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As Some Signs Show That The Disarmament Campaign is Over

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Question
Does the City Center Explosion
Seem to you to have been launched
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Results

It only has criminal intentions. (39%) -From the latest incidents, I believe i might be politically motivated (39%) -I cannot judge. Let's wait and se

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Released French Couple Flew to France

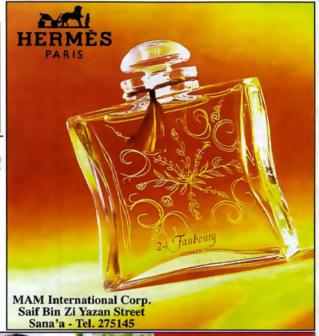
Last Friday, 3 September, the two demands of the tribe were mainly to Witnesses in the tribe stated that Mrs. napped saying that they will begin a kidnapped, then released, French provide money (\$41,667), heavy Herbert began breaking the glasses of hunger strike if they are not released couple flew to France after a frightagricultural equipment (tractors, etc.) ening experience of being in captiviand the removal of army bases from ty in the hands of a Mareb tribe for the area. The two French diplomats more than two weeks. The safe arrived to Sanaa last Thursday and her husband were held in. The who said, "thanks to all those whose release of Irenee Herbert and his wife evening after two weeks of captivity Tara was a direct result of the efforts in the hands of the Al Jabr tribe, in the Embassy by the Foreign Ministry on of President Saleh to release the Al-Habab area, near Mareb city. Last abducted French Couple through the week, the French couple threatened mediation of the prominent Sheik to start a hunger strike in an attempt government to do something, espe-will witness its first direct presiden-

the room she stayed as an indication that she felt depressed because of the closed and unfamiliar atmosphere she two diplomats were handed to the the same day of regaining their freedom. The increasing pressure on the cially after the statement of the kid-tial elections

truly paid off. Besides relieving the French officials, including the French Prime Minister Lionel Jospin efforts made this happy climax possible." The safe release of the French also relieved Yemeni officials of this situation at a time when our country

SANAA: After the wise decision of the Interior Ministry to ban the use and carrying of weapons including the licensed in the major cities, citizens welcomed the decision hoping that it will truly lead to the abolishing of weapons in Sanaa and other main cities. However, not even one month has passed until we hear that the checkpoints and other weapon monitoring units were lifted. Citizens have shown great encouragement to the implementation of the law, but it has yet not been fully implemented.

The speculations suggest that the latest incident (read more on page 9) that resulted in the murder of Yahya Hameed Al-Kharashi, and another policemen was the last in a serious incident which made the government raise the white flag of surrender. Is the government giving up the efforts of disarmament in Sanaa? The weapon campaign could have been the most effective if it had also accompanied the banning of arms trade outside the capital. Measures to close all sources of weapons should go hand in hand with the abandoning of arm carrying. Yemenis are still having the hope that the Ministry of Interior is not giving up because of these pressures. The mission of disarmament has a noble objective. That is to secure a safe life for all our people by collecting the weapons in the hands of the ineligible, which we hope that one day, will be



Tobacco Plant In Taiz Burnt

TAIZ: The most significant factory of the Havel Saeed Anam Group of Companies, the Tobacco Plant, had burnt last Friday morning because of what is thought to be an electrical short circuit. The fire spread rapidly eating



away almost everything in the factory, including the machines. Fortunately, nobody was killed. However, several employees were injured because of the fire and the smoke. The Yemen Times Bureau Chief, in Taiz, was in the factory by coincidence, and was the first to rescue the employees who were trapped inside. The devastation is mainly going to disturb the government, which will lose around YR 2 billion which it used to receive as taxes annually.

The families of the 250 employees, who are now jobless, will also be affected by this accident. This is considered to be devastating for the Yemeni economy. However, the Hayel Saeed group, as Abdulwas'i Hayel states, "is too strong to be affected." We believe in this as well. Read more on p14.

Baradouni

Abdullah Al-Baradouni, a well educated intellectual, writer, and poet that all Yemenis loved, has passed away last Friday in his 70s. Born in Zaraja village of Al-Hadaa, he was one of the bravest and most talented Yemeni and Arab writers and poets of all time.

We heard of murders happening here and there, and we said no problem. We heard of the City Center and the Bab Al-Yemen explosions, we also said no big deal. However, the true loss to all of this in this black month, is the loss of Abdullah Al-Baradouni. A man

who has contributed a lot for his country, and in all aspects. Losing such a man is truly unfair, unjustified, and signals a loss to all Yemenis. Al-Baradouni was not just a poet, he was a noble man who feared no one when saying the truth. He was even imprisoned for his daring statements. He has rejected many positions in the government because of his honest attitude, which they didn't like. In short, he was the handicapped hero of the people. The huge number of awards, certificates, and achievements of Al-Baradouni indicate his true value. The funeral of Al-Baradouni was attended thousands of his beloved last Tuesday.

Abdullah Al-Baradouni started composing poetry at the age of 13. With perseverance and sheer willpower, he was able to defeat his handicap (blindness) by studying at the Science House andgraduated as a teacher of Arabic literature. Known as a revolutionary poet, Al-Baradouni was able to enter the history by being the best Arab writer in modern poetry.



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The President Starts His Campaign in a Difficult Time

The Presidential campaign is going as scheduled, despite all the incidents that are taking place. It seems that the authorities are determined to have this democratic process successful. The campaign of President Saleh has already started strong by visiting a number of provinces, including Hodeidah. The official media and press

Lufthansa

have started the campaign strongly through promoting President Saleh's achievements through the years, including accomplishing unity, and bringing the democratic process to life, etc. Minister Prime Dr. Abdulkareem Al-Iryani, Vice President Abdo Rabbo Mansour, Chairman of the Consultative Council, and Abdulaziz Abdulghani have all started their allocated duties in campaigning for President Saleh.

However, Najeeb Qahtan Al-Shaabi seems away from the spotlight. His campaign is not evident. His posters are not available anywhere. His speeches, conferences, activities are not displayed on TV or mentioned in the written

press. Many Yemenis are wondering what his campaign is all about. Where and when he is going to give his speeches, is still not known.

In his last press conference. the President insisted that the elections will be done on time. But the signs of elections are not evident. Perhaps the recent incidents have diverted the attention of the people. Instead of looking after the elections, families are struggling to make ends meet in a





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Words of Wisdom

"Unless there is a true commitment to the democratization process based on acceptance of

the people as the final arbiter of power in a meaningful the whole transformation, relationship between the general public and politicians this reality is, process will become a sad joke."

*View Point Article - Issue 11 - 1998

Prof. Abdulaziz Al-Saqqaf (1951-1999) Founder of the Yemen Times



Editorial

Walid Abdulaziz Al-Saqqaf **Chief Editor**

The Best of All Freedoms Freedom of Mind

ome think that freedom is only the condition of not being physically imprisoned in a cell, or anywhere else. However, even though the common freedom is physical freedom, its meaning goes beyond physical sense.

The broader and more significant meaning of freedom is much more than words. True freedom is the freedom of mind, thinking, expression, action and also existence. Not everyone who claims to be free is actually free. Some are free in the sense that they are not in prison, however, they are yet mentally imprisoned, they are imprisoned in their own heads. They cannot act as they want, they cannot say what they want, and they cannot even think as

I remember my father, Dr. Abdulaziz Al-Saqqaf's words at home He used to explain why he refused to take any 'gifts' from any others without a reason, especially from top authorities. His words are still ringing in my ears, "Any money that I think I do not deserve I do not take. I believe in what I do, and what I say. Freedom is so valuable, if you lose it once, you could never gain it again. I know that peace of mind is more important than money." In other words, he meant to say that giving him money he doesn't deserve is some way of buying him. He resisted their attempts to buy his freedom and to hence, make him loyal in a way of another to a more powerful entity. Indeed, true personal freedom is very difficult to maintain, and if it goes, it is extremely difficult to regain. In politics, loyalty to a certain party (sometimes called partisanship) sometimes contradicts with the basic meanings of freedom and democracy. Unfortunately, many party members have become slaves to their parties' leaders. They blindly surrender to what is being told to them and obey totally them without questioning the correctness of the decision. Not only are these people held captive in their own minds, but they are poor, no matter how much money they have, simply because they do not have the most important element of one's personality, freedom of mind. Corrupt officials are always slaves to the upper units. The upper authorities do know that these officials are corrupt, and use this fact against them. Whenever they want to get their loyalty, they pressure them with the cards they have. The threats usually pay off and cause the lower ranking corrupt officials to obey, because they know that they can be kicked out of office or punished for a legal reason, being corrupt. In conclusion, it is like saying "You sell me your freedom, and in return, I will not punish you for your corruption."

On another level, there are unfortunately, hundreds of imprisoned writers and intellectuals. They are captive in their minds and writings. Their pens are not free to write whatever they want. They usually write praises for their bosses and higher authorities without thinking of their faults and mistakes. Let alone dare to criticize, they don't even have the will power to stop praising them, or to write about the positive steps accomplished by their bosses rivals, etc. They cannot say to what is wrong, "wrong' even if they clearly see that it is totally wrong. This is what is called the captivity of thinking. This is what one of my friends working in the official media said the other day, "We feel captive in our minds. We read the news in a routine basis while hiding much of the information all people have the right to know what is going around them in full details. We are taught to do the job the way our bosses want. We feel that we are used as their propaganda puppets." Indeed, I solely believe that even the TV announcer himself is not convinced with what he is reading. The program coordinator is not convinced with what he is placing in the program, and all workers are suffering from the imprisonment of mind. That even extends to the viewer who finds himself captive as well. Yet they all continue to do their routine job for a

As a conclusion, one can conclude that the modernization level of a nation can be measured through how much freedom there is among its people. In Yemen, we have not reached a minimum level of freedom that enables us to say that we are on the way towards modernization. We have a long way to go until we reach

Whenever I remember the level of freedom my father had. Unlike other officials and party members who were loyal to their chiefs, my father was politically and financially independent. He lived without worrying that his words may harm his financing sources or position. He had been interrogated and harassed many times, yet he felt even more confident. His life was an ideal one. You may not have been accepting the valuable gifts, like the others, yet he felt as the richest man in the world. He may not have been pleasing his chiefs, also like the others. But unlike the others, he had a valuable element that secured him peace of mind and happiness all the way. He had the element that gave his life a true meaning, and which is missing in the lives of most officials and party members today. He had his freedom

In Brief

A Discovery to Get Rid of Chemical & Industrial Residues

Mohammed Abdulkareem Abdulkader Al-Aghbari, a teacher of science and a graduate of Sana'a University, who has a Master's Degree by presenting a method to get rid of the chemical, as well as the industrial residues through a volcanic method from the Scientific Research Center in Jordan. The method is called the volcanic method which

goes like this:
"If we put a lump of chemical and industrial residues in mold and push it on high power to the right it will result in a suitable volcano reaching to 3m. -10m. depth. This lump started to melt and analyze. In the absence of oxygen, the lump will not burn and with the passage of time, it will be homogenous with volcanic mud without any effect on the environment.

A Professor Insulted

Dr. Abdu Al-Haq Al-Maghriby, a teacher at Al-Hodeidah University, was insulted by one of the irresponsible students from the same university. Strangely enough, the university presidency was very negative in its reaction to this event. The university transferred the case to the university security to look into it.

Al-Nihary still in prison General Abdu Al-Hameed Al-Nihary is still in prison until the moment of writing this news. General Al-Nihary was arrested after a dispute with Sheikh Al-Akoa over a piece of land. In an attack on the mentioned piece of land, the Al-Akoa followers killed four people from Al-Nihary followers who were watching the land. Al-Nihary was arrested after this event, despite the fact that he was away from the scene of the

A Mortar Shell Exploded Tow persons were killed and two others were seriinjured Wednesday in the Dar Saad suburb. Police sources said a mortar shell blasted near the Friendship Hospital, while a group of people were searching for scrap

ISO 9002 for The United Company (NANA)

The United Company for Dairy and Food, one of Abdu AL-Galeel

Radman's Companies, has recently won the International ISO 9002 Certificate of Quality. What the company achieved is a source of pride not only for the company, but for all of Yemen," said Mr. Abdu Al-Raheem the company board. This has proven that the Yemeni product is of high quality and can hold competitive positions with the other imported ones." At the end of his speech, Mr. Abdu Al-Raheem Radman thanked all the people who contributed to this success

A Yemeni-Omani Investment Project with a Capital of \$ 3,000,000

The project is shared by Salim Abdu Al-Rahman Bagarash Cement Factory. Mr. Omar Abdu Al-Rahman Bagarash, General Director of Al-Mukalla Company said:"We started marketing three different kinds of Portland Cement on Saturday 1999/ 08/28. The project started in March 1999 with a capital of \$3,000,000 as follows: 51% is owned by the Salim Establishment and the remaining 49% is owned by the Omani Resort factory The project will be officially inaugurated in the near

The Libyan Information Attaché visit Yemen Times Aden Office The Information Attaché in

the Libyan Consulate, Mr.

Salah Ahmad Fareed, paid a visit to the Yemen Times office in Aden on 26th, 08 1999. Mr. Salah expressed his admiration for the paper and its spread inside and outside Yemen wishing all the employees of the Yemen Times all success. At the same time, Mr. Salah expressed his great sorrow for the loss of the great patriot and founder of the Yemen Times, Dr. Abdu Al-Aziz Al-Saggaf. On his side. Yemen Times Bureau Chief, Mr. Radhwan Al-Saqqaf thanked Mr. Salah for his visit to the office in Aden. On the other hand, the Libyan consulate will hold a reception for diplomats general managers and journalists on 7th, 09, 1999, in Aden, on the occasion of the thirty anniversary of Al-Fatih Revolution. In a state-ment to the Yemen Times, the Libyan Consul, Mr. Mohammed Abdu Al-Azeez Al-Dorhouby, said, " I would like to thank the Yemeni media, specially the Yemen Times for its cooperation and its sincere feelings for the Libyan people. This celebration comes along with a celebration of Libyan victory in the Locorby case. In spite of the sanctions, as well as the American political and economical pressures, the great achieve-Al-Fatih Revolution has never come

A Chewing-Qat Session in the Italian Commercial Attaché's

The Commercial Attaché in the Italian Embassy, Mrs. Simonetta Bartolomei, held a qat session for a number Yemeni politicians and the foreign diplomats working in Sana'a. At the meeting which was held on the Yemeni traditional way, issues of concerned to the attendants' countries were discussed.

A Strike in Al-Thawrah **Hospital** in Taiz

A strike was held by the in Al-Thawrah doctors Hospital in Taiz on 28 /08 / uted a number of leaflets in which they said that they will go on striking if the present director of the hospital. Dr. Ismaeel Assanaani, is not changed. It has been strange to find bathrooms changed to resident rooms and the operation rooms to mice-dwelling rooms, under the supervision of an administration that knows nothing but the language of carelessness" said the doctors in their leaflet.

