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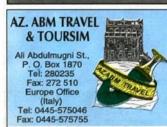


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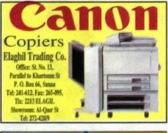














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President Ali Abdullah Saleh says:

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Saleh, President of the that the Arabs were tricked Republic of Yemen, was among the first Arab leaders to strongly respond to the deteriorating condi- credit to extremist (Israeli tions in Palestine. He has effectively thrown in the towel on the peace process. In yet his strongest attack ever of Israel, he stated that he categorically opposed the State of Israel.

Speaking in a press conference on the eve of the anniversary of the September 26th Revolution, President Saleh reminded of the unsatiable Israeli ambitions and recalled the designs of creating Greater Israel which extends from the Nile to the Euphrates.

Abdullah President Saleh also said into the peace talks and into normalization with Israel. "We were hasteful. I give prime Minister) Netanyahu for opening our eyes.'

> In response to a question about relations with its partner in the ruling coalition, the Yemeni Congregation for Reform (Islah), the President - who is chairman of the People's General Congress - downplayed the disputes and differences.

it was the right of any politof Representatives. This overcome that," he said.

possibility exists for the PGC following the parliamentary elections scheduled for April 1997. "But on the basis of my experience as a ruler for over 18 years, I do think it is better for the sake of harmony and stability to share the rule with (junior) partners," he said.

On the economic front, he promised more prosperity as the reforms take hold.

On relations with Saudi Arabia, the President said they were growing steadily. "Remnants of the Imamic But for the first time ever, regime and the Marxist the President disclosed that rulers have been trying to throw a monkey wrench in ical party to rule alone if it our relations with Saudi had a majority in the House Arabia. But we have

Another Precedent in Moving to a Modern Concept of a State:

QATAR Puts Former Ruler on Trial

precedent in the system of government in the Gulf region. It announced last week putting on trial the former emir, Khalifah Bin Hamad Al Thani - father of the present ruler - and the director of his affairs.

The Ministry of Justice disclosed that large financial mis-appropriations were first investigated last year. Once large financial transfers from government coffers to personal accounts abroad was established, due process of law was initiated in April, 1996 against the former ruler.

The transferred amounts for which there is full documentation is US\$ 8 billion. But observers believe the actual amounts to be around US\$ 40 billion.

The State of Qatar established yet another Well-informed sources told the Yemen Times that the State of Qatar, which is under a financial pinch due to the giant development projects it is executing, especially in the hydrocarbons, has tried to retrieve the money through cordial means and mediators. But these efforts have failed to convince the former Emir, an ailing old man of 70 years, to return the money which is in various Western banks.

The former ruler has added insult to injury when he tried to use the resources to destabilize the government in Doha.

Putting a former ruler on trial, and stating that the resources of the country are not the personal property of the ruler are both new achievements in the Gulf region.

Can Sanaa Officials Salvage the Situation in Hadhramaut?

The situation in Hadharamaut has been The streets of Mukalla have seen a described as boiling. Sooner or later, something has to give, according to media observers. Reporters in Mukalla describe the mood of the people as frustrated and very edgy. "They have grown bolder and bolder, in spite of oppressive measures by

the seucirty and military forces."
The very high unemployment rate, the soaring inflation rate, the extended and recurrent electric black-out in these hot summer days, the absence of basic facilities and services, and the overall lack of confidence in the system have been at the of this the ugly mood.

The oppressive measures of the military, para-military and security forces have not helped the situation, either," added a journalist, who has been himself victimized recently for negative reporting.

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repeated sequence of events. Large demostrations, which usually start peacefully. Then security forces intervene in an attempt to stop the demonstrators and scatter them. The heavy-handed response of the armed and security forces immediately leads to violence and confusion. Many citizens are hurt and many more are arrested. That sequence of events was repeated on several days.

The Mukalla Branch of the Opposition Supreme Coordination Council, human rights groups and other NGOs have issued highly critical communiques in which they squarely blamed the authorities for the deteriorating conditions. They also called for a total strike in Mukalla on Sunday, the 30th of September.

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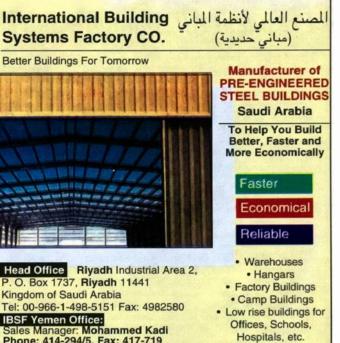
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An Open Letter to President Ali Abdullah Saleh

I have thought many times before writing this letter. I wanted to explain to the president the problems faced by Yemeni citizens in their every day life. This is further complicated by the violence and atrocities of the soldiers.

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Often, I would tell myself, "Why bother. The president surely knows what is going on!" At other times, I would say, "Maybe he doesn't have the full picture. It doesn't hurt to simply tell him."

Well, at last I decided to tell a little bit in this limited space.

I want you to investigate the following:

1. An officer slapped and roughed up a patient lying in a hospital bed, simply because this patient was hurt while demonstrating against the regime in Mukalla. To help you in your investigation, let me specify that the name of the officer is Salem Al-Ahmadi and the incident is reported on 26/9/1996.

- 2. Five soldiers have been menacing a stringer in Aden, simply because their officer was not happy with what he had filed his stories. They have manhandled the journalist in Aden and abused him psychologically and physically, before he could take refuge in the Al-Ayyam newspaper. To help you in your investigation, let me specify that the ordering officer is Mohammed Turaiq and the victimized journalist is Abdul-Rahman Khubarah. The incident is reported on 28/9/1996.
- 3. A young amateur journalist who together with three others led by Abdul-Hakeem Al-Nuzaily, issue a monthly newsletter has been arrested and roughed up. To help you in your investigations, let me specify that the incident took place in Ibb city earlier this month. The newsletter is called "Aqlam Hurrah Free Pens".
- 4. Two adolescent children were arrested and roughed up by security forces in Sanaa simply because they were putting on the street-walls the pictures of Hassan Al-Huraibi, a martyr. To help you in your investigations, let me specify that the names of the children are Azhoon Fouad Saleh and Hisham Marwan Al-Fadhool, and that the incident took place on 10/9/1996, and that the orders came from Abdullah Al-Sanhani.

The examples of abuse and violations are endless.

What I am trying to tell you Mr. President is that the military and security officers and soldiers have to be reigned-in. They need to be trained on the human rights of citizens. Just because a person expresses a point of view that is different from the state's does not make him/her a traitor.

There are already too many problems associated with everyday

life. The people of Yemen have too much to worry about. If the beating continues, the people will simply grow bolder and will not worry about being jailed or roughed up.





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Dr. Al-Saqqaf and Al-Wahdawi Summoned to Court

Dr. Mohammed Al-Saqqaf and the chief editor of Al-Wahdawi newspaper, have been served summons to appear before the Press Prosecutor's Office on Thursday, October 3rd. This step comes in response to a complaint filed by the Supreme Elections Committee regarding articles written by Al-Saqqaf and published by the newspaper.

Yemen Times will follow this story as it unfolds.

