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## Eritrea's Foreign Minister in an Interview with Yemen Times

# "We have already started steps to implement the court verdict on Hunaish."

Mr. Haile Weldensae, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the State of Eritrea, said that not only did his country accept the court verdict on Hunaish, issued on October 9th, but also that it had already started steps towards implementation. He was referring to the withdrawal of Eritrean troops from the islands, which will revert to Yemen, at the latest by 9th January, 1999. The minister repeatedly insisted that the Yemeni-Eritrea dispute was over. In a clear reference to the ongoing Eritrean-Ethiopian border conflict, Mr. Weldensae said that it should be resolved along the example of the Yemeni-Eritrean dispute. "We are a nation that has



suffered a lot because of violence and war. We are not interested in having further wars to resolve border disputes. We should all discuss our differences," he said. He insisted his country does not have a border problem with

Djibouti or the Sudan. He said his country is reaching out to its neighbors for the sake of regional peace and stability. In response to a question about why his government was unwilling to take back its people who are stranded in the Sudan, the minister indicated that Eritrea was poor, following decades of a devastating war of independence. "We have asked the UNHCR to make arrangements for the Eritrean refugees in Sudan. Without such arrangements, it is not possible to allow such a big population movement," he said. The minister estimated the number of Eritrean refugees in Sudan at 250,000. In response to a question of

whether Eritrea has allowed an Israeli base to be installed on one of the islands, the official brushed aside such reports. "This is absolutely false." Minister Weldensae said that his country was trying to mobilize the people for nation-building and development. "We did it during the struggle for independence. We are now doing it again. We have mobilized our people - both inside the country and in the diaspora - to achieve rapid growth." Finally, he described Eritrea's relations with its Arab neighbors - notably Libya, Egypt and Saudi Arabia as excellent.

Text of interview on page 5

## Important Yemen-German and Yemen-Dutch Cooperation Talks

Over the next few days, the Republic of Yemen will receive two crucial delegations - one from Germany and the other from the Netherlands. For Yemen, those talks are vital because it involves two top aid partners. At stake is roughly US\$ 60 million in annual aid from these two countries. The German delegation will be here for the annual consultation talks regarding next year's aid package. This year's talks are important given that there is a new party in charge in Germany, and there are new people responsible for the assistance program to Yemen. "We expect a smooth continuation of our cooperation program," assures Dr. Helga von Strachwitz, Germany's Ambassador in Yemen.

On the Dutch side, the situation is more festive. Yemen and the Netherlands are celebrating the 20th anniversary of their cooperation agreement. For this occasion, Ms. Eveline Herskens, Minister for International Development Cooperation and Prince Claus will arrive on the 26th of October at the head of a large delegation. Minister Herskens is quite comfortable in international exchanges and settings, having served at the UN, World Bank, and other multinational bodies. She is also into development in a heavy way. "We expect talks at various levels. The minister and prince - with separate programs - will pay visits to many parts of the country," explains Ambassador A.J.Meerburg.

## CC's Human Rights Committee: Mobilizing Efforts for December 10th

On Thursday, October 15th, the Expanded Group for Celebrating 10th of December held its second meeting. The group, headed by the Human Rights Committee of the Consultative Council, includes representatives from the Human Rights Committee of Parliament, the Yemeni Association for Human Rights, the Yemeni Organization for Defence of Rights and Liberties, the Human Rights Information and Training Center, the Yemeni Institute

for Development of Democracy, the Yemeni Lawyers Guild, the Yemeni Journalists Guild, and other organizations working in the field of human rights. The group's plan of action calls for:  
1. Publishing 20,000 copies of the six conventions on human rights, child rights, economic rights, torture, etc.  
2. Putting on 10,000 cassette tapes the exact text of the Universal Declaration on Human Rights, and its expla-

nation in layman terms.  
3. Sponsoring a workshop on 10/12/1998.  
4. Asking law enforcement personnel (prison wardens, arresting officers, interrogation officers, deputy attorneys, etc.) to swear full adherence to the Universal Declaration on human rights.  
5. Asking the Government to announce the 10th of December as a National Day in Yemen.  
6. Issuing postage stamps on this occasion.

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### SUSTAINABILITY: A Crucial Concept in our Lives

One of the key abilities of any successful individual, company, government or regime is to extend or perpetuate a positive situation or trend. The concept is not new, but the emphasis, especially in the context of development, is new. I would like to use this concept in three different contexts.

#### 1. Good Public Mood:

At this moment, the mood among the Yemeni public is upbeat. There are many reasons for the near-euphoria feeling, including the anniversaries of our revolution, the favorable verdict on Hunaish, and even the success of our Al-Wahdah football club to hold at bay Saudi Arabia's best team - Al-Hilal, in the match last week. For whatever reason, the mood of the Yemeni people is rather positive these days.

**Question:** Can we do something to sustain this mood?

Yes. I believe that any substantive positive action by the rulers towards putting the Yemeni house in order will go a long way to perpetuate this mood. It is up to our leaders to feed this good-will with visible action.

#### 2. Getting Busy Feeling:

There is another mood that is beginning to prevail - the feeling that it is time to get down to real work. This attitude is the result of many factors. First, there is the feeling that the vacations are over, and it is time to go back to work. Second, schools and universities are just opening for education following the summer recess, and there is acceptance that families need to get their act together and enable the pupils and students to undertake their responsibilities.

**Question:** Can we do something to sustain this mood?

Yes. It is possible to feed this productive attitude by enabling the people who are ready to plunge into hard work or hard studying. The hurdles can be removed, and those individuals aggressively pursuing their work/study should be recognized and honored. In other words, the system must re-orient itself in order to sustain this feeling.

#### 3. Political Movement!

There is a creeping feeling among a rising number of Yemenis that there is some movement along the stagnant political scene in Yemen. All the major political parties (Islah, PGC, YSP and Nasserites) have already held or about to hold their congresses. There are also serious debates regarding decentralization, local administration, municipal elections, and the coming (September 1999) presidential elections.

**Question:** Can all this political activity be sustained to restore confidence in the system?

Yes. That is possible provided we take credible measures to show that the system works, and that it brings about change and gradual evolution.

Nobody is asking for miracles. But sustaining the present favorable psychological climate is going to be important if our country is to make progress towards the 21st century. The regime will do itself a lot of good to capitalize on the present environment and build on the existing momentum.

The present approach of bombarding the people with media programs (especially on television and radio) with junk in the form of glorification of the regime will work only to a certain degree. After that, the people will want tangible evidence of why they should be happy with the country's leadership and the regime.

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#### Interplast Holland Medical Teams in Yemen

Two teams of Dutch plastic surgeons, anesthetists and operation room nurses will be working in Yemen from 24th October-November 8. The purpose of the teams' visit to Yemen is to perform reconstructive operations in Sanaa at the Al-Thawra General Hospital and the Kuwait University Hospital and in Aden at the Aden General Hospital and the Jumhuri Hospital. All consultations and operations are free of charge. Interplast Holland is a Dutch NGO and offers free reconstructive surgery to patients in developing countries.

#### Week of Yemeni Blind Started

Organized by the Yemeni society for care and qualifying the blind in cooperation with the Ministry of Insurance and Social Affairs organized the 7th week of the Yemeni blind. The week included a good number of social, cultural and sports activities aiming at exposing the skills of the blind. The program also aims at integrating the blind with society in different activities.

#### Tihama Closed Down

The chief editor of the Tihama newspaper Mr. Mohammed Au Ali sent a letter to chairman of Journalists Syndicate, Mr. Abdulbary Taher, appealing to him to interfere to the Ministry of Information to put an end to the banning of the paper from publication. He considered that to be a violation to the law and constitution.

#### Students Complain

More than 8,000 of Yemeni MA and Ph.D. students studying in 25 countries sent an appealing letter to the Yemeni people, parliament, local and international organizations concerned with education, and all academic and cultural centers to interfere to stop the government decision No.216 dated August 26 regarding the lifting of the financial support given to these students. The Minister of Education promised that he will do his best to convince the government to continue supporting 2,00 but his proposal was rejected.

#### Finnish Tourists in Yemen

Mr. Topi Helanen is the Tour Leader for a Finnish tourist group which arrived in Sanaa yesterday, Sunday, 18th. The group, which is seen as a front-runner for larger Finnish tourists, will visit many parts of Yemen. Very few Finnish tourists visit Yemen at the moment.

#### Agreement Signed

An agreement was signed on Tuesday, October 13th at the Ministry of Planning and Development between the government of Yemen and the United Nations Population Fund and the World Food Program. According to the agreement, the UNPF will provide \$ US 2.6 million to support development projects including the technical secretary of the National Population Council and the information and communication project.

#### Japan

#### Finances Grass Roots Projects

A grant contract for the assistance of grass roots projects was signed on Thursday, October 15 between the Education and Health Committee in Bani Awadh, Ibb Governorate and the Embassy of Japan in Sanaa. The embassy will extend financial assistance for the construction of a health unit in Bani Awadh.

Another grant contract was also signed between the Jibla Baptist Hospital and the embassy. According to this agreement, the embassy will finance the purchase of TVs and video equipment to be used for promoting health education at the hospital and surrounding villages.

#### ISO 9000 Seminar Held

Organized by the Commercial Chambers of Taiz and Aden, a seminar on ISO 9000 will be holding during October 24-25. Mr. Badr Mohammed Ba-Salmah, General Director of Aden Commercial Chamber told the Yemen Times that the seminar will be attended by participants from the International Labor Organization, Arab Engineers Group and the vice chairman of the Egyptian Union for Industries. The focal point of the seminar will be the discussion of the manufacturing quality and its obstacles.

#### Yemeni-German Relations Ride High

The Yemeni-German Friendship Association (YGFA) celebrated the anniversaries of the Yemeni Revolutions - September and October, as well as the German Unification Day. A gathering was held on Thursday, October 15 for this purpose.

In attendance were the Minister of Health, the Minister of Culture, the Deputy Minister of Culture, German Ambassador to Yemen, Dr. Yousuf Mohammed Abdullah, Chairman of YGFA, and many German and Yemeni members of the association.

The ambassador spoke on the occasion about the growing Yemeni-German relations. The health minister disclosed that some charitable German societies covered the expenses of 41 Yemeni children flown to Germany for medical treatment. The culture minister stressed the rising level of cultural cooperation between the two sides.

At the end of the event, Yemen Times opened a contribution bid for the YGFA with a YR 100,000 donation. That was followed by other donors. The YGFA is one of the active associations in Yemen.

#### American Military Delegations Visit Yemen

Admiral Charles Moore, Commander of Naval Forces at Central Command Theater, arrived yesterday, Sunday, 18th. During his four day visit, Admiral Moore will officially kick off Yemen's demining effort, to which the US is the largest contributor. He will also hold talks with senior military officers, including President Ali Abdullah Saleh.