Haraz people, A Revolution against Oat During his visit to Yemen.

Mohammed

Borhanadeen, Sultan of Al-Bohra, called the Ismaelian sect in Yemen to uproot the gat trees in their area and stop chewing it. Many people from Haraz responded to the Sultan's call and uprooted their qat trees and announced qat abandon-ment. More than 30,000 qat trees have been uprooted so far. At the same time, the Sultan expressed his readiness to provide the people of Haraz with financial aids to grow coffee and fruits instead of qat.

Conflict between Dahmash and Assoufi Still Going On

A man was seriously injured when the a group of the followers of Naji Abdullah Assoufi, Sana'a's governor, opened fire on a jeep, thinking that it belongs to General Saleh Ali Dahmash, Director of Khawlan Security, yesterday in the Capital Secretariat. The conflict between the governor of Sana'a and General Dahmash broke out a month

Women Trained to **Protect Themselves**

Under the patronage of the Minister of Labor and Technical Training, Eng. Mohammed Attaib cooperation with the Arab Organization for Labor, started a training course on protecting women at workplaces between 5-8 September, 1999. "The course is aiming at training the participants, as well as activate the role the participating organizations play to protect the working woman.

Yemen to Double its **Electricity Output**

Abdu Al- Moety Al-Jonaid, deputy manager at the Electricity Public Corporation stated that the aim of the project is to double the electricity output to 800 MWs. The project involves building a plant with the capacity of about 500 MWs which will be expanded to about 800MWs. Marib has been chosen to be the place for the project.

The Yemeni National Team Defeated the UAE's The Yemeni table tennis

national team defeated the UAE's team 3\2 on the competition for places five to eight in the last Asian competition for juveniles below the age 17 years. Our players were in full bright colors. They defeated the UAE's team to face the National China team for the five and six place, out of 15 Asian participating countries. It is impressing that our team could win all its matches against its opponents in the first turn and lost only one match against

Republican Decree to Appoint a New President for the Investment Authority

A Republican Decree, no. 316, of the year 1999 was issued yesterday to appoint Abdu Al-Rahman Mohmmed Ali Othman, the Minister of Industry, and the President for the General Investment Authority.

Rehabilitating the 14th of

October Palace The work was initiated this week under the supervision of Mr. Saleh Obad Al-Khawlany, the Governor of Hadhramout who has denoted an amount of YR 3,000,000 for the rehabilitation of the old palace. The rehabilitation work also aims at face-lifting the Mukalla museum and making it a part and parcel of the palace. A detailed report about the palace (which is also known as the Sultan palace) and the rehabilitation work is in the following

International Conference

on Challenges for Women's Studies in the 21st Century is to be Held in Sanaa

Under the auspices of President Saleh and organized by the Empirical Research and Women's Studies Center(ERWSC), Sanaa University, an international conference on the challenges faced by women's studies in the 21st century will be held during the period 12-14 September, in Sanaa. Participants from 26 Arab countries, as well as foreign countries will attend this event which will focus on around six themes related to gender, language, oral history, law development, media and others. Around 64 papers will be

Notice

We would like to drive your attention that last issue's article about the complaint of Al-Awadhi against Consultative Council Member Abdul Hameed Al-Haddi was published by mistake. We regret publishing the article because the contents were not inspected and were published without the prior knowledge or permission of all the ones concerned

highlighted in the conference. The major donor to the conference is the Dutch government. To reveal some important aspects about the conference, a press conference was held yesterday, wherein the Excessive Director of the ERWSC, Dr. Raoofa Hassan described the event as something exceptional.

EXPO Sana'a **Highly Visited**

The number of people visiting the School and Student Exhibition, organized by Apollo, has exceeded over 30,000 after seven days since its start on August 29th, 1999. The exhibition will end on September 10th.

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The French diplomat, as well as his wife, kidnapped last Friday August 20, 1999 by a group from Bani Gaber of Khawlan and Mareb, were released Thursday, September 2nd, 1999.

In this last kidnapping incident, the French Embassy was determined to impose a unnecessary blackout on the media. It also refused to give any pieces of information regarding the kidnapped and the purpose of them being in Yemen. Even their pictures in the media was not able to

had from the Embassy, as well as the French Cultural Center.

Yemeni security sources said that the two French broke the security instructions, which require that they have to inform security before intending to pay any visit to any one of these places. It is worth mentioning that Sarwah, as well as Habab, the districts in which the kidnapped were taken from, are not accessible districts for foreigners without security guardianship.

The Yemeni security, on they other hand, is always determined not to make such incidents in the public so as they won't be accused of carelessness, as well as of the fragile security, which is the main reason behind the occurrence of such incidents, happening mostly during the day time. The kidnapping incidents have reached a

higher peak. They are actually very shameful and scandalous. They very much negatively affect the reputation of the regime. They also reflect a very distorted image of the country. The talk used to be common of the hospitality of kidnappers, which is actually a very clumsy excuse our officials entertain to cover their inability to control these violators and submit them to trial. As a matter of fact, it is only we who think of this nonsense while this constitutes a sure sign of the non-existence of the law and order, as well as the prevailing chaos in the whole constitution of the regime. It has been all-out clear that most of the kidnapping reasons are either to impose pressure on the government to establish a number of projects that many Yemeni districts lack, as a direct reaction for whatever reason, as well as a violation of human rights committed by same criminals in the regime for blackmailing the government.

Ben Sallam, Yemen Times

A Ceremony for 70 Graduates from Hayel Saeed Anaam's Welfare Association's Charitable Society of the Yemeni Women Center

Organized by the Charitable Society of the Yemeni Women Center, a ceremony was held Thursday, on the graduating of seventy five graduates from the research center which is specified for talented Yemeni women. This center aims at the following: 1- Establishing projects to preserve the old Yemeni heritage and revive it.

2- Giving women, as well as households access to the development process by means of training, as well as qualifying them in different fields including sewing, and tailoring.

Amat Al-Razak Jahaf, the chairman of the center, indicated in her speech that the center's services are for all women who want to get the benefit of this center. There are no regulations for joining the center, except for the strong maintenance of rules and tactfulness. Not less than 100 trainees are accepted each course in the center. In regards to the activities of the center, she noted that the center is charitable, cultural and economic. There are a number of departments in the center including sewing, tailoring, textile, and needle-work. There is a separate section

or department for selling, and another one for documenting the old traditional fashion. There are two shifts in the center, one in the morning and one in the afternoon, to keep in proportion with the circumstances of households and students. The center also honored those distinguished graduates, especially those who have small incomes by means of providing them with sewing machines.

Amat Al-Razak, also said that the center has participated in different exhibitions, cultural activities, as well as festivals. She also stated that there are no obstacles facing the center except for the lack of the raw materials, especially the natural wool which is out

She said that this was a red letter day for the graduates, as well as for all the staff of the center. She wished that things will go on smoothly to meet the aimed goals and to make all the products of the center available in the local, as well as foreign markets.

Mr. Mohammed Abdoh Saeed Anaam, also gave a speech in which he appreciated all the efforts exerted by the staff of the center. He also wished that this center would develop in the future to help those women who are in bad need to depend upon themselves. He also added that the center was established one year ago and that there were some plans to improve it in the near future, especially in the textile and the archeological departments.

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1- More than 15 explosions in Al-Dala'a district

On Sunday 29.8.99, at exactly 1:00 am, Al-Dala'a district observed explo-

sions of more than 15 in successions. The explosions were followed by intensive gunshot, lasted for quite a time from the security police escorted in Al-Dala'a . The explosions and the randomly gunshot that took place in different areas of the district, caused financial damages of several houses cars, including the house of Al-Dala'a Governor, who previously made a speech in which he criticized the perpetrators of the explosions incident and described them as mercenaries, targeting Yemeni stability.

2-Poland admitted Tuesday Selling 20 tanks to Yemen

Poland admitted Tuesday that 20 tanks were sold to Yemen earlier this year and illegally diverted to Sudan. The United States was annoyed to have earlier warned that the weapons would go astray. The second-hand tanks had ended up in Sudan. Washington is threatening to impose heavy penalties on Warsaw for ignoring its advice to halt their delivery. "The sale of 50 T-55 tanks to the Yemeni government was in compliance with Polish laws and all international agreements," said a statement from the Prime Minister's office. "After receiving information that the first delivery did not reach the intended owners in Yemen. A decision was taken immediately to stop all further deliveries," it added. The tanks were sold by the state arms sales agency for about \$1.2 million. Foreign ministry spokesman Pawel Dobrowolski said he could neither confirm nor deny that U.S. intelligence had warned Warsaw that the first delivery could be diverted to blacklisted countries by Washington, nor could he say whether Poland might face U.S. action for failing to adhere to Washington's warning that the arms would go other countries than Yemen. "We have not heard anything officially on this," said Dobrowolski, a U.S. spokesman that said the tank sale was being discussed but could not confirm that U.S. intelligence advice was

3- Antitank mine experiment on Wednesday 1.9.99

Under the sponsoring of the Removing Planted Mines Program in the Aden district, an experimental blow up of an antitank mine was supposed to take place in Kabt Al-Bakar area in the Aden district, on Wednesday, 1st September 99. On the other hand, Canadian experts in the same field arrived Aden to join and supervise the Executive Unity of removing planted mines.

4- US\$25 million is the total losses of Rothmans fire

Reliable source said that the estimated losses of the fire in Rothmans factory in Taiz district that occurred last week was US\$25 million. 30 employees of the factory were admitted to the hospital due to suffocation during the fire, 17 persons already left the hospital, 7 persons are supposed to leave shortly and 6 will remain for more medical treatment. Notably, Rothmans pays YR3 to the Government for each packet of cigarette as a tax, it also hires more than 500 employees of the both genders.

AL-SHOWRAH WEEKLY



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1- Foreign Investment projects in Yemen need certain measurements The investment in Yemen observed a severe decline from the destabilization

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will be

of the country. As reported, in the year 1997, the foreign investment projects reached 4.8%, comparing with 1992, as the investment varied between 7-8%. Investors believe that attracting more investment projects in Yemen needs major principles, such as more security guaranties, political stability, modern social stable system, economical growth, administration reform, and lastly, amendments of laws

2- Contradictory views of the explosion's motives in

Five explosions took place in Yemen during two days in three districts, Sana'a, Aden and Abyan. There are contradictory views of the explosion's motives. Security sources said that, the casualties of the explosion in the supermarket (City Center), capital Sana'a reached the death of 2 persons and injury of 12 others, other unofficial source said that, 6 persons died including the owner of the supermarket and complete destruction of the supermarket. Though, the security sources assured that the explosion incident is of a criminal motive, due to financial conflict between the partners of the supermarket, Abu-Hamza Al-Masri, the Leader of Islamic Group in Britain emphasized that, Aden/Abyan Islamic Group is behind the bombing incidents in Yemen.

3- Armed clashes between two tribes in Shabowah district resumed

The truce between the Shams and Humed tribes in Hutib, Shabowah district has came to an end. Apparently, many inhabitants of the area left to Attaq searching for shelter. Recent report said that, during the clashes, where both confronted parties used different kinds of weapons, one person was killed and two others injured. The same source said that no interference of the security police was observed to stop the on-going clash so far.

AL-METHAQ WEEKLY

1- Ministry of Interior prohibited carrying weapons in the main cities



The Ministry of Interior prohibited carrying weapons in the capital Sana'a and all main cities. This new decree

addressed all citizens, the banning of carrying weapons including those who have valid licenses. The Ministry of Interior also exhorted that each infraction of the warning will be subjected to legal questioning.

2-Building of a new Yemen depends upon the new gen-

The President of the Republic said that the building of a new Yemen depends upon the new generations, who are loyal nationalists, open minded, have democratic attitudes and purified of any complex from the remaining past conflicts. He added that keeping the new Yemen constant is the responsibility of each citizen. He also urged all the leaders and members of the Yemen People General Congress to observe, digest, adapt and activate all the developments of the political sector to release the Yemen PGC of all negative aspects and to keep it as a leading party for good. In regards to the relationship between the Yemen PGC and the Islah Islamic party, he asserted that the cooperation and coordination between both parties are eternal and decisive. The president of the republic added that he has been in power for the last 21 years, during which, he fully realizes the burden of ruling a country. He also emphasized that the main reason of him accepting the nomination of

the Presidential post is the absence of serious candidates or a candidate who has no revenge problem with one of the citizens.

AL-BALAG WEEKLY



1-Yemeni Saudi negotiation showed little détente

Yemeni-Saudi negotiation showed little détente. The friendly negotiation will continue to achieve a

positive and peaceful solution to the Yemeni-Saudi border dispute. Regarding the same issue, the President of the Republic said that the border dispute between Yemen and Saudi Arabia, which has lasted for sixty years has been discussed seriously and comprehensively, since the last singing of the memorandum of understanding between both

2-YR50 million is the budget to cover the election cam-

The parliament has ratified the petition of providing the nominated candidates with YR50 million to cover the election campaign, the share of each nominee is YR 25 million. equally payable to each candidate.

AL-RAI AL-A'AM WEEKLY



1-More than 25 thousand foreigners left Yemen

The recent blast of the supermarket in Sana'a city (City Center) badly affected the stability status of the country. Currently, more than 25 thousand foreigners of different nationalities left Yemen in the past two days, frightened of any further subver-

RAI WEEKLY NEWSPAPER



The killer of the Yemeni Consul in Jordan was extradited to Yemen

The accused murderer of the Yemeni Consul in Jordan two months back was handed over to the Yemeni Authorities. The extradite of the criminal to Yemen came as, per the decision of the Jordanian General Secretary. He declared that, as long as the killer is a Yemeni citizen who killed another Yemeni Diplomat in the Yemeni Embassy in Amman, which is considered a Yemeni property, as per the diplomatic customary, then he has to stand trial proceedings in Yemen, which is declared to be soon.

AL-WAHDAH WEEKLY



Abu-Hamzah Al-Masri, continuous allegations are nonsense The Deputy Minster of Foreign

affairs Mr. Galeb Ali Jameel described the continuos allegations of Abu-Hamzah Al-Masri, claiming that the Aden/Abyan Islamic Army was behind the explosion of the City Center supermarket as total nonsense. Mr. Jameel resumed the Ministry Foreign Affair's request to the British Authorities to extradite Al-Masri to stand trial in Yemen. On the other hand, the Chamber of Commerce and Industry has urged the security police to speed up the investigation of the City Center bombing in order fairly punished the perpetrators

2-Inspection campaign of weapons will last for three

Security source asserted that, the inspection campaign of weapons in capital of Sana'a and other main cities of the Republic launched two days back intensified checking in search of weapons, which will last for three coming months. Especially it is corresponding with the Presidential election and the occasions of September, October, and November national celebrations.