Seminar on Water Scarcity

The National Water & Sanitation Authority and the TNO Institute of Applied Geoscience, Netherlands, are going to organize a three-day (1-3/10/1996) seminar in Sanaa. According to a circular, the objectives of the seminar are: 1) to present the results and findings of the SAWAS Project regarding alternative sources for Sanaa water supply;

2) to enhance awareness on the water scarcity problem and mounting a national campaign on this issue:

3) to highlight the difficulties facing the water supply situation. The seminar is held under the theme "From Scarcity to Security: A Question of Survival".

UK Trade Delegation to Visit Yemen

An English trade delegation representing 17 companies is going to pay a visit to Yemen during 6-11/10/1996. The delegation will visit Sanaa and Aden and will seek to link up with Yemeni businessmen.

Workshop on Women's Participation in Politics

An international workshop, organized by Amideast, is going to be held in Sanaa during 5-9/10/1996. Twenty women from 16 countries will participate to discuss ways and means to enhance the role and status of women in politics, in particular, and in public life, in general.

Mr. Aziz Al-Haddi, Amideast Manager - Yemen, told the Yemen Times that Sanaa was chosen for the workshop because of the heavy female participation in the 1993 elections. He also cited the unique environment in Yemen. He finally said that he is encouraged by signs of more visible female participation in the 1997 elections.

Cont'd from page 1: Trouble in Hadhramaut

In spite of denials from the Ministry of Interior, the troubles in Hadhramaut are there, and they are bound to increase. The level of frustration has increased as promises made by senior government officials have not beenhonored.

Meanwhile, the city of Mukalla is gripped with anxiety as the response of the military and security forces has resulted in more violence. This is especially troublesome as there was a call for total strike for today, Monday 30th September. There are no reports of what happened. It is hoped that the authorities will respond in a more prudent way rather than create a showdown with the people.

At the same time, exiled opposition parties have been adding oil to the fire. Fax messages incite more violence on the part of the people. It is easy to do that when you are not facing the bullets.

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Eng. Hussein Al-Sayyaghy:

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Yet, the situation leaves much to be desired.

To better understand the present condition of Yemeni airports, and to assess the needs as well as plans, Ismail Al-Ghabry of Yemen Times interviewed Eng. Hussein H. Al-Sayyaghi, Deputy Chairman of the Civil Aviation and Meteorology Authority.

Q: We understand there are We are also finalizing plans for plans to enlarge Sana'a International Airport. How far has this project come?

A: Sana'a Airport receives our first priority since it is the country's main gateway. There are many projects being implemented during 1995/96 at a total cost of YR. 311 million. These projects include:

1- Widening and asphalting the shoulders of the landing runway, asphalting the entrance to the airport, renovating and asphalting

fire engine passages.

2- Replacing the luggage-carrying belts which at a cost of YR. 38 million.

3- Improving and enhancing the communications system of the airport. The first stage of this costs YR. 68.6 million.

4- Renovating and improving the airport buildings and perimeter fence at a cost of YR 30 million

two other projects at Sanaa Inter-national Airport. These are:

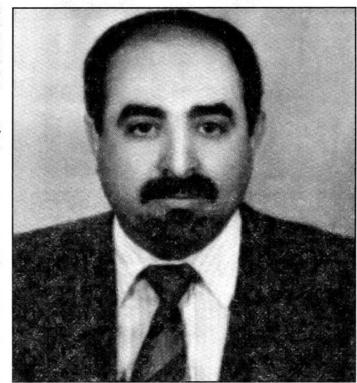
- A project to prepare and equip the Air Control Center.

- A project to build a new international departure terminal or

Q: We understand there are plans to build a new tower at **Aden International Airport?**

A: The government and the Aviation Authority are very inter-esting in enhancing the per-formance ability of Aden Inter-national Airport. This is tied to its destined role in connection with the Free Zone.

At the moment, there are many big projects being implemented at this airport. The most important among these has been the new advanced lighting system of the runway which was recently completed with French assistance



at a cost of YR 360 million. We have finalized several other projects. The main ones include the following:

1. Construction of a new techthe passenger building. Work on \$ 5 million will be provided these projects will start in the through the Government budget.

beginning of 1997, and the total estimated cost is US \$25 million, of which the World Bank has already committed US \$15 million. The French Government nical building, especially control has also agreed to provide US \$5 tower, and the reconstruction of million, while the balance of US

Q: Taiz airport is still with no lighting. When will this airport "see light"?

A: The lighting project of Taiz airport is hampered by many technical obstacles. The location of the airport itself and the direction of the present runway are unfit for night landing.

Lighting the landing runway, tower and terminal is included in the plan for future projects. The Authority is very concerned about this aspect, especially since it is related to the safety of pas-sengers and air traffic. A project is being implemented now to modernize the communication instruments in Taiz and Hodeidah airports at a cost of YR. 50

Q: Are there any plans to build new airports in other governorates of the Republic?

A: There are no plans at present for building new airports. The cost factor is prohibitive.

However, it is possible in the future that new airports will be built if the need arises.

There is only one airport that is being processed for construction. This is the airport on the island of Socotra at a cost of US\$ 2

In general, let me say that the Aviation Authority has as its priority, the development and improvement of existing airports, rather than building new ones. But the need factor is crucial.

Q: We have learned the Emirates is planning to start services. We also have also learned that British Airways is discussing a resumption of service. What is the situation.?

A: As of now, there are six Arab airlines, besides the national carrier Yemenia, which operate services to Yemen. These are: Egypt Air, Gulf Air, Royal Jordanian Airlines, Sudan Airways, and Syrian Arab Airlines. In addition, there are five non-Arab foreign airlines servicing Yemeni ports. These are (Russian), Ethiopian Airlines, KLM (Netherlands), Lufthansa Tanzanian (German) Airlines.

The Emirates will start operation next month.

Yes, there are talks with BA, but there is nothing conclusive that I can report.

Q: Recently there was confusion about representation of the Emirates in Yemen. How can we stop something like that to repeat itself?

A: You are referring to the competition among local companies to get GSA status from Emirates Airlines. What happened was unfortunate, but this kind of thing is normal, and it will happen as local companies vie among themselves for business. We should not worry about it, and it is not a pressing problem.





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Text of Amended Elections Law

Article (81):

The constituencies and the schedules of the voters are also applicable constituencies and schedules and the electoral card are valid for the referendum and the stipulations of item (B) of article (18) of this law is applied to it.

Article (82):

The special stipulations regarding the rights of voters and their duties as related to elections are valid in any referendum.

Article (83):

All that has been stipulated in this law is applicable to the ref-erendum and the proceedings related to elections in this law.

Article (84):

The SEC takes full procedures in educating the public about the referendum through the official

Article (85):

With exception of item (4) from article (97) mentioned in this law, the crimes of elections are regarded crimes against referendum and the same penalties are applied on them.

Article (86):

The primary courts are specialin the voids related to the procedures and outcomes of the referendum in the constituencies and their resolutions are non-void before the Appeals Court.

Article (87):

The Supreme Court is responsible for deciding how to fill any legitimacy vacuum related to the general outcome of the referendum and its resolutions are final.

Article (88):

Any referendum decision is not valid unless it received the majority of the votes.

CHAPTER SIX: CON-TESTING DECISIONS Chapter One: Contestations Prior to Awarding Winning Certificates

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Article (89):

Any person who has an interest in the outcome of the voting contest such by applying to the Supreme Court according to the following conditions:

A- The contestation should be CHAPTER TWO: presented within 48 hours from announcement of the outcome of counting of votes in the constituency.

B- The contestation should give reasons and be specific about what is being contested.

