





## **Reason for Hope**

A thoughtful friend and I were talking about recent developments in the Yemeni political scene. These developments point to a high level of maturity in the way our politicians have been handling themselves.

Let be more specific.

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1. As everybody already knows, the Yemeni Congregation for Reform (Islah) has been holding extensive talks with the opposition parties. It has, basically, re-aligned itself with the smaller parties in order to counter-balance the preponderant influence of ts partner in the coalition, the People's General Congress (PGC). The talks between Islah and the opposition have evolved much beyond the original agenda.

This in itself is a very good sign. It shows the evolution within the Islah as well as the Opposition Parties.

2. In any other Arab country, such Islah move would have been labelled as conspiratorial and would have invited the wrath of people in power. In Yemen, the PGC, although visibly irritated, reacted in a calculated and mature way. Some PGC journalists, actually people who basically live on hand-outs, have attacked the Islah moves and the subsequent coordination with the opposition. Beyond that, there was no reaction, let alone violence. This is a good development and a good sign.

3. The real response of the PGC has been even more mature. The President of the Republic, General Ali Abdullah Saleh, invited political parties to meet with him and other senior PGC officials to discuss a code of honor to regulate political conduct. The PGC circulated a document negotiated between the PGC and the Yemeni Socialist Party in 1992. This is to serve as a first draft for the new arrangement.

This response was mature and very good.

4. The opposition parties, in one of those courageous steps, declined to honor the President's invitation. They cited reasons such as selective invitation of parties (The President invited only those parties with members in the present parliament), not sending the agenda of the meeting, and not allowing enough time to prepare for the meeting. The President of the Republic, showing much self-confidence, invited all political parties, sent out the agenda, and re-scheduled the meeting twice. This response is wonderful and reflects tolerance and flexibility.

5. The opposition parties then agreed to sit down and talk with General Ali Abdullah Saleh as the head of the PGC. They have prepared specific points to discuss, side-stepped the usual rhetoric, and put forth many constructive suggestions as to how to go about the elections process. These deal mainly with the Supreme Elections Committee and the work it has done so far. A meeting is lined up for this week.

Again, this is a very positive development and reflects maturity on the part of the opposition.

In my opinion, these events warrant our congratulations to the president and his team, as well as to the politicians of the Islah and the opposition. I

take this opportunity to hail them, and encourage their evolution further in this peaceful interaction.



#### the Yemeni Congregation for Reform (Islah) were well-represented - both in terms of quality and numbers. Qatari Ambassador to Sanaa Mr. Mohammed Al-Ansari and the

**Formation of Yemeni-**

**Oatari Fraternity** 

Over 460 persons converged on Haddah Hotel on Saturday, 21st

September. The purpose - to establish the Yemeni-Qatari Fra-ternal Association. The two ruling political parties - the People's General Congress and

Counselor Mohammed Al-Fadhalah were also present. The Republic of Yemen and the State of Qatar enjoy very warm

relations and the association has the firm backing of officialdom in Sanaa.

#### **EU** Concludes Successful Visit

The European Union delegation concluded four-day official visit to the Republic of Yemen last night.

including President Ali Abdullah Saleh. The two sides have intensified their understanding and to volunteer their services," he agreed to increase cooperation.

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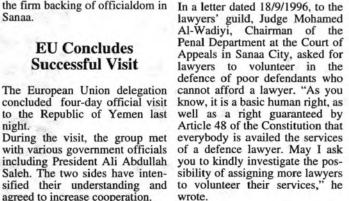
Emirates announced the appointment of Adnan Abdul-Fattah Kazim to the position of Manager Yemen. This decision comes as the airline prepares for the launch in October of new services to Sanaa, its 42nd destination.

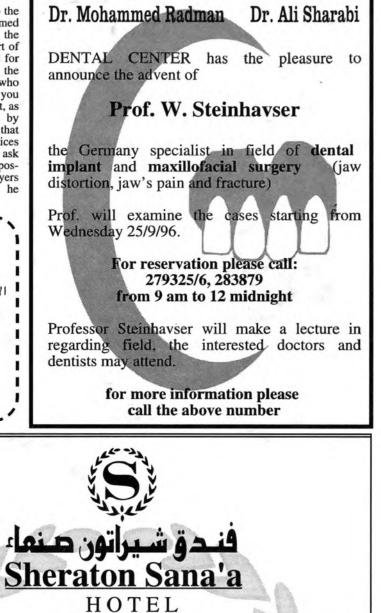
Mr. Kazim, a graduate of UAE University at Al-Ain, has been actively involved in various responsibilities with the company since he joined in 1992. He had served overseas in different stations including Bombay, Cairo, Karachi, and London.

Talking to the Yemen Times, the young Adnan expressed optimism about the prospects, and indicated that he will work closely with the other airlines to promote new business. "It is Emirates policy to help create new business rather. We are also working to contribute to make Yemen an attractive destination," he said.

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Mohammed Abdul-Rahman Al-Rubayi

## 'The EMC is a neutral fact-gathering and dissemination machine."

The creation of the Elections Monitoring Committee, as a private initiative, is definitely an indication of the change that has come to Yemen. But the EMC itself will be yet an additional factor in the political evolution of the country. After all, it will work to collect, document, and diffuse information regarding the legality of the various elections process.

Mohammed Abdul-Rahman Al-Rubayi is the chairman of the EMC. Mr. Rubayi, from a long line of judges and judicial authorities, is himself an important political figure. He has assumed many formal and social posts including senior positions in the presidential office, a member of the delegation of unity negotiations, a minister of social affairs, a member for the first council of San'a University, a member in the Institutional Public Council. a member of the Presidential Advisory Council, a member of the Committee on the Unity Constitution, one of the founders of the People's General Congress and lastly, the ambassador of the Republic of Yemen in the Netherlands.

Ismail Al-Ghabry of Yemen Times interviewed him, and filed the following excerpts.

#### Q: What is your assessment of requires security, respect for the the present political situation in law, and respect for the rights of the country?

A: The question is rather broad, but I will talk about some aspects of the situation. I will refer to economic, security, administration and political conditions.

Let me start with the economy. There are some who say that the recent economic procedures have achieved some positive outcomes. But such an outlook reflects the government views. There is, of course, another sides. It is correct that the government liberated itself from some of the apparent burdens and achieved positive results in narrowing the government deficit. But in my opinion, the deficit was shifted to society to shoulder its burdens. This is part of the issue. On the other hand, our officials believe that privatization, the investment law, free market and other economic policies are all to achieved by simply announcing them. And that such announcement would make foreign investments flow in. A free economic policy is not mere announcements, it is it is an environment, it is a system. Such an environment or system

others. But a cursory view of the government officials, way whether it is a security officer or a tax/customs collector will reveal how lacking and wanting

our system is. Move on, if you will to the justice system. Here, we are

totally lacking. As a result, the small merchants lost everything to the stronger and bigger ones. The recent monetary policies have resulted in exorbitant interest rates which have disrupted much business.

A final point I want to mention is the passage to the Paris Club to solve the problem of foreign debt. The foreign debt of Yemen does not warrant such a step.

In terms of security, I want to say that people feel less and less safe. This is why there is a tremendous market for safety alarms and similar-purpose goods, there is rising need for high walls, and more bodyguards.

You can see the lawlessness from the constant fight over plots of land. You can see blackmail and intimidation. You can literally rent a truckload of soldiers and unleash them on your opponent. In terms of administrative short-



falls, you can list examples to fill O: You are the chairman of the up the whole newspaper. We have never felt so helpless in our recent history as we do today. Corruption, neglect and carelessness are the rule of the day. The conduct and attitude of bureaucrats has reached such proportions that only rooting out the administrative system will allow for corrections.

Finally, in the political scene, we have no choice but to hold on to a multi-party democratic system. We can overcome our difficulties, but there is need for honest and candid interaction for the sake of the country and all of us. That requires a strong will and dedication. It is a big job, but it needs to be done. The alternative for Yemen is really ugly.

Elections Monitoring Committee. Can you tell us about its objectives?

A: I can say that the formation of the EMC has to do with the approaching elections.

Let me start with the world transformation. The whole world is moving towards systems that draw their legitimacy from the people. We have come down this road, as well.

That means that the people have to choose their rulers. This means elections.

In many parts of the Third World, the regimes have adopted some of the rituals of democracies like elections, without really internalizing the spirit of the democratic system.

As a result, trust and confidence in elections have fallen to unacceptable levels.

To boost confidence in the process, and to help evolve properly, elections monitoring committees are formed. It is in this light that the EMC is formed.

We are intere ted in helping the country's political evolution towards democracy, and we would like to maintain public trust and enhance people's participation in .ne process.

#### Q: Who are the founders of the EMC?

A: There are a number of civil society organizations and public figures. These include Yemeni Development of Institute for Democracy, Yemen Times, Center for Legal Assistance, Yemeni Organization for Rights Yemen Times, and Liberties, and Women's Pioneers for Legal Assistance. There are also some public personalities well-known for their commitment for democracy.

Q: How is the EMC financed? A: Up to now, it depends on the contribution of its members, especially the founders. Let me disclose that most of the money has been provided by the Yemen Times.

We have applied for assistance from the European Union, and the response has been positive. For now, however, we Yemenis who feel strongly about the political evolution of Yemen have decided that if we want this badly enough, we should sacrifice from our own resources to

help make it happen. Most of the leg-work and time is put in on a voluntary basis.

Q: How does the EMC work? A: There is an executive board in Sanaa - all of them voluntee s. Then there are some 35 contact offices all over the country, again all of them work on a voluntary basis. These 35 contact offices mushroom into a network that covers the whole republic. The system is basically oriented towards information collection, verification and documentation. We will embark on a major training effort to educate some 5,000 volunteers being groomed for the job.