Two days ago, Lt-General Carlton W. Fulford, Commanding General of Marine Forces for the General Command and the Pacific Command has concluded a 2-day (16-17/10/98) visit to Yemen. During his visit, LTG Fulford met with President Saleh and other senior officers leaders to discuss bilateral military cooperation.

#### Vijay in Washington

Mr. Vijay Albuquerque, General Manager of the Taj Sheba Hotel in Sanaa, left for Washington DC on Saturday, October 17th. He has been invited by the World Bank to make a presentation on the hotel industry in Yemen, with special reference to the Taj Sheba Hotel. He will also highlight the first phase of the Taj Sheba renovation (face-lift) effort which will cost US\$ 6 million. "The World Bank is one of our largest accounts. That is why we constantly hold consultation talks with them," he said.

#### Saudization of Yemenis

"On 10 October, I was travelling with friends on our way to Sena, which is about 150 kilometers from Tarim. We witnessed many cars carrying villagers from Sena, Barhout, Al-Sowm, etc. to Tarim. When we inquired about the purpose of the movement of so many villagers, they said they were on their way to have their passport pictures taken."

That was the report of a Yemen Times reporter who is roaming the deserts of the Empty Quarter in search of stories. The paper will run the full story in the coming weeks.

Once they have their pictures, these Yemenis then go to Al-Kherakheer where they are issued Saudi identity cards. Already many tribes along the norther periphery of Hadhramaut and Al-Mahara have been Saudized.

"The effort is brisk these days. It is especially visible among the youth, who are frustrated by the joblessness."

No source would give an exact number on the number of Yemenis who have already been Saudized, but estimates say there are already 70,000 - 80,000 persons Saudized this year alone in this region.

Sanaa officials are either oblivious or careless about this matter. The identity of the people will be a crucial issue in determining the boundary between Yemen and Saudi Arabia, which is Yemen's last pending frontier.

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**“Importing seeds and saplings without any restrictions has brought in diseased plants.”**

Although falling in importance, agriculture remains a mainstay for the Yemeni people. Some 1.5 million Yemenis work in this sector, representing about half the labor force. It still contributes 18% to GDP, and about 3.4% to the country's export earnings. Many experts believe that further development of the country will depend on what happens in agriculture, livestock and fisheries - which hold great potential.

To shed light on this sector and its prospects, Ismail Al-Ghabyri of Yemen Times spoke to Dr. Amin Al-Hemyari, Professor of Entomology and Dean of the College of Agriculture at Sanaa University. The American-educated Hemyari is seen by many circles as one of the serious scholars of this country. He has published numerous research papers. A man given to the details of technical matters, he is now trying to promote new skills in agricultural affairs.

Excerpts.

**Q: Let us start with basic data. Give us some indicators of this sector?**

**A:** Of course, agriculture is a shrinking sector in terms of its contribution to GDP. Total agricultural production represents about 18% of the nation's output. That is valued at US\$ 1.2 billion. The sector employs half of the nation's labor force. Total cropped area is about 1.2 million hectares, of which about half goes to cereal production. Fruit and vegetable production claims 20%, and qat 12%. Translated into products, that yields about 700,000 tons of cereal - roughly a quarter of the country's demand. Fruit and vegetable output is nearly 900,000 tons, while qat output approaches 1,000 bundles a year. There are roughly 10 million heads of livestock. Fish output is also increasing.

**Q: When was the College of Agriculture first established and how many students have graduated so far?**

**A:** It was established by Republican Decree number 51 of 1982. The first class of students were received in 1984. The first batch - five students (just one female) - graduated in 1988. In 1997, 153 male and 8 female students successfully completed their studies in agriculture. In the same year, 407 new students were registered. So all in all, there are now 957 graduates of the College of Agriculture. Of those, 40 are females.

**Q: Why is there such a small number of agriculture students in general and female students in particular?**

**A:** I guess there are several factors at play here. Generally speaking, and it's quite unfortunate, people in Yemen look down on farmers and agricultural workers. Graduates of the College of Agriculture often refrain from working in the countryside, because of the lack of basic services and amenities. With theoretical and practical work and field visits, studying in our college demands full-time devotion. As you well know many university students in Yemen are part-timers, working to earn a living in the morning

and studying in the afternoon. Moreover, having a degree in agriculture doesn't get a very financially rewarding job, if there are jobs at all in this sector. Since it is physically demanding work, females in general refrain from studying agriculture.

**Q: When was the first wholly Yemeni syllabus formulated at the college?**

**A:** That was in 1989, relying on Arabic, European and American syllabuses. Before that the syllabus was entirely taken from Egypt. Now, in view of the recent changes in the labor market and the demands of the development process, a full review of the curricula is in order. A special workshop on agricultural education in Yemen (17-19 October) was held with participants from the Colleges of Agriculture at the Universities of Sanaa, Aden, and Ibb. Cooperating with the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation, a full review of our curricula has been conducted.

The objectives of the workshop include studying and evaluating the reality of agricultural education in Yemen and proposing a plan of action for the future development of agricultural education output. Topics discussed by the participants included the student admission policy, role of scientific research in agricultural education, role of women in agricultural education and the environment.

**Q: Are environmental topics taught at the college?**

**A:** Yes, but not enough. We'll be giving more attention to the environment in the new proposed curricula.

**Q: Are there any problems in admitting students from certain parts of Yemen?**

**A:** There are none whatsoever. Graduates of secondary schools are admitted according to their final grades - a wholly objective criteria that we follow.

**Q: Are there any non-Yemeni lecturers?**

**A:** There are 39 Yemeni and 8 non-Yemeni teachers currently working with us.



**Q: Can an average graduate of the College of Agriculture easily get a decent job in his or her field of specialty?**

**A:** Nowadays it has become rather more difficult than before. This is, as I said, the main factor keeping students away.

**Q: Where do graduates of your college usually work?**

**A:** They are mostly employed by the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation, working either in its main offices or in various agricultural projects around Yemen. Others work in the cooperative and private agricultural sectors; while, a few work in fields far removed from what they studied.

**Q: Are there any similarities between the subjects taught at the College of Agriculture in Sanaa and in other governments?**

**A:** The basic subjects in agricultural sciences are the same. Otherwise, differences follow regional variations in crops - coffee, grapes, etc - and methods of agriculture - terraces, plains - and climate variations.

**Q: How do you evaluate agricultural education in Yemen?**

**A:** Agricultural education is in need of speedy reviewing in accordance with the requirements of the development process and the demands of the local labor market.

**Q: FAO is celebrating the 53rd anniversary of its foundation. What do you have to say on this occasion?**

**A:** Every year FAO chooses a different theme to celebrate its establishment. This year's theme is "Women Feed the World." This is a very important issue in Third World countries where agricultural work is mainly done by women.

**Q: Is the importation of seeds and tree saplings regulated?**

**A:** Following the ban by the President of the Republic on importing fruits and vegetables, the private and cooperative sectors started investing in agriculture. Since most local plants are low on yield, farmers started importing improved seeds and saplings from various parts of the world. Many farmers have been quite successful in producing good-quality fruits and vegetables in commercially viable quantities.

However, many of seeds and saplings are imported without any restrictions whatsoever. This has sometimes brought in diseased plants, which did not only fail but also spread the disease to others, threatening the whole agricultural crop.

**Q: The cereal production in Yemen are decreasing gradually. Why is that?**

**A:** This is due to many reasons. The rise in qat farming comes first. Subsidized cereal pro-

duction does not bring in as much money as qat. Second comes fruit and vegetable production which also provide a high financial turnover. This has made Yemen rely more and more on importing cereals.

**Q: Are there any studies done in that regard?**

**A:** Many experts visit Yemen every now and then to do research in various fields of agriculture. Unfortunately, such studies are not brought together in one place to be documented so that Yemeni researchers can benefit from them. Although there is a documentation center at the Ministry of Agriculture, its activities are still somewhat limited.

**Q: What has been done to protect the rare species of plant and animal endemic on the Island of Socotra?**

**A:** Climate variation in Yemen has led to a wide diversity in its flora and fauna, which had been neglected in the past. Lately, a lot of attention has been given by the Government, the Environmental Protection Council, the Agricultural Research Authority and Yemeni universities to preserving and sustaining the country's biodiversity.

The Island of Socotra is especially targeted by these efforts. The College of Agriculture at Sanaa University has established a genetic bank to preserve the original genetic data collected from various part of Yemen.

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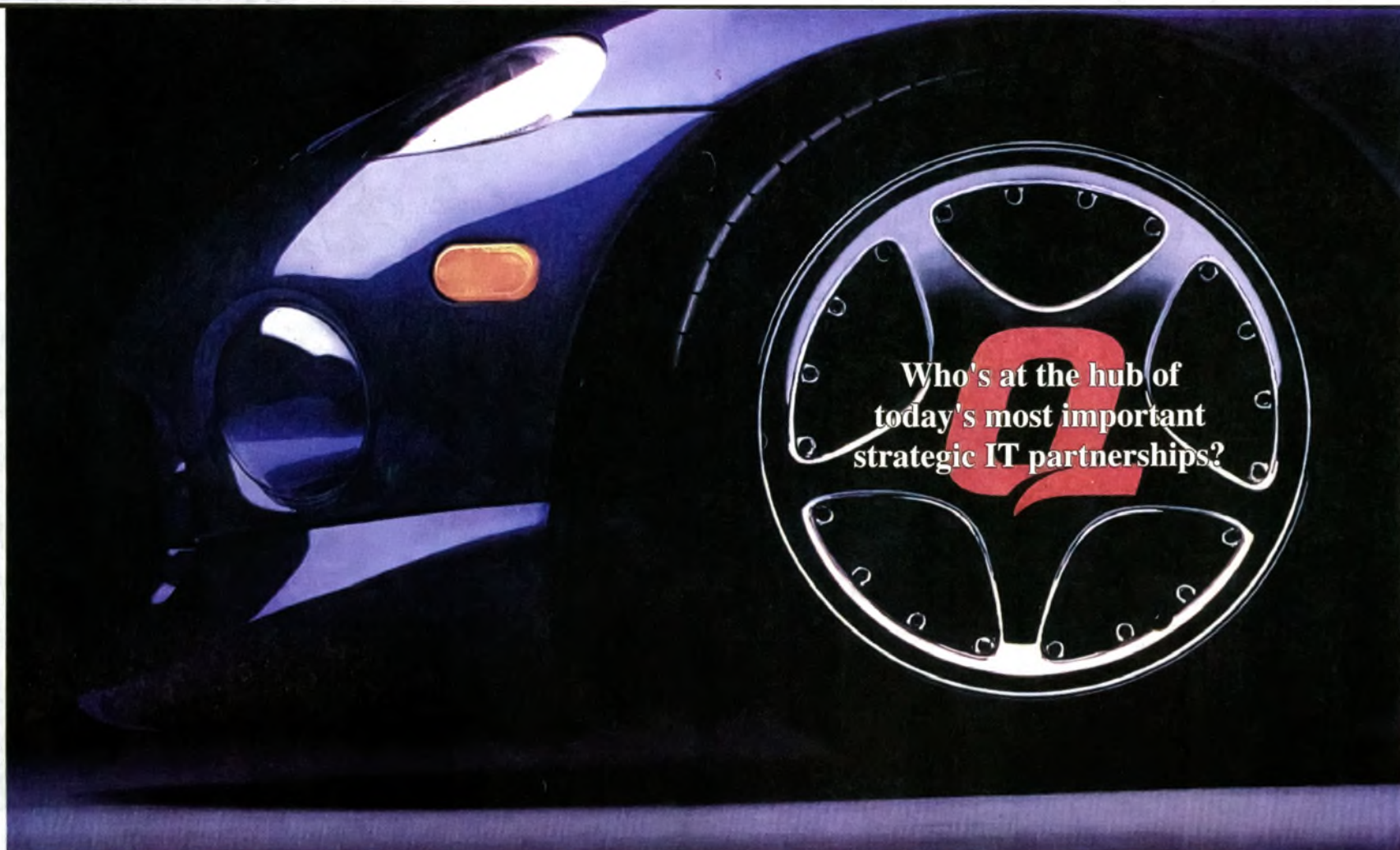
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**Q: Could you briefly tell us about the purpose of your visit to Yemen?**

