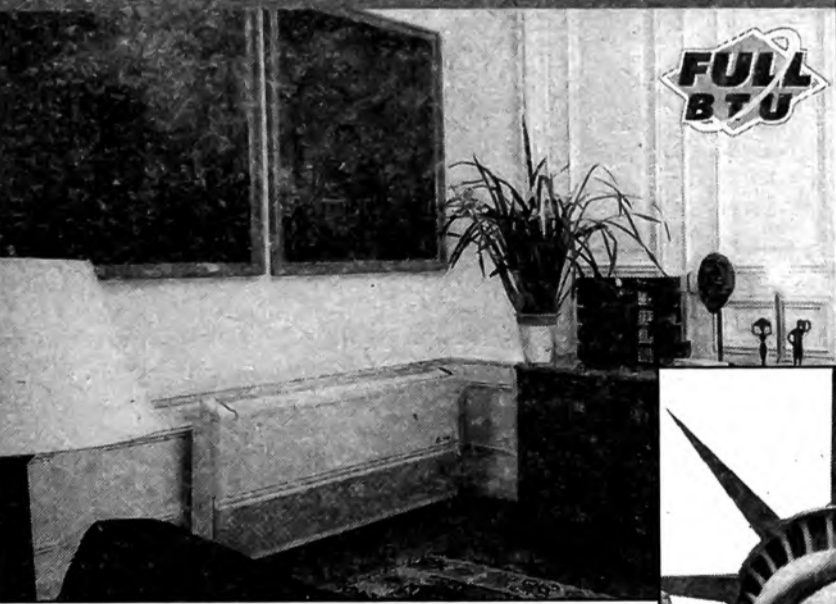


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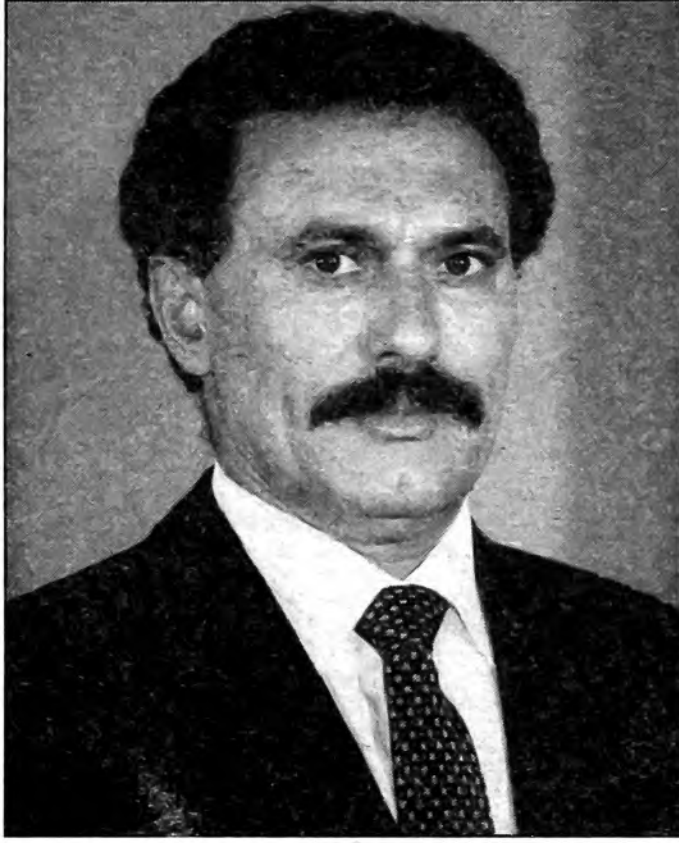
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A Cardiologist Describes Cardiac Syncope

Recognizing Cardiac Syncope:

Syncope, or fainting, is a transient loss of consciousness. It is most commonly caused by cerebral hypoxia secondary to inadequate cerebral blood flow. Based on its causes, syncope can be classified into simple syncope, syncope of cardiac origin, and syncope caused by postural hypotension, excessive vagal reflexes and cerebral factors. Cardiac syncope is discussed here because it may be an important clue to cardiac disease, and early treatment of patients with syncope may avert future cardiac emergencies. However, it is important to recognize that most people who faint do not necessarily have underlying cardiac problems.

It is necessary to introduce the following condition which may be confused with - and must be distinguished from - syncope before discussing cardiac syncope in detail.

Vertigo causes patients to experience a sense of movement. Patients feel they are moving (subjective vertigo) or that objects are moving around them (objective vertigo). Patients may fall to the ground, but do not lose consciousness, and the pulse and blood pressure remain normal.

Elderly patients may doze off briefly in a chair, simulating syncope, but the pallor and pulse changes of syncope are absent. However, sudden appearance of such dozing off episodes may be a sign of syncope. Narcolepsy refers to paroxysmal attacks of sleep without loss of consciousness. Many patients with narcolepsy also have cataplexy, sudden attacks during which muscle tone is lost and the patient may fall to the ground.