ATTARIQ WEEKLY



More than 40,000 teachers will launch mass strike on 23rd September

More than 40,000 teachers (male and female) have seriously threatened to go

on a massive strike as of 23rd, September, 99. The strike is in protest of depriving them from their legal right stated in the teacher's law, Notably, they are denied of salary increases, similar to the other employees in the Government

26 SEPTEMBER WEEK-



1- The first conference on the promotion of Yemeni oil in London and

Intensified arrangements are on-going in the Ministry of Oil and Mineral Resources for the first conference of the Yemeni oil promotion

which is scheduled between 27th September until early October, in London and Houston. Mr. Nabeel Al-Kousi, the Deputy Chairman of MOMR declared that the conference will be attended by approximately 80 companies from Europe, USA and Japan. The Yemeni delegation will be headed by the Chairman of MOMR. During the conference he will discuss several issues said to deal with the full details of the exploration and production of oil in Yemen. The work also includes the nature of investment in the Yemeni oil sector. Mr. Al-Kousi added that the marketing of 7 promising blocks will be also discussed during the conference which are blocks 25,26, and 27 in Hodeidah, blocks 6,7,28 in Shabowah and finally, block 38 in the Soqatra Island. The Chairman of MOMR will invite the interested companies to participate in the oil tenders, which will be announced at the end of the conference.

2- Spanish loan to support the fourth energy project in

On Thursday, 2nd Dec.1999, the Minister of Electricity and Water, Mr. Ali Hamed Sharf returned back home after a successful business trip to Spain, during which he conducted talks with relevant Spanish parties. During the meeting, he signed several agreements of bilateral cooperation, between both countries in different fields. As per the agreements, Spain will grant a loan of US\$18 million to support the Fourth Energy Project, that will provide Amran, Al-Mahuit and Hajah districts with electricity. Yemen also obtained a primary agreement from Spain of a loan worth US\$30 million in the near future. Also, a Spanish company has been selected to implement the electricity project in Al-Sadah Al-Naderah area, which is planned to start on 15th of the current month.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. Walid Atiq Abdul Rahman announces that he has lost two passports, one of them is Yemeni No. 125805, issued on 05/07/1992 and the other is British No. 740124311, issued on 09/06/1998.

Please contact 214207 or 214413, Sana'a, if you have found them.



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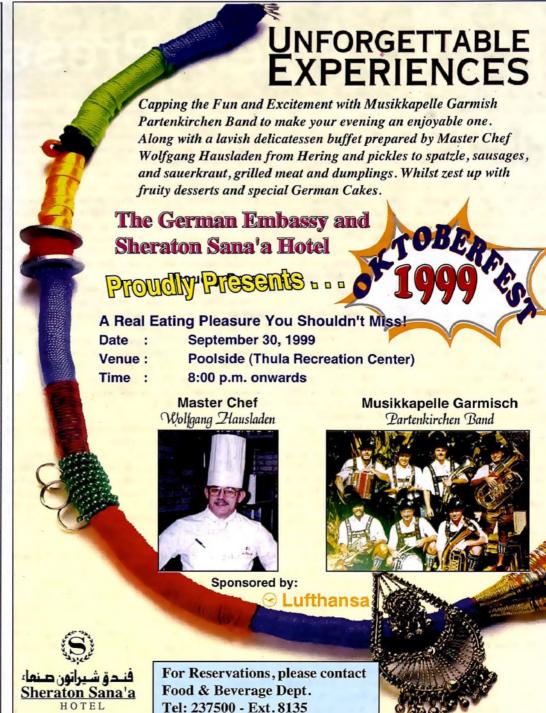












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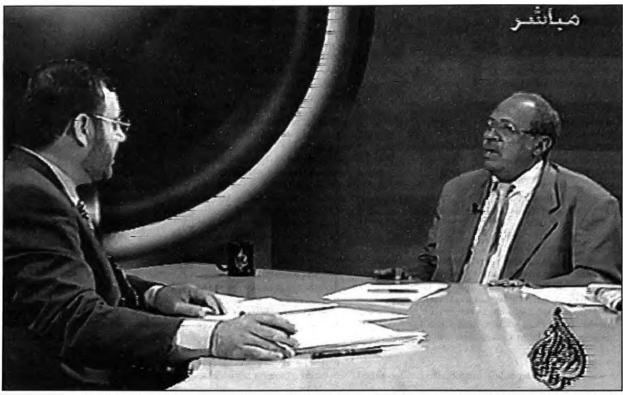
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Socialist Party General Secretary, Ali Saleh Obad Moqbil to Al-Jazira Sattelite Channel:

"Elections have already ended, what we are living is just a referendum.." "..we should not be addicted to the past, but rather to the future.."

Al-Jazeera TV interviewed Mr. Ali Saleh Obad Moqbil, the Secretary General Yemeni Socialist Party last Wednesday in its program "Without Limits". Mr. Moqbil was asked about the real reasons behind the decision of Parliament not to endorse him as a candidate for the upcoming presidential elections. And who was behind that decision. About accusations that he himself was the reason due to his position towards Parliament and the accusations he reiterated against Parliament and MPs. Whether it is logical to seek endorsement from a body that he has always considered it illegal or unconstitutional. He was also asked about whether there had been a secret agreement between his Party and the Islah to provide him with the necessary number of votes to enable him to run. The argument that had the Yemeni Socialist Party participated in the 1997 elections it might relieved Mr. Moqbil from seeking Islah and PGC votes for endorsement in Parliament. Mr. Moqbil was asked to elaborate on whether his party was offered 35 seats in 1997 elections and the reasons for rejecting this offer. A good part of the program went about the YSP and Mr. Moqbil's own past



From the Agenda



Ayman Mohammed Nasser Editor in Chief, Attariq Newspaper

n a country like Yemen, where people keep going around, inside the same circle of traditional cultures and values that praise the past, and watch over the stagnant present with its limited horizons led and controlled by a rusty tool, that has subdued society and hindered any movement forward. In such a situation, any event whatever might be its weight, is meaningless as long as it is unable to pass us through

During my short and humble experience with public affairs, in the last ten years or so, life has proved so pregnant with events crossroads and curves, shaping our destinations, accompanied by a complete absence of the Nationalistic Movements. Thus it could subdue the natural growth and development of our political and social culture. Our current political and cultural output emanates from rusty lungs. We look fearfully at each other on every occasion just to confirm the misery of our situation. In the midst of all that, from far in the wilderness, I heard a deep and warm voice calling for progress, development and modernism. It was Dr. Abdulaziz Al-Saqqaf, the man who filled life with turmoil. He knew many people and was known by more. Many misunderstood him, and he was understood by only or few. I can confirm that his finger prints on our nation's geography and upon our political and social culture and press and on our conscience, far exceeds those made by the Yemeni elite during the last twenty years.

One can only say a little about Dr. Al-Saqqaf in such a small space. Dr. Abdulaziz shall continue to live in our minds and conscience. I personally intend to dedicate a number of writings to him in order to relief my heart and discharge my soul and mind towards a man who was a brother, a teacher and an example. Dr. Abdulaziz Al-Saqqaf was by virtue of his wisdom, vast knowledge, personality and organization and other capabilities, a Yemeni phenomenon of a capable leader into the 21st

In fact, I can't say that I was a close friend of Dr. Saqqaf, but I can say that he was one of my closest. We established a personal acquaintance since the 1997 elections, which developed into a very strong understanding of each other. This strong, built on principal, relationship revealed itself in "Yemen Times" and its pages, as Yemen Times and its owner occupied the same in Al-

The way Dr. Abdulaziz died, provoked a number of shared by his friends and partisans. May be we can find the reason then, when Dr. Al-Saqqaf death's complexities are discussed, in the fascination that attracts us in the Geek myth of a personality that I don't read the name of, a half-human half-birth, who is his great desire of wisdom and truth fly towards the sun and get burnt and dies.

Dear Dr. Abdulaziz, we shall continue to write about you, on you and in your faith, so long as God allows.

and policies since independ-

Here are excerpts from Mr. Moqbil's interview:

'The decision taken by Parliament against me was not taken by Parliament itself. It was a political decision taken by the PGC and the Islah parties a long time before the discussion was brought to Parliament." He said: Whether a person recognizes the legitimacy of Parliament or not is not one of conditions for qualification for endorsement...By going to Parliament and forwarding my papers I proved that I deal with the status queue" He added that he has all the constitutional preconditions to be endorsed for the Presidential elections. He said that all positions taken by him towards Parliament were within the limits of the constitution and operative laws. He said that what his position is against is a political entity of which Parliament is only a byproduct. Moqbil denied that he called the MPs as "sheep". He reiterated his party's position towards the 1997 parliamentary elections, and said that they had a number of fair reasons to boycott those elections. He said that the YSP had demanded a dialogue with the ruling parties to straighten those points six months prior to those elections. He said that the YSP seeked and still seeks a fair political game for all parties with equal rights and obligations.

Mr. Moqbil denied that there was a secret agreement between his party and the Islah to provide him with enough votes necessary for endorsement. He said: If there is a secret agreement it is between the Islah and the PGC.

Moqbil said that during a gathering the President threatened the leaders of the opposition parties that if any party boycotts the elections it shall be erased from the political scene. He said that in that gathering; the YSP position was that it is a legitimate and constitutional right for any party to join the election process or to boycott it, and that the President does not have the right to issue such threats. He reminded that the Prime Minister himself had repeatedly confirmed that it is a constitutional duty to give the Socialist Party the

votes it needs [for participating in the Presidential elections.] He said that the regime is not refusing Moqbil only; it is refusing to deal of a multiparty political and partisan system in Yemen. That the ruling is organizing some kind of peaceful exchange of power within itself. That Mr. Najeeb Al-Sha'abi is a member of the PGC and was one of those who gave his vote for the President during the PGC 6th General Conference. He added that the PGC is in fact nullifying the process of multiparty and multi-political system in Yemen, and that they consider the election process concluded and that what is going on is only a referendum. He said that he is not calling the people to boycott the election, but he calls upon them to gather to reject the elections as the elections are being transformed into a mockery. He said if he himself, as a General Secretary of a legal party, was denied his right to run for elections, how can any body believe that people like [former Secretary General and President] Ali Nasser or Yassin Saeed Noa'man [former Speaker of Parliament] run for elections? All this when the former can only visit the country as a guest while the other was chased by bombardments till he fled out-

A New Presidential Period & New Hopes for Yemen



Ayman Mohammed Nasser Editor in Chief. Attariq Newspaper

the presidential elections represent an important constitutional right of the people to elect their president directly. It gives the incoming president the peoples' vote to empower him, to begin necessary changes to our political, economic and social life. We believe that in the next presidential term the people will expect, in fact, demand a real change, in method and substance in our government. Younger leadership should be given a chance. The corrupt officials should be removed. A more effective and efficient government is expected.

Democracy, free press, and transfer should develop to monitor the performance of government. Eighteen months after the presidential elections come, the parliamentary and local elections should add to the entrenchment of the democratic process.

The different political parties, including the opposition, should develop their structures, plans and decisions to pre-

pare for these developments. Most promises made during the elec-

tions often face difficulty in application, due to faulty mechanisms or failure of process of application.

I believe that it is important first, to place the right mechanism, which is principally the strict application of law equally on all. In addition, the appointment of the right persons to the right jobs; depending on honesty, ability and good public image is of vital impor-

There are different opposition parties with different visions. Some are in agreement with the PGC, (the ruling party) at least most of the time. However, the natural thing is for political parties to compete with each other for peoples' recognition and trust, and hence, votes.

Therefore, we see that the opposition parties of the coordination council have made the wrong decision in 'abstaining' from the presidential election. They have added insult to injury by calling on the president to abolish the elections. These elections are the right of the people by the constitution and their political parties have proven that

they give no credence to the constitu-

The people should be encouraged to uphold the constitution and bring change only through the constitutional process. The reasons for the call of boycotting the elections is not convincing. The process of nomination in parliament has gone according to the constitution and law.

what they have suggested, that they will obtain the people's nomination that has no legal or constitutional basis. It will only confuse people's attitude towards law and order.

Political party leaders should understand the responsibility towards their followers and become accountable to them and should not mislead them to disappointments and failures because of lack of vision and planning for the long-term.

What some political parties demand is that candidates get public nomination, instead of parliament nomination and to only serve parties outside of parliament. Also, it is impractical and more difficult than the current requisite.

Perhaps, more logically, they should seek that each member of parliament should be able to nominate two candidates, instead of one. This should widen the scope of the candidates for president.





By: Mohammed Hatem Al-Qadhi, Managing Editor, Yemen Times

Something We Lack: Respect of Time

is a common belief that respect of time and adherence to punctuality is one of the major ingredients and factors of the success and prosperity of the advanced world. It is this ethical norm that has brought about the welfare of these nations. This is because the concept of timerespect and reverence is a very important factor that keeps us on track to success, either on the nation or individual level. Time is precious and valuable and hence people have to grasp every moment and exploit it effectively and in a proper way. Respect of time and consideration of punctuality means a lot for any nation or individual. It means that people perceive time as a very important element in the helm of productivity and their welfare. In short, it means that these people are productive and active members of the society. Furthermore, it is an indication that every member of the society has something to do with the society and its development. They are all involved in the development process. However, they don't work till they drain off their energy. Rather, they never miss their vacations and use them in a way that make them when they are back to their work more energetic and full of life. They give everything its due right and always keep balanced. Unfortunately, in Yemen it is only a select few who are punctual and respect time. Just pay a visit to any ministry. You will be, of course, appalled. Employees just come to the office and sign at 8: 30 in the morning. Then, they go for breakfast. They come back after some time and keep hanging around in the ministry offices. Therefore, if one has some procedures to be done, he/she has to go around looking for the person in charge. You might meet him. But he will tell you to come tomorrow or the day after or give any other baseless excuse. This is the ordinary employees. But the ranking officials might attend at 10 or even 11 in the morning and stay for some time and then leave. These guys do not sign at all or if so they do it once a week or a month. While being in the office, their doors are shut and bodyguards are standing there as statues preventing any one to meet this or that guy.

Well, this is the daily routine one almost finds in all ministries offices. It is an acute headache, isn't it? Every employee considers himself a sultan in his office since the sense of accountability is entirely absent. It is an irresponsible behavior that makes our work very much bureaucratic.

Another interesting point is this. I have always attended press conferences, workshops, seminars and other kinds of such stuff. I have never found that even a single seminar or meeting has started as scheduled. They might announce, for instance, that the event will start at 10 o'clock. You have to expect that it will start at around 11. Sometimes, you might have an appointment with a person. He/she might keep you waiting for a long time, which is actually very worrying. He/she might not even call and excuse at that time. If you meet and blame him/he next time for breaking the word, he/she might simply say "SORRY." What a curse!

Besides, even few foreigners working in Yemen and who are supposed to be our role models in this respect seem to have adopted the Yemeni way in not respecting time. In other words, these people have adopted the Yemeni way of not giving much attention to the value of time. This is disturbing too.