It is a Herculean task.

Q: How do you interact with other parties?

A: We work on a strictly neutral basis, and we cannot take sides. We have no veto against anybody, and we are willing and eager to share our information with all parties.

So far, we have been able to link up with the Supreme Elections Committee, and all the major political parties. We have received blessings and pledges of support from all parties - whether those in power or those in the opposition. We also hope to learn from international organizations who have experience in this field.

#### Q: What is the climax of your effort?

A Many people think that we are responsible for implementing the law We are not. Even when we see violations, we do not and we can not intervene. We simply take lote.

Anot er thing is that we do not pass judgement on whether the elections were clean or not. It is not our job.

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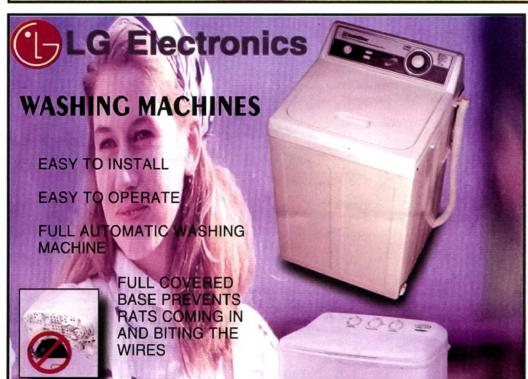
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## **Third of Four Parts: Text of Amended Elections Law**

B- Each member of the local council who is a candidate for parliament is considered to have resigned automatically from membership of the council.

C- It is not permissible to combine membership of parliament and a general official post or member-ship of local councils.

D- It is permissible to be a member of parliament and of the cabinet (government).

E- For the prime minister and his deputies and the ministers and their deputies and the chairmen of the public corporations to stand for parliamentary elections, at least three months must have passed on their resignations from their posts.

F- For the governors and their assistants and the director-generals of the branches of ministries and directors of the public corporations, the senior officials of the security and military apparatus, and the senior executives of the local councils to stand for parliamentary elections in the areas where they work, at least three months must have passed on their resignations from their posts.

G- The duration of three months is reduced to one month regarding the election of a members which becomes vacant outside of the elections season.

#### Article (56):

Every candidate has the right to withdraw his candidature by applying to the committee with which he formerly had filed his candidature. This should take place, at least within a minimum of one week before the balloting date. The candidate can amend such requirement by a decision from the SEC as necessary and it must be written down in the list of candidates. Such a decision must be announced in the constituency and by all the official media and in the form that the SEC specifies.

On the day of elections, such a decision should also be announced by posting at the door of the electoral committees in the constituency. In case of the death of a candidate after closing of the candidature and just before the voting, and in case of withdrawal of candidates leaving the constituency only with one candidate, the SEC announces reopening of candidature in the constituency.

#### Article (57):

If in a constituency, only one candidate announces his candidature, the SEC is to be notified of it immediately. Then, the SEC announces a reopening of candidacy in the constituency for five more days following the expiry of the original deadline and invites candidatures and makes sure of appropriateness of the procedures. In case no candidate or candidates announces their candidature, the voting shall proceed according to procedures stated in this law.

#### Article (58):

A- Administration of election in each constituency is entrusted with a basic committee and branch committees.

B- Each candidate introduces his representative to the electoral committee in writing at 48 hours prior to the date of voting. In case a candidate does not provide the name of his/her representative to the committee, or that the representative fails to attend, the head of the committee may choose one of the voters to represent the candidate.

C- If the head of the committee was absent and did not appoint a successor to chair the committee, the oldest member shall replace him and the supervision committee has the right to appoint a new chairman.

#### Article (59):

The committee chooses from among its members a secretary to keep minutes of the sessions of the elections. Such minutes have to be signed by the head of the committee, its two members, the can-

the park or the workplace of the committee.

#### Article (62):

Ballot casting is done all over the Republic in one assigned day.

#### Article (63):

Each voter should present his voting slip or card to the electoral administration when casting his ballot, and the head of the committee or one of the members must make sure that his name is listed in the schedule of voters, and then put a mark next to his name.

#### Article (64):

A- Each candidate has a symbol or mark which differentiates him from other candidates in the same constituency.

B- The reception committee receives the applications of candidatures and coordinates them in one list per constituency. Each political party or organization has the right to choose a symbol in coordination with the SEC in the various constituencies. C- The voting card must show the symbols and marks of the candidates in the constituencies clearly. Their arrangement shall be according to recedence of application of candidatures.

D- The head of the committee hands each voter the voting card to cast his ballot. The choice of candidate shall be made behind an enclosure allocated for this purpose inside the hall of voting. Then the vote is inserted inside a ballot box. The head of the committee, the members, the candidates or their representatives witness this event without being too close to know the way the citizens vote.

It is permissible for handicapped, blind or disabled voter to get help of individuals they trust in casting their ballots under the supervision of the committee or one of its members.

E- After each voter casts his ballot, the committee shall put a mark next to his name in the schedule. Then the head of the committee shall sign to show that so and so has voted ,and at the same time a special ink is put on the thumb of the voter and uses the same to leave a fingerprint next to his name in the voters' schedules.

#### Article (65):

The process of voting starts at eight in the morning on the day of voting after opening the (empty) ballot box or boxes before those present to make sure of they are empty. Then the committee proceeds to count the voting cards handed to it by SEC through the committee for administering the elections. All these events are recorded in minutes signed by the head of the committee, its two members, and the candidates or their representatives. The process of voting continues all day up to six in the evening of the same day. In case all the voters were able to vote before this time, the head of the committee announces the ending of the process of voting after the last voter casts his ballot. The process of voting continues after six o'clock if it appears that there are voters waiting to cast their ballots. This continues until eight o'clock in the evening. Then the head of the committee announces the end of voting.

#### Article (66):

At the end of the voting process, each elections committee - whether basic or branch - in the constituency seals the openings of the ballot box or boxes by using a sealing wax as the the candidates or their representatives observe. Then the box is taped, which is then signed by all. These events are recorded in minutes which include the hour of ending of voting the number of voters, the absent and the original voting cards handed by the SEC, the quantity used in voting and those which remain. Then the branch committees in each constituency together with the candidates or their representatives transfer the documents and ballot boxes to the head quarter of the basic committee in the constituency, where the votes of each box is counted in the presence of all the members of the committees and representatives of the candidates.

all of which is ticked in the schedule by the head of the committee.

B- Registering the total votes of each candidate if the committee had more than one box so as to know the total number together with the invalidated votes

C- Reconciling the number of votes counted in each committee and writing them down as referred to in article (66) of this law.

D- Writing down the schedules of each committee in one overall schedule of each candidate's votes in each constituency mentioning the invalidated votes. Then minutes are taken of the counting process which are signed by all the committee members, candidates and/or their representatives. E- The counting of votes should proceed without interruption. It is not permissible for candidates or their representatives to leave the counting room without permission or authorization. But representative may alternate replacing one another. The process of vote counting proceeds. If a new repre-sentative of a candidate refuses to sign on the minutes, it shall have no effect on the the process of counting.

#### Article (68):

A- The counting of votes committee as stated in article (67) has the right to decide on this or related issues of vote casting, the ballots or invalidating votes without violating the stipulations of chapter six of this law special in voids.

B- The following votes are invalid:

- 1- A blank vote.
- A vote naming more than candidate. 2

3- A vote cast on card/paper which is not furnished by the head of the committee.

In all cases the casting of ballots is correct for it refers to the will of the voter.

#### Article (69):

The candidate acquiring the highest number of votes in the elections is regarded the winner of the constituency. In case two candidates or more acquire equal votes, the committee runs a lottery among them by writing their names on separate equal and undistiguishable papers in their presence. Such papers are then put inside of an envelop. After that, someone from outside the constituency who has not seen the writing is brought in to pick one of the names in the envelope. The outcome is registered in a separate record.

#### Article (70):

The committee of counting right after finishing up the process of counting proceeds the following:-

A- The announcement of the outcomes and the name of the winner by the committee of counting before the members, the candidates or their representatives and this should be signed by the members of the committee, the candidates or their representatives in two copies, one original and a photocopy. The original to be kept in the original committee district and the photocopy to be sent to the SEC and another copy to the supervision committee. It is the right of any candidate to get a copy of the session mentioned from any of those parts.

B- Preparation of a final report of original and a photocopy regarding the outcomes of counting the votes and signing on it by the head of the committee and the members and then sealing them inside of an envelop with the seal of the constituency. Then sending them to the SEC inside a special envelop sealed with wax. The report should include the names of the candidates in the constituency and the number of the correct votes that each candidate acquired together with the incorrect votes and the papers unused in voting. The name of the winner and his number of votes which he acquired in the constituency in addition to remarks

C- The SEC must give an official receipt for receiving the reports and the documents mentioned in the two previous articles showing the name of the receiver, the specified date and the time of it.

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#### Article (71):

A- The SEC receives the outcomes of the elections and announces them firstly. The process of announcement of the final outcomes is proceeded within a duration not more than 72 hours of ending up the process of voting. B- The SEC hands each candidate winning the elec-

tions certificates of election and this will not eliminate the possibility of nullifying if found legitimate reasons for the same. The basic, branch and the supervisory committees are banned from granting any certificate about the outcomes of election.

#### Article (72):

If the outcomes of voting in a constituency or more is cancelled, then a completion election should be proceeded within six months from the date of cancelling the voting or from date decided upon for the process of election which was not completed or ended.