C- An amount of 50,000 Y. Rials have to be deposited in the court's treasury as a guarantee

the void being incorrect and the amount is returned to the applier if the void was in his favor.

Article (90):

The Supreme Court forms an assistant committee for her composed of the heads of the Appeal courts in the capital Sanaa and the governorates or their deputies to give opinions in the correctness of the voids applied about the procedures of voting and counting. Supreme Court issues its resolutions within a duration of ten days from the date of the void on condition that it does not exceed the duration before holding the session of the elected council. The resolution of the court is informed to the head of the Supreme Election Court and its resolution is final.

Article (91):

The Supreme Court announces the winning candidate who a void taken against him about the proceedings of voting and counting in his constituency a photocopy of the void so as to introduce what he has of remarks or defence within four days from the date of his announcement of

Article (92):

The application of the void does not prevent the Supreme Election Committee of announcing the names of the winners who the voids being taken against them about the procedures of voting

and counting stituencies and this also does not prevent granting them certificates of winning the membership of the parliament and their attending of the sessions.

CONTESTING **MEMBER-**SHIP RESULTS

Each voter or candidate introduces to the parliament a petition contesting based on legal reasons the invalidity of membership of a candidate as announced in the results. Such contestant should deposit YR 100,000 as deposit with the state fund. If his/her petition is found inappropriate, he/she loses the money, if the petition is found appropriate, the amount is given back.

Article (94):

Article (93):

A- The Secretariat of Parliament undertakes to send the contestations together with enclosed documents within fifteen days from the date of delivery to the Supreme Court for investigation. The Supreme Court shall express legal opinion about the contestations within 90 days.

B- The court decision is presented to a sitting parliament within sixty days of decision. The membership is not regarded null and void unless voted by a resolution from parliament with a two-thirds majority.

CHAPTER SEVEN: PENALTY CODES Article (95):

Judiciary is the only authority to pass sentences of penalties on violation of this law and the attorney prepares the procedures of investigation according to the procedures of the penal code and other laws.

Article (96):

A six months imprisonment is passed against:

1- Any person who purposely lists the name or names of false characters in the schedules of voters or neglects to list the name of a person thus violating this

2- Any person who tries to knowingly list the name of someone who does not satisfy the conditions and any person who tries to remove the name of a person who is legally listed.

3- Any person who violates the stipulations of Chapter Four of this law.

4- Any person who actually casts the vote in the elections and knows that his/her name was listed in the schedule improperly or that he/she has lost the required conditions to use his/her voting right.

5- Any person who on purpose casts his/her ballots in the name

6- Any person who discloses how voter had cast the ballot

without his/her consent. 7- Any person who uses his/her right in the election more than

8- Any person who enters the hall of ballot-casting without any right and does not leave.

9- Any person who participates in demonestrations on the day

specified for voting.

10- Any person who embezzles or hides or spoils any paper related to the elections.

11- Any person who manipulates the right of illiterate voters by impeding their practice their full electoral rights.

Article (97):

Any person who violates the fol-

lowing is imprisoned for a duration of not less than a year and not more than two years: 1- Any person who uses force or

threat of force to prevent a voter from using his/her right or imposes on the voter how to vote. 2- Any person who gives or shows or promises to give a voter something in return for voting in a certain way.

3- Any person who accepts an for himself or for interest someone else with the intention of affecting voters.

Any person who publishes or spreads among the voters incorrect news about the character of one of the candidates with the aim of affecting voters' opinion or the outcome of the elections. 5- Any person who enters the ballot casting hall carrying arms

(61) of this law 6- Any person who insults or defames or beats the committee members during the process of

violating the stipulation of article

Article (98):

Any person who violates the following is imprisoned for a duration of not less than a year and six months and not more than three years or a penalty of not less than YR 200,000 and not more than YR 300,000.

The judge has the right to give sentence as stated in the penalty law, and as he sees fit in the following cases:

1- Any person who embezzles or hides or spoils the schedule of voters or changes its outcome in any way possible.

2- Any person who violates the freedom of elections or its order using force or threat of force.

Article (99):

Any person who commits crimes in elections law as stated in the code deserves the

Article (100):

In case a crime is committed in the ballot-casting hall or in case of an attempted crime, the head of the committee specifies the crime, and has the right to give orders to arrest the culprit and hand him/her over to the attorney to take legal procedures.

CHAPTER EIGHT: GENERAL STIPULATIONS

Article (101):

Any person has the right to introduce a contestation against the SEC in case of any procedures violating the constitution and the law, the judiciary looks into the petition within 15 days.

Article (102): contestations are

Article (103):

exempted from duties, charges, taxes or judicial fees or stamp duties, according to this law.

Except as specified in this law regarding the election of local councils, the stipulations mentioned in the law of local administration are applied.

Article (104):

The SEC lays down the rules which control/organize the way to inform public committees whether local or foreign regarding the elections process.

Article (105):

The SEC prepares the executive by-laws and a republican decree is to be issued based on the Supreme Elections order.

Article (106):

The SEC shall issue all regulating steps and by-laws in conformity with this law.

Article (107):

Law No. 41 of 1992 is hereby null and void and so are all laws in contradiction with this law.

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By: Hassan Al-Haifi

Conservation Is Culture: Environmentally, It Is a Necessity.

of admiration by non-Yemenis! In fact, Yemen's cultural heritage is not just a matter of historical record, it is still a living reality at present, in its size, shape and form! Yemen also abounds in natural splendor, enjoying such landscapes that are seldom to be found in such proximity and within such a small spatial area. In a small country, you can find the beautiful coastal stretch, the fertile and lush valleys, the high and cold mountain peaks, the desert and the fertile plains.

One of the great cultural legacies of Yemen is that our ancestors were successful in maintaining one of the most balanced arrangements between man and the natural elements around him, avoiding the maladies of mass production/mass consumption societies - well into the Twen-tieth Century. While that may reflect lack of

touch with important scientific, social and cultural progress that have set in elsewhere, the favorable relationship between man and environment has contributed to a pollution free environment, where natural art was a living

painting. Going over some of Yemen's treasures of literary efforts, one is bound to feel the aesthetic and emotional drive that such an accommodation between man and nature contributed towards. That was enrichment of intellectual and artistic creativity

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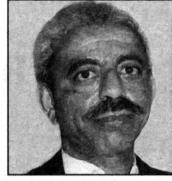
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Yemen has a long on-going On the 26th September 1962, cultural heritage, which is a Yemen made a dash to enter a source of pride for Yemenis and new era that was supposed to enable the country and its people to benefit from scientific and social advances through interaction with the international community. But in looking back at the way the Yemeni people have been directed towards progress that is needed, apparent results threaten distort the efforts of our ancestors, which were to maintain an environmental equilibrium and to preserve as much of the cultural heritage inherited over thousands of years.

Two issues have prompted this writer to conclude that a high degree of carelessness is being shown by the government, as well as society, towards the environment and preservation of worthy past achievements, from a

cultural point of view.
1- The village Rawdha, lying about 5 kilometers north of Sana'a city on the way to the airport, has been famous in Yemen for hundreds of years as a resort for the city. Wealthy residents used to make the big move during the grape harvest season (July-August) to enjoy the many kinds of fruits that their Rawdha (itself meaning garden) produced. In small plots of land, one could enjoy sweet lemons, figs, pom-egranates, berries, and other fruits - the most important being the white seedless grape, that is of exceptional taste and quality.