More paradoxically, we always seem to be fully preoccupied and busy. We are busy at work, at home and everywhere. The result is that we produce nothing sizable. This, of course, doesn't mean that there are no hardworking people and who are highly punctual in our society. To the contrary, some are highly hardworking and go the extreme in their adherence to hard work and time exploitation. Sometimes hard work is tiring but it is very interesting and makes one enjoy life.

Finally, I believe our neglect of time and punctuality is one of the main reasons of being left behind. Time is very important and precious. It is only once we spend the work time duration at offices working could a real growth in the society take place. Do you

project included in the projects implemented in the free zone. The security of the free zone is another vocal factor of structural administration for the security of the Aden governorate. There are specific and well planned strategies that

will ensure the security and order in the free zone. The organization has also signed contracts with different international companies in Europe, America and East Asia to operate new marine lines through the container ports. These



Aden Port Paces to Prosperity Through the Free Zone



By: Ridhwan Alawi Al-Saqqaf, Aden Bureau Cheif, Yemen Times

he strategic, as well as dynamic location of Aden has made officials in our government declare it as a free zone in 1991. From that time, work has been going in bounds and leaps, until today, to make considerable progress in the development of the country to meet the requirements of the modern time. This will eventually yield fruits to the welfare of the society. We will also be able to locate Yemen in the International Trade Movement and Trade Exchange through the terminal project in the free zone of Aden.



* The Initiative: 18\3\1996

This started after the Yemeni government signed a contract with the implementing company Yeminvest and the General Organization of the Free Zone Districts, as a representative of the Yemeni government. The contract states that the company builds container terminals, as well as implementing the project of the industrial storing district. The building of the station has been divided into three different stages and the overall pavement's length will be around 1650m. There will be six anchors that are designed for large ocean-going ships and terminals carrying a capacity of 1.5 million terminals per year. In 1995, after the declaration of law no.(4) and signing a contract with Yeminvest on 18\3\1996, work in the first stage of this project started. It is worth mentioning that the designs of this project have been made by the American Rapton Company, one of the biggest International companies in the world, then, a number of companies conducted the land survey and started cleaning the bottom of the sea.

The Opening of the First Stage and its Operation starting on 8\3\1999:

When working on this stage, that extends over 35 hectare, and costing \$250 million was complete, operation on the first stage of the terminal port had started. The pavement of the port consisted of 16m ready to be deepened to 18m. The overall area of the building of the general administration and its departments is around 10000m2, including the general administrative building, main gate, maintenance work-

shop and stores for emptying containers. Then, the project was provided by a 4km-length cable and telephone lines increased from 300-1000 and were connected to the containers port.

The Unfinished Stages of the Project:

There are four stages left, indicated in the following:

1) The Second Stage: It will include the project of expanding the Tarmac Airport to 600m, as well as designing new air-

ing of ship canals and anchors, making facilities for containers and to develop the industry by treating the raw materials along the North sea shore from the entrance of small Aden. Also, developing the Refinery\Colander capacity, the transportation net, electricity, water, sewage through building new modern stations, as well as expanding the existing net is required. The cost of this stage will be approximately \$12 million.

2) The Third Stage:



the Free Zone

president of the General Organization of

planes paths, the deepen-

It will include the expanding and rebuilding of the airport,

sewage water in small Aden may last for ten years.

Offers and Requests for Investment in the free Zone:

If we assume that the number of investments in the free zone are around 622, the overall cost will be \$1.53 billion and will include around 24,000 employees, according to records reported by the investment department in these projects. The figures are distributed in the following:

162 projects in the industrial field with a cost of \$337 mil-

203 projects in the trade field with a cost of \$50 million. 106 in the storage department

with the cost of \$50 million. 50 orders in the field of tourism with a capital of \$203 mil-

84 orders in the services field with the cost of \$602 million. 17 investment orders in the fish field with the cost of \$33

The overall area allocated for these projects is 20, 303, 853m2.

In order to have further understanding



countries will certainly make Aden the most important trade center in the Gulf as well as Arabian peninsula. The first biggest ocean-going ship has already arrived to the containers port, carrying 1600 container.

ANNOUNCEMENT

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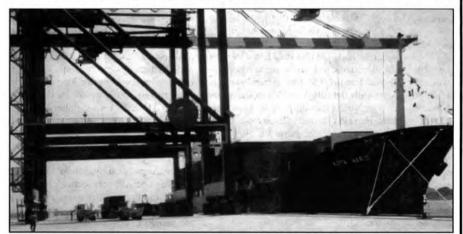
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as well as its paths. Another department will be added to facilitate work in the containers. A fourth level in Caltex, as well as storage places along the North Coast and Hadeed Mountain, will be established, costing \$27 billion and employing a good number of workers. There is an intention to establish a refinery, new ports, and expand hotels, as well as tourist resorts in Small Aden. The second terminal will be developed to generate energy to 25 megawatt and the constructing of the second terminal to cleaning water. The working in this stage will last for eight years.

3) The Fourth Stage:

The cost of this stage is estimated at approximately \$13 billion. This stage will include improvements and expansion. A new station for generating energy and processing unit

containers is a sure sign of the sincere and constructive efforts exerted by the

government. What we have achieved. since we started working in the containers ports on 19\3\1999, is really very promising. On the other hand, the industrial storage district is another

of this, Yemen Times met with Mr.

Derhim Abdoh Noman, the vice pres-

ident of the General Organization of

the Free Zone, who said the following:

The project of the free zone In Aden is

one of the most important economic

and strategic projects in the Republic

of Yemen. The establishment of the

Tragi-comedy after the incident that is said to be caused by

sources, the catastrophe of City Center Supermarket that occurred on the 28th of last month, resulted from a gas leakage. The gas leakage lead to the spread of gas air into the whole supermarket and was ignited. leading to the explosion of the supermarket. As sources claim, the experts were not able to find any evidence of TNT explosives or remains of a car bomb. They suggest that the explosion was mainly due to the explosion of the

gas cylinders which were used in the kitchen of the "City Center Restaurant".

About the victims of the incident, reports were contradictory to each other. In the last issue of Yemen Times, depending on the Canadian News agency, we mentioned that the blast killed three, including the Canadian Occidental guardsman, Al-Samawi. However, we have received news that the guard is still alive, however he is in a coma because his brain was damaged, and whether he will



tives of the guard mentioned that the he is going through a critical time, and that an operation to his brain took place last week in Azal Private

The -at least 5- Indian employees who

were in the basement of the supermarket, and who were thought to have died, have miraculously survived the huge blast. The Indian embassy however is deeply concerned about them because the police is still interrogating them after more than a week after the blast, "We are disappointed that they are still under interrogation. We want to have them released as soon as possible" said a diplomat at the Indian Embassy. This gives the impression that the police is trying to know why and how they have survived the blast. On another level, there were some tragicomic incidents happening immediately after the explosion. As one witness states, "In the early morning after the blast, while I was heading home, I passed near the site of the explosion. After the fire was turned off by the firemen, I saw a soldier carrying something on his shoulder and walking away from the site. When I went closer to see what he was carrying, I began thinking, 'can it

be an explosive or some kind of

tion? Later I discovered that a box of coke was all that survived the blast. He was carrying it away, just to have some free drinks with his other companions. These are our soldiers. This is our army!"

Later in the day of the explosion, we went to see what damage the explosion caused to the building where the Emirates office was. We went upstairs to the NDI (National Democratic Institute) office, to be surprised that the door was broken. We asked the guard, he said that the soldiers broke into some offices and probably this office is one of them. They had the excuse of looking after the criminals who were linked to the explosion and who might have escaped and hid in one of the apartments." When going inside, we discovered that the armed troops stole three of the companies mobile phones and ran away.

On the same level, the markets near the incidents were surprised to see that many of their goods were stolen probably by the armed troops, because the explosion destroyed the gate and glasses of the market. They asked themselves, "if these are the ones that are supposed to protect us, how on earth will the robbers be"? A question even we wouldn't want to answer!

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The Shrine of the Owais Al-Qarnee One of the Outstanding, Islamic & Archeological Monuments in Yemen



lization of Yemen.

Saleh Abdulbagi **Cultural Editor**

give them. When the Prophet Mohammed passed away Omar and Ali had kept looking for him for almost ten years. However, they could not find him at all. In the same year of Omar's death, a person called Abo Kaiss went at the top of a mountain in suffered from leprosy and had bluishblack eyes. They told him that they wanted to make sure of another thing to prove that he was the right person. They told him that there was a bright spot under his left shoulder. When they saw it they started kissing him.

and Pakistanis inherited these conventions therefore, visiting this shrine became a practice they did every year. To sum it all up, this Islamic shrine of this virtuous and holy man should be given some attention and care. We

to keep and preserve such Islamic, historical and archeological monuments for we will never achieve anything in the future without preserving our past which was very fertile and rich.

asting an eye over the Islamic monuments in Yemen, you will be amazed to discover that they are great and far from any kind of description. These Islamic landmarks had been centers of illumination and enlightenment for the establishment of one of the greatest civilizations history have ever recorded. They become also a tourist bridge that receive local as well as international attention. They are perfect examples of the deeply-rooted civi-

In this cultural article of this issue, I will be focusing on an important milestone of our Islamic culture at Zabeed, Al-Fakeeh House, in Hodeidah. It is the grave of the holy man, Owais Al-Qarnee. His grave is a pivotal monument highly appreciated and admired by Yemenis as well as Pakistanis and Indians who have annual festivals in this place. In writing this article, I also made use of a good book called "The

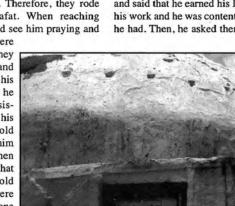


leprosy, had bluish-black eyes, broad shoulders, long beard, always looking at his praying place and crying over himself, there was a bright spot under

Yemen and shouted at the top of his voice asking whether they know someone called Owais. They told him that there was no one called so, then a person turned up and said that he had a poor nephew called Owais but he was a mere camel peasant. Omar asked him then about his distention. He was told that he was living in Ba'arak Arafat. Therefore, they rode quickly to Arafat. When reaching there, they could see him praying and

his camels were around him. They greeted him and then they asked his name. When he saw their insistence to know his name, he told them to leave him alone. Only then they told him that the Prophet told them that there would be someone called Owais, who

They asked him to ask God to forgive them and he refused. Then, he asked them who they were. Realizing that the two inquirers were not more than the Calif Omar and Ali bin Abi Taleb. he stood up and greeted them and asked God to forgive and have mercy on them. When Omar tried to give him some money and clothes he refused and said that he earned his living from his work and he was content with what he had. Then, he asked them to go on



his left shoulder, very much with-

Feature Layers of the Honest and Faithful People" by Abo Al-Abass Ahmad Al-Zabeedi.

Owais Al-Qarnee's whole name was Abo Amer Owais bin Amer bin Harb bin Morad bin karn bin Al-Moradee then Al-Qarnee. He is considered to be one of the good, virtuous people who had done a lot to serve Islam. The prophet Mohammed "Mercy be upon him" talked about him and said that there would someone called Owais from from Yemen who was a sincere follower and was from the "Karn", indicating his nickname, who will come suffering from leprosy. He would ask God to cure him from this disease except for a small spot and that God cured him. The Prophet also said that if he swore by God, God would carry out what he swore for. Then, he pronounced the name Owais and when they inquired about his identity, he said that he suffered from

drawn to himself. However, he was very well known in heaven. So the Prophet asked Omar bin Al-Khatab as well as Ali bin Abo Taleb "May God forgive them" if they could meet him one day to ask him to ask God to for-

their ways and leave him lead the same way of life. After this, Owais gave up his career as a camel peasant and devoted his life to worshipping

During the caliphate of Ali, he participated in Islamic conquests. He was said to be died in Safeen during the caliphate of Ali bin Abi Taleb in 37. It is also said that he used to pray for a long time that he may spend the whole day or night praying to God and asking his forgiveness.

Many people used to visit this place especially Pakistanis who used to stay there for some days upon their getting back from Al-Hag Season. They stayed there to perform some rituals. They also used to distribute some presents and gifts to the people living around. They had rebuilt and renewed the shrine from time to time. It is said that the French Orientals who visited Yemen in the nineties visited this shrine. She was very sorry and cried to what this shrine had come to of ignorance and carelessness.

The dome which appears in the picture was built after it was destroyed in the tenth century 1320. The shrine was built during the period of invocation

When I inquire why only Pakistanis and Indians were the most visitors of this shrine, I was told that when Indians used to go to Al-Hajj in the past they used to moor their ships at Mocha, in Hodeidah. Then, they walked the rest of the way to Saudi Arabia through Yemen, as there was no transportation at that time. On their way, they used to pass this shrine. They were very attracted to it for it was eloquently decorated. They used to stay there for some days then, they continued on their way. Thus, Indians

IMPRESSION ABOUT YEMEN



Yahya Rabah, Palastenian Ambassador & Deplomatic Missions Chief

arrived in Yemen in the morning of May 22, 1990. I was associated with the President Arafat during his visit. We directly moved to Palestinian Hall in Aden where the announcement of the Unity and the Republic of Yemen was declared. That was one of the greatest moments of my life. That day signalled the start of my life as an Ambassador of Palestine to Yemen. Frankly speaking, I carried a lot of love for this beautiful country. That is because of the great and undeniable friendship between Yemen and Palestine, as well as because of my the close relation with a number of Yemeni People who accompanied me in the revolution army when I was a soldier in South Lebanon. Since the day of my appointment, and during those nine years that have passed after becoming the ambassador, I have visited a number of governorates, from Sa'da in the north down to Hadhramout in the South. I passed through Hodeidah, Taiz, Dhamar, Ibb, Mareb, Aljawf, Lahj and Shabwh and had experience in them all. In addition to this, I have been to many districts in the Sana'a governorate. Indeed, I was filled with admiration of what I have seen so far of this country. I have also become familiar in dealing with the Yemeni society, its hospitality, bravery, kindheartedness and faithful desire of supporting the others. These characteristics are among the most respected in any nation in the whole world. Recently, I have seen what I wish not to see.

However, the only drawback I have seen is the wide spread of weapons in major cities, specifically in Sanaa. I was really terrified to see thousands of men carrying arms and walking around in the cities. I have felt that the Yemeni wisdom is stronger than the thoughts that weapons should be carried or used in cities by normal citizens. I am yet to know what the reason behind the carrying of all these weapons is.

Since my arrival to Yemen, I have seen great and promising developments on political, economic, social and cultural levels. The Yemeni Unity was the turning point for the Yemeni society towards a brighter future. Democracy has been adopted and the right of the freedom of the press has been secured for all the sectors of the community. This right has been given to the opposition parties and to the private associations to practice their rights in all fields and in all possible ways. The ruling party, represented by H.E. President, Ali Abdullah Saleh made great efforts in taking care of and pushing forward these democratic values. It opening the way for political movements to express all their views. The democratic process has been implemented in the 1997 parliamentary elections, and in the ensuing Presidential Elections scheduled to be on September 23.