#### Article (73):

If One of the members of the parliament became vacant before the end up of the duration of the council of parliament not less than a year, a successor is being elected instead for the remain of the council during sixty days of the date of announcement of the vacant seat. The acceptance of the member for appointment in an executive job should be announced by the council within a month of appointment to inform the Supreme Election Committee to proceed the elections in his constituency.

#### **CHAPTER TWO: Procedures for Presidential Elections and National Referendum**

#### Article: (74):

In consideration to the stipulations of the articles (6, 110, 111, 113, 115) of the constitutuion, the secretariate committee of the council of parliament provides the SEC with the names of the candidates who are being selected as candidates for the post of the president of the Republic according to the laws and proceedings stated on in the article (107) of the constitution.

#### Article (75):

The SEC should prepare and be ready for the pro-ceedings of the elections of the post of the president according to the stipulations and proceedings related to parliamentary elections stated on in this law.

#### Article (76):

He who acquires the al solute majority is regarded the president of the Republic from among those who participated in the elections and if any of the candidates does not acquire this majority the election is proceeded again on the same previous proceedings for the candidates who acquired more of the voters votes for those who cast their ballots.

#### Article (77):

The outcome of counting the votes in each con-stituency is done by itself and handed to the can-didates or their representatives each one copy of the outcome. Then the SEC announces the outcome and the name of the winner of the post of the president.

#### Article (78):

The process of the referendum is proceeded owing to a decree by the president calling for referendum based on the duration and the specified dates in the constitution.

#### Article (79):

The SEC the moment being informed of the referendum starts preparation for the referendum according to constitutional proceedings.

#### Article (80):

If the parliament decided on adjustment of an article or more of the articles of the constitution it informs the SEC of proceeding the referendum bout that adjustment and if the adjustment is done

didates or their representatives and then stamped by the seal of the committee referring to its specified date as specified by the Supreme Election Committee.

#### Article: (60):

The safety of the electoral committee and its quarters are entrusted on the head of the committee who has the right to call the police whenever necessary. The military, police, and senior executives in government are prohibited from entering the hall of elections, unless the head of the committee authorizes them, or when they cast their ballots. It is the right of the committee to expel anyone who disrupts the order of voting.

#### Article (61):

The candidates have the right to enter the hall of balloting and they have to choose one of those registered in the schedule to represent them, which should be given in writing. It is not permissible for anyone to enter the balloting hall except those registered in the schedule when they want to cast their ballots, the candidates and/or their representatives. No one is allowed to carry arms inside the hall or

#### Article (67):

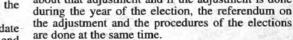
1- The committee which counts the votes is under the chairmanship of head of basic committee and membership of the other members and the subcommittees in the constituency.

2- It is not permissible to open the ballot boxes I without the presence of all the heads of committees and members of the constituency committees together with the presence of the candidates or their representatives. After making sure there has been no tampering with the seal on the box, the committee opens the box and begins counting the votes. This event is recorded in minutes signed by all present. The counting proceeds as follows:

A- The counting of votes for each box is done by itself and the number of voters is written down in a schedule showing the number of votes which each candidate got together with any invalidated votes -

and data related to the procedures of counting the votes

C- Gathering the voting card for each candidate after arranging them in the form of parcels and such the schedules and the sessions related to the process of counting the votes and putting them all in a box or more and it should be sealed with wax, signed by the committee and handed to the SEC keeping them till the end of the period of voids or to be decided on by the parliament.



#### FINAL PART, NEXT WEEK





## <u>Common Sense</u>

#### By: Hassan Al-Haifi

## **Slippery Oil & World Politics**

Six years ago, the Persian Gulf became the stage for a show of a massive military might and international diplomacy. In the second half of 1990, things were being rolled back without answers to the many puzzling questions in the minds of many. The concerns arose in view of the ambiguity that characterized the games that nations play as the New World Order was launched following the abrupt end of the Cold War. A unipolar world was indeed the stage for one superpower - the United States had become No. 1. The Arab World is continuously subjected to attacks because of the reluctance of the leaders to recognize the rights of their people. rights. Such leaders are bound to face 2 major problems:

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1) The leaders exist and operate without any genuine public mandate and the destiny of the rulers becomes unrelated to the interests of the people.

2) The leaders often rely on misguided sentiment, coupled with oppression, that leads to an exaggerated state security and fraud to assure perpetuation of the regime. The result is an undefined course and a vicious cycle of crisis and mismanagement. The issues defy solutions due to the absence of standards.

In such circumstances of "sovereignty", a nation becomes a victim of the political power struggle. Accountability and controls are absent. For all intents and purposes, sovereignty is only a facade for misery, lost hopes and fruitless human effort.

Sadly, many of the Arab states fit in with the above description and pattern. Thus, outside forces understandably are able to exploit the lack of legitimacy to further their own "national interests" to the maximum extent possible with the least possible expense or sacrifice. It is in this context that developments in the Gulf should be seen. Human values are given the back seat when the interests powerful nations impose hardships on peoples of other nations just for the sake of furthering their interests. Those are the rules of the New World Order: Winner takes all!

In the Persian Gulf, oil is the only real concern in formulating the direction of events in the region. It is not the fate of the Kurds in Iraq, Turkey, Syria or Iran; it is not the Iraqi Shiite population of the Southern part of Iraq; it is not the menacing terror of Saddam Hussein, as the US and her staunch allies like to put it; it is not the security of the kings, princes and sultans of the Gulf states; it is not the danger to international shipping in the Red Sea. It is just oil.

Oil is all that 'concerns' and moves the US forces. Even the money paid for this oil does not become the right of the seller countries to utilize or keep as the latter may see commensurate with the national interest of the country. The numbers are juggled, but the funds are moved by the buyer and continue to be fed to the buyer's - the West's - massive productive machinery.

Would a country like Iraq be so naive as to exclude the possibility of confronting the West's military might as a result of the minor dis-



agreement on debt with one of its neighbors?

In international politics, of which the economics of oil is an integral part, it is the extractor and user of the oil who hands out the roles that the nations in the Gulf area are to play. Oil is the lifeblood of modern western societies, and undoubtedly since they control its production and its markets, they will wish to maintain control of its owners as well, especially if the user enjoys unchallenged military might and economic power.

Oil is a key strategic component Western industrial capacity. With a superpower holding the reigns of international power, one would expect that the superpower should solidify this hold by assuring itself control of the energy sources of the world, if circumstances show an advantage to such an objective being realized. Control of oil in the Persian Gulf does not just mean control of the region. It means control of other industrialized countries and leaving them at the mercy of the power that controls the region. Except for a small number of large European oil companies, the overwhelming job of extracting/ refining and distributing petro-leum products is executed by the American oil companies major which possess full command of the technology associated with oil. As much as most people take oil for granted, the economic power centers of the world have a far more wider perception of the power of oil. This perception exceeds that of the nations that sit atop the oil reserves themselves!

Six years ago, Saddam Hussein tried to settle his debt problem by turning his creditors into debtors themselves - to cover the cost of getting him out of Kuwait, Kuwait's oil wealth, as shrewdly as it might have been managed for a while, was not wealth that was protected by any capacity of the owners of that wealth. Yet in retrospect, it is not convincing to believe that a US \$ 2-3 billion debt service problem could lead to a war that costs close to US \$ 1 trillion (the cost of the military effort involved and the destruction that accompanied the Gulf War of 1991). Before the war erupted and before even the crisis had commenced, one was sensing the unusual positions being occupied by the different ower centers in the area.

As it was in 1990, and it is in 1996, what is really happening is that the poor rich owners of the oil fields are not only being denied control over 'their' vital resources, they are even being denied the freedom to keep and channel the funds they have gotten for previous oil shipments as they see fit to serve their own "national" interests. The only thing that can explain what is happening in the Gulf is that big financial juggling must be carried out from time to time to adjust the capital balances between 'producers' and consumers of oil. The best way to do that is by staging large and expensive military campaigns in the region which have to be borne by the people of the region and at their expense, yet at the same time strengthening the control of the consumers of the crude! Thus the oil wealth of the region is actually wealth that remains with the consumer!

As events unfold, convincing answers become more difficult to arrive. In the present Gulf Crisis, even American reporters find it hard to define the exact policy ramifications of their govern-ment's actions in the Gulf. When pressed for definitive information, US officials are unable to answer directly the questions of reporters regarding the mysteries of "parallels" being moved up or down to check the mischief of sovereign despots who have never failed to operate according to the national interests of everybody else except those of their own people. This is true of most of the Arab leaders. The roles are pre - set by strategic planners on mega computers, whose languages have not even been studied by Arab mathematicians, whose ancestors once invented Algebra! Arab leaders have no way of ever knowing what their roles will be in the forthcoming future.

As a famous playwright once said: "The whole world is a stage and everyone is just playing a part!" This is even more so when underneath that wooden stage lies the slippery flammable crude that moves the entire world!

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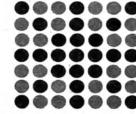
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## **Tourism Offers an Important Economic Outlet**

The General Tourism Authority (GTA), is trying very hard. Beset with the challenging tasks of making the tourist industry potential a reality, and making tourism a productive economic sector, the GTA must overcome lots of obstacles.

Significant progress has been made. One feels that the authority understands now what it should do, and what its objectives should be at the national and local levels.

A large part of the credit for this has to go to the present GTA Chairman, Mr. Abdul-Wahab Mansour Al-Sharjaby.

Hassan Al-Haifi of the Yemen Times had a long and interesting chat with the GTA Chairman. He filed the following:

### **Q:** You have just sponsored 2 conferences on tourism? What was the objective?

A: Tourism in the Republic of Yemen suffers from many shortfalls. These stand in the way of enhancing tourism in the country to its potential. Since taking over GTA, I have tried to establish a certain amount of promotional activity to put Yemen on the world tourism market. Yes, we have just concluded 2 conferences.