Since the Revolution, the city of Sana'a has witnessed a big and



poorly planned urban expansion which has transformed the city into a metropolis. The city has not blended into harmonious and functional designs, as in the past. Nor has it evolved into modern urban concepts.

The old village of Rawdha stubbornly resisted the rush to modernization, at least at the town center, with its green surroundings. As the periphery of the village began to be absorbed with the onslaught of the random development fever of urbanization in Sana'a, it seemed that even this defiant little resort was not to be saved from destruction. The grape vines were mercilessly replaced by the random arrangement of stone and concrete.

The old souk and caravansaries were subjected to the ferocious teeth of tractors and shovels. The small gardens were quickly

replaced with villas which sprouted here and there filling slowly up the green horizon that had decorated the scenery.

The quiet serenity of the nights was taken over by t speedy vehicles racing on the newly asphalted streets.

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outburst of gunfire grew as real estate grabbers tried to bite off more than they could chew. The once tasty water of Rawdha's wells had become unfit for human consumption thanks to the messy sewerage system that Sana'a is blessed with, and which it had decided to dump at Rawdha.

The resort's crisp clean air had become nauseating, as the city's sewage besieges the city from North and South. As if that was not enough, the Municipality insists that its environmental protection and forestry roles are for the birds. For no logically or justifiable reason, the two rows of old "pepper trees" - about four centuries old - that have become symbolic of the village and livened its main street providing a green archway that stretches from the Military Academy to the Rawdha Palace Hotel, were butchered two weeks ago. Beautiful and tall trees which added much to the quality of life were cut down

Rawdha is no longer the it once paradise Rawdha's white grapes may themselves soon become a delicacy that will cease to exist.

2- Last month, it was reported that at least eight houses in the

old city of Sana'a have reached eminent collapse, due to the

effects of a leaking water supply

network that was built inap-

propriately and did not operate

with adequate maintenance and repair standards. This is the area

in the Old City as you walk in

Of course, the danger is not confined to the eight houses. The

entire old city of Sana'a is under

threat as foundations deteriorate.

The city, being in such a serious

state of danger and eminent collapse, should raise the concern of the Yemeni author-

ities to address the problem, and

to determine appropriate alter-natives to avoid a disaster with

The city of Sana'a bravely with-

stood sieges, bombardment, pil-

ferage and revolutions - even

scud missiles - but to be threat-

ened from beneath is something

the city may not withstand Sanaa is a testimony of Yemeni cultural achievement, in its real

form. But alas, it is coming to a tragic end. This will not be the result of natural calamities. The end of Sana'a could come, and

soon, as a result of human error

and neglect. The signs are there as one strolls through the pic-

turesque narrow streets of Sana'a

- abandoned houses with cracks that streak down from the top

The scattered houses that have become unfit or rather unsafe for

dwelling are warning signs that

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the faults in the water network

system and prevent any further

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detect potential dangers of poor water plumbing and connections, and outline the help that could be provided by the government in terms of technical expertise and financial support. Some of these

efforts may require international assistance. But this is forthcoming since Sana'a has

already been declared a universal cultural heritage city that must be preserved for the benefit of all mankind. In addition, Republic of Yemen should make international appeals for help in preserving the old city of Sana'a, as a whole, and not just some car-

avansaries or old mosques.
3- The statement by the General Tourism Authority Chairman on the wanton looting of buried ancient cities in Al-Jouf and Marib points to a serious orgacrime which destroys important archeological sites even before they are excavated! This observer's inquirey revealed that at this stage, two underground sites have been looted by tunnels dug randomly by organized gangs who continue to dig, pick up any movable antiquity, and sell them on the black

The danger is not confined to

stolen artifacts; because of the random digging of the tunnels, the buildings and city structures are bound to face serious damage, which would be irreparable since the original structures have yet to be unearthed and identified in form and substance. This systematic looting of national treasures must be immediately stopped and the mob behind it apprehended and brought to justice.

On a similar note, this observer was advised that geological experts working with companies excavating for oil are providing the looters with the possible locations of buried archeological treasures and antiquities. The issue must be tackled quickly before Yemen becomes a helpless victim from the rape of its past treasures even before they have been identified.

It is clear from the above that the Yemeni government, embarking on the right path of modernizing the country should not overlook the environmental damages that could arise. This is especially true regarding the need for conservation. Moreover, the modernization drive should not take place at the expense of our archeological heritage.

Finally, the buried remains of our ancestors' achievements must not be neglected to the point that greedy criminals can have access to these treasures, preventing the world from the benefits that can be derived from these preserved archeological sites.

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AA Drive to Tap Yemeni Market

On 24-9-96, Universal Travel and Tourism hosted a workshop at the Taj Sheba Hotel, to which 12 big travel agencies were invited. These are Adhban Travel, Arabian Horizons Travel, Arabian Peninsula Travel, Ashtal Travel, Falcon Travel, General Travel Cooperation, Ilias Travel, Marib Travel, Al-Naseem Travel, Sky Travel, Al-Sunidar Travel, and Universal Travel Wings.

At the workshop Mr. Omar M. Omar, General Manager of Universal Travel & Tourism gave a welcoming speech, and introduced Mr. M. Wasi Ull Azeem, the Yemen Manager of American Airlines, who spoke at length about new products of American Airlines, and the drive to interact with the Yemeni market.

"The main aim of the workshop was to introduce American Airlines in Yemen in a better way. The quality of service, destinations and other facilities of the airlines were discussed," Omar said.

American Airlines has the largest network of destinations in the USA with connections to more cities is USA, Caribbean and Canada than any other US carrier.

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The workshop described the destinations and the fully computerized services of the airline. Through videos and projectors, the quality of the airline's



service was vividly shown.

One of the participants, overwhelmed with the AA network and its growth, said, "American Airlines destination network is like a spider web; but it is the fastest-growing web I have ever seen."

Mr. Azeem, with 13 years of experience in the

travel industry, took up his job in Yemen two months ago. He is entrusted with the job of expanding the AA market base in Yemen, in cooperation with the GSA, Universal Travel and Tourism. "I am certain we will make headway because we have a good product to sell," he said.

Speaking about the purpose of the workshop, the AA Manager said that the overall objective is to give travel agents more information as to what AA can offer their travellers. They need to be aware so that they can advise their customers to take advantage of the facilities. "American Airlines is a service-oriented airline. It is this point that we wish the travel agents to pass across to their clients." Beyond the general thrust of the workshop, Mr.

Beyond the general thrust of the workshop, Mr. Azeem discussed with the travel agents the many details of the AA system. He outlined many features that are of interest to frequent flyers, airport facilities, connection ease, etc.

"As the Yemeni market grows, we would like to be part of that growth," Mr. Azeem said.

Explaining the workshop's structure, Mr. Omar said Universal Travel and Tourism has a lot of experience in the field. "This workshop is based on the many different workshops for an off-line airline. We brought all these agents together to be

more aware of how American Airlines operates. Where they operate? How many aircrafts they have? Which cities they operate to. So, you can say that the thrust of the workshop was to provide more information to the travel agents."

Universal Travel and Tourism, as the pioneer in the field and fastest growing, is moving towards becoming a horizontally-integrated company. "In our new offices on the Sixty Meter Road, we are going to have the new offices of Thomas Cook, Hertz, Universal Holidays, and other companies that serve travellers," he said.

