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SANAA - June 7 (YT) Combined Joint Task Force, Horn of Africa Commander Brigadier General Mastin M. Robeson attended last Thursday a graduation ceremony of a new batch of the Yemeni coast guard.

The US official praised the competence to which such forces under command of Ahmad Ali Abdullah Saleh have reached. Staff Brigadier Ali Mohammed al-Qasimi emphasized the role played by such forces in patrolling Yemen's coastline against al-Qaeda suspect terrorists and smugglers as well as the cooperation with the US in this respect.

A number of US military trainers have had a pivotal role in training Yemeni special tasks forces which were established with the purpose of cracking down on terrorists and besieging any al-Qaeda suspects still at large. These forces are responsible for hunting down for al-Qaeda suspects.

The US and some other countries are currently supporting the establishment of the coast guard force meant to patrol Yemen's long coastline against the escape of al-Qaeda suspects.

Mastin Robeson took over this senior post from Major General John Sattler on May 24.



Combined Joint Task Force, Horn of Africa Commander Brigadier General Mastin M. Robeson giving a speech during his visit.

Courtesy Photo by Matthew Apprendi for (usmc.mil)

*Bajamal calls for an overall change in education curricula:*

## Education first priority

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Prime Minister Abdulqader Bajamal, called last week for an overall change in the education curricula as well as mosque preachers. Opposition sources said Bajamal told the GPC Parliament caucus members in a special meeting that "it is important now that a comprehensive change in the education curricula should be carried out before they come translated from the US." "We are Muslim people and there is no harm if we lessen the religious content in them" he added. Bajamal stressed, in his meeting with GPC parliamentarians before presenting his platform to the parliament this week, that mosques should be made free from current preachers most of whom belong to Islah party. Some of them won the parliamentary election and were able to defeat some prominent GPC leaders.

President Ali Abdullah Saleh stressed in his first meeting with the new government that the Ministry of Endowments and Religious Guidance should play an important role in bringing about moderate mosque preachers far away from extremism and terrorism.

The former government of Bajamal was able in 2000 to abolish the religious schools which were run by Islah party.

*While opposition describes it as good for nothing, parliament starts serious discussions:*

## Debate begins

SANAA - June 7 (YT) The government of Mr. Abdulqader Bajamal presented its platform last Saturday to the parliament to debate and endorse it. Bajamal said in the program that his government can not neglect the current situations in the region and the world in general which he described as very critical. He included in the program all the plans and initiatives his government is going to undertake in the coming years. He said that the government would continue reform in the civil service sector, pointing out that civil and military workers whose tenure in office finished would be retired. He stressed that all exceptions which other laws permitted will be called off.

The government pledged to fight poverty and population explosion as well as fighting terrorism and corruption. Bajamal said that terrorism is a major detriment to political, economic and social stability and economic growth. "Terrorists and corrupts work with the same mentality as they both refuse to abide by law and order" the platform stated. The prime minister affirmed that his government would enact the law to control arms and other laws which were mis-enacted.

The government aims to achieve an economic growth by 4.7% in comparison with 6.3% for the non-oil domestic product during 2003-2005. It also aims to reduce the population growth rate to 3% in 2005 while the rate of poverty is planned to be reduced to 1-3% during the same period of time. Bajamal pledged to continue reform package implementation, mainly in the banking sector restructuring some banks. It stressed that would support women for a more active role in all aspects of life and cooperation with the NGOs on different aspects.

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*Transport ministry continues dialogue with international insurance companies:*

## Yemenia gets a boost

By MAHYOUB AL-KAMALI  
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Yemen's cabinet has approved an increase to capital of the Yemeni Airlines Company (Yemenia), beginning from the fiscal year 2004. Yemen would pay \$20 million of the percentage of the increase



as it owns 51% of the company and the Saudi side would decide for itself defining its share according to its 49% of share in the company. The cabinet also discussed the problems resulted from 11 September events' impact and the regional developments on the company's performance. Continued on P 9.

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# Rainstorm hits Taiz city

BY YEMEN TIMES STAFF  
TAIZ BUREAU

Ten houses were completely damaged, more than 40 houses had collapsed, tens of buses and cars were washed away, caused by torrential streams resulting from heavy rainstorm that hit Taiz, 260 km of Sana'a, on June 3-4.

The torrents caused serious damage to the city streets, citizens' properties and disrupted transport movement inside the city.

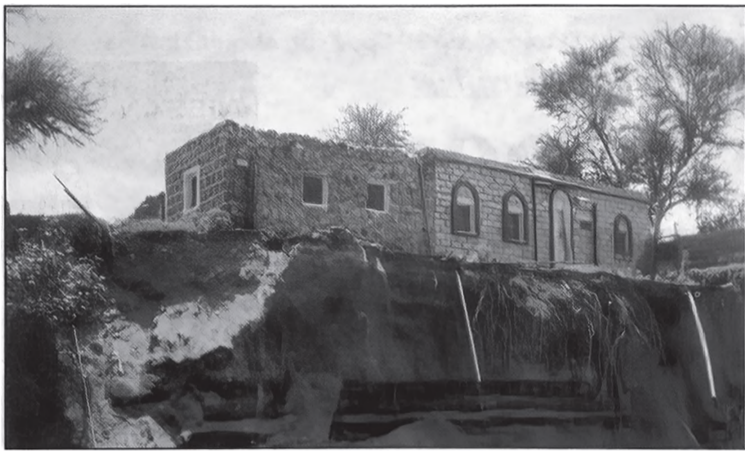
The heavy rainfall caused severe damage to even the Taiz-Sana'a highway and Taiz-Shara'ab road.

"Serious damage had been caused by rain flood streams. Agricultural lands were washed away, serious flooding in the city also caused serious problems," Eng. Saeed Ashaibani, the Deputy General Manager of the Public Works told the Yemen Times.

Hamim Abdulkareem, a citizen said, "The heavy rains have caused a partial damage to my house and we have to stay outside till the early morning."

"We are not able to go to my house. Protection walls to our houses are needed to be built by the concerned contracting companies," he said.

It worthwhile mentioning that building water catchment works and



Landslides resulted by the rainstorm

water conduits are still underway within the framework of implementing the II Phase of protecting the city of Taiz from the torrents' damage.

Other projects belonging to Saba Contracting Company had been seriously damaged in Qalabah and Salah areas.

Waterway conduits implemented by the company had been washed away, because they had been loosely fixed on the ground.

Taiz City compared to any other cities of the republic is exposed to torrents disasters as most of its houses are situated in the way of water rush-

ing down Saber mountain. The project intended for ensuring protection of the city against torrential rains, especially torrents surging down of Saber mountain began in its first phase in 1990. In 2000 the first phase of the project was finished but the second phase of this vitally important project began only at the beginning of this year. Taiz city is usually exposed heavy torrents resulting from rain storms that hit the city particularly in summer. Summer rain storms have up to now affected the completion and work of the project causing delay in dates of finishing it at the planned periods.

# YSP reviews Omar's case developments

BY MOHAMMED BIN SALLAM  
YEMEN TIMES STAFF

A meeting was held Saturday at the Yemeni Socialist Party, YSP, headquarters attended by political parties leaders and national, political, intellectual and social personalities.

The meeting studied the latest developments concerning assassination of the YSP Assistant Secretary General, Jarallah Omar.



Jarallah Omar

Wednesday issued a statement holding the government responsible for turning a blind eye on investigating a plot for the murder.

The party had also held the state responsible for continued terrorist acts and assassinations.

The statement also said that the killing of Jarallah Omar could be ascribed to loose security measures, claiming to be leading spread of terror and killing excepted to include other opposition and the society in general.

The statement had also mentioned that hiding results of investigation and information ahead of the assassination, and excluding the YSP as a party during investigation represented continuation of assassination plots, because of disclosure of such plots to security bodies didn't prevent the killer Ali Assawani from committing his crime.

The statement reiterated that concealing information regarding those who plan, finance and direct terrorists and assassination acts would enable them to continue perpetrating their crimes even in broad daylight.

The final verdict which scheduled to be decided mid this month.

The meeting set up a 25-member committee to follow up Omar's case.

The committee composes of:

Dr. Abdulaziz al-Maqaleh, Dr. Mohammed Ali al-Saqaf, Mr. Ahmed al-Wada'ee, Mohammed Naji Allow, Mr. Mohammed Qahtan, Mr. Sultan al-Atwani, Mr. Abdulghani Abdulqader, Mr. Zain al-Saqaf, Mr. Hatem Abu Hatem, Mr. Abdulkareem al-Khewani, Mr. Rashad Salem, and Dr. Mohammed Abdulmajeed al-Qubati.

Participants in the meeting had also issued a detailed statement on the incident and dispatched a message to the parliament requesting formation of a fact-finding committee on the Omar's killing.

The YSP general secretariat had on

# Investors demand change in legislation

A number of Yemeni businessmen and investors demanded that the new government should define an encapsulating strategy for economy development. A strategy that attends to the citizens' basic needs and that improves education, health and government services.

This demand was included in a note by Businessmen and Investors Council addressed to prime minister Ba Jammal. They emphasized in the note that there should be a balance between income and expenditure, between investment and consumption. And the allocated budgets for social policies should be reviewed as well as the centralization level of economy.

To utilize the existing resources in order to reduce inflation was one of the main points produced forward. The council, which is composed of more than 100 members, stated that unemployment is a great challenge that must be dealt with through a balanced economic thinking, and an approach that applies investment strategies.

Mr. Abdulsalam Al-Athwari, secretary-general of the council told al-Hayat newspaper the beginning of this month that the coming phase of economic reform requires deep understanding of its multi-mechanism in a context achieving confidence in investment and economic activities.

And probably this would yield new legislation in order to create a leap in development and encourage investment in the right way. He added that the council demands supporting the services relating to investment activities such as power supply, transportation, insurance, ports, and drainage system. he also said that focus should be made on economic industries with great yield such as agriculture, textile, leather, tourism, fishery, and extract industries. And that quality improvement policies should be implemented and a better network should be employed.

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# Burhanuddin left Yemen

His Holiness, Mohammed Burhanuddin left Sana'a last Saturday after a short visit to Yemen where he was informed on Buhra followers situation.

Around 6000 Buhra followers attended the al-Hateeb center in Haraz affiliated to Buhra religious sect in Yemen.

His Holiness, Mohammed Burhanuddin in his latest visit to Yemen last week attended a collective wedding ceremony for 70 couples. About YR. 110.000 is paid to the father of the bride and invitation costs are paid at the expense of the Sultan.

The Buhra sect office in Sana'a usually organizes a collective wedding ceremony for the Buhra followers.

# Italian week concluded

The Italian week was concluded last Wednesday in Aden with a meeting grouping the Italian ambassador to Yemen Mr Giacomo Sanfelico di Monteforte and the Italian businessmen and their Yemeni counterparts and members of the chamber of commerce in Aden. During the meeting which was held at Aden Hotel, the Italian ambassador expressed his happiness for organizing the week in Aden for strengthening and exploring concrete ties between Yemeni and Italian businessmen and to raise the two countries' trade exchange.

The ambassador indicated that a number of agreements were signed by the Italian university of Salerno with Aden university to enhance cooperation between the two universities.

On their part the Italian businessmen said they were looking forward to establishing an economic and trade relationship in Aden in various areas.

On the other hand an agreement was signed on Thursday between the port of Aden and the port of Salerno. The agreement included navigation cooperation and sea transport, and offering technical assistance and training courses for Aden port cadre.

Activities of the Italian week were concluded in Sana'a Friday with giving an evening party presented by the Italian musical ensemble.

# Al-Wahdawi and Al-Thawri acquitted

The Secretariat South-west court on Tuesday 3 June its sentence in the case filed by the Supreme Committee for Referendum and Elections against Al-Thawri paper editor-in-chief, the writer Mohammed Shamsan and Al-Wahdawi newspaper editor in chief its writers.

The court acquitted Al-Thawri and Al-Wahdawi newspapers from the charges of defamation and public insult. The sentence confirmed that the published articles in the two papers were criticism that did not contain any vilification or insult.

# Missile explosion rocks Aden

Explosion of an old missile claimed lives of 3 persons on Thursday June 5 in Beer Ahmed area near Aden City. It is one of the missiles used in military manoeuvre carried out in the area in 1994.

The Yemen Times learned that the explosion that happened late at night of Thursday was an old projectile used by training military planes in the region.

An eyewitness said that the explosion fierce and resounding, heard all over the city. Residents rushed to the explosion site to watch the rising smoke and bodies of people killed in the incident.

YT has also learned that the people killed in the explosion had tried to dismantle and defuse the projectile which went off and killed them. Al-Ramla area is actually a field used for military

# Aden governor met with media representatives

ADEN\_ The Aden governor, Dr. Yahya Ashoa'bi, met last Saturday with official and independent representatives.

In order to promote the relations of the media and the civil society organizations, a joint mechanism to cover Aden's activities and news was dealt by the participants. The meeting is considered very significant since it is the first one since his appointment as governor of the Aden governorate.

The objective of the meeting was to listen to opinions, comments, and to review issues that have links to media institutions.

A speech was given by the governor, focusing attention on the difficulties and worries faced by journalists and media representatives.

The meeting was attended by a host of media men, independent and official representatives, and the Mr. Nabil Ali Ghleb, the media representatives at the governorate.



Media issues discussed with Aden governor

# Farewell to Egyptian Ambassador to Yemen

A farewell reception was held last week to say goodbye to Mr. Khaled Al-Koumi, Ambassador of the Republic of Egypt to Yemen. "It is sad to say goodbye to Yemen, as Yemen is considered so dear to my heart," Mr. Al-Koumi said.

This will be the last station of Mr. Al-Koumi in his diplomatic career as he is expected to go back to Egypt and retire.

Several ambassadors, diplomats and prominent figures came to bid farewell to Mr. Al-Koumi, who had a major role in promoting Yemen-Egypt relations in various political, economic, and cultural fields.



Editor Chief of Yemen (center) Times bidding farewell to Egyptian ambassador

## Readers' Voice

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### THIS WEEK'S QUESTION:

Should Bush and Blair be tried if weapons inspectors realize that there were no WMDs in Iraq when the US-UK war was waged?

- Yes of course they should.
- No they should never be tried.
- We should wait and see the results first.
- I don't care.

### LAST WEEK'S QUESTION:

If we assume that the road map plan is implemented, Palestine is created and Arabs are asked by the USA to have diplomatic relations with Israel, what will Arab regimes do?

- Most of them will have relations with Israel, but a few won't. 50.8%
- A few more Arab countries would create relations with Israel. 20.3%
- They will all have relations with Israel with no exception. 17.1%
- Conditions will stay the same. 11.7%

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# MOZAYEK Magazine released

The Mozayek Magazine (mosaic), is a publication recently issued by three young Yemenite students at Information college, Sana'a university as a graduation project.

The magazine contained a variety of cultural, social topic in addition to art subject as theater, cinema, and folklore songs and dances.

Other topics have been interestingly dealt with by prominent authors such as, Dr. Abdulaziz al-Maqaleh.

Other cultural-related issues have been highlighted such as, the national songs, Yemeni female journalists between creativity and sufferings, plastic art, veiled female singers, and the Yemeni theater.

A brief account of the al-Afif Cultural Foundation has been also given and its active role in the cultural arena.



# Population explosion

President Ali Abdullah Saleh warned against an inevitable population explosion that would exhaust all Yemen's resources, according to news published in Al-Sharq Al-Awsat newspaper beginning of this month. "The point is not giving birth, it is providing a decent life to our children in all walks of life so that their existence does not become a burden on the society" he said in the Unification 13th anniversary celebration two weeks ago in Seyoun and Hadramout.

President Saleh encouraged religious scholars and family guidance-related people to push further in this field and to work hard for better family planning and awareness among the Yemeni people.

Statistics indicate that in 1994 birth rate was 3.7%, one of the highest in the world, and today the population is more than 18 million people. President Ali Abdullah Saleh also called on inhabitants of Hadramout and all agricultural authorities to utilize the huge landscape in the area, especially to plant palm trees, a trade that is dwindling and approaching extinct in Yemen. He said that dates are a beneficial product and could be invested better as well as tourism in general.

"There is no excuse for the decline of tourism in Yemen especially that the government has taken strict measures in security and in encouraging investment".

Arabic and translation department celebrates graduation of 3rd batch

# University students pleading for a building

The Arabic Language Association of Sanaa University's Faculty of Languages held a ceremony on the occasion of the graduation of the third batch of Arabic language and translation students of the Faculty of Languages at the University last week in Sanaa. The occasion was marked by an appeal by the students to have a separate building for the Faculty of Languages.

The event was attended by Civil Service Minister Mr. Hamoud Al-Shufi and the Dean of the Languages Faculty of Sanaa University Dr. Tariq Al-Janabi, along with a number of faculty professors and several prominent guests.