Patients, usually females, may have an attack of hysterical fainting, known as conversion hysteria. However, there is no pallor, and there are no changes in pulse or blood pressure. In addition, the fall to the ground is characteristically graceful, causing no injury.

Rarely, hyperventilation will lead to actual syncope. In most cases patients complain of dizziness and light-headedness. They may also not circumscribe paresthesias,

numbness and tingling in the fingers and toes, sweating, palpitations, tinnitus, and tremulousness. In addition, dyspnea, feeling of fear and unreality, tightness around the chest, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, blurred vision, and even loss of voice may occur.

Hypoglycemia, occurring spontaneously or after an insulin overdose, may produce syncope or even coma. Milder hypoglycemia may cause weakness, trembling, diaphoresis, and other symptoms that should be distinguished from syncope. Patients may have a tachycardia, but the blood pressure is normal.

Convulsive disorders may simulate syncope because convulsions may occur during syncope if unconsciousness lasts approximately 10 sec or longer. In epileptic form attacks, however, the convulsions precede loss of consciousness. In syncope, loss of consciousness precedes the convulsion.

Tonic convulsive movements with the eyes upturned are common in epileptiform attacks but are rare in syncope. However, clonic movements of the arms may occur in both conditions. Tongue biting and urinary incontinence are also common in epileptic seizures but are rare in syncope. Postical headache, drowsiness, and mental confusion are common findings. In contrast, patients after syncopal attacks may feel weak but are mentally alert.

Causes of Cardiac Syncope:

Syncope of cardiac origin may occur when the patient is in any position. However, syncope occurring when the patient is in the recumbent position almost always has cardiac causes. In such cases, fainting is usually secondary to decreased cardiac output. The most common causes of cardiac syncope are arrhythmia (both bradyarrhythmia and tachyarrhythmias) and mechanical obstruction of cardiac blood flow.

A- Complete atrioventricular (AV) block and the Adams-Stokes syndrome. The term "Adams-Stokes syndrome" denotes syncope associated with

complete AV block. Complete AV block does not necessarily cause syncope.

Patients with permanent or transient complete AV block may faint for several reasons, including:

1. transient asystole,
2. transient ventricular tachycardia or fibrillation,
3. sudden slowing of the idioventricular pacemaker secondary to drugs, electrolyte imbalance, and so on, and
4. Sudden change from sinus rhythm or partial block to complete AV block. In all cases, syncope results from a significant drop in cardiac output.

B- Other bradyarrhythmias include Sinus bradycardia with sudden slowing of the ventricular rate, with transient asystole, or with sinoatrial block may also produce syncope.

C- Paroxysmal tachyarrhythmias (supraventricular or ventricular). When the ventricular rate becomes rapid (especially exceeding 180 per min), cardiac output may decrease markedly, with resultant syncope.

D- Bradycardia-tachycardia syndromes are attacks of bradyarrhythmias with syncope alternate with supraventricular tachyarrhythmias.

E- Aortic stenosis. Syncope with aortic stenosis has been called effort syncope. However, patients with aortic stenosis may also faint while at rest. Syncope with aortic stenosis is an ominous prognostic sign. The average period of survival after the onset of syncope in these patients is 3 years.

F- Idiopathic hypertrophic subaortic stenosis (IHSS). Fainting associated with IHSS typically occurs immediately after exertion. During exercise there is increased venous return to the heart. When the exercise stops and the venous return decreases, forceful cardiac contractions may continue. During these contractions the hypertrophied ventricular septum may actually reach the anterior mitral leaflet and may obstruct the flow of blood from the heart. Syncope may also occur as a result of transient arrhythmia in these patients.

G- Other valvular lesions. Syncope associated with exertion may also occur with other valvular lesions, such as mitral stenosis and pulmonic stenosis.

H- Acute myocardial infarction (AMI). AMI is not a common cause of syncope. Syncope may occur at the onset of AMI or later on. The syncope is usually not related to pain.

I- Acute pulmonary embolism. Increased pressure in the pulmonary circuit can cause vagally mediated bradycardia and hypotension. Massive pulmonary embolism may also be associated with a sudden drop in cardiac output caused by obstruction of a pulmonary artery and by tachyarrhythmias.

J- Dissecting aneurysm of the aorta. Syncope, mental confusion, visual disturbances, or hemiplegia may occur if the dissection of the aortic arch interferes with the flow of blood into one of the common carotid arteries.

K- Primary pulmonary hypertension. Syncope with exertion may occur in patients with primary pulmonary hypertension, probably because of the inability of the cardiac output to increase adequately with exercise.

L- Tetralogy of Fallot. Syncope associated with increased cyanosis may also occur with exertion in patients with tetralogy of Fallot. The syncope is caused by increased right-to-left shunting of blood as a result of increased obstruction to pulmonary outflow or to decreased peripheral resistance.