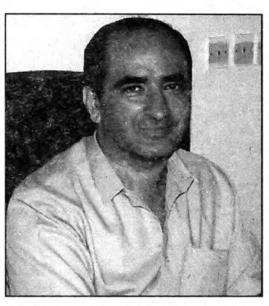
The first conference, aptly called the First National Tourism Conference, was held during 15-16 September. This was followed by a Seminar on Tourism Culture and Development which was organized in coordination with the UNESCO, during 17-19 September. The purpose was to study the experiences of six other Arab countries in the development of the tourism industry.

Those two conferences are to lead to a third conference scheduled for the beginning of 1997, which will be the First International Tourism Conference to be held in Sana'a, under the auspices of the International Tourism Organization.

The first conference was oriented towards Yemenis understand and become aware of the importance of tourism as a national industry which must be rehabilitated to a respectable economic standing, considering the attraction which Yemen has for tourists and visitors.

The second conferencesought to give insight on the tourism experience of 6 Arab countries, and high-light how we can learn from them in our own development.

Next year's conference is more of a promotional



nature to focus worldwide attention on Yemen as a viable tourist destination.

#### Q: There is some talk of establishing a National Tourism Association. Would this involve all the people working in tourism?

A: No, the association is a matter for the private sector. It includes two main blocs working on tourism; namely, the tour operators and travel agencies. We encourage this effort because it will facilitate our dealings with them. It allows us to deal with one representative body rather than 200 or so travel agents and tour operators.

After 8-9 months of discussing this suggestion, the first meeting of travel agents and tour operators was held. This lead to the establishment of the National Association of Yemeni Travel and Tourist Operators. An Executive Board was selected under the Chairmanship of Yahya Mohammed Abdullah Saleh.

Other people involved in promoting tourism, like the airlines, the hotels, etc., may also set up their own association. It would be more appropriate for the members of each of each tourism line of business to set up their own association.

We can then bring all these association under one coordination umbrella.

Q: What are the Five Year Plan expectations in investments by the private and public sectors in tourism?

A: There are now 27 projects in the pipeline total with a total cost of about YR 10 billion. The total number of projects under consideration exceed 117.

## Q: Why only 3 Five Star Hotels? Are there no plans to establish other international standard 5 star hotels?

First of all, five star hotels mainly cater to senior businessmen and thus most of them arrive to Sana'a. The tourists which Yemen tries to attract are more interested in cultural destination. These tourists need lodging near the cultural and historic sites. The lodging they need must be comfortable and clean, but need not be luxurious.

Even then, in the coming years, a new series of first class five-star hotels will be inaugurated. Next year, the Beer Al-Azab Hotel is due to open. The owner is Universal Travel and Tourism, which also owns several good hotels in diverse places ranging from Al-Mahweet to Mukallah.

In my opinion, however, emphasis should fall on 3 and 4 star category hotels, throughout the country for which there are some 67 applications under consideration.

#### Q: Recently there were lots of allegations concerning five star hotels in Sana'a, ranging from food poisoning in one, to ownership disputes in another, and so on. What is happening?

A: These issues do not fall directly under ouw jurisdiction, and we actually try not to get involved. I am personally aware of what you are referring to; but I believe that both issues have been blown oput of proportion. We at the GTA are concerned, of course. But I sincerely believe that such issues are present in many other organizations.

## Q: What guarantees are available to foreign investors?

A: The investment Law of Yemen provides investors with adequate and appropriate guarantees they may need. This is actually true for both Yemeni and foreign investors.

Differences that might arise between partners or on land ownership, or for whatever reason are handled according to the law. I believe Yemeni laws offer the necessary guarantees that will satisfy potential investors. Q: We understand you are mounting a tourism survey. Can you shed more light on this?

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A: Yes, the GTA is carrying out a survey to gather basic data in the tourism industry. The objectives are:

1) To assess the existing conditions of the tourist industry in Yemen. Data on tourist facilities on a nationwide basis are being gathered.

2) To assess the potential for tourism in terms of attractions which will help us determine the sites and ways to turn them into tourist destinations. We have, for example, found many untapped sites whose very existence we were not really aware of. In Lahj, for example there were 4 or 5 sites which have attracted tourists immensely. The survey revealed that there were in fact 34 potential attractive tourist sites (coastlines, streams, historic sites, etc.) which will be added to the traditional destinations. Of course, investment in infrastructure development will be needed to optimally exploit these sites.

The survey will give data on national tourism to activate the sector to the fullest.

We were also able to discover big problems which pose serious risks to the national antiquities, heritage and relics. There is an organized effort to rob Yemen's most valuable touristic attractions. Do you know that whole ancient cities are being looted in Al-Jouf and Marib in open day-light. The relevant authorities must wake up to this danger. Whole towns are being destroyed by thieves who haphazardly dig in search of items worthy of sale on the black market that has began to thrive. Its main principals live in Sana'a.

#### Q: There was a lot of talk about training Yemeni in this sector. Most of the staff in the big and mid-level-hotels are foreigners. How do you explain that given the high unemployment?

A: We encourage hotels and other establishments to train and employ locals. But, at the end of the day, it is their decision within the law. I think we should think of creating new jobs rather than simply replacing foreign personnel with locals. It just doesn't work like that.

In any case, we hope that the private sector will help us overcome the n ed for expatriates in lower and mid-level services, espcially in light of the unemployment rates, as you pointed out. We hope that by the end of 1997, there will be no need for expatriate hotel staff at the lower levels.



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## **COMPLICATIONS OF ACUTE MYOCARDIAL INFRACTION**

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myocardial infraction Acute (AMI) is one of the eight cardiovascular emergencies and its complications are most urgent and lethal. The mortality rate from these complications is almost 100%. So more attention needs to be paid to patients surviving AMI in order to recognize and save them immediately. Given the history of the disease in Yemen, the following complications of AMI are discussed: acute left heart failure, hypertension, thromboembolic complications, papillary muscle dysfunction and rupture, rupture of the interventricular septum, ventricular free wall rupture, ventricular aneurysm, postmyocardial infraction syndrome, cardiogenic shock and arrhythmia.

#### 1. ACUTE LEFT HEART FAILURE

Acute heart failure is a sudden decline in left ventricular function usually resulting in both high filling pressure and a low cardiac output. Acute left heart failure associated with AMI is characterized by moist rales at the lung bases that persist after vigorous coughing. In addition, diastolic gallop is often present and is associated with a sinus tachycardia, dyspnea, or tachypnea. X-Ray examination of the chest may or may not show hilar congestion or other signs of pulmonary edema.

Oxygen should be administered and assisted ventilation may be required. Intravenous diamorphine relieves distress and causes venodilatation. The effect of intravenous digoxin or Cedilanid-

D is noted in 5 to 10 min, causing increased myocardial contractility. Diuretic such as furosemide is intravenously given to reduce preload. Vasodilator is instrumental in therapy improving the cardiac output and decreasing the pulmonary venous pressure. Nitroglycerin, isosorbid dinitrate, phentolamine and sodium nitroprusside all belong to vasodilators, the effects of which, sublingually or intravenously, are noted within 1 to 5 minutes and last for 30 minutes to 4 hours.

#### 2. HYPERTENSION

Most patients with AMI develop a fall in blood pressure immediately or in the following 24 to 48 hours. If hypertension had been present previously, it may persist. Occasionally, the onset of AMI is indicated by a rise of blood pressure. Hypertension is associated with increased work of the heart. Therefore theoretically it seems advisable to lower the blood pressure if hypertension is present.

Usually, if the blood pressure remains at 160/100 or higher 12 hours after the patient has been admitted and has been given morphine or sedatives or both, one can cautiously start to lower the systolic blood pressure and to maintain it at a level of 115 to 130 mmHg. If the systolic blood pressure is very high, one can lower it 30 to 40 mmHg below the initial value.

Vasodilator drugs such as intravenous phentolamine or sodium nitroprusside, or sublingual nitroglycerin, and oral or sublingual isosorbide denigrate have been used. Therapy usually lasts from 12 to 24 hours. After this, an oral anti-hypertensive drug such as nifedipine can be used if the hypertension recurs.

However, such anti-hypertensive treatment may be dangerous, first, because the blood pressure tends to fall spontaneously after AMI, and second, because persistent hypotension and even cardiogenic shock may occur as a result of the anti-hypertensive treatment. Thus when such treatment is used, the patient must be monitored carefully with continuos, intra-arterial, pulmonary wedge, and cardiac output measurements.

#### THROMBOEMBOLIC COMPLICATIONS

Thromboembolic complications of AMI can occur in several ways. The bed rest promotes stasis of blood and phlebothrombosis in the veins of the lower extremities, particularly if the patient has varicose veins; or a thrombus may form in the wall of either the right or left ventricle.

Thrombi can also form in the left or right atrium, particularly if atrial infraction occurs. When these thrombi break off, both pulmonary and systemic immobilization may occur, resulting in emboli in the lungs, brain, spleen, kidneys, intestines, upper and lower extremities, and so on. Thromboembolic complications are much less frequent now, since an intravenous thrombolytic agent such as Streptokinase is given to all patients with cardiac chest pain and ST elevation or bundle branch block seen within 6 hours of the onset of symptoms provided there are no contraindications.

For this reason, prophylactic anticoagulant therapy is rarely used in patients with AMI. However, long-term anticoagulation is indicated if embol-

ization has occurred or if a condition such as polycythemia, which predisposes to thromboembolism, is present. Warfarin sodium (Coumadin) is a common anticoagulant and its dose is usually adjusted according to the prothrombin time.