The steadily growing Universal Group of Companies also includes a number of good hotels in key tourist destinations. They extend from Al-Mahweet in the high mountains, to Mukalla in coastal Hadhramaut. "But the prize of our hotel network is the five-star Beer Al-Azab Hotel in Sanaa. This is a palace of the former Imam (king), to which we added modern facilities and annexes for the comfort of our guests. This hotel will be formally inaugurated early in 1997," Omar disclosed.

The General Manager of Universal is also one of the architects and promoters of proclaiming 1997 to be "The Year of Tourism in Yemen." In explaining his views, he indicated that the country has a great tourist potential. "There are the ancient sites, there are the beautiful folklore and traditions, there are clean and nice beaches, there are high mountains and deep valleys, there are the warm springs. There are many factors that attract tourists. We simply need to pull our act together," he said.

Many of the travel agents were pleasantly surprised at the many good connections of AA from the Middle East. "Milan in Italy is the nearest point to Yemen and Middle East. But they also have very good connections from London, Paris, Frankfurt, etc.," they indicated.

One of the points discussed at length was the fares. Many travel agents asked whether there were special fares, given that there is a large Yemeni community in the USA. "Even the international community residing in Yemen or visiting the country would be interested in obtaining reasonably-priced tickets," indicated the agent representing Arabian Horizons.

Commenting on the success of the workshop, one of the participants described it as an "eye-opener". "Next time my customers ask me for assistance with their across-Atlantic travel plan, I will have more options for them," he said.



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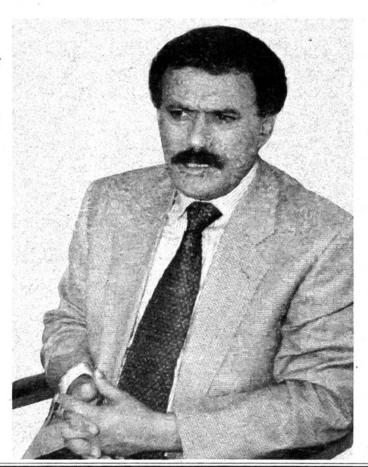


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YEMEN & CHINA:

40 Years of Warm Relations and Cooperation

"President Saleh is scheduled to pay a state visit to China in January 1997."

Interview with H.E. Mr. Yu Xingzhi, Ambassador of the Republic of China in Yemen.

O: How do you assess Yemeni-Chinese Relations?

A: A few days ago, on the 24th September, we celebrated the fortieth anniversary for establishing diplomatic relationship between the People's Republic of China and the Republic of Yemen. Yemen was one of the first Arab countries to establish such relations with China. These relations have developed steadily in all aspects of friendship and cooperation throughout the last forty years irrespective of the massive changes that have taken place in the world.

Yemen and China share many identical viewpoints towards important regional and international issues. This led to coordination and cooperation.

The integrity of this friendship remained intact through the test

cooperation is beneficial not only exchanged assistance since the 300,000 Yuan, with an annual to the people of the two countries, but also for advancing the tions. China presented Yemen issues of peace and human development worldwide.

Developing friendship and cooperation with Yemen is a fixed policy of the Chinese government. We would like to continue joint efforts with the Yemeni government to develop extensive and long term cooperation for the

Towards that end, many activities have been undertaken. The visit include the Sanaa Textile Taiz Technical School. China Deputy Minister of State, in May has opened these gelebrations. An exhibition of Chinese oil paintings was opened at the Yemeni Cultural Center in Beijing last June. An evening banquet was held on 18th September in Sana'a and was attended by top Yemeni officials. The Chinese-Yemeni Friendship Society held a reception party in Beijing. The People's daily published an article by Mr. Lee Lukin, the ex-ambassador to Sana'a, entitled "Chinese-Yemeni Friendship With Its Deep Roots and Green Leaves." Also, the Chinese acrobatic team will visit Yemen in October.

Q: China was one of the early countries to extend assistance to the Republic in Sanaa. Could you give us details?



The enhancement of bilateral A: China and Yemen have medical establishment of bilateral rela- increase of 25%. with aid and interest-free credits Q: How about support in eduto implement 64 projects. cation?

many others.

tance been effective?

A: China started sending medical delegations in 1966. Yemenis often mention the participation of Q: There is also cooperation in the Chinese medical delegation in during the Seventy-Day Siege of Sanaa. To date, 2288 medical patients with dangerous cases.
There are now 172 Chinese

their duties in Yemen.

annually donates medicines and won 15 gold, 24 silver and 28 happening in

Examples of these are, the A: In this field, our bilateral Sana'a-Hudeidah road, Sana'a- cooperation has achieved good Sa'ada road, Amran-Hajjah road, results. The Chinese government Shuqrah-Mukalla road, Shihr- invested, in 1969, several million Sayhut road, and 48 bridges. dollars in building the Sana'a the first period. These were the There is also the construction of Technical School. Many Chinese "Great Leap Forward" (1958the Sana'a Maternity Hospital, teachers taught at this school. the Taiz Hospital and the Sana'a China also sent many professors Technical School. Other projects to work at Aden University and Factory, drilling of 80 wells in helped in building Oataba Sec-Sanaa, constructing a dam and ondary School and a training But since 1978, China has been workshop for the College of Mechanical Engineering at O: Has Chinese medical assis- Sana'a University in 1989. China annually grants about 50 scholar- Q: How about political reform,

sports? defending the republican regime A: Cooperation in sports started etc. So we are pressing ahead by signing the sports cooperation with economic development. We protocol in June, 1977. More have reduced the number of doctors and assistants have than 182 Chinese coaches super- people in China who are below served in Yemen, and treated vise Yemeni teams in such games the poverty line. It has come 15,260,000 patients in Yemen as basketball, volleyball, table down from over 250 million to and saved the lives of 11,000 tennis, track and field games and about 60 million. So, by gymnastics. These are in Sanaa achieving the highest economic and the governorates. Due to growth rate in the world, we are doctors working in 13 hospitals continuous training and joint actually looking after the rights in 8 governorates. Six Chinese efforts, Yemeni teams achieved of our people. doctors died while performing great results in Arab, Asian and We realize that progress in the international competitions. For political world is necessary. I Chinese government example, the table tennis team want to say that such progress is

bronze medals during the last 20

Q: Let us talk a little bit about developments in China.

A: After the Opium War which was imposed on China during the 1840s, the country became a semi-colony controlled by various imperialist countries. The Chinese people struggled for more than 100 years, including the 8-year war against the Japanese occupation and the Freedom War for more than 3 years. Armed struggle started in 1920, and continued for 28 years. The climax came in 1949 with the establishment of the People's Republic of China.

The 47th anniversary of China's this year. The first 3 years of the new republic's life were spent healing the wounds and reconstructing the national economy. In 1953, China started implementing its first 5-year plan. China has achieved many great gains during the last 47 years in different aspects of life, especially in the agricultural, industrial and educational fields.

This 47-year period can be divided into two main periods the first from 1949 to 1977 and the second from 1978 till the

China made two big mistakes. in 1969) and the "Great Cultural Revolution" (1966-1976). The mistakes were that those policies were far removed from objective

pursuing a realistic policy aimed at raising the standard of living.

especially in human rights?

