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Yemenis, part of Iraqi resistance

By YEMEN TIMES STAFF

Sanaa, 14 June - US intelligence officials have verified on Friday reports that Yemeni fighters are part of an organized Iraqi resistance force currently engaging US forces.

US officials confirmed that some of the combatants resisting US occupation forces came from Yemen, and a number of Arab countries including Saudi Arabia, Jordan, Syria and others.

This was mentioned in a US report released

one day after the US military launched air strikes on what it said was a "terrorist training" camp near Baghdad. US Central Command said that about 70 fighters -possibly including Yemenis- were killed in the attack.

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A U.S. Army soldier from Task Force "Ironhorse" watches the street behind barbed wire in the Iraqi town of Duluiyah during Operation Peninsula Strike June 12 in which coalition forces detained over 400 suspects and numerous weapons systems and ammunition. U.S. Central Command said that starting on June 9th, the "Task Force Ironhorse" soldiers conducted a series of raids to eradicate Ba'ath Party loyalists, paramilitary groups and other subversive elements located on a peninsula along the Tigris River, northeast of Iraq's Balad region. REUTERS/Radu Sigheti

Government's program endorsed

By MOHAMMED AL-QADHI
YEMEN TIMES STAFF

After a heated debate for three days, the Yemeni parliament endorsed with majority last Thursday the government's program. Two hundred and one parliamentarians voted in favor of the approval of the government's program while 39 including speaker Sheikh Abdullah al-Ahmar voted against it. Only seven MPs abstained from the voting, which was carried out in a traditional way



Disputes in the parliament have become the norm recently. Photo by M. Al-Qadhi

as the electronic voting set was malfunctioning.

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Al-Moayyad fate unknown

By MOHAMMED BIN SALLAM
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Sheikh Mohammed Bin Ali Al-Moayyad sent a letter of appeal last week to the Yemeni Ambassador in Germany demanding solid steps from the concerned bodies to follow up with his case and prevent his extradition to the USA and to allow him a safe return to Yemen.

So far, no guarantees that he will not be extradited to the USA were given. However, certain international agreements may result in his extradition to the USA, but this will not result in his execution as none of the charges against him are strong enough to result in such a decision.

However, in his appeal, Al-



Sheikh Al-Moayyad

Moayyad refuted allegations by US intelligence that he had links to Al Qaeda network.

The Assahwa, Islah-run newspaper, published in its last issue Al-Moayyad's letter of appeal and said that the US intelligence has charged him without giving any convincing evidence. The paper claimed that the US is "stumbling in their accusations." The paper reminded its readers that "Shiekh Al-Moayyad has openly declared his total denouncement to terror acts in all its forms."

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Blast attempt foiled

Security officers in Sana'a were able Thursday evening to foil a blast attempt near Hadda hotel where some Americans and Westerners resided. Reliable sources told Yemen Times that some security officers found by mere chance explosive material in a

sack planted in the area between Hadda hotel and the resident complex where some US individuals and security officials live. The security forces contacted some explosives experts who came immediately and were able to foil the terrorist

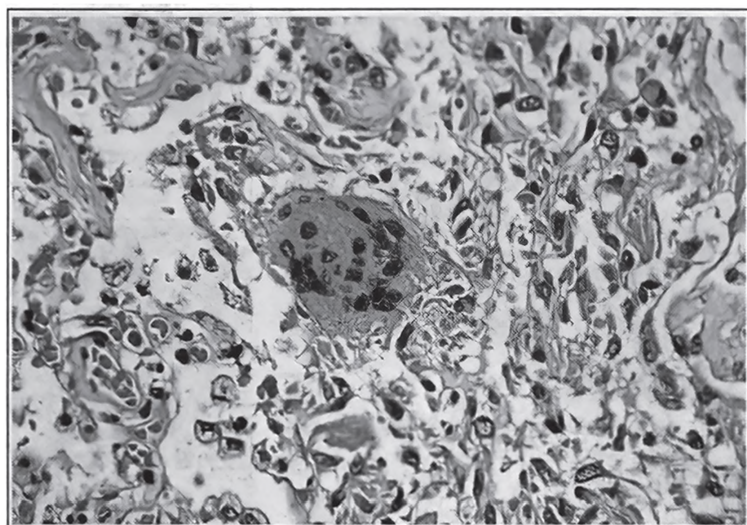
attempt. Security measures have been intensified in the area ever since. Three taxi drivers who were in the location but they were later released upon concluding that they had nothing to do with the attempt.

Efforts to bring awareness of SARS

The supreme committee for fighting Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome disease (SARS) had on its Tuesday, 10 June meeting in Sana'a reviewed and valued its activity for the past period.

Dr. Abdulkareem Shaiban, health ministry undersecretary for of health ministry for medical services said the supreme committee had discussed what had been taken of necessary precautionary and preventive measures against SARS, especially at land, sea and air inlets in all the governorates of the republic.

He said that all the needs that must be provided in quarantines were discussed as well as discussing the project of building febricity hospitals and quarantine centers, indicating that the supreme committee recommended that committees formed for this purpose should carry out national plan for fighting SARS and complete field inspection visits to the inlets in general.



SARS has caused panic throughout

the world but signals showing that it is slowing down are starting to emerge.

Emir of Qatar's visit not for mediation

Emir of Qatar Sheikh Hamad Bin Khalifa Al Thani's visit to Yemen, which was concluded last Thursday, was not for mediation between Yemen and Djibouti or between Yemen and any other country, said Qatari Foreign Minister Hamad Bin Jassem Bin Jaber al-Thani.

Yemeni official sources said that Sheikh Hamad held meetings with President Ali Abdullah Saleh during which they discussed regional developments and the Middle East crisis and recent violence.

"The visit of Sheikh Hamad to Sanaa and the talks he held with the Yemeni President fall in the context of joint consultations and coordination between the two states concerning various challenges facing the Arab situation in the current phase," the source said.

The denial of the news reports linking the visit to an assumed Yemen-Djibouti crisis comes in response to what some news reports linking the visit to heal an alleged political crisis between Sanaa and Djibouti. The Sahwa.net website belonging to the opposition party Islah attributed its own perception to that the President of Djibouti



Sheikh Hamad Bin Khalifa Al Thani, Emir of Qatar

Ismael Omar Ghella cancelled his visit to Sanaa which was due last week. On the other hand, official sources said that the visit of the President of Djibouti to Yemen was postponed due to "urgent obligations."

Readers' Voice

Yemen Times is reintroducing a popular feature "Readers' Voice" - formerly known as YT Opinion Poll.

This is your opportunity to have a say on world and local affairs.

THIS WEEK'S QUESTION:

What can't you stand most in any decision maker?

- Injustice and oppression
- Corruption and dishonesty
- Weakness and naivety
- Shortsightedness and lack of vision
- Incompetence and lack of qualifications
- Other things

LAST WEEK'S QUESTION:

What is the most severe challenge for the new Yemeni government?

corruption	43.3%
poverty	22%
qat	11.4%
illiteracy	11%
water crisis	10.2%
population growth	1.9%

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False investors in Aden

Sources in Aden City said Saturday leadership of the governorate is going ahead in implementing president Ali Abdullah Saleh directives on withdrawing plots of land from investors who had received from the state but have not so far built projects on them.

The sources confirmed there would be no lenient stance on that as a specific span of time as given to those investors to carry out their projects otherwise the pieces of land were to be withdrawn from them in service of public interest and for the purpose of

developing the movement of investment in the governorate.

Initial estimates puts the number of investment sites that are not yet implemented at 20. Work on projects at those sites did not begin till now despite the elapse of a decade since investors got the pieces of land.

Dr. Yahya al-Shuaibi, Aden governor, has recently stressed the seriousness of these steps and giving 3 months grace period to the investors to start their projects or the pieces of land would be withdrawn from them.

Health foundation to be kicked off

A scientific foundation specialized in medical studies and researches is to be kicked off soon in Sana'a. Dr. Ahmed Noman head of the proposed health establishment said Thursday that preparations were under way to open it.

This institution aims basically at encouraging and preparing and organizing studies and researches on medicinal activities and finding convenient environment for the creative specialized persons in medical and health sciences. The foundation also aims at disseminating and developing medical

branches of knowledge among the employees in the medical field as well as raising awareness among the society members.

Dr. Noman said that "Manar Foundation for scientific studies and medical researches" was supposed to be announced two months ago, however, the postponement was in order to coincide the publishing the first edition of "Manar of the medical forum" that would be published in June the second as a specialized health and medicine magazine.

Training courses on censuses and family planning

A five-day training course was held at the Ministry of Public Health in Sanaa last week for 45 participants representing productive health and family planning observers and coming from a number of different governorates.

The representatives received training on the value and objectives of censuses and how to carry them out using the new records that the health ministry had distributed on the trainees. The workshop aims at enabling potential census workers to get accurate surveys results and dates of births and pregnancies, etc.

Meanwhile another training course was concluded in Sanaa for childhood and motherhood representatives coming from Marib, al-Baida, Sada'a, and Lahj. The participants were trained in the field of giving consultations for pregnant women and in means to

implement family planning measures using available facilities.

It was signaled during the event that females especially in rural areas in Yemen lack awareness of how to implement family planning causing reproduction rates to continue in high levels.

Yemen holds the world's record in birth rate with an annual reproduction rate of 3.7%. Similarly, Yemen is also among the countries with the highest mortality rate among infants and pregnant women.

International donors have expressed keen interest in assisting Yemen in launching awareness programs on population growth control and launching accurate censuses. However, there is still a wide gap between what is implemented on the ground in this regard and what is needed.

The government of Yemen and UNDP

Yemen Mine Action support approved...

On 11 June 2003, the government of Yemen and UNDP signed the Second Phase of the UNDP support to the Yemen National Mine Action Program. Building on the excellent results achieved under the program's first phase, this program will focus on the following key results.

- a. Further strengthen and develop the management and technical of the Yemen Executive Mine Action Center (YEMAC) and its regional branches.
- b. Improve the safety of the mine affected communities by reducing the landmine threat through the implementation of an integrated mine action program.
- c. Contribute to the Yemeni economy by safely returning additional mined land to the Yemeni

communities for a productive use.

- d. Meet the needs of the mine victims and develop strategies for their socio-economic reintegration
- e. Further improve the Mine Risk Education (MRE) program to reduce accidents and casualties among Yemeni citizens through massive awareness raising campaign

A UNDP press release has further mentioned that the project budget is envisioned at \$ 3.8 million to be spent over a period of three and half years. An initial amount of \$ 1.1 million for this phase of the program has been secured from UNDP (\$ 450,000), DFID/UK (\$ 250,000) and the government of Yemen (\$ 400,000). These contributions are in addition to the

\$13.1 million already provided to the first phase of the UNDP mine action support project by the governments of the United States, Japan, Norway, United Kingdom, Canada, Germany, Sweden, and Switzerland. The government of Saudi Arabia has made a contribution of \$ 3 million bilaterally to the government of Yemen.

With such generous contributions from the above donors and financial and technical support by the UN system including UNDP, YMAP has become a leader in this area and been recognized as one of the best programs in the world.

The program was signed from the government side by H.E. Ahmed Mohammed Sofan, the Deputy Prime Minister & Minister of Planning and International Co-operation, from the side of the Executing Agent, by H.E.

Kassim Ahmed Al-Agam, the minister of State, Member of the Cabinet, and Chairman of the National Mine Action Committee, and from the UNDP side by Mr. James W. Rawley, the UNDP Resident Representative in the Republic of Yemen. Representatives of donor countries also attended the signing ceremony, which was held at the Prime Minister's office. On the other hand, a program of support for the "Modernization of the justice Sector in Yemen" with a total budget of \$ 2.2 million was signed on 14 June 2003 between United Nations Development Program, Ministry of Justice and Ministry of Planning and International Cooperation. UNDP will finance the initial phase of the project with a contribution of one million dollars.

... Judiciary court system improved

The reform of the justice sector is one of the key priorities identified in UNDP's second Country Cooperation Framework (CCF) for Yemen (2002-2006).

The Arab Human Development Report stated that "Legal system reform in the Arab countries needs to focus on ensuring that the law and associated administrative procedures guarantee citizens' right and are compatible with fundamental human rights, particularly the right to freedom of expression and freedom for

association for all, under the aegis of a truly independent judiciary that impartially enforces the rule of law.

The key outcome that will emerge from UNDP's support to this area will be enhance access to justice for the citizenry through the improvement of procedures within the court system and strengthen application of fair and efficient administration of justice in Yemen.

The project will work in close partnership with the Ministry of Justice and other local, regional and international

partners to improve access to justice through the establishment of two pilot courts in Sana'a and Aden with a view to create a model to be replicated in other parts of the country. The project will focus on building institutional and human resource capacity of the judicial sector, improving access to legal materials for those working in legal profession, increasing the legal and judicial awareness for the general public, and women and the poor in particular, and enhancing access of women and economically vulnerable groups

to justice.

The project document was signed by, H.E. Ahmed Mohammed Sofan, the Deputy Prime Minister & Minister of Planning and International Cooperation, H.E. Dr. Adnan Omar Al Gifri, Minister of Justice and Mr. James Rawley, UNDP Representative in Yemen.

Official from the Ministry of Justice, Ministry of Planning and International Cooperation and the United Nations Development Program attended the signing ceremony.

Yemeni territorial waters under satellite

An official at the Fish Wealth Ministry announced on Tuesday 10 June that the ministry would start soon applying a new surveillance system for monitoring local and foreign boats and ships fishing in Yemen's territorial waters.

Mr. Abdualhadih Naji al-Sama, Deputy Fish Wealth Minister for production services and marketing told al-Methaq newspaper Monday 9 June that an expert from the French company the ministry contracted with will be arriving in Sana'a to start from next week supervising the operation of the monitoring system in a two-month experimental period.

Al-Sama said the system small

devices fitted to the boat or the ship and would send complete information on its location and method used in fishing. Information is thus sent via a satellite to a computer net at a main operation office in Sana'a which is connected with its branches in governorates. Upon this information it will appear whether the boat is violating fishing rules so that necessary measures could be taken against it. Mr al-Sama also confirmed that were some companies practicing random fishing and destroying the Yemeni fish wealth. The use of this system, he said, would help curb such violations and control fishing operations according to international agreements and laws.

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Yemenis part of Iraqi resistance

This also comes in a time the US is admitting of the existence of "organized resistance" in Iraq by so called "Saddam Hussein loyalists", who engaged in "pure political sabotage" and spreading rumors that the toppled president is poised for a comeback. Paul Bremer, the U.S. civil administrator in postwar Iraq said on Thursday,

It was also revealed that numbers of Arab fighters are still entering Iraq to fight the American-British coalition forces, possibly causing delay in achieving stability in the country and providing civil services to the public.

According to American sources, "the presence of Yemenis and Saudis in Iraq may indicate links to Al Qaeda, which draws heavily from a population of Muslim extremists in both countries."

This comes as the US Central Command announced on Friday morning that it had captured 74 Al Qaeda sympathizers in a raid near Kirkuk City in a possible attempt to link those fighters to Al Qaeda. But Lt. Gen. David McKiernan, commander of the coalition joint task force, quickly backed off that assertion in a briefing, saying there was no way of knowing whether the fighters were associated with Al Qaeda.

Yemeni fighters had flown to Iraq many months ago when calls for Jihad were made by Islamic scholars and sheikhs throughout the Islamic world. Many Islamic figures in Yemen had then called for Jihad in Iraq including Sheikh Abdulmajeed Al-Zindani, a prominent Islamic scholar respected widely in Yemen and the Islamic world.

Government's program endorsed

In an extraordinary session held last Thursday by the parliament to approve the government's program, the opposition caucus lashed out at the program and demanded that some recommendations be made following the debate, which they called upon the government to take into account.

Opposition MPs demanded a government pledge not to raise prices again in basic services like electricity, water and oil derivatives. They also demanded that the government increase salaries of civil and military workers by 50% and widen the capacity of the social insurance network to include 100,000 persons of the poor every year. They said that government must allow free electronic media -including private TV and radio channels- to emerge.

However, Prime Minister Abdulqader Ba Jammal said that the parliament by-law does not oblige the government to take into considerations any of the recommendations and notes made by the MPs.

Then, Al-Ahmar told Ba Jammal that a committee can be set to formulate the recommendations or delay the voting of endorsement. However, Ba Jammal refused and insisted that the voting taking place immediately, which created hustle and bustle in the parliament. Therefore, al-Ahmar burst into anger and accused Ba Jammal of

blackmailing the parliament and not respecting its by-laws. He said Bajammal only wanted to get the approval and didn't care about the debate.

Ba Jammal said that his government is ready to increase the salaries of the civil and military workers provided that the parliament endorses laws that would enable his government to increase taxes and customs.

The opposition caucus accused in a statement distributed in the parliament the government of being unable to curb corruption in its last program. It also criticized the government because it has committed itself to fighting terrorism while its meaning is still obscure and not defined by the UN. The opposition said that the government blindly follows the US in its understanding of the term.

The statement said the government did not provide any figures in the program and did not restrict its implementation to a specific period of time. It added that it has no clear fiscal policy as there is always deficiency in the budget. It also criticized the draft laws of sale taxes. It pointed out that the government's talk on human rights is only meant to show off before the world in a time great violation of these rights are taking place in the form of random arrests and firing defiant employees from public posts.

Al-Moayyad fate unknown

Among the charges presented against Al-Moayyad by the US intelligence was that accusing him of moving to Sanaa after staying elsewhere for a long period of time. While he himself denied this accusation and claimed that he had been living in Sana'a since his early childhood. The second charge was that he is a supporter of the Palestinian Hamas Islamic Movement whereas he claims he is only an honorary president of Islamic Voluntary Society for Al-Aqsa.

Sheikh Al-Moayyad added that Hamas has an office in Yemen, hence those running the office should be responsible for fund-raising and not anyone else.

In his letter, Al-Moayyad also rejected US intelligence claims about his involvement in providing Osama bin Laden USD 20 million and demanded proof.

He also denied that he had links to Al Qaeda saying that he met with Osama bin Laden only once in a public area in Pakistan where he disputed with him about a legislative issue.

In his letter, Al-Moayyad also rebuffed the fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh, eighth and ninth were charges for:

- Sending a volunteer to Afghanistan called Saleh Ahmed Al-Mardanao.

- Received donations from al-Farooq Mosque in USA.

- Transferring USD 3.5 million to

Hamas through al-Aqsa foundation in Palestine.

- Participating in a political assembly in Lebanon that aims at supporting the Palestinian uprising (Intifadha).

- Meeting with Khalid Misha'al, the Hamas Military Wing Commander in Syria and Yemen.

- And finally funding collective wedding ceremonies for a number of Yemeni youths.