PAPILLARY MUSCLE **DYSFUNCTION & RUPTURE** Papillary muscle dysfunction is commonly caused by myocardial ischemia. However, actual rupture of a papillary muscle is a rare complication of AMI. Papillary muscle dysfunction secondary to ischemia may occur transiently during an anginal attack with AMI involving the papillary muscle and subjacent myocardium, and with left ventricular dilatation or a ventricular aneurysm that distorts the papillary muscle-chordae tendineae apparatus.

The major physical finding in papillary muscle dysfunction is an apical systolic murmur that is highly variable. It may be either holosystolic, midsystolic, or early or late systolic. The murmur may change in intensity and quality in the same patient. A loud first heart sound is often associated with the murmur.

There is a 90% 2-week mortality associated with papillary muscle rupture, and many patients die with severe failure in the first 24 hours. Although successful mitral value replacement has been reported in the first week following the acute infract, the mortality of early surgical intervention is high.

#### 5. RUPTURE OF THE VEN-TRICULAR SEPTUM Rupture of the ventricular septum

is less common than rupture of the free wall of the left ventricle, but is more common than rupture

of a papillary muscle. It usually occurs within the first week after the AMI. It is associated with the development of intense dyspnea due to acute left heart failure or pulmonary edema and with signs of cardiogenic shock. Chest pain may or may not reappear.

A loud holosystolic murmur develops. It is usually loudest in the third, fourth, or fifth intercostal space, near the left sternal border, and extends to the apex. A systolic thrill is usually present.

Various arrhythmia may also develop, including various types of atrioventricular block, atrioventricular junctional rhythm, and right or left bundle branch block. ECG may show signs of anteroseptal infraction. However, rupture of the ventricular septum may occur after inferior myocardial infraction.

The symptoms and signs of a ruptured ventricular septum are similar to those of the ruptured papillary muscle. Differentiated diagnosis can be made by angiocardiography, if the patient is well enough, or catheterization of the heart, using a Swan-Ganz flow-directed catheter.

Death often occurs within a week. Surgical repair offers the best chance of survival, but mortality rates remain around 50%.

#### VENTRICULAR FREE WALL RUPTURE

Ventricular free wall rupture usually occurs between the first and twelfth days after the onset of the myocardial infraction. It is common in patients who have hypertension that persists after the infraction develops and who do not show signs of congestive heart failure. It can occur in the absence of previous myocardial infraction and is rare after isolated inferior myocardial infraction. Physical strain or con-tinued activity after the infract develops may be a precipitating factor. The patient may develop severe

substernal pressure and then become unconscious. Signs of cardiac tamponade, such as dis-

tended neck veins and marked cyanosis, may be present. Some patients may show a pericardial friction rub or a continuous lowpitched rumbling murmur.

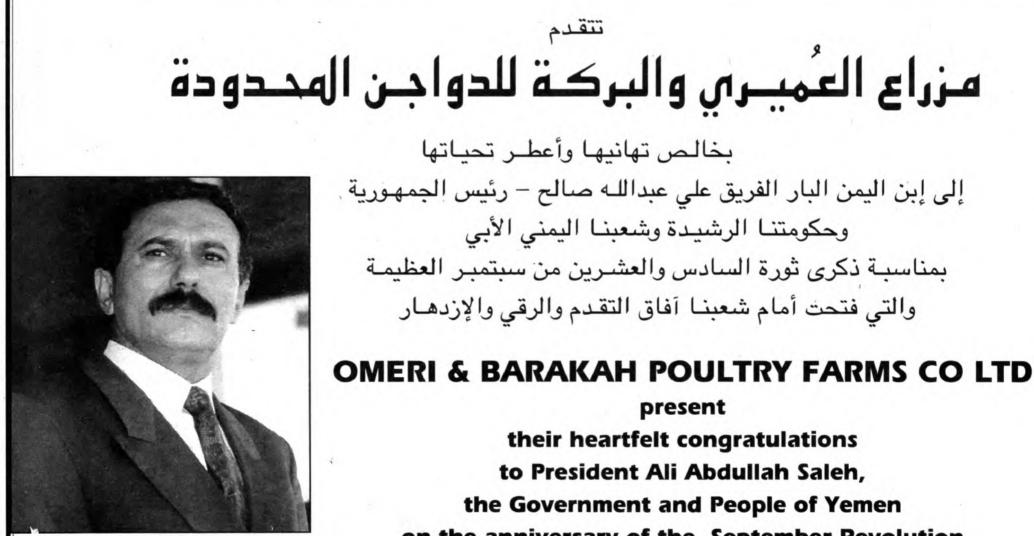
ECG will continue to show signs of myocardial infraction, even when the heart apparently stops beating (electromechanical dissociation). Bradycardia is usually present. Total electrical alternates from the cardiac tamponade may also be present. Immediate surgical repair offers the only chance of survival. Mortality approaches 100%.

#### LEFT VENTRICULAR 7. ANEURYSM

AMI may be followed by the development of left ventricular aneurysm in 8-15% of patients surviving myocardial infraction. although the diagnosis is usually made months after the incident. Aneurysm can develop shortly after the onset of the myocardial infraction. Ordinarily, the life expectancy of a patient with a ventricular aneurysm is the same as that of patients with a post-myocardial infraction without aneurysm. However, when left ventricular aneurysm develops, it may be associated with complications, such as exacerbation of congestive heart failure, embolization from a throbus within the aneurysm wall, pericarditis with or without pericardial effusion, or recurrent ventricular tachycardia. The diagnosis of a ventricular aneurysm occurring during the AMI can be best made by means of X-Ray examination of the chest. An electrocardiographic sign suggestive of a ventricular aneurysm is persistent elevation of the ST segments 3 week or more after the infraction.

No specific treatment is ordinarily indicated for the aneurysm. However, excision of the aneurysm has been performed when it is associated with recurrent ventricular tachycardia, intractable congestive heart failure, recurrent embolizations, or persistent angina that does not respond to medical treatment.

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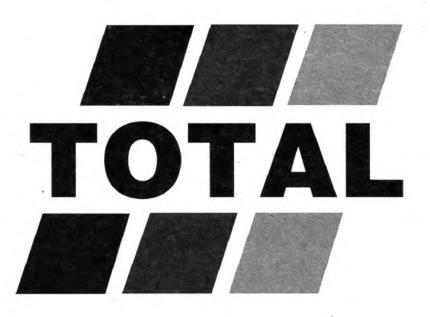


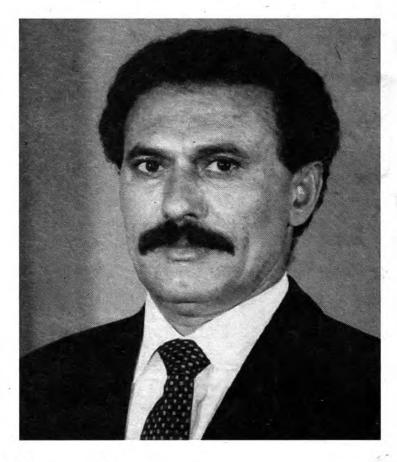
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## New GM at the Sheraton **Spells Out New Services**

Mr. Abdullah A. Melhelm has recently taken over as the Manager of the Hotel in Sanaa. General Sheraton Abdullah, 45, is a Lebanese national who feels comfortable in the hotel business. That does not come as a surprise given his professional training as well as the many years of experience in the field.

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With a master's degree from the US in marketing, Abdullah has served as general manager in many a five-star hotel in Casablanca, Riyadh, USA and Switzerland.

He comes to Yemen with a lot of enthusiasm and ideas. Ramzy Al-Saqqaf of Yemen Times talked to him and filed the following report.

#### Q: You have just taken over the Sanaa Sheraton Hotel. How did you find it?

A: I visited the hotel one month before assuming my duties as the General Manager. The Sana'a Sheraton is located on a hill in a beautiful part of the city. It has a nice lobby and very good facilities. Its area is very quite which makes it specially suitable for businessmen and travelers who seek serenity and quiet places away from the hustle and bustle of the city center.

I am very glad fto be here.

#### Q: We heard you have major improvements plans. Can you share them with our readers? A: There are immediate and long term plans.

In the immediate term, we started with food and beverages. We hired a new person, a very well known German chef who worked for Sheraton hotels in Abu Dhabi, Damascus and Australia. won three international He cuisine awards.

We have also hired a new Ramadhan. There Chinese chef who specializes in will be Cantonese food. We'll improve popular the quality of the car park. It will go back by the pool. We will upgrade the quality of our banqueting and outside catering. We also hired a good Lebanese chef for preparing Lebanese and other Arabic delicacies.

At the Coffee Shop, we are about to establish "theme nights", e.g., Seafood, European, Italian, International nights, etc.

In Al-Noguom Night Club, there is a band for playing Arabic music and there will be "Arabian Nights" specialties.

In the mornings, we have "Cooking Stations", i.e. breakfast is cooked in front of the guests to their taste and liking. For lunch, we have a buffet and "carving station" for serving meat dishes to the guests. In the evenings, we have a large buffet by the pool and a band will be play live music.

We have received positive feedback and excellent comments from very satisfied customers. We are open to suggestions from our customers and are ready to make any changes according to the tastes and needs of our guests. These improvements will take from now to the end of the year to implement.