**A:** I came here to talk a little about information and communications technology. Some people call it the information revolution. Whichever way you look at it, the world is changing and many people believe we're entering an age where information is the primary commodity.

In previous centuries, other elements have been the basic commodities, whether it is in manufacturing or the service sectors. Information is becoming increasingly important to the development of economies, and the manipulation of information is crucial.

Fortunately it is a revolution which I believe does not need to bypass developing countries. Many of the technologies used to provide information these days are equally available in developing countries. In other words, there is a real possibility of closing what we call the North-South information gap.

**Q: What does bridging the gap mean?**

**A:** It is not possible for every citizen to have his or her own computer. There are low-cost ways of making information available through computers to communities. For example, in what we call a tele-center - a community-based computer facility - there maybe only one personal computer (PC). Such a community organization can be a school, hospital, library, mosque. This is a very effective way of providing conductivity to large numbers of people within different communities.

This is just one example. There is also an information revolution taking place in broadcasting - the arrival of digital broadcasting. This I believe will have a great effect on many communities. Eventually, it will have effects which we can't imagine now.

**Q: What is digital broadcasting?**

**A:** We're fortunate in the UK in that digital broadcasting has just

been launched. The main difference, as far as I understand, is that digital broadcasting will provide much greater choice in the range of broadcast available. It also provides inter-activity so audiences will have some control over the information that is broadcast.

**Q: Is it possible that Third World countries will soon be able to fully enter the information age?**

**A:** I would also like to mention in this connection the publication this week of the World Bank's human development report. This year the report has been entitled "Knowledge for Development." It makes the very important point that knowledge is crucial to development. If you accept that argument, and there is a lot of evidence which relates knowledge to development, then I believe that it is very important to develop information access points for citizens.

The report, which is available on the Internet and will be available in Arabic in due course, relates to things like the level of education of mothers to child mortality. There is a direct correlation between the levels of education of mothers and the rate of child mortality. The report cites Yemen as an example. It shows especially that mothers with no education seem to suffer from around 150 deaths of children per 1,000 births. While those with secondary or higher education have much less than 75 deaths per 1,000. So it is quite a scientific way of demonstrating that the provision of knowledge can lead to concrete development and improvement of living conditions in developing countries.

## Weldensae:

**"We prefer negotiated solutions to our differences."**

Haile Weldensae, Eritrea's Foreign Minister, is one of the leaders in the fight for independence. Many members of his family have died for the nation.

Last week, he led an Eritrean delegation to participate in Yemen's celebrations on the anniversary of the 14th of October Revolution. Yemen Times talked to him.



**Q: The Tribunal issued its verdict on the dispute over Hunaish Islands on October 9th. Is this problem now over?**

**A:** Yes. Completely. We have issued a formal statement accepting the verdict.

**Q: The verdict allows 90-days for compliance.**

**A:** There is no need to discuss this matter. As I said this is a finished business.

**Q: But there are still Eritrean troops on the islands. Have you started withdrawal measures?**

**A:** We have already started steps to implement the verdict. This is a technical issue.

**Q: What is the purpose of your present visit?**

**A:** Relations between Eritrea and Yemen go back deep in history. The dispute over the islands was a temporary snag. Now we are interested in developing a mature relationship that will help our two countries, and that will also contribute to regional peace and stability.

**Q: Are you talking about economic cooperation?**

**A:** Yes, that too. I have had frank talks about the regional disputes that haunt our peace, and how we can tackle them.

**Q: Do you see a role for Yemen in the Eritrean-Ethiopian border dispute?**

**A:** Let me say that my country has suffered a lot from a long war of independence. We don't want another war. We want to resolve the border dispute with Ethiopia using the example of the Yemeni-Eritrean dispute.

And in the case of Ethiopia, the problem is much simpler. There are treaties signed between Italy and the Ethiopian Monarchy in 1902, 1904, etc. It is simply a case of demarcating the borderline.

**Q: Do you have border problems with Djibouti?**

**A:** No.

**Q: How about problems with Sudan?**

**A:** The problems with Sudan are the result of policies of the present regime in Khartoum.

**Q: But your government refuses to take in Eritreans who are still in the Sudan?**

**A:** That is not true. We have not refused. But we are a poor country. What will happen if a new wave of people move in without arrangements? We have asked UNHCR to help with such arrangements.

**Q: How many Eritrean refugees are in Sudan?**

**A:** Nobody knows the exact number. But I think there are about 250,000 persons.

**Q: There are reports that Israel has an established interest on one of the islands based on agreement with your government. What do you say?**

**A:** We have normal relations with Israel. The story about military facilities is false.

**Q: How are your relations with other neighbors?**

**A:** We have excellent relations with Libya, Egypt, Saudi Arabia and other neighbors.

**Q: What is next in Yemeni-Eritrean relations?**

**A:** Both President Asaias Afewerke and President Ali Abdullah Saleh have invitations to exchange visits. We look forward to better ties.



# YECO Contribution to National Economy



## About YECO

The Yemen Economical Corporation (YECO) was established according to Act No. 12 of 1973. Its commercial activity is carried out through contracts made with local producers, both from the private and public sectors. YECO also imports a wide range of consumer commodities such as food stuffs, meat, clothing, furniture, etc. These commodities are sold at economical prices via YECO outlets throughout the country. YECO's assets are estimated at YR 20 billion. The number of its employees had reached 3,500 in 1997, in addition to seasonal workers amounting to 1,000.

## Increasing Sales

Sales figures doubled 200 times from 1974 to 1992; from YR 27,400,000 to 5,600,000,000. During the past years, there has also been an increase in the number and quantity of items sold. YECO participates in various seasonal fairs in order to meet the demands of local markets and as a contribution to alleviate the burden on limited-income groups.



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## Investments

YECO makes appreciable investments in the private sector, which (up to 1996) reached YR 230 million. YECO has shares in the following:

- Al-Janat Dairy Co.
- Yemeni Hotels Co.
- Leather Industries Technical Co.
- Al-Rashid Industrial Compound
- Yemen Al-Saeed Hotels Co.
- Yemeni Bank for Construction and Development

- United Co. for Ready-Made Clothes
- National Co. for Fishing and Marketing

**Industry & Production**  
YECO has seven specialized sectors for services and

production, in addition to two factories for food manufacturing and gas. The total volume of business for these sectors, up to the end of 1996, amounted to nearly YR 5,000,000,000.

## A) Industrial Sector: 1- Food Industries Compound - Bajil

The factory production capacity for tinned vegetables during 1996 reached more than one million cartons. This compound supports farmers in Tihama by providing loans, improved seeds and other agricultural facilities.

**2. Gas Factory in Aden**  
The gas factory in Aden represents the largest site for producing industrial gas in Yemen. It produces oxygen, acetylene and nitrogen.

**B) Production Units Sector: 1- Ready-made Clothes Plant**  
Operated by 100% Yemeni staff, this factory's capacity had reached 3,500 suits per day.

## 2-Aluminum & Furniture Plant

It manufactures various types of household items.

## 3- Dairy Cattle Farm, Dhamar

The total annual production of milk is 500,000 liters. At the end of 1997, there were 300 heads of cattle at the farm.

## 4- Drilling Artesian Wells

YECO has four modern drills with their complete crews of engineers and technicians as well as equipment and other facilities.

## C) Meat and Farms Sector:

YECO has established several central animal farms in Sanaa, Taiz, Al-Mocha and Hodeida. The capacity of these central farms is nearly 1,500 cows and 100,000 sheep.

## D) Marketing and Agricultural Services

This sector has contracts with local farmers to supply crops, which are sold to the army and security organs. The production surplus is sold in the ordinary market. This sector also procures seeds for distribution to farmers at nominal prices as gratuitous loans.

## E) Cooling & Storing Sector

This sector includes several warehouses with a capacity of 10,000 tons.

## F) Transport and Maintenance Sector

YECO owns an integrated transport fleet that consists of 200 transport units, which include 100 big trailers of 20 tons load.

## G) Construction Sector

This sector carries out primary research, design, execution and supervision for various projects



all over Yemen.

**Brigadier Ali Al-Kohlani is YECO's Director General. YT talked to him.**

**Q: Drastic changes have been made to YECO's structure and activity. Could you explain the major reason behind these changes?**

**A:** The changes were made in accordance with the economic, administrative and financial reform program being carried out by the government. It is a move towards free-market economy and to keep pace with the current development in local and international markets. That is why we worked on starting new activities and invested jointly with Yemeni, Arab and foreign parties in the manufacturing sector.

**Q: How do you evaluate YECO activity?**

**A:** YECO is present in all governorates, providing basic food stuffs, furniture, household appliances, clothes, etc. A lot of progress has been made in recent years in all these trade activities. However, there are now some alternatives. We are benefiting from our resources and facilities which include buildings, equipment, means of transport, etc.

**Q: What are YECO's future plans?**

**A:** Our plans for the future include dealing with recent changes in the economy. YECO will be functioning according to the new market mechanism and the encouragement of new investments. There will be more joint investments with Yemeni and foreign investors in order to support the nation's economy.

**Q: What is YECO's position regarding the privatization program?**

**A:** Privatization is a crucial factor in the reform program. Projects eligible for privatization must satisfy certain criteria. They must be 100% public. Projects, like YECO, where there are civilian and military shareholders are not subject to privatization. YECO always operates according to the country's economic policies. Today it is considered one of the most important and successful commercial enterprises in Yemen.