Abdulnour Hazem Al-Shamiri, the chairman of the Arabic Language and Translation Association gave a speech on this occasion congratulating the graduates and thanking the guest for coming. "I bid farewell to this 'eternity' batch members, whom I hoped would be able to study in their own building, but who left us without enjoying a building of their own," he said referring to the fact that the faculty of languages may be the only faculty that does not have its own building. "We are the only students who suffer severely because of the lack of a building. We have suffered enough from last-minute class arrangements and from being a burden on other students in other faculties."

Later on, Dr. Abdullah Taher, the Head of the Arabic Language and translation department gave a speech in which he encouraged the graduates to pursue higher studies and serve their country well. "This department is quite



unique as it is like a bird that flies with two wings; one Arabic the other English."

Then Dr. Tariq Al-Janabi, the faculty's dean talked about the enhanced education level reached by the graduates and praised their efforts and the efforts of their teaching staff.

Finally, the organizers presented a

special award to the Minister Hamud Al-Sufi and expressed their appreciation for supporting the event by attending.

The event was concluded by a small theatrical act entitled "I am the nation" in which an act expressing the agonies of the Yemeni people -because of poverty and high prices- was played.

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## Debate begins

The government also promised to continue developing relations with the Gulf countries, mainly Saudi Arabia and work hard to fully join the Gulf Cooperation Council.

The parliament started debating the government program. Some members of the opposition in the parliament ruthlessly attacked the platform and said it presented nothing new in comparison with the last program of Bajamal's government. Debating the program would be a sort of formality as at the end it would be approved and government would get the needed okay for the ruling party enjoys the majority which enables it to get that approval.

## Ariel draw competitions held

The second draw for the Ariel prize competition was held last Thursday at Shumaila Hari in Haddah Street. The event was attended by a host of representatives of companies, agencies, independent and official newspapers.

During the draw, a number of valuable prizes were given away to winners such as, refrigerators, television sets, mixers, and tape recorders.

The second draw will be held on June 18.

The third big draw, Lancer Car, will be held on August 10 and a number of draw winners will be also published at the newspapers.

## English Department, Seyoun

# Farewell ceremony held

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Students of English Department at the Faculty of Education - Seyoun-organized on Tuesday 27 May a farewell ceremony for their teaching staff and students of Fourth year. At the beginning of the party was marked with recitation of some verses from Glorious Qumran by Mohammed Alsaqqaf, a student of third level. In his opening speech, Mr. Nasser Al-Tamami, head of English Department thanked the organizers and called upon the students to prepare themselves well and step up their efforts for the upcoming exams.

The graduated students were represented by Mohammed Ali Alsaqqaf, a brilliant student who expressed his appreciation of and gratitude for the assistance offered to him and his colleagues by the teaching staff during the four years of their study "we pay our respectful homage to our teachers who are the most precious treasure in our life, you were there whenever we needed you" he said.

On his part Mr. Hassan Al-Aidraos who was a key figure during the ceremony arranged activities which included English communication (i.e. social interchanges such as greetings, congratulations). The activities were performed by Mrs. Wafa, J, Dalal M.

Hadeel A. Amani J (grade 4 students) who made our day. Moreover, four students performed an interesting, comic one-act play entitled "Exploitation". The play appealed to the audience and was received with much applause and greeted with great elate. At the same time the students expressed their deep sadness when they saw their teachers off. The students also requested Prof., Ali Hud Ba-abad, Hadramout University rector to find an urgent solution to shortage in the teaching staff at the college, "otherwise next year will be in a lot of mess. At the end of the ceremony the students of the fourth year honored their teachers for their hard work and wished them every suc-

cess and all best. Meanwhile four members of the teaching staff have got scholarships to Malaysia to pursue their higher studies. The head of the department has got a PhD degree scholarship and Mr. Hassan Alaidraos, Mr. Abubaker Alhadad and Rais Al-Tamimi, MA degree scholarships to the same destination. It's worth mentioning that the college was established in 1996 with the purpose of meeting the shortage of teacher in Hadramout districts. It has now four departments which are Islamic studies, Arabic language studies, Mathematics and English language, with a total number of 791 students. The collage plays a vital role in qualifying well-educated people.

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## Junior tennis players at SIS courts

The First School Company Tournament started at the Capital Secretariat between the Haddah Complex Team and the Sana'a International School, SIS, on June 4 at the SIS courts.

The tennis tournament was supervised by Captain, Nabil Mohamed Mazwad, the Professional Tennis Coach. The Haddah Complex Team has won the first place.

This is the first Inter-company Tennis Tournament held between junior tennis players in Yemen.

Zeyad Hani, the youngest winner has won the championship and thus he received the championship cup.

Following the first championship, medals have been distributed to all participants.

On the other hand the first draw will be held on June 15 and the championship will start on June 16.



A group photo of Haddah Complex Team winners with their coach

It is to be mentioned here that the championship is to be played in the form of single and double tennis players under the sponsorship of some companies in Yemen such as, the SabaFone Company, the Apollo, the Yemen Airways and Hael Saeed Ana'am of Companies, Lipton.

For doubles, the selection of partners will be drawn by the organizers. Games will be on a knock-out basis for both singles and doubles.



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# Palestinians slam their PM on refugees, Jerusalem

AL-AM'ARI REFUGEE CAMP, West Bank, June 7 (Reuters) - Palestinian Prime Minister Mahmoud Abbas's recent speech at a landmark Middle East peace summit scored points abroad, but his compatriots in the West Bank and Gaza Strip are crying foul. "Abu Mazen disappointed me," Ahmad Faleh from al-Am'ari refugee camp near West Bank city of Ramallah said on Saturday, using Abbas's nom de guerre. "He ignored an issue that is the symbol of the Palestinian struggle, the issue of refugees."

Palestinians have long insisted on the right of some four million refugees from the 1948 war in which Israel was created, and their descendants, to return. The Jewish state — population 6.6 million — rejects this as demographic suicide. Abbas did not mention the "right of return" in his speech in the Jordanian resort of Aqaba, delivered alongside Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon and the summit's sponsor, U.S. President George W. Bush.

Nor did he mention Jerusalem, whose eastern Old City — sacred to the great monotheistic faiths — Israel captured from Jordan along with the West Bank in the 1967 Middle East

war. Israel calls all of Jerusalem its eternal capital, a move not recognised internationally. The Palestinians want east Jerusalem as the capital of their future state in the West Bank and Gaza Strip, another territory under Israeli occupation.

"I was shocked when I heard his statement," said Azzam Abu Baker, a leader of Palestinian President Yasser Arafat's Fatah movement. "He (Abbas) is making concessions, free of charge."

Abu Baker was referring to Abbas's pledge to curb militants who have waged a 32-month-old uprising for independence with suicide bombings and other attacks against Israelis.

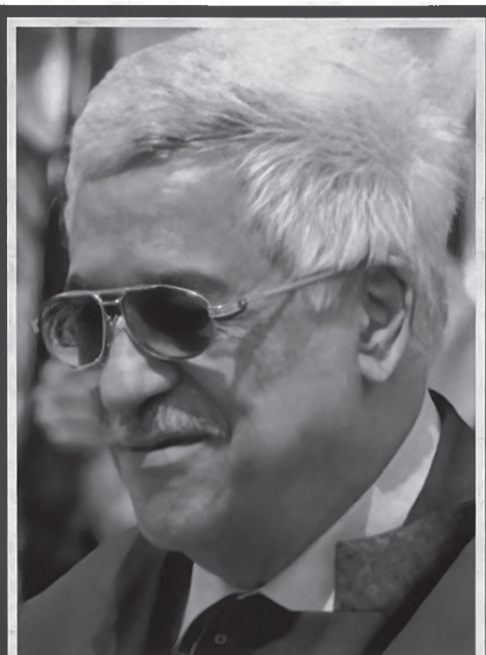
"Abu Mazen sold out our struggle and suffering for nothing," Khaled Abu Mo'eiliq, 33, from Gaza City said. "If he pursues this approach, he will fail."

Even Mohammed Dahlan, Palestinian minister of security affairs, admitted Abbas had provoked many Palestinians. "They expected more from him after these years of suffering," he said.

Abbas took office in April under a power-sharing deal with Arafat imposed by Israel and the United



Palestinian boys throw stones at Israeli soldiers in the Nativity Square in Bethlehem as a group of Israeli Army officers hold a meeting with church representatives inside June 4. REUTERS



Palestinian Prime Minister Mahmoud Abbas-Abu Mazin. REUTERS

States, which accused the ex-guerrilla leader of fomenting violence. He

denies it. The appointment was a precondition

to implementing a U.S.-backed "road map" to Palestinian statehood by 2005,

which requires reciprocal steps including an end to violence.

## Missing Iraqi antiquities found in secret vault

BAGHDAD, June 7 (Reuters) - Almost all of the priceless items feared stolen from the Baghdad Museum when it was ransacked by looters have been found safe in a secret vault, the U.S.-led administration for Iraq said on Saturday.

A special team of U.S. investigators working at the museum to check the extent of the looting has concluded that around 3,000 items were still lost or stolen, compared with initial estimates of up to 170,000. Most of the missing items were used for research, rather than exhibition.

"Earlier this week, 179 boxes that contained the vast majority of the museum's exhibition collection were discovered safe in a secret vault," the administration said in a statement.

"The discovery of these boxes con-

taining nearly 8,000 of the most important items from the museum's collection means that the work of the investigation team is drawing to a close."

The failure of U.S. forces to prevent Baghdad Museum being plundered sparked a storm of protest around the world in April. The U.S. military said its men were initially too busy fighting in the streets around the museum to halt the looting.

But many of the items feared lost have been discovered. Some were taken home by staff for safekeeping, and others were found hidden elsewhere, including the large haul in a secret vault. Staff initially refused to reveal the location of the vault until U.S. troops had left Iraq, but later relented.

### Treasure of Nimrud

Another trove of priceless jewellery, the Treasure of Nimrud, was found in a flooded Central Bank vault on Thursday.

The Nimrud artefacts, hundreds of gold and gem-studded pieces from the ancient kingdom of Assyria, were retrieved by U.S. investigators after the vaults below the gutted shell of the looted bank building were drained.

The treasures, discovered between

1988 and 1990 in ancient royal tombs below an Assyrian palace dating from the ninth century BC, had been feared lost. But U.S. investigators learned they had been placed in a central bank vault in the early 1990s, possibly to protect them during the 1991 Gulf War.

"They were never lost," acting Central Bank Governor Faleh Salman said. "We knew all along they were there. It just took a bit of time to get at them because of the flooding."

U.S. customs agents who helped with the recovery of the treasure said that when they first entered the vaults they found bodies of looters killed in shootouts with rival gangs. But the seals on the crates of treasure were intact.

The U.S.-led administration said the Nimrud treasure seemed to be in good condition. A team of experts from the British Museum would arrive soon to assess conservation needs.

The customs agents said it was not

known how the vaults came to be flooded, but they suspect Iraqis deliberately let water in to stop looters — or members of Saddam Hussein's inner circle — making off with the money and valuables inside.

Despite the recovery of many of the museum's treasures in the last week, the U.S.-led administration said 47 items from the main exhibition — the museum's most treasured pieces — had not been found.

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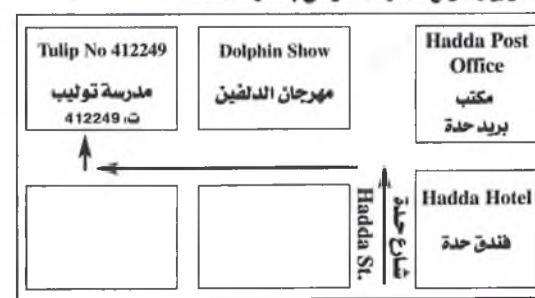
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# Germany says four soldiers killed in Afghan attack

BERLIN, June 7 (Reuters) - Four German soldiers were killed and 29 wounded in an apparent suicide bomb attack on a bus full of German peacekeepers in the Afghan capital of Kabul, German Defence Minister Peter Struck said on Saturday.

"A lot of the indications are pointing towards a suicide attack. There was no advance warning whatsoever," he told a news conference. Seven soldiers were wounded seriously.

The soldiers were heading to the airport to return home after completing their Afghan assignments.

Struck said U.S. President George W. Bush expressed his condolences to Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder in a phone call.

It was believed to be the first time they have spoken on the telephone since last year when a row erupted over Schroeder's criticism of Bush's Iraq policies. They met in person recently.

"President Bush and Chancellor Schroeder both agreed the fight against terrorism is not over and both Germany and America have a special responsibility in Afghanistan to help make it a stable democracy and not a base for terrorism," Struck said.

He said the situation in Afghanistan was "neither safe nor stable", and added: "We have been doing everything possible to protect them but one can never rule out a suicide attacker."



International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) personnel stand guard at an explosion site in Kabul, June 7. Afghan police said five German peacekeepers were killed in an explosion on a bus in the Afghan capital on Saturday, although a spokeswoman for the peacekeeping force said she could only confirm one death. REUTERS

Struck rejected calls to withdraw 2,400 soldiers from the 5,000-strong International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) in Afghanistan.

Germany and the Netherlands are currently leading ISAF.

"We will carry on with our assignment, making a contribution to stabilising the area," he said.

A defence ministry official said many of the victims were too badly injured to give details on the blast.

But he said that based on the initial

findings a taxi tried to drive into the midst of a four-vehicle convoy. It then drove in front of the convoy and detonated.

"It cannot yet be determined who was behind this attack," Struck said, when asked if he believed the militant Islamist al Qaeda group was behind the attack.

Schroeder called the attack a "cowardly and devious" act aimed at undermining the fragile peace in the war-torn country.

# Militias battle for east Congo town of Bunia

BUNIA, Congo, June 7 (Reuters) - Rival militiamen including child gunmen battled for Congo's Bunia town on Saturday, and about 40 French troops of a multinational force later deployed at a central flashpoint to try to stop further bloodshed.

Machinegun, mortars and small arms fire began sounding from southern suburbs around dawn and rapidly engulfed the centre of the ramshackle mining and farming town near the Ugandan border. The violence erupted a day after an advance party of 100 French soldiers flew in to prepare the arrival of a 1,400-strong force to stop massacres that have killed hundreds of civilians.

Residents said a large number of Lendu gunmen had launched an assault on positions of the rival Union of Patriotic Congolese (UPC), a Rwandan-backed militia of the ethnic Hema community which seized control of Bunia on May 12.

The snap and whine of bullets echoed in the town centre as gunmen draped in ammunition belts ran from street to street firing automatic weapons and panic-stricken civilians fled the violence carrying bundles of possessions on their heads.

Militiamen, some of them children, lay on the ground outside a U.N. compound firing down an otherwise deserted main street.



A rebel soldier walks through the centre of Bunia following fresh fighting in the eastern town of Democratic Republic of Congo June 7. REUTERS

Colonel Daniel Vollot, commander of U.N. troops in Bunia, visited leaders from both sides in a failed mediation bid and later said he saw some 600 Lendu gunmen on the frontlines.

There was no word on casualties. Vollot said he saw no dead.

In a mid-afternoon lull about 40 French troops with rifles, a rocket propelled grenade launcher and a heavy machinegun mounted on a truck set up a checkpoint near the U.N. compound on a street that has formed part of the frontline in the fighting.

Forces allied to the rival Hema and Lendu tribes have fought for over a month around the town of more than 200,000 in the northeast of the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC). The United Nations says 500 civilians have been massacred in fighting in the past month and 50,000 have been killed since 1999.

Another Hema militia, the Party for the Unity and Safeguarding of the Integrity of Congo (PUSIC), said it had killed 360 Lendu fighters on Friday when it fought off an attack by Lendus using canoes to try to advance on Kasenyi on the shores of Lake Albert, about 40 km (25 miles)

east of Bunia.

### More Violence

The report could not be independently confirmed. U.N. officials in Kinshasa said they had no word on the incident.

"We saw canoes coming across the lake and when we realised they were Lendu combatants we shelled them with our mortars and sunk their boats," PUSIC spokesman Kisenbo Bitamara told Reuters in Kampala by telephone from Kasenyi. "They were at least 40 soldiers per boat."

In Bunia, militiamen from both sides, often drugged or drunk, have raped, looted and forced out thousands of civilians.

Vollot told reporters the Lendu had recaptured Dele village about eight km (five miles) away and had then advanced into Bunia from the south. "They were chased out of town. It's their town and they want to come back," he said.

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# Poles vote to join EU

WARSAW, June 7 (Reuters) - Poland voted on Saturday in a two-day referendum on joining the European Union in what would be the bloc's single biggest step across the old Cold War divide in its historic expansion eastward.

Surveys suggest that three in four voters in Poland, which led the 1989 overthrow of communism in eastern Europe, will vote to rejoin the West in the referendum ending on Sunday.

But apathy could keep turnout below the 50 percent needed for the result to be binding in the largest of 10 countries invited to join the EU in May 2004.

Prime Minister Leszek Miller, whose minority cabinet's future depends on a strong 'Yes' in the vote, was among the first to cast a ballot on a sunny Saturday morning.

"This is one of the biggest days in Polish history. I hope Poles will today

choose the best path for Poland and for the future of all of us," Miller told reporters.