M- Syncope associated with prolonged QT interval and/or large

U waves. Syncope may occur in a heterogeneous group of patients in whom a common phenomenon has been prolongation of the QT interval or large U waves or both. N- Quinidine syncope. Quinidine syncope has been observed in patients given quinidine either to convert or to prevent atrial fibrillation or flutter, but it can also occur in patients with other types of tachyarrhythmias. It usually occurs within the first 24 hours after quinidine administration is started.

O- Cardiac tumors or ball-valve thrombus. Cardiac syncope can occur as a result of a ball-valve thrombus or left atrial myxoma. Syncope can occur when the patient is in the recumbent position, when changing position, or when exercising. Tumors of the right or left ventricle may also be associated with syncope.

Treatment of Cardiac Syncope:

Regardless of the type of syncope, the following emergency treatment should be given.

1. Immediately place the patient face up on a bed or on the floor. A fallen patient should be left on the ground, face up.
2. Lift the lower extremities for 15 seconds to increase blood return to the heart.
3. Loosen the patient's collar or any blood pressure.
4. Check the patient's pulse and blood pressure.
5. If consciousness does not return immediately, extend the patient's neck and raise the chin to prevent the tongue from falling backward and blocking the patient's airway.

6. When the patient regains consciousness, slowly raise him or her to a sitting position, and then slowly to a standing position. If the patient is raised too quickly, fainting may recur. It may take as long as 30 min before the patient is able to stand again.

Definitive treatment depends on the cause of cardiac syncope, so any patient with syncope should go to hospital to accept further examination and specific treatment.

For example:

The presence of complete AV block is an indication for the insertion of a transvenous ventricular pacemaker. Pacemaker therapy is also indicated for symptomatic patients with the sick sinus syndrome.

If aortic stenosis or sub-aortic stenosis is present, cardiac catheterization should be performed as soon as practicable. Aortic valve replacement or surgery on the hypertrophic septum may be necessary, particularly if there is a gradient of 50 mm Hg or more across the aortic valve.

If the syncope is caused by quinidine or any other drug, the drug should be stopped at once. Quinidine syncope usually reverts with medical management. Intravenous lidocaine has also been used. Direct current shock by itself is usually not effective because repeated attacks of ventricular tachycardia or ventricular fibrillation may recur for many hours and may require repeated direct current shocks.

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Yemen's Loss to Heart Attacks

Tens of thousands of citizens suffer from pains of their chest, usually in the location of the heart, and these pains sometimes persist for years. Medical diagnosis explains this as minor heart attacks.

Often, these pains increase with rising psychological and physical fatigue. In my opinion, it is all due to the intense and daily suffering to which many of us are exposed. Talk to the nearest ordinary citizen and he/she will sigh as they mention high prices, absence of medical, educational, social services, and numerous other worries.

The major explanation remains, however, connected to chewing qat together with heavy smoking inside closed rooms with no circulation of air.

As a journalist, I know this from my own situation, which can be taken as an example. After all, it is professions like ours, and generally the poor classes of society, who are condemned to such conditions.

The Ministry of Health and the other health-related organizations have not given this phenomenon its due attention and study. In this case, I call on the World Health Organization's office in Yemen

and the meant sources whether and the government to study this problem which causes deaths to the Yemenis.

I feel this killer problem has a lot to do with the whole political, social, economic situation of the country. I believe any tackling of the problem has to correct the problem at the roots.

Maybe we could start by urging people to give up smoking and refrain from chewing qat. Quitting both will immediately improve the quality of life.

Heart attacks cannot be treated through surgery. Many well-to-do patients have travelled abroad but without any results. The only advice they bring back is to change their lifestyle; i.e., to stop smoking, etc., and to avoid psychological stress and hypertension.

In short, the phenomenon of heart attacks is serious and warrants the concern of the relevant authorities. At least we can study the problem. Maybe we can start with a seminar. I personally am ready to bring tens of cases and use them as examples.