## Products from YECO



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## Human Rights Activity in Yemen: A Futuristic View



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their decline.  
The outcome could be one or a combination of the following:

\* A new leading crew is brought to the forefront which has previously gained the approval of the forces that created the crisis. Such a crew is usually composed of prominent figures in society, who are engaged in many other activities. Thus their efforts are divided and wasted, weakening the organizations they lead.

\* Civil organizations in Yemen are often lacking in an executive and administrative staff solely devoted to running their affairs. It is often observed that administrative procedures are left to the leaders of such organizations, who are supposed to have a wholly supervisory role.

\* There is sometimes a marked deficiency in implementing the internal charter of such civil organizations. For example, in two of the above-mentioned human rights organization, no second round of election has been conducted since their establishment in 1992. Stagnation usually sets in in such conditions.

\* Weakness in administration, lack of devoted executives and the preponderance of certain individuals usually leads to an inability to find much needed funding sources. There is also a marked lack of communication among these various organizations, diminishing the opportunity for accumulation of knowledge and exchange of information.

\* Training courses for human rights activists are few and far between.

\* It is important that human rights organizations should specialize in one aspect of this field. Considering the problems mentioned above, organization that are already weakened by internal strife cannot possibly cover all aspects of human rights endeavor.

**Third Fact**  
Certain issues related to the

general social climate in Yemen are reflected in human rights activity:

- Due to the relative modernity of the concept, awareness of human rights issues in the collective consciousness is still hampered by cultural impediments. High illiteracy rates and ignorance of the law are to usually to blame in this regard.

- The collective consciousness in Yemen views human rights issues as generally being part of the moral fabric of society. The rights of individuals are associated with the rights of the social groups to which they belong. This has made the process of making people aware of the existence of universal human rights, irrespective of social grouping, quite difficult.

It is true that some social systems guarantee certain rights for their individual members by virtue of an inherited moral system. However, such systems hinder the full acquisition of an individual's rights. This has made such social systems, in their effort to fight modernization, view human rights as threatening to their existence.

- Being relatively new, awareness of the importance of civil activity in Yemeni society is rather weak. Those who volunteer to do public work represent a small proportion of society. The lack of availability of people qualified to get productively involved in civil activity hampers the progress of human rights.

- The current economic situation deters many people from taking part in human rights activity, since they are mainly busy earning their daily bread. This has further diminished the number of volunteer workers in this field.

- Unfortunately, many people - especially officials - view human rights activity as being anti-state. Accordingly, anyone involved in such activity is treated with suspicion; thus, undermining the success of human rights activity. Logically, the opposite must be adopted. A society where individuals have their full rights is a stable society where authority is more respected and strengthened.

Repression and human rights abuse are bound to elicit negative reactions that are detrimental to the regime.

The objective conditions that have allowed human rights activity to start in Yemen must remain and be further consolidated. The local situation following unification, interacting with an increasing international concern for human rights, has enhanced this concept.

The future of human rights activity in Yemen depends on the continuation and enhancement of favorable conditions and democratic values becoming deeply rooted. Legislations must be developed to provide more guarantees for civil activity.

### Internal & Organizational Structures of Human Rights Institutions

\* The way of forming human rights organizations must be reviewed in such a way as to prevent any powers from gaining control and having influence. The draft NGO law and the internal charters for civil organizations

must allow ample opportunity for elections to take place within these institutions. For example, there can be two founding councils in a single organization to choose its leaders.

\* Specific and strict conditions must be stipulated by the organization's internal charter in selecting its leadership. The leaders of civil societies in this country are often involved in several activities, both official and civil. A maximum of such activities could be stipulated, for example.

Membership conditions must also be reviewed. Over-subscribing is harming the reputation of civil organizations and burdening to the point of not being able to develop well-trained cadres. Members' rights and responsibilities must be accurately specified and training programs be outlined and implemented. Membership can be closely associated with the actual needs of an individual organization. And members can be divided into different sectors according to the tasks implemented by their organization.

\* It could be useful to form new, more specialized human rights organizations, according to the various civil liberties. For instance, there could be organizations promoting freedom of the press, child's rights, women's rights, prisoners' rights, etc. Thus, the burden and responsibility is redistributed, and the concept of human rights is made more widespread. The idea of having all-encompassing good-for-all organizations is no longer feasible.

\* Administrative matters must not be left to the organization's leaders. A permanent staff entirely devoted to administering the day-to-day affairs of the organization must be employed. This is crucial to the success of any civil activity, especially in the field of human rights.

\* A human rights organization is supposed to have a particular program to be implemented according to a specific time scale. Such a program must contain independent sections according to the organization's tasks and needs. A sub-program must also be outlined to deal with exigencies.

\* The role of monitoring procedures must be fully activated in order to facilitate corrective measures. It is vital that regulations are applied and programs are implemented.

Experience shows that, soon after the first internal elections, an organization is forgotten by the concerned ministry and the governing body. From then on things become quite lax where irresponsibility leads to the prevalence of disappointment and frustration.

- A major factor influencing the success a civil institution, which relies on public donations and voluntary efforts, is to satisfy new aspirations. Most of the people engaged in civil activity aspire to achieve a lot and hate stagnation. With the suspension of internal electoral procedures, they become frustrated or unable to fully exploit their energies. Thus, an organization becomes fossilized and deprived of new blood.

\* Close contacts with similar local and international organizations leads to the accumulation of know-how and exchange of information. Thus, new funding sources can be discovered and more training programs implemented.

Moreover, close associations with other organizations with similar concerns widens and strengthens the front of the struggle for human rights. It is quite useful for local human rights organizations to form a human rights network in Yemen, which can then closely cooperate with the Arab network. This will

solve the problems of funding and training.

### Social Climate

#### Raising public awareness of human rights issues:

- There should be more coordination with other civil society organizations in conducting joint activities.

- More attention should be given to media and information aspects: posters, regular bulletins, seminars, etc.

- Incorporating human rights in school and university curricula is crucial. Human rights as a subject has been adopted by the Political Science Department at Sanaa University, starting from the academic year 1997/98. The same ideas is also adopted by Aden University.

The issue was discussed at the meeting of Arab ministers of education earlier this year in Beirut.

#### Attracting Volunteers

- Opportunities should be created for people to take part in funded civil activity which can create financial stability and is not costly for the volunteers.

- Being aware of human nature is crucial for success. It is very important that incentives are provided for member and volunteers. Such incentives can be financial, moral, or may be related to training and acquiring new skills and expertise.

- Membership should be stable, not open to all and sundry. Programs must be implemented to achieve stability and close association between the organization and its members.

Human rights activity in Yemen must achieve optimal cooperation with officialdom. There is really no logical factor prohibiting mutual cooperation and dialogue with the authorities.

There are a number of facts around which the topic of human rights activity can revolve. It is a problematic topic reflecting a rather weird or primitive image. Many misconceptions impede the progress of human rights activity.

The facts governing such an issue are the following:

### First Fact

Human rights activity is certainly not restricted to certain individuals or organizations. It is the right of every citizen to be involved in human rights activity. It is the concern of human rights organizations, political parties and individuals.

There are currently three main organizations concerned with human rights in Yemen: Yemeni Human Rights Organization, Yemeni Organization for Defending Democratic Rights and Liberties and the Human Rights Information Center. In addition to these, there are many activists in this field including lawyers, academics, journalists, and intellectuals.

### Second Fact

Civil groups and organizations are plagued by internal crises usually associated with the circumstances and nature of their establishment. It is often observed that several internal powers (official, semi-official, civil, sectarian, etc) struggle amongst themselves, trying to gain control of such organizations. This sometimes diverts such civil society organizations from their main aims or leads to

## Sheraton Sanaa Welcomes The New GM



Mr. Fadeel G. Wehbe will be joining the Sheraton Sana'a Hotel as the new General Manager.

Mr. Wehbe has a degree in Bachelor of Science in Business Administration, majoring in Hotel and Restaurant Management from the University of Denver, Colorado, USA.

He started his career in international hotel business in 1986. He then became General Manager of the Al Khaleej Palace Hotel in Dubai in 1992 and in 1994 moved to the El Jezirah Beach Resort and Hotel where he was General Manager until his move to Sana'a.

Mr. Wehbe, 35, is young and dynamic, a sporty character who strongly believes that guest satisfaction could be found through employee motivation.

Sheraton Sana'a Hotel, located just 16 km away from Sana'a Airport and located 10 minutes from the city center amidst 15 acres of gardens, offers a beautiful view of Sana'a city from its vantage point on a hill. The hotel has 265 rooms including 18 suites and features 4 restaurants: Indian cuisine, Chinese Palace, All Day Dining and the Nour El Negoum Supper Club with live entertainment. There are 3 lounges - Al Mandhar, Piano and Lobby Lounge. The hotel also has the best recreational and business facilities.



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## Yemenia's New Marketing Drive

Yemenia's new marketing drive is developing momentum. With the third non-stop flight to Paris, the airline seems eager to project a new image, based on a new improved service.

The new Marketing Manager, Abdullah Al-Mutareb, is trying new ways to expand the company's market share. In his first major effort since assuming his new job, he has decided to convert part of the lobby of Taj Sheba Hotel into a departure lounge -with all formalities performed all the way to boarding

the airplane. "The idea is to show the new business class service on our flights," he said. "To put people in the atmosphere of the flight, two business class seats will be placed in the hotel lobby. Those who decide to sit in them will also get a chance to listen on a recorded conversation between the Yemenia flight captain Charles de Gaulle airport and the Europe - besides other items - to be given as raffle prizes.



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The simulation has triggered the curiosity of many people who are coming to the inaugural dinner on Sunday evening, 18th October. The attendance will be further boosted by 8 free tickets to



## GOOD NEWS AT YHOC

### Improved Employee Compensation Package

Effective immediately, Yemen Hunt Oil Company (YHOC) has upgraded its compensation package for its local employees significantly. "We have been looking at various international companies working in the country. What we have come up with is one of the best compensation plans in the country," said Bill Lewis, the General Manager. Indeed, Yemeni employees will now get medical services com-

parable to any in the country. "Clinics are being set up to meet the health needs of 'our' families," added Mr. Lewis. The cost of the medical package alone will run into millions of dollars. At the same time, overtime work between the hours of 8:00 PM and 6:00 AM will be compensated at 200% the normal rate, rather than the present 150% rate. Employees working night shifts between those hours will

receive a 10% premium. These changes are the result of several months of negotiations between the company and the Union. Discussions are continuing to finalize all details. "We are happy with this medical package and the new overtime rates. The national staff will definitely do its best to contribute to the success of the company," said a key unionist involved in the negotiations.

## "Women Feed the World" Exhibition

It was organized to coincide with the World Food Day - October 16th. That was the day a number of senior officials flocked to the Yemeni Cultural Center in Sanaa in a show of support for the "Women Feed the World" activities.