Top-selling daily Gazeta Wyborcza played up the historic importance of the vote with a front-page story, "Ten centuries look down at us", recalling major events in Polish history from adopting Christianity in the year 966 to joining NATO in 1999.

About 25,000 polling stations opened at 6 a.m. (0400 GMT). First-day turnout figures will be released after they close at 8 p.m. (1800 GMT), and first exit polls were expected shortly after voting ends at 8 p.m. on Sunday.

Turnout below half of Poland's 29.5 million voters would force parliament to ratify EU entry by a two-thirds majority, shaking financial markets and Miller's unpopular government.

"I encourage Poles to vote. More people will probably vote on Sunday

than today. I am confident that good news will come from Poland tomorrow," said President Aleksander Kwasniewski after casting a ballot in Warsaw's affluent suburb of Wilanow.

## City vs countryside

Prosperous city dwellers are the staunchest supporters of EU entry while poor farmers, workers of some nearly bankrupt state-owned enterprises and small retail traders tend to be euro-sceptic or apathetic.

"Nothing will change for me if we join the EU. But we will have to listen to orders from Brussels. I voted 'No'," said Jozef Knapik, who owns a small farm in the southern village of Cianowice, after casting his ballot.

His neighbour, Marian Molik disagreed: "I grow blackcurrants and much of it goes to Germany. I am in favour of the EU, because I'll be able to sell more blackcurrant there."

The pro-EU campaign has been helped by appeals to vote "Yes" from U.S. President George Bush, British Premier Tony Blair and German Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder.

Several influential Roman Catholic bishops cast "Yes" votes, echoing views of Polish-born Pope John Paul, the highest moral authority in this religious nation.

"Our nation should reject divisions created by Yalta," said bishop Tadeusz Goculski, referring to a 1945 agreement between the Soviet Union, the United States and Britain under which eastern Europe fell under Moscow domination for decades.

Malta, Slovenia, Hungary, Lithuania and Slovakia have all voted to join the EU, but turnout in Slovakia barely cleared a similar 50 percent minimum. The Czech Republic, Estonia and Latvia have yet to vote, while Cyprus does not plan a poll.

# NATO chief says European defense spending too low

BERLIN, June 7 (Reuters) - NATO Secretary-General George Robertson criticised European members of the alliance for failing to devote enough resources to defence spending in a commentary to appear in a German newspaper on Sunday.

Writing in the Bild am Sonntag newspaper, Robertson also said it was wrong for European nations in NATO to accuse the United States of taking unilateral action if they are unable to improve their military capabilities.

"One talks a lot about modernising, but when it comes time to pay more governments are buttoned up," said Robertson, who steps down from the defence alliance's top job at the end of the year.

"The consequence is that the trans-

Atlantic capabilities gap is growing larger and larger. One example: America has more than 200 strategic transport aircraft, Europe has four!"

Addressing criticism in some European capitals, such as Paris and Berlin, that the United States has shown an increasing tendency to act unilaterally, Robertson said there was not only a military imbalance but a political challenge as well.

"How can Europeans complain about American unilateralism when they don't have the military capability to be a stronger partner?" Robertson said. "Only a Europe that is strong militarily will be listened to in Washington. That's why Europeans have to back up their words with deeds — there is no free security."

# Two die from heat at papal mass in Croatia

OSIJEK, Croatia, June 7 (Reuters) - Two people at an open-air mass by Pope John Paul in eastern Croatia died on Saturday after apparent heart attacks triggered by sweltering heat, organisers said.

A spokeswoman said one of the victims was a man of about 40.

She had no details on the other. A first aid official said one person had died on the way to the mass at an airfield near the city of Osijek which was attended by more than 200,000 worshippers. The other had died at the venue itself.

Several worshippers fainted from heat exhaustion during the mass, which took place in blazing sunshine and temperature above 30 Celsius (86 Fahrenheit). Many people had been out in the sunshine for hours before the mass even began.

The 83-year-old pope, midway through a five-day visit to Croatia which is the 100th foreign trip of his papacy, appeared to be holding up fairly well despite the heat. He celebrated mass on a shaded giant platform.



Ambulance workers transport a sick woman on a stretcher as Pope John Paul II celebrates a mass in Osijek, Croatia June 7. The pope said mass under a scorching sun that blazed over an airfield near Osijek. Two people at the open-air mass died on Saturday after apparent heart attacks triggered by the sweltering heat. REUTERS

# Children among 6 dead in northern Italy bus crash

VICENZA, Italy, June 7 (Reuters) - A double-decker bus carrying 65 tourists slammed into the wall of a tunnel in northern Italy on Saturday killing six people, including two children, and injuring more than 50, police said.

The nationalities of the dead were not immediately known, but police said the bus was carrying Moldovans, Russians and Germans. The two drivers were German and the vehicle was owned and operated by a German company.

"Among the six dead are two children. We are not in a position to give the nationalities of the dead at this time," Maurizio Rampazzo, an emergency room doctor, told Reuters.

"Of those that were on the bus, 57 have been brought into the hospital for

treatment and five of them are in a serious condition," he added.

The bus crashed shortly after dawn as it was entering a tunnel on the highway from Vicenza to Venice. No other vehicles were involved in the incident.

"We were all sleeping and then I heard a loud bang, the bus swerved and hit the side of the tunnel and then a seat hit me," said an elderly German woman with cuts on her face as she received treatment at the San Bartolo hospital in Vicenza.

Local news agency Ansa said the bus left the Germany city of Dortmund on Friday morning and arrived in Italy in the early hours of Saturday.

It also reported that the drivers had switched places at a rest stop a little over an hour before the crash.

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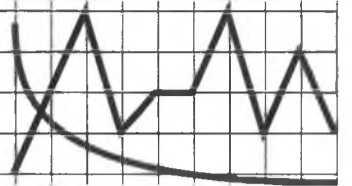
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## SHARK ENERGY DRINK

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# YT Business



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## Transport ministry continues dialogue with international insurance companies

# Yemenia gets a boost

This development comes in a time the council of ministers also approved re-scheduling the company's debts for the government to the first of January 2005 and tackling conditions of surplus labor in it so as to lessen its burdens and operate in a better capacity, confirming preserving rights of the employees whose situations are to be tackled.

Yemen had announced that the events of 11 September in the United States and the terrorist acts against the French oil tanker Limburg at one of Hadramout ports had inflicted heavy damage on the economy exceeded one billion dollars losses till the end of last year.

Yemenia has suffered tremendously from that consequences of the 11 September attacks and the war on Iraq as both events affected its trips leading to a downfall in revenues and therefore asked for governmental assistance to confront the new circumstances.

The company has taken some alternative treatments by starting new



Luxurious Trips on board of Yemenia

flight lines to Somalia and some capitals in south-east Asia and Europe, but that was not enough to compensate for the huge losses.

The cabinet promised to discuss the

problems during the meetings of the Yemeni-Saudi coordination council that were postponed to the first week of coming July. Meanwhile the Ministry of Transport decided to fol-

low up its dialogue with insurance companies in London to reach a final decision on the question of reducing insurance premiums. Yemen had agreed with world insurance compa-

nies to carry out a survey to Yemeni ports to be acquainted with security measures and propose what is to be done to deal with any possible viola-

## The Road Ahead

### YT: A triumphant communication medium

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Who cares about second bests? Almost nobody. That's why the Yemen Times is the most favorable newspaper to its readers and clients, not only because it's a leading, but also because it is the best. Its independent opinion helps in providing its readers and clients with accurate news every Monday, and now on Thursdays too. YT is considered one of the best and most effective media for communication and advertising, as rated by its clients, for over twelve years.

Lately, The Yemen Times has been following the strategy of benchmarking and creating milestones; YT always comes up with new and innovative materials to satisfy every need its readers and clients have. Covering a wide area of interests along with global news: YT has been raising the bar for other Yemeni media in its way to meet the standards of the best international newspapers.

That's another reason why businessmen and organizations associate themselves with the Yemen Times they clearly understand and appreciate the role YT plays in the market, reaching out to tens of thousands households through the hard copy in Yemen and neighboring countries, and to hundreds of thousands on-line throughout the globe. Yet advertising in the YT is considered an important asset because marketing is basically a battle of perceptions; and through the YT it is easier to get into the minds of customers and convince them that you are the best if you are associated with the best, because who cares about second bests while you have the best at hand? and now, twice a week.

The secret behind the paced success of the Yemen Times is the concept of benchmarking; to establish the difference between the YT and "second bests", a difference not only in the accuracy of the news and reading material, but also through reach, article ratings and feedback (which is very critical), in order to help us in setting the highest possible standards. In addition to that, the competitive advantage of the Yemen Times is its ability to create a synergy of ideas, unlike copycats, our process of idea generation involves comparing what other international newspapers do well in conjunction with our own ideas and processes, and sometimes borrow and invent elements that would help us in replacing any current process with a better one, all in order to improve the newspaper between your hands.

Thus far, it is one of the golden rules of doing business is "Either Get better or get beaten", and coping with change is very critical for business survival, and the news business is no exception; journalists and editors have to work extremely hard to meet tight deadlines, and now publishing the YT twice a week doubles pressure over the staff of the Yemen Times, even though they are very talented at their work, they are still human, so bare with us, dear reader, and look forward to many more pleasant surprises from your favorite biweekly.

# IT and successful businesses

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The successful company will be driven to increase stakeholder value and profitability while creating a working environment that encourages and nurtures the growth of personal creativity and development as well as nurturing a sense of well-being for all members of the organization. When dealing with the forces that drive industry competition, a company can devise a strategy that takes the offensive.

This posture is designed to do more than merely cope with the forces themselves; it is meant to alter their causes. The IT professional's role in competitive market intelligence The IT professional is increasingly being called upon to be a sleuth in the quest for the competitive market intelligence that is so necessary to support the enterprise's overall business strategy. In today's fast-changing marketplace, it is essential to monitor the techniques of similar businesses, and IT is being called upon to fulfill that functional need.

IT must provide marketing with answers to vital questions such as:

1. How are competitors getting business?
2. Where does the enterprise look for new customers?
3. How are prospects targeted?
4. What services, products, and prices do competitors offer?
5. What images do our competitors

project, and how does that compare to our image?

The combined strength of marketing and IT Enterprises have depended on marketing for too long to provide competitive intelligence. It is crucial for IT professionals to contribute their specialized expertise to successfully adapt to the changing dynamics of the market arena. Marketing cannot do the job without the cooperation, tools, and willing support of the IT department. With the combined strength of the two complementary functions, a winning competitive market intelligence program is within the enterprise's reach.

Useful and sometimes surprising insights can be gained from exploring the terrain of actual and potential competitors. Hardly an academic exercise, sizing up the competition should become an ongoing, regular, and systematic process of gathering, analyzing, and acting upon relevant data, which will provide businesses with two tangible benefits:

- It will reveal the steps that management must take to preempt competitive strikes.

- It will signal new market opportunities. Competitive monitoring enables management to develop practical strategies and measure the success of their actions. What you should know? Simply knowing who your competitors are is not enough; you should also ferret out what their strategies and objectives are.

You can gauge their strengths and weaknesses by learning about their products and services (current and new), pricing, features, and the level of customer satisfaction.

How are your products or services positioned relative to the competition? Do your customers and prospects see your service as having the highest quality and still selling at the lower price? Is your product viewed as the low-cost brand, the premium-priced brand, the old standby, or the leader?

After getting some comments, it may still be neither possible nor desirable to change your service's features. Instead, research could point out what to communicate and how to communicate to your market. For example, you could tell your marketing department what potential customers are looking for and highlight the features that are valued by your customers. Your information will enable the marketing people to create materials that tell customers what they want to hear and sell them what they want to buy. Differences can be subtle but they really do matter.

Are yesterday's customers and clients being lured away by today's competition? Are they being tempted by the competition's siren song? Are they saying yes to your rival's lower fees or discounts? Are they buying new products or services that your company has not even thought of offering? Who will provide the answers?

IT can, at the very least, provide meaningful data to formulate the correct solutions. Potential market threats while management understands the importance of keeping an eye on the competition, some members of management mistakenly believe that the marketing department alone has the resources to do a proper job.

This is simply not true. Much valuable information exists in the database mines of the IT function. The IT professional must do some of the digging in those mines to find it. Most IT professionals are already in an excellent position to obtain and use primary competitive information and need only the encouragement or permission of management.

Frequently, IT has become the central repository for this kind of competitive analysis information.

However, using the information can be a challenge when different departments within the company engage in territorial squabbles, and the company is forced to dilute valuable resources through unnecessary duplications of effort. In such situations, management must educate all departments to funnel customer and prospect data back to a central IT point. Emphasize your strengths.

The benefits of a competitive intelligence effort coordinated by the IT department are:

1. Learning the enterprise's strengths and weaknesses.
2. Learning whom is and who is not buying.
3. Determining customers' and prospects' buying plans.
4. Anticipating rather than reacting to the market.
5. Taking the competition seriously.

They are not going to vanish. Equally important, but occasionally overlooked, is that competitive research, if done well, can give your company a refreshing appreciation of the role of the IT function and a better understanding of your company's own

competitive strengths. You may discover, for instance, that your firm's style or delivery is more appreciated or valued by customers than management may have realized. Knowing this facilitates your exploitation of those strengths.

Conclusion In conclusion, the awareness of these forces can help a company stake out a position in its industry that is less vulnerable to attack. Many factors determine the nature of competition, including not only rivals, but also the economics of particular industries, new entrants, the bargaining power of customers and suppliers, and the threat of substitute services or products.

A strategic plan of action based on this might include: positioning the company so that its capabilities provide the best defense against the competitive forces; influencing the balance of forces through strategic moves; and anticipating shifts in the factors underlying competitive forces. Increasingly, corporations are recognizing the strategic role of the operations function.

These organizations are discovering that a focus on customer needs is effective only if the operations function is designed and managed to meet those needs.

From acquiring raw materials to fabricating parts, to assembling products, to customer delivery, a total systems perspective can enable them, in the ideal, to fashion an operations function like the inner workings of a finely tuned machine. Today that operation can be fine-tuned by using modern information systems.

## Words of Wisdom



The Government has been dished out a lot of talk on how important is the economic reform program it is implementing. That is actually true. The reform is very important, and its success is quite vital for the future well-being of the nation.

Yet, in my opinion, the present reform and the people managing it will not lead us to the results we want.

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

## It's in a teething stage

## Future of democratic experience in Yemen



BY MOHAMMED BIN SALLAM

What is the future of the democratic experience in Yemen after thirteen years, particularly after the 2003 April elections? It can definitely be assumed that the last parliamentary elections held on April 27 this year, as a form of practicing democracy signifies that the future of democratic experience in Yemen has with no doubt been making no progress and hasn't raised hopes among the people.

Another assumption has been that democracy in Yemen has become unquestionable choice dictated by local or international developments. Yemen in this case can not adapt itself to or interact with the world unless its democratic experience improves. The 27 April election is a new test of the democratic experience in Yemen and of the state itself. Such experience constitutes a strong challenge of great significance at local, regional and international levels. With the approach of the election's year, a number of indications have become apparently clear for majority of the political forces in Yemen. Democracy has become a key target for local forces, which are financed by some regional powers, doing that intentionally in an attempt to hinder democracy's ever-growing process. For the majority of the Yemeni people, they are pinning on ensuring their unity, stability and development. They believe that those elections represent a stepping-stone for broadening horizons of relations among all political forces in the country. From the outset, all political forces actively took part in those elections.

Initiatives were taken by the Joint Meeting Parties JMP (8 opposition parties), along with other national forces, to sanction legal and political agreements for elections to be honestly run.

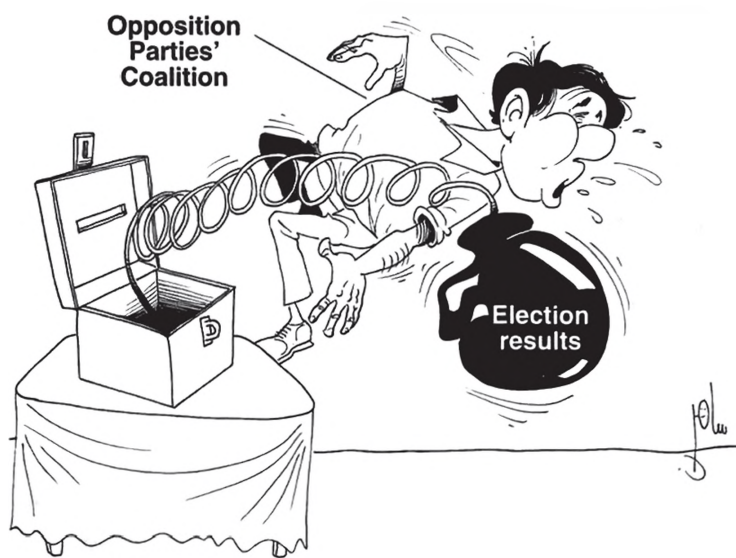
The General Peoples Congress, (GPC) ruling party has implicitly responded to the agreement. But when elections took place, the GPC hasn't showed adherence to those agreements. Everything has been altered for the benefit of the ruling party. All ambitions and aspirations to create parliamentary balance for reviving democracy in Yemen have been encountered with obstacles affecting them day by day.