- Those charges to which he denied and rejected demanding proof from the USA intelligence.

In conclusion of his letter, Sheikh Al-Moayyad told the Yemen Ambassador in Germany Mr. Muhi al-Deen al-Dhabbi that he should "be assured, there is nothing certain in the American claims. I had come to Germany basically for medical purposes and I am ready to be tried before any Yemeni or German court and I am sure that I will be proven innocent."

In his letter published in Assahwa, Al-Moayyad expressed his grief and sadness for being kept in a German prison for three thousand hours, where he was prevented from speaking to any Arab and to pray on time. "I was even deprived from going out to breathe fresh air as I am trapped in a cell poorly ventilated," he said.

According to relatives and friends, Al-Moayyad suffers from several illnesses including diabetes, high blood pressure, rheumatism, liver and other diseases.

Japan extends further support to education

An agreement to extend further support to the execution of the project for Construction of School Facilities of Basic Education in the Governorates of Ibb and Taiz was signed Saturday at the Ministry of Planning & Development between H.E. Mr. Ahmed Mohammed Sofan, Deputy Prime Minister of Planning & International Cooperation and Mr. Hisatsugu Shimizu, Charge d' Affaires a.i. of the Embassy of Japan in Sana'a.

In accordance with this agreement, the Government of Japan will extend another grant amounting up to seven hundred forty three million Japanese Yen (743,000,000), equivalent to approximately six million two hundred forty five thousand USD, to execute the second phase of construction of school in Ibb and Taiz that would accommodate about 18,000 students. In November 2002, Japan extended a grant amounting to five hundred and sixty five million Japanese Yen, equivalent to four million seven hun-

dred thousand USD, to execute the first phase of this project.

Since Japan believe that human resources development is one of the main issues in Yemen, Japan has decided to extend this grant in order to support the efforts of the Yemeni government to develop these resources and assist the Yemeni Government fulfill its commitment to put more focus on the development of educational sectors as declared in its 2nd Development Plan, Poverty Reduction Strategy Paper and recently the National Basic Education Strategy.

This agreement, in addition to the previous one that was signed in November 2002, constitute the first tangible cooperation of such size between Yemen and Japan in the field of education sector and will play an important role in reducing the high illiteracy rate and increasing the percentage of enrollment in basic education schools.

Symposium on juvenile delinquents

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TAIZ BUREAU

Women Forum For Research and Training and Juvenile delinquents Rehabilitation Association in addition to Aden University are holding a symposium entitled 'Juvenile ..the Present and Ambition' at Aden University for the period 22 - 23 June 2003. In the symposium, papers on Juvenile and street children issues are scheduled to be discussed.

Chairwoman of the WFRT, Ms Soad al Gadasi told YT that "the symposium will come within the street children program held by WFRT". It is worth mentioning that WFRT has held many national meetings, participated in many international conferences regarding juvenile, and published a book on "street children" in Yemen.

Soad added, "We think that the right society is the one which cares about all its classes and segments among whom are children - street children, beggars and juvenile delinquents who may become criminals if not included in full development programs."

Cocktail reception at Malaysian

The Malaysian embassy in Sana'a gave Sunday a reception party.

A Malaysian, Mr. Shamsurrijal Abdu Jamil who is on a mission of solo expedition around the world on a Malaysian-made car "PROTON"

arrived in Sana'a on 14th June 2003.

In conjunction of the arrival of Mr. Shamsurrijal Abdu Jamil, the embassy of Malaysia hosted a cocktail reception at the embassy of Malaysia.

To the culture minister



Ramzi Al-Hakemi

Ramzi Al-Hakemi, an Yemeni author and journalist undergoes a bad psychological case as a result of stopping his salary by the Education office in Taiz, as is works a teacher. But, why? In fact, no one cares about his disappearance from journalist and authorship ground. Being in a bad condition, he travel's to his countryside staying for years, but comes back to streets of vagabondage. His address is Al-Ashbat, and his home is the Authors Union office in Taiz. It's worth mentioning that it's not only Ramzi, but there are many others like, Tawfiq Al-Qubati, Najeeb Al-Asbabi and many others find no place but streets to stay in. Those journalists and authors do need but help and attention to pay from the culture ministry, Yemeni cultural establishments, which claim caring about the authors but nothing of the sort happened. Who helps Ramzi and gets him back to authorship life? A question we ask.

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Al-Esayi International & Domestic Transportation Service Inaugurated



The Al-Esayi Domestic and International Transportation Service was officially inaugurated on June 11 by Transportation Minister, Mr. Omar Mohsen al-Amoodi.

During the inaugural ceremony, the minister toured different departments of the corporation and expressed his admiration at the high standards of the service.

The Al-Esayi Domestic and International Transportation is one of the gigantic investment projects run by Mohammed Ali Abdullah Al-Esayi.

The overall project capital affiliated to the company has totaled YR one billion.



Visiting the different sections

About 27 buses will be covering most of the

governorates of the republic and 8 buses will be used for international routes.

On his part, the minister highly spoke of that project run by the Yemeni businessman for facilitating the movement of the local and international transportation facilities.

Adel Ali Al-Esayi, the Vice Chairman of Mecca International Transportation Company, said that the idea of the project has come within the framework of achieving a number of projects in Arab countries in the transportation field which facilitate the transportation among citizens with reasonable prices.

"About 80 percent of regions in the country already is covered by Al-Esayi Domestic and International Transportation Service" Mr. Adel said. Preparations are in a full swing to cover the remaining regions of the republic.

"Frankly speaking, we are greatly indebted to the transportation ministry for facilitating different procedures to inaugurate the new branch. We, at the corporation, have been seeking to establish a number of transportation stations in different areas in order to make the transportation readily accessible to citizens.

Mr. Osama Arafa, the Financial Manager said that the inauguration of the the Al-Esayi Local & International Transportation Corporation is complementary to the other transportation projects in Saudi Arabia.

In Yemen, the Al-Esayi Domestic and

International Transportation Corporation will cover most of the governorates in the republic. "Preparations to establish high-standard transportation stations in highways that our buses will pass through are currently underway," Mr. Osama said.

The transportation station in Al-Abr area is about to be completed. This station includes a huge tourist complex at Al-Wadeah Mafraq near the Yemeni-Saudi border.

Background

The Al-Esayi Domestic and International Transportation Service was established on November 30, 2002 according to the Investment Law No. (22) for the year 2002.

The corporation was granted permission for the International Land Transportation No. (21) for 2002 and No. (3) for 2003.

That land transportation project has been entrusted with both domestic and international land transportation covering all governorates of the republic.

The Al-Esayi Domestic and International Transportation Service is playing an important economic role in assimilating the surplus employment for the benefit of the country.

Al-Esayi group has played a pivotal role in establishing investment projects in Yemen including the Yemen German Hospital for conducting open heart surgeries using the most sophisticated and state-of-the-art technologies.



Minister of transportation with stations manger at the inauguration ceremony

Other vital projects have also been run by Esayi including the implementation of the agricultural projects in Investment Zone (B) in Lahj ranging from 6,000 to 8,000 tons annually according to the Investment Law No. (68), 2003.

Two other soft drinks plants in Taiz and Aden were also established by the company.

Al-Esayi is not restricted to Yemen. Other horizons have been exploited at both domestic

and international levels such as Mecca International Land Transportation Company and Al-Yamamah Company for transporting goods.

The latter is a specialized company entrusted with transportation of passengers as well as goods.

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World Refugee Day marked UNHCR welcomes President's amnesty

The World Refugee Day was marked in Yemen by the United Nations and the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) office in Sana'a by issuing a statement to Yemen Times in which it lists some facts about the status of refugees in Yemen and the government's role in relieving those refugees, who came to Yemen from neighboring countries.

In the statement, the UNHCR referred to the amnesty of President Saleh as a positive development. "On the 22nd of May 2003, the President of the Republic issued an Amnesty Law to pardon the last group of 16 Yemenis involved in the 1994 events and by

that, opened the way for the return of all Yemeni nationals to their home country," the statement said.

According to the statement, Yemen hosts some 60,000 refugees mainly from Somalia in addition to a large number of Arab nationals who left their countries due to refugee-like reasons and who enjoy the hospitality and equal treatment in Yemen.

"The Republic of Yemen commits itself to basic refugee protection principles including principles of non refoulement, admission and assistance to asylum seekers and refugees. In May 2002, the Republic of Yemen undertook the task of registering and issuing refugee identity cards. Since

45,000 refugees -mainly Somalis- have been registered and issued ID cards in close cooperation with UNHCR, the registration is expected to be completed before July 2003," the statement said.

It is worth noting that Yemen has been cooperating closely with the UNHCR to train government officials at the Ministry of Interior and inform them about human rights, justice, refugee and migration laws. Under the auspices of the Ministry of Human Rights, UNHCR organizes on a monthly basis 3-day workshops for around 30 government officials for in-depth training on human rights, refugees, and migration laws.

"The refugee National Committee in the Republic of Yemen is working closely with UNHCR to finalize the draft of the Refugee National Law" the statement said.

About its activities in Yemen, UNHCR said that in addition to assisting refugees in urban areas, UNHCR also assists 10,000 Somali refugees residing at Kharaz camp where they are provided with food, shelter, health care, education and vocational training, etc.

The Republic of Yemen, which continues to suffer economically from influx of refugees, still abides by the 1951 Geneva Refugee Convention, signed by Yemen in 1981.

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Refugee Youth:
Building the Future



Russian National Day marked

By MOHAMMED BIN SALLAM
YEMEN TIMES STAFF

Russian Ambassador to Yemen Alexander Zasyepkin had on Thursday given a reception party in Sana'a marking Federative Russian National Day. The reception party was attended by a large number of Yemeni, Arab, and foreign diplomats. On the Russian National Day, Mr. Alexander Zasyepkin, said the Russian people receive this occasion with a feeling of optimism and confidence in future. The 1990s was a decade critical for the Russian Federation as a result of the dismantle of the Soviet Union, he added.

"But today we feel comfortable because, our nation has surmounted that difficult period," Mr. Zasyepkin said.

On his country's bilateral relations with Yemen the Russian Ambassador indicated the identicalness and convergence of the to countries stands regard-

ing urgent world issues and those of the middle East in particular. He added the two countries and peoples have for decades distinguished relations based on mutual trust and multilateral cooperation and concrete friendship. The visit paid president Ali Abdulla Saleh to Moscow last December and his meeting with Russian president Vladimir Putin has deepened those relations.

The Russian Federation will always be a major partner of Yemen in the field of strengthening and upgrading Yemen armed forces. There are some new areas to be opened for the return of Russian companies for work in Yemen and there are realistic horizons for expanding Yemeni-Russian cooperation in oil, electricity, irrigation, and fish wealth fields.

Both sides have taken practical steps for activating exchange trade.

Half a million to take exams that would have them pass to new levels

Exam season starts

On last Saturday around 300,000 9th grade students throughout the country started their final exams for the academic year 2002/2003 to pass to secondary schools. The students were distributed to 3,074 exam centers around Yemen.

Distributed over 10,361 examination centers, around 203,000 12th grade students from both science (113,730 students over 720 examination centers) and arts (89,080 students over 641

examination centers) are to have their high school exams starting June 21.

A source at the Ministry of Education stated that all equipments and preparations have been arranged for the exams to take place in a proper way, making use of the experience gained during the past years so as to produce a satisfactory exams season for this year.



Students taking their final exam

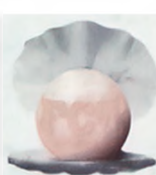
First Company Tournament kicks off today

SANA'A_ The First Company Tournament is kicked off on Monday 16 at the Haddah Residential Complex.

The draw of competition ceremony was held on June 14 and was supervised by the tournament organizer, Nabil Mohammed Mazwad, the Professional Tennis Coach.

The event was attended by the sponsors of the companies' representatives, tennis players, and a host of other local newspaper representatives.

The championship activities will



continue for one week starting from June 16.

It is being played in the form of single and double tennis players under the sponsorship of some companies in Yemen such as, the SabaFon Company, the Yemen Airways, Mercedes Benz, the Yemeni Airways, the Yemen Catering & Services Ltd., YCS, and Lipton.

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Israeli-Palestinian talks planned despite violence

JERUSALEM, June 14 (Reuters) - Israel and the Palestinians planned to resume high-level security talks on Saturday despite a week of strikes and counter-strikes that have killed more than 50 people and imperilled a U.S.-led peace plan.

The meeting, which coincides with a new U.S. mission to salvage the peace "road map", was expected to be dominated by Israel's renewed offer to pull back from parts of the Gaza Strip in return for a Palestinian crackdown on militants.

Palestinian security chief Mohammed Dahlan was to meet senior Israeli military officials on Saturday night in the first such talks since U.S. President George W. Bush launched the peace plan at a summit last week, sources on both sides said.

But there was little cause for optimism amid Palestinian militants' vows of revenge and Israel's pledge to wage war against them "to the bitter end".

The United States called for restraint by Israel and an end to Palestinian attacks after the spiral of tit-for-tat violence heightened international concern that the 32-month-old conflict was spinning out of control.

Veteran U.S. diplomat John Wolf was due to arrive in Israel late on Saturday to hold separate talks in coming days with Israeli and Palestinian leaders. His original brief was to oversee implementation of reciprocal confidence-building steps mandated by the road map, which calls for creation of a Palestinian state by 2005.

But following a Hamas suicide bombing in Jerusalem and Israeli air raids against the Islamic militant group in Gaza, he was expected to find himself in the role of trouble-shooter.

On Saturday, Israeli forces tightened



A wounded Palestinian youth is taken to after an Israeli helicopter gunship attack in Gaza City June 13. Israeli helicopter gunships fired at least two missiles on Friday at a car in Gaza City, killing one Palestinian and wounding 22, medical sources said. REUTERS

travel restrictions in the Gaza Strip and raided the Tulkarm refugee camp in the West Bank, where witnesses said troops wounded four Palestinians in clashes. The army had no immediate comment.

"War to the bitter end"

Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon had proposed in earlier meetings with his Palestinian counterpart Mahmoud Abbas a partial withdrawal from parts of northern Gaza as a proving ground for Palestinian security forces.

But Abbas had rejected the offer, saying he first needed to work out a cease-fire deal with militant groups.

After three days in which Israel killed

six Hamas men using helicopter-fired guided missiles — also causing at least 16 civilian deaths — the Palestinians said on Friday they were powerless to restore calm unless Washington intervened.

"The Palestinian Authority cannot meet its responsibilities without a U.S. guarantee that Israel will stop its military escalation," cabinet minister Yasser Abed Rabbo said after a meeting of security chiefs in the West Bank city of Ramallah.

The United States urged restraint. But Israel, seething from Wednesday's Hamas bombing aboard a Jerusalem bus which killed 17, showed no sign of

backing down.

"As a government responsible for the security of its citizens, we must wage a war to the bitter end (against Hamas) because no one else, at least at this stage, will do it," Deputy Defence Minister Zeev Boim told Israeli Army Radio.

The United States reiterated that Abbas, whom Washington talks to in preference to the shunned President Yasser Arafat, had to act against Hamas.

U.S. Secretary of State Colin Powell was due to meet other members of the so-called "Quartet" of mediators — the United Nations, European Union and Russia — in Jordan on June 22.

Iraqi detainee killed trying to escape US-run jail

BAGHDAD, June 14 (Reuters) - An Iraqi detainee by U.S. troops was killed and seven were wounded trying to escape from a Baghdad prison on Friday, the U.S. military said on Saturday. "The detainees attempted to escape from the Abu Ghraib prison complex. Coalition military police guards fired several shots in self-defence and efforts to quell the escape attempt," a U.S. military statement said.

"Detainees throwing rocks and brandishing shanks (bars) rushed the guards. One guard received minor injuries," it said, adding that the incident was under investigation.

On Thursday, two prisoners held by U.S. forces tried to escape from a

holding centre at Baghdad International Airport. One prisoner died in hospital from gunshot wounds.

Prisoners at the airport are believed to include 30 senior Iraqi officials who feature on a U.S. wanted list of 55.

The vast Abu Ghraib prison complex was a place of terror and torture under the rule of former president Saddam Hussein, who was toppled in April by the U.S.-British invasion of Iraq.

At least 40 U.S. soldiers have been killed in a spate of attacks that the military blames on Saddam loyalists in central Iraq, the heartlands of his mainly Sunni Muslim powerbase.



Iraqi protesters shout slogans in front of U.S. troops in Karbala June 14, as they demonstrate against the detainment of their clan leader Sheikh Abdul Khaled Al Humari, held in custody for over a month. An Iraqi detainee by U.S. troops was killed and seven were wounded trying to escape from a Baghdad prison on Friday, the U.S. military said on Saturday. REUTERS

Saudi says arrests five more Riyadh blast suspects

RIYADH, June 14 (Reuters) - Saudi Arabia has arrested five more suspects in suicide bomb blasts which killed 35 people last month. Interior Minister Prince Nayef was reported on Saturday as saying.

Four of them were arrested during recent security checks, he told the al-Riyadh newspaper.

"They were part of the group (that carried out the attacks) but their roles are not clear yet, while there's a fifth who was arrested before that who might have had a major role," he added.

Prince Nayef said the five men, whose nationalities he did not mention, were in addition to 25 people already in detention over the attacks, in which armed assailants drove into the compounds for expatriates and set off huge car bombs.

Saudi Arabia last week announced the names of 12 Saudi nationals who it said were the suicide bombers who carried out the May 12 attacks, which have been blamed on Saudi-born Osama bin Laden's al Qaeda network.

"We have no doubt about it, it's

absolutely clear that it all comes from al Qaeda," Prince Nayef said in the interview.

The militant network is blamed for the September 11, 2001 hijacked airliner attacks on U.S. cities. Saudi Arabia has come under fire in the West since September 11 because most of the suicide hijackers were Saudi nationals.

Stung by U.S. charges of not doing enough to prevent the May bombings, Saudi Arabia has boosted security and cracked down on militancy in the kingdom, the birthplace of Islam.

Iran has also come under pressure from U.S. officials, who have said intelligence reports suggested senior al Qaeda members in Iran had played a role in the attacks, in which eight Americans were killed.

Saudi Arabian Foreign Minister Prince Saud al-Faisal said on Saturday during a visit to Tehran that Iran bore no responsibility for the bombings in Riyadh.

"Iran responsible? Absolutely not," al-Faisal said in response to a question from reporters following a meeting with his Iranian counterpart

Kamal Kharrazi.

Iran strongly refutes the charge that suspects may have been based there. It says it has caught and expelled around 500 al-Qaeda members in the last year who had crossed over its borders from Afghanistan and Pakistan.