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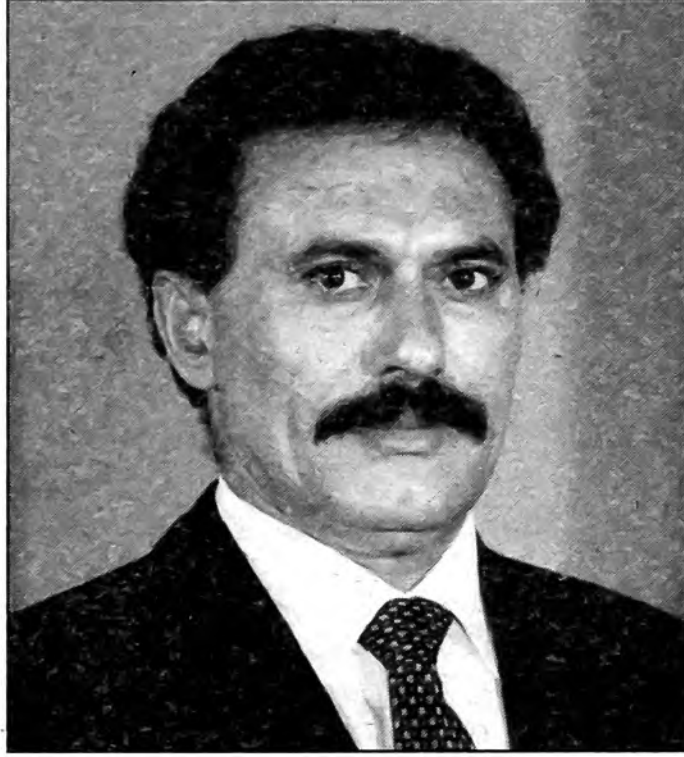
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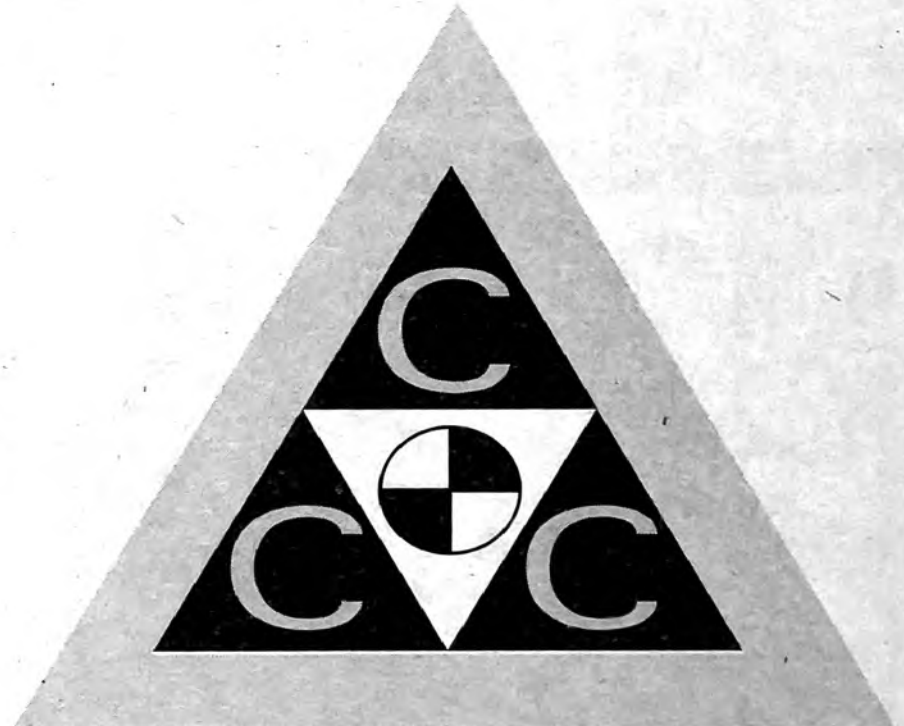
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By: M. Bin Sallam,
Yemen Times, Sanaa.

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Level of Demand:

The level of demand for flowers has been rising steadily in Sanaa. People ask for bouquets of flower for visitations, like family get-togethers, visiting a patient in hospital, etc. But the main demand has been on happy occasions. Flowers are used

to decorate weddings, birthday celebrations, reunions, parties, special occasions, etc.

"Most of our customers, so far, are foreigners. We are talking about Europeans, and some other non-Yemeni nationalities. "I would say about 65% of our total customers are foreigners. We have some high-class Yemenis, of course. And the number is rising," explained Mr. Abul-Fadhl Ahmed Al-Sa'adi, of Azhar Al-Safeer on Haddah Road. Mr. Muneer Al-Kahely of Tulipa on Djibouti Street expressed a similar opinion. In most Yemeni homes and offices, plastic flowers are used for decoration. A bouquet of an assortment of 10

flowers would go for roughly YR 500. The larger the package, the smaller the unit cost of the flower.

Kind of Flowers:

Roses and tulips are the two most popular varieties of flowers. But there are many more - carnations, gerbera, gladiolus, stillingia, liliun, freesia, dianthus, chrysanthemum, etc.

And the color variations are enormous, covering almost all shades of all colors. "Yemenis usually prefer traditional colors like red and white. Foreigners go with an assortment of quieter colors," stated Ms. Lina Abdul-Moneim, co-owner of Azhar Al-Safeer.

Very little is grown locally. Most of the flowers are flown in from Jordan, some also come from Europe. All flower shops routinely complained against airport procedures to release the flowers. "We have to pay through the nose to please corrupt officials, otherwise they delay release of the flowers leading to tremendous damage. Of course the bribes and kick-backs being paid is in addition to the 70% customs duty levied on flower imports.

Locally Grown Flowers:

Some investors have tried to grow flowers locally. It works, but the costs are enormous. It is far cheaper to import. But there are some flower varieties grown in commercial quantities, especially in the Tihama.

This is the yasmin (called 'full' in Arabic), which is prepared as a necklace worn by women.

In the countryside, Yemeni women pluck a flower above their ears or on the the head-gear. This is essentially decorative.

The Economic Situation:

The main obstacle to the growth of this business is really the economic situation. With the austerity measures and rising hardships, the majority of the people will focus on basic needs to survive. Flowers are definitely not a priority. As a result, the scope for growth of local demand is going to be constrained severely over the next few years.