I am optimistic about the future of Yemen because Yemeni people have patience and are capable of overcoming any obstacle ahead of them. I can clearly feel the ambitions of the Yemeni people for a better future. I am glad that the Republic of Yemen has chosen the right way to move into the future, and that is resembled in choosing democracy. Yemen has shown to the world that it is a wise country that is heading towards new developments in the next millennium.

In addition to this, the Yemeni government is seeking ways to administrate the country's resources in new ways. It also is working hard to preserve security for the sake of Yemeni people. It seems to be following a successful and peaceful policy which will consequently enable it to cope with the rest of the world in a better way.

A Distinguished Yemeni Singer, Hamoud Al-Jonaid

amoud Al-Jonaid was born in Ibb in 1956. In his yearly days, he was much attracted to the Yemeni classical music and latter on influenced by it. He enjoyed listening to the Great Yemeni singers like Al-Qotoby, Al-Aanisy, Assimah, Al-



Morshidy and Ahmad Fathy to know more about the features of the Yemeni music. In fact, it was this love for the Yemeni songs that molded his talent. His choice for the old Yemeni songs formed a source by which he has been aspired. The start was with the Oud till

> he become a professional. Besides this, Al-Jonaid is gifted with a sweet melodious voice. In the beginning of the 1980s, Al-Jonaid started singing in gatherings (magials), in the house of the late captain, Abdu Al-Rahman Al-Haidary. He used to sing the old Yemeni songs like "Bakhilt bilwasl a'nna" and "Yaaman alaik attwakul" . these two songs were later broadcasted from Holland Radio. This marked the beginning of Al-Jonaid's career as a professional singer, he traveled

a lot in the beginning of his career and had parties in many Arab countries like Saudi Arabia, Iraq and Syria. In 1996, he was invited to take part in Folkloric Musical Festival n Britain and achieved the third position. After this Al-Jonaid signed a contract with a company for musical productions o record a number of old Yemeni songs on CDs. As a result of this, Yemeni songs became accessible to their fans. The second international participation for the singer was also in Britain where he took part in the Yemeni Immigrants Festival and was given the title of "The Ambassador of the Yemeni Song." This year, Al-Jonaid also achieved a great success, not in Britain this time but in Italy in the Ravinna Festival. He, as usual appeared in the traditional Yemeni dress and initiated his program by a Sanaani song.

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THE GOVERNMENT'S DECISION OF DISARMAMENT IN THE CITIES

WISE, BUT DANGEROUS

mmediately after the Interior Minister banned the carrying of weapons, even for licensed carriers, the police and security officers were distributed all over the cities. You can see them everywhere. For the first few days, they were the Security Police officers (brown spotted yellow uniforms), then came the police to take over (black spotted blue uniforms.) Instead of seeing fewer weapons, we all witnessed an extremely high number of weapons in the hands and arms of these police officers everywhere. Security measures have increased everywhere, including western establishments, such as Pizza Hut, etc. The Ministry of Interior sent the policemen and security to the main streets to inspect cars and take weapons. There are some people who respond positively to this campaign by surrendering their weapons, while others refuse to give them. Last week, we witnessed the final days of the campaign, which has ended without any tangible results. The Ministry did many campaigns before, and they all ended uselessly. We are here to affirm that the failure of disarmament in our country is due to the fact

"Sometimes they did not even stop their cars for inspecting, which makes us shoot at their cars with our guns. What can we do? We have instructions to do so, when required."

that most tribes think that this process is against their traditions, and because the sources of these weapons are still open. Hence, a confiscated weapon is still available for smugglers, and importers. Yemen Times surveyed this issue and tried to get the views of both the inspectors and inspected to see the possible solution which could turn Yemen into a more "We face lots of problems, especially with the tribesmen who refuse to give up their rifles who consider their weapons as their honor, and no might on earth can take them away."

peaceful country.

In one of the inspection points, we asked one of the soldiers, Bandar Mohammed Doqaish on his view regarding this latest law and if what they are doing is worthwhile after all. He replied, "We are now carrying out the instructions of the Ministry of Interior, by inspecting people and their cars in the morning and evening. We confiscate weapons and give a receipt. Indeed, we face a lot problems during this campaign. Many people reject to give their weapons. Some will even prefer to die instead of giving their rifles. This is because some men, especially from tribal backgrounds know their weapons as their honor, and can not go around without it. Indeed, it is very difficult to find a solution for this issue.'

Haidar Al- Dubyani, a trader and among the ones inspected says, "I do think that carrying weapons in cities and even in rural areas is a dangerous problem for all.

The country should take it seriously and try to find a lasting solution. I think that this problem developed because of the

negligence of the government to secure the city. Also, because of the the inequality of implementing instructions, such as the one stated by the Ministry of Interior. They take the weapons from the weak, and don't even try to negotiate with the tribes about

confiscating their weapons. The country must use the media to illustrate to people the danger of this problem. Regarding the campaign of disarmament, it is a good step, provided that it is equally implemented on all, we want it to continue."

Ali Hassan Mohammed, who is another soldier working on implementing this latest instruction, says, " most people

think that we do not carry out our responsibility in confiscating weapons. Now I want to tell them that we face all sorts of dangers during this campaign. For example, yesterday one of our colleagues was stabbed with a 'Jambia' by one of the tribesmen, while he wanted to inspect the car. The soldiers could not capture them because there were no police cars in the crossroads. They only took the number of the car, and I don't think that the driver will ever be punished. If people help us do our job right, we will actually find a solution for this problem."

Fawaz Al- Ansi, a police officer says, "We try to find and eliminate weapons captured at the crossroads, etc. However, our job is not easy. We face lots of problems, especially with the tribesmen who refuse to give rifles thinking that these weapons are their honor, and no might on earth can take them away. Sometimes they did no

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not even stop their cars for inspecting, which makes us shoot at their cars with our guns. What can we do? We have instructions to do so when required. Regarding the decision of disarmament, it is a wise decision but still, we need more time to make people understand the noble mission we are doing. We also wish that this campaign will include the rural areas which are full of weapons."

5- Mohammed Al- Sharabi, a soldier said the following: "The only solution which will definitely help in solving this problem is to launch various campaigns against, not only who carry these weapons, but most importantly, against the ones who sell them, whether in the cities or in rural areas. The decision of the Ministry of Interior is not good enough. One should stop the problem from its roots and close down the sources of those weapons. On the other hand, up to now,

we still face many problems with people who refuse to give their guns."

6- Abdulilah Al- Jarmozi is a government employee who was passing by the check point to be inspected, he said, "The decision by itself is not sufficient. The right armed. Then. I looked at the inspecting soldiers to see what they will do. Guess what? They did not even dare of asking to inspect the car, simply because its owner is a high ranking official who sees himself above the law, and hence, cannot be







solution is to prevent the selling of guns in all places of the country. The country must put a limit on the weapon sellers who are the ones behind this mess. I would also

inspected. That is the reason that makes people feel that there is inequality, and these inspection missions are usually useless, time consuming, and most of the time stress on the fact that this decision is not causing harassment to the normal citizens.

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being implemented on all. It is implemented on the weak only. I will give an example here. I saw a car heading towards the airport full of soldiers who were all It will eventually fail just like the previous ones. Here we affirm that the disarmament is a good way, but it needs the work of all of us and needs to be implemented on all.

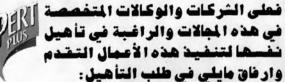


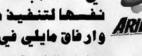


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When a Wedding Ceremony Turns Into a Military Confrontation

Yemen Times premises in Sanaa, near the Palestinian Embassy on Hadda Street, what was supposed to be a traditional wedding turned shot the gunfire then found no other table night. This is the sec way other than to get out of his hideout. The gunfire continued to be heard from many locations as far as Al-Safiya area more than 2 km away from the place of the incident.

ond time in a week that I could not sleep at night after the City Center explosion near by.

It is worth mentioning that a number of such incidents

took place in the capital city to a number of either rich businessmen or officials whose guards have weapons but do

not wear military uniforms. Another incident took place last Saturday noon when the police shot dead the son of the Head Chief of the Security Police because he refused to give up his weapon to the policemen who were only carrying out the clear instructions of the Ministry of Interior to prohibit the carrying of arms

After the many incidents that resulted from the strict measures by the police,

the Ministry seemed to have ordered the stopping of the campaign for the time being as if they wanted things to cool down

It is worth mentioning that this attempt to disarm the Yemeni public is the last of a serious of attempts which have failed all to reach their goal of abolishing the use of arms in Yemen's main cities. The reason, analysts say, are mainly three

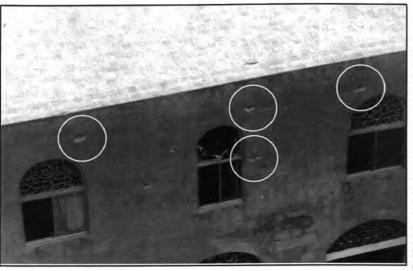


ically tribesmen, cannot afford giving away their weapons due to it being a shame in traditional reasons and giving it away means relinquishing their

2- Some see weapons as an essential security measure (when traveling long distances, for self defense from kidnappers, robbers, etc.) especially quate security to its citizens.

2- The sources of these weapons are still open. The weapon markets at Jihana, and other rural areas are not controlled or even monitored by the state. Hence the flow of weapons continues even though the available weapons are being taken away from their carriers.

Hence, unless these three causes are dealt with, the carrying of weapons will continue, and will continue to be impossible to control.



out to be a military storm.

It was around 12:30 am last Friday when one of the men in the wedding, perhaps forgetting about the last extremely harsh measures against the carrying and using of weapons, shot some gunfire to the air as usual in any wedding. However, this led to unexpected results, as immediately after hearing the gunfire, the police and the men started exchanging gunfire and shooting at each other until the police forces realized that they had to get assistance, so they asked for troops along with two tanks to get things done. After arriving to the location, one of the tanks, directly drove through the wall of the garden where the wedding was taking place, and immediately surrounded the house where the men stayed. The man who

Yemen Times guard explains, "We could not sleep that night because of the exchanged gunfire and shouting that gave us the impression as some kind of battle is going on outside. Although I couldn't dare to go the roof to find out what is going on, I yet saw the battle from the 2nd floor window. The number of troops was so high that I thought that some kind of murder or so could have taken place. Later on, I discovered that there were no victims. The owner of the house which was stormed along with the neighboring buildings called me to see the damage that was caused by the gunfire and tank





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They Say ... I Say!!



hey say that if you travel far from home, you will have no place to call home. I say that if you travel far, you have more than one place to call home.

I thought about this when I came a cross a letter I wrote to my family during my studies in the USA. It was the first letter I sent my family after arriving and enrolling at the university. For a long time, I have resisted reading all the letters because of the charged memories they carry; the first impressions, excitement and the longing for my family and friends.

The lines overflow with description of places I called my second home and people most dear to me. Should I resist the urging feeling to read my first letter aloud, to display its intimate contents to more than my eyes?? It begins:

"Dear family,

I'm safe and in awe...Somehow, I do feel the earth spinning around me literally, since it is for real that I'm at the other end of the world. It took only two days to get there but this time I didn't have to close my eyes to imagine it, I didn't even need Dorothy shoes to get that far. My feet have touched the other world, yet the spinning seems to continue and I have no sense of direction here. There is no Nogom Mountain to guide me to the east, no Zubairy Street to lead me to west. There is no Bab-Al-yemen to watch the chaotic crowed burst at the entrance of the gate. There are no bread selling women in the street, competing for buyers with their faces covered and bodies wrapped in carefully spilled colored fabric.

I still have the last moments with you within tears reach. Plenty of tears have crowded themselves on the windows of my eyes preventing me from seeing the last of your adorned faces saying goodbye. You were standing behind the glass door separating travelers from family and friends. I was at the other side watching your hands waving, not so cheerful goodbye. You were afraid of letting me go to the unknown and I was afraid that I was letting you stay with an empty room where you can no longer find me in.

Dear family,

I'm at the window seat (like I requested) thinking that I could make my goodbye more visible to you. I had only the little window to see more of you while you see less of me. The mounting excitement I felt in the way to the airport is now crumbling and I can only feel heaviness in my heart. This heaviness feels like an air balloon blown up with hollowness. You were still holding to the ropes; trying to keep it grounded, steady, oblivious to its growing shakiness as I suddenly let go of you with unsaid qualms.

Like a hot air balloon I sat in my seat ready for the explosion of tears. I wanted to cry loud and long, yet my voice failed me and only my tears came forward voiceless. The place is still on ground and I'm missing you already. A friendly security officer came to reassure me and I tried to force a smile to my disobeying lips.

Do I dare to close my eyes absorbing the tiny details of young sister's braids, older sister's black veils, and the searching eyes of dad .??

Do I dare not belong to the colored stone houses, dusty streets and the lively chaos of the city??

Do I dare to ignore the stubborn presence of the blue mountains, the embroided windows ;seeping warm colors, as the darkness bolts in the tiny blue door shops engulfed in mysterious dark and dim glitter of pear shaped lamps??

Do I dare not to smell the (Kisher) Yemeni coffee you put for me in my luggage mom?? Do I dare to forget your kiss and quivering lips as they were murmuring about the coffee and the taste of love and the yearning it was made with?? Do I dare to forget my promise to you to drink the coffee leaving nothing to the cup but its Dear family,

I'm at Frankfurt airport not knowing what to do next. I follow the line ahead of me and it leads me through customs and the boring paperwork procedures. I was standing in the line when it dawned to me that I'm standing at the beginning of the new world that I'm about to be in. No longer is the language familiar, nor the looks. Whiter, taller are the bodies.

Almost everyone has yellow hair (which later I accepted calling blond). The airport was crowded, but there seemed to be a code of silence around. Only facial expressions and lip movements could be seen as a clear sign of happening communication.

I had hours of waiting before the next flight takes off. This is my first journey alone and the first so far away with no fears or worries.

I was just overwhelmed by all the different nationalities around me in the airport. They were moving accordingly and I got so intrigued with all the emotions gushing all over the big hall. Crying couples, mother kissing children and open welcoming arms. There were lots of laughter and lots of hugging. Some were in a hurry dragging their suitcases behind them and some were sitting leisurely at a café drinking and reading. Dear family,

I found sleeping as the best solution to bear so long travel. I ate, read, watched movies, and talked to passengers around me, as well as myself. The passengers I talked to were getting as restless as I was. We found some distraction in telling each other about our lives, loved ones we left behind and our different destinations. More plane meals came in and I could no longer ear what looked like hospital meals with the tiny plates and sterilized taste.