Tehran also says it has a handful of al Qaeda suspects in custody but is uncertain of their rank in Osama bin Laden's network. Al-Faisal, making a one-day visit to Iran, said Tehran and Riyadh had longstanding cooperation in fighting terrorism.

Eight Algerian soldiers die in ambush

ALGIERS, June 14 (Reuters) - Suspected Islamic rebels killed eight government soldiers when they ambushed a military convoy in western Algeria, a local daily said on Saturday.

In other attacks, seven rebels and five civilians were killed in renewed bloodshed as the North African country grapples with the aftermath of last month's quake that killed 2,274 people and caused up to \$5.0 billion worth of damage.

French-language newspaper Le Matin said rebels ambushed a military convoy, killing eight soldiers and wounding two others in Tissemsilt province, about 170 km (100 miles) southwest of Algiers.

It gave no further details on Wednesday's ambush but Le Matin said rebel attacks had targeted military convoys in other areas in the past.

In a similar ambush, rebels killed the deputy mayor of a small town and a friend travelling with him on Thursday night in M'sila province, some 190 km (120 miles) south of Algiers, the newspaper said.

Three civilians were killed in a rebel raid also on Thursday night in el Madher area in Batna province, some 320 km (200 miles) east of the Algerian capital, it added.

Government troops killed seven rebels on Friday as they combed a rebel stronghold in Bouira area, about 90 km (50 miles) east of Algiers, said Le Matin. Between 100,000 and 150,000 Algerians have been killed in violence that erupted in 1992 after the military-backed government cancelled parliamentary elections that radical Islamists were poised to win.

Libyan PM sacked amid Gaddafi reform plans

TRIPOLI, June 14 (Reuters) - Libya's prime minister has been sacked and replaced with the former economy minister after appeals by Muammar Gaddafi for radical reform of the socialist-style economy, the top legislative body said on Saturday.

The African Unity Ministry, reflecting Libyan leader Gaddafi's passionate pan-Africanism, was also scrapped as part of the cabinet reshuffle announced by the General People's Congress.

Gaddafi's plan for a "United States of Africa" was dismissed from the agenda of an African Union summit

in Ethiopia in February. Other African leaders said the continent was not ripe for complete integration.

The moves by the Congress, replacing Prime Minister Mubarak Abdallah al-Shamikh by former Economy and Trade Minister Shokri Ghanem, followed calls by Gaddafi for reforms, possibly leading to some type of "popular capitalism".

Gaddafi has cautiously begun to open up the North African country's oil-dependent centralised economy to the local private sector and outside investment in the past four years.

"The Revolution leader Muammar

Gaddafi has called for the abolition of the public sector because this sector needs people of the highest skills, with strong nationalistic beliefs and dedication to the public interest," state news agency Jana quoted Gaddafi on Friday as telling the Congress.

The system had failed, as it did in the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe, because it relied on staff who were incompetent and did not care about their country's interests.

"He noted that the abolition of the public sector would include the oil sector, which would be owned by the

people and be run by companies which are not state companies but owned by Libyans through joint ventures," Jana said.

Such ventures, which would also be set up in Libya's banking sector, could be run with the help of foreign expertise, Gaddafi told the Congress, Libya's top legislative and executive body.

The African Unity ministry, which had been headed by Ali Abdessalam Triki, was merged into the Foreign Liaison and International Cooperation Ministry, the Congress said.

The sacked Triki had been Gaddafi's pointman for Libyan diplomacy in Africa and the Arab world.

The Congress's statement, which gave no reasons for the reshuffle, said Ghanem was replaced by Abdelkader Omar Belkheir at the Economy and Trade Ministry.

Ammar al-Mabrouk Al-Taief moved from deputy premier to take the newly created Tourism Ministry. He was replaced by Maatoug Mohamed Maatoug. A new planning Ministry was created, with former banker and financier Tahar al-Hedi al-Juhaimi in charge.

As situation tenses in Indonesia

10,000 to flee Aceh

BIREUN, Indonesia, June 14 (Reuters) - At least 10,000 villagers have fled their homes in Indonesia's rebellious Aceh province to escape fresh fighting or because they were ordered to evacuate for their own safety, witnesses said on Saturday.

Carrying bedding, clothes and cooking utensils, residents of nine villages streamed into Bireun town on Friday and took shelter in tents, witnesses said. They comprised men, women, the elderly and children. Some had fled in vehicles.

The area around Bireun has seen some of the heaviest clashes since the government launched a fresh military offensive to crush rebels of the Free Aceh Movement (GAM) four weeks ago in the province on the northern tip of Sumatra island.

Up to 200 people have been killed in the latest offensive and more than 25,000 had fled their homes before Friday's exodus.

The official Antara news agency reported from Bireun, 170 km (105 miles) east of the local capital Banda Aceh, the villagers had fled because of clashes between troops and rebels.

"I heard the sound of constant gunfire near our house. We were extremely scared and afraid we would be hit by stray bullets," it quoted one villager, Mustafa, as saying.

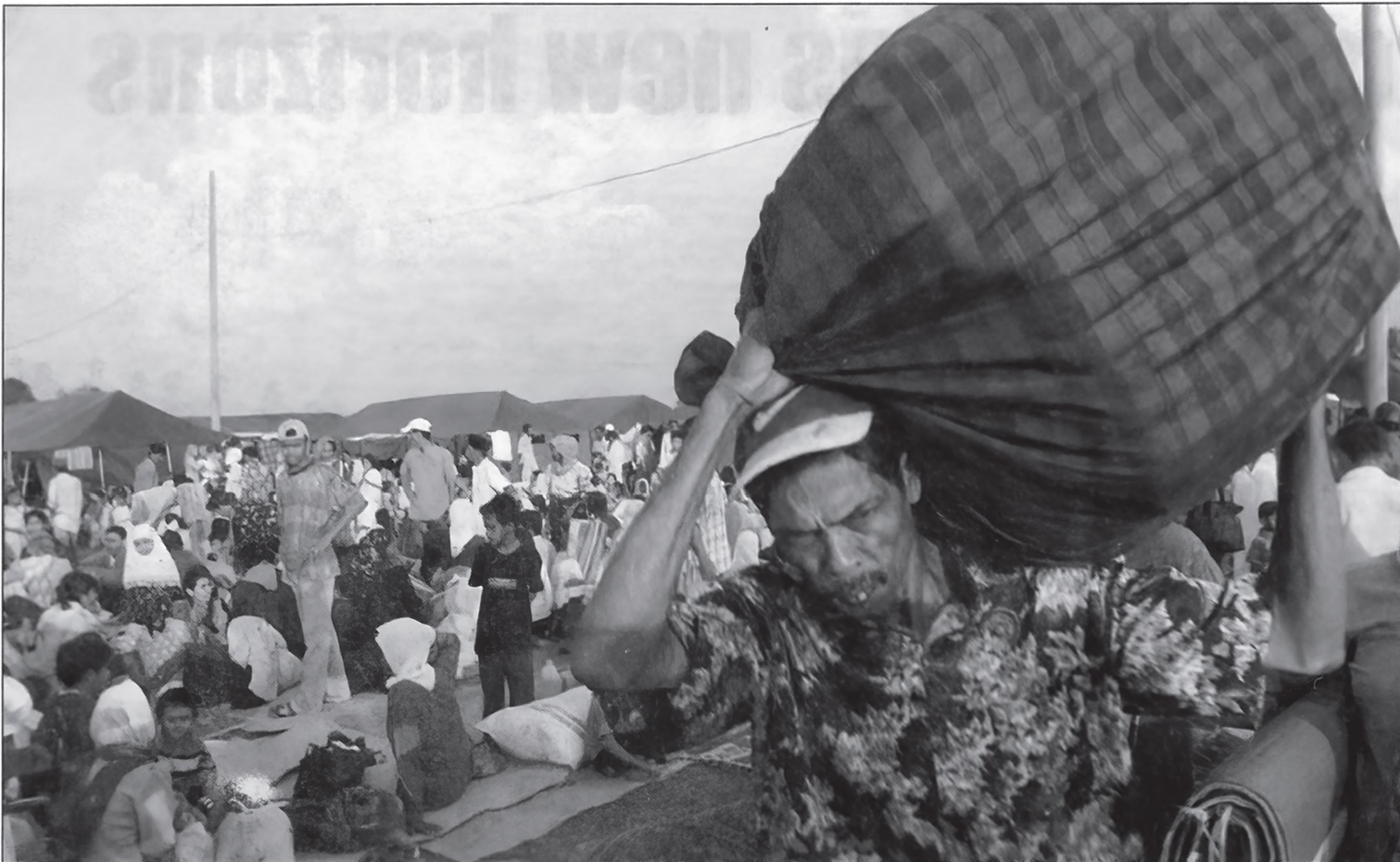
However, one refugee told Reuters on Saturday his village chief had told residents to leave for their own safety.

He said they had been told to leave on Friday morning and had heard gunfire before that.

On Saturday, the sound of gunfire could be heard from the direction of some of the nine villages.

Evacuation policy

Aceh military spokesman Lieutenant-Colonel Achmad Yani Basuki told Reuters he knew of no clashes in the area on Friday morning, but he reiterated the military's policy of ordering villagers in Aceh's hotspots to evacuate if necessary.



An Acehese man carries his belongings into a makeshift refugee camp on a football field after fleeing fighting in Indonesia's rebellious Aceh province June 13. At least 10,000 villagers, many carrying bedding, clothes and cooking utensils, have fled fresh fighting in Indonesia's rebellious Aceh province, the official Antara news agency reported on Saturday. **REUTERS/Tarmizy Harva**

The military has said in some cases it would put villagers temporarily in camps so troops could move through the unoccupied areas to root out GAM fighters and seize weapons. It has said this was one way of separating ordinary residents from GAM.

"Certainly there are refugee situations in the context of our operations," Basuki said, adding that he had no information on

the current situation in Bireun.

Other officials were not immediately available to comment.

Some tents were erected in Bireun before the villagers arrived.

The United Nations said earlier this week that the number of refugees in Aceh was not alarming.

The toll from the fighting continues to climb. Indonesia's Red Cross said on

Saturday that as of June 12 it had removed 176 bodies from conflict zones in Aceh since the offensive began.

Indonesia's military has put the toll at 200 people, saying this comprised mainly rebels. The rebels, numbering 5,000, have fought for independence since 1976 for the gas-rich province.

Rebel sources say scores of civilians and hundreds of government troops have

been killed.

In a previous report, covering the period up to June 7, Indonesia's Red Cross said it had removed 151 bodies and that all victims had been wearing civilian clothes. It said this did not mean the victims were civilians.

The 27-year conflict has made life a misery for Aceh's four million residents and killed 10,000 people, mainly civilians.

Cambodia:

Protest continues

PHNOM PENH, June 14 (Reuters) - Cambodian riot police fired in the air for a second day on Saturday and used baton charges to disperse hundreds of garment workers ahead of a regional security summit in the capital, Phnom Penh.

About 200 workers, many of them women, shouted and hurled fruit peel from behind barricades at several hundred police armed with batons and AK-47 assault rifles.

The violence comes after a protester and a police officer were killed during a riot on Friday by more than 1,000 garment workers in the same slum district of the city.

Security in the capital has been tightened in the run-up to the arrival of foreign ministers from more than 20 countries, including the United States, for an Asia-Pacific security meeting on June 18.

Political tensions are also high in the troubled Southeast Asian nation, which holds a general election on July 27. Historically, Cambodian polls have been preceded by civil unrest.

After an uneasy two-hour standoff, about 100 police charged the crowd with batons and several responded by throwing stones before running away. Police fired several volleys of shots and detained one young man but there were no immediate reports of injuries.

The violence is an embarrassment for Prime Minister Hun Sen as he prepares to roll out the red carpet at next week's meeting of the ASEAN (Association of South East Asian Nations) Regional Forum to show his country is finally leaving its violent past behind.

Cambodia's 220 garment factories produced some \$1.1 billion in exports in 2001, about 77 percent of the country's total. Most of the clothes go to the United States, to be sold by big name brands such as Nike, Adidas and Gap.

Human rights groups have accused some factories of exploitation of workers but the International Labour Organisation last year reported "encouraging signs of improvement" in conditions.

In a statement issued on Friday before the trouble, Human Rights Watch criticised the government, saying it was using nationalist anti-Thai riots in January as an excuse to clamp down on any form of protest in the run-up to next month's elections.

French troops trade gunfire with Congo militia

BUNIA, Congo, June 14 (Reuters) - French troops sent to stop tribal fighting in the Congolese town of Bunia opened fire for the first time and made a show of force after being attacked by a group of militiamen on Saturday, witnesses said.

Attackers hidden in long grass fired mortars and machineguns at a convoy of French troops rumbling along a road outside the southeastern fringes of town, where rival militias have killed hundreds.

There were no immediate reports of casualties.

"The French are being attacked, nobody knows by whom," Major Xavier Pons told a Reuters reporter travelling with a convoy near Bunia, in the northeast of the Democratic Republic of Congo.

"We returned fire with machineguns and light grenades launched by guns," Pons said after the attack, which took place in a patch of bush and thick undergrowth about three kilometres (two miles) from the town centre.

"We came under heavy fire from machineguns and mortars."

The Reuters reporter counted at least 10 blasts from mortars fired by the attackers, before French fighter jets screamed overhead. Troops from the convoy, which included 15 all-terrain



Union of Congolese Patriots (UPC) Hema militias retreat from their front line positions on the outskirts of Bunia in the Democratic Republic of Congo June 14 after clashes with rival militia. **REUTERS/Antony Njuguna**

vehicles, an armoured vehicle and about 70 soldiers, returned fire.

Growing international force

Fighting between ethnic Hema and Lendu militias has caused chaos in and around Bunia since early May, with hundreds of people slaughtered and tens of thousands fleeing their homes.

About 400 French troops arrived in Bunia over the past week, the vanguard of a 1,400-strong international force with a U.N. mandate to shield civilians from fighting — using force if neces-

sary. French Mirage fighter jets and ground-attack aircraft based in Gabon and Chad are providing air support.

The French-led international force, which has been approved by the European Union, only has the authority to protect civilians in Bunia, its airport and two nearby refugee camps.

France is providing the bulk of the troops. Britain is expected to deploy no more than 100 soldiers in Congo, while Germany formally approved plans on Friday to support the force with 350 military staff based in neighbouring Uganda.

Bunia lies in a region of northeast Congo where militias and rebels rape, pillage and murder with impunity, raising fears among residents that fighting will simply shift outside the town as the French-led force tightens its grip.

An existing U.N. mission in Congo has no mandate to stop fighting and the French-led force is only due to stay until September 1, stoking fears that the mission may have little impact on Bunia in the long-term.

More troops are due to arrive in the next few weeks to bolster the operation, which was approved by the European Union in the bloc's first military deployment outside Europe. States outside Europe including Canada and South Africa are also expected to take part.

Pakistan seizes 3.7 tonnes of Afghan drugs

QUETTA, Pakistan, June 14 (Reuters) - Pakistani border guards and anti-narcotics officers seized around 3.7 tonnes of drugs smuggled from Afghanistan into the southwestern province of Baluchistan, an official said on Saturday.

"The drugs, brought from Afghanistan, were found dumped in the desert," said a senior officer of Anti-Narcotics Force (ANF) in Baluchistan, bordering Iran and Afghanistan.

He said the ANF launched an operation late on Friday in Kharan desert, some 550 km (340 miles) south of provincial capital Quetta and seized three tonnes of hashish and 700 kg (1,500 lbs) of opium.

"We used a helicopter to raid the area on a tip off," he added.

The smugglers escaped, he said.

Pakistani narcotics officials say the country is the transit route for about a quarter of the 3,400 tonnes of heroin produced in Afghanistan.

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Yemen Consultant House

A successful and well-run institution brings new horizons



Nowadays, the factor of human resources has become a pivotal element in the development of any nation. Well-qualified workforce at both public and private sectors are the topmost priority of any potentially successful business or market. This is the case in the whole world, which Yemen is part of.

The Sanaa-based Yemen Consultant House (YCH) resembles a major step in helping Yemen develop its cadres and human resources. This successful and well-run insti-

tution brings new horizons to Yemen by qualifying and training employees to rise to the occasion and excel in their work and hence enhance overall productivity and quality in their respective working fields.

During the last few years, an estimated number totaling to YR 900 million has been allotted by the government to be utilized for the training of more than 20 thousands public sector employees in various specialized fields. This allotted budget has been supervised by the Technical and Vocational Training Fund for the

promotion of qualifications and working skills. Most of the training courses have been implemented by the YCH, which is considered the best institute of its kind in training individuals and teams to develop and render deeply-needed skills.

The following report has been conducted in order to focus on YCH's main activities in the field of training and know how it has helped improve the overall level of trainees' skills and qualifications.



latest technology in the labor market.

I'd also like to stress that such courses have to be longer in order to master different learning skills essential to our work systems.

As a trainee in the field of marketing and sales, I have been taught how to work scientifically and practically in the public relations field. That is a very important aspect.

I advise all employees in the public and private sectors to join such courses in order to learn and master new skills for themselves."

Belqees Yousef, a female trainee
"The courses I enrolled in at the YCH have enhanced my skills and knowledge in my field of work, which is in



Dr. Abdulhadi al-Hamdani, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the YCH

Dr. Abdulhadi al-Hamdani, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the YCH said that YCH is a private Yemeni consultancy institution established in 1984. The institute emerged due to the dire need to enhance skills and qualifications of Yemeni employees and workers in various fields and sectors.

YCH is entrusted with training and consultancy for all those who need it. Its services are directed to public and private companies, institutions, and organizations.

"The main aim of the YCH is to promote and develop its proficiency and make use of the state-of-the-art administrative techniques in order to cope with the modern global Information Technology (IT) developments," he said.

"The main activities performed by the YCH are focused on enhancing human resources and promoting the competence of the training process by effectively using the assistance from those

with excellent training experiences.

We coordinate with the Technical and Vocational Training Fund. Strenuous efforts have been made by the fund in the field of enhancing the administrative and technical cadres in different institutions.

During the last few years, the government has shown keen interest in public education. This interest has come as a result of the president's clear instructions given to the government to pay greater attention to promote the human factor where comprehensive development can be achieved at all levels.

The vocational training is an important step towards training and qualifying administrative cadres in order to carry out development issues properly.

Training in such fields will inform trainees about everything new in their fields and enable them to cope with the rest of the world in terms of qualifications and skills."

"Even if a person studies hard but

does not follow-up with whatever is new in his field of study, he will not be able to maintain his capability or competence in this field. Consequently, most of the advanced countries in the world instruct their top officials and decision makers along with high-ranking individuals to join training courses to help them cope with everything new.

Vocational training must be run in accordance with the requirements met by the labor market and employees.

Particularly in Yemen, training courses in all specialized fields are needed.