Since the mid of 2002, the GPC showed keen interest to muster efforts and potentials for its own interests and that elections were run in order reshape the political map of both the opposition and state.

The GPC has indeed succeeded in unraveling threads connecting the opposition parties till they have become weak, and disintegrated. This has been done for gaining an overwhelming majority and it has actually achieved that. The same policy had been pursued during the 1993 and the 1997 elections.

Regardless of modest results the opposition parties have gained in the latest elections, the situation will remain to be considered as a teething stage. As is the case with young democracies, one of the tangible positive results is the growing of stability and enhancement of the idea of peaceful co-existence. The political arena has witnessed a large-scale participation by the political parties and individuals accompanied with very limited instances of violent confrontations. During the vote counting stage, the GPC has been totally dependent on its self power. It has also sought and used the help of tribal influence and its dominance to serve its purposes. Nomination of some influential tribal personalities to the elections, especially those enjoying a wide-range influence in the governorates, helped the GPC's gaining great number of votes in the election. The most predominant factor of elections is not the political platforms or slogans that have been

Opposition Parties' Coalition



raised. It is attributed to the comprehensive media propaganda and huge amounts of money spent in those elections. As opposed to this, opposition parties as well as independent candidates were in short of material support.

## Democracy improved

The positive phenomenon demonstrated in the latest elections is that it has shown considerable improvement in election atmospheres compared to previous electoral sessions.

What is needed is that focus must not be on the how many votes were won or lost by this political force or that, but rather on using the elections for developing political and democratic awareness of the society in about such practices. Pursuant to total numbers of voters of the 20 political parties together, it could be inferred that the basic organizational structure of the Yemeni political parties has become relatively weak. The image resembles the situation at sports or social clubs.

The maximum election results of the 15 parties haven't exceeded 22795, as that of the Ba'ath Party.

Similarly, the minimum number of results has reached 320 votes for the Democratic September Party and 495 for the Yemeni Congregation Party. The most astonishing political gap that one sees is the strong tribal influence dominating the whole community. This clearly has manifested itself when Sheikh Abdullah Bin Hussien al-Ahmar has won an overwhelming majority estimated at 25352 votes. In comparison to other nations' experiments, election results are not necessarily governed by party affiliate voters.

Other different factors control the will of electorate. This was negatively reflected upon the fragility of our political parties' structure. Consequently, the reason behind disappearance of political parties has become mere justification for the failure of those parties from the standpoint of their institutional structure. This is perhaps one of the most hazardous indications deciding the future democracy in Yemen. From the organizational point of view the Yemeni Socialist Party is undoubtedly firmly established in the past and possesses political experience before and after the unification. Around 277223 voters have voted in favor of the YSP.

Political observers see that the Islah Party as an Islamic party is characterized by its high organizational capabilities. This could be clearly detected when the Islah members and supporters have gained 1333394 votes. The Islah party could acquire wide-range popularity added to other tribal forces led by al-Ahmar.

We do not do repeat our discussion about the 15 afore-mentioned parties.

One can observe that through the general similarities of different political platforms, the 27 April election is a clear testimony of its close adherence to clan and tribal influence.

There is an absolute absence of the active role by the political parties and their platforms on the political arena to be fully aware of the people's suffering and to adopt new policies for their issues. No action has been seriously taken by those parties for the benefit of the people. The lion's share of the GPC in those elections is a natural result

gained with the absence of real partisan healthy competition.

The GPC's vast majority couldn't be ascribed to the powerful organization it has. As a ruling party, it might be one of the most parties at the political arena which suffers in this regard due to its open structure at grass-root level. The GPC have been fully versed in the tribal and social context along with popularity of its leadership which is parallel to or outnumbers that popularity.

On this account, the tribal and clan forces are closely related to tendencies of the ruling party.

## Coalition unstuck

In order to establish a very strong opposition in the parliament, the new parliament clearly reflected the tribal and political challenge before the opposition parties. The political parties during the post-election period, have been a complete a fiasco. The YSP and Islah party haven't only opposed, but they also called for bringing the ruling party together. Coalition matters have become more complicated during the post-election period after counting votes. Following the 27 April election results, the exasperating situation aimed at all the opposition parties has become a source of irritation.

As consequence of internal challenges and disorders that have taken place during the election results as well as the regional and international current developments, those parties might resort to calm down the political game with the ruling party.

Geographically, election constituencies have been distributed on the basis of the population census and the election results have mostly revealed that the geographical distribution totally depends on constituencies and not the parliaments' tendencies.

As for the cultural aspects, the level of nominees' culture has relatively improved. This manifests itself when more than 8 million registered their names and more than 5 million electors cast their votes during the polling day. This also bears a testimony of vivid demographic improvement.

Regardless of other detailed factors controlling the final election results, the ever-increasing GPC and Islah members of parliament in both eastern and southern governorates, an oriented positive indication to enhance democracy, has been felt.

The question is what is the future of democracy in Yemen? To answer this question within the current prevailing conduits, we have to reconsider things seriously and to be fully aware to analyze the regional and international phenomena. We have to brave enough to diagnose our reality and pinpoint defects and mistakes. To draw an image on the future of democracy in Yemen, it is important to study outcomes of the reality throughout thirteen years.

Democracy in Yemen is the production of the Yemeni unification in 1990. The future of democracy in Yemen depends totally on availability of real conviction in democracy and its complete organization. It depends on political parties' exerted efforts to struggle for making their issues a vivid. I'm not pessimistic here but I have just scrutinized the social context where there isn't enough space for optimism.

## COMMON SENSE



By Hassan Al-Haifi

## Fundamentals here and over there

In the Home Front:

Mr. Abdul-Qader Bajammal, the Prime Minister was not off mark when he pointed out last week that the top items on the agenda of the New Cabinet will be to combat terrorism and deal with the corruption that has plagued our society far too long to be just dealt with closed eyes. Anyone, who knows Yemen well enough, is not oblivious to the fact that these two issues have been a major drawback to getting stability and development to interact together for the mobilization of all the potential that awaits the Republic of Yemen, socially and economically. If a suitable environment can be created to attract investment and harness the latent energies and capabilities of the people of Yemen, one is confident that great achievements can be achieved in little time. Yemenis have proven time and again, at home and overseas, that they can be productive and cohesive in working towards a common goal, when the right environment exists for them to unleash their capabilities.

This issue, we deal with the first priority. It must be borne in mind that when we are talking of terror, we should not confine ourselves to the White House and Tel Aviv interpretations of terror. Nevertheless, the general population of Yemen is not at all enthusiastic about uninformed or sometimes needy Yemenis being misled by religious misconceptions that have been imported by well organized and dubious self-proclaimed religious so called "fundamentalists", whose fundamentals and perceptions of Islam, have been often been more of a great disservice to Islam. Many Yemenis are realizing that such orders need to be checked in their paramilitary manifestations, conceptual misinterpretations and institutional implications. It is important for Islam to remain, the religion of tolerance, reason and down-to-earth good sense, since these were the attributes by which Islam gained the overwhelming majority of its converts throughout the world. We must always bear in mind that Islam is the religion of peace and understanding. This does not mean that Moslems are to be off guard in protecting their interests and their proper moral convictions, but they should do so in a rational and progressive manner, that does not in anyway corrupt the civilized approach that the great prophet of Islam, Mohammed (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) and his early disciples followed in reflecting the message of Islam. This is especially important, when considering that the Moslem World is in an extremely weak and fragile position, facing insurmountable pressures from the outside and within the Nation, as a whole and the individual Moslem states.

Having said all that, we must bear in mind that in Yemen, we are also facing another form of terror, which has become a dangerous menace to our security situation. The persistent long drawn out blood feuds that are tarnishing our cities with needless bloodshed is certainly a menace that must be dealt with. This calls for a systematic national effort that will review all the cases leading to such needless and senseless bloodshed, in which ironically the innocent are the first victims, as we saw in the latest barrages of blood feud clashes that erupted in Sana'a last week. In fact, some observers are pointing out that these erratic scenes of violence have turned Yemen into a war zone, with clashes occurring sporadically throughout the country, especially in the cities, which used to be traditionally regarded as "neutral zones" from any tribal confrontation. Those who argue for "maintaining our traditions and customs" overlook any of the important customs, which were so useful in maintaining some semblance of order and provided adequate protection for the innocent or those who are not involved in the dispute. The Government should work along with the social and tribal leaders towards, first of all, applying the law against those who commit any acts of murder or endanger the security of the general population firmly and equitably, with all regard to due process and human rights, both as defined by Sharia'a Law and criminal and civil legislation. While this observer has not seen the draft Gun Law passed by the Cabinet, it goes without saying that we need to make great strides in regulating the use and handling of firearms, some of which in fact are already part of the inherited social customs, which have again been overlooked by the advocates of preserving our traditional customs. One does not have to look far back in time, when many of these social issues were indeed resolved and Yemen had an almost crime-free setting, albeit in a more deprived somewhat feudal context.

## Over There:

(Ref. John Bettiga Letter to Editor-US Fundamentals in last issue)

I would just like to point out that Bill Clinton is "where he is" more because of the XXII Amendment to the US Constitution (1951), which limited the number of terms one person can be President of the US to two terms, and the precedent followed by almost all US Presidents except FDR. On comparison of Bush and Clinton, I agree it would be futile, but the scorecard I would probably use would give the latter a long-shot lead in all areas, going from the budget to foreign relations to oratory, etc. It is only fair that credit should be given where it is due.

## OUR OPINION

If the US and UK administrations fail to provide evidence

## They will be tried before history

Last week, an Iraqi living in Yemen told me that he no more wants his family to stay in Iraq. "Conditions there have become a nightmare. I cannot stand this any more. I just hope they would listen to me and come to Yemen," he said.

Looking back in time, and remembering the promises of the US administration of bringing a better life for Iraqis, one wonders, isn't this a crisis for the USA in world opinion? Those Iraqis, who were supposed to be freed by US forces, are today suffering humiliation by those very forces, who sometimes -according to eyewitnesses in Iraq- commit outrageous acts that only drunken New York City gangsters would commit. Not only that, but those acts are committed by a foreign force against people who are supposed to be living freely in their own land.

This is not what Americans thought it would turn out to be. Look at the confrontations taking place in various parts of Iraq. Look at the joy of Iraqi citizens when a US helicopter was shot down killing US soldiers on board. Doesn't this show that Iraqis are not happy about the situation?

Two full months have passed since Iraq was as 'liberated' according to Americans and 'occupied' according to some Iraqis. Yet, Iraqis are still waiting for the US-UK promises to be delivered. Where is law enforcement? Where are the basic services of electricity and communications?

Until this very day, Iraqis are lining up in long queues at Red Cross sites so as to call their relatives and love ones in other parts of the world. Many Iraqis are helplessly witnessing the demolishing of houses and arrest of Iraqi men in many areas in the country, while the US insists that it is bringing freedom.

The world is now raising the question again about whether this war should have been waged from the start. "Was this war legitimate?", "Where are the Weapons of Mass Destruction that the US used as a pretext for the war?", and "Where are the Kuwaiti prisoners?" are questions legitimately asked by Iraqis, and other citizens around the world.

US senators and congressmen are themselves asking about the evidence that was supposed to be shown a long time ago by the US. Former chief UN weapons inspectors Hans Blix is again pouring doubt on the initial 'intelligent' reports presented by the USA and the UK about Iraq's prohibited weapons.

This is a tough test for G.W. Bush and the American administration, which will be tried before mankind history if it could not provide solid proof of the weapons it claimed, existed in Iraq. It will be tried for waging a war against an independent state resulting in human sufferings and the vanishing of thousands of invaluable ancient monuments that resemble the oldest civilization on earth. It will be tried for every human suffering, and for the tears of every Iraqi mother, who lost her child in this war.

Who on earth will be able to bear such a huge responsibility?

Who on earth will be able to withstand so much guilt?

If it turns out that this war had no justification whatsoever, the pain of knowing that this war was waged for no humane reason is a pain that will live with Bush and Blair and their administrations forever, and if they are not tried in any international court for the crimes committed during this war, this eternal pain, which will remain in their inner minds, may be enough as punishment for what they did.

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**New questions about U.S. intelligence regarding Iraq's weapons of mass terror**

# Truth and consequences

By Bruce B. Auster, Mark Mazzetti and Edward T. POUND for usnews.com

On the evening of February 1, two dozen American officials gathered in a spacious conference room at the Central Intelligence Agency in Langley, Va. The time had come to make the public case for war against Iraq. For six hours that Saturday, the men and women of the Bush administration argued about what Secretary of State Colin Powell should—and should not—say at the United Nations Security Council four days later. Not all the secret intelligence about Saddam Hussein's misdeeds, they found, stood up to close scrutiny. At one point during the rehearsal, Powell tossed several pages in the air. "I'm not reading this," he declared. "This is bulls\*\*\*"

Just how good was America's intelligence on Iraq? Seven weeks after the end of the war, no hard evidence has been turned up on the ground to support the charge that Iraq posed an imminent threat to U.S. national security—no chemical weapons in the field, no Scud missiles in the western desert, no biological agents. At least not yet. As a result, questions are being raised about whether the Bush administration overstated the case against Saddam Hussein. History shows that the Iraqi regime used weapons of mass terror against Iraqi Kurds and during the war against Iran in the 1980s. But it now appears that American intelligence on Iraq's weapons programs was sometimes sketchy, occasionally politicized, and frequently the subject of passionate disputes inside the government. Today, the CIA is conducting a review of its prewar intelligence, at the request of the House Intelligence Committee, and Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld has conceded that Iraq may have destroyed its chemical weapons months before the war.

The dossier. The question remains: What did the Bush administration know—or think it knew—on the eve of war? In the six days before Powell went to the U.N., an intense, closed-door battle raged over the U.S. intelligence dossier that had been compiled on Baghdad's weapons of mass destruction and its links to terrorists. Holed up at the CIA night and day, a team of officials vetted volumes of intelligence purporting to show that Iraq posed a grave threat. Powell, CIA Director George Tenet, and Condoleezza Rice, the national security adviser, were among those who participated in some sessions. What follows is an account of the struggle to find common ground on a bill of particulars against Saddam. Interviews with more than a dozen officials reveal that many pieces of intelligence—including information the administration had already cited publicly—did not stand up to scrutiny and had to be dropped from the text of Powell's U.N. speech.

Vice President Cheney's office played a major role in the secret debates and pressed for the toughest critique of Saddam's regime, administration officials say. The first draft of Powell's speech was written by Cheney's staff and the National Security Council. Days before the team first gathered at the CIA, a group of officials assembled in the White House Situation Room to hear Cheney's chief of staff, Lewis "Scooter" Libby, lay out an indictment of the Iraqi regime—"a Chinese menu" of charges, one participant recalls, that Powell might use in his U.N. speech. Not everyone in the administration was impressed, however. "It was over the top and ran the gamut from al Qaeda to human rights to weapons of mass destruction," says a senior official. "They were unsubstantiated assertions, in my view."

Powell, apparently, agreed. So one week before he was to address the U.N. Security Council, he created a team, which set up shop at the CIA, and directed it to provide him with an intelligence report based on more solid information. "Powell was acutely aware of the need to be completely accurate," says the senior official, "and that our national reputation was on the line."

The team, at first, tried to follow a 45-page White House script, taken from Libby's earlier presentation. But there were too many problems—some assertions, for instance, were not supported by solid or adequate sourcing, several officials say. Indeed, some of the dam-

ing information simply could not be proved.

One example, included in the script, focused on intelligence indicating that an Iraqi official had approved the acquisition of sensitive software from an Australian company. The concern was that the software would allow the regime to understand the topography of the United States. That knowledge, coupled with unmanned aerial vehicles, might one day enable Iraq to attack America with biological or chemical weapons. That was the allegation. Tenet had briefed Cheney and others. Cheney, says a senior official, embraced the intelligence.

The White House instructed Powell to include the charge in his presentation. When the Powell team at the CIA examined the matter, however, it became clear that the information was not ironclad. CIA analysts, it turns out, couldn't determine after further review whether the software had, in fact, been delivered to Iraq or whether the Iraqis intended to use it for nefarious purposes. One senior official, briefed on the allegation, says the software wasn't sophisticated enough to pose a threat to the United States. Powell omitted the allegation from his U.N. speech.

It had taken just one day for the team assembled at the CIA to trip over the fault line dividing the Bush administration. For months, the vice president's office and the Pentagon had been more aggressive than either State or the CIA when it came to making the case against Iraq.