A: We believe that the most fundamental of human rights is the right to food, shelter, clothing

lation following the 1948 Revolution. It was difficult to gain world acceptance and recognition for some time. The far sight of Imam Ahmad Bin Hameed Al-Deen, then ruler of Yemen, made Yemen one of the first three Arab countries to extend diplomatic recognition to China in 1956. Since then, the two countries have come a long way evolving a special understanding and high level of cooperation. Total Chinese assistance covered 64 projects for a total cost exceeding US\$ 1 billion.

This year, the two nations celebrate the 40th anniversary of establishing diplomatic relations.

The Republic of China was struggling to break its iso-

China has achieved with Yemen what most of the aiddonor Western countries are striving to achieve - to convert the aid flow dependency to one of trade, joint investments and business contracts. The Republic of China has extended a lot of effective aid to Yemen in the past. Indeed, it continues to do so in a small way. But, trade relations and business between the two countries have long replaced the aid dependency.

President Ali Abdullah Saleh plans a state visit to Beijing in January 1997. The two sides are already busy preparing for the visit, and plan for it to achieve a lot more than symbolic gesture. Several large contract deals, including some military ones, are expected to be signed. On this occasion, and on the 49th anniversary of the national day is on the 1st October Chinese 1st October Revolution, the Yemen Times hails the Republic of China.

By: Abdulaziz Al-Saqqaf, Chief Editor, Yemen Times.

WHAT YEMENI OFFICIALS SAY ABOUT YEMENI-**CHINESE RELATIONS**

"We value highly the warm and strong relations between our two countries. Although we don't talk often about our relationship, both sides appreciate how important it is. We have a high-level of understanding and cooperation."

2. Speaker of Parliament Sheikh Abdullah Al-Ahmar:

"China has supported Yemen in many ways. Chinese assistance in education and technical training, health, highway construction, building a modern Yemen. I would like to take this occasion to express our gratitude for this support, and we hope our coop-

3. Prime Minister Abdulaziz Abdulghani:

"The People's Republic of China has been one of the first countries to rush to the aid of the infant Republic following the September 1962 Revolution. I believe we can count on continued cooperation between the two countries.'

4. Foreign Minister Dr. Abdul-Karim Al-Iryani:

"China and Yemen enjoy a special relationship. It has been a country on whose friendship and support we have always been able to count. We have also supported China in whatever way was at our disposal. After all, Yemen was the first Arab country to recognize the People's Republic of China, forty years ago."

5. Dr. Nageeb Ghanem, Minister of Public Health:

"The Chinese Medical Team has many good doctors working in many governorates such as Sanaa, Aden, Taiz, Hodeidah, Lahei, Abyan, Hadhramaut and others. Their services are very effective, and highly appreciated by the people."

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In the process, 52 Chinese engineers and workers have lost their

Mr. Huai first arrived in Yemen in October 1991 as branch manager in Sana'a. In 1993, he became chief engineer and then director-general in 1994.

Most of the projects executed by the CRBC during the 1960s, 1970s, and through the mid-1980s were on a grant aid basis from China. The total value of those projects is in excess of US\$

tance it receives from third and sewer project in Aden. parties. The CRBC has successstruction, dainage,, water supply, dam construction and other

structing roads inside the capital

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our work, we sometimes need to take private land, on which the road or dam or whatever is constructed. The owners refuse to relinquish their property," Huai

Yemeni companies working in road construction have raised their administrative and technical abilities, in the recent past. In part, this was due to the mutual cooperation and experience with the Chinese company.

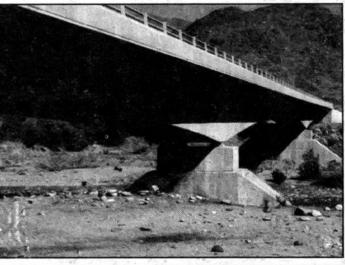
The CRBC was classified as the 107th largest contracting company in the world and one of the 10 major companies in China. Its business has grown to include 31 countries at the present time.

showered praise on the company for its successful and efficient execution of the projects. In 1984, the CRBC was awarded the International Arab Trophy, and two years earlier, the company

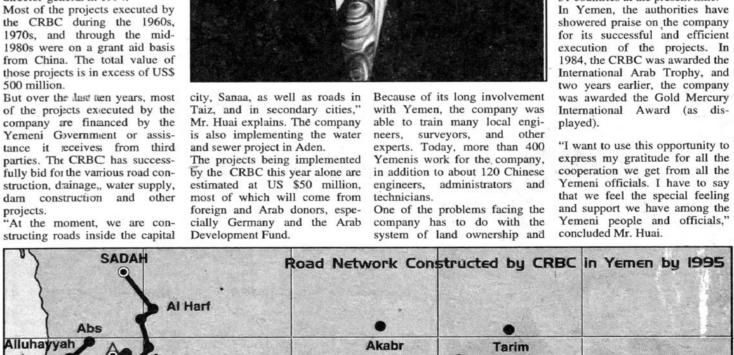
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Villa d'Angelo: Restaurant of the Elite

So you want to know where the high class frequently goes for food? That's easy, providing you are willing to pay a bundle for it. These days, the Sanaa's upper crust rubs shoulders at the Italian Restaurant, that is to say, Villa d'Angelo.

At any one evening, there will be a few ambassadors, government officials, highclass businessmen, visiting delegates, and other well-to-do people.

"We have become the meeting place for the upper class," boasts Mr. George Shamat, Managing Director of the restaurant. George, groomed in the finest parts of the Middle East and Europe, feels at ease with the snobs of society. He actually speaks their language. To serve the affluent in society, you have to

understand their needs. It is not just the food, and this is a specialty, but it is also the ambiance. The atmosphere is easy, and lots of deals and agreements are discussed over sumptuous meals.

Speaking with a twinkle in his eyes, George







discussed how the idea of the restaurant developed, about

There are four famous international cusines: French, Chinese and Indian. Italian is the best known internationally and it is usually accepted by many people. The good taste and flavor of Italian food and the wide customer made the idea viable Besides, Sanaa did not have an Italian restaurant, before ours. he explained.

Very soon after opening, the res taurant became the mecca of fussy eaters. But what is so special about the meals at Villa d'Angelo?

After all, the dishes are the same every where, and a steak is a steak. "That is only partly true The way food is prepared makes a lot of difference. For example, sauce is the specialty of the house," says George.

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Where Is Netanyahu Taking the Region?

Hell Breaks Loose in Palestine

The American policy towards the extremist, Benyamin Netanyahu (Israeli Prime Minister), is called "appeasement". History shows repeatedly that this policy does not work, especially not with hard-core ideologues. Yet, the Clinton Administration is doing it again.

The Palestinian people have seen little of the fruits of peace, and even less since the Likud, under Netanyahu, has taken power in Tel Aviv. The transfer of Palestinian cities to the Palestinian administration has been stalled. The Palestinian people are subjected to economic blackmail, they see Israeli settlements crop up every day, and they see the constant Judaization of Jerusalem under one pretext or another. The last of these has been the construction of a tunnel passing under the Aqsa Mosque through to the Wailing Wall.

So far, some one hundred Palestinians and twenty Israelis have been killed. Hundreds have been wounded. From the first, Israel has used air power and tanks and artillery to subdue the revolt of the civilian population.

For the first time since the Egyptian-Israeli peace agreements over two decades ago, Egyptian and Israeli soldiers have exchanged fire. An Egyptian soldier has been killed.