For accomplishing a successful tourism industry in tourist installations for example, training courses are indeed urgently needed. Tourism in Yemen has a promising future and can play a vital economic role to support the development and future of the country.

The use of computer knowledge is an indispensable factor for an employee to apply his learning skills to his work system."

quarters without facing any difficulties or hindrances.

We sometimes at the private sector, however, face difficulties with regards to allowing employees to be trained. I reiterate that training courses are held to the benefit of all employees of all sectors.

Training the public sector at the YCH is a milestone promising a brighter future for those employees and their establishments.

The fund trains hundreds of employees and since 2002 the public sector trainees have reached 1,600 for both male and female employees. Out of those trainees, 700 have been trained by the YCH."



Mr. Abdullateef Yahya al-Wesabi, a trainee from the Islamic Insurance Company said,

"Training courses have a number of positive aspects in our working fields. We have benefited greatly from the courses held at the YCH.

Thanks to the YCH, we now master new and different skills in our field by using modern technology after receiving training in advanced labs available here at the YCH. Those training courses, which are financed by the fund are considered a great landmark for employees in the private sector to cope with the latest technology in our modernizing world.

I have made great use of this course in the field of secretarial work and archiving. I also used to work in secretarial work, but this course has enabled me to gain new skills and programming experiences in my working fields."



Mohammed Ali Naji al-Kumaim, a trainee from the Sheraton Hotel

"I have been trained at the YCH in the field of marketing and sales. My initial impres-

sion about this course was in the question "why didn't I join a long time back?" I truly wish that I had the opportunity to join such courses earlier. That is because we have made good use of the courses, which essentially filled the gap in our work.

We are now fully knowledgeable as we learned all there is to know about marketing and the use of the

Mr. Saleh Mohammed Dhaifallah, Technical and Vocational Training Fund General Manager stressed that the Fund has started its activities enthusiastically in 2003.

"Field surveys, programs, and plans have been mapped out by the fund. This has been done in order to know more about labor market's needs and that of the working force.

The fund's activities have been greatly increased due to the interest expressed by the political leadership represented by HE. Ali Abdullah Saleh in giving human resource development the priority.

The 2003 training budget is around YR 900 million. More than 20 thousand employees make use of this budget. The 2003 training budget came in a time the fund has achieved major improvements during the last few years.

A number of different training courses have been held and the budget has been estimated at around YR 250 million."



YT Business



Using liquefied gas for power production, New Yemeni strategy

YEMEN TIMES STAFF

The Yemeni government has drawn up a new strategy according to which it is going to change to the liquefied gas for producing energy and began implementation of building Mareb station with a production capacity ranging between 300-400 megawatt, with frequency lines amounting to 400 kilovolt. To speed up implementation of the project the government approved an agreement of the special loan signed between Yemen and the Arab Fund for Economic and Social Development to contribute to funding the project with KD 25 million, approximately \$84 million. The overall cost of the project of building a gas power generating station in Mareb reaches \$153 million, to which the Saudi Fund for Development contributes with \$ 50 million. Yemen contributes to the project with \$ 19 million. The project is considered a beginning for carrying out the strategy of



Liquefied gas plant

increasing energy in the country.

The strategy aims at increasing the exploitation of energy in Yemen to about 2300 megawatt during the coming years. Mareb station is the beginning of realizing that target. Rural

areas and a large number of Yemeni cities need providing electric power as there are many factories whose building and basic structure are complete but waits for being supplied with energy for operation. Investors say finish-

ing the gas power project in Mareb would contribute to develop the infrastructure necessary for investment in the country especially that the project would serve many areas and cities, including the capital.

The capital is at present suffering from acute shortage in electric power a matter making the Mareb project for gas energy a priority the government endeavors to accomplish without any delay.

The Road Ahead

No jobs? Read this!

BY RAIDAN A. AL-SAQQAF
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In spite of the few vacancies available in our market, many businessmen complain that there isn't enough viable application, in other words, they have a good job to offer, and it's just that there are too many lousy job applications!

The problem lies in two things: the first is that there aren't enough qualified people in our labor market, and the second one is that even if they are available they cannot write a good CV! Anyhow, in this column I will present you with a few tips that will help you while hunting for a job.

Point 1: Believing in your capabilities; never set unreasonably high standard for yourself that might even rank you less even if you are the best, because you might undersell yourself.

Point 2: Every person you know is a link in a network, make sure that you ask everyone you know while job hunting.

Point 3: Make good use of your CV, through highlighting your experience at previous jobs and the skills and knowledge gained from these jobs.

Point 4: Have a "Can Do" attitude; never say "I've never done that" but say "I can do that" or "I can learn to do that".

Point 5: Calling to check on them instead of waiting for them to call you, but never pester a hiring manager; I mean a friendly inquiry once a week or so, checking for updates and offering new information, of course, this is unless they tell you "Don't call us, we will call you".

Point 6: Try not to be everything while applying for a job; this shows only your desperation for a job and do not try to be very accommodating.

Point 7: Negotiate salary, Benefits and working conditions, because both job satisfaction and money rewards are equally important, as well as benefits such as bonuses and vacations, etc.

Point 8: Find out why you weren't hired; it is always a good idea to follow up on an interviewer and find out why you weren't hired, it gives you tips for your next interview and improves your interviewing skills.

Endnote: try to ignore the normal channels if you could; try to find other ways in which you do not compete with other candidates, but always remember, improve your CV, people judge a resume by its cover and if your CV was lousy, you may never get a good job.

World Bank maintains support for Yemen economic reforms

YEMEN TIMES STAFF

A World Bank (WB) delegation headed by Mr Mahmoud Ayoub, the regional director the Bank in the Middle East region acquainted themselves with projects implemented in some governorates in Yemen that are funded by the bank. The delegation conducted talks with officials centered on relations between Yemen and the World Bank and made a valuation of the ongoing economic reforms program in Yemen under advice of international experts.

At present the World Bank is offering support for continuous lending within the framework of the program on strategy of fighting poverty through financing a number of development and public services projects aimed at increasing job opportunities and curbing unemployment.

The WB also supports projects of the Social Fund for Development and the project of Public works besides projects of electricity, tourism, fish and strategic industries. Part of the financial plan for this year the WB is currently contributing to funding a number of projects pertaining to water and sewage, development of seaports cities preserving water and soil. The Bank has therefore re-valuated its development plans in Yemen and depends on foreign expertise in supervising some projects and to be certain of their implementation according to specifications. The WB has succeeded in mustering necessary support for Yemen at the conference of donors in Paris who pledged to grant Yemen government \$ 2.6 billion till the end of 2002.

Yemen has promised in return to go ahead in the economic reforms policy, combating poverty, expanding services offered to education and caring for woman issues as well as development of the democratic pursuit in the country.

The government program for expatriates,

Effective development partnership between government & the expatriate

BY MAHYOUB AL-KAMALI
YEMEN TIMES STAFF

The Yemen government program has specified a number of goals for the welfare and taking care of the expatriates. The main purposes of the program are to keep communication with them in the coming period, get acquainted with their problems to help them to solve those problems in coordination with the foreign and the expatriates' affairs ministries and the administrative bodies of the communities abroad.

The government has given its pledge to intensify its communication with the expatriates for enhancing

efforts of preserving the cultural identity of the Yemenis abroad and supporting and encouraging educational and cultural activities of the centers and clubs of the Yemeni communities.

The government program stipulated on its participation in holding exhibitions and artist and literary festivals in addition to providing newspapers and publications. It also aims at engaging the expatriates in reviving national occasions held in the country. The government has also promised to allocate enough space for the expatriates in the information plan map for presenting broadcasting and TV programs specially beamed to the expatriates. The program included extension of the Yemeni satellite TV chan-

nel to all countries where Yemeni expatriates are living with the aim of keeping them in contact with their home. The government has also mentioned in its program that it would work for enabling the administrative bodies of the Yemeni communities to activate their role in serving the expatriates and effect an integration of both official and popular efforts in this regard. The program also aims at developing and strengthening the expatriates' position and protecting their interests in the countries where they are living.

One of the significant articles in the government program concerning the expatriates is promoting for investment in Yemen to achieve an effective

development partnership between the expatriate and his homeland, taking into account the guarantees of their rights connected to investment. Yemen's government in its program has also promised to offer all necessary facilities to the expatriates, mainly the protection of their properties in their home country, following up their rights in some countries and to work for restoring them in cooperation with international bodies and organizations.

The government also says that it pins much hope on the expatriates' capitals for attracting them to investment in vital projects in the free zone and to accelerate the pace of investment operations in the country.



General authority for investment headquarters

Words of Wisdom



One of the main problems in building a modern state in Yemen is that three blocks of our society perceive themselves above accountability. The sooner we see this and address it, the easier it will be to build a meaningful government based on law and order, and modern values.

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

OUR
OPINIONDefining
democracy

Some ambiguity has overshadowed the long-known definition of democracy and freedom following the unfortunate September 11, 2001. Some went to the extent of accusing the USA of abusing the term "freedom" and defining it in the way that only suits its interests. However, an increasing number of people in the world, especially those involved in defending human rights and freedoms are concerned that the USA is actually infringing freedoms in the USA by applying tough security measures and using intelligence that could be somewhat violating people's privacy.

After all, thousands of Americans did participate in a petition that called for not abridging any of the freedoms guaranteed to Americans by the Bill of Rights.

Wasn't the USA the country that did what it did to the prisoners in Guantanamo, where clear examples of violations of freedom and human rights are carried out by the superpower of the world, which was supposed to protect human rights and human dignity?

Wasn't the US administration the one that requested the punishment of Al-Jazeera because of broadcasting Osama bin Laden's tapes and other similar issues?

Wasn't the USA the country that supported the Israeli mighty military force to carry out incredibly unprecedented massacres against the Palestinians and at the same time condemned the self-defense measures taken by militant Palestinians?

"Yes", the USA is the judge and jury. It is the one that is defining democracy and freedom and the one violating its own definition.

Democracy is not a mere word that could be arranged as some wish. It has a permanent and clear definition that should apply to all people without any implementation of any double standards.

We understand that Arab regimes have become too weak to express their opinions clearly. But Arab citizens are disgusted with the way democracy is demonstrated by the USA.

We as media establishments in small developing countries have tried to adopt true democracy and freedom by allowing all people of different views to talk freely and express themselves without any restrictions. This is applied in Al-Jazeera satellite Channel, which sometimes brings Americans or Israelis speaking their minds openly, yet the channel is still seen as partial and non-democratic by many.

We, at the Yemen Times, also publish truly cruel letters attacking the newspaper and the common Arab opinion on world issues, but we still have them published uncensored and unedited.

With our limited resources we are trying to become democratic in the true sense and want to implement democracy in the right way.

However, years ago, we thought of taking the US democratic experience as an example. But frankly speaking, nowadays, we are hesitant to do so. Not because we don't believe in the US democratic principles, which I admire personally and know that most people do, but because we believe that the current US administration's definition of democracy makes it a bad example to follow.

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Media and the public

Interactive relation

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It is a really a recognized fact that press is the fourth estate in any ruling system in the world beside its executive, judicial and legislative powers. Therefore, the press role is understood to be watching performance of the state and all other social phenomena and write about them for the aim of rectifying ill practices and portraying the good aspects to be followed suit. Press would watch good implementation of laws and regulations in society and pinpoint failures to be overcome and rectified.

In this sense the journalist is the pulse of the public opinion and expresses his pains, worries, agonies, complaints, and satisfaction and dissatisfaction. In the democratic societies the mass media institutions acquire a distinguished place both in the public opinion and the authority and its opinion analyses arouse interests of and express concerns of all sectors of society. It is not a point of criticism which the journalist should point out/arouse as articles, but he should point to those strong as well as those weak ones aim-

ing to guide/direct the public and government toward reforms and modernization. Criticism of any shortcomings and excesses in society should have been within the context of criticism aimed at building up the society.

Criticism should be objective and for the welfare of both the people and the government. I must not involve insult or humiliation or writing something which affects or distorts the facts. In other words, the journalist should be an expression of the conscience of the nation.

On the other hand, the journalist should have a protection of the authorities in order to express his opinion/visions freely and without any oppression for the democratic practices are guaranteed and covered by the constitution of the nation.

What I aim in my article is to see the press and the official media interact positively for the benefit of all and should have a role in the on-going transformations. We want to see our press in a better position with concern of issues that change the face of society. We want the journalists to compact corruption, frivolity, irresponsibility and disorder, but in a constructive way.

Today, we see hundreds of issues talking about corruption and else of defects here and there and some of those issues might topple down ministers but they are confronted with coldness and irresponsibility and even negligence. This procrastination and negligence confirm that there is no way to compete it since there is no sponsor/supervision apparatuses to stop them we talk too much about violations, excesses and shortcomings, but no one listens and we point to complains of the citizens and no one is really to see them. The question is that there is an absence of seriousness among some of the apparatuses to combat corruption and listen to the voice of righteousness. The reform package in itself is a complete program to reform administration, economy and finance of the state on sound basis. Besides the authority/government lead a strong campaign against the corruption, the press and official media will publish things about what the authority announced as a program so as to launch the country to the safe side. Otherwise, what is the meaning of writing or disclosing the defects and excesses without any one to follow or to read or even take it into consideration.

Why people and police are not on par?

Watch out, a cop

BY RAIDAN ABDULAZIZ AL-SAQQAF*

Why are the people and the cops not on par?

Citizen A: Because I always expect an assault from a police officer.

Citizen B: Because I always expect a will to be bribed.

Citizens C, D & X: Because nothing but trouble comes from a cop.

People respect the police; they are the regulators and order keepers all around the world.

But In Yemen, among many other third world countries, they have a slightly different role that makes people fear even entering a police station if they were victims. Why?

Because when you enter a police station, you might either have to pay bribes to file your complaint or report an incident, or be arrested especially if the officer in charge didn't like you or a third party wanted to have you arrested even if it was unlawful and on no basis. The officer in charge perhaps knows that no one will hold him accountable for his act, after all, isn't he the same person who is supposed to maintain law and order?

Ok, why does a citizen expect an assault from a police officer? For example if you are driving your car along the road, and you hear a police officer from his car screaming at you "janneb ya

hemmar" meaning: "stand aside you moron", it happened to you before, didn't it?

Unfortunately, the will to be bribed doesn't apply to cops only, it applies to many government employees, as long as he can make your life more difficult and miserable, unless you pay him the (you know what).

As for law and order, safety and security, the tourism industry in Yemen has suffered a lot as a result of some negative phenomena. Let me show you the contrast: you get an EU visa to go to Italy, for example, there after as you arrive in Italy, you can go to the nearest railway station to buy a ticket to wherever elsewhere in Europe you want to go and get in the train and leave. If you were a Westerner touring Yemen, however, first you have to inform your embassy and the security authority, who will send along with you a "Taqm", i.e. a military vehicle with some 6 armed personnel. How comfortable will your tour be now? Especially if some of them indecently harass you? It happens, trust me, it does.

Back to why the people and the cops are not on par. In our society, there is a hierarchy of levels, each consists of people with similar characteristics. However, all these levels ought to vanish in the eyes of the law, but is this the case in reality? Is law treating people as equals? Never mind the law. Would everybody entering the police station get the same treatment? Or would some pay bribes, some get jailed, some walk around unnoticed, some enter armed

with guns and machine-guns? One of our revolution's goals published everyday in "Al-Thawra" newspaper says that people will be treated as equals, but it seems that complaints always fall on deaf ears.

Again, aren't police and military people the ones who have been terrorizing the Iraqi people in the name of Saddam Hussein and his government in Iraq? And they are probably the same people who betrayed him as soon as the Americans came? And again these are perhaps the same people waiting for you to enter the police station to "get you".

I sincerely wish that whatever you have read so far is untrue, but indeed, it is a sad world we live in, and I hereby reach out to our government officials, and say: Please, do something about it, and the least you can do I presume is hold these police officers in each and every police station accountable for whatever illegal acts they do, so that they would not arrest citizens with no legal basis and commit such unlawful acts. The government should act so that whenever a mother sarcastically tells her son "Eat your food or I will call the cop to come and get you" he replies: "the cop can't hurt me or arrest me because our interior ministry has passed a resolution that he cannot do so anymore without a court order".

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Al-Haifi's response
to Wellaman

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Thank you very much for your interest in the YT and the writings of the undersigned in particular. Your historical reprimand is well respected and taken into consideration. Though I would have liked to get into a discourse on each of the points you raised, I would just like to say that the Presidents I cited, were in the overall context of the image they projected, both at home and in the international arena. Of course, one can always argue for or against, because of the historical circumstances and the overall national mood prevailing at the time, not to mention the role of "interest groups" and the military industrial complex, etc. I do agree with much of what you mentioned about Johnson (with respect to Vietnam, for his domestic social achievements are hallmarks in American legislative history) and to a

certain degree about Nixon, although the latter's ambition had miscarried him into the pitfalls of the arrogance of power and the belief that power must be maintained at all costs. As for the Egyptian-Israeli peace settlement, it was really Carter, who got that on paper (Camp David).

Johnson inherited the Vietnam debacle from Kennedy and its early beginnings could be said to go to the Eisenhower years and the misconceptions of the US military then that you can get people to bend with just a higher dose of "bombs away". As for Clinton, his Yugoslavian adventures are well taken into consideration, because they were clearly a personal humane reaction to the unholy maniacal acts of a chauvinistic dictator, rather than out of consideration of just American economic or political interests (The present Administration tried to get the world to buy such a platform, with respect to Saddam, but it was obviously not viewed with the same quality of

genuine sincere good intents, and it seemed more like a standby justification for a mesmerizing adventure). His handling of the Middle East problem was also viewed with a more genuine sincere drive towards bringing to an end the world's most complex problem with a recognition of the rights and injustices suffered by the Palestinians, which no American President before (except for maybe Carter) had the courage to even contemplate saying. At least in his term of office the Middle East was spared any major conflict both in the Holy Land and elsewhere. Moreover, demagogues, like Netanyahu, were not allowed to proceed with the ongoing plan for the Zionization of the Holy Land so openly. It is not the intention of this column or this paper to get into a conflict on the good or bad of American leaders, but in presenting an overview of the kind of leadership caliber being displayed nowadays in the US when compared to that of the past Presidents.