#### Q: We understand Ramadhan (January 1997) at the Sheraton will witness new features?

A: During Ramadhan, we decided to erect a large tent or marquee in the garden. This will . Once they arrive at the hotel, they be like an Oriental popular coffee place with an exotic name like Layali Al-Hilmiyya or Bain Al-Kasrain. It will have a capacity of 300-400 people and will be open to receive guests after Taraweeh prayers. It will serve sweets and food usually associated with

some popular like games backgammon and Also, cards. Narjeela (hubbly bubbly) will be available for the guests. Classical and old

Arabic songs such as Abdulwahab's and Um Kalthoom's will be sung by the band. This will be a novelty in Sana'a. In

addition, and for the benefit a d enjoyment of foreign tourists, there will be culture shows. As they will be eager to learn more about the culture and habits of the country they are visiting. These shows will include traditional Yemeni songs and foods to give visitors a taste of Yemen.

Q: We were told that Sheraton hospitality will start at the airport. What does it mean? A: Special treatment will be a provided for people with bookings with the Sheraton. They will be received at the airport by our hotel who will serve them soft drinks and other refreshments. They will be helped with formalities, and driven to the hotel.

There will be a special check-in post for individuals and a separate one for group tourists. will be served refreshments and check-in will be smooth. A coordinator will welcome them and show them to their rooms.

A limousine, free of charge, will be provided to ferry customers between the hotel and Sana'a city and the airport.



Q: What improvements can the

lounge are allocated for businessmen and the rest are for

wise, Yemen Times and some Arabic newspapers are available for our guests. The New York

wake-up services.

#### Q: What provisions have you made for security?

A: A deal was signed with Everest security company who will deploy 17 security men in several areas of the hotel. These will take care of the safety and security of the guests and the safety of their property.

#### Q: How do you assess tourism in Yemen?

A: This is a very important question. Yemen in particular,

and Arab countries in general, should promote national tourism. Foreign tourism is supplementary. A new motto, like "Know your Arab Homeland" is relevant. Every Arab state has some unique features. Yemen, specially, has many and diverse cultural and natural features. It has a beautiful landscape, a culture and an old civilization that do not exist in other Arab countries, a fact which makes it exceptionally attractive to tourists. Arab tourists must be encouraged to come.

Foreign tourists are also important. According to the latest statistics. 40.000 tourists visited Yemen in 1995, this number is expected to increase to 60,000 in 1996 and will increase further next year.

Many countries in the world rely heavily on tourism to increase their national income. Egypt for instance receives 4 million visitors each year. Yemen has all the necessary elements for a

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good tourist industry. But it has to further improve its infrastructure, e.g. more modern airports, more better quality hotels, restaurants and guest houses. This is essential because the 5-year plan calls for the number of tourists visiting Yemen to increase sharply from now to the year 2000.

## Q: Any further comments you would like to add?

A: Based on my extensive experience in the field of tourism. I think we in Sheraton should balance our marketing orientation towards local and foreign customers. The local market comprises of people who use the hotel's facilities like the restaurant, fitness center, business center, etc. The foreign market is composed of foreign tourists and businessmen who use the accommodation provided. We must be guest-oriented. Happy and satisfied guests will bring others and business will boom.

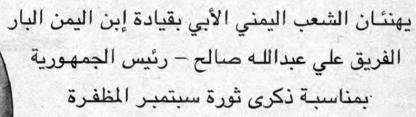


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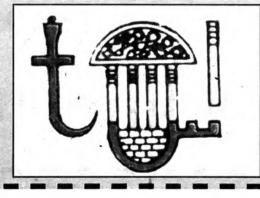
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## **Another Example of Israeli Failure** to Honor Commitments to the World

By bombarding civilians, Israel has failed to honor the commitments it made to the Franco-American mediation efforts following its massacre of civilians in Qana, South Lebanon, a few months ago. Last week, Israeli jets indiscriminately strafed the South of Lebanon, killing many civilians, including a 60-year old man, Israeli tanks and artillery also covered the region with gun-fire.

The Israeli actions come in response to an ambush of an Israeli military patrol inside Lebanon. The Hizbullah fighters killed two Israelis and wounded many more in one of their well-planned operations. The Lebanese government has asked the monitoring committee to meet to discuss the Israeli violation of the agreement.

Meanwhile, Israeli Prime Minister, Benyamin Netanyahu, elevated his war of words against Damascus to a new high pitch when he warned that he will respond militarily to the Syrian redeployment in the Lebanese areas adjacent to the Israeli-controlled buffer zone in South Lebanon.

But the Israeli Prime Minister quickly back-tracked and said that the situation was not really serious. Many of the opposition and independent politicians in Israel blamed such Netanyahu vacillation on lack of experience in handling hot situations. Many question as to where Mr. Netanyahu will lead the country and region to.

Meanwhile, American interlocutor, Dennis Ross was trying hard to kick off the Israeli-Syrian talks. Syria says that it is waiting for Israel to honor the basis on which such talks were negotiated with the Labor Government in israel, which Mr. Netan-yahu's Likud has replaced. "Unless the present Israeli Government can honor the agreements reached with its predecessor, there is no point in holding talks today. Tomorrow another government will come to power in Tel Aviv and refuse to honor any agreement reached with the present governsaid the official Tashreen newspaper. ment.'

Indeed, Netanyahu's Israel seems to have lost sense of direction.

#### Mortaza Bhutto Somali Factions Fail to Even Meet Is Dead

The brother of Benazir Bhutto and arch-rival at the same time, Mortaza, died of wounds inflicted on him by government soldiers. Saturday, September 21st, witnessed a massive burial ceremony of Mortaza and six of his supporters who were killed during a shoot-out with police when they resisted arrest.

Mortaza, who has been at odds with his prime minister sister, over control of the Pakistani People's Party (PPP) established by their father, Zulfiqar Ali Bhutto. The two Bhuttos have long been at odds.

During the burial ceremony, Nusret Bhutto, the mother, openly accused the prime minister and her husband for engineering the 'assasination' of Mortaza. Benazir said that she was shocked at the death of her brother, and that she had ordered an investigation of what happened. Supporters of Mortaza have vowed to agitate on the issue.

The plethora of Somali military factions which were invited by the Republic of Yemen to hold talks hosted by the Yemeni authorities, have, so far, failed to even agree to pin down a date to meet. Many of them do not see much use in further meetings.

The main military bloc headed by Hussain Mohammed Farah Aideed, thanked the Yemenis for their offer but said they will think it over.

Somalia has been plagued by a civil war which has destroyed the state as a functioning organ, and tore the country into several sub-states, each controlled and governed by a war-lord.

The prospects for peace in Somalia remain elusive as long as no one war-lord can command enough power to call the shots. That scenario does not look to be in the offing. Many regional and international forces are helping maintain the balance of terror by provide support to this or that faction.



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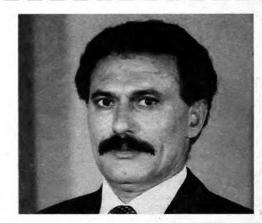
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## Even our Very Meeting Was Dominated by Men Women Committee Become Government Tool

Ms. Aneesa Ghanim, Women's Issues Activist.

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As members of the National Committee for Women (NCW), we believed that we would resist political influence. We thought we will all work together for women's issues, irrespective of political affiliation or the dictates of high echelon of power. We really believed that we primarily worked for the good of women not the male politicians. But the leaders of this committee, in order to secure their positions in the competition

among women, have shown everybody that they would sell the issues simply to remain in control, and the politicians were just too happy to jump in and take control. The female leaders of the NCW have proven themselves to be faithful instruments of the politicians.

Bitter as that reality is, it also uncovers the unwillingness of the Government to allow the normal evolution of Non-Governmental Organizations and efforts. To add insult to injury, the NCW has now formally become an organ of the government, and one of the tools for political maneuvering in the coming elections to serve the ruling party. So those women who do not belong to the People's General Congress, but especially the independent ones, have been dismissed from the NCW. Yes, they have been dismissed.

The NCW was a patriotic effort with a mission to help improve the lot of half the population of-Yemen - women. But once again, our politicians have shown haw short-sighted and how selfcentered they are. The events have also shown how some of the women, for their own selfaggrandisement, would sell the issues and the noble objectives which brought us together.

This was no surprise to us. It is a true reflection of what is going on in the political arena. We believed that NCW represented and attracted

We believed that NCW represented and attracted all women irrespective of their ideological and partisan allegiances and that the committee meant channeling the efforts of all of us to serve the issues of Yemeni women. We believed that within the



limited scope of the NCW, women would be chosen according to their abilities, efficiency and dedication to the cause. We did not know that some women would serve as a Trojan Horse for political parties, and that they will this subservient position to kick out some of their colleagues.

We don't object to some members of the NCW getting involved in partisan politics, but the NCW should have patriotic views transcending narrow party political loyalties, and should embrace a wider national base.

We, the dismissed members, will continue to work for the cause of Yemeni women in general. We will work so that women will have a higher level o consciousness and insight towards themselves and towards the general issues facing the nation, and not be drawn in eternal circles around men as their satellites.

We realized the bitter truth that men will go on controlling the affairs of women - a fact that leads to more dedication on our part. Even the very meeting of the NCW was controlled by men.

No reason was given for our dismissal from the NCW other than simply we did not belong to any political party. Why should we? There is one last comment I want to make. What

There is one last comment I want to make. What does the government gain by taking charge of the NCW. What is to be achieved from converting an NGO into a government bureaucracy.

The basic idea behind the NCW was a voluntary effort on the part of men and women to try to correct the social, political, economic imbalances which discriminate against women in our society. Why does the government need to control this effort?

If this state of affair persists, it will be better to abolish all forums speaking for women since they are unable to take free decisions. This development lowers women's self esteem and reduces the credibility of organizations supporting women.

We hope to have our independent voice and entity and not to allow ourselves to be influenced by male politicians in a one-way exchange.