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Abu Dhabi Free Zone Established

The Government of Abu Dhabi announced last week the establishment of a \$3 billion free zone on the 3,500 hectare Sadiyat Island, which is 7 kilometers away from the city. The project envisions the construction of huge storage facilities, a new port, airport, and commodities trading exchanges. The project will also entail specialized facilities for 67 commodities, including precious metals and gems, bulk materials such as grains, ores and oils and materials needing cold storage such as foodstuffs. Consultancy contracts have already been awarded, and construction and equipment supply tenders will go out in the first quarter of 1997, while implementation of other aspects will proceed into 1999.

The seriousness of the project is reflected in the fact that Sheikh Hazza bin Zayed Aal Nahyan, the UAE ruler's son, was named as chairman. On the occasion, Sheikh Hazza stated, "We want to put Abu Dhabi on the map of international business. We believe we have unique advantages." Indeed, among the important incentives for foreigners to invest in the Sadiyat Free Zone is the over \$400 billion UAE economy. There is one problem. The UAE already has a free zone at Jebel Ali. But that is not a problem, according to Sheikh Hazza. The establishment of the new zone is built to add new business based on a synergy effect of the two free zones.

Balkan Meeting Ends with Success

The Foreign Ministers of the Countries of South Eastern Europe (Balkan region) stressed the need for lasting good neighborly relations between them. In a statement following their meeting in Sofia during 6-7/7/1996, they re-iterated commitment to the principles of democracy, market economy, respect for human rights, and freedoms, and the rule of law. Recognizing the transformation of their region, they pledged to promote multi-lateral political dialogue and cooperation. The conflict in Bosnia and Herzegovina featured visibly in the discussions of the ministers, and they expressed support for the reconciliation and reconstruction efforts. They expressed the importance of "Holding the elections in Bosnia within the

deadline of the Dayton Agreement" and the need for confidence-building measures. Agreements were concluded to enhance cooperation among the Balkan nations to build their economies on the one hand, and to combat regional/international problems. These cover such significant areas as transport, telecommunications, energy, trade and joint investments, as well as the protection of the environment and fighting drug trafficking. The ministers finally agreed to meet again in Athens, Greece, next year. In a statement to the press, the Bulgarian Foreign Minister described the agreements as important for the security of Europe and East Mediterranean.

Netanyahu Holds Sway with US Congress

Israeli Prime Minister was able last week to sway the American administration and Congress. In his first official visit to a foreign country, Netanyahu succeeded in rolling over any opposition or reservation that had been voiced with his coming to power. Moreover, he overcame all the complaints against his extremist positions. An administration obsessed with elections was not in a mood to pick on Netanyahu and risk losing Jewish votes in the US.

But that may be the stroke that will break the camel's back. Arab leaders have been working to create a united front against an extremist Israeli leadership and an American mediator that is neither capable nor willing to serve as an honest broker. If the Arab leaders lose faith in working with Netanyahu and the American broker, the result could be more violence and subversion in an already volatile region. If that happens, Netanyahu and his extremist policies are to blame.