COMMON
SENSE

By Hassan Al-Haifi

Now its our turn to say:

"We told
you so"

When the American troops walked into Baghdad, all the supporters of the Bush Administration's reckless adventure in Iraq rushed to their computers to send out their hasty "we told you

so" email messages, overjoyed by their short-lived victory sighs of relief. But as time passes, one begins to see that the elements that were behind the planning for this escapade neither had the interests of the United States nor the Iraqi people in mind. Even the suspicious effort to get the "Road Map", which leads to nowhere, to placate the angry Arab street will not fool anybody into believing that Mr. Bush and the right wing think tanks and the Zionist friends behind them have finally understood the "good intents" of the present White House Administration. The ugliness of the Iraqi adventure is beginning to come to the foreground, as the Iraqis themselves saw that they not only lost Saddam Hussein, which is no great loss, in anybody's right mind, but they literally have lost everything. Moreover, the American people have lost their credibility and their goodwill, let alone the number of troops dying and being injured everyday, by an ambush here, an RPG blast there, a helicopter shot down here, a fighter aircraft falling down or being hit here and there. Yet, it seems that the Iraqis are the ones really putting up the heavy tab for this careless handling of an apparently poorly planned invasion. The lists of casualties for the American forces are either downplayed or not reported, while the casualties of the Iraqis are now being put in the hundreds. When asked about the Iraqi casualties, an American Officer pointed out that "we do not bother to keep count of the Iraqi casualties, but they are many. As if to say these are not human beings. They are claimed to be organized pro Saddam elements, which does not seem to click to the observer's ears, because if we assume that an "agreement was reached for the "fall of Baghdad and the disappearance of Saddam Hussein" as some would like to have it appear, then it would not seem plausible that a pro Saddam resistance would still be continuing, whether he is still alive or dead, because in either case the resistance would not really have a cause to be fighting for. What is going on is resistance to an occupying foreign force that has destroyed all the basic elements needed for the least means of subsistence for the majority of the Iraqi people. These are the liberators, who are parading the Iraqi children. In fact, one notices a very close resemblance (although one would hope that the motives would not be so distressing) as that practiced by Ariel Sharon's thugs in the Holy Land. Tanks and tractors moving down houses, middle-aged and old women crying and cursing out the invaders; children being killed left and right; these are the daily scenes we are watching in both Palestine and Iraq. What makes matters worse is that the Road Map is being clouded by the heavy rhetoric against "terror" by the White House and the members of the Administration that seem to have forgotten all the semblances of diplomacy and arbitration that are required. Apparently the only people that Mr. Bush seems to have sympathy for are the Zionist criminals in Israel (if we can call it that, but it is really political helplessness brought on by failure in every field to speak of). Yes we say criminals, because we know that they have uprooted an entire population from their homeland. We also know that, on a systematic basis, they are working hard to increase the scope of their crimes to finish off what remains of the Palestinians. Let us not forget that when one is disarmed and blocked from all forms of support, you can surely expect to have "suicide bombings" and all the symptoms of aggravated lost hope, which the poor Palestinians are being subjected to, since 1967, not to mention the many massacres that have been instigated by the number one terrorist of all times in the region Ariel Sharon, who Mr. Bush is protecting from criminal prosecution for the murder of over 1200 unarmed Palestinian civilians sleeping in their camps in Lebanon, and the thousands more he has killed, injured or maimed ever since he launched the present surge of persecution. Let us not forget also that it was Sharon who unleashed the last tow years of violence by his "historic" intimidating walk into the Al-Aqsa Mosque, a little over two years ago, which fuelled the present Intifadha, and sending his armor to do the work of police forces in the West Bank and Gaza. Let us start to look at things in their right perspective. Neither Washington nor Tel Aviv should ever hope to be applauded for their illegitimate occupation of land that is not theirs and that is the real fundamental issue at stake. All this talk of fighting terror, etc. is beginning to wear out, especially when the callers for the fight have been proven to be liars again and again.

Am I an unpatriotic traitor?

BY ED HANRATTY
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When I spoke against the threat of war, that's what you called me: You told me I had forgotten about the tragic events of September 11th. You told me I was encouraging another attack. You told me I was sympathizing with terrorists. But you never proved a link between Iraq and September 11th. In fact, the only concrete link you've ever proven was the money trail from the Saudi Royal Family to Al Qaeda. But it's okay, if the President chooses to ignore the Saudi's culpability, good little Americans should lockstep behind him.

Forget about the fact that detained Al Qaeda operatives claim that Saddam and Osama Bin Laden detested each other and refused to cooperate. Forget about the fact that the only people happier about the collapse of Saddam's regime than Halliburton, were the Shi'ite fundamentalists inside Iraq, demanding a Taliban/Iranian theocratic state in the new "liberated" Iraq. You told me I was a terrorist, because you listen to the message coming down from the top: You're With us or Against us. You fail to see the danger of having a "leader" who thinks in such strict black and white terms. Even a child can see that the world is made up of gray areas. Sure, we know the basic fundamentals of Right and Wrong. Stealing is wrong, Charity is Right. Murder is Wrong, Compassion is Right.

But you can see the danger now, can't you? It's in Tel Aviv. It's in Gaza City. It's in Bagdad, and Kandahar, and Kabul, and Basra, and Fallujah, and Baghdad, and Tikrit. It's in Casablanca and Riyadh.

It's in Detroit and Chicago and Los Angeles and Houston and Montgomery and Little Rock and Newark - where our schools are failing miserably and our public servants are losing jobs. Why? Because of "No Child Left Behind" and "Homeland Security", ideas in principle that may have some merit, but ideas that provide strict spending standards and no money to back it up. Where is the money? Haven't you read? Tax cuts for the rich: the Alka-Seltzer of the Republican Party. Take two and call me in the morning. And the money's in Iraq. And the money's in Doha and Afghanistan. And the money's buying off barely industrialized nations to say "I do" at our altar of infamy.

Am I still an Unpatriotic Traitor?

That's what you called me when I said let the inspections play out, let them continue. But no, you said "enough was enough". You told me Saddam was building this apocalyptic arsenal. He had VX and Sarin and Anthrax and Mustard Gas and Salmonella and The Cooties. You told me he was capable of launching a biological attack at the drop of a hat. You told me he presented a clear and imminent threat to my security. You told me to gift-wrap my house in Saran-wrap and Duct Tape.

You told me we'd march right into Baghdad and find all of these horrible weapons. And you told me that they'd have inscriptions written in French, and German, and Russian, and Chinese, and maybe even Mexican - because hey, they were "against us too". You told me the evidence was overwhelming. You told me a graphic drawing of an 18 wheeler was over-

whelming proof that we were facing the biggest threat to mankind since the Empire began construction of the Second Death-Star. You called Chief UN Weapons Inspector Hans Blix an insignificant crybaby when he disagreed with you. You told me that France and Germany and Russia were the "Axis of Weasels", and it was spread throughout all of Rupert Murdoch's media empire.

But we haven't found the weapons yet, have we? We've been looking pretty hard. And we're hearing the rhetoric coming out from every nook and cranny of the Bush Administration. We're hearing it from the Ministry of War in Arlington and we're hearing it from the Ministry of Information on FOX News. We're told that Saddam may have buried them. We're told that he may have destroyed them on the eve of the attack (which would have made this conflict even more illegal than it was to begin with). We're told that they were smuggled out to Syria, or Iran, or shipped directly to Bin Laden.

We're speculating as to every possible place that these magical mythical "Weapons of Mass Destruction" could be. But ask Tony Blair, the public's beginning to speculate too. They're speculating that they just might not have ever existed in the first place. What an odd and unconventional thought! Could it be that Blix and France and Russia and 80% of the world's population was right in the first place - that Hussein wasn't an imminent threat to begin with? That maybe he didn't have these super-weapons? That maybe he wasn't hell-bent on world domination? That maybe he wasn't the reincarnation of Adolf Hitler, the correlation your pPresident tried to make while standing on the sacred soil of Auschwitz?

Am I still an Unpatriotic Traitor?

That's what you called me when I marched with a quarter of a million others in February. You told me I didn't support the troops. You told me that I was undermining their confidence. You told me that I, along with Tim Robbins, Susan Sarandon, Michael Moore, Martin Sheen and the Dixie Chicks, were subversives aiding and abetting Saddam Hussein. You told me that I was a "coward", even though most of you never served. You ran off a plethora of straight-from-the-bumper-sticker slogans to me: Freedom Isn't Free; These Colors Don't Run; Love it or Leave It; Love Your Freedom - Thank a Vet; God Bless America; We Will Never Forget.

You had Neandercon attack dogs like Michael Savage, Sean Hannity and that Q-tip known as Ann Coulter making their rounds on the air and in print, launching an attack campaign against dissent that would have made Joe McCarthy proud. You painted everyone who showed up to say Not this War, Not this Time as a hippie-pot head-criminal-communist that hasn't showered in weeks. Even though the demonstrators looked just like Savage, and Hannity and Coulter, well, maybe not as anorexic. They were doctors. They were lawyers. They were grandmothers. They were clergy. They were Republicans. They were children. They were teachers. They were firefighters. They were students. They were stockbrokers. They were immigrants. They were athletes. They were you and I.

Somehow I didn't support troops. But do you want to know what's ironic? If you had listened to me, the teachers, the clergy, and Tim Robbins - we'd still have 183 (as of 6/12/03) brave, young Americans spending Christmas

with their families this December. One hundred and eighty three. Sure, you'll build them some statues, dedicated some parks, and wear some yellow ribbons. But in the end, that's 183 families that now won't be able to celebrate long, healthy and prosperous lives with their sons, daughters, grandchildren, parents, cousins, aunts or uncles. No graduations, Bar Mitzvahs, Bat Mitzvahs, Confirmations, Engagements, Weddings or Promotions. All you're allowing them is a flag on a casket and some depressing pomp and circumstance. 183 might not sound like a lot to you. It may seem insignificant. But the next time you lose somebody close to you, look around at the service. See how many people were affected by that death. Then multiply that by 183.

Am I still an Unpatriotic Traitor?

That's what you called me when you discovered the Mass Graves. You told me this is what I was supporting. You told me we stopped the greatest genocide maniac since Hitler. Can you define "Genocide"? I didn't think so. You told me Saddam was a monster that needed to be dealt with. I say with all due respect, I can smell the stagnant stench of hypocrisy before you even open your mouth. Let's think for one minute.

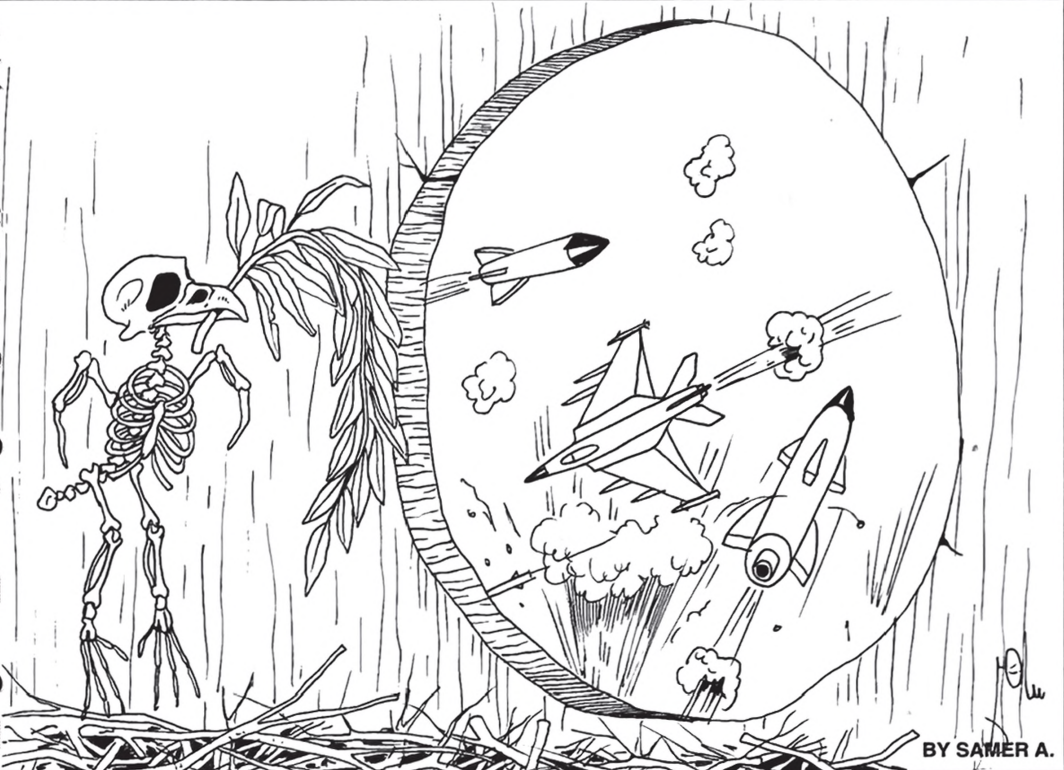
When the towers fell, you threw eggs at Mosques in Texas, Arizona, Florida, New Jersey, Michigan, California and in many other places. You're palms sweat when you see an Arabic man in an airport. You've said within the past two years "Camel Jockey" or "Towelhead" or "Sandnigger". You care about Islamic peoples about as much as I care about the role that Windex plays in our everyday lives.

And how many bodies, how many lives does it take to fill a "mass grave"? Would the roughly seven thousand civilians killed in Afghanistan and Iraq fill a mass grave? Would they fill 70 mass graves? How many bodies does it take? We've more than doubled the death toll of the 9-11 attacks. Was that the point? Does that quench your thirst? Do you, like me, find it ironic that we're uncovering mass graves in Iraq at the same time that we're filling them?

You're the one that told me that Iraq was married to Al Qaeda, responsible for the 9-11 attacks - and they were not. You're the one that told me that Iraq had this awesome stockpile of chemical and biological weapons. They didn't. You found an empty truck. You're the one that told me I didn't support the troops, while you're beliefs and your line of thinking deprived almost 200 families of their loved ones. You're the one who out of one side of your mouth cursed the people of the Middle East, and out of the other side cried alligator tears about mass graves. Meanwhile, the US military campaign was piling up enough civilian casualties to fill Radio City Music Hall one and half times over.

You're the one who subscribes to this dogma that America stands for aggression, America doesn't believe in diplomacy, America can go ahead and wage war whenever it wants with little or no justification. This isn't what this great nation was founded upon. This isn't what the founding fathers had in mind. This isn't what brave men and women have fought and died to protect in Concord, Lexington, New Orleans, Gettysburg, Bull Run, the Western Front, Iwo Jima, Normandy, Chosin, or Saigon. Why, I just might think that you might be an Unpatriotic Traitor.

SKETCHED OPINION



Yemeni students in Canada bring pride to Yemen

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If Canada were ever to cry over the departure of a foreign national, it would be over the leaving of Tarik Al-Sharafi this Friday, who leaves with a one way ticket to Yemen, after living the last five years in Calgary, Canada.

A young kid, who at the age of 18 was thrown into the bitter December cold of Calgary back in 1998. A young kid from the heart of wild Arabia, the inhospitable Yemen as Westerners call it, was soon to live in Calgary a life better than most Calgarians themselves have ever lived. A high school student who would mature into an educated professional who even world class Canadian pros would come to admire. A student that professors would come to admire and love, and an employee that supervisors and managers would come to respect and adore. Here in Calgary lived a Yemeni legend.

Where are all those sceptics that claim there is no bridge between the East and West? I wish they had been here to witness the unimaginable being attained by Tarik as he lived his simple life in Calgary. The life of a modern Western oriented student who performed his Eastern cultural and religious duties without any equivocation. A young student who became a gentleman with the best virtues of both the Eastern and Western cultures embedded in one human. A gentleman who would respect all people, of all backgrounds, cultures, religions, ethnicity, colour and whatever groups we humans have erected amongst ourselves. A man who would come to understand the way Westerners think

and come to respect their ideas, yet never giving up his fundamental Eastern beliefs that he held to his heart as the undeniable truth. A man who would externally live in a chaotic world of materialism and corporate competition, yet deep inside live in an orderly world of spiritual peace and eternal friendship with oneself and his world. A Yemeni gentleman who would have the best characteristics of a Yemeni, Arab, Muslim embedded in him at the same time that he would have the best characteristics of Westerners in him.

Where are all those religious sceptics that claim a true Muslim could not possibly exist on a Western campus? I wish they were here to witness an eloquent English and Arabic speaking Tarik from the Middle East taking a leave from his Canadian colleagues to go and perform his prayers.

Where are all those people who claim that Yemeni men are nothing but brutes who know nothing better than to chew like goats and waste their life doing nothing? I wish they had been here to see Tarik live the life of a Westerner in its entirety (working out, hanging out with friends, being involved in all kinds of outdoor and indoor pursuits, academic and extra academic, living a full life full of excitement) and yet live his life in the modesty and fear that only a true human can have.

Where are all those people who claim that Arabs are just a bunch of lazy people who cannot work on anything efficiently? I wish they could see the Canadians eyeing to have Tarik as part of their team because he was the best team player one could ever hope for. I wish they could have known on the impeccable team and

group management skills this young lad had. I wish they could talk to people who had worked with Tarik and who would confidently vouch on his excellent work ethics and excellent efficiency and productivity. Calgary realized one of its best workers ever in Tarik! He was a name that Corporate Calgary came to know and respect!

Now, in conclusion, what I have just said above holds true for almost each and every one of the first Yemeni Nexen graduates who will soon be heading to Yemen from Yemen. Just replace the word Tarik with Hani, Mohammed, Rezqullah, Muna, Ahmed, Hisham, Tarikx2 etc They are all legends ... I just hope and pray that our fellow brothers back in Yemen realize that the world's best nation is going to feel sorrow at the loss of these marvellous young men and women and the least they can do is to make them feel welcome back in Yemen. I pray our officials realize that the only thing making these men and women return to Yemen is their willingness to sacrifice not only their future but that of their families, so as to give Yemen a fair chance of becoming a great nation once again. I pray Yemen acknowledges and recognizes them the same way Canada has. The world's richest nation is going to shed a tear over these Yemeni gentlemen and young ladies - the question is, will Yemen put on a smile for these returning legends?

A prayer is all we have, and the power of prayer can never be underestimated.

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Letters to the Editor

Rejoinder to editorial on Iraq: What are your motives?

Regarding your last issue's editorial "They Will Be Tried Before History", I find this editorial yet another exercise in "US/UK Bashing", as you continue to make me wonder at your motives. You cite an Iraqi who wants his family to leave the chaos that is Iraq. Is this Iraqi an expatriate, and perhaps a "Baathist" party member? On looking back at US / UK promises to deliver freedom to the Iraqis you say it has not happened, but a number of Islamic Ayatollah's who have been exiled for many years, under the threat of death should they return, are now home in Iraq. Independent Iraqi newspapers are free to publish, and people in the streets are saying all manner of things to the world media. No Freedom? Was any of that possible in February under the previous fascist regime? You have an odd sense of freedom. So, under your criteria, if no WMDs are found the whole thing was illegal, and the deposed dictator and his

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Yemenis in Malaysia suffering

I'm one of the Yemeni post-graduate students in Malaysia. I think that all the Yemenis live inside Yemen hear about Malaysia as a nice country they hope to visit as tourists. That's good and I encourage them to visit Malaysia and they are welcome. But they should know that Malaysia is not cheap as

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they think.
On behalf of the students here I hope you can help us to find a solution for our problem. The high cost for living is a major cause of suffering for us. Our monthly scholarship grant is USD 350 only. You should also know that our scholarship is the lowest compared to other countries. Actually we don't want to live in luxury, but we just need the basic requirements for a decent living standard. No other grantee receives a scholarship less than USD 550 in Malaysia.