Veteran intelligence officers were dismayed. "The policy decisions weren't matching the reports we were reading every day," says an intelligence official. In September 2002, U.S. News has learned, the Defense Intelligence Agency issued a classified assessment of Iraq's chemical weapons. It concluded: "There is no reliable information on whether Iraq is producing and stockpiling chemical weapons..." At about the same time, Rumsfeld told Congress that Saddam's "regime has amassed large, clandestine stockpiles of chemical weapons, including VX, sarin, cyclosporin and mustard gas." Rumsfeld's critics say that the secretary tended to assert things as fact even when intelligence was murky. "What we have here is advocacy, not intelligence work," says Patrick Lang, a former top DIA and CIA analyst on Iraq. "I don't think [administration officials] were lying; I just think they did a poor job. It's not the intelligence community. It's these guys in the Office of the Secretary of Defense who were playing the intelligence community."

Douglas Feith, Rumsfeld's top policy adviser, defended the intelligence analysis used in making the case for war and says it was inevitable that the "least developed" intelligence would be dropped from Powell's speech. "With intelligence, you get a snippet of information here, a glimpse of something there," he said. "It is inherently sketchy in most cases."

In a written statement provided to U.S. News, the CIA's Tenet says: "Our role is to call it like we see it—to tell policymakers what we know, what we don't know, what we think, and what we base it on. . . . The integrity of our process was maintained throughout, and any suggestion to the contrary is simply wrong."

In those first days of February, the disputed material was put under the microscope. The marathon meetings, which included five rehearsals of the Powell presentation, lasted six days. According to a senior official, Powell would read an item. Then he would ask CIA officers there—including Tenet and his deputy, John McLaughlin—for the source of the information. "The secretary of state insisted that every piece of evidence be solid. Some others felt you could put circumstantial evidence in, and what matters is the totality of it," says one participant. "So you had material that ended up on the cutting-room floor."

And plenty was cut. Sometimes it was because information wasn't credible, sometimes because Powell didn't want his speech to get too long, sometimes because Tenet insisted on protecting sources and methods. At the last minute, for instance, the officials agreed to drop an electronic intercept of Iraqis describing the torture of a donkey. On the tape,

the men laughed as they described what happened when a drop of a lethal substance touched the animal's skin.

Thin gruel. The back and forth between the team at the CIA and the White House intensified. The script from the White House was whittled down, then discarded. Finally, according to several participants, the National Security Council offered up three more papers: one on Iraq's ties to terrorism, one on weapons of mass destruction, one on human-rights violations. The document on terrorism was 38 pages, double spaced. By the time the team at the CIA was done with it, half a dozen pages remained. Powell was so unimpressed with the information on al Qaeda that he decided to bury it at the end of his speech, according to officials. Even so, NSC officials kept pushing for Powell to include the charge that 9/11 hijacker Mohamed Atta had met with an Iraqi intelligence official in Prague. He refused.

By Monday night, February 3, the presentation was taking final shape. Powell wanted no doubts that the CIA stood behind the intelligence, so, according to one official, he told Tenet: "George, you're coming with me." On Tuesday, some members of the team decamped to New York, where Powell took a room at the Waldorf-Astoria. Participants ran two full dress rehearsals complete with place cards indicating where other members of the Security Council would be sitting. The next morning, Powell delivered his speech, as scheduled. Tenet was sitting right behind him.

Today, the mystery is what happened to Iraq's terror weapons. "Everyone believed they would find it," says a senior official. "I have never seen intelligence agencies in this government and other governments so united on one subject."

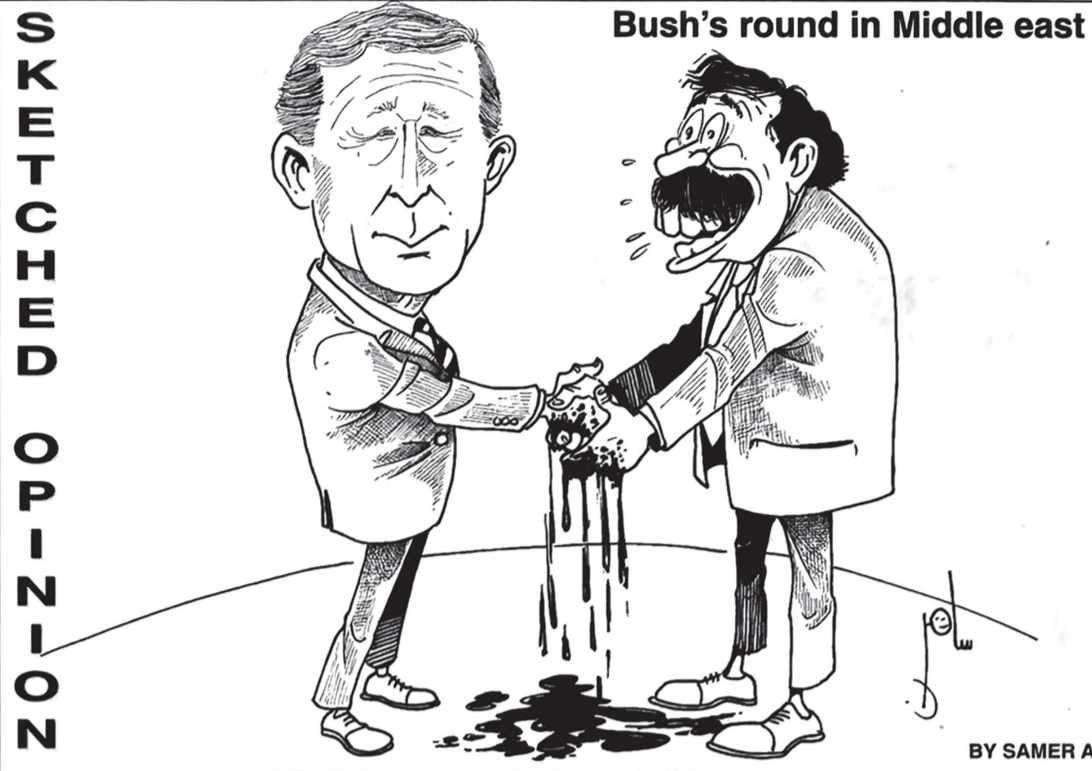
Mirages. Were they right? Powell and Tenet were convinced that chemical agents had been deployed to field units. None have been found. War planners used the intelligence when targeting suspected weapons of mass destruction sites. Yet bomb-damage assessments found that none of the targets contained chemical or biological weapons. "What we don't know at this point," says an Air Force war planner, "is what was bad intelligence, what was bad timing, what was bad luck."

As for the al Qaeda tie, defense officials told U.S. News last week they had learned of a potentially significant link between Saddam's regime and Osama bin Laden's organization. A captured senior member of the Mukhabarat, Iraq's intelligence service, has told interrogators about meetings between Iraqi intelligence officials and top members of the Egyptian Islamic Jihad, a group that merged with al Qaeda in the 1990s. The prisoner also described \$300,000 in Iraqi transfers to the organization to pay for attacks in Egypt. The transfers were said to have been authorized by Saddam Hussein. "It's a single-source report," says one defense official. "But is this the first time anyone has told us something like this? Yeah."

Senior administration officials say they remain convinced that weapons of mass destruction will turn up. The CIA and the Pentagon reported last week that two trucks seized in Iraq were apparently used as mobile biological weapons labs, though no biological agents were found. A senior counterterrorism official says the administration also believes that biological and chemical weapons have been hidden in vast underground complexes. "You can find it out in the open, but if you put this stuff underground or underwater," he says, "there is no signature and it doesn't show up." He added that the Pentagon is using small robots, outfitted with sensors and night-vision equipment, to get into and explore "heavily booby-trapped" underground complexes, some larger than football fields. "People are getting discouraged that they haven't found it," he says. "They are looking for a master source, a person who can say where the stuff is located."

Some 300 sites have been inspected so far; there are an additional 600 to go, and the list is growing, as captured Iraqis provide new leads. But what if those leads turn up nothing? "It would be," says a senior administration official, "a colossal intelligence failure."

SKETCHED OPINION



BY SAMER A.

## Abdulaziz Al-Saqqaf

# Departure of the dawn

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The dawn has left us and never came back, leaving us drowning in darkness of multi dimensions, filling our surroundings with its brutality and despair. The departure of the dawn has allowed thieves to sneak in and take away the greenness from our fields.

Late dear Prof. Al-Saqqaf was the kind of man who believed in his country and was a true patriot. He was to us the dawn that we hoped and anticipated every day. The hope that was withheld by fate, depriving so many vulnerable hearts from the happiness they foresaw through him. He was a knight that would not descend to the ground but to reach for the needy and fight the cruel.

I knew him as an academic scholar in the university, a loyal professor who was dedicated to his work and a brilliant journalist. He was a defender of human rights and a bridge on which civilizations were carried through. He did not know what sur-

render was and did not stop his endless march for any thing. And in spite of all this struggle and fight against corruption and evil, he was gentle kind friend and a very modest man.

It's been three years since he has left us, leaving a sad emptiness in our lives and beings that could not be filled by anyone. And as we behold the fourth memorial of his departure, I take pleasure while seeing the giant project he had created grow and grow. The Yemen Times is the largest English media establishments in Yemen, and establishment that conveyed its message to the Yemeni man in all parts of the country and abroad. It has become an information reliable reference that is a luminous point for all Yemenis and Yemen interested people.

Not only was the Yemen Times the sole achievement of my friend Dr. Saqqaf, he has established throughout his career a number of civil societies, the Yemeni Institute for Democracy Development and the National Committee for Election Monitoring are two of the most distinguished

ones. He was one of the prominent members of Al-Shouwra Council. He was the initiator and on of the founders of the Human Rights Committee in the Shouwra Council, which he personally funded and saw to life.

He was brave and courageous, to the extent that he threw fear in the hearts of all those wrong doers, those who hate the truth and work against it. It is so difficult to talk about this great man and put all that he is into simple words. Yemen has lost a hero, a gift that seldom comes in time. The whole country mourned his departure and hundreds of thousands walked in his funeral bidding him the last farewell. They all, while they walking him to his last destination on earth were mourning themselves as they realized that with this loss they have lost the hope of so many dreams that were just beginning to bloom. Now as they healed the sand on this really loved man they knew that the black curtains of the nights are set down forever, for the dawn has left us forever.

## Letters to the Editor

**Yemen-Saudi relations**  
First I would like to congratulate YT on the new look and presentation. It is ambitious step toward future journalism and modernization.

Question: I notice complete ignorance by YT to activities between Yemen and Saudi Arabia. Last week, a large Saudi business delegation visited various cities of the country. I was expecting YT to do a complete coverage and reportage about their visit and what Yemen may benefit from that.

We Yemenis look forward for such area of productive economic cooperation.

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**On Bettiga's assumed US fundamentals**

I would like to comment on John Bettiga's letter to you concerning American fundamentals. He was commenting on how Clinton was great for countries like Yemen, but terrible for America, and that Bush represents American fundamentals. It is because of people like Mr. Bettiga, and Bush, that most of the world believes that Americans are pushy, overbearing, arrogant and imperialist-out to take everyone else's wealth and make it our own. Please let it be known that these are not American fundamentals!! Under Clinton, we were a far more prosperous country, and regarded much more

highly in the international arena than we are with Bush. Clinton not only respected the rights of ALL Americans-not just the rich-but he also respected the rights and dignity of other countries such as Yemen. Clinton was the embodiment of American fundamentals. My country was founded on respect for other cultures, freedom, tolerance, democracy and the right of opportunity for all. Bush, being the embodiment of greed, disrespect for other cultures, limited freedom and unilateral objectives, is NOT what my country is about. I am saddened by the idea that he has continued to tarnish the reputation of my country—because most of us are not at all like him.

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**A Christian's perspective: Muslims are our enemies**

Saddam knew he would lose the 2nd round. He knows Arab armies can't fight toe to toe with us. But they do quite well as terrorists. Hope you don't think Saddam is finished. He still has his trump card, the WMDs. I don't think you will find them in Iraq.

You need to understand that all Muslims are our enemies. They have a saying amongst themselves - "First Saturday, Then Sunday." First the Jews, then the Christians, but I'm sure they will find them in Iraq. Never take the Jews as long

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as the US and UK are around. Don't be surprised to see those WMDs here. They won't defeat us but sure could give us a severe blow.

The Arabs have us over a barrel. When we get hit big time, they will say the radicals did it, not them. So who do we hit? Osama? Saddam? Al-Qaeda? Get the point? Or do we take out more countries like Iran, Syria, Libya, Korea, and Pakistan...? Who protects the homeland with our porous borders? What happens when we are over-extended?

God also has a plan. First the Arabs, then the US and UK. The Beast of Revelation does them in - the German head of Catholic Europe, the King of the North in Daniel. Osama and Saddam are auditioning for King of the South (if they are alive). If they are dead, some other Arab will get the job.

I wonder if the President realizes that there will be no peace until Jesus Christ returns? The Arab problem will remain. The European problem will remain. The Papal problem will remain. The American problem will remain. The only changes will be with some of you.

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**About the "Enhance your English" advice**

I wish to comment on the gentleman that wrote the letter (Enhance your

English) to you about how you were coming up short on your "standard" of English in the Yemen Times: While Mujahed Taher Elhady was in the process of nipping your English I noticed he said, "Mr. Editor remember that President Truman always held the belief that "the buck stops here", a line you would do yourself well to remember." I, personally, would or might have constructed that sentence differently by saying... a line you might want to remember. The only newspaper or magazine that I know of to be perfect is the "New Yorker" magazine. However, they, themselves, as the story goes, only "once" in the many years of publication made a mistake. The New Yorker gave the company who advertised with them free advertisement for a year because of that mistake.

I might add that your answer to Mr. Taher was, in my opinion, perfect. What would, however, be nice, is—a spell-check for this email I'm sending to you. I'm such a poor speller.

I also have a comment on Mr. Amin Senan's question on whether "Yemen Times is Americanized". It saddens me that you pay (bensenan1@yahoo.com) Yahoo a monthly fee. But, how else could you read those American Yemen-Times advertisements.

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*Female students in Yemeni schools*

# Gender sensitivity

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**Background**

The Yemeni school system has three levels namely, primary (six years), preparatory (three years) and secondary (three years). At all these levels, generally males and females receive separate education except for a few private schools and that too co-education is only present in the primary levels or preparatory at most. Not only are students separated according to gender but also it is the general trend to have female teachers teaching at girls' school and male teachers teaching in boys school. A few exceptions are there for subjects where no female teachers are available such as Geography and Sciences, in such cases male teachers could exist in girls' schools yet the opposite is quite rare if not impossible.

**Women outnumber Men**

Numerically, a large portion of the students in the colleges in Yemeni Universities are females. At the Hodeidah University/Faculty of Education, for example, ratio of students undergoing B.Ed courses in English is three females to one male. Administrators in the faculty expect the proportion yet to increase.

Also, the proportion of women teachers to men teachers among the faculty is smoothly increasing. This increase is there not only in the developing countries such as Yemen, but in a country such as England by 1930 women outnumbered men by nearly four-to-one while in 1870 there were rather more male teachers than female. This shift was even more extreme in the U.S.A., emphasized by increasing opportunities for men outside teaching.

Some years back one could hardly find women teachers in the different departments in Yemeni Universities. But by 1990, one could find a set of women as Administrators/ Assistant Lecturers and lecturers i.e. 1-2 women staff members in all the departments except in the Department of Islamic studies.

**The Classroom and the Community**

Language as the embodiment of a community at large is the foundation on which language thrives. The interdependence of language and community is so great that both could form sides of the same coin. The class is a miniature community which is formally structured to imbibe all aspects of the life of the community.



Yemeni female students outnumber male students in Yemen's schools and universities.

The mixed classes in Yemeni Universities, Faculties of Education in Hodeidah for example, are not really mixed as some think. In each classroom, girls' seats are separated from boys' seats and located inside the classroom by left-side windows, while boys' seats are located by the doors, so there are two BIG GROUPS separated from each other inside each classroom in all the different disciplines. This seating arrangement is a replica of the real world situation.

This division of the students (boys/girls) inside each classroom originated from the Islamic rules and the social belief that "Women don't socialize with men other than family members". While in the other countries such as U.S.A. effort is made to separate religion from education, in Yemen religion dominates all aspects of life. Islamic rules and instructions must be applied in all the different environments including the classrooms i.e. small environments.

Depending on the fact that such a situation arises from obligatory beliefs and deep-rooted culture, to propose

changes in the social notions or even in the order of the seats inside the classrooms, then is to propose changing the culture.

Now let us give a clear picture of the mixed classes (girls/boys) and the teachers' role in giving the students opportunities to use English and interact in such classrooms.

**Student / Teacher interaction**

The English classrooms in the Yemeni Universities, for example, Hodeidah University, are large ones i.e. each class contains more than 50 students in which girls outnumber boys, nearly 40 girls to 10 boys. Because the boys are few, their names are known by the girls when the teachers take the attendance of the students at the end of each class. This makes the boys so careful while giving answers inside the classrooms. They always try to give correct answers inside the classrooms to avoid losing the colors of their faces.