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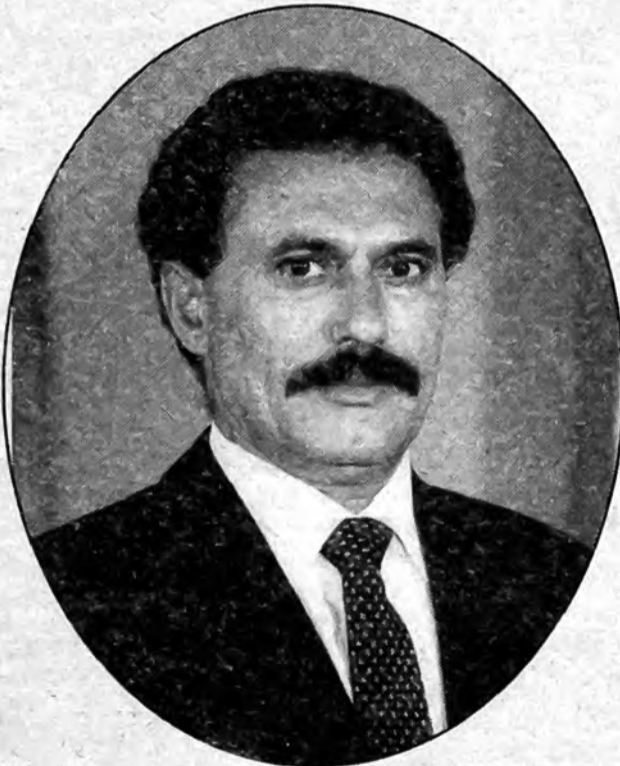
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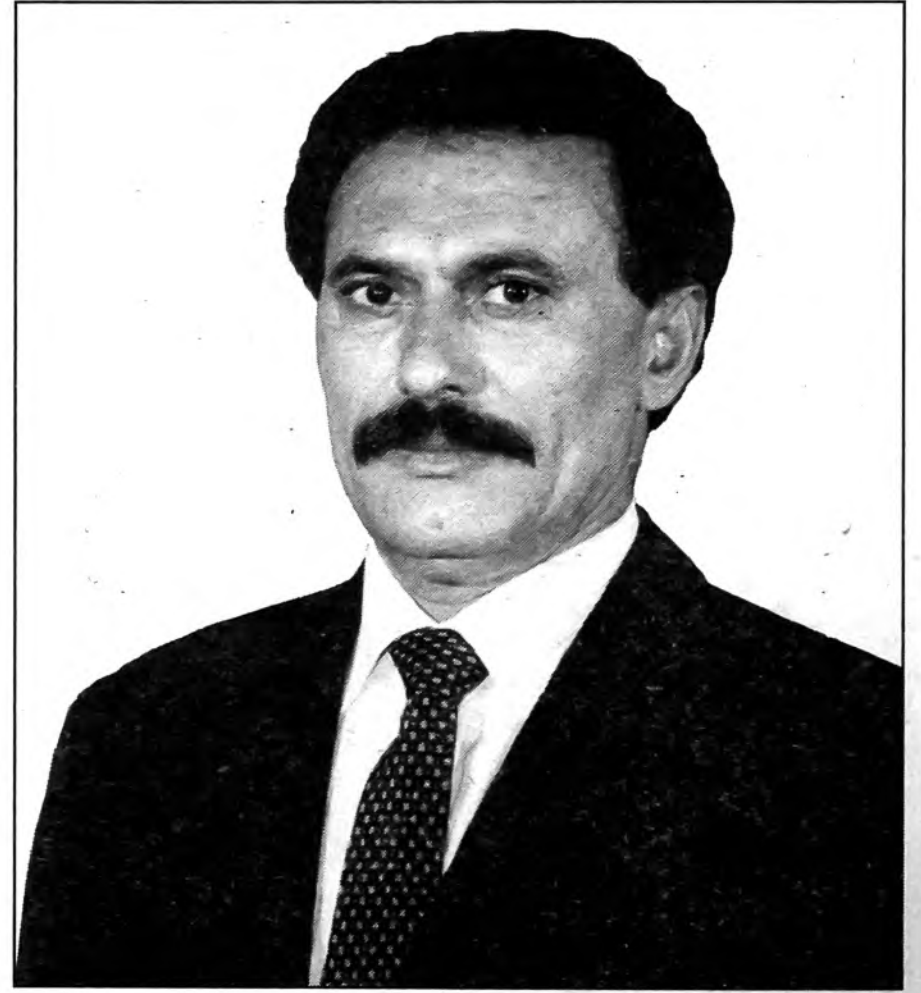
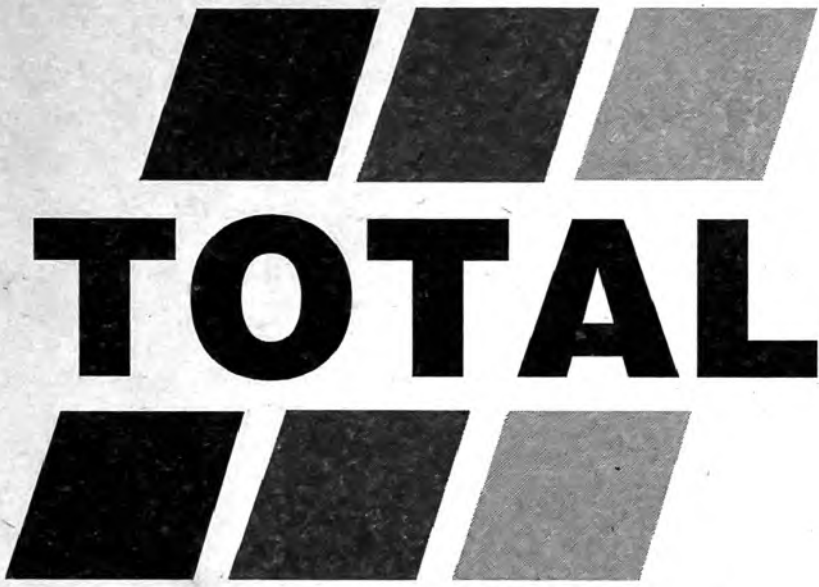
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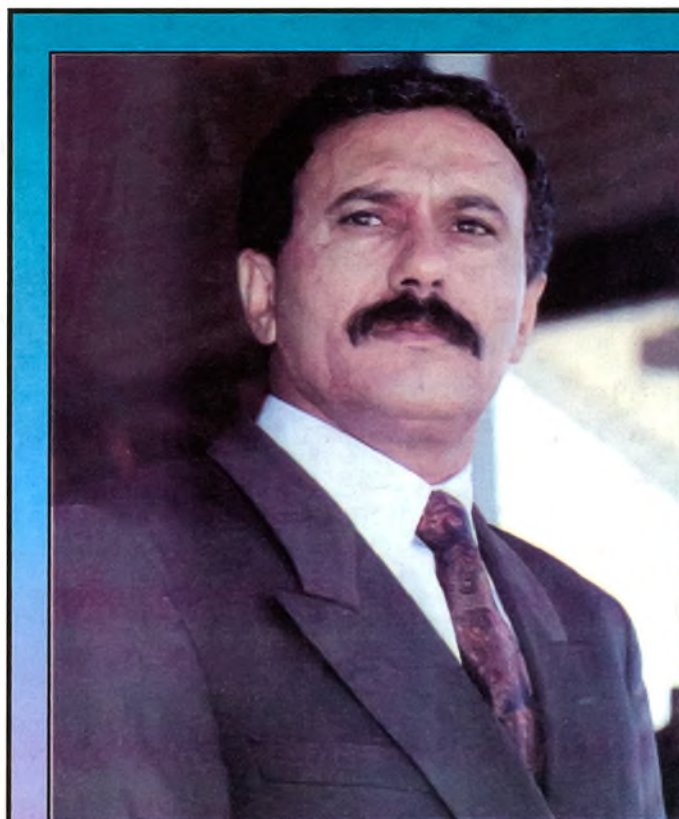
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AL-WAHDAWI: Sana'a (Weekly) 9-7-96
(Nasserite Unionist Party)