For the first time in ages, Syrian forces, especially the ones in Lebanon, have been mobilized and put on red alert.

For the first time, many of the Arab governments which were inching their way towards normalization and peace with Israel, have reversed gears and rushed back to cold war conditions with Israel. For the first time in decades, there are open doubts about the integrity and neutrality of the American mediators. The question, "Can we trust American neutrality and integrity in our differences with the Israelis?" is being asked in Arab capitals?

Basically, the Israeli Government is pursuing a very dangerous policy which is pushing the region to war. The good-will, so painfully cultivated, is no more to be seen in this explosive region, thanks to Netanyahu.

Taleban Takes over Kabul

Although it was formed in 1984, the student-based Taleban movement won its first military victory in 1994, when it took over the southern part of Afghanistan. It established itself in Qindahar, the regional capital in 1995. Last week, its forces captured Kabul, the capital, and announced the formation of a new government.

Taleban is a puritanical movement which was created as a reaction to the corruption and ineptitude of the traditional political corps in the country. A revolutionary force in the classical sense, it is very austere and limited in its needs. Its patrons are religious figures, but its commanders are young students who left their schools and unviersities "in order to save the country from inept and corrupt politicians".

Unlike the other warring factions which are tribalbased, Taleban is a melting pot of various tribal groupings brought together by a sense of destiny and the need to find solutions to the disintegration of the country. Taleban is closely linked to Islamabad, which was the first country to recognize the new regime ruling Kabul. Islamabad has also been providing some limited military, financial and logistical support to the Taleban forces.

But the troubles of Afghanistan are not over. Rabbani and his ally Massood were forced to vacate Kabul, but they were not crushed. They moved to a new base some sixty kilometers north of Kabul, and from there, they are bound to start a r counter-attack. That is why Taleban is now mounting a new expedition to rout the opposition. It has already started by executing Najeeb Al-Rahman, the former ruler of Afghanistan who had been in hiding with the UN in Kabul.

Maybe Afghanistan's problems are not over, but the recent developments definitely mark a watershed towards a solution. How the world community, reacts, how the neighbors interact, and how Taleban conducts itself internally will be the key factors towards the future. Follow Up to the Picture on Page 3:

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And old Portuguese proverb

claims-whoever has seen Goa need not see Lisbon. 35 years have passed since the Portuguese departed, Goa however remains unchanged. The Iberian connections persist uniting the East to the West in a world shared emotion. Relish 'Caldo Verde' - a spinach and potato broth, 'Fish Recheido' - whole fish stuffed with peri peri masala well seasoned in goan vinegar, 'Malwani fish curry' Prawn Balchoa' pickled prawns in vinegar and chilly are some of the traditional Goan food and not to forget the bebinca the layered cake made of

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Kerala

The culinary journey along the southern coast of India promises to be a very exciting adventure with colorful experience, interspread with lively music and regional folk dances, one will always remember the Malabar region and the malabaris rich in cardamom, pepper, tea, coffee and rubber plantations, and to top it all the paddy fields, coconut palms, fringe the Coastal Malabar.

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tions like the 'Spicy Malabar Chicken, (popular throughout the Middle East) 'Dhai Bath' (curd rice) the 'Paysam' sweet dish made of coconut, jaggery and rice.

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"Handicapped children must be integrated in society."

At the sidelines of the National Conference on Legislation and **Policies** Concerning People With Disabilities, last week, Ms. Ahlam A. Al-Mutawakil interviewed the following participants:

1. Aziz Abdulmajeed Dawood, International Labor Organization (ILO) representative.

Q: What is the purpose of this conference?

A: This conference is part of the ILO activities to develop rehabilitation services for handicapped persons in Yemen. Legisla-

tion is the basis for any long term national program.

Upon reviewing what has been achieved, it can be seen that it is essential to establish suitable scientific and practical basis of implementation. The participation of workers in the rehabilitation field and disabled people in such a conference is a vital element for specifying needs and priorities. So this conference is an opportunity in this respect.

Q: What are the major issues and problems faced by disabled

A: Disabled people represent an appreciable proportion of society both in numbers and in untapped human resources. In Yemen some 10-12% suffere from one

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So, tthe most important problem is to integrate people with disabilites in mainstream society.

Disabled people have the right to participate in building the future of society. They must be given adequate opportunities in education, health, work, recreation and every other aspect in life.

Q: There is no doubt that a disabled persons have a duty towards themselves. advice can you give them?

A: The disabled person must con-dition him/herself and have confidence in his/her abilities and trust the society in which he/she lives. Disabled persons must not isolate themselves from the rest

2. Ms. Niamat A. Al-Arami, teacher/principal of Al-Dhia Kindergarten/School, accepts disabled children.

Q: What is required to integrate disabled people society?

A: Disabled persons need some estra assistance and cooperation from the responsible bodies in order to integrae them in society. This can be partly achieved by starting special programs within ordinary schools whether private or public. This will lead to better results in academic achievements, social development and creating self-confidence among the disabled persons.

Competent, sympathetic and understanding teachers must also do not need specialized training and can be taken care of in ordinary schools. But special centers need to be reserved for really severe cases. There could be full partial programs according to the tasks that can be performed by disabled children.

Q: What elements are needed to implement this idea?

A: Competent teachers, acceptance of the idea by the principal and staff of the school, cooperation of the family, and wellplanned programs.

An important corollary for this idea is to instill the spirit of friendliness and love towards disabled ones.

Q: When did you first get the idea of integrating disabled children in ordinary schools?

A: It was in 1989 when I opened a kindergarten and a little girl with polio, but mentally normal was enrolled. First, I was sympathetic towards her then I hit upon the idea of trying to help her catch up. I faced many financial problems, but with help and encouragement from the mother, we succeeded.

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Talaat Ali Mohammed El-Jabaly graduated from the University of Tennessee in the USA, with a BS in Business Administration and a finance major. After graduation, he worked for four years with Ernst & Whinney Chartered Accountants in Abu Dhabi. Talaat joined Yemen Hunt Oil Company in March 1986 as an accountant in the Accounting Department.

Since that time, he moved up along the accounting department organization and took many training courses inside and outside YHOC, as part of the training program that was aimed at improving his ability and knowledge. These included an advanced international program in Oil and Gas Financial Management from the University of Texas in the USA, and a course in improving managerial skills, given by the American Management Association in Sana'a.

In 1994, Talaat was a recipient of YHOC Outstanding Achievement Award.



26 SEPTEMBER: 26-9-96

- 1) At the President's Press Conference:
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- The General Amnesty Decree Is Our National Reconciliation Which Has Given Amnesty to Those Who Ignited the War, Except for the 16 Leaders.
- We Anticipate Signing the Arbitration Agreement With Eritrea During the First Week

Article Summary:

Hayel Saeed Anaam Charity Inaugurates 32 Projects

The charitable association of the Hayel Saeed Group of Companies, on the occasion of the 34th Anniversary of the 26 September Revolution, inaugurate 32 projects, which the charity has financed. The projects include educational institutions, mosques, health clinics, and vocational training institutes in various parts of the country, with greater focus on the Taiz, the home area of the giant Yemeni group.

Al-Sahwa: 26-9-96

- 1) Deputy Prime Minister AbdulWahab Al-**Anisy Inaugurates the Elections Monitoring** Committee.
- 2) The Islah and Yemeni Socialist Party in Aden: A Special Coordination Program to Guarantee
- 3) The Minister of Health Launches the National Campaign to Combat Malaria at a Cost of YR 81 Million.