Girls are silent most of the time during the lectures, feeling shy and some of them never try to give answers even if they know them. "Female silence is

exploited by educational institutions and contributes to the over-representations of males and the under-representation of females..." (Spender, 1980a:149) as quoted in (Poynton 1989:33). Most of the girls avoid situations in which they feel that boys will laugh at them, or they will know their names i.e., they are under a misconception, that is "it's shame if a lady's name gets known by a set of men" especially the tribal girls. Therefore, they prefer silence to asking questions even if for clarification, though the teacher always asks "is it clear"? But when the teacher winds up the class, girl students follow her/ him asking some unclear points claiming that they have felt shy so they did not ask inside the classroom.

In classroom discussion, boys talk more than girls and "girls don't talk as much as boys" (Cherry, 1975 b, P 175) as quoted in (Poynton, 1989: P 30). Sears and Feldman in their large scale study on gender, note that "boys in upper elementary grades participate more than girls do in classroom discussion, making more statements and asking more questions" "Even at the post graduate level, males are twice as likely as females to ask questions during a lecture....".

Sometimes when the teacher finds no response from the girl students, she/he directly selects some girl students.

Teacher: Amna, do you have any idea about .....

Amna: ah .....ah.....oh..... no.....I can't ..... sorry.

"They are threatened by being required to talk to boys" (Spender 1980a:150) as in (Ibid: p 32). It seems as if the teacher forces "the girl students to play an *unfeminine* role when he insists to take part in classroom discussion with boys".

Though boys ask and talk more than girls inside the classroom, they don't achieve well in their final exams. For example, most of the top students who have got the first rank in the final exams in the Faculty of Education, Hodeidah, are girls especially in the English department. But most of the top students are not good communicators in English. So this is evidence to dismiss the idea that girls have a greater natural aptitude for English.

The teachers always encourage the students, especially girls; "Don't feel shy", "Just try and talk", "Don't bother yourself about the mistakes", "Making mistakes means learning the language", "Be confident ..." are the kind of comments they make. Girls fear the boys' negative comments or the teacher's correction of their mistakes in public which creates the inhibition to use the language inside the classroom.

Girls prefer female teachers especially in the "Microteaching" and "Teaching practice" courses, claiming that "a female teacher will excuse us and understand our situation easily". Many excuses from the girl students a female teacher receives and many requests for avoiding them in the classroom she gets. Boys don't care if the teacher is a female or male. They skillfully attract the teacher's attention and participate inside the classrooms. "Boys dominate in turn-taking time for talk and attracting the teachers' invitation to speak" (Paechter 1998:25).

I think the extent to which boy/girl students interact/communicate inside the classroom depends on the teacher's methodology, techniques, encouragement reinforcement, selection of the topics / text / remedial / teaching, attitudes, respect students' points of view and neutral relationship with them inside the classroom.

Depending upon my experience in teaching such mixed classrooms that are representative of gendered society, I'm suggesting the following:

Opportunities should exist for both girl/boy students to examine their ability of speaking through involving them in discussion, group-work, and local seminars.

Respecting the students' opinions, solutions and points of view in solving some problems, the teacher should never belittle their points of view even if they lack sufficient knowledge/skill. Dismissing the idea that girls are greater than boys or vice versa because as I believe there is no difference in the ability of the students (boys/girls) but the difference is in their attitudes.

Breaking the girls' silence through encouraging them so much to talk to make them feel self-confident and secure. But the teacher should avoid creating a binary opposition which sets

girls against boys.

Trying to achieve gender parity between girls/boys, "rejecting the idea of amending English syllabuses to accommodate boys' needs and skills, condemning it as a process of "dumbing down", "English teachers need to avoid a polarized literary focus for girls and boys and rather plan for the curriculum to be made accessible and enriching to all" I agree with the idea of "preferring sensitivity arranged ideas, language and imagined reader".

Selecting suitable topics/texts that motivate and interest both boys/girls and give them a chance to use English inside the classroom and avoiding the topics/texts that contrast with the religion, culture and society. For example, most marriages in Yemen are arranged and alcohol is forbidden so "materials which deal with dating or western-style parties aren't appropriate for use". I believe that the teacher should see his work as a "mediator whose principal aim is to link the classroom with the community". Students (girls / boys) might be willing to talk using English inside the classroom if their materials are drawn from instances related to actual life in the community because they are inextricably bound up with their society at large, having knowledge on what is going on outside and they can transfer their personal opinions to the classroom using English.

Boys are proficient in attracting the teacher's attention and dominating turn-taking, so the teacher should not give the boys a chance to dominate the turns all the time and should not create a polarized focus on the boys' speech because girls will feel frustrated, more inhibited and suffer from "a lowering of self-esteem as they receive less attention".

Involving students (boys/girls) in work on some projects to force them to search for knowledge, references and sources of information in the libraries creating competitive work that reflect their broader abilities and teach them how gender influences access to powerful success.

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*The faint connection*

## Success and luck

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When people succeed, it is because of hard work. Luck has nothing to do with success.

As a matter of fact, the two terms "Success and luck" are mutually exclusive; in the presence of success luck must be absent and vice-versa. There is neither direct nor indirect relevance between success and luck.

No one can claim that great people (Scientists, scholars, physicians, businessmen, literary figures, politicians, artists, and so forth) have achieved success and made great names for them by luck. Logically speaking, there must be a rationale behind their success. The rationale is simply the hard work together with sharp mental abilities. Some people might say, "How about those who win lottery!

They succeed by luck". Yes, they win lottery but they never succeed. Success has a completely different meaning. While success requires personal abilities and faithful efforts, luck requires neither the prior nor the latter. Lucky people make no effort and have nothing to do with successful ones. For instance, the student who goes to college to study a certain branch of knowledge is unlikely to obtain a scientific degree by luck. Because that requires the student to have a mental readiness and real hard work. Let us assume that there is a piece of land intended to be a farm. Definitely there would have to be a number of factors for the farm to have it produce good fruits and vegetables; turning the farm soil upside down, fertilizing, distributing seeds evenly, regular watering, applying insecticide...etc. We have to have the tree pass through all those steps in order to

get the final outcome "a fruitful grown-up tree". Similarly, success is always built on a very systematic and solid ground, which is called (hard work).

In life, there are enormous examples that illustrate the difference of having even an incidental relation between success and luck.

If I could digress a little bit I would have to say that there is a common misunderstanding among both educated and ordinary people regarding the difference between luck and fate. Religiously speaking, many people of different religious backgrounds one hundred percent believe in fate. Which they very often mistakenly regard as luck. This is, in fact, why most people cannot ignore the role of luck in making their lives.

In summary, luck can be existing in some moments of life but not in the moments of success.

# Population Trends and Population Culture

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**P**opulation problem in Yemen is considered one of the main obstacles facing development, if not to assume it the greatest one. Three decades of rapid growing and expanding, the demographics of this country have become a real mess. From as low as 7 million in 1975, to 11.6 million in 1988, to 15.4 million in 1994 yielding a population growth rate of 3.7%, one of the highest in the world. Probably there were many factors that played along, such as first Gulf war resulting the 18 million and more today, but if the rate remains the same it is expected that in less than 18 years the number will be multiplied.

The rapid and unorganized population growth has caused imbalance to development and demographic situation. Reason is that the resources are quite limited and the cycle in which they are reproduced such as underground water through rain is much slower, hence, with more demand than supply it is natural that there will be a critical crisis.

There are a number of indicators that cause worry:

Average life span does not exceed 55 years in Yemen, true that it is better than 20 years ago but it is definitely less than that of other developing countries

Infant mortality is 80%, very high in comparison with 5-10% in developing countries

Mother mortality rate is 0.5% against 0.004% - 0.01% in the developing countries

50% of the children below 5 years are subjected to any sort of malnutrition and 40% of children go through acute phases of diarrhea and digestion system diseases.

Statistics indicate that more than 40% of the population does not have suitable drinking water.

Although action is being taken to reduce those measures and to improve the situation, yet medical services themselves are in shortage especially that concerning mother and child care in the suburb (only 27%) more than in the cities.

Family planning mechanisms and schemes still are below required level and demographical census in 1997 described that only average of 21% (36% cities and 16% suburbs) of married women apply to any family planning methods.

Studies also showed that the most critical dangers that family faces are mainly because one of three reasons: early or late pregnancy, rapid pregnancies, and short time span between one pregnancy and the other. If this problem about birth control remains as it is, then the gap between consumption and resources will grow wider and wider, resulting in health, social, and economic problems. Therefore it is of crucial significance to act immediately under the National Strategy for Population that was authenticated in 1991 and was developed into a strategic plan in 1997.

# Water shortage & the awful truth

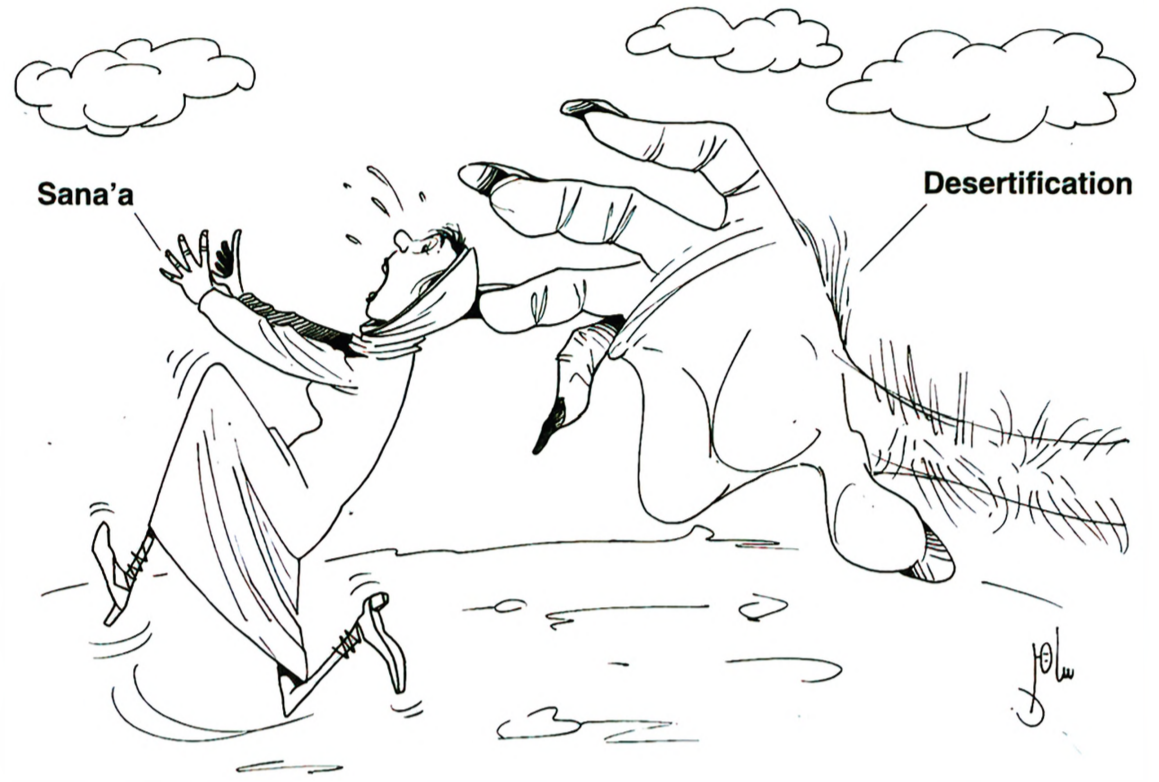
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**E**nvironment and life form an integral part. The safety of the environment means the safety of life and harming the environment by external or internal elements that spring from the environment itself will reflect on life thoroughly.

All realize that the environment has contents and potentials and the greatest one, which considered life elixir and the pure gold that a handful of it in the barren desert means a wealth. The pure gold that everybody is ignorant it and uses it with indifference as well as consuming water in useless matters, on contrary it will be a harm on environment, human and animal.

We in our country do not mention this problem unless we have occasions or posters or brochures that issued between time to time. Or when there are workshops, seminars and activities for some scientific and educational sides that look after the environmental issues. Consequently, a number of topics and reportages issued in magazines dispersing here and there. Periods after periods and we forget and we return to chew qat, promote and open markets for it and we do not know that it is the biggest tyrant that plunders our water heritage and takes tremendously our water resources that can be used for irrigation another plants, vegetables and fruits. Consequently we will stop importing vegetables and fruits and get rid of dollar control and high increase of prices of foodstuff if we have regulated the use of our water resources.

So it is very important that the concerned bodies not just talk about the importance of the water security occasionally but they should activate this problem at large and continuous extent through environmental and scientific network for science and technology to research and study water in our country and train technical and professional cadre as well as encouraging the researches and studies to face the water insufficiency phenomenon that becomes clear because of rains and torrents shortage in most areas. Besides, finding solutions for



consuming water wealth and build environmental awareness via posters, press, TV, radio, and activities on the level of civil and military governmental institutions as well as the necessity of spread awareness among women about proper using for water as they are the most persons using for water in houses either in the town or the countryside.

It is worthy to benefit from the government readiness to build dams and water catchments that will save rain and torrent water to benefit from it later on in agriculture to have a green cover besides feed the earth with groundwater.

Everybody in the educational, environmental and health institutions has to take the responsibility for tackling this problem before an environmental disaster takes place. That is what the UN statistics warned against. Those statistics indicate that more than 2500 million people are going to face imminent shortages in drinking water in 2025. So if insensible consuming of water remains as it is a catastrophe will definitely happen.

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# Local Press

Prepared by Mohammed Khidhr



Al-Isbou weekly, 5 June 2003.

## Main headlines:

- Legal attaché office at Washington's embassy in Sana'a
- Former minister and his deputy sent to public property prosecution
- Al-Haddi, formerly retained in America returns home

Columnist Sanad Abdulla says in an article that fundamentalism is not only ideological or organizational and neither a personal or partisan behavior so that the Yemeni state could fulfill besieging it with security and police policies and tracing back its strings. It is a summation of the Yemeni constitutional, educational and cultural reality in addition it is part of the civil political activity. Thus it forms the basis of the Yemeni standing political system. It is a system educationally producing fundamentalism and guarantee it in the national life as being the foundation of the comprehensive legislative and legal structure for life link in Yemen. Hence it is difficult for the ruling party or other parties to meet any pledges to international circles on part of the Yemeni state concerning fighting fundamentalist terror and curb its infiltration into national life. This fundamentalism intended to be besieged by the military and security power is in fact an institutional and official fundamentalism and is consequently productive and easy to reproduce. It derives its influence from the present political system in addition to its being affected by the total international provocative circumstances that provide the best political environments for the growth of fundamentalist tide in Arab and Islamic countries in general.



Al-Wahda weekly, 4 June 2003.

## Main headlines:

- Following the president's amnesty decree, a number of exiled Yemenis back home
- Terror, corruption, human rights, technology, main headlines of Bajammal's government program
- Three Yemenis arrested on American-Mexican borders
- By-elections, beginning of July
- Support for Yemeni abroad communities' schools unleashed
- FM: Yemen supports "road map" if leads to a Palestinian state
- Insurance premiums on ships at Yemeni ports lowered
- JPC seeks forming a unified parliamentary bloc
- Nasserite organization central committee member Abu Hatem;

JMP lost elections due to their panting behind narrow interests

Columnist Abdul Raqeeb Muqbil writes in his article that no one disputes that the United States has a great interest behind success of the alleged peace in the Mideast. America, besides its being a strategic ally to the Israel and committed to its security and safety, it has the biggest asset of political, economic, military and security and trade relations in the region. What Washington lacks is related to credibility and knowledge of the region's structure and culture and little bias towards Israel.

He is deluded and mistaken who thinks Washington has succeeded in Iraq to continue it in the core of the Middle East problem. The situation in Iraq has not calmed down and I do not think it will in years to come. Justifications of the war- weapons of mass destruction has become a silly joke. Many a country began examining the evidence, statements and documents that have been cooked up in the dark. If Washington has rendered Iraq into ruins and undermined sovereignty of a big state in the region and punished its history and heritage, is it possible it would grant the Palestinians and Arabs a comprehensive peace and to give them a state? Washington and Israel want a kind of peace resembling that making the emerging tracks merely a security problem to be negotiated about according to the Israeli and American requisites with regard to war and peace.



Al-Balagh weekly, 3 June 2003.

## Main headlines:

- U.S. administration spokesman discloses that Saudi Arabia is destined to be divided into forty tiny states
- Addressing the Jews, bush says they would not stop till disarm all the Arabs and Muslims
- Owing to dispute with the Islah, the GPC boycotts parliament sessions
- In a new letter, Saddam Hussein praises the mujahideen fighting a guerrilla war against the occupying force
- NBC: Secret document discloses American spying on Saudi mosques American, British, European fears of a European "11 September"
- "Road map" promoted in Sharm el Sheikh Meeting

Columnist Hamdi Doubala says in an article that the existing responsibility before the government today and the demand to be performed accurately should not be looked at by the officials as an easy task and consequently dealing with it so simply. All should

deal with this responsibility with live conscience and high morals and an understanding that all the plans and programs they would adopt must be directed in the first place in interest of the citizen and to lift the burdens from his shoulder, weighed down with inherited mistakes and negative aspects from mistakes of the successive governments. Since our people have adopted democracy as an approach in their life and organizing it, the matter remains attached and related to the level of obtaining their needs and requirements. Any government fails to realize that goals would be undesirable and all would look forward to get rid of it as soon as possible and the balloting boxes alone would provide the opportunity to achieve that.