Somali students receive scholarships of USD550 while USD 1,600 is given to Libyan students.

We trust you and your help in publishing this letter and having our word heard are appreciated.

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Italian's complaint on dirt in Yemen

I am an Italian who visited your country Yemen lately. In my trip to Yemen, which is a beautiful country, with hospitable people, I have seen

great dirt on the streets including plastics, cans, and other rubbish material. There was simply too much garbage. How can this continue, and what can you do to solve this problem? I hope there will be initiatives to put an end to this negative phenomenon.

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'Bad qat' affect on Samir's cartoons

I have written you before, and expressed my opinion about certain issues and you published my letters, I thank you for doing so. I don't like to criticize your staff, because I know everyone of them tries his best. However, in order for me to keep enjoying YT, a little input is in order.

I think Samir's comic drawings have made no sense lately. It seems he has been drawing for his own understanding. They seem to be incoherent and they come right out of some kind of nightmare he gets after 'chewing bad qat'. I pray for his recovery.

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Reflections

The pursuit of knowledge is a duty on every Muslim

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“Keep up the supplication: Lord, bestow on me an increase of knowledge”. (Holy Qur'an 20:115)

Have you ever seen children carrying cardboard boxes selling cheap items like scouring pads, sponges, or hair pins on the streets of Sana'a, Aden, or Mukallah? Indeed there are many children on the streets in Yemen selling, and so many others begging. Many poor families in almost all underdeveloped countries view children as miniature adults who should be placed in adult society as quickly as possible so that they generate a source of income whereby the family can survive. Most of these children are malnourished and uneducated.

The importance of education and knowledge cannot be over-emphasized. In this high-tech, ever-evolving world we live in today, a good education has always been a profitable investment. Children are impressionable; especially the adults close to them make them aware of their rights and opportunities, whether they are parents, relatives, or teachers. However, this task is useless if the adults themselves are not willing to invest the time or resources for the benefit of children. Islam has placed much importance on the acquisition of knowledge because knowledge is empowering, and children must be

instilled with a thirst for knowledge from an early age. This is where the Ministry of Education has an important role to play, in terms of making education accessible to all. A Minister of Education, Mr. Abdulsalam Al-Jufi, has been given the extremely difficult task of not only reforming, but also actually revolutionizing the ministry and its practices. This all-important government tool to promote education in the country is plagued with corrupt officials who regard bribery and extortion as part and parcel of their duty. Most observers, including myself are anxiously waiting to see what Mr. Jufi will do in order for the officials working for him to handle their affairs and carry out their honorable duties in a most orderly manner. Highly qualified teachers should be recruited, because therein lies the secret of a student's desire to learn. It is the teacher who can help students realize their potential, and make them believe that everything is conquerable with the right attitude coupled with knowledge and skills. Teachers do have the ability to inspire their students, as did mine and I will never forget my English teacher, Mr. Chet Marlett, and my Biology teacher, Mr. Darryl Pollock. Both of these extraordinary men had an incredible impact on my learning experiences in high school in Canada. Mr. Marlett had a strict instructing tone which was really intimidating at first, but as we got to know him better, we were to find him a really enthusiastic teacher who took joy watching his students attempting to understand a metaphor in a poem, or an obvious irony in Shakespeare's

Hamlet. I owe him all my successes at writing research papers in university.

My Biology teacher was a genius. He taught us not to be afraid of science by telling us funny stories that made biology not only fun, but also so easy to learn. He was always patient with our many questions on the complex intricacies of the way the brain works, or the heart pumps blood, never did he embarrass any one of his questioners, but always said, "That is an excellent question!" Mr. Pollock passed away about ten years ago. He had cancer. He will always be remembered, may god rest his soul.

Mr. Marlett and Mr. Pollock were only two of my best teachers, of course there were many others in university as well like Dr. Glasberg, and Margo Husby-Scheelar, both of whom were always encouraging us to never accept anything at face value, to always question. There are people who were a source of inspiration for all of their students. This is how important a teacher's role is in a student's life. Their job is not only to stand in front of a classroom and release information. They also have to work at home to prepare lesson plans structured in a way that corresponds to a student's understanding. Teaching style has to be innovative employing all available resources to maximize a student's interest in learning the material, thus allowing the student to apply the learned material to life. Mere memorization is not important, as it does not allow imagination to flourish. I remember Mr. Marlett repeatedly telling us before an exam that the

length of our answer to a question has no bearing of the correct answer. The important point was to answer the questions in a short, cohesive and direct manner so that our understanding was visibly evident in our writing. My point in relating my learning experiences is directly parallel to my worries of the standard of education in Yemen. From all the advertisements in local newspapers, private schools seem to be doing well in terms of providing quality education, however most parents cannot afford to send their children to such expensive schools. Moreover, private schools are only located in major cities like Sana'a or Aden. Yemen's population is dispersed, with 18 million people spread over more than 100,000 localities. The task of making basic education accessible to all seems impossible. Yemen's illiteracy rate has remained high, particularly among females and in rural areas. About 49 percent of people age 10 and over are illiterate. (Central Statistical Organization 2001) A very difficult task lies ahead for the Yemeni government and the Ministry of Education in particular. They have to support illiteracy eradication programs, and especially encourage female education in urban and rural areas. Islam has placed so much importance on education; government officials should regard that as their first priority, at least in the honor of their faith and their people. I would like to end with a saying of the Holy Prophet of Islam: *The pursuit of knowledge is a duty of every Muslim, men and women.*

Bibliography in Yemen

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The first person who had created a bibliography in Yemen was Judge Mohammed Bin Ahmad Al-Hujaray in 1361 A.H. Where he had authored an index for Al-Awqaf Library which is the eastern library now in Al-Jamae Al-Kabeer (Grand Moaque) in Sana'a. Yet this index was not published and is still used solely in the library.

In 1984 the Ministry of Al-Awqaf printed a bibliography written by 3 scholars of four independent parts for the eastern library. The three scholars are: Ahmed Abdulrazzaq Al-Ruqahi, Abdullah Mohammed Al-Habashi and Ali Wahhab Al-Anisi, and the publication is called: "Library Scripts' Index of Al-Jamae Al-Kabeer in Sana'a, 1984". This index describes 2409 books categorized into five sciences: religion, Arabic language, Philosophy, Applied Science and General Knowledge.

Structure of the Index:

There are a number of facts about each publication that must be present in the index and it is formatted in the following style:

- Name of book, author and part number (if more than one part)
- Beginning with: a section of the first lines in the book
- Ending with: a section of the last lines in the book
- Scriptor or writer
- Handwriting style / script
- Date of finishing the document
- Number of pages

Bibliography of the western Library:

The document is called: "Western Library Scripts' Index of Al-Jamae Al-Kabeer in Sana'a, 1978", and was compiled by Mohammed Saeed Al-Maleih and Ahmed Mohammed Isaway, both technical members of library management in Kuwait.

The index which is in one book, includes 1978 publication divided into 27 classification according to Al-Diwoni categorization such as: Quranic illustration, literature, Prophet wordings, History of prophet Mohammed (pbuh) and art of speaking, Religious legislation, Commandments, general knowledge...etc.

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- Date of finishing the document
- Number of pages and page size

Bibliography of Dar Al-Kutub Yemeni Publications:

This journal is called: "Index of the Yemeni Publications in Dar Al-Kutub until 1983" and is compiled by Abdulmalik Al-Maqhafi. The style of formatting the index contains the following information for each publication:

- Author name
- Book title
- The author's name again after the word written by;
- Publication house and year of publication
- Number of pages
- Book code in the library

Educational Bibliography lists:

This is a series produced by Authenticating and publication unit in the Educational development and research center and is called: "Bibliographic lists".

It was compiled by Mohammed Abdu Thabit Al-Aghbary, Samira Abdulqadir Mohammed, Manae Ali Manae and was reviewed and supervised by Abdullah Ahmed Al-Thifani.

This publication includes education opinions in a number of cultural and heritage books as well as a number of recent educational publications and it was published in 1986.

Structure of the publication:

- Book name and categorization number
- Author name
- Publishing house and year of publishing
- Contents

The largest bibliography project in Yemen is what the General Body for Books is creating. Previously this body has produced the National bibliography book in 1998 and now is working on the national bibliography since 1872, which was the year when printing existed in Yemen for the first time, and until year 2000. Hence forward, there will be a new publication of the following years two years per book.

Founder of Yemen Times

Never died

FAHMIA AL-FOTIH
YEMEN TIMES STAFF

“Dear editor,

I write to you rather late about Dr. al-Saqqaf's first death anniversary that reminded us of a great loss that we and Yemen, as a whole, had.

Writing about Dr. al-Saqqaf does not require a certain time or special occasion, because we can write about him in any time. He deserves more than just writing about him if we think about and remember his services offered to his own people and country.

No one can deny the efficient and effective role he had played in various fields and everybody witnesses that the martyr had spent his life for the sake of his country with all his efforts and strength he could exert.

To see his country as a developed and prosperous were all his dreams and ambitions. So he devoted his life for the bright future for Yemen.

Dr. al-Saqqaf status does not need evidence; it is as clear and vivid as the sunlight.

I am sure my modest words will be nothing among Dr. al-Saqqaf's lovers and admirers who indeed expressed their true love and full respect to a

man who believed in the old adage, "Actions speak louder than words"

All of them stress that Dr. al-Saqqaf did not die but rather is still alive among us with his principles and mottoes to which he remained loyal and sincere till the last drop of blood in his body.

I feel happy to write about a man whom everybody considers as an ideal figure.

Believe me whatever is said about the founder of Yemen Times is not enough.

I have read and seen many articles and poems that are published on Yemen Times pages and they gave me encouragement to offer my modest contribution to this occasion with which I prefer to address Dr. al-Saqqaf.

Never die

Without farewell your depart Shocked your lovers in every part, Leaving a vast space in each heart.

Even if you went so far...

Your pen still tells who you are A brave man.... A fixed star.

Your soul goes as sun goes west

A life after you remains without a taste

Just say, "Your soul may in peace rest"

But! Do you know dear?

That I feel you are here. Thy great words from a heart near.

Glorious men NEVER DIE

As their souls soar up in the sky...."

That is exactly the letter I wrote 3 years ago and I was a level-two university student on the occasion of the first death anniversary of the late Dr. al-Saqqaf. I wrote this letter before joining Yemen Times and became one of its staff. Actually it was a dream and finally it has come true.

I used to read the Dr. al-Saqqaf articles that were courageous and purposeful and full of wisdom. I had not a chance to meet him but I did love him and I did highly respect him as everybody did.

Today as one of Yemen Times staff who comes every day to the paper, becoming close to those who were lucky and to work with a man like the Yemen Times founder. Day by day my love, admiration and respect to him increase.

Day by day I discover many things about his lovely personality and about the charm he had on everybody, whether the newspaper staff or on his friends. When they talk about him they smilingly tell you about a man coming from a fancy world, a man who was dreaming to live in Utopia.

Double B's in chaos

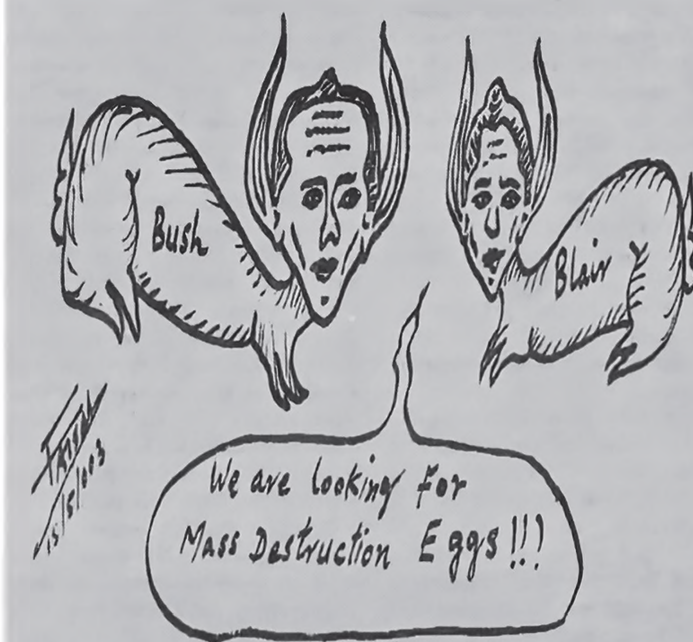
BY FAISAL H. AL-AZZANI

The whole world knows
Except Bush and Blair
That by all means
War is not fair

B and B are the double
You Bush and Blair
You are looking for trouble
Because you are not fair
War is a always a great evil

You are both big liars
There is no mass destruction
You have been both like tigers
War is for oil and occupation

You have cheated all nations
Especially American and British people
Without any proof or legal justifications
From the UN Security Council
You will be soon in big frustrations
Cheney and Rumsfeld cheated you as well!



Thirst for water and development leads to conflict in Yemen



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Al-Haima, Yemen—Al-Haima was once famous for its agriculture, especially grains. But now, the land has deteriorated, water is scarce, and the people are poorer.

"We are now short of water for irrigation, and we have to wait until it rains to plant some seeds," says Mohammed Ahmad Ghalib, a farmer. In the past, he recalls, there was plenty of water and it flowed on the surface of the ground.

According to the villagers, the city of Ta'iz sunk several new wells into the Al-Haima area after assuring the farmers that it would only tap into the deep water, leaving the surface water for the villagers. The city also pledged to compensate the villagers, by providing them with electricity and water services, and new schools. But that did not happen.

"We used to have hand-dug wells for irrigation," says Mohammed Rasam. "But they went dry. Now, we are suffering. We have no water for agriculture or to drink."

Abdullah Kassim, an unemployed farmer says, "They recently installed water and electricity systems and now they want to bill us for our own water. We cannot spend the money we get from hard work on water bills. What will remain for our kids?"

The tension over the water ultimately led to clashes that called for high-level government intervention. "Ordinary people could not do anything," said Ghanim Mohammed Naser, who is in charge of a generator for pumping water for the village. "Those who resisted were arrested and put in prisons: those who refused to allow the drilling of wells were detained." Consequently, he said, the people have refused to pay for the diesel for the generator, which is not

working.

But this is hardly the only time the government has had to intervene in water disputes. In 1999, it took 700 soldiers to quell the fighting that claimed six lives and injured 60 others in clashes that erupted between two villages fighting over a local spring near Ta'iz.

In the 1999 dispute, the village of Al-Marzuha believed it was entitled to exclusive rights from a spring because it was located on their land, while Quradah, a neighboring village, believed they had the rights to the water based on a 50-year-old court verdict acknowledging their rights to the waters. The dispute festered and then erupted.

President Ali Abdullah Saleh had to intervene in the conflict; he summoned the sheikhs of the two villages to the capital, and sorted out the problem by dividing the water into halves.

Little water, huge demand

Disputes over water are not uncommon in Yemen. Water resources in Yemen are low, even by Middle East standards. In Yemen, the estimated per capita availability of renewable water resources was only about 133 cubic metres in 1994 and could be even lower now. The figure for the Middle East and North Africa region is 1,250 cubic metres and the world average is 7,500 cubic metres.

Water shortages are reaching emergency levels in some areas. According to a 2001 government report, there are absolute water shortages in Ta'iz and Sana'a, the capital, where public water supply is available for only 20 days and five days a month, respectively. At the same time, water consumption continues to rise each year, and now, is well above renewable water resources. Rainfall ranges between 50 and 200 millimetres in most of the areas, rising to 800 millimetres per annum in exceptional cases in some areas.

A high population growth rate of 3.5

percent each year has led to an increase in the demand for food and has caused migration to cities—which have grown at twice the national population rate. As a result, the demands of irrigated farms and thirsty cities have caused water consumption to rise sharply. The problem has been further compounded by the needs of industrialization and the further reduction in the supply of freshwater in some areas due to polluted aquifers.

A plan for water management

A major problem in Yemen was the absence of a central water authority and national water policy. Reform of Yemen's water sector has been a major goal of the United Nations Development Program (UNDP) in partnership with the Government of the Netherlands over the last decade. Recognizing the critical nature of water in Yemen, the project has fostered extended debate and discussion involving all major stakeholders in the water sector, resulting in a government-formulated blue print for water sector reforms. Among other things, the blue print calls for consolidating the water resources management functions under a single authority and putting in place legislative framework to support its functions.

The new agency, called the National Water Resources Authority, was established in 1995 and for the first time in Yemen, strategic considerations were given priority over competing interests. "The goal is to develop human resources and the institutional capacities for water management," says James Rawley, UNDP Resident Representative in Yemen.

Good governance to resolve conflict

Starting in 1997, a five-year program to support the new authority, augmented by technical assistance from the UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs, achieved several important

milestones in terms of improving water governance and water resources management in Yemen. The entire country has now been divided into 14 water management zones based on hydro-geological criteria, providing the foundation for water resources management planning on catchment basis. The Water Authority has also formulated the national water policy and national water strategy.

The most important achievement of the Water Authority has been the enactment of the Water Law in August 2002, which set the rules and regulations for water usage and defines specific rights and penalties.

"Before it was difficult to take any action against violations," says Jamal Mohammed Abdu, the Authority

Chairman. "With this law, we can now start implementing our policies and strategies."

According to Mr. Abdu, the Authority is now working with various government agencies and local administrations to implement the new law and he expects that this will result in more coherent activities that encourage water efficiency. In addition, water plans are being drafted for most regions in the country.

The plans aim to establish the institutional mechanisms for resolving water conflict by replacing the traditional top-down water management approach with a system where the water agencies and the local communities work together to manage the catchment water resources. It will also seek to define water rights in

order to minimize and resolve conflicts over water resources.

In the new plans for Ta'iz, a proposed system of legally recognized groundwater rights calls for safeguarding a life-line supply of water for the poor, but makes the bulk of the remaining allotted water quotas tradable. The essence of the scheme is that it creates a win-win situation for the poor in the transfer of water from agriculture to other uses by creating a market in water rights.