No longer did the passengers kept their tidy looks. Hair was all over the small pillows, clothes were wrinkled and the eyes were reddish and tried.

I know that I'm going to the country in which Jackson and Madonna live. I believed that people would be dressing and dancing like them. I knew that I will be enrolled at a university which I knew nothing about, neither did I know about the state I will be in ,beyond its name. I knew that I had no idea where to go and how to get there and that all I had with me were the names of the hotel and the shuttle that will pick me up from the airport to the hotel.

I knew that I had no family or friends to welcome me in, and that I will have to seek friendship.

I loved the mystery behind knowing, all that which means- knowing nothing!

It is 10 PM Denver time and I'm making my arrival to the spacious, airport, the entrance to the "twilight zone", as it seemed to me. I let out a sigh of relief, as the fresh air was lulling my eyes to drowsiness."

Dear Family, I love you all,

You daughter and sister, Salwa..'

Water Supply & Sanitation Sector Reform

Human Resource Development (HRD) Training Program & Workshop No. (9), 28-31 August 1999

By: Ismail Al-Ghabiri, Economic Editor, **Yemen Times**

ng. Anwer Sahooly, Chairman of the Technical ✓ Reform stated the following:

"A four days training plus workshop program, organized by the Technical Secretariat, was successfully concluded at Hilltown Hotel last Tuesday 31st, August 1999. The Training program, organized for top officials of NWSA branches all over Yemen, combined two main topics (modules). The first one presented the real meaning of the sector reform (Cabinet resolution No. 237, 1997) to create a realistic expectation and the right perception for the participants about the meaning and impacts of decentralization and autonomy on the branches. The program emphasized the survival kit to deal effectively with this change, (e. g. Shifting from rigid bureaucratic attitude and behavior into commercial and entrepreneurial one, delegation and creative thinking).

The second one introduced the meaning of organizational change and the forces, which lead to that (political, technical, economical and social). The participants were provided with step-by-step procedures to implement and manage the change, as they will assume the role of change agent in their branches.



They were thought how to analyze the strengths and weaknesses of their branches and how to utilize the strong points and come up with creative solution for the

To keep them in the real world, all the expected sources for resistance to change as well as differ-

ent reasons for resistance were discussed and analyzed. The participants are now equipped with some effective techniques of how to handle resistance. All the concepts and the ideas were introduced through behavioral exercises and role playing to achieve both the knowledge purpose and attitude change.

The training program marked the end of phase II and the start of phase III of the HRD project.

Following the training program, workshop No. 9 was held on 31st, August 1999, with the objective of presentation of "Organization and Training Guidelines for Water Enterprises", explained the set up of the guidelines, clarified how they are to be used indicating the need for future decentralized action and introducing priority training program.'

About the importance of this training course for the people of NWSA, Mr. Jack van Hoorn, Team Leader/ Fin. Management Expert,

said, " Tow of the main features of the Cabinet Resolution (No. 237) of 1999 are the decentralization of t he management of water supply and sanitation to the NWSA branches and increasing the efficiency in service delivery to the customers. In order to prepare the branches for their new role in a decentralized set up, an extensive training program is needed. As one of the components of the water and sanitation sector reform strategy, financed by t he German GTZ, DHV Consultants/ ARCADIS Euroconsult is involved in the National Human Resources Development Project; one of the objectives of this program is the specification of training modules, including a priority training program and training materials for this priority training program. This last training course, organized by the Technical Secretariat for Water Supply and Sanitation Sector Reform and the Dutch financed 'Institutional Strengthening of Five NWSA Branches Project', executed by DHV Consultants/ ARCADIS Euroconsult, introduced the first training modules developed by the Human Resources Development Project. This first training course was targeted at the management of the five branches, supported by the ISFNB project."

Training and workshop topics were presented by: Eng. Anwer Sahooly: Chairman of the Technical Secretariat for Water Supply & Sanitation Sector Reform.

- Dr. Medhat Ragheb, Senior HRD & Organization Expert, Team International.

- Eng. R. Trietch, HRD II Consultant.

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Why I Chose Yemen vs America: A True Story



By: ALI MUHAMED AL-**HAMZI-EZZANI**

he following is a biographical two-part series on I, A Yemeni raised in America since the tender age of one and and a half years, as well as my experiences and beliefs. My experiences there were both "as sweet as honey" and "as hard as a rock". I would like to start by saying, although I am a harsh critic of America, I am in no way generalizing every aspect of America, nor its common people. I specifically point out the wrongdoers and in no way implying the innocent have a contributing hand in any of the problems. I can never deny the fact that those good American friends of mine who were my comrades growing up and in college weren't genuine. To show the good America has to offer, I am thankful to have received a four year degree in Industrial Organizational Psychology and Health Science from a prominent United States University, all while being one of the premier government leaders and activists in the country. Now, I will begin.

Ever since I have been here in Yemen a number of commonly asked questions have constantly arisen, and they are the follow-

1) Where are you from ?

2) Why are you here?

3) America is better than Yemen so, why don't you go back? The questions are endless so, I decided to finally set the record straight and ice the burning desire of my critics and write this

First of all, I am a Hashemite Yemeni from the village of Ezzan, in the Rada'a province so, rightfully so, the question should be "why shouldn't I be here?" I mean after all this is my country and I have every God-given right to be here. Uncontrollably and against my will, with good intentions of course from my parents, I was brought to the United States in 1974 when I was a year and a half. So, technically, I am an American; Right? Wrong! In America's eyes I will always be a "sand nigger" or "backwards Arab", no matter what prefixes my name, what follows my name or whatever title I might have; whether it be Doctor, Attorney at Law or even President (which I am ineligible for anyway). So. this is the first reason why I have chosen Yemen over America. The second reason why I chose Yemen over America is, the peace of mind that comes with living among my people and in my beautiful country. The Yemeni people are among the most kind-hearted and hospitable people in the world and I've been among all nationalities everywhere so, I have all the right to judge. I feel as if every male is my father, brother or son and every female is my mother, sister or daughter. As far as the land is concerned, the last prophet of Allah-The Prophet Muhammad (S.A.A.S.) blessed Yemen not once, but twice. So, no matter what any oppressive or colonial figures try to do, whether internal or external, Yemen will always be prosperous in its abstract and material possessions, even though they aren't distributed properly. Interestingly, and without any hesitation I can also say that there is proof in the blessing of the prophet by recognizing that Yemen is the only place I know in the world where fruits can be grown and not spoil for up to six months after they reach the marketplace, this is especially evident in the Wadi Dhahr area of

The third reason why I chose Yemen was to increase my spirituality in every aspect. The spiritual fever can do nothing but embrace you and it has. So, the Adhan (call to prayer), praying on time and seeking knowledge with some of the most renound Islamic scholars in the world is a serious reason why I came

The Islamic religion also states that one does not become complete until they find their other half and people are always perplexed that I came back to Yemen to find my other half and not in America. Although my response bears nothing on the fact that many American women are constantly trying to make the Yemeni or Muslim woman feel that she has to compromise her honor in order to make her feel that she is a "real woman" and not carrying the turmoil they are causing among the Yemeni family furthermore, trying to impose their racist movement on Yemeni and Muslim women (a European based movement that started because European woman who were trying to gain equality from their European male counterparts) and allowing them in now, where as before they were not allowed to join. No, my response has nothing to do with that. My response gives these racist feminist a dose of their own medicine, that they manifested and that is; I want to marry a principled feminine woman, not a cloned

My final reason why I chose Yemen is re-adjust the colonialist mindset engrained in my people that has caused an inferiority complex among them, resulting in the mistreatment of themselves and the undeserving praise of others, especially westerners. This in return fires back at innocent Europeans that receive mistreatment from some ignorant Yemenis as a result of the malicious zionist controlled campaign through the Arab, as well as European media. Ironically, other immigrants, mainly Somalis and Iragis, who are still suffering at the bloody hands of the same oppressors have contributed to the Yemeni oppression by allowing themselves to be spindoctored into believing that there is one more group below you in our international caste system-The Yemeni's. This is really sad because we, oppressed people, should work together to alleviate oppression, not promote oppression. This is all wrong! We should all strive for equality among all humans and correct inequality whenever it is seen, because all of us are equal in the eyes of the creator. Nevertheless, I must and will disprove this inferiority mindset. Tune in next week to see.

To be continued...

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The Loss of Three **Giant Abdullahs**

ithin the space of a week. Yemen lost three giants, who have completed their destinies and left a void that, is not easily refillable at this time. Paradoxically, all three were carrying the name Abdullah: Abdullah Sa'ad, Abdullah Al-Omeri and Abdullah Al-Baradouni. All three were unrelated, in blood, profession or cause of death. In at least two of the cases their death is still a mystery to some, with one being somewhat bizarre and obviously premeditated. The country could not have a loss as great as this, especially at this time when their respective fields, would not show that a replacement is readily available. All the three Abdullahs had been pioneers in their fields, political, economic and cultural. All three men, will undoubtedly, leave a lasting mark in their fields, even after their untimely death, but more important, they will leave a scar in the hearts of the many that dealt with them and knew them well. Their achievements were the source of recognition, not only nationally but also regionally and internationally as well. On the other hand, these men were the product of a different world or rather three different worlds - that produce the kind of caliber that prides on taking the initiative and sticking to those initiatives that will have a marked popular appeal - a rare phenomenon these days. In the three cases the challenges that were before

led them to where they got to be. Such a drive is also rare these days, because the challenges have become so great and so difficult to overcome that most people would not find the energy, or the recognition that would be deserved. In fact in most of the three cases, the challenges have become instituted in the society, because the leading institution in the society takes no pride in recognizing initiative and work that is good for the people. Moreover, people these days are bogged down in an endless struggle for sustenance and access to the minimal public services, which this leading institution - Government - is enable to provide efficiently and equitably. Moreover, initiative entails a certain degree of freedom, to enable the mind to float in the endless expanse of free thought and creativity, that produce the kind of caliber these three men, each in their respective fields could tread on to become - to a certain extent - masters of their own destinies. These days the criteria of success and achievement have become subject to illogical criteria and are gauged by standards that more or less fall under the illogical and incomprehensible. Popular appeal has no bearing on these criteria and standards, and men (and women) become marked only by their service to a system of rule that caters only to the interests of a few, who have found easy grounds to establish those interests as the only meaningful thing



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by who, ignorantly, claim to be somewhere between humanity and the Divinity - God forbid. This kind of a society is unkind to achievement and success that matters most to the people at large, although it will surely not forget that when fate has taken its course and decides that even the greatest of men will find that their end is also a matter of time! It is when that end comes that at last, men will succumb to the question: just what did I leave behind; it is a question that will also be asked by the Lord, Al-Mighty! How many palaces and bank accounts did you leave behind to have people look at and then curse the very grounds you once walked upon? Where did you get all that real estate here and there and in the vacation resorts throughout the world, as you and your colleagues chewed up all the resources of the people that God has entrusted you with? These are questions, in the three cases, which will not be of great worry to the three Abdullahs. If one of them happened to be wealthy, it was not because of any evil plunder or illicit deeds. No! This wealth that he may have come under was the product of an enterprising spirit that God accepts, encourages and rewards!

Let us now look at just how these three Abdullahs will have the right to place lasting impressions on our hearts, and will cause us to wonder, where is the replacement to come from in such an evil and mind stalling environment that we now live in? The order presented below does not signify any preference of one to the other, because the three men did not compete in the same field. It is a random placement, with equal respect dutifully meted to all three accordingly.

Abdullah Al-Baradouni: It never ceases to amaze me how God, Al-Mighty surely compensates men for any handicap that men may be afflicted with, either from birth or by an ailment that strikes one, as life, with its unexpected, creep up to strike and take whatever it can from you, reducing your natural capacity, to bring upon one a challenge that is indeed awesome and bewildering. Our first Abdullah was afflicted with blindness at a very early stage in life that has passed the infancy stage, but not reached any significant stages where the mind can recall the details of life. At best, the only thing that may register in the minds of such an early affliction of blindness may be color. Yet, Mr. Al-Baradouni, went on to produce a mind that registered a great expanse of scholasticism: literature, both poetic and narrative; history, with his own anecdotes and viewpoints that may not agree with the thinking of many, but nevertheless were recognizable observations with a great respect for the human side of the lives of those who preceded us; and current events, not so the sensationalism that journalists would like to create, to reach front page, but really observations that involve highly critical judgements upon those who have taken on the helms of power and decided to put themselves above all those they profess to govern. He was a highly outspoken opponent of oppression, in both its royalist and republican manifestations. In fact he was later to give justice to the royalist past in Yemen, as he chronicled his life of intellectual development amidst a world of poverty and poor access to the tools for learning, by noting the good sides of that dark past and the many light moments that even such dark ages produced. Al least, he noted there was some respect for human decency and integrity. As for the present, this writer recalls an article in one of the official papers, in which he called the status quo as being the most "corrupt system that has ever existed in man's history!" Of course he was careful to note that this was the observation of a French visitor! On the other hand this writer recalls the man's great honesty and humility. His mark in literature is rarely challenged, but when, in one interview, he was asked about what another great literary genius of Yemen, Mr. Ahmed Al-Shami had said about him, criticizing Mr. Baradouni's poetic structuring, etc., Mr. Baradouni just responded, that Mr. Al-Shami's criticism are justified and well in order, in view of Mr. Al-Shami's great grasp of the world of letters and poet-

ry. These are truly the signs of greatness that never leave the heart. Abdullah Abdullah Al-Omeri: Omeri hails from a mercantile family that has made its head start, not in Yemen but as an emigrant family in Africa. Coming back in the Seventies, the family embarked on a poultry project, that was the first in Yemen and moreover introduced an enterprise that was not just good for its owners, but went on to open up an economic occupation that provided a vital nutritional input to the society and produce a livelihood for thousands of people to live on. Abdullah Omeri, even with the presence of his father was an important factor in getting the business going. He arranged the financing, then provided by Citibank (which then had an active branch in Yemen), which was basically a US\$ 500,000 Term Loan. Mr. Abdurrahman El-Moassib arranged the financial package for them in Citibank (He was then AssiManager, along with this observer

who, with the former, shared all the Credit Portfolios of the Bank then). The rest was history for the Omeri Poultry Farm, which remained as the number one producer of high quality poultry for some time to come. Most important about Mr. Omeri, was not so much his business acumen, but personal character and high standards of manners and politeness. The method of his untimely death at the City Center will remain a puzzle that shall become the subject of another

Common Sense discussion to come. Mr. Abdullah Sa'ad Mohammed: Mr. Sa'ad came to prominence, as many of his fellow journalists of this decade, during the Transitionally Period after unification, just when freedom of the press let loose a number of pens that have been clamped down for some decades. Mr. Sa'ad was an outspoken critic of political oppression and never failed to attract the reader to his open and frank discussion of the deplorable state of affairs we have become subjected to. His death also still raises many questions about why this inescapable moment just had to come when he was needed the most. It was hoped that he would be able to return to Al-Wahdah Newspaper the open forum it used to be, which was the base from which many an outspoken journalist, whose fields have now taken them to leadership status in the trade (including this writer), thanks to the environment created by the its first Editor - In - Chief, Mr. Ahmed Al-Hubeishy, who unfortunately, for him and for us, got tied on the loosing side in the last Civil War. The kind of journalists, of Mr. Sa'ad's caliber, is slowly being eradicated as the greats like Abdulhabib Salim Muqbil, Omar Al-Jawi and Abdulaziz Al-Saqqaf have left us, and their replacements have yet to appear, if they exist at all!