Main Headlines:

- 1) **The Meetings in Paris Did not Come to Conclusive End on the Gas Deal**
- 2) **The President: No Alternative But Arbitration on Hunaish**
- 3) **The Parliamentary Committee Approves Local Monitoring of the Elections**

Article Summary:

American Pressures on Yemen

Ahmed Al-Soufy continues his assessment of Yemeni-American relations in the second of a two part commentary. While not directly showing it, the US is applying heavy pressure on the regime of President Ali Abdulla Saleh on a number of fronts. Another problem the writer points to is the policy of the rulers of Yemen whereby they interact with Yemeni persons and groups inside the country with firmness and show of power, whereas they re-act to outside forces with leniency and even surrender.

AL-THOURY: Sana'a (Weekly) 11-7-1996

(Yemeni Socialist Party)

Main Headlines:

- 1) **The People's General Congress Uses Its Military and Political Influence to Win Elections**
- 2) **The Courts Decide in favor of Ministry of Social Security Staff (Dismissed from their Posts by the Minister)**
- 3) **Opposition Council Calls for Appointment of the Elections Committee in Accordance with the Amended Election Law**

Article Summary:

1) Excesses and Violations of the Law by the Registration Committees

Preliminary information on the First Phase of Voter Registration, says the paper indicated that the Ruling Coalition partners {The People's General Congress and the Yemeni Congregation for Reform (Islah)} committed many excesses and violations in polling centers. These violations include sending large groups of troops to register in the areas where they are based, rather than where they come from, as well as sending veiled women to different centers under different names. Even underage children were registered, said the paper.

Moreover, the ruling coalition partners have also applied pressure on local dignitaries and officials, military, social and political figures to use every method of influence voters decisions in their favor.

2) What a Dream!

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Yemeni Press in a Week

by: *Hassan Al-Haifi*

when I went to bed," writes a columnist with the paper.

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AL-SAHWA: Sana'a (Weekly) 11-7-96

(Yemeni Congregation for Reform - Islah)

Main Headlines:

- 1) **Yemeni Religious Leaders (Ulema-Scholars) Call on the Yemeni People to Register As Voters**
- 2) **The Minister of Health Confirms that Blood Used in Transfusion in the Seventies Hospital Is Free from AIDS.**
- 3) **The 7th of July: Our Most Fantastic Victory**

Article Summary:

Early Talk on the Elections

Nasr Taha Mustafa, a prominent journalist and Islah Party leader, in the first of a series of articles on elections, highlights the significance of the upcoming parliamentary elections. He notes:

- This is the first test for democratic pluralism in the absence of the Yemeni Socialist Party from political power.

- The international and regional forces will be looking at the Elections as a referendum on unity, in terms of the candidates voted for by the southern and eastern Governorates. The writer contends that if the people in the south continue to vote for the YSP members then that will indicate that the secessionists still have political influence with them.

- The Islah Party will face a strong test to determine how the 4-year experience of being a partner in power will be gauged by the voters and whether the experience was really worth it.

Thus international and regional attention is bound to be focussed on the results to see how the Islamists involvement in democratic pluralism fare.

The author points out that the citizens must be encouraged to register in view of the significance of the elections as the results achieved during the first week of the Registration Drive have not been encouraging in that only 162,000 persons have been registered. This is probably a reflection of a disappointment of the public in the outcome of the last elections and the lack of optimism in the public that

the elections could lead to any meaningful results. This becomes especially so when considering that there have been already violations of the law by the Higher Elections Committee which have prompted a lawyer to sue the Committee.