## **Special Effort to Help Female Candidates**

At the National Committee for Women meeting held, cosponsored with UNFPA, during 16-18 April 1996, Ahlam A. Al-Mutawakkil interviewed the following participants:

1. Ms. Asma Yahya Al-Basha, Member of the People's General Congress and Director-General of Legal Affairs at the Ministry of Planning and Development.



Q: How do you assess this seminar?

A: Such gatherings have cultural an intellectual values as they enlighten both men and women about their cooperation in public life. They emphasize different social, political and economic issues.

It is to be noted that some political parties, notably the People's General Congress, have clear intentions to support female candidates. The PGC has actually called on all parties to assign special constituencies for women.

Q: How optimistic are you such good intentions will actually be implemented?

A: I do not think that they will be easy to implement, given the heavy and old heritage of resentment against women in public posts, let alone in positions of leadership.

I hope that parliament will include at least 8 to 10 female members. There must be a mechanism for improving the position of women in the political arena and this is what we are working on. A committee must be formed consisting of members from the NCW and members of political parties to assign a certain number of closed constituencies open only for women.

## Q: What kind of priorities do you have?

A: I think we have to emphasize on eradicating illiteracy among women to improve their role in society. That is an over-riding

priority. For elections, we should study which women have served their constituencies, or at least which of them hold the potential for serving.

2. Ms. Faiza Faraj Bamatraf, local coordinator of the NCW in Hadhramaut. She is a school

Q: What is the purpose behind

your participation in this

principal.

meeting?

the prospects of female candidates in the next elections.

Q: To what extent have people in Hadhramout accepted the participation of women?

A: There is a good level of acceptance and I am very hopeful that women will succeed. There quite a few good and capable female candidates which could easily win the votesof women. They may need an extra consideration from men.

4. Ms. Nabeela Mohammed Al-Mufty is a successful lawyer. She is one of three persons who established the first female law firm in Sanaa.



Q: What are the prospects for women winning seats in the next parliament?

A: It is not possible for women to win many seats at parliament, as the social status and framework will not permit it. But we are looking forward to a special support from the political parties to enable women gain more seats in the next elections. So we are really talking about a prior arrangement to correct the

4. Dr. Bilquis Ibrahim Al-Hadhrani, member of the Yemen Regional leadership of the Arab Ba'ath socialist Party and Researcher at the Center for Yemeni Research and Studies.



Q: What are some of the mechanisms you discussed for enabling to more women to get to parliament?

A: There must be coordination with the main ruling party as it is very difficult, in the present circumstances, for women or even man from the particip mount

NCW and Assistant Deputy Minister of Information. She is a member of the PGC.



Q: Who participated in the seminar?

A: Eight parties, a large number of government organizations and many civic commissions, organizations and more than twenty NGO's sent representatives. A large number of individuals also came to the meeting.

## Q: What is the premise under which they worked?

A: They all agreed that there is a significant void regarding the participation of women in elections. Men enthusiastically ask women to vote for male candidates, but they have second thoughts about supporting female candidates. So, we basically agree that there is need to support female candidates.

#### Q: What are the tools?

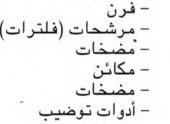
A: We have agreed to establish a support committee to help female candidates whether they are independent or party members. We will officially contact all organizations related to this aim. Our aim is to have as large a number as possible of competent women MP's, so as to make a qualitative leap suitable to the aims of the Yemeni Revolution which we will celebrate its anniversary in the next few days. Women's participation in the political arena is still symbolic an relative.

We are glad for the support shown by the various political parties even those who did not take part."

6. Ms. Kibla Mohammed Saeed, local coordinator for NCW at Abyan and director of the Girls' Education Department at the Governorate.



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#### men from the patriotic movements to reach parliament. This is because there are no constitutional or legal guarantees for clean elections. So, much will

clean elections. So, much will depend on the attitude of the PGC.

But female candidates must also rely on their personal efforts to succeed and prove themselves. One of the ideas is to have constituencies in which political parties will nominate only female candidates.

Q: What is your expectation of how many females willmake it to parliament?

A: I am certain there will be many more female members in the coming parliament. How many more, is anybody's guess?

A: I think the idea is clear. It is to find ways and means to improve Sousowa is Chairperson of the

Q: Are you satisfied with the achievements fo the seminar?

A: Yes, the seminar had come to a good conclusion regarding the participation of women in the upcoming elections of 1997. None of us expected something tangible. We only wanted to draw attention to the issues.

Q: How effective/convincing are Yemeni female candidates? A: Yemeni women have proven themselves capable throughout history. There is no doubt to doubt their abilities.

At the Governorate of Abyan, women have, to a very large extent, registered themselves and obtained election cards.

God willing, these efforts will be effective in correcting inherent bias against women in society.



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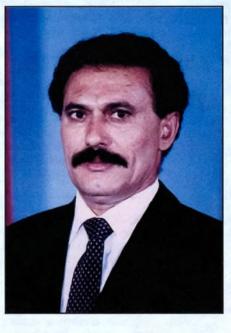
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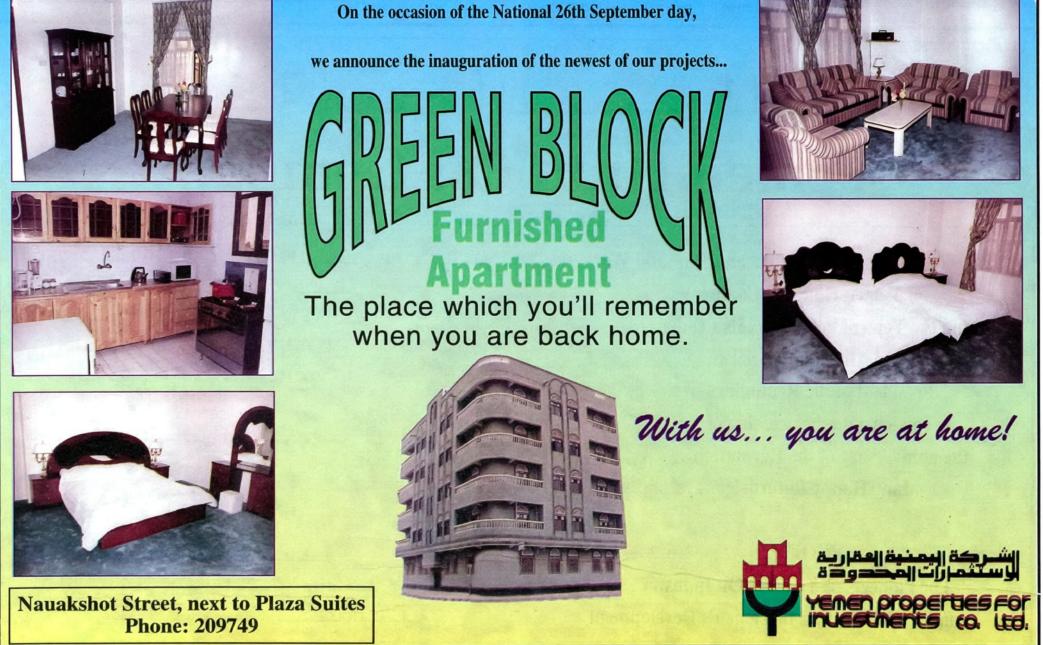
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AL-AYYAM: Aden (Weekly) 18-9-96 (Independent) Main Headlines:

1) Conflicts and Differences on Education and the Cancellation of the Religious Institutes (Controlled by the Islah Party)

2) Fear of Cholera Spreading Outside (After Cases in Beihan); Yet the Ministry of Health Is Frozen.

3) The Court Judges Dr. Abdulwahab Mahmoud Is Rightful Secretary of the Baath Socialist Party (Yemen)

**New Court Rulings Against** 

review and issuance of the lists.

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Main Headlines:

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the Supreme Electiosn Committee

amending a Primary Court judgement issued late

last July. The Executive Guide Book of the

Supreme Elections Committee (SEC) was cancelled

as well as the time span for reviewing and issuing

the list of registered voters. The SEC was also com-

pelled to assign sub-committees for carrying out the

On the same note, the Primary Court of Sana'a

issued its judgement on the suit filed by the lawyers

Mohammed Najee Allow and Dr. Mohammed Al-Mikhlafy against the SEC for posting only a par ial

listing of the registered voters and the issuance of

permanent voting cards before the posting of the

lists and the issuance of all rulings on the object ons

or appeals against the procedures of the registration

1) Postponement of Meetings Between President

and Political Parties on the Document for Polit-

2) Issuance of 690 Thousand Permanent Voting

3) The Cases Raised Against the Supreme Elec-

tions Committee Should Be Under the Jurisdic-

Ali Abdulla Saleh's decision to reinstate all YSP

military and civilian staff to the government institu-

tions in which they had been serving. This decision

is bound to throw all those who seek to come up

with allegations that the government is creating

friction between the regions in Yemen, as it does

not accept the former southern governorate officials

and staff and has refused to implement the General

Amnesty declared by the President after the war

against the secesssion, out of balance accordingly.

AL-SHOURA: Sana'a (Weekly) 15-9-96

26 SEPTEMBER: Sana'a (Weekly) 19-6-96

#### **Article Summary:**

1) Is It True?

In its regular front page corner, the paper asks if it is true that the government is giving large real estate properties to businessman Shaher Abdul Haq and his brothers. The same land was nationalized from its former owners who should be getting it back. If that is not possible, the land should be given to the people of Aden, if it is deemed government property. The property in question is in prime locations and of a large size.