Al-Wahdawi weekly, organ of the Nasserite Organization, 3 June 2003.

## Main headlines:

- Yemeni court banned "al-Wahdawi" from writing articles dealing with Saudi Arabia
- GPC bloc in parliament boycotts its sessions
- Pollution catastrophe in Aden, millions squandered in Taiz
- Iraq's Nasserites call for resisting occupation
- Owners and drivers of Hudeida transport bureau demand abolishment of law No. 33
- Tribal clashes in the capital
- Writer Fawaz Ahmed Thabet al-Qarashi says in his article that undoubtedly the pardon decision taken by the president towards those sentenced politically on charges of war and secessionism represents a positive step towards enhancement of the internal front and the national rank torn by many conflicts and political verdicts against rivals. The pardon decision was interpreted by some analysts with various and different explanations. Some say it was an initiative taken by the president to block the way against the American attempts to use the migrants because of the 1994 war as a pressure card on Yemen. Others have considered it as part of the American pressures for the reshaping of the political map in a way the YSP assumes a forward position in the Yemeni political life. Other analysts interpreted the decision as a normal measure coming under the process of general amnesty issued by the president of the republic.

Regardless of all above interpretations and analyses and motives behind issuing it which represents a spirit of tolerance and dialogue and closing all files of the past, and as much as it has received wide-range satisfaction, it has also received some resentful impressions by those interested in the Yemeni political affair as it did not include pardon towards Abdulla

Abdulla'ilem and his colleague Abdulraqeeb al-Qurashi



26 September weekly, organ of the Yemen Armed Forces, 5 June 2003.

## Main headlines:

- Yemen welcomes the "road map", renews its support for an independent Palestinian state
- FM al-Qirbi: Yemen with the Palestinian choice, implementation must be without amendment or delay
- PM Bajammal discusses "declaring Sana'a capital for Arab culture" with leadership of culture ministry
- Praising bilateral relations, Indonesian vice president visits Yemen this year
- Interior minister visits Saudi Arabia soon to attend meetings of the higher commission for implementation of the border treaty
- Yemen renews its demands for handing over detainees at Guantanamo
- New appointments at Yemeni foreign missions
- American special forces in the Horn of Africa arrives in Sana'a
- A person threatening of killing journalists arrested
- Vice president opens & lays foundation stones for public services and development projects in Ibb.

Editorial of the newspaper is devoted to tackling the so-called road map between the Palestinians and the Israelis and the recent summits held in Sharm el Sheikh and Aqaba port of Jordan. He editorial says the Arab region is leading speedy events after the latest Iraq war and maybe in an attempt to remove the psychological impact and reactions among the Arabs and Muslims or to conceal the failure the occupying forces are facing in Iraq. It could be also assumed that these can be the beginning of the American presidential elections campaign and it is behind these political movements that urged president bush visit the region and hold the two summits in Sharm el Sheikh and the Aqaba. This step should be welcomed if the goal behind it is really the realization of comprehensive and just peace in the region and includes all the concerned parties, i.e. the Palestinian, the Syrian and the Lebanese so that the region will be able to close down the file of the conflict.

While we witness these movements and developments we should not be very optimistic regarding the Middle East crisis. We must not be too optimistic to conceal the facts represented by the Israeli side hard-line stands and its hindering of all efforts aimed at the establishment of the Palestinian state and also Israel's desire that the Palestinian state be not fully sover-

eign. It is a matter Israel may try to through imposing certain conditions on the road map or fabricating crises and violence to hinder the peace process, as the Israeli government had done in the past with any American Palestinian rapprochement with regard to a solution to the Palestinian Israeli conflict. All these facts dictate on the United States and the quartet committee the responsibility for refusing the Israeli pressures and to oblige it gets committed implementing it without any changes.



Al-Thawri weekly, organ of the YSP, 5 June 2003.

## Main headlines:

- More details on plan of assassinating Jarallah Omar, disclosed, political security has beforehand information on the killing Omar
- YSP confirms serious interaction with pardon decision to stabilize the unity and democracy
- FBI demand opening an office at the American embassy in Yemen
- "Al-Thawri" and "Al-Wahdawi" acquitted in the case raised against them by the supreme committee of elections

Columnist Abda Farie Nouman says in his article that advance of society could not be achieved by words or slogans that are not compatible with actual practices of political and popular forces and civil society organizations including woman organizations and forces of the ruling authority. Building a society is integration between man and woman and without that integration the society remains chained and deprived of freedom. Depriving the woman of practicing her role in full means depriving the society of this role and that freedom because the woman constitute half of the society and any infringement of her rights means violation of the entire society's rights and freedom.

On part of the authority it seems that women do not occupy their position and importance but on certain occasions and seasons the authority is interested in, as soon as the season ends the talk about the woman and her rights stops, even as an individual in the society, as what has happened in the recent parliamentary elections where the woman is represented by one member out of 301 seats. The present age necessitates studying and analyzing its data in a practical way. This reality could not be defined by man only but by serious stands towards the real role of the woman in building an integrated society. Such an orientation could demand from all political forces, including the forces of authority, to allot constituencies special for the woman nomination according to criteria serving her goals so that the woman would take her

position at the parliament at least by 25% percent that is quarter of the society if not 50% percent of the society. There must be some three portfolios for woman such as the foreign, trade and education ministries in addition to involving her in the Shoura council, judiciary and various organizations. The woman represents life and existence in the Yemeni entity and she therefore reflects the civilized and democratic face of the society and the political system.



Al-Sahwa weekly, 5 June 2003.

## Main headlines:

- Bajamal demands for protection to the majority, mitigate religious dose
- Al-Ahmar receives a letter from Saudi chairman of Shoura council, Yadoumi meets British ambassador
- Back from the Emirates, al-Biedh denies moving out of Oman
- In the light of Riyadh blasts, Washington requests officially from Yemen to open a branch for the FBI
- In revenge wedding, 3 dead, 9 injured
- After shelling with machineguns, disputes between air defense and Ajan sons settled
- Students Union denounces terrorization of students, demands for civilian guard.

Columnist Zaid al-Shami says in his article by the end of parliamentary elections the Yemeni people are waiting there would be a racing in working for and sincerity in serving the citizen and solving his multi-dimensional problems. It is expected from the leaders and politicians to steer the ruder of the country towards building, mending fences a restoring confidence between all in addition to enhancing democratic practices and opening gates of dialogue and closing all files of conflict. These are hopes all aspire for but it seems they are still far from being attained. Dominance of self-esteem and non-recognition of others would make us live in a whirlwind and endless tempests. Nowadays we began to hear of punitive measures, private and public, among which closing secondary schools, removing and transferring employees in arbitrary way as well as confiscating others pieces of land and instigating tribal problems and vengeance. We are in need of a courageous decision to stop these consequences and the authority has to admit the presence of opposition and its right to practice political action and the opposition has to be dealing with reality and conduct an assessment for its performance to reconsider plans and programs of coordination among themselves.

# World Press

Major news items in leading international newspapers *Provided by Xinhua*

## Egypt

### Al-Ahram

US Congress sources said it was expected that the US administration would announce, during this month, plans to hold economic talks with Egypt on the proposed free trade area.

A senior US trade representative said earlier Egypt is one of the main nominees for free trade area talks in the region.

### Al-Akhbar

Saudi Crown Prince Abdullah Ibn Abdul-Aziz left Friday afternoon for home after the Arab-US summit held Tuesday in the Egyptian Red Sea resort of Sharm El-Sheikh.

Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak and the crown prince on Friday held talks

as part of continued coordination on issues of interest.

### Al-Gomhuria

President Mubarak on Friday telephoned Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat.

During the conversation, Mubarak and Arafat discussed the situation in light of the outcome of the latest summits in Sharm El-Sheikh and Aqaba, Jordan.

### Egyptian Mail

Egyptian Foreign Minister Ahmed Maher on Saturday meets his Sudanese counterpart Mustafa Ismail Osman, who arrived in Cairo the day before to attend an Arab gathering on development of southern Sudan. The meeting will be held at the Cairo-based Arab League.

## Britain

### The Independent

The Mayor of London, Ken Livingstone, claimed on Friday that the capital's congestion charge had been vindicated, after figures showed traffic had been cut 16 percent in the first quarter of this year.

### Financial Times

Valery Giscard d'Estaing, the European convention president, on Friday brought Europe's divided leaders to the brink of a historic deal that could shape the way how the European Union is run.

### The Daily Telegraph

A man allegedly pointed a gun at offi-

cer was shot dead on Friday by police near Heathrow airport, Scotland Yard said.

### The Times

Prime Minister Tony Blair and Chancellor Gordon Brown will draw a line next week under their divisions over the single currency by together launching a nationwide campaign on "the patriotic case for Europe."

### The Guardian

The number of queuing more than a year for a hospital operation in England under NHS (National Health Service) nearly doubled in April, Britain's Department of Health announced on Friday.

## U.S

### The Washington Post

A high-velocity foam projectile cracked a section of heat shielding from a space shuttle wing in tests on Friday, providing the first evidence that such an impact might have led to the destruction of the shuttle Columbia four months ago.

The US jobless rate reached 6.1 percent in May, its highest level in nine years, the US Labor Department reported.

### The New York Times

A report from the International

Atomic Energy Agency says Iran is planning nuclear facilities that could give it new options for producing nuclear arms.

American and British intelligence analysts with direct access to the evidence are disputing claims that the mysterious trailers found in Iraq were for making deadly germs.

In interviews over the last week, they said the mobile units were more likely intended for other purposes and charged that the evaluation process had been damaged by a rush to judgment.

# Improve Your English



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## I. What to Say

Situations and Expressions (50)  
Making Plans (II)

Plans are made keeping a set of given factors in mind. They usually indicate the planner's assumptions about and the possible consequences of certain actions taking place at the moment. Now let's review some more expressions used to indicate one's plans.

- We have **firm intentions** to work hard consistently to achieve the target.
- I have definite **hopes** to be computer literate within the next two months.
- Once** I graduate, I'll be in a **position** to proceed to India for higher studies.
- Having achieved my short term goal, I'd now make **best efforts** to fulfill my long term objective as well.
- I'll **put my best foot forward** to make a mark in my job.
- Given the determination and strong will power, **there's no reason why I can't** achieve my target within the stipulated time.
- If everything works out well, by this time next year I **hope** to be abroad.
- I **shall be reaching** your house at 5 P.M. by the dot and together we shall be driving to the airport.
- Since the first phase of the enterprise has gone up well, the next phase is **bound** to work out well according to our plans.
- The company is **all set** to enter the market with a bang.
- APTECH is **poised** for an impressive growth.
- Yemen Times is **scheduled** to be a world class newspaper.
- Yemen is **targeted** to be a nation in the forefront of technology and human resource development during the next decade.
- He aspires to attain the top rank on his class in the next exam, and I **hope** he will.

## II. How to Say it Correctly

Correct errors, if any, in the following sentences

- Myself, and thousands who think like myself, will not accept this.
- Wanted immediately - three bed-roomed house by company executive within easy reach of the station.
- There were a few interesting pages, but the majority of the book was boring.
- A case of empty coke bottle were put out after the party.
- Are you finished with the DHP?

### Possible answers to last week's questions

- I have never **done** and will never do such a thing.
- He knows **how** to prepare French toast.
- Whatever happens **keep on trying**.
- It's no use **asking** him - he is not interested in it.
- He seldom, if ever (**seldom** or **never**) plays cricket.

## III. Increase your Word Power

### A) How to express it in one word

- Something exactly like.
- Likely to last for a long time.
- Threats illegally used to compel someone.
- Time just before it gets quite dark.
- Articles on which customs duties must be paid.

### Possible answers to last week's questions

- Place where rubbish, etc., may be unloaded and left: **dump** (n)
- Short and fat: **dumpy** (adj)
- A child who is a slow learner at school: **dunce** (n)

- Of twelve or twelfth: **duodecimal** (adj)
- Make a fool of someone: **dupe** (vt)

### B) Foreign phrases and expressions

Use the following expressions in illustrative sentences:

- ad populum
- ad verecundiam
- ars est clare artem
- art nouveau
- biblioclasm

### Possible answers to last week's questions:

- addendum** (Lat. n) (an addition or an appendix to a book) (pl. 'addenda'): Please look up the addendum given at the end of the book for some more information on the subject.
- amour courtois** (Italian) ('courtly love'): The poem is a sensuous expression of amour courtois.
- ad baculum** (Lat.) (argument according to force): The courtroom listened with rapt attention the ad baculum of the defence lawyer.
- ad hominem** (Lat) (personal): He received a note ad hominem from a friend.
- ad ignorantiam** (Lat.) (The argument which depends on the person being ignorant or uninformed): He was ridiculed for his ad ignorantiam.

### C) Words commonly confused

Bring out the meaning differences in the following pairs of words

- altar, alter
- alternate, alternative
- alteration, altercation
- allusion, illusion
- allow, permit

### Possible answers to last week's questions

- miss** (vt) (to fail to catch): I missed the train.  
**amiss** (adv) (to feel upset or offended): Please don't take my remark amiss.
- amen** (Interj) (may this be true): May you prosper in life. Amen  
**amenable** (adj) (able to be influenced by): He is amenable to reason.
- ambience** (n) (the character, quality, etc. of a place): I am impressed by the dignified ambience of the university.  
**ambient** (adj) (completely surrounding): The ambient air of Mahweet is refreshing.
- amateur** (n) (a person who paints pictures, performs plays, takes part in sports, etc. for enjoyment and without being paid for it): He is an amateur athlete.  
**professional** (adj) (Showing qualities of training of a member of a profession): The teacher should continually refine his professional equipment.  
**a.m.** (adv ante meridiem. Used after numbers expressing time): Lectures start at 8 a. m.  
**A.M.** (Amplitude Modulation): He has an A.M. radio.

### D) Idioms and phrases

Use the following phrases in sentences

- avail someone nothing
- under the auspices of
- augur well
- for ought I know
- attune to

### Possible answers to last week's questions

- become of** (to happen to someone): What will become of a nation if people are engaged in fighting one another?
- in all fairness** (free from injustice, dishonesty, or self-interest): In all fairness, I should take you to confidence and share the secret with you.
- awake to** (become conscious of): You should awake to the dangers of the situation well in advance.

- away with** (take away; remove): Away with the scoundrel!
- right away** (without delay): Let's have lunch right away.

## IV. Grammar and composition

### A) Grammar

Fill the gaps with make or do

- I always — a lot of mistakes when I speak English.
- If I — my homework every day, my English will improve.
- Let's go to bed now. We can — the dishes in the morning.
- I want to — an exam in French. Do you know where I can — one?
- You should not — a noise when the lecture is going on.

### Possible answers to last week's questions

- I get to Sanaa **during** the week-ends.
- If they had **played** well, they could have won the match.
- The boy **who won the prize** is the captain of the team.  
or, The boy **who is the captain of the team** won the prize.
- He spoke incoherently **as if** he were mad.
- It is obvious **that he is innocent**.

### B) Composition: Paragraph writing

Expand the idea contained in the maxim

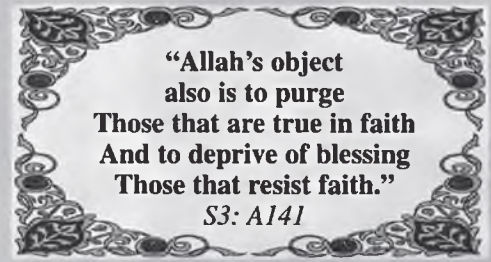
### 20 FORGIVENESS IS THE NOBLEST REVENGE

### Possible answers to last week's question

### 19. MAN LIVES IN DEEDS, NOT IN YEARS

The true worth of life is assessed not in how long we live, but what we have achieved. In other words, man's life is not measured in terms of years, but by worthwhile, noble deeds. The mere fact of existing or surviving amounts to leading a meaningless life. A long life is no sign of life's greatness; it does not make life glorious or memorable. In the evening of one's life when one looks at his past in retrospect, his heart is filled with profound satisfaction at the noble deeds he had performed, not at the barren desert of an uneventful, purposeless existence. The man who spends the life like an animal - eating, drinking, sleeping and procreating - has little contribution to expansion or enrichment of life. His life is supposed to have been wasted if he has only spent his time and energy in idle pursuits and fruitless pastime. Sensitive writers have always preferred a short but beautiful and glorious life of a lily to that of a long and barren life of an oak. One hour crowned with glory is worth an age of purposeless existence. A short life dedicated for the welfare of the humanity is by far a great achievement and such a man, like a seasoned timber, lives ever after.