Several rural communities were represented by women who brought samples of their food products. The exhibition was more like a fair, with hundreds of visitors of all kinds.

The event was also attended by Mr. Abdulqadir Ba-Jammal, Minister of Foreign Affairs; Mr. Abdulmalik Mansour, Minister of Culture and Ahmed Salim Al-Jabali, Minister of Agriculture. Claire Goethals who is the mastermind behind the Halaqa event was beaming. "We want to show the positive economic contribution to the economy and food security," she said.

"The theme of Women Feed the World was selected to pay tribute to the significant role played by women in agriculture, fisheries and forestry and their enormous contribution to household and national food security," said Dr. Jacques Diouf, Director-General of the UN Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO).

Other organizers, in addition to Halaqa, included the Rural Women Development Directorate and FAO.

The festivities included theater activities, film shows, children activities, music and dance. The theater activities were mostly performed by school students.

Also, there was an exhibition of paintings depicting women in rural areas and their role in feeding Yemen.

"We aim at showing the role of women, in general, and women in rural areas, in particular, in producing food for society," said the festival's coordination official at the Dutch Embassy.



The Agriculture Minister and Mr. Sayid Mahdi, FAO representative in Sanaa also held a press conference on the occasion.

Bassam Al-Saqqaf, YT.



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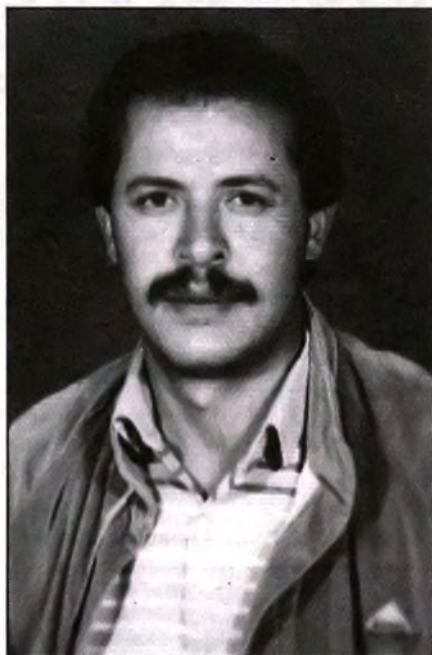
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## More Vets Needed



seven students graduated in 1984. Then the Institute specialized in veterinary medicine only. In 1989, however, a department of agriculture was opened. Our graduates have vocational qualifications - equivalent to secondary school certificate - enabling them to help veterinary doctors. Students admitted into the Institute must have at least a basic-education certificate. About 180 to 220 students are admitted every year. Training is conducted within the Institute with hands-on training at animal farms, etc. Almost all the teachers at the Institute are Yemeni. Students get free education, accommodation

and food, except for first-year students.

**Q: What are the main aims of veterinary education in Yemen?**

**A:** The Vocational Agricultural Veterinary Institute's main aim to qualify veterinary technicians with a comprehensive knowledge to answer the needs of veterinary work in this country. We also aim to develop veterinary work, provide students with up-to-date education, and to raise awareness of the importance of veterinary medicine in the development process.

**Q: How had it been before the Institute was established?**

**A:** There were very few vet-

erinary workers who were trained abroad or attended courses in Yemen.

**Q: Is there any coordination between the Institute and other organizations?**

**A:** There is close coordination between the Institute and the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation. The latter has provided us with training and educational materials such as seed sowers and even some livestock.

**Q: Do you coordinate with the Ministry of Health at all?**

**A:** No, I am afraid there is no such coordination.

**Q: What subjects are taught at the Institute and what sort of practical training is provided?**

**A:** Students spend three years at the Institute where they receive theoretical and practical education. The academic year starts in October and ends in July of the next year.

Daily classes start at 7.30am and finish at about 2pm. Subjects taught as part of the veterinary course include: surgery, poultry diseases, animal nutrition, pharmacology, parasitology, microbiology, pathology, biochemistry, physiology, anatomy, animal husbandry, meat hygiene, animal production, internal diseases, laboratory diagnosis, gynecology, etc.

**Q: What sort of problems does the Institute face?**

**A:** The main problems include lack of teaching staff, lack of equipment and facilities, shortage of enough space for practical training. Also, low wages have driven out many of our teachers

and staff who look for work elsewhere.

**Q: Do many students wish to enroll in the Institute?**

**A:** The number of students applying to the Institute every year far exceeds its available capacity. The Vocational Agricultural and Veterinary Institute is the only one of its kind, as far as veterinary education is concerned. Regarding agronomy, the Institute comes second. This actually shows there is great need for similar institutes in other parts of the country, especially where there is appreciable animal and crop production.

**Q: Does the Institute have a special cowshed?**

**A:** Yes, there are special sheds and pens for cows, sheep, goats, poultry and rabbits. The chicken coop has a capacity for 1,500 chicks. Also, there are laboratories for microbiology, pathology, dairy products, nutrition, etc.

Our livestock include 10 cows, 2 bulls, 7 female goats, 4 male goats, 5 ewes, 2 male sheep, 2 calves, 3 young cows.

**Q: Does the Institute provide any veterinary services to the general public?**

**A:** The Institute provides many services to the local farming community. These include improving cow breeding by crossing local cows with imported bulls. At the Institute's special clinic we examine, treat and perform surgery on sick animals as well as doing diagnostic laboratory tests. The clinic is actually open throughout the day and even during public holidays.

## National Days for Eradicating Polio

On launching the "National Days for Eradicating Polio," a meeting was held on Monday, October 12 at the National Center of Health Education and Information (NCHEI). The meeting was attended by Dr. Abdulkarim Rasei and different officials from different ministries, in addition to a group of media representatives.

The Council of Ministers was informed about the implementation plan of the campaign two weeks ago. The Supreme

Dr. Abdulwali Nashir, Minister of Health, and members of the SCIC was held at the Ministry of Information. Representatives of the national and international media were invited to attend the conference.

The NCHEI is the office from where the strategies and programs for health education activities are put and sent to Sanaa and other governorates.

"We are mainly supported by the government and some international organizations like the



Committee for Immunization Coordination (SCIC) sent directives about the campaign to various relevant offices and ministries.

All ministries contribute to making this campaign a success. The Ministries of the Interior, Endowments, Finance allocate the budget and send it to the governorates. The Ministries of Information and Defense provide transportation; while the Ministries of Planning and Education try to raise public awareness in schools. The budget is prepared and vaccines have already been sent to all governorates.

A press conference attended by

UNICIF, WHO, etc," said Mr. Mohammed Mosa'ad Al-Shami, general director of the NCHEI.

"Before this campaign, the NCHEI organized two similar campaigns in 1996, 1997 for vaccinating children under 5 years of age. The number of children who have benefited from these campaigns until now is 3,558,000. This campaign will be held in two rounds. The first round will be conducted on October 25/26/27 and the second round on November 2/23/24.

Nadwa Younis,  
Yemen Times

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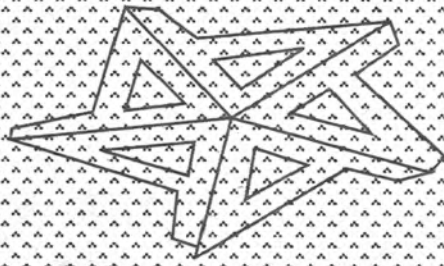


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# Pop Favorites in Yemen

By Ms. Ahlam Al-Khawlani

Modern Arabic songs, with their new style and rhythm, are much admired by young people here. Otherwise, Yemeni songs preserve their traditional features. Yemeni poetry is quite expressive and has a unique kind of rhythmic style. Unfortunately, many Arab singers took this poetry and set it to music without acknowledging its Yemeni origin.

I've talked to some Yemeni people of different ages about Arab and Yemeni songs:

**1. A 25-year-old single man who works as a sales representative:**

Yemeni songs are nice but I prefer other Arab songs. I like listening to Majeda Al-Roomi (Lebanese) and Kadhem Al-Sahir (Iraqi). The special thing about Al-Sahir is that he chooses good poetry and wonderfully sets it to music. Majida Al-Roomi is beautiful and has a very nice voice and that is why I admire her. I know these two from watching TV. Sometimes I don't understand the words of a song, but the good musical composition and the nice voice are enough, in my opinion.

I don't buy art publications. Actually, I don't like reading them at all. I know about singers' news and gossip only through television. I do not, also, buy any of their photographs.

Concerning Yemeni singers, I do not listen to any of them except Abu Bakr Salim Balfaqih. Yemeni singers keep singing the same boring traditional tunes, though the poetry is wonderful and has to be musically composed in a more moodier way.

I feel very bad when I hear other Arab singers acquiring our poetry and singing it as their own. I buy the tapes of my favorite singers. I don't chew qat and I don't think it is necessary to chew qat while listening to music or vice versa.

If the song is of a quick rhythm, I dance when I hear it. If it is of a slow rhythm, I feel relaxed and comfortable.

**2. A 25-year-old single woman with a university degree who works as a secretary for a private company:**

I very much like listening to songs, especially the traditional Yemeni songs. My favorite singers are Kadhem Al-Sahir and Asalah Nasri (Syrian). I know them both from the TV.

I understand all the words mentioned in the songs I hear. I've been to many Arab countries and so I have a background about all Arab dialects. I know the latest gossip about singers from TV. I don't need to buy mags for this purpose.

The Yemeni singers I like are Ali Al-Anesi, Al-Semah, Al-Harethi, and Al-Akhfash. Unfortunately, the Yemeni song remains the same through years and centuries. It lacks the touch of modern music and new rhythm of the Arab song. Also, the Yemeni song has not adapted to the new technique called the video clip.

Of course, I buy the albums and photographs of my favorite singers. I also, sometimes, record their songs on video cassettes. When I listen to these songs, I feel my heart leaps up and I fall into nice daydreams. Regarding qat, I don't think that qat has anything to do with songs. I listen to songs any time I feel I want to,

whether I chew qat or not.

**3. A 35-year-old uneducated, married watchmen:**

My favorite Yemeni singers are Ali Al-Anesi and Al-Sonaidar. From among Arab singers, I like Wardah Al-Jaza'eriah. I first heard them on radio. Because I am Yemeni I understand all their songs. I buy the latest albums of my favorite singers.

I don't listen to non-Yemeni songs because I don't find them nice. In my opinion, there is a big difference between Yemeni and other Arab songs. The Yemeni song is much traditional and soul-touching where good poetry joins the original sound of the lute. It is enough, I believe, to listen to a nice musical composition and beautiful, easy to understand lyrics. I like listening to songs while chewing qat. It makes me feel very relaxed.