The Committee will only be hurting itself when it compares its performance with that of the 1993 Higher Elections Committee which was made up of qualified people who were able to bring the elections to a reasonably successful conclusion. What is even more regrettable is the possibility that the last elections will prove to be more democratic due to the fact that the Yemeni Socialist Party was a factor in the political structure as a strong decisive and effective partner in the regime!

AL-WAHDAH: Sana'a (Weekly) 10-7-96
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Main Headlines:

- 1) **Abdulmalik Mansour (PGC Assistant Secretary General): Unification of the Education Syllabus Is a Matter of Dispute Between the PGC and Islah**
- 2) **Extremism: The Other Side of Political Persecution**
- 3) **Yemeni Students in Russia Are still Suffering!**

Article Summary:

Bad Invitations

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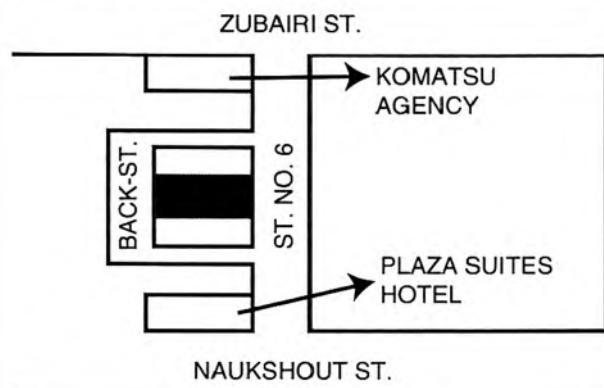
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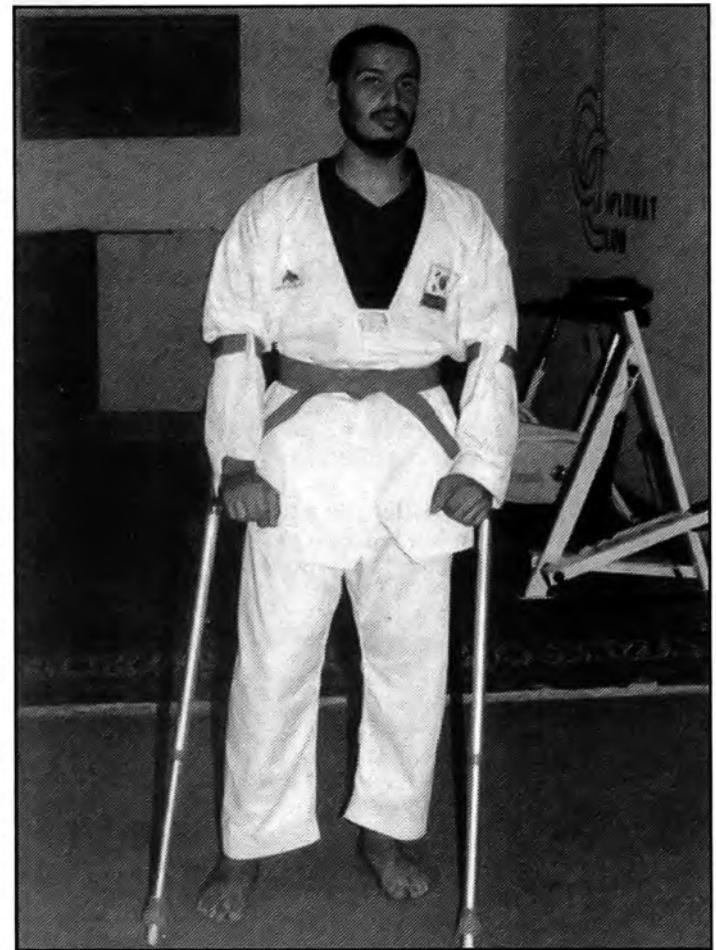
By: Jamal Al-Awadhi,
Sports Editor, Yemen Times.

Only two years ago he was a star. He occupied the nation's first place in taekwondo, and he won the trophy of the military games in 1993. He was nominated to represent the country in foreign competitions. Then the unexpected happened. He was hurt. He had a double fracture of the leg. He is helpless.

He is Abdul-Jabbar Mustafa. He is from Aden. He is only 21. He is frustrated and disillusioned. He is appealing for help.

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"Have you approached the Ministry of Youth and Sports to send you abroad for medical treatment?" I asked him. His answer was negative, and for obvious reasons. There are many athletes who suffer injuries and they are left to cope on their own. "Just look around you. You see all kinds of promising young athletes who end up crippled, deformed or handicapped in one way or another. The Ministry does not have the resources to attend to their medical needs. Some would even say the Ministry does not have the will or desire to attend to their needs," he explained.



He continues to visit gymnasiums and sports centers to watch his colleagues train. "I try to give beginners some tips as to how to train. It gives me some comfort and some hope," he said. The medical expenses of Abdul-Jabbar are estimated at less than \$12000. This is even more frus-

trating. So little money could change his life and his future. Yet, for him it is so far, so remote and so much beyond his reach. In a country like Yemen, where training accidents are frequent, society and government should join hands to help the athletes who fall victims to injuries.

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