## V. pearls from the Holy Quran



## VI. Words of Wisdom

"In order to improve the mind, we ought less to learn than to contemplate."  
—Descartes

## Language and Literature: A symbiotic relationship

# Teaching language through literature: Problems and Principles (PART 1)



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### Some introductory observations

Until about the middle of the twentieth century, teaching English in colleges and universities almost everywhere meant the teaching of English literature. After the Second World War, nearly all countries colonized by Britain gained political freedom one after another and, when formulating their educational policy, all these countries had to make up their mind about the place of English in their curriculum. This more or less coincided with the emergence of linguistics as a subject of great importance all over the world and under the umbrella of linguistics, psychology and certain other related disciplines, a great deal of thinking and rethinking was done about how best the third world countries could teach English in view of their limited resources. After the initial hostility, nearly all countries decided to teach English for the purpose of augmenting their economy through science and technology. They all felt, however, that what they needed was the English language and not English literature. Research done in the area of English for Special Purposes provided a new direction to English language teaching and the general feeling was that during the first few years the learners of English as a second or a foreign language should master the basic language skills and then they should specialize in the ESP related to their profession or ambition in life. The teaching of literature was considered an academic luxury. Universities which lacked a progressive outlook, continued, however, the teaching of literature in their traditional way, thinking that it was too much of a bother changing over to the new philosophy of teaching English. Because of their mistaken sense of validity, many other policy makers thought that teaching literature the way it had been done for decades was the only sensible thing to do by way of teaching English. It would be in order here, therefore, to examine why, if at all, English literature should be taught in countries where the need of the hour is only to teach functional English.

### Reasons for teaching literature

1) It is sometimes assumed that the materials and strategies for teaching the basic language skills need not be emotively sustaining or imaginatively exciting. This assumption has been one of the main reasons for the partial failure of most of our language teaching programmes. The problem with many of our language teaching drills and exercises is that they are lifeless, dull, dry and puerile. Little do many of us realize when designing our substitution tables, fill-in-the-blank exercises and so on that they are meant not to be tried on mechanically driven robots but on infinitely complex living and loving individuals. Existential philosophers tell us that the greatest problem of the man of today is his feeling of alienation. He feels lonely even when he is in the middle of a crowd. He feels he is emotionally starving, spiritually suffocated and intellectually crest-fallen. Like characters in Samuel Beckett's *Waiting for Godot*, he feels that he exists no doubt but he hardly ever lives. One can disagree with this agonizing view of life and say that the existential philosophers' jaundiced view of life is an act of exaggeration and over-generalization, and that life is an opportunity and not a curse. Whether life is an endless drudgery, as some believe, or a blessing as some other do, it cannot be denied that we all welcome something that is emotionally exciting and intellectually elevating and so, if we make use of literary flashes to illuminate our otherwise dull and dry drills and exercises, learners will find learning to be an enlivening and energizing experience. Those who advocate an affectively-based methodology of teaching, Simon et al (1972), Curran (1976), Gattegno (1976), Moscovitz (1978), and Stevick (1980, 1982), for example, argue that teaching must engage the whole person inside the learner in the sense that it must address itself to all the deeper and more abiding needs of the learner. The apparent, localized need of a language learner in the classroom may be only to acquire the linguistic means of communication being focused in that lesson, but his unstated and enduring need underlying this apparent need is to obtain from whatever he does a sense of exhilaration and illumination, a sense of extension and augmentation. In language learning, this can be achieved only by integrating language with literature. One

or two examples of how literature can illuminate language teaching may not be out of place here. Suppose a teacher is teaching defining and non-defining relative clauses in English. By way of illustrating these two types of clauses, he will in all probability use, as teachers of grammar nearly always do, flat and insipid examples like the following:

- The man whom you met yesterday is a cobbler.
- London, which is the capital of the United Kingdom, is very crowded

But if he has the knack for teaching language through literature, he can give enlivening examples like the following:<sup>1</sup>

- Blue are the hills that are far away.
- The man who enters his wife's dressing room is either a philosopher or a fool. (Balzac)
- Someone who is born in a stable is not necessarily a horse.
- He who can, does; he who cannot, teaches. (Shaw)

For teaching punctuation, most teachers would tend to use lifeless sentences like the following as illustrations:

- If you go there, you will certainly meet him.

But if a teacher wants to teach language through literature, he can use illustrations like the following:

- A book is a mirror; if an ass peers into it, you cannot expect an apostle to look out.
- If you are afraid of loneliness, don't marry. (Chekov)
- Ah, don't say you agree with me. When people agree with me, I always feel that I must be wrong. (Wilde)
- If God lived on earth, people would break his windows.

A teacher teaching sentence patterns in English but not particularly interested in making his examples enlivening and attractive would tend to give illustrations taken from the day-to-day facts of life. If he has to teach the S+V pattern, for example, he would use boring illustrations like the following:

- Birds are flying.  
Dogs are barking.

But if he wants to teach language through literature, he would give examples like the following:

- Minor poets imitate; great poets steal. (Eliot)  
Great writers create; writers of smaller gifts copy. (Maugham)  
A poem should not mean but be. (MacLeish)

For teaching the S+V+O pattern, he would give examples like the following:

- Your tale, sir, would cure deafness. (Shakespeare)  
No philosopher could endure his toothache patiently. (Shakespeare)  
Faith will move mountains.  
Empty vessels make the greatest sound.  
The happiest women, like the happiest nations, have no history. (George Eliot)

For teaching the S+V+C pattern, an unimaginative teacher would give examples like "The cow is a four-footed animal." But an imaginative teacher would illustrate this pattern with examples like the following:

- A critic is a man who knows the way but can't drive the car. (Tynon)  
Prose is words in their best order; poetry is the best words in the best order. (Coleridge)

In my view, a teacher should, for making his language teaching inspiring, select examples with a literary flavor, examples which, because of the moving truths that they contain, suddenly illuminate the learning and teaching atmosphere like a flash of lightning in a dark night. Oscar Wilde once said, "If a woman can't make her mistakes charming, she is only a female." In a like manner, I would like to say that if a teacher cannot make his teaching interesting, he is not a teacher; he is only an unwelcome wage earner who has mistakenly drifted into a profession incompatible with the very essence of his personality.

The type and quality of literature to be used as material for language teaching will depend on the age and the cultural background of the learner and on the level at which language teaching has to be done. Fairy tales, for example, will be useful for language lessons for children; parables, anecdotes, simple short stories, etc for intermediate learners and unabridged classics for advanced learners.

To be continued next Monday

# WONDERWORD

by DAVID OUELLET

HOW TO PLAY: First read the list of words, then look at the puzzle. The words are in all directions - vertically, horizontally, diagonally, backward. Circle each letter of a word found and strike it off the list. The letters are often used more than once, so do not cross them out. It is best to find the big words first. When you find all the words listed in the clues, you'll have a number of letters left over that spell the Wonderword.

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| Animals  | Clothing     | Field       | Notices      | Social      |
| Archives | Club         | Fires       | Party        | Sports      |
| Arena    | Coach        | Gathering   | Phones       | Staff       |
| Artist   | Consultation | Gift        | Pick         | Stewardship |
| Auction  | Culture      | Greet       | Pledge       | Study       |
| Block    | Dance        | Hall        | Prevention   | Suburbs     |
| Broad    | Daycare      | Help        | Public       | Support     |
| Camp     | Deeds        | Homes       | Radio        | Teach       |
| Cars     | Development  | Hopes       | Records      | Tots        |
| Cheerful | District     | Hospital    | Recycle      | Tribute     |
| Children | Dues         | Involvement | Rural        | Voice       |
| Church   | Events       | Job         | Schedule     | Vote        |
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ANSWER NEXT WEEK


Last Week's Answer: Crunches

<sup>1</sup> Most of these enlivening examples are taken from my book on English grammar and usage.

7-Day Weather Forecast					
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Day	Hi	Lo	Day	Hi	Lo
Mon	31	14	Mon	41	28
Tue	32	14	Tue	40	28
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Sun	31	14	Sun	39	27

## THE LAST WORD IN ASTROLOGY

BY Eugenia



**Leo (Jul 23 - Aug 22)**  
Your communication skills will certainly help you out today. Disclose your ideas and thoughts and get some interesting feedback.

**Virgo (Aug 23 - Sep 22)**  
The more creative you are, the better. You can pick up additional responsibility that will lead to higher wages and a better position if you play your cards right.

**Aries (Mar 21 - Apr 19)**  
Work with what you've got and refrain from being difficult to get along with. Put your efforts into doing a good job and you will gain so much more.

**Taurus (Apr 20 - May 20)**  
Take your time and don't take chances. Minor accidents will prevail if you aren't careful. Don't count on others to cover up for your shortcomings.

**Gemini (May 21 - Jun 20)**  
Times are changing and doors are opening. Follow through with your ideas. Focus on what you know best and you will attract some serious interest.

**Libra (Sept 23 - Oct 22)**  
Interaction with someone you care about will lead to a strong and stable relationship. Make personal changes that will enhance your reputation and give you greater confidence.

**Cancer (Jun 21 - Jul 22)**  
Be careful not to let anyone take advantage of your kindness or generosity. If someone is costing you money, cut your losses and rid yourself of this person.

**Scorpio (Oct 23 - Nov 21)**  
Investment opportunities are looking pretty good. You can make headway if you put time, effort and the cash needed into doing your own thing. Your future depends on you.

**Sagittarius (Nov 22 - Dec 21)**  
Both business and personal connections will be to your advantage, but you should be sure to get any promises being made in writing. Smart business will lead to profits.

**Capricorn (Dec 22 - Jan 19)**  
Your emotions will be erratic and you will probably find yourself in a difficult personal situation today. Talk to a trusted friend who can help you see the broader picture.

**Aquarius (Jan 20 - Feb 18)**  
Get involved with friends who can offer you stimulating conversation and information. Check out different lifestyles and make adjustments to your own way of living.

**Pisces (Feb 19 - Mar 20)**  
Check out moneymaking opportunities, but don't put your own cash on the line. Someone you are close to will not agree with the things you want to do.

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# Internet via power lines works, but years away

By CHRIS REESE

BRIARCLIFF MANOR (Reuters) - High-speed Internet access via power lines is as close as an electrical outlet in a house north of New York City, but bringing it to the rest of the world may be a long way off.

Under a research project by Consolidated Edison Inc. and Ambient Corp., a few modifications allow Internet data to race over decades-old power lines.

The companies hope the technology can bring cheap, fast Web access to any standard household electrical outlet.

"People have been sending signals ... through power lines for a long time," said George Jee, manager for ConEd's power line communication project. "Utilities used to send audio signals across lines to check service."

In the year-old ConEd program, Internet signals are taken from overhead transmission lines through a magnetic coupler and a communications box no bigger than a computer hard drive, both of which are attached to a common power pole.

Data is sent through the lines at a much higher frequency than electricity so neither the power nor the data flow interferes with each other.

"Our focus is on not messing with the electricity, but we can ride on it, the two can co-exist," Jee said.

## Decade away

While European and U.S. utilities have been working since the 1990s to move Internet data on power lines, including a PPL Corp. project in Pennsylvania, it may be a while before the average household can simply plug in and log on.

Although there is a huge worldwide infrastructure of power lines, the expense of adding necessary equipment could make power line communications comparatively expensive to other methods of feeding data, like wireless technologies.

"Generally they have proved out the theoretical viability of having broadband communications over power lines," said Dylan Brooks, principle analyst with Telluride, Colorado-based Independence Research, a broadband advisory company.

"The big question is, is this the most cost effective way of bringing a communications alternative to the home, especially at a time where the technology around wirelessly providing these things is proceeding at a more rapid pace?"

"It is probably going to be closer to a decade in terms of when you are going to see anything in the mass market," he said.

## Transformer bypass

ConEd, New York City's main power provider, and Ambient have built a magnetic coupler that bypasses power transformers — the trash can-shaped equipment perched on power poles that convert medium voltage energy from transmission lines to low voltage levels distributed to local neighborhoods.

Without the coupler, the Internet data signals would be absorbed by the transformers.

At a small back office in a household garage here in Briarcliff Manor, an affluent suburb 20 miles north of New York City, a computer is receiving both electricity and data from a standard wall-mounted power outlet.

A cord from the socket runs to an electronic box about the size of a brick, which in turn is linked to the computer modem and which powers the computer.

The Internet data is tapped into the power line at a ConEd office about a mile from the test site.

The computer works just like any other with a fast Internet connection, including streaming video.

ConEd and Ambient claim their power line communications experiment has a bandwidth of about 4 megabytes a second, compared with

1.5 megabytes a second through a cable modem and roughly 0.05 megabytes a second from a dial-up service.

"Our connection is faster, and we expect higher speeds once we start working with even better (computer) chips," said Ram Rao, chief network architect for Ambient.

In Briarcliff Manor, a coupler and communications box would have to be installed on a power pole for every three to eight homes to maintain a strong data feed.

They are also required at some transmission intersections, with the amount of equipment required per user dependent on the layout of the local power line system.

ConEd will not say how much all this equipment costs but is hoping to keep the cost of Internet access down to about \$30 a month, less than the \$42 most people pay for cable Internet. The average monthly cost of a dialup connection is \$18.



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The embassy of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia, Sana'a intends to sell the following described property in Maala, Aden.

- The property is located at Maala, Aden covering an area of 1,185 m<sup>2</sup> It has Ground Plus two Residential Building, Service Quarter, Guard House and Car Shade it is bounded by road, Plot No. 20, Plot No. 8 and Plot No. 6. The plots of land where the property located is leased for the Embassy of Ethiopia for Ninety Nine Years commencing from Sixteenth day of June Nineteen Hundred Fifty Four.
- This announcement shall remain float up to 24 day of the month of June 2003.
- Details of the information about the property can be obtained freely starting from 26 Day of the month of May up to 24 Day of the month of June 2003 from Ethiopian Embassy Sana'a Tel No. 208833, Fax No. 213780.
- Inspection of the property can be made starting from 26 day of the month of May up to 24 day of month of June 2003.
- The property offers should be submitted in a wax-sealed envelope to the Embassy of Ethiopia, Sana'a. Tel. No. 208833 or 211208, Fax No. 213780 before or on 24 day of the Month of June 2003, at 3:00pm.
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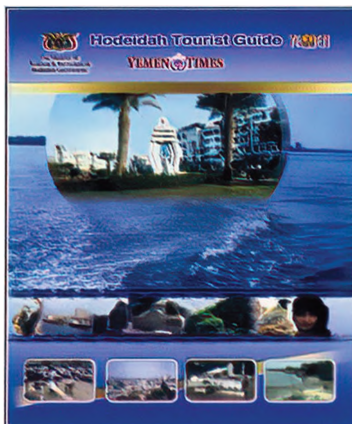
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# First guide on Hodeidah released

The first tourism guide on Hodeidah was released by Yemen Times last week signaling a pioneer step in promoting tourism in Yemen.



The full-color 104-page guide is in two languages (Arabic and English) is fully illustrated and includes all the there is to know about Hodeidah including the most important tourist sites, geography, climate, people, islands, traditions, and many other issues.

"The guide has come out after many long months of hard work and dedication. Yemen Times continues to promote tourism through such publications, which focus on the beauty and fascination of our country. The guide will be a major reference for all those,

who wish to know more about the Bride of the Red Sea." said Imad Al-Saqqaf, Yemen Times Hodeidah Bureau Chief.

The guide has already gained the appreciation of the Ministry of Tourism as an example of what the private media can do in promoting tourism in Yemen. Mr. Abdullah H. al-Kowli, General Manager of Tourism and Environment Office in Hodeidah expressed his deep appreciation for Yemen Times. "I would like to express my deep gratitude to those who made extensive efforts to make this tourist guide a success including Yemen

Times, which is a pioneering media establishments in promoting tourism in Yemen." he said.

Yemen Times is the only Yemeni media establishment which published a tourism guide on Yemen, a tourism guide on Ibb, and a tourism guide in Hodeidah only in four years. However, it is also planning to release more similar publications in an effort to focus more on the promotion of tourist attractions in Yemen.

## YT Staff celebrates the day YT became a biweekly: 'YT Weekend' hailed

Mr. Walid Al-Saqqaf, Editor-in-Chief of Yemen Times expressed his surprise at the "incredibly positive response" to the first issue of YT Weekend edition published last Thursday. "Many bookstores and newsstands said that readers were impressed by the quality and volume of articles and news items in YT Weekend edition released on June 5th," he said.



Cutting cake in celebration

The distribution department of the newspaper expressed its surprise at the overwhelming positive reaction by readers in purchasing the newspaper. "The paper was sold out in many newsstands around the capital and other cities in the republic," said Saddam, the distribution department manager of the newspaper. "Newsstands throughout the capital requested more copies as they informed us that thousands of readers have already requested their copies in advance (prior reservation)."

Meanwhile, YT staff celebrated the day Yemen Times became a biweekly newspaper by having a small party in the newspaper's headquarters in Sana'a. "This is a moment of pride and joy for all of us. We have received great encouragement from readers and clients alike, and the least we can do is to celebrate this occasion and then focusing greater on making this achievement a beginning of a series of new accomplishments to follow," said Mr. Al-Saqqaf during the celebration ceremony.

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