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Local Press

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

Main headlines:

- Call for setting up a parliamentary fact-finding committee on the killing of Jarallah Omar
- A suspect used to threaten life of journalists, arrested
- YSP general secretariat sends condolences to the parliament speaker sheikh al-Ahmar on death of his daughter
- Journalist Sanad Najad released after a month of detention

Columnist Abdo Farie Nouman says in his article when we come across some politicians, and party or civil society leaders in the streets we find in them simplicity and love and merriment. We find in them the full meaning of democracy, justice and equality. We find them patient regarding listening to issues of the citizens and their problems and suffering. It is a creative interaction inside the society and at the level of the pyramidal composition as a whole, as indicators augur well of good and satisfaction. The lesson is all clear when those leaders or some of them assume positions when so soon all things change, the behavior changes and they become haunted with pride and arrogance. The layman in the street also begins to change his attitude towards them as they begin to show exaggerated respect and praise, a matter that lead to those people clinging strongly to authority and confiscating all values such as equal citizenship and justice and democracy. Such changes lead the society to abyss and destruction. This is the dominating characteristic of all rulers in the backward countries.

Whatever is imposed on the popular will could not be stable or last long. It could not succeed or get security because it is against masses of the people. Those who antagonize the people would be faced with the same stand and find themselves isolated unlike those who emerge from among the people.



Al-Wahdawi weekly,
organ of
he Nasserite
U n i o n i s t
Organization,
10 June 2003.

Main headlines:

- America tries to impinge on Yemen sovereignty by opening legal attaché office
- Government to announce new price doses
- Two Kuwaiti MPs assail Yemen
- American marines abort Mauritanian coup
- Nasserite MP al-Assali demands the government refusing American request to open legal office attaché
- Lawyers ask the court to open Jarallah Omar killing file

Columnist Mohammed Shamsan remarks that the circle of all forms of corruption has widened in every walk of our life. To confront it has also taken great part of thinking and concern as it is a permanent danger threatening our life and future. He who follows up the latest parliamentary elections and programs of party or independent nominees would find that most of texts of those programs were devoted to fighting corruption and the work for weeding it out with ways and means. All parties, authority and opposition admit the presence of corruption but they differ about sources of corruption and its causes. Sometimes they hold each other responsible for this corruption. The society and its members differ in defining the major side responsible for corruption. Some segments hold foreign sources for corruption as they have influenced many of economic and cultural decisions, especially in regard to financial and administrative reform. The other some hold the government responsible for it as the first power in charge of running

affairs of the people, among them a certain segment of the government. Another some hold the opposition responsible for corruption, considering the other face of governance and the defender of the people and their interests. Thus the situation remains as it is; continuous widening of corruption area and continuous difference inside the society about its sources and whose responsibility it is. Amongst all those the people remains the only victim.



ATTARIQ weekly,
10 June 2003.

Main headlines:

- Arbitration committee rules in favor of workers fired by Yeminvest Company
- Aden governor: Question of cost will be solved completely with Minister of electricity
- Thai fishing boats smuggle 500 tons of fish
- Changes in political security organization
- Yemeni-Saudi agreement on preventing weapons smuggling
- Disease kills tens of donkeys in Abyan
- Tribal council of A'al-Salam resumes its activity
- Yemen takes part in international fair on fish products in Brussels
- Water cut in Ahwar continues

Columnist Khalid Ali Tuiman says there is no worse than the Arab governments than the opposition that obeys authority orders and has never before has taken a stand refusing to bow to authority upon receiving the first signal. Some of its leaders utilize the opportune to display the greatest tokens of obedience and loyalty to authority, confirming that ultimate goal is not to assume power and embody the principle of democratic transfer of power as much as receiving a share of the political "cake" and improvement of employment and living conditions some of their close associates. It goes without saying that such kind of opposition prevalent in the Arab world is much desired by the rulers while peoples do hate it because they know that it does not oppose but practice issuing loud voices that indirectly pours into serving the ruling elites.



RAY weekly,
organ of the Sons
of Yemen League
party, 10 June
2003.

Main headlines:

- RAY party expresses concern over emptying the presidential decree of its content
- Mr al-Jifri: The last chance for change and comprehensive reforms accepts no manoeuvre
- Journalists Union demands security protection for the members came under threat
- Saudi-Yemeni agreement on fighting weapons smuggling
- Arab national conference to be held in Sana'a
- More than a hundred killed in Mauritanian coup

Columnist Hamdi Doubala says in his article that Bajammal government appeared last week before the parliament and in its bag a program of its work for the coming period. Its program included many ambitious tasks and plans and programs as its responsibility to implement. Though this program seems to be ambitious, particularly regarding improvement of the living conditions, fighting corruption and poverty, fears are doubling in us the simple people about the change of all these programs into void slogans and speeches resembling the gigantic achievements we always read or hear in official media especially in elections seasons. We fear that the war on corruption in the government program

would change into a legitimate cover under which the corrupt would hide and take it a pretext for carrying out more practices that are basically the core of corruption



Al-Sahwa weekly,
12 June 2003.

Main headlines:

- The president visits by-elections constituencies accompanied by his nominees
- Al-Quds establishment: Al-Quds eternal capital of Palestine, road map, mirage
- Al-Rantissi survives attempted assassination
- Yemen's ambassador to Berlin: Al-Mouyad letter refuted the accusations; we are dealing with it seriously to support legal position
- Economists: Government program loose
- MPs ask about former loans, demand rise in salaries

Columnist Zaid al-Shami comments on the coming economic "doses" saying the GPC was frank in its election platform by asserting it would maintain following the policy of economic doses that are shyly termed as "economic reforms", which have placed the people within the ever-widening circle of impoverishment. The general program of the government it has submitted to get the vote of confidence in the parliament came to confirm going ahead with the economic and administrative reforms. What is obviously known is that the government does not implement but rise in prices and pricing of public services and this is associated with support and encouragement of corruption. The general program of the government has admitted that corruption and terror are two parts of the same coin, which means that the future would see bigger failures. With economic doses comes a collapse of ethics and dismantle of social bonds and an increase in crime.

The GPC governments have during the past years raised prices and worked on increasing suffering of the citizen in addition to tightening the opportunities of dignified living. They have stopped opportunities of investment and frozen savings via treasury bonds. They would say their program has received acceptance of voters and the people have granted them the majority that enables them to impose the policy they want without the need of others' approval. The fact is that all know that the people do not perceive what is planned for them but until they face the bitter facts.



Al-Blagh weekly
10 June 2003.

Main headlines:

- America establishes intelligence centers at Bab El Mandab and Gulf of Aden to confront tribes and political Islam
- Americans buy weapons on Talh market in Sa'ada
- Yemen arrests five persons including a Saudi national on charges of planning for attacks on foreign interests
- Latest report by Canadian intelligence: Sunni Islamic extremism the most dangerous and threatening
- In culmination of Aqaba summit, Zionist occupation troops cut off martyrs hands and leave them at crimes theater
- Two Americans vie with each other to occupy Somalia presidency post

The editor in chief says in his article there is no doubt that we all wish the new government success in its work because it means success for Yemen. It means more attention rendered to public services and there would be more

care towards public issues besides the endeavor to shrink corruption. It will be useful to call the attention of our ministers to the spots of danger, where some of those, looking for their own interests from among the staff or those having links with some employees, based on personal interests, always try to achieve their whimsical aims at the expense of public interests.

One of the most significant ministry to begin with is the ministry of education as it represents the backbone of for any progress in Yemen. The minister of education has to be more cautious than others because his ministry harbors a big corruption mafia, both on surface and clandestine. A specific issue regarding the ministry is printing the school book. The ministry decided to have the school book printed inside the ministry's printing press and that is for the public interest. The ministry of education was used to print school books outside the ministry and thus was forced to pay hundreds of millions of rials. Many of those who benefited from the former measure of printing some of school books outside the ministry would sustain loss of advantages they used to get. It is thus expected that would try to present certain cautions to the minister against this new measure claiming that the ministry's printing establishment could fail to shoulder this responsibility. The actual motive is not the public interest but those persons own interests. We just want to call the attention of the minister in order not to listen to such voices. To rescind this decision could be interpreted that the minister has responded to those elements request for his own personal interests.



26 September weekly,
organ of
Yemen Armed
Forces, 12 June
2003.

Main headlines:

- The president and Qatar's Emir stress consolidation of solidarity and Arab joint action
- At a discussion meeting the two countries express keenness of enhancement of bilateral relations
- PM Bajammal stresses improvement of living conditions, uprooting of wells of corruption and terror
- USD 3.8 million worth agreement to support a program on dealing with mines June 2003- December 2006
- Defense minister discusses joint cooperation with Malaysian ambassador
- Full program for receiving expatriates and Gulf tourists in summer
- 4327 traffic accidents in the past five months

Columnist Ahmed Nasser al-Shareef says before the American and British administrations' invasion and occupation of Iraq under justification of its possession of weapons of mass destruction, posing a threat to the united states and Iraq's neighbors, the Arab information that reflects Arab regimes viewpoints was repeating like a parrot what the two American and British administrations were saying, in an attempt for deceiving the world and

Arab public opinion. Then the Arab regimes could have been excused as their attitude could be explained as from their keenness on and fear for the people of Iraq, as was thought that Saddam Hussein regime was not dealing sincerely with disclosing weapons of mass destruction. The Arab regimes have exercised great pressure on the Iraqi regime to accept return of the UN inspectors and abide by the American conditions. Both American and British administrations were determined to launch an aggression on Iraq whether they found or did not find any weapons of mass destruction.

After the invasion and occupation of Iraq and the proof of the false pretext of both Bush and his satellite Blair, the Arab people and their public opinion were expecting the Arab rulers to be the first to arouse the issue of weapons of mass destruction that were used as justification for invading Iraq and demand the American and British administrations to prove that. It is especially important if we take into consideration that the Arab rulers have played a great role in handing Iraq to the foreign forces to the weapons of mass destruction has been aroused in the American congress and the British common house in addition to various world media.



Al-Tagamou weekly,
9 June
2003.

Main headlines:

- Fuel supply at Aden seaport monopolized by two companies
- Changes at oil ministry
- YSP calls for disclosing planers and financiers of assassinations
- An agreement signed on monitoring borders, between Sana'a and Riyadh

Abdulqawi al-Qubati writes that forces of corruption in Yemen are connected with almost all ministries and state establishments. Corruption is now being practiced even by some senior administrative officials.

An opposition newspaper disclosed lately that most of senior officials in our country has innovated the creation of many committees at most of the ministries and government institutions. A new method operating outside official duty hours. They are nominal committees working in twisted ways with the aim of obtaining awards and allowances in return for illusive activities at those institutions. Many know about those state illusive places and about those "loyal" people who disperse huge amounts of rewards and

wages for themselves in return for non-existent works. It has been disclosed that millions of rials have been allocated in the state budget for buying most luxurious cars for those sincere in "serving" the public work.



Al-Mithaq weekly,
9 June 2003.

Main headlines:

- President Saleh: Parliament has to play its role in fighting corruption
- Arab national conference discusses facing current challenges against the nation
- Businessmen discuss situation of industrial zones
- The government welcomes remarks of parliamentary blocs on its program
- PM Bajammal gives directives for searching for new sources for providing water
- Fishing in Yemeni regional waters under surveillance of satellites

Dr Abdulaziz al-Maqaleh says now after they have slaughtered Iraq and torn it to pieces and humiliated its citizens, looted its antiquities and destroyed its libraries and its institutions, they have begun wondering why they have slaughtered it. Press in the U.S. and Britain are active in submitting this question and repeating it. Sharing it in this query very significant and influential bodies in the two concerned countries in an open attempt to confirm that the two American and British leaderships has used a barrage of false justifications for launching aggression on Iraq. The two concerned administrations had mustered a host of locally and internationally-panicking accusations, foremost of which Iraq's possession of weapons of mass destruction. The latter accusation has proved to be absolutely non-existent. Added to that the two aggressor countries have brushed aside the United Nations and did not care a straw about the international law. This aggressive conduct reflects worldwide reactions by the deceived world public opinion and not only inside the United States and its ally.

Iraq and its army have been the victim of iniquitous lies. The question is not to remove the regime, for Arab regimes come and go. The problem is that Iraq has ended and with it ended its prominent role in facing issues of the nation and its departure from the national equation. Iraq's coming out of this dark tunnel and return to the rank of its nation would not be achieved but by the arms of its sons.

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I. What to Say

Situations and Expressions (51)
Plans that have been changed

There is a saying, "Man proposes, but God disposes". Sometimes our future agenda of action is modified, changed or totally rejected, depending on the contingencies of a new set of situations which it was not possible on our part to predict at the time of making plans. Let's study a group of phrases that we normally use to indicate our changed plans. Notice, the contrast between the two parts of the sentence signaled by the use of the conjunction "but/yet".

- I was thinking of joining the Faculty of Khawlan, but now I've decided to continue at Mahweel.
- Ahmed hoped to get his Ph.D. award by the end of March this year, but now he has to wait longer.
- They had hoped to get married soon, but their relationship seems to have taken an unfortunate turn.
- We were planning to hold literary competitions in the Faculty, but the Head's attitude forced us to abandon the idea.
- They had planned to buy a new car, but the hike in cars prices made them give up the plan.
- The govt. was proposing to introduce a bill on electoral reforms, but the war nipped the plan in the bud.
- He had proposed to continue in his job for sometime, but the sudden illness of his son forced him to forget all about it.
- I was intending to help him, but my own financial stringency didn't permit me to do so.
- Although he had intended to go abroad, yet the non availability of visa made him alter his plan.
- I was going to help him in a big way, but later I realized he didn't deserve it.
- He was to have fulfilled his part of the commitment yet some unforeseen circumstances constrained him to withdraw from it.
- Contrary to his previous future plans, he was bound to join politics and became an MP.

II. Correct errors, if any, in the following sentences

- You should keep your hands clear
- I bought a book at YR 600
- Seyoun is further than Sana'a
- They played football under the rain
- The number of students are increasing every year.

Suggested answers to last week's questions

- I, and thousands who think like me will not accept this.
- Wanted immediately by company executive three bedroomed house within easy reach of the station.
- There were a few interesting pages, but most of the book was boring
- A case of empty coke bottles was put out after the party
- Have you finished with the DHP?

III. Increase your word power

A) How to express it in one word

- Fixed or settled in advance
- Reduction to an earlier rate
- Delightfully pretty and often small
- Sold at a price below the standard charge
- The scientific study of the way in which information is moved about and controlled in the brain

Suggested answers to last week's questions

- Something exactly like: **duplicate** (adj.)
- Likely to last for a long-time: **durable** (adj.)
- Threats illegally used to compel someone: **duress** (n.)

- Time just before it gets quite dark: **dusk** (n.)
- Articles on which customs duties must be paid: **customable** (adj.)

B) Foreign phrases and expressions

Give the meanings in English of the following foreign words and expressions

- biblio pole;
- bibliogony;
- bibliolatory;
- bibliomania
- bibliophile

Suggested answers to last week's questions

- ad populum** (Lat. the argument which is intended to rouse the feelings of the crowds): The rhetoric and ad populum of the speaker was greeted with applause
- ad verendum** (Lat. an argument so constructed that the other person has to make a cautious reply in order to avoid being indecorous): Participants in a debate competitions should be skilled at ad verendum
- ars est celare artem** (Lat.) ("art is to conceal art" implying that the best art is a spontaneous expressions of powerful feelings)
- art nouveau** (Fr. new art): During the period from 1890's up to 1914 art nouveau was widely in vogue in Europe and America
- biblioclasm** (GK) (the destruction of a book or books for religious, ideological or other reasons): Many a rare scholarly treatise has passed into oblivion due to the blind biblioclasm of certain hardcore fanatics.

C) Words commonly confused

Bring out the meaning differences in the following pairs of words

- defy, deify;
- repatriate, expatriate;
- bear, endure;
- stand, tolerate;
- demonstrate, remonstrate

Suggested answers to last week's questions

- altar** (n) (a raised platform on which things are offered to a god): Patriots don't hesitate to sacrifice their lives on the altar of the country's freedom.
alter (vt) (to become different): He has altered a lot since I last saw him.
- alternate** (adj.): happening by turns): The doctor comes to this clinic on alternate days.
alternative (adj) (a cause of action taken instead of another): You have several alternatives to choose from.
- alteration** (n.): the act of becoming different): I have given my coat for alteration.
altercation (n) (quarreling): An altercation between the two groups led to a violent clash
- allusion** (n) (something spoken indirectly): The poem is full of Biblical allusions.
illusion (n) (condition of seeing things wrongly): If you don't have illusions, you may not be disillusioned.
- allow** (vt) (to let someone do something without opposing them): Please allow me to explain myself
permit (vt) (to allow, especially by a formal written or spoken agreement): No one is permitted to bring a dog inside the lecture hall

D) Idioms and phrases

Use the following phrases in sentences

- appeal to;
- worlds apart;
- apart from;
- anybody's guess;
- at any rate

Suggested answers to last week's questions

- avail someone nothing** (to be of no use to someone): Slandering others will avail you nothing.
- under the auspices of** (with the help and support of): Under the auspices of the Dean, a study tour was arranged by the English Department.
- augur well** (to be a good or bad sign of): Incidents of violence and kidnapping don't

- augur well** for the tourism industry.
- for aught I know** (for all know): For aught I know, he is very honest and hardworking.
- attune to** (to be used to or ready for): You should be attuned to the rapid changes taking place in the society.

IV. Grammar and composition

A) Grammar

Fill the blanks in the following sentences choosing the most appropriate word

- angry, ecstatic, furious, moving, taken aback, upset, amazement
- Last night I went to see a play which was rather
- As I came out of the theater I saw Hamid who I had thought was in India.
Imagine my..... when he told me that he had got married to my student Aziza
- I asked him how he was, and he said that he was.....
- When I expressed my..... he was rather..... because he thought I was jealous
- This made me..... because I was never jealous
- When he saw how..... I was, he apologized

Suggested answers to last week's questions

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

B) Composition: Paragraph writing

Expand the idea contained in the maxim:

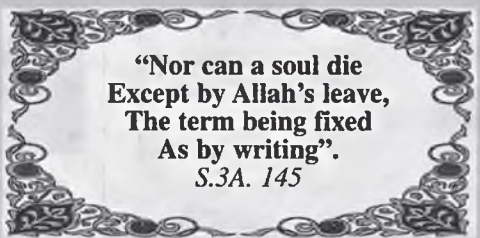
**21. TO ERR IS HUMAN
TO FORGIVE DIVINE**

Suggested answers to the last week's question

**20. FORGIVENESS IS THE
NOBLEST REVENGE**

it is general human instinct to harm someone who harms us. This is called retaliation. Non-retaliation is seen as a sign of weakness. But we should remember what Francis Bacon, a famous English essayist says on revenge. He says, "Revenge is a kind of wild justice". Brutal retaliation or the principle of a tooth for a tooth, and an eye for an eye is the natural tendency of savage beasts, it is not becoming of civilized human beings. Great thinkers have advised us to rise above this animal instinct and be noble enough to forgive the wrong-doer despite his hurting us. Instead we should set an example by being good to him and spreading the culture of love. Then in course of time the one who harmed us is likely to realize his folly and repent for his misdeeds. In this way we can succeed in taking revenge on that person, not in a savage manner, but in a noble way.