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Dear Editor.

The problem that we face in Hajja is that we can not read the newspaper one Monday or Tuesday, sometimes it comes on Friday, and other times it does not arrive at all. We love Yemen Times so much. So please try to do something to solve this problem.

Thanks for your cooperation. The high institute for teachers training.

Amen Ali Al-Hajjajy Hajja

Dear Amen.

Yemen Times is expanding and increasing the numbers distributed to towns and cities other than Sana'a. We have been receiving complaints from other towns as well. We are paying attention to the whole country. We are working on it, but it needs time. I hope you understand.

The Editor

Supermarket of Yesterday and Dust of Today

It is surely disappointing to hear of the disturbing news about the tragic incidents happening which directly negatively affect the country and its people. These incidents have its toll on the poor citizen, who is struggling to live in a harsh economy. The latest "City Center" explosion, which is a muchspeculated incident, is said to have happened, due to criminal intention. How on earth can an incident with criminal intentions cause such disastrous results and lead to the killing of

innocent people, and the destruction of their property?

What is happening today is truly a reason to compare the past of Yemen with its future. These incidents are truly reflecting that we are living in an era where the hopes of many generations are being destroyed, and where the rosy future is being demolished before it even starts. Are the incidents happening today causing a temporary effect on our lives, or will it have a

long reaching effect on our future? We can truly suggest that what will happen from now on, will be an obstacle towards improvement. We are yet wondering who is responsible for all these horrible incidents? How can we stop them from continuing to cause more harm to the already devastated citizen and to the country? These are important questions that need to be answered before it is too late.

Najma Ali

First, our Halawa

It is no doubt that if we shelter or keep silent about wrong deeds which are practiced among our society and are detrimental to the whole nation, it means that we are encouraging corruption and we are all corrupt people. Concerning these few lines above as a preface in my letter. I am writing you this following these latest events.

It was on Monday 23rd of August 1999 when I was at the corridors of the First Instance Court of Mukalla. I saw in front of my own eyes, a briber and a bribe. Open and without shame of the people, they gathered there outside the closed door of the courtroom. A soldier in his formal uniform stood arranging admittance for the people to see the judge, by turns. At the same time and place, there was another soldier in plain clothes whose work was to receive the bribes from the people who were in a hurry to see the judge. Though there was a list involved, those who were requested by the judge for that day, through the soldiers, could delay and advance as the wish. When I asked the soldier what he was doing, he claimed that the money he collected from the people was not for him alone. It would be divided after them between him, the other soldier and the clerk of the court, who stayed near the judge writing the verdicts of the cases. During the day I was following a case concerning a plot of land which was taken by another man illegally. I was required by the judge to show up at the session for the last judgement in my case. But my name was not on the list and the soldiers did not let me go in. They asked for money. I complained to them that I had no money and promised to bring them money the next day.

So one of them told me to write my name on a small paper and took it to the clerk of the court who told him to tell me, to come next week and that I must bring their Halawa(bribe) with me. I then agreed and left the court back to my house. Now the matter is,

how is life going with us? What kind of life are we facing in our country? Everything is done by bribery to our officials, even the doorkeeper, at any government department wants money to let us go in.

We are poor and jobless. Our future seems to be more darkening. There is no light for us. Shall we hang any hopes on our forthcoming presidential elections? We are aware that our present president will win the contest and he will do good for his people. He must change the old ways to a new and prosperous means of life for the nation of Yemen.

Abdul Majid Ahmed. Mukalla.

It wasn't by chance!

Through our experience in life we have learned that the first step of every project is the hardest one. It should be stable and fulfilled with real intention, motivations and a strong

desire to move the project forward. In other words, anything to be achieved in life must have good and reliable people with bright minds, because stupid people can do nothing nowadays.

Yemen Times is a good example to clarify my idea. This newspaper began as a simple idea in the mind of its founder, may God be merciful with him, who worked very hard for our society and nation. Then with brave decisions and strong desire it began to have its simple office with only two computers, which was the hardest step. Then it developed and grew slowly and gradually in stable steps, as a lovely girl, till it got its own admirable position over the local and the international newspapers. It has its three floor building on the best street in Sana'a with a very successful staff. But that is not all. I am sure that the paper is still growing and blossoming

So, that was not attained by chance. No, it was a matter of hard work and a matter of persistence. I have heard Mr. Walid Al-Saqqaf saying, "It will be a bi-weekly news paper and then a daily, we will never rest." So, this is the reason behind its existence.

We will all work very hard to keep its face shining forever because it is part of our life. We will never let her go and we will never stop loving her.

Fuad Al-Sabri

Private Universities from an

acceptable idea to a heavy burden. Private universities began to open in Yemen about six years ago. Nobody can deny that they helped our society very much in different fields of study, especially the fields that are not available in the government universities. The problem now is that we, who graduated from private universities, are not allowed to get jobs in the gov-

ernmental sectors. Our files are not

accepted in the Civil Service Office. It

is said, in general, they do not to

accept us. Why?

tions asked by many people. Why did the government allow the private universities to open? Why did it let the students join them? How many times have we heard the president and the Ministry of Education saying that private universities were good because they lessen the burden on the public

I need clear answers to many ques-

So, who made the generalization? What is our fault? We want to know answers to those questions. We are calling our officials who make crazy decisions to carry the consequences for help. We are advising them to feed the hungry, to cloth the naked, to guide the blind and to give the poor, before it is too late. They may forget that everybody's life is too short according to their dreams.

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As Yemeni Shores Inhabitants Continue to Destroy Natura

Stop Killing Our Sea Turt

Abulfutuh **Director of Environment** Protection

ere we talk about the way inhabitants off the shores in Yemen deal with natural resources. It is said that they treat them according to the international customs and conventions, including, distributing water equally among the inhabitants of the district where natural resources exist.

To make it clear, for example, some



inhabitants are not hunted unless they reach a specific age, the females are prohibited to hunt. Trees are also taken care of until they grow again. However, what happens in reality is

actually something else for those inhabitants that do not even give such conventions the slightest attention. As a result, we are losing our natural resources greatly.

Regarding the inhabitants of the shores, we find that they do not adhere to hunting and non-hunting seasons and even if they adhere to these rules and conventions in their districts, they go somewhere else to break these rules and hunt. Ultimately, they come to complain of the scarcity of fish in these districts.

What we have observed recently, I could not believe. However, in our visit to Hadramout, especially Dabiah

District, we were amazed to see two big turtles killed even before they laid eggs. It is worth mentioning, that one of them is about 130m in height and 3\4m in width. Its age is around 50-80 years. The second one is smaller. That sight was horrible! It is actually a heinous crime. It was hard to describe the situation of killing such an animal, because this animal starts shedding tears if it is caught by anyone. However, it seems that there is no mercy in these people's hearts. On another hand, it is clear that the people in charge do not move a finger to put an end

to such criminal acts, despite the fact that the Council of the Hadramout governorate has declared Ra'as Sharmah a wild sanctuary district, for turtles which come to Yemen in July and August to lay eggs in different periods.

Such a district could be better used as a tourist site, which will entail a lot of financial gains for the inhabitants of these districts, as well as the governorate of Hadramout.

The point is that people are not aware of the importance of these turtles and the significance of protecting and keeping them alive, so that they will not become extinct. So the people in charge, as well as the media, should play an important role in raising the people's awareness to the great dangers of killing these creatures in this random way.

Turtles are animals that are now threatened with extinction because lots have been killed. Generally speaking, turtles go far away from their food places for the sake of laying eggs. It is worth mentioning that the green turtles fed at Khoor Ameera on the West Aden Gulf. They lay eggs on the East Aden Gulf, especially Sharmah Coast, in the Hadramout governorate, which is considered to be the most important site of laying eggs for green turtles. Kinds of Natural Sanctuaries

Ten kinds of coastal sanctuaries were introduced in a study made by Kellcher, 1982. He discussed in his

research the objectives of its administration, as well as how to carry out and organize this. They are divided as fol-

Sanctuaries

1-a)The scientific sanctuary b)The natural prohibited sanctuary

c) marine prohibited sanctuary.

d)A sanctuary for protecting nature, the sanctuary of the wild life, and the sanctuary of the sea life.

Clubs and Attractions

2- a) social club

b) social marine club.

c)- A natural public possession district,

and a natural monument. 3- The land natural views, the sea and culture views.

Political Aspects

4-a) The protecting of the natural

b) Anthropology.

c) The administration of a district that is used for different things.

d) The special care of the vital ocean (Beiosfeer).

e) The international heritage.

Each one of these has certain features and characteristics. Sometimes we could even mix some of these natural sanctuaries for the sake of the Sogatra Island, as well as the whole of Al-Arkhabeel is deemed as the vital

ocean sanctuary. Also, there is a district that is used for different things, one is a natural sanctuary and another one is protected for the sake of scientific purposes. In order to specify the kind of the sanctuary, we have to base ourselves upon the general standards stated by IUCN. We have also to take the site's local features in consideration, the natural, as well as the human.

The People's Participation:

To specify the kind of the natural sanctuary needed, a precise evaluation of the environmental standards and inhabitants' response to abide by the rules and regulations is needed. The relations between natural sanctuaries and local societies are very complex and changeable. It is very important, then, that inhabitants will not feel that the sanctuary area will create obstacles and restrict their abilities to earn a

standing of these societies and their features is very decisive and is very essential before declaring the area a natural sanctuary.

Finally, we request the following: 1- Stating that the government protect

all the turtles in Yemen. 2- Protecting the main places where

turtles lay eggs on sea shores. 3- Protecting the main places for the

food of turtles. 4- Prohibiting the killing, selling and

exporting of turtles. 5- Taking care of the places where

they feed and lay eggs.

6- Establishing centers for scientific research and keeping turtles under observation in the Red Sea, Aden Gulf, Sogatra island, as well as the



Arabian Sea.

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For Those interested in the Cement industryand contracting activities

In order to go on improving execution and quality, the administration of the factory has done its best to make cement available in the marketplace. the sulphate resisting cement is our new product in the world of construction and with international standard as it is clear in the quality certificate enclosed hereby. We are always here to meet your requests and our slogan is "Quality is our aim and satisfying the customer is our purpose."

PRODUCT CERTIFICATE

1. Date: 03/05/1999								ريخ، 1999/05/03	- التا		
Producer: ALBARH Cement Factory, Yemen Cement Type: Sulphate resisting			2- الجهة المنتجة للإسمنت: مصنع البرح/ الجمهورية اليمنية								
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PRODUCT CERTIFICATE

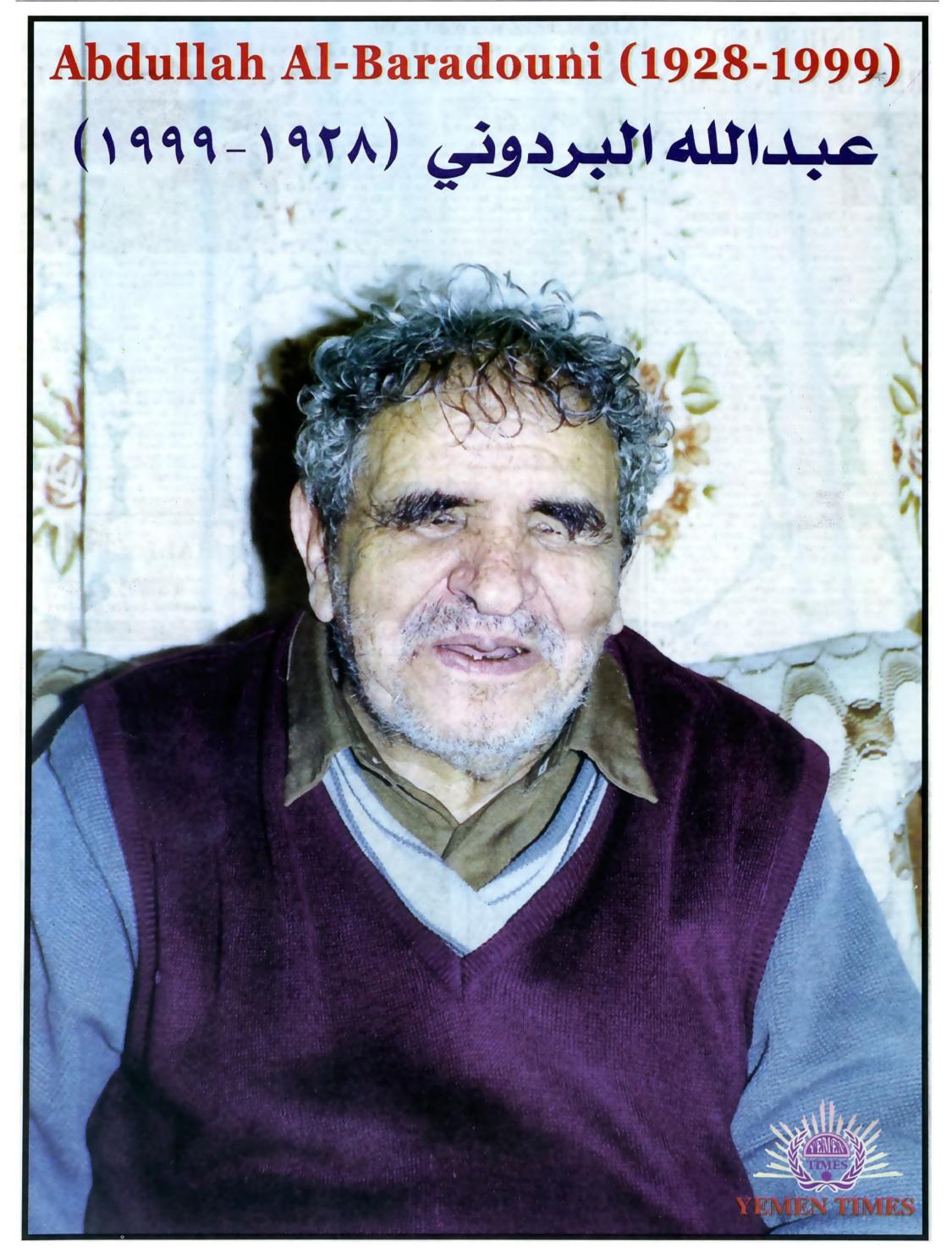
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ITEM	UNIT	ASTM C150 Requirements	Product test result
Loss of ignition	%	Max. 3.0	0.92
Insoluble	%	Max. 0.75	0.47
MgO	%	MAX. 6.0	2.83
SO3	%	Max. 2.3	2.02
C3A	%	Max. 5	3.2
2C3A+C4AF	%	MAX. 25	19.5

2- Physical propertis:

ITEM Specific sur. Area (blaine)		UNIT	ASTM C150 REQUIREMENTS	PRODUCT TEST RESULT
		Cm2/g	>2800	2960
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	Final time	Minuts	<600	362
Tensile strength	3 Days	MPa		2.6
	7 Days	MPa	>1.7	3.0
	28 Days	MPa	>2.2	3.7
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TIMES

UNHCR AND REFUGEES IN YEMEN



(Part 1) UNHCR Mandate / Refugee Convention, Protocol and its Implementation

In 1980 Yemen became a party to both the 1951 Convention and to the 1967 Protocol relating to the status of refugees. UNHCR first established a presence in Yemen in 1987 to monitor and promote the implementation of these international instruments in Yemen, particularly in regards to refugees who originate mostly from neighboring countries. Since then, it has maintained in Yemen, a Branch Office located in Sana'a and a Sub Office in Aden.