Article Summary:

The Other Opinion: Neither a Crime or Treason The paper, in its opening editorial, expresses its surprise at the hysteric reaction against the critics of the Supreme Elections Committee.



Yemeni Press in a Week

by: Hassan Al-Haifi

The reaction raises questions as to their motives. The matter takes on frightening dimensions when an official government paper indulges in McCarthyism using blackmail and intimidation in a country which has declared its commitment to pluralism, democracy, respect for the opinion of others and adherence to peaceful transfer of political power and authority. The tragedy becomes more acute when blind hatred of such an official paper labels opposing opinion as treason and animosity to the democratic experience of Yemen! Those who are really dedicated to clean and fair elections are those who are really patriotic and are in adherence to the Constitution the Courts and the Law!

AL-WAHDAWI: 24-9-96

- 1) Central Security Police Besieges Aden Flood Victims, Who Have Been Issued a Court Ruling That Allows Them to Remain Settled at Their Present Camp Sites Pending Full Settlement of Their Problem.
- 2) The Children of Mukalla March in Protest Against Inadequate Utility Service Amidst Tight Security and Military Deployment.
- 3) Priorities of European Union Aid to Yemen Focus on Tourism Projects, Public Heath and the Advancement of Women.

The Political Honor Code

Abdullah Sallam Al-Hakimy, a notable writer and thinker presents a long discussion of the PGC call for all political parties to agree on a political honor code. He did not refute the need for such a code, but felt that the proposed code does not add anything that the constitution and existing legislation already does not provide in terms of regulating the political process in Yemen. The agreed upon code, suggests Al-Hakimy, should really find a way to make the existing laws binding and enforceable, rather than to continue theoretical political rhetoric already covered by the laws. Then the author presents how a real charter would deal with democracy and human rights, the nature of the state and safeguarding of national unity, the role of Islam in political life and activities, social justice.

AL-THOURY: 26-9-96

- 1) Political Security Releases Dr. Abdullah Al-Dhaifany (After Being Held for 2 Days for Political Interrogation)
- 2) This Coming Monday: A New Round of Yemeni-Eritrean Talks in Paris.
- 3) An Explosion in a Jewelry Store in Taiz.

Article Summary:

Arrests in Aden and Occupation of Property

16 Citizens of Aden, Madinat Al-Sha'ab were arrested by local authorities and Aden Governorate Police. The latter had declared their intention to refuse to bow to demands that they surrender their rights to their large property holdings. Efforts to persuade the owners to give in through pressure and intimidation led the authorities to arrest the owners and occupy their property. The paper points out that a lot of real estate property - public and private - has become the prize of looters and property thieves, which has caused friction and dispute between the actual owners and the aggressors, leading to deaths and injuries - a situation that has aroused public discontent, says the paper.

2- Protest Marches In Mukalla

The residents of Mukalla and other nearby areas continue their protest demonstrations which have been going on for a week, since citizens concluded the government is not seriousness in solving their difficulties, especially in electricity and water. The Hadhramaut Branch of the Opposition Coordinating Council called for a general strike on Monday, 30th September, in protest of deterioration of public

AL-AYYAM: 25-9-96

- 1) RPG Shell Fired at a Sheikh's Residence in
- 2) Janna Oil Field Will Produce up to 70,000 bpd 3) Postponement of Iranian Oil Refining in Aden Refinery

Article Summary:

The High School Examination Results The paper reports that an official of the Ministry of Education considers the results announced for the examination of the High School graduation certificate to be illegitimate.

This view is given at a time when many senior officials in the Ministry are under investigation for cheating and fraud in different areas of the country. Disputing the results pertain to the various unusual events that accompanied examination proceedings like the mysterious explosions in the "control" premises and many violations by Education officials of the rules and procedures for the tests, which include the transfer of the children of a senior Education official from Sana'a to Taiz.

The investigating committee was supposed to present a report to the Minister on its findings before results were to be announced to the public. The committee is headed by the Vice Minister of

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Death of the Table Tennis Champion

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Al-Emad was a well known champion and symbol of table tennis in Yemen. He achieved many victories and worked hard for promoting this game

The death of Al-Emad sent shock-waves in the sports community and showed how vulnerable athletes were. Medical care and other services are very lacking.

Body Building In Yemen Talking to a Champ

Mohammed Al-Rubayi is a distinguished body-building champion. He is also the secretary-general of the Yemeni Union of Body Builders. He played a vital role in supporting and spreading this sport in the country. Due to the increasing popularity of body building in Yemen, Yemen Times interviewed Mr. al-Rubai.

Q: What training facilities are available for body-builders?

A: I can say that people rely mainly on personal efforts. Al-Zahra club in Sana'a has allowed me and my trainees to use a hall which is relatively small in view of the large number of trainees. There are many people wishing to participate in this activity but there very few sports clubs.

Q: What is the importance of body building to the Yemeni youth?

A: First, it keeps young people away from harmful habits like smoking or chewing qat. Second, it strengthens the muscles and body and bestows great selfconfidence. Also, it represents training for other sports and games.

O: What is the role of the General Union of Body Builders in developing this sport in Yemen?

A: The union is making big efforts to develop this sport despite scarcity of resources. This leads to many obstacles in organizing our activities.

The present activities are all being done with personal help from members of the union. The last of these activities was the special course for coaches last month.



Q: What are your future ambitions to improve yourself as a body builder?

A: I aim to attain advanced positions in Arab and international competitions. There are many capable Yemeni sportsmen who enjoy strong and well built bodies for whom I am trying to provide the necessary training facilities. In May, 1995, I came in second place in a competition held in Iraq. There were

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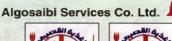


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League of Yemeni Political Women Set up in Aden

A group of women, mainly from Aden - but also from other parts - will announce on October 13th the birth of the "League of Yemeni Political Women (LYPW) - Rabitat Annisaa Al-Yamaniyyat Al-Siyasiyyat".

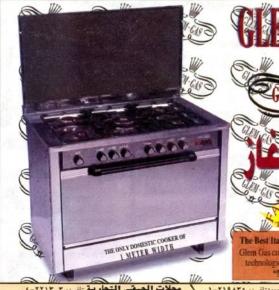
According to Ms. Radhiyya Shamsheer, one of the brains behind the idea, it is high time to coordinate the efforts of Yemeni women to maximize gains in the next elections. "The idea is not just a temporary fix oriented to the next elections, we are looking to our presence in public in general." she said.

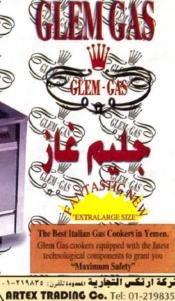
general," she said.

Th LYPW is a self-financed effort by the women's movement which seeks to improve and enhance the role and standing of Yemeni women in public life.

"We are working for a target of 10% of the next parliament to be women. We also hope that a 10% representation in the cabinet is reasonable," Ms. Shamsheer said. That translates into 30 female deputies and at least 2 female ministers. Although no party objects to such goals - at least not openly - many believe that reaching even half of that goal would already be a major achievement.

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A diplomat of a Western country in Sanaa described the choice of Aden to be the site of such an effort as very fitting, given that Aden represents the most socially advanced place on the issue of women in the country. He also urged Western assistance for this organization.







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