**4. A 15-year-old boy, single and has a primary education:**

My favorite singers are Kadhem Al-Sahir and Diana Haddad (Lebanese). I heard Kadhem first on the radio. When I saw Diana Haddad first on a satellite channel, I liked her face and voice. I really don't understand the lyrics very well. I buy art journals to know the latest about my favorite singers.

Regarding Yemeni songs, I don't like it them at all and I don't understand them. I prefer the quick rhythm of Arab songs rather than the boring rhythm of Yemeni songs. I buy the albums and photographs of my favorite singers but if I am broke, I just record them from my friends. When I listen to songs I feel relaxed and I dream of very nice things. I don't chew qat at all,

whether there is an occasion or not.

**5. A 28-year-old female guard in a school, married and uneducated:**

My favorite singers are Al-Harethi, Amal Ko'dol, Taqyyah Al-Taweiliyah, and Nabatah - all of them are Yemenis. I know them all from the radio and the TV. I nearly understand all the lyrics. I buy the albums of my favorite singers, but sometimes I find listening to them on the radio or the TV is enough. In my opinion, listening to songs should be at suitable times like chewing qat. On the other hand, I don't like non-Yemeni songs at all. I really find them meaningless.

**6. A 19-year-old housewife with secondary-school education:**

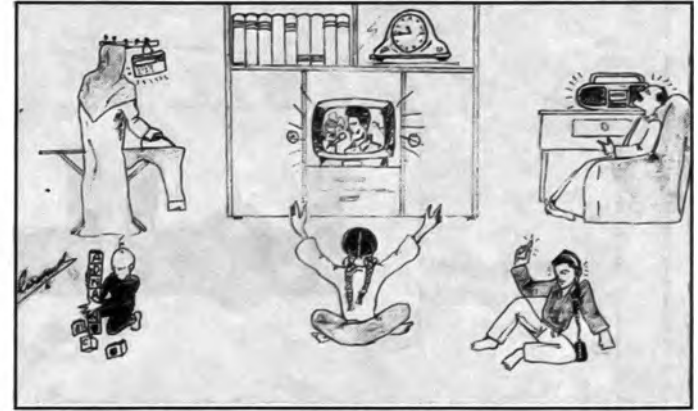
My favorite singers are Khalid Abdulrahman (Saudi) and Asalah Nasri. I heard them first on records with my friends. I like Arabic songs because they are nice and expressive.

Yemeni songs are original and different and I love them. But they lack the musical arrangement and nice compositions found in other Arabic songs. I buy the albums of my favorite singers but I don't buy their photographs.

I buy art journals to know the latest gossip about my favorite singers. When I listen to them I feel that a special romantic atmosphere is created for me and I feel in very comfortable mood. I listen to songs, whether or not I'm chewing qat.

**7. A 20-year-old single, unemployed man with secondary-school education:**

My favorite singers are Abu Bakr Salem (Yemeni with a Saudi citizenship) and Majedah Al-Roomi (Lebanese). I know them from the radio, the television and their records. Sometimes I don't under-



stand the lyrics, but the nice musical composition is enough to make me enjoy them.

I also like Yemeni songs because they maintain their originality and contact with Yemeni heritage. I buy the tapes of my favorite singers and, sometimes, I record them on video cassette. But I never buy their photographs. I buy art journals not only to read about them, but because these journals contain many things to read about. When I hear songs, no matter while chewing qat or not, I remember many nice things and I feel comfortable.

**8. A 38-year-old doctor with a degree from Britain:**

I don't listen much to songs but I like Majedah Al-Roomi and Oum Kolthoom because, I think, these two represent the true feelings and originality of the Arabic song. I don't care about the music arrangement. I deeply listen to the songs and try to understand them. I don't know what some songs of the day mean. They are merely quick rhythms and noisy music of no meaning and performance. Of course, not all of them are like that for there are many Arabic songs which took a confident direction in modernization.

Yemeni songs maintain their sim-

plicity. I don't think that I need to read art journals or buy singers' photograph. Personally, I like listening to songs during the afternoon time while staying at home for I don't chew qat.

**9. A 14-year-old girl, single and has a primary-school education:**

My favorite singer is Mostafa Qamar (Egyptian) and Diana Haddad (Lebanese). I know them from TV and records. I don't understand their songs totally, but I like the music and the rhythm. I don't buy any art journals because I don't care about knowing singers' gossip. I buy the albums of my favorite singers but I don't buy their photographs. When I hear a song I like, of course not while chewing qat because I don't chew qat, I feel nice.

**10. A 9-year-old girl, completed her elementary education:**

I listen to Mostafa Qamar and Nawal Al-Zoghbi (Lebanese). I know them from TV. I don't understand their songs really but I enjoy the music. I neither read art journals nor buy singers' photographs. Concerning Yemeni songs, I don't like them all for they don't have the interesting music I find in other Arabic songs.



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**Oxfam Great Britain in Yemen**  
Sanaa Office

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Wales Belarus 2100 Gillette Sports Special 2130 UEFA Champions TeamsLive</p> <p><b>Orbit News</b></p> <p><b>Mon, 19 October,</b> 1400 NBC The Today Show Live 1600 CBS This Morning 1800 ABC Good Morning America 2000 NBC Dateline</p> <p><b>Tue, 20 October,</b> 2100 CBS 48 Hours 2200 Richard Nixon 2330 NBC Dateline</p> <p><b>Wed, 21 October,</b> 1800 ABC Good Morning America 2000 NBC Dateline 2100 ABC 20/20 2200 ABC Nightline</p> <p><b>Thu, 22 October,</b> 1800 ABC Good Morning America</p>	<p>1700 English Horse Racing - Ch. 4 Doncaster Live 1400 - 1605 1900 SportsCenter</p> <p><b>25 October 1998</b> 1600 Nationwide Leag. QPR Birmingham City Live on air 1255 1800 F-3 Magazine 1830 Planet Speed</p> <p><b>Hollywood</b></p> <p><b>Mon, 19 October,</b> 2030 Judge Judy 2100 E! Behind The Scenes 2130 E! FYE</p> <p><b>Tue, 20 October,</b> 1900 Jeopardy 1930 Wheel of Fortune 2000 Pictionary</p> <p><b>Wed, 21 October,</b> 2000 Pictionary 2030 Judge Judy 2100 E! 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Coming Attractions 2100 The Fabulous Baker Boys -3L 2300 Citizen X - 3SV - Premiere</p> <p><b>Citizen X</b> <i>Thu. 22nd 2300</i> According to pre-perestroika Soviet Union, serial-killers were a symptom of the decadent West, and did not exist in Communist societies. Subsequently Andrei Chikatilo killed 52 people, 35 of them children, becoming the most prolific serial-killer in history. It was not until the fall of Communism in 1990, eight years after his investigations began, that forensic expert Viktor Burakov (Rea) was given the computers, surveillance equipment &amp; FBI support that enabled him to track down the quiet, ordinary factory worker &amp; family man. It is an horrific true-story.</p> <p><b>23 October 1998</b> 1500 Mannequin On The Move-2 1700 Critters - 2VL 2100 It Takes Two - Premiere</p> <p><b>24 October 1998</b> 1430 E! Uncut 1715 My Fellow Americans - 2L 2100 Framed - 2S</p> <p><b>25 October 1998</b> 1700 The Fencing Master - 2V 1830 E! 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Perhaps the last decade has provided Tina the opportunity to be her absolute best &amp; has secured her place among the musical elite.</p> <p><b>Thu, 22 October,</b> 1500 Convwith/chainreaction#2 - Neil Finn (PREMIERE) 1530 Fframe/chain Reaction #1 - Madonna 1600 American Chart Show 1700 Musabaqa</p> <p><b>Fri, 23 October,</b> 1600 Baaba Maal Special 1700 Dandana 1900 *Mediterrané 2100 Arabic R.s.v.p.</p> <p><b>Sat, 24 October,</b> 1400 Convwith./ chainreaction#1 - Neil Finn Fframe/chain Reaction #2 Madonna 1500 Cosmix 1700 Dandana 1900 *Mediterrané</p> <p><b>Sun, 25 October,</b> 1500 Cosmix 1700 Dandana 1900 *Mediterrané 2100 Awtar</p>	<p>2030 Reboot</p> <p><b>20 October 1998</b> 0940 Underdog 1415 Inspector Gadget's Field Trip 1400 Beetlejuice 1500 Roadrunner Show</p> <p><b>21 October 1998</b> 1825 Tattooed Teenage Alien Fighters 1850 Animaniacs 1915 The Mask 1940 Anti-Gravity Room</p> <p><b>22 October 1998</b> 0825 Sylvester &amp; Tweety 1005 Alf Tales 1045 Peter Rabbit &amp; Friends</p> <p><b>23 October 1998</b> 1700 Animated Classic Hero 1730 World Youth News 1800 Power Rangers 1830 Police Academy</p> <p><b>24 October 1998</b> 1005 Chip &amp; Charlie 1210 Barney 1620 Pinky &amp; The Brain</p> <p><b>25 October 1998</b> 1505 Roadrunner Show 1530 Cattanooga Cats 1620 Pinky &amp; The Brain 1645 Fantastic Voyage of Si NBA d</p> <p><b>Babylon 5 - Oct. 25th 1990</b> In tonight's razor-edged finale, make a date to dock with Babylon 5 as the Centauris continue their brutal colonial expansion. 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# Favorite Yemeni Female Singers

Yemeni women have suffered a lot for centuries due to social circumstances and backward customs. Before the Revolutions of September 26, 1962, and October 14, 1963, they had no rights at all. They were kept at home doing household chores. After the two revolutions, they started to have the chance to come out and play an increasing role in society.

when I was the maestro of the Arab Music Band in Aden in the mid-70s.

In the cities, women had better opportunities to sing. Some Yemeni women took their place in society as professional singers and they were really loved by the people.

#### First Female Singer in Yemen:

During the late '30s and early '40s, record companies proliferated in Aden. Fatoom Nasser appeared as a singer then. She moved out from Hodeida to Aden during the Imimate period, and became famous after performing a Tihami song which was released on record later.

#### Other Yemeni Female Singers:

##### 1. Nabihah Azim:

She was the first woman in Yemen to sing for Aden's radio in the late '50s and early '60s. She worked at first with Abu Bakr Salim Belfaqih, who composed the song "Min Nadhretak ya Zain" (I loved you at first sight) especially for her. With her distinct performance, Nabihah Azim created a new trend in Yemeni singing. Unfortunately, she stopped singing when she got married and went to Djibouti.

##### 2. Raja'a Ba-Sudan and Sabah Monassar:

It was the idea of Ahmed Qassem, the famous Yemeni singer, to form the first group of three female singers: Raja'a Ba-Sudan, Sabah Monassar and Asmahan. During the '60s in Aden, Raja'a Ba-Sudan performed the song "Doq Al-

Qa'a" (thump the ground).