#### 2) WHO Official Visits Hadhramaut for Malaria

After visiting Marib and Abyan governorates, a World Health Organization expert on combatting malaria is going through the Hadhramaut to assess the situation in the governorate which is hit by many cases recently. The WHO expert discussed with local health officials the situation and the obstacles facing them in bringing the disease under control. The paper stated that WHO has provided medicine and drugs for the treatment of the disease in view of the widespread outbreak of the disease.

AL-THOURY: Sana'a (Weekly) 19-9-96 (Yemeni Socialist Party)

Main Headlines:

1) Delays in Discussing the National Political Charter

Article Summary: 2) Release of Imprisoned YSP Members in Losing Bets Hadhramaut In its opening editorial, the paper praises President,

3) Malaria Hits Dhamar Children

#### Article Summary:

**UNESCO Supervises Installation of Printing Press** A delegation of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) arrived in Sana'a to oversee the installatioin of the complete printing press given as grant-in-aid to the Yemeni Journalists Syndicate. The grant includes provisions for equipment installation as well as operational training for Yemeni staff.

by: Hassan Al-Haifi

Main Headlines: The Sana'a Court of Appeals issued a court decision

to Its Illegitimacy

**Opposition Boycotts the President's Meeting** Witt the People's General Congress Party and Its Offshoots.

3) Beginning of the Trial of the (16 minus 1)

The Presidential Visit to Saudi Arabia

reliable sources that instructions have been issued to the joint Yemeni-Saudi Committee urging the committees to work more seriously and matters to normalize relations between the two neighbors. To help accelerate the rate of of the joint committees.

#### **Return of YSP Assets Not Implemented Yet**

Ali Saleh Ubad Muqbil, YSP Secretary General, informed the paper that the relevant government authorities have not taken steps to return the assets of the YSP confiscated during the last war (1994). The YSP leader insisted that the YSP will not discuss any other issues with the PGC in its upcoming scheduled talks. problem is unless this resolved. The President of the Republic has recently

(Federation of Popular Forces Party)

1) The Supreme Elections Committee Confesses

2) The Supreme Coordination Council for the Article Summary:

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deligently to finalize all progress in the talks, these same sources disclosed that the President might likely visit Saudi Arabia for a summit with King Fahd on the ways to speed up efforts

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the YSP. Yemeni Press in a Week AL-TAJAMMU'U: Aden (Weekly) 16-9-96

(Yemeni Unionist Congregation) Main Headlines:

1) Holy Charter (Political Activities Charter) Proposed Is the Same Document Drafted by the

instructed the government to return all the assets of

PGC and YSP in 1992. 2) Attacks Against the YUC Lauded by the **Opposition Council.** 

3) Kidnapping of Somali Children and Other **Suspicious Crimes** 

#### The Trial

The court trial of the 15 secessionist leaders was postponed another week since the accused or their lawyers did not show up in the opening session. The North Sana'a Primary court handling the case ordered the summons for the 16 be published in the official media through the rest of the week.

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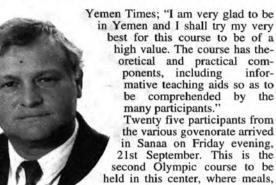
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Dr. Abdulwahab Rawah, Youth and Sports Minister, and a number of sports officials attended the opening session of the international boxing coach training course on Saturday, 21 September, 1996. This course, which is being held at the Olympic Center in Sana'a, is the first of its kind in boxing. Boxing, as a sport, has become very popular among Yemeni youths, especially after the victories of the international boxer Naseem Hamid.

The courses are being given by the international boxing expert, Mr. Karl Heinz Nitzsche. Mr. Nitzshe, who gave many such lectures in Africa and Asia previously, told



accommodation and transport are being provided for the participants. The International Olympic Solidarity is helping co-finance the boxing training. The organization has been instrumental in many

other sports training programs in Yemen.

### Naseem Hamid **Pays Swift Visit**

The World Featherweight Boxing Champion, Naseem Hamid British National of Yemeni origin, left Sanaa for London on Saturday 21 September, 1996 following a 5-day visit to Yemen. He was personally invited by President Ali Abdullah Saleh, who received him immediately upon his arrival.

The President donated to Naseem a house in Sanaa. He had earlier donated to the champ a Mercedes car as well as other valuable gifts.

The boxer, his father and other relatives also visited Rada'a in the Governorate of Al-Baidha where his father was born. In a short statement to the Yemen Times, Naseem said, "I came on a private visit to Yemen in order to see my relatives and friends. That is why I declined all formal meetings and receptions. Of course, I paid a courtesy visit to the President who has been kind to me.

**Contd. from Page 8: Heart Failure...** 

#### POSTMYOCARDIAL INFRACTION SYNDROME

Postmyocardial infraction syndrome is called Dressler's syndrome. AMI can be associated with a benign localized pericarditis over the infarcted area. This occurs early and may be associated with a friction rub. however, a more serious generalized pericarditis may develop.

Post-myocardial infraction syndrome is characterized by a generalized pericarditis, with or without a pericardial effusion, which may be hemorrhagic. In addition, pleuritis or pneumonitis may be present. There is some evidence that the syndrome is caused by an auto immune reaction with development of antibodies to heart muscle.

The syndrome usually appears 2 to 10 weeks after AMI but may occur as early as the first week. Symptoms and signs include fever and pleuropericardial chest pain. The pain is substernal and may extend to the neck, the shoulders, or the interscapular area, but not down the arms. The diagnosis of the postmyocardial infarction syndrome is often suggested by increased pain during deep inspiration. The pain characteristically decreases when the patient sits or leans forward. Supra ventricular tachycardia is a common complication.

Often the diagnosis is not certain until the patient responds with a rapid decrease of symptoms and signs within 24 hours after administration of prednisone or a similar corticosteroid has been started.

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Most supraventricular tachyarrhythmias associated with AMI are benign. However, any ventricular tachyarrhythmia is potentially lethal because either ventricular premature beats or ventricular tachycardia may be a precursor of ventricular fibrilla-

tion or cardiac standstill. However, ventricular fibrillation may occur without any previous arrhythmias.

The cardiac arrhythmia usually appear within the first hours after AMI. The heart is then particularly susceptible to ventricular fibrillation for about 1 week thereafter. This may be due partly to the increased sympathetic stimulation and the increased secretion of catecholamines that occur. Cardiac arrhythmia resulting from AMI include

1) bradyarrhythmias caused by a disturbance in the sinus node or atrioventricular node;

2) fascicular heart block caused by a disturbance in the spread of the stimulus from the atrioventricular node through the bundle and branches;

3) tachyarrhythmias caused by increased stimulation of normal or ectopic pacemaker tissues or to reentry phenomena.

But, ventricular extra systoles are very common (>90%) and in general do not require treatment. Reperfusion following thrombbolysis may lead to transient sinus bradycardia or slow idioventricular rhythms and require immediate intervention particularly if there is hemodynamic deterioration. Complete hear block associated with inferior myocardial infraction is usually transient and often requires temporary pacing only. Complete heart block with anterior myocardial infarction is associated with large infarcts and a poor prognosis and will probably require permanent pacing is the patient survives



By Jamal Al-Awadhi

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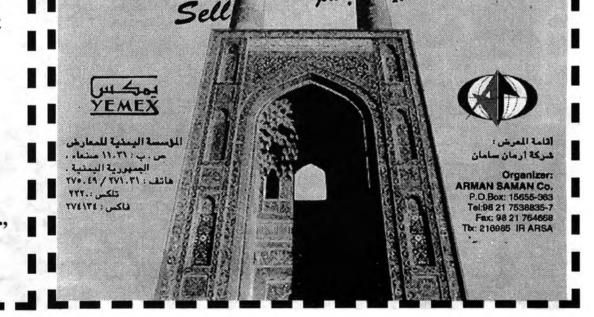
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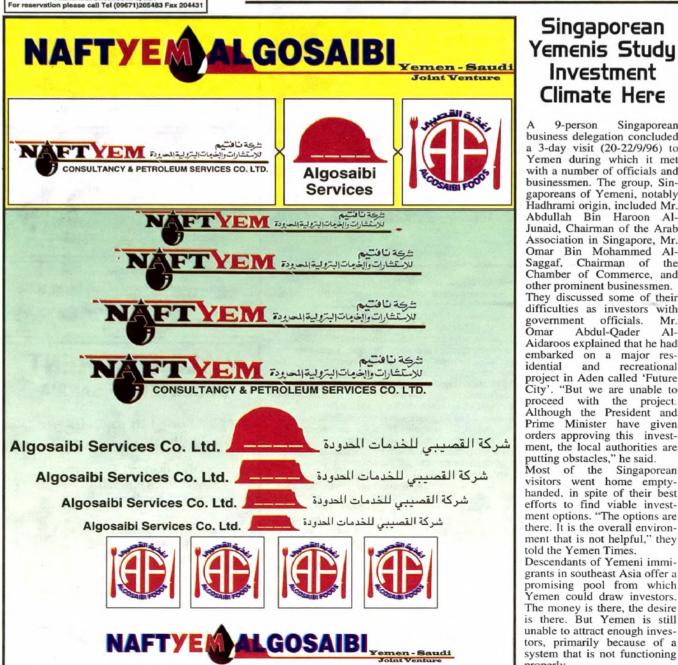
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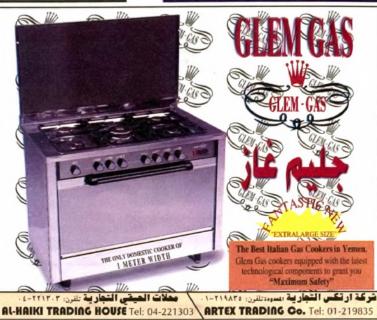




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