Under the above mentioned international agreements signed by Yemen in 1980, UNHCR in Yemen has since 1987 been discharging the following responsibilities:

(a) Monitor and report to the international community the extent to which Yemeni authorities fulfill their obligations under the above Convention and Protocol.

(b) Assist the Government to extend effective protection to recognized refugees. According to Article 31 of the Convention, this means assisting Yemen to maintain an open-door policy towards asylum seekers and to consider their asylum request appropriately.

(c) Cooperate with or assist the Government to provide minimum material assistance to refugees so that they can meet their basic needs in Yemen.

(d) Coordinate with the Government to facilitate the achievement of Durable Solutions for the refugees through:

(i) Voluntary repatriation.

(ii) Self-sufficiency of local integra-

(iii) Resettlement when such opportunities are available from the host countries.

Yemen is one of the few Arab countries which signed such a humanitarian Convention and protocol and it has been hosting refugees/asylum seekers on humanitarian basis despite the economic difficulties it is facing. Such humanitarian actions are highly appreciated by UNHCR. At present, the Government of Yemen practices an open-door policy towards refugees through the following procedures:

Prima-facie recognition of all Somali asylum seekers.

Somali asylum seekers.

(ii) Individual refugee status deter-

 (ii) Individual refugee status determination of all asylum seekers from countries other than Somalia

(iii) Refugees sur place' (on the spot) as agreed between UNHCR and Government. These cases relate mostly to specific individual cases who approach UNHCR on their own.

In November 1995 the Cabinet des ignated a National Refugee Committee comprised of representatives of various Government agencies and to the earlier establishment of a Department of Refugees in the Immigration Department to liaise with UNHCR in the implementation of its protection and assistance pro grammes. UNHCR Yemen is now able to keep constant contact at Sana'a level with Government agencies which deal with refugee issues mainly Africa Bureau at Ministry of Foreign Affairs which is the counterof UNHCR Yemen Government representatives have also been appointed by the Governors in the Southern governorates to ensure effective collaboration and cooperation at Aden, Lahi and Abyan.

To ensure that there is a common appreciation of the refugee situation in Yemen, UNHCR organizes regular missions with Government representatives to various parts of the country to jointly monitor the situation in the principal refugee entry points i.e. Mokha, Ahwar, Mayfa, and Mukala, and also ascertain when and how many refugees enter the country. In this regard, UNHCR has also offered to or in some cases assisted the Government to organize structures for receiving and transporting refugees to a temporary facility in Al-Gahin camp administered by UNHCR and its partners. To ensure that refugees are properly

identified from illegal immigrants and effectively protected and assisted, UNHCR embarked on a countrywide registration exercise which is carried out on regular basis in collaboration with the Yemeni authorities. Nowadays a joint UNHCR/Government Team is renewing/screening refugees all over Yemen, UNHCR will register and document all refugees who

wished to obtain the joint protection of UNHCR and Government. All data on refugees has been computerized and the last registration

(i) 62,000 Somalis in urban areas (ii)15,000 Somalis in Al-Gahin camp

records show around :-

(iii)3,000 different nationalities The registration process is still in progress and it is expected to be concluded mid of November 1999. A Fire at the tobacco plant in Taiz

How A small Ignition Could Cause A HORRIBLE CATASTROPHE

Imad Al-Saqqaf Farouq Al-Kamali Yemen Times, Taiz

In May and July of this year, many fires in the city of Taiz took place. One of these fires devoured Osama stationery in the city. The other was in a grocery in AL-Salkhana, and there were so many other fires caused by an electrical wire short circuit. As Yemen Times Taiz Bureau Chief Editor, I had dealt with this matter in a previous issue of Yemen Times explaining that the infrastructure of our electricity structure in Taiz as too weak and need to be reorganized and restructured. I talked about the reasons behind these fires and the negligence of the Electricity

Administration Corporation in Taiz. On Tuesday morning, August 31, 99 marked yet another evidence of this need. While I was in a mission to sign some contracts with the Rothmans Cigarette Factory administration, specifically with the Manager of the United Company for Industries, Mr. Mohammed Abdulwadood Tarish, the fire broke out in the Factory. This fire started with an electrical short circuit in the room next to the GM's office and ended in a horrible catastrophe & big costs.

The sources say that the reason of this fire was the friction that took place

between two loose unshielded electrical wires. The fire began in the staff room and then spread with the help of the air that came out of the fan into the wooden ceiling. The workers tried to extinguish the fire but

employees are about 250". He also added, "we are not the only losers, but there are the injured, and the workers families who will suffer a lot because of the catastrophe. But the biggest loser is the Government, which receives about YR400,000,000 as taxes on a monthly basis."

As we asked him if an explosion caused the incidence, he said "I have just received a telephone call from Mr. Abdulaziz Abdulghani, the Chairman of the Consultative Council, questioning about this allegation, but they are not true. Unfortunately, it was because



strength is much beyond any such possibilities. It only means that the group will need extra money and time to re-build the factory, which will take at least a year.

However, there is yet good news about this incident. The factory was insured and will receive full compensation for the loss in money, time, and even salaries of the workers will be paid by the insuring company. "We are yet lucky that we made our precautions and insured our company in all aspects" Mentioned Abdulwas'i Hayel Saeed, one of the Groups prominent members.

It is quite sad for such a group with excellent reputation to have such a loss. It is well known that the group founded charitable projects, schools, mosques and hospitals. No one in the whole country wants such a group to lose anything because of their good deed s and charitable hands to all Yemenis. This Group is the most generous Group, which supports the needy in the Yemeni society. This incident will never alter the stature of the group's founder, Hayel Saeed Ana'am will stay alive in the hearts of the Millions who are benefiting from him till today.



and maintaining the electricity network in the factory." We asked him if the costs would stop at this level, he responded "of course not! There are hundreds of workers and employees who found themselves without work in minutes."

The most dangerous problem here is that if we don't act fast and import Rothmans branded cigarettes, the Yemeni market will be full of smuggled Rothmans products. Without doubt, this will add another problem to our economy.

The member of Hayel Saeed Group stated that he and others think that the loss is very big for the Hayel Group. However, he also indicated that this does not mean that the activities of the other factories would need to stop. The group's High American Languages Ins **HALI**

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they could not. Mr. Mohammed Tarish, rushed quickly to the gate to inform the security. As he returned back, he found his office eaten by the fire. The fire then, spread into the stores, which are full of tobacco, boxes and aches.

The workers escaped out of the factory as soon as they saw fire eating away everything, even the machines in the stores. The smoke poisoned some of the workers and some were slightly injured. Extensive call were made to the airport firemen to extinguish the fire. The firemen did not take this seriously, and they arrived late to the destination. As soon as they arrived, they hopelessly tried to put out the angry flames. However, it was tool little and too late. The firemen interestingly alleged that they did not receive official instructions, and without the instructions they cannot do anything.

The fire has began at eleven O'clock in the morning and ended at Seven O'clock in the evening. The firemen came very late with the presence of the policemen, governor, Hail Saeed Members Group and the workers at the factory.

Yemen Times was the first newspaper that arrived to the burning site. There we met with the Staff Security of Taiz and a number of Hayel Saeed Group members. They all pointed out that an electricity fault and not an explosion caused the fire. They partially blamed the administration for its negligence.

They all were bemoaned about the factory, which has turned into ashes. The workers and the employees found their future burnt with the factory. Mr. Mohmmed Tarish, the manager of the United Company and Rothmans Factory was very astonished for what was happening. He still could not recover from the shock. It was really a catastrophe. The factory, which was founded and established by Mr. Tarish, turns to be a pile of ashes in no time.

Yemen Times was presented in the incidence place. We stayed there about eight hours. We have taken a number of photographs and met with policemen and Hayel Saeed Group members. Later in the day, we met with a member of Hayel Saeed Group, who indicated that the cost of the loss is approximately USD 25,000,000. He said: "the total costs of the factory are approximately \$25,000,000. The workers and the

Lucky Winners of the Issue (34) Competition First Prize (YR 5000)

Najeeb Yousof Mayhoob Sultan, Sanaa Second Prize (YR 3000)

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Congratulations to all winners

To receive their prizes, winners should come with their IDs to the Yemen Times Sanaa Office, near the Palestinian Embassy, Hadda Street. Tel. 268661. No prizes will be given to winners who do not come within one month from the day of announcing their







Crossword Puzzle

A is a small red fruit.

When somebody talks to met. I try to hear what he is saying to me. I take off my dirty clothes and put them in the laundry A is a seed to carry thing.

shade to carry things.

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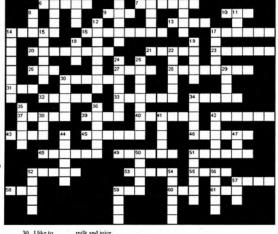
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2. There is a | on top of our house. It keeps the rain and snow out.

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Answer next week.

If you have updates or additions to this list, please call Anwar Al-Sayyadi at Tel: 268661



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Internet for the Beginner

Part Two: Components of the Internet

E-Mail (Electronic mail) is the most convenient, secure, and efficient, way for contact among Internet users. It is also considered the fastest and cheapest communication method. If you have an e-mail, you can directly send information, color images, sound, and even video instantaneously. E-mail is the most commonly used Internet facility ever. Today, there are currently more than 20 free-email providers. You can use Web-based Email to access your email through the WWW (described below). The only thing E-mail cannot be used for is sending parcels! Perhaps in the future that can be possible:)

E-mail origination points are recognized by Common Organization Domains extensions, the following extensions are used for indicating their holder. All of them are unique to the addresses in the USA:

com - Commercial organization

edu - Educational Institution

gov - U.S. government

int - International Organizations

org - Organization

net - Network

mil - Military

Non-USA E-mails are recognized by Geographic Domain extensions of two characters, which come after one of the above 3 letter extensions, here are examples:

ae - United Arab Emirates

kw - Kuwait

lb - Lebanon

jo - Jordan

ca - Canada de - Germany

jp - Japan

uk - United Kingdom

and sometimes, us - United States of America

WWW - World Wide Web

The World Wide Web uses computer coding called Hyper Text Mark-up Language (html) to link and interconnect documents. You can read one document, link into another, view pictures, download files, and travel throughout the world in computers linked together all around the world. The files can be plain text, or as brilliantly designed as a full color brochure, even bringing sound and movies to the net surfer.

Browsers such as Netscape and Mosaic are used to access these files. Many browsers often offer other features of the net built in, such as E-mail, FTP, Newsgroups, Telnet and Gopher.

FTP - File Transfer Protocol

FTP is software used to upload and download files from one computer to another, differing from a WWW browser in that it does not view the files, it only moves them. Depending on the program you are using you may also need to determine what type of files you are moving, ASCII or binary. Graphics are always transferred in binary form, while text files are transferred in ASCII. If you are using a WWW browser at an FTP site to download a file you will not have to worry with this as the browser controls it auto-

Newsgroups are a very unique part of the Internet. They offer an international meeting place for discussions of almost any subject matter through an interface called USENET. There are thousands of newsgroups, and more are added all the time, from the serious discussions of art and archeology, to the lovesick fans of TV, music and other idols, to the insane ramblings of someone wanting to

To use newsgroups, you leave messages, and come back later to see the response from others. This is a never ending process of communication and sharing of ideas and thoughts, for example:

Mailing Lists

There are two basic kinds of mailing lists:

1) Those maintained by an individual (manual)

2) Those maintained by a computer (listserv)

To join a manual list, send a message to the list manager, asking to be added to the list, give the name of the list and your E-mail address for mailings. Yemen Times has a mailing list at listserver@yementimes.com, which is used to send the most updated information about various issues happening in Yemen.

To join a Listserv mailing list, you must send a more specific message, as it will be read by a machine. Most generally, post directions for subscribing and signing off lists.

Telnet

Telnetting is logging into remote computers in any location around the world, and using their programs and services as if they were in your own computer or your host computer. To telnet, you must know the name/address of the computer you want to telnet into. Many are free, and others charge fees and require you to be a member of their service. You can always try, if it is a paid service, the computer will tell you so. Telnet services include government bid information, games, and much more.

Gopher

Currently out of date and not used any more, but it works similar to many of the WWW browsers. It is a menu-driven tool that allows you to browse the Internet searching for information.

You do not need to know the exact addresses of the information you seek (unlike Telnet and FTP). You simply go from one menu to another till you find what you are search-

Gopher not only tells you where the information is, it will bring it into your computer and display it on screen. E-mail can connect into Gopher search engines and request files to be sent to your E-mail address.

IRC - Internet Relay Chat

There are thousands of IRC channels, each featuring specific topics or people. To use IRC channels you first need to connect to an IRC server with an appropriate program, then select to look through the lists of channels, or look for a specific person.

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At last and after three months of summer vacation, students are going back to school. Almost 800,000 students are heading to their classes and beginning their studies for the 1999/2000 academic year.

The official starting day of the academic season was last Saturday, the 4th of September.

The level of education in Yemen is among the lowest in the world, and most Yemenis (according to 1997 statistics) are illiterate. Less than 53% of school-age students actually go to school, and about 47% of those are often truant. The figures are markedly different for girls: only 40% go to school.





On the other hand, the image is not so shiny for this year. Analysts suggest that the number of students is expected to decrease this year because of the high fees of schools, especially private ones which seem to be allocated for rich students only.

It is worth mentioning that the results of the latest secondary exams have consequently lead to the graduation of more than 80% of the students. However, many graduates complain that high Sana'a University fees are causing them difficulty, in applying for the university.

On the other hand, private universities are not preferred by students because of their high fees and -in most cases- a lower quality in

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