She used to sing in theaters which made her more famous and loved. She was the first woman who sang for great Yemeni musicians like Ahmed Qassem and Salim Ba-Madhaf. She participated with other singers in performing the

Yemeni song there. Fat'hia Al-Saghirah still sings. She lives today with her daughter in Britain.

##### 4. Amal Ko'adol & Kafa Iraqi:

In 1980, through a TV program, "New Faces," Amal Ko'adol appeared as a new talent. Entering a singing competition, she was the best among her classmates at Bilquis College in Aden. I joined her as a lute player that time. I doubted that she would stop singing like the others. But she surprised me with her ability to sing to the most difficult musical tunes.

One of her best works was the song "Al-Wahda Al-Yemenia" (Yemeni unity) in which she sang

with Qassem. Ko'adol seems set for more fame in the future.

Kafa Iraqi appeared as a singer in 1982 through the same TV program "New Faces." Mr. Yousif Ahmed Salim was the one who supported her at the beginning. He participated with her in a duet. Iraqi recorded 4 songs for Aden's radio & TV. She sang for many Yemeni musicians for some years. After that she stopped singing and worked for Aden's TV as a director and until now she is doing that job.

#### Conclusion

Generally speaking, women do not have any real chances to be singers in Yemen. In fact, their rights are being eroded day after

day. Society does not respect them. On the contrary, they are regarded as bad women.

On the other hand, there are arguments about Islam not allowing singing. Despite that, women find ways to sing, even if these ways do not bring them widespread fame. They sing at wedding cer-

emonies where large numbers of women come together. I hope that they can play a bigger artistic role, but are they willing to challenge society and religion?

Saleh Abdulbaqi,  
Arts Editor, Yemen Times



#### In Villages:

To express their passions, feelings and dreams, women in rural areas in Yemen used to chant. One of their songs was "Al-Dawdahyah." This song was later performed by Mohammed Abdu Zaidi, and was recorded for



Aden radio in the mid-60s.

Another famous song sung by women working in the fields was "Erja'a Lehawlak" (come back to your land). This song was performed by the great Yemeni singer Ayoub Tarish. Personally, I arranged the music for this song

to sing for Aden's radio in the late '50s and early '60s.

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song "People's Revolution." In the mid-'70s, she stopped singing and started working as a secretary in one of the ministries, where she still works.

##### 3. Fat'hia Al-Saghirah:

She began singing in children's programs on Aden's radio. Being Ahmed Qassem's wife paved the way for her to become famous quickly. Her nice voice with Qassem's compositions created a group of distinguished songs. She joined him in many celebration events in Kuwait, Emirates and other Gulf countries. She was, in other words, the representative of the

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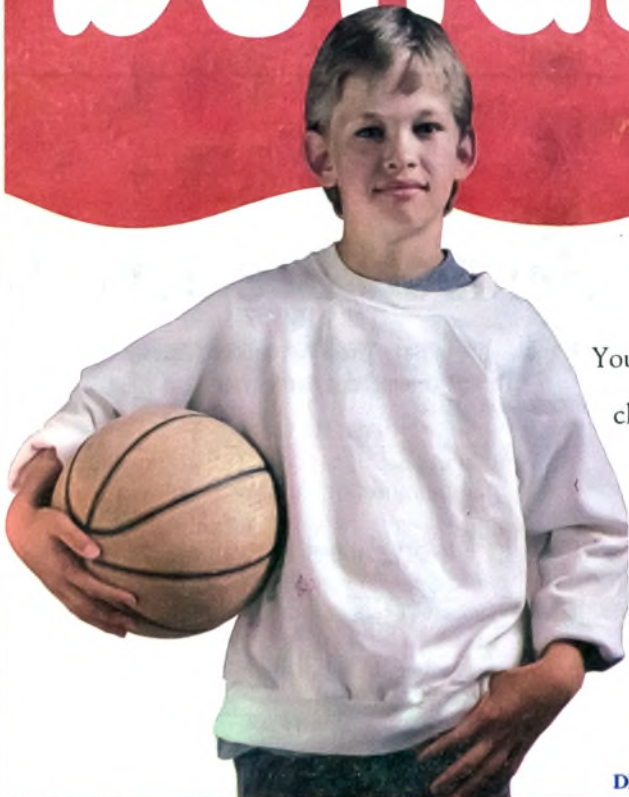
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## Yemeni Press in a Week

by: Sameer Farawna

**RAY**  
Sanaa, weekly 13/10/98  
(League of the Sons of Yemen)  
**Main Headlines:**  
1-Security forces detain 25 people in Marib.  
2-American military delegations to visit Sanaa shortly.  
3-An explosion in the water project for the greater Aden area in Abyan.  
4-The syndicate of workers at Yemeni Universities declare solidarity with Syria in face of Turkish threats.

**AL-URUBA**  
Sanaa, weekly 14/10/98  
(Nasserite Democratic Party)  
**Article Summary:**  
**A Brutal Crime**  
By Tawfik Al-Janadi  
In an unprecedented crime in the northern governorate of Marib, a culprit murdered a doctor in front of his two little daughters. The murderer, Nasser Bin Saleh Zaba, killed at point blank Dr. Mohammed Hael in front of his daughters inside the doctor's car. The motive was to steal the car. Uruba sources said that security authorities, in cooperation with tribesmen, hunted the killer and arrested him. He was given a quick trial in which he was found guilty and sentenced to death. The President, Ali Abdullah Saleh, personally followed up developments of the crime and ratified the sentence that was endorsed by the Court of Appeals.

The crime was widely condemned in the governorate where the doctor was greatly respected and people went to the streets in peaceful demonstrations to protest at the murder.

**AL-BALAGH**  
Sanaa, weekly, 13/10/98  
(Independent)  
**Main Headlines:**

1- A Yemeni captive died in the Israeli Beersheba prison. The Israelis allege that he committed suicide, a matter denied by Palestinian sources who claim that Israeli maltreatment was the cause of his death.  
2- The Interior Ministry launches a campaign against illegal residents in the country, mostly of whom are non-arabs following the spread of a number of crimes believed to have been done by foreigners.  
3- Yemen renews its solidarity with Syria and reaffirms its stance against terrorism in a meeting between Prime Minister Dr. Abdul Karim Al-Iryani and the Turkish Ambassador to Sanaa.  
4- A new employment scheme is to be launched by the government after improvement in the country's financial situation.  
5- Yemen and Kuwait agree on resuming diplomatic relations at an ambassadorial level according to a Kuwaiti daily newspaper.

**AL-SHOURA**

**Sanaa, weekly, 11/10/98**  
(Federation of Popular Forces)  
**Article Summary:**

Another attempt to blast an oil pipeline.  
The military forces stationed in Sarwah have foiled an attempt to explode the oil pipeline in the area adjacent to Wadi Habab. In the meantime, the area of Jahem is witnessing increasing tension in the light of arrest campaigns against that tribe. The detentions were launched after suspicions of their involvement in the latest blasting of the pipeline. Inhabitants of the area consider the campaign as an attempt to humiliate them.

**AL-JAMAHIR**  
Sanaa, weekly, 15/10/98  
(Arab Baath Socialist Party)  
**Main Headlines:**

1- Parliament Speaker Sheikh Abdullah bin Hussein Al-Ahmar said, in a press conference, that international arbitration on the Yemen-Saudi border dispute was a possibility.  
2- An Israeli Knesset member, of Yemeni origin, wishes to visit Yemen while a foreign ministry official declares that Sanaa does not allow the entry of any person with Israeli passport.  
3- A World Bank delegation recommended reducing the number of employees in the Harad customs department from 179 to only 70.

**AL-RAI AL-AAM**

**Sanaa, weekly, 13/10/98**

(Independent)  
**Main Headlines:**

1- The vocational and technical institutes in the country are incapable of accepting the students who wish to join them, according to Minister of Labor Mohammed Al-Tayeb.  
2- Malaria and cholera sweeps through a number of villages in the governorate of Dhamar killing scores of inhabitants in the past four months.  
3- A blind teacher who is teaching Hafsa school girls English language is further evidence of the deteriorating government education services.

**AL-UMMA**  
Sanaa, weekly, 15/10/98

(Al-Haqq Party)  
**Article Summary:**

**Corruption at the Highest Level**  
In a special report for the weekly, it said that State Minister for Cabinet Affairs, Dr. Muthahar Al-Saeedi, who is from Iryan-Ibb, the same village as Premier Dr. Abdul Karim Al-Iryani, is enjoying all jurisdictions while the other State Minister for Cabinet Affairs, Faisal Mahmoud Hassan, from Radhfan-Al-Dale, is practically doing nothing and does not enjoy any privilege. The latter is reportedly staying at home in protest against the recent regulations that confiscated his rights and against intervention in his duties. The rumor says that he is at odds with the prime minister. The report noted that the issue broke out at the time when the administrative and financial reforms programs were launched. Thus, those who were supposed to fight corruption have affirmed that they were working to the contrary through their illegal practices.

The issue started with a complaint filed by cabinet cadres asking for equality in duties and rights and granting them their legal responsibilities as stipulated in the cabinet regulations. The signatories were surprised that two cabinet circulars were issued to all ministers, governors and heads of institutions not to accept memos signed by Cabinet Director Muthaib Saleh and to address all memos to the cabinet to Dr. Muthahar Al-Saeedi. The circulars meant that 375 employees were stripped of their duties in a violation of the presidential decision regulating work at the Council of Ministers.

The Cabinet Director has refused to go to work for the past ten weeks in protest over the circulars.

The complaint called for justice and equality, noting that Dr. Muthahar Al-Saeedi is occupying 13 posts in addition to his cabinet portfolio and that he has five cars. On the other hand, Faisal Mahmoud Hassan has only one car and does not occupy any other post than his cabinet membership. The report said that such practices, at the highest authority in the country, prove that corruption had covered all government sectors.

Hence, we, as citizens, are not surprised at the failure of all developmental projects and reform programs that are financed by loans which bind Yemen for generations to come.

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Sanaa, weekly, 13/10/98

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**Article Summary:**

A Whisper to the Interior Minister.

A few days ago a number of tribesmen, loyal to a senior tribe and authority official, broke into Sanaa's central prison at night and almost beat to death one of the prisoners.

That prison is supposedly the safe place where defendants or convicts are imprisoned until they are cleared or convicted by a court of justice.

Yet, if that place becomes an arena for settling differences, particularly when there are claims that the break-in and the beating up of the prisoner were in collusion with prison administration, then that is something new.

We know that the Minister of Interior is keen on the application of law, thus we ask him to investigate the incident and in the event that the perpetrators deny the charge then we are ready to inform him of the names of the culprits and time of the incident.

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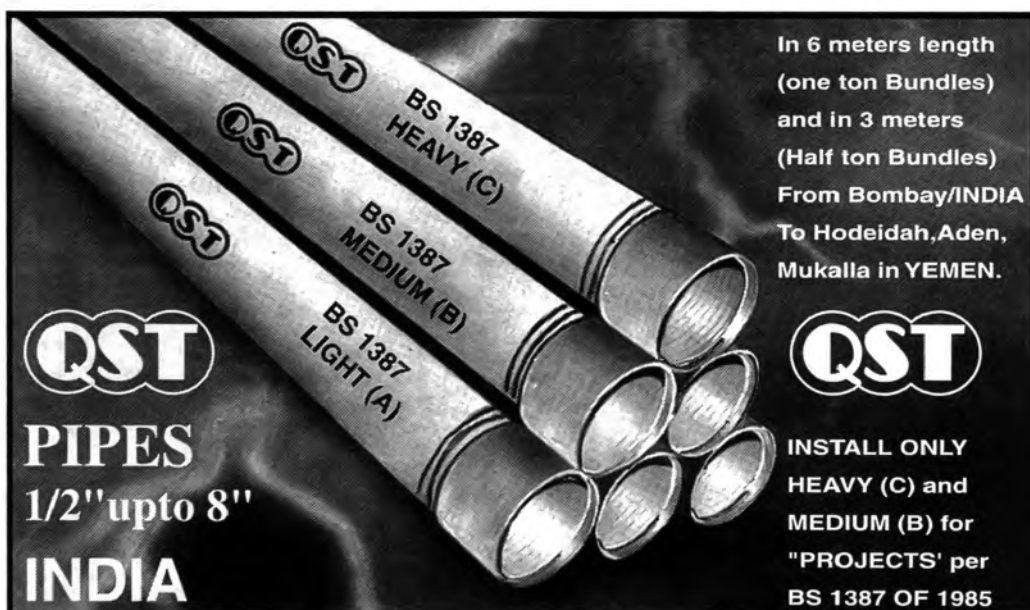
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## Wahda vs Hilal Next Friday Asian Giants To Host Yemeni Eagles

The Wahda of Sanaa football team - "Yemeni Eagles" - has started training at a special camp. The players are thoroughly preparing themselves for the upcoming match with the Saudi Hilal team, due to be held on Friday, October 22 in Riyadh. It is part of the Asian Club Champions tournament. Their first-leg

Saeed Al-Kholaidi - are suffering from various injuries. Dr. Sal-ahuddin, the team's assistant medical officer, has indicated that the players are undergoing physiotherapy.

The Hilal Club has dismissed its German coach, Reiter Holmann, who was employed only four months ago, because of the 2-2



draw - considered a mediocre result. Also, Hilal was just about able to scrape through the first round of matches, following its defeat of the Kuwaiti Salmiya 3-2. They drew nil-nil previously in Kuwait. Holmann had trained the Ahli of Egypt for three successive seasons. The Saudi Khalil Al-Zyyati is now the Saudi team's coach. The German coach had exhibited visible irritation following the 2-2 result with the Wahda of Sanaa. It was as if he knew that he was going to be sacked.

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## German Cooperation: International Course for Football Coaches



Launched by the Minister of Youth and Sports, Dr. Abdulwahab Raweh and the German Ambassador

to Sanaa, Dr. Helga von Strachwitz as part of the sports cooperation agreement between the two countries, a training course for football coaches started on Tuesday, October 13. Lectures are given by the German football experts, Mr. Jochem Wige of the German Football Association. Held at the Olympic Center in Sanaa, the course is for 25 football coaches from various parts of Yemen.

The German expert will hold two more courses for rural and provincial club coaches.

Dr. Raweh praised the great efforts made by the German

Ambassador in developing Yemeni-German cooperation, especially in sports. "She has won the respect and admiration of all Yemenis. It is only fitting that this event comes while Yemen celebrates the confirmation of its sovereignty over the Hunaish Island and Germany welcomes a new government."

Dr. Helga von Strachwitz said: "Sports equipment is to arrive soon in Sanaa as a present from the German Olympic Committee." She is currently making all possible efforts to invite a German coach to train the Yemeni National Football Team.

"Yemen comes 141st in the international football teams classification issued by FIFA, followed by 15 other countries," said the German instructor. "I hope to continue where I left last year at the intermediate course for football coaches," he added.

## Excellent-Division Football Tournament Next Month

Yemen Times has been informed by sources at the Yemen General Football Association that there are strong indications that the Excellent-Division football tournament will start at the end of November.

Participant teams are divided into two groups:

1- Wahda of Sanaa, Shaab of Ibb, Itihad of Ibb, Tali'a of Taiz, Hilal, and Al-Saqr.

2- Ahli of Sanaa, Shoula, Hassan, Tilal, Zohra, Wahda of Aden and Al-Majd.

Following the first and second group matches, the Golden

Square games will be held in two rounds. The top team from the first group will play against the second team from the second group in two-leg matches. The top team from the second group will play with the second team from the second group, also in two-leg games. The overall winners will play for the tournament's top position.

## Al-Qaderi Referees in Gulf Taekwondo Championship

The Yemeni international taekwondo referee, Khalid Maqboul Al-Qaderi has left for the UAE to take part in refereeing the Second Gulf Juniors Taekwondo Cham-

## Sports News from the Governorates

### Hodeida

#### Football

The districts and quarters football tournament was concluded at the Olufi Stadium in Hodeida on Thursday, October 15. Twenty teams took part in the tournament, which was organized by the Sports For All Association and the Youth and Sports office in Hodeida. The final decisive match was played between Al-Forsan and Nasr teams.

#### Volleyball

The Hilal volleyball team, coached by Arif al-Karmadi, is preparing to qualify for the Excellent division. Hilal was able to defeat the Ahli of Hodeida 3-1 in a friendly match held on Thursday, October 15.

### Dhamar:

#### Cycling

The Cycling Association branch in Dhamar organized last Thursday a 3-km competition in which many cyclists took part. It was part of the qualifying games for the Republic Championship. The governorate's team was selected consisting of the ten top cyclists.

### Hajja:

#### Volleyball

pionship (started on Thursday, October 15). He was invited by the UAE Taekwondo Association.

Khalid Al-Qaderi became an international referee in 1993. Since then, he has taken part in three different international events in Jordan (1993), Iran (1995) and Kenya (African Taekwondo Championship - 1998).

The final match of the governorate's volleyball championship was enthusiastically played by the Shabab Kahlan and Nasr Hajja teams. It ended with Nasr Hajja defeating its opponent 3-1, becoming the governorate's champion.

### Taiz

#### Wrestling

The Taiz juniors wrestling championship was concluded on Sunday, October 11. It was part of the qualifying games to choose a team to represent the governorate in the Yemeni Cities Juniors Wrestling Championship, organized by the Wrestling Association and financed by the Youth Fund. Several contestants with weights ranging from 37kg to 70kg took part.

#### Basketball

The Ahli juniors basketball team defeated Al-Minaa juniors team 51-33. While Al-Minaa adults team was able to defeat the Ahli adults team 67-55.

#### Football

The Minaa of Mokha team drew 2-2 in its match with Taawun of Asabih. Also, Al-Sahha drew with Zohra 2-2. Al-Misrakh and Nour Sabr drew without a score.

### Hadhramaut

#### Football

The Football Technical Committee of Wadi Hadhramaut had organized a friendly match between the Seiou and Itihad teams. Seiou won 3-0 in penalty kicks, following a 1-1 result. The match was relayed live by the Seiou Radio as part of celebrating the anniversaries of Yemeni revolutions and confirming Yemen's sovereignty over the Island of Hunaish.

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# October 14

# It's in the Blood

Hassan Mohammed Taher is a talented stone and marble carver and sculptor. Although he only has a fifth grade certificate, his innate talent was honed by many years of creative work, both in Yemen and abroad. It is a hobby turned profession, now producing aesthetically formed shapes.

Hassan Taher is the heir to an ancient civilization of innovative stone masons and builders of monumental structures.

Mohammed Bin Sallam of Yemen Times talked to Taher at his humble Sanaa workshop - *Al-Hikma Al-Yemania*, first opened in 1995. He filed the following interview.

**Q: Could you tell us about starting this workshop?**

**A:** My love for sculpting was the greatest driving force. Although financial returns were quite modest at the beginning, I persevered until more and more people started coming to buy my work.

All of the 40 people working in this workshop are Yemeni. They never studied sculpting as an academic subject. We usually offer a five-month apprenticeship to our would-be employees.

**Q: Is work done purely by hand or by machines?**



**A:** Some pieces are a 100% hand-sculpted. While for others, we use electric saw and lathing machines as well. Delicate work such as exquisite carvings is most certainly done manually.

**Q: Where do you get the stone from?**

**A:** From all parts of the country. We use about 25 different types of stone from Taiz, Dhamar, Saada, Mareb, Radaa, Khawlan, etc.

**Q: What sort of work do you sculpt?**

**A:** Our work is used in interior decorations on doors, banisters, etc. We also do small pieces such as censers, coffee tables and replicas of Bab Al-Yemen, the historical city of Shibam, Daar Al-Hajar, the Yaffi' Palace, etc. Some people order scaled-down maquettes for their villas, which we do with the same type of stone coloring.

We don't do human or animal sculpting. It isn't Islamic. We do, however, imitations of ancient Yemeni calligraphy.

**Q: Have you taken part in art exhibitions?**

**A:** I took part in a workshop in Germany and in Dubai's Shopping Festival, '98. The 40 pieces we exhibited in Dubai were all sold. I gave one piece - a replica of the ancient Mareb Dam - as a present to Sheikh Zayid of the UAE.

The Minister of Construction has nominated our workshop to take part in the Expo 2000 Exhibition to be held in Germany. We are already part of the committee entrusted with the task of preparing for Yemen's participation.

**Q: How many pieces are made per day?**

**A:** This depends on their shape, size and complexity. Some large stone gates take up to two months to finish and cost somewhere in the region of YR 200,000. A replica of a building with four different style of Yemeni architecture takes a month to complete and costs YR 300,000.

**Q: Have you received any support from the Yemeni cultural authorities?**

**A:** We receive moral support from



the Minister of Culture and Tourism, Mr. Abdulmalik Mansour and the Chairman of the Historical Cities Authority, Mr. Mohammed Hussain Jorman. The former Minister of Industry, Mr. Ahmed Soufan granted us some tax and import duty exemptions.



**Q: Has any official concerned with Yemeni heritage visited your workshop?**

**A:** No, no one has visited. They have other priorities!

**Q: Do many tourists or other foreign visitors come to see your masterpieces?**

**A:** Not many come, as our workshop is still not widely known.

**Q: What sort of problems do you face in your work?**

**A:** There are many problems. Lack of experienced stone carvers is the main one. We also don't have enough funds to buy some essential tools and equipment. My capital is really my experience and ability to be creative. We would certainly welcome any financial support by the Yemeni cultural authorities.

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