V. Pearls from the Holy Quran



VI. Words of wisdom

Artists like Greek gods are only revealed to one another.

—Oscar Wilde

Language and Literature: A symbiotic relationship

Teaching language through literature: Problems and Principles (PART 2)



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Summary of Part 1

During the pre-World War period, teaching English was synonymous with teaching of English literature. Freedom from the British colonization and subsequent emergence of linguistics as an academic discipline led many countries to rethink about the role of English in their curriculum. Teaching of English language and literature were perceived as two separate but allied disciplines. One of the most important reasons for teaching literature is to make the teaching of the basic language skills emotionally sustaining and intellectually elevating.

Reasons for Teaching Literature

(2) One of the major difficulties of some of the very poor learners of a foreign language, for some of the very poor learners of English in Yemen, for example, is that they cannot organize their ideas in a coherent and cohesive manner. Different parts of their sentences pull in different directions, there being no inner unity of ideas in the sentence. Some of the basic ideas in certain sentences are missing with the result that those sentences turn out to be mere unorganized piles of unconnected words and phrases. The following are some of the actual examples of such incohesive and incoherent writings.¹

There are some features or rules which ruled out by the Shakespeare in his plays. Such as these in Macbeth (do not know) it is new phrase and it enriched the language by Shakespeare. And also (know not) the meaning is you don't know. He made it in exchange position to make good sound and rhyme for that sentences.

The main characterize in grammatical changes during the Middle Period is The Great Vowel. It's the determined of pronunciation of long vowel. The rising vowels are /a:/, /u:/. Sometimes the vowel become diphthongs vowel like /eɪ/. And some of this vowel is pulled and some of them is pushed.

The only way in which such learners of English can improve the thematic organization of their writings is to keep reading more and more good samples of organized writings and to assimilate and absorb from those organized writings the capability for structuring and organizing their ideas efficiently. Only an intensive and sustained act of getting to grips with lots and lots of organized texts can ever lead to the desired output. As Burke once said, "Examples are the best school of mankind; they will learn at no other."

Cohesiveness and coherence can be imbibed by assimilative exposure to non-literary texts as well because non-literary texts, good texts in legal and commercial writings, for example, are also highly organized in their own way. But because of their emotive and imaginative content readers can spontaneously get more involved in reading literary texts than they ever can in the case of non-literary texts. The input of literary texts can, therefore, give quicker and more lasting results.

It may be pointed out here that cohesiveness and coherence are gradable concepts. Texts are in other words not just coherent or incoherent; they represent different degrees of coherence. The ability to write cohesively and coherently gets more and more energized as one reads more and more. Besides, literature at its best achieves a much higher degree and a much higher quality of coherence than non-literary texts and so, from the point of cohesiveness and coherence, an advanced learner, too, has a great deal to learn from literary texts. In one of his prose writings, Ezra Pound (1928) emphasized that one of the functions of literature was to impart to the readers "the clarity and vigor of any and every thought and opinion... the health of the very matter of thought itself." Cohesiveness and coherence are a pre-requisite for the clarity and vigor of our thought; and an intensive and sustained engagement with the text is the surest device for an increasing acquisition of cohesiveness and coherence.

(3) Many people wrongly think that excellence in the use of language can be achieved by mastering the mechanics of grammar. The more you know grammar, they think, the better your English will be. In order that we can clearly understand the role and the limitations of grammar, it would be useful to have a clear idea of what it really means to be able to use language. As in any other field of life, achievement in language use can mean the achievement of (i)

faulty mediocrity, (ii) faultless mediocrity (iii) faulty brilliance or (iv) faultless brilliance. Grammar can lead us from faulty mediocrity to faultless mediocrity or it can lead us from faulty brilliance to faultless brilliance. But all that it can help us to achieve is correctness or faultlessness in the use of language. Faultlessness is necessary but not enough. What really gets us genuine distinction in life is sparkling brilliance in the use of language. What we should really be proud of is not mere correctness in the use of our language but elegance, subtlety, and overpowering vitality in its use. This overpowering vitality in the use of English in our case, and in the use of language in general, is characteristic only of literature and an intensive and sustained exposure to great literature is the only way in which that vitality can be acquired. One has to keep diving deep into the vast oceanic depths of great literature before one can really have a magical command of the mechanics of expression characterized by overpowering vitality. Literature, therefore, has a big role to play in the language learning process. Grammar can help to build and strengthen the skeleton. The skeleton is a very, very important part of our organism. It is the skeleton that holds our body straight and keeps it in its proper shape. But imagine a man and more so a woman who is just a skeleton. He or she would only look like a horrifying ghost. The beauty, the glow and the attractiveness of one's personality comes out of the healthy muscles surrounding the skeleton and the red blood flowing incessantly through the veins and the arteries. Similarly, the energy and the vitality in the use of one's language arises out of a skillful use of rhetorical devices and in particular, a timely and spontaneous use of many of those subtle and elegant shades of beauty and elegance in the use of language which can be felt but which do not yet have a definite name.

(4) But can literature in no way strengthen the skeleton of our language use? Can we say that grammar alone can build and strengthen the skeleton of language and that literature can only do the beautification of that skeleton built and strengthened by grammar? In my view, literature functions like some of those mega nutrients which not only strengthen our muscles and enhance and energize the life-giving constituents of our blood but also vitalize our bones.

Grammar teaches us language and it also teaches us about language. When reading literature we do in a sense learn the language intuitively though not explicitly as we do in the case of grammar. In grammar the patterns and structures of a language are learned through the process of explicit and rational explanations; during the reading of literature they are learnt because of intuitive assimilation. In grammar the learner generally proceeds from rules to examples; during his reading of literature he intuitively deduces rules from examples. When we read an enjoyable literary text, unconsciously we absorb and assimilate all the grammatical constructions used in that text. In his grammar lessons, the learner tries to master the rules; during his reading of literature he develops a feel for the language. At the end of a grammar lesson the learner can enumerate the rules that he has learnt, if any at all. At the end of his literature reading session, a reader is hardly aware of the fact that a large number of complex rules have sunk deep into his consciousness and have formed, in an inexplicable manner, an integral part of his mastery of the language. An involved reader of literature is like a beautiful lotus flower during the early hours of the morning that never realizes how the dewdrops throughout the night nurtured it and made it possible for the bud to unfold itself into a flower of ravishing beauty.

To be continued

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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| Above | Cruise | Highway | Numerary | Splendid |
| Abundance | Deluxe | Huge | Ordinate | Star |
| Artist | Distance | Human | Palace | Store |
| Best | Divine | Immense | Position | Superannuate |
| Better | Dress | Impose | Powers | Sweet |
| Beyond | Duper | Imposing | Preeminent | Tanker |
| Biggest | Excellent | Large | Pressure | Team |
| Bowl | Excess | Lead | Prize | Terrific |
| Cargo | Extreme | Luxuriant | Quality | Tide |
| Cause | Fine | Market | Rate | Tornado |
| Champion | Giant | Marvelous | Ride | Tower |
| Charge | Glorious | Memory | Script | Tremendous |
| City | Glue | Model | Sensational | Universe |
| Class | Grand | Most | Sensitive | Woman |
| Cluster | Great | Natural | Ship | |
| Coil | Hero | Neat | Size | |
| Cool | Higher | Nova | Sonic | |

ANSWER NEXT WEEK

Last Week's Answer: Policing

SIMPLY SUPER

Solution: 11 letters

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THE LAST WORD IN ASTROLOGY

BY Eugenia



Aries
(Mar 21 - Apr 19)
Don't be bothered by colleagues who are trying to lead you on a wild goose chase. You have plenty to do without getting involved in other people's antics. Use self-discipline to finish what you start.



Taurus
(Apr 20 - May 20)
Don't condemn yourself for having a change of heart. This is not necessarily a bad thing. Sometimes taking a completely new direction turns out to be a blessing.



Gemini
(May 21 - Jun 20)
Follow your own ideas and thoughts and refuse to slow down just because someone is questioning your plans. Think for yourself and you won't be sorry.



Cancer
(Jun 21 - Jul 22)
You can expect to feel the effects of a business or personal partner's turmoil today. Try to keep your distance and don't lose sight of the things you must get done.



Leo
(Jul 23 - Aug 22)
You can make changes, enhance your working conditions and do something that will be healthy for you. You will be surprised at just how successful you can be today.



Virgo
(Aug 23 - Sep 22)
If you mingle and socialize, you will meet someone who can make a difference to your future. Change can be good, so don't shy away.



Libra
(Sept 23 - Oct 22)
Someone older may try to take you for granted. Be smart and well-prepared with your own plans so that you don't end up doing for others instead of accomplishing for yourself.



Scorpio
(Oct 23 - Nov 21)
If you can get away for the day, do so. This is a great time to share something special with the one you care most about. It's now that counts, so have some fun.



Sagittarius
(Nov 22 - Dec 21)
You should have your mind set on getting ahead in business. The past couple of years may have been difficult, but that doesn't mean uncertainties should hold you back.



Capricorn
(Dec 22 - Jan 19)
You will be overly sensitive and emotional today. Uncertainties about your direction may lead to confusion. Travel and study should be on your mind.



Aquarius
(Jan 20 - Feb 18)
Someone may try to lead you astray. Do your own research and follow your own path if you really want to change aspects of your life.



Pisces
(Feb 19 - Mar 20)
Changing times are causing you to rethink your old plans. This is not a bad day to open up new doors that could lead you in a more lucrative direction. Don't be afraid of change.

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PeopleSoft sues to block takeover bid

BY LISA BAERTLEIN

PALO ALTO, Calif. (Reuters) - PeopleSoft Inc. filed suit on Friday in a California court to block Oracle Corp.'s \$5.1 billion hostile takeover bid, the latest salvo in an increasingly heated battle between the rival business software companies.

"Oracle has deliberately embarked on its unlawful campaign to injure PeopleSoft, and to cripple its ability to compete," PeopleSoft said in its lawsuit, filed in Alameda County Superior Court.

Oracle, which is standing by a \$16-share, all-cash offer that is below PeopleSoft's closing stock price of \$16.92, said the merger question would be decided by PeopleSoft shareholders and not by "frivolous litigation."

"PeopleSoft seems to have revived its on-again, off-again litigation strategy," Oracle spokesman Jim Finn said, referring to an earlier threatened lawsuit from PeopleSoft.

The legal maneuver comes on the heels of two complaints filed on Thursday by PeopleSoft's intended merger partner J.D. Edwards & Co., which is seeking an injunction against Oracle and \$1.7 billion in damages.

"What you're seeing right now is a concerted effort by both PeopleSoft and J.D. Edwards to thwart the Oracle move," Paul Crisci, managing director of Broadview International's West Coast mergers and acquisitions office, told Reuters.

Crisci, who is not involved in the deal, said the companies were hoping to create a legal distraction to slow the momentum of Oracle, as they push ahead with their merger plans.

'LOW-BALL'

In its lawsuit, Pleasanton, California-based PeopleSoft alleged Oracle engaged in unfair trade practices and asked the court for unspecified damages, saying Oracle's "low-ball offer" was aimed at derailing the merger with J.D. Edwards.

PeopleSoft, which makes software that automates business functions like accounting and human resources, said Oracle was out to poach customers "through a concerted campaign of fear, uncertainty and doubt."

PeopleSoft has argued that Oracle's proposed takeover would require months of scrutiny from antitrust regulators since it would eliminate a competitor from the three-way race between PeopleSoft, Oracle and market leader SAP AG.

Attorneys said Oracle's plan to stop sales of PeopleSoft products and take its customers raised obvious red flags for regulators but said it was not certain the merger would be blocked.

"You don't normally spend money to buy a company and shut it down unless you expect in the future you'll face competition. That may be investigated," said attorney Charles Biggio, a former top official at the Department of Justice's Antitrust Division.

Regulators may get help from PeopleSoft, which as a reluctant seller could be more willing than the average acquisition target to raise antitrust issues, he said.

J.D. Edwards has even more flexibility to highlight such concerns since unlike PeopleSoft it would not face the prospect of having to reverse its stance if Oracle were to sweeten its offer, Biggio said.

"We think that the DOJ is likely to rely heavily upon testimony of the customers of the companies and this will certainly determine if choice and or prices may be negatively impacted," Andrew Whittaker, who does arbitrage research at Lehman Brothers, said in a conference call on Friday.

Oracle Chief Executive Larry Ellison said Conway had approached him one year ago about buying Oracle's applications software business -- and never raised any antitrust concerns then.

A combined Oracle and PeopleSoft would have only 10 percent of the business, compared with the 18-percent share held by market leader SAP AG, Ellison said.

Meanwhile, PeopleSoft said on Friday its board had approved a sweetened package that would pay Chief Executive Craig Conway \$1 million -- twice his base salary -- plus bonuses in the event that the software maker is taken over.

The sweetened package was approved in May, before Oracle Corp. launched its unsolicited bid, a company spokesman said.

Sun going on offensive against microsoft with java

By DUNCAN MARTELL

SAN FRANCISCO (Reuters) - Network-computer maker Sun Microsystems Inc. is going on the offense against archrival Microsoft Corp. by building its Java software as a consumer brand, Sun chairman and chief executive Scott McNealy said on Friday. "We're going from defensive to offensive," McNealy said at a press conference after his keynote speech to some 10,000 software programmers at Sun's JavaOne technical conference in San Francisco on Friday. "We spent eight years building and protecting this brand and now it's time to go on the offensive."

At the same time, Sun is still in defensive mode, as speculation persists that it may be a takeover target in light of the 92 percent drop in its stock since a record closing high of \$64.31 in September 2000.

Introduced by Sun in 1995, Java is a programming language used to write software applications that run on many different types of computers, electronic devices and operating systems.

In the ensuing eight years, Java has matured and is now found in everything from Java smart cards to printers, computers, servers and cell phones, and has spawned a community of 3 million software developers.

"Java is becoming a consumer brand," McNealy said during his speech. "I was accused a long time ago of over-hyping Java; and looking back over eight years now I think we under-hyped it."

Analysts have said that, to date, Sun has largely pitched Java as an instrument to blunt Microsoft's efforts on the Internet, handheld devices and other technology sectors.

MAKING HEADWAY

But Sun made headway this week in

its efforts to wield Java more as a competitive weapon against Microsoft. On Wednesday, Dell Computer Corp. and Hewlett-Packard Co., the world's No. 1 and No. 2 personal computer makers, announced they would load Java software on their upcoming PC models.

Until recently, most PCs were shipped with Microsoft's version of the Java Virtual Machine, software that is needed to run programs written in Java. Sun had filed suit against Microsoft alleging that Microsoft had altered Java to make it work best only on Windows machines.

In December, a Maryland federal judge ordered Microsoft to include Sun's unaltered version of Java in its Windows operating system. Microsoft is appealing. Sun also has an ongoing private antitrust lawsuit against Microsoft that it filed in March 2002.

Sun also announced a tie-up among cell phone makers to standardize the process of certifying new applications that use Java in cell phones, which it said should speed the proliferation of phones that use Java.

The Palo Alto, California company also announced an agreement with Intel Corp., the largest chipmaker and whose Xeon, Pentium and Itanium processors compete with Sun's Sparc processors, to make Sun's Java software for mobile devices work better Intel's X-scale processors.

NON-CONVICTED MONOPOLISTS

"Anybody who doesn't think we're relevant hasn't been to JavaOne," McNealy said, after holding up a newspaper article that questioned Sun's ability to capture more revenue from the widespread proliferation of Java.

McNealy, well known in famous in Silicon Valley for his caustic comments about Microsoft and his trench-

ant wit, also suggested that Sun -- whose shares have staged small rallies in recent weeks on takeover rumors -- is not for sale.

"Take \$5 (a share) times 3.3 billion shares outstanding and you get \$15 to \$20 billion and then add a premium to

that," McNealy said, adding that he would want cash, not stock.

"How many non-convicted monopolists can afford that?" McNealy asked, a reference to Microsoft, which was ruled a monopoly and has \$48 billion in cash on its balance sheet.






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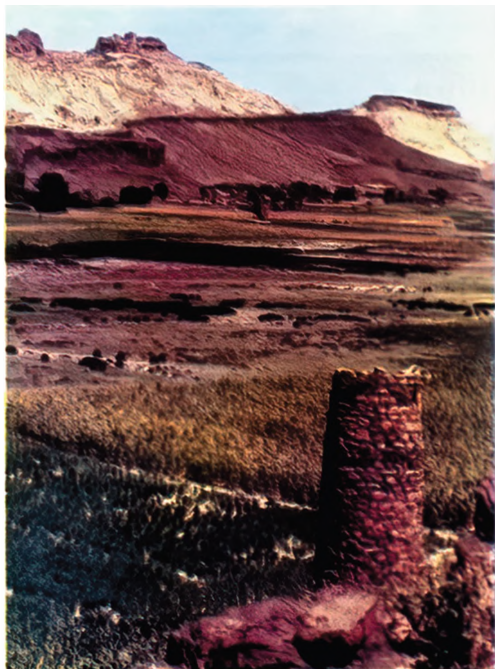
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A governorate of rich history and beautiful nature: Dhamar governorate unveiled

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Of the history of Dhamar governorate relatively little is known. However, we know that the pre-Islamic kingdoms of Saba', Qataban and Himyar extended their influence over the area that is Dhamar governorate nowadays. The Himyar capital of Zafar, first described in the year 35A.D., is situated near the governorate's border at Yarim.

Terracing of the hills began presumably with the Himyarite Kingdom from the first century A.D. onwards and extended after the decline of the eastern desert Kingdoms, when the sea routes through the Red Sea gained importance and formed a serious competition for the caravan trade, along the famous Incense Route. The steady development of terraced agriculture over the centuries is in a very sharp contrast to the rapid agriculture development we find these days in the plains



Wide valleys in al-Hada area - Dhamar

around Mabbar and Dhamar.

Climate:

Yemen's climate is relatively favorable compared to other parts of the Arabian Peninsula. The effect of its mountains is that rainfall is more abundant than elsewhere. Temperatures are moderate also because of the altitude: the average temperature drops 1 degree Celsius for 150-170 meter rise in elevation. The Dhamar governorate lies in the central highlands; the important agricultural basins of Ma'bar and Dhamar are at an altitude of almost 2500m. Irrigation has been flourishing profession in this region since ancient times and wide areas are under dense cultivation. The countryside is relatively flat, so the large terraces are well suited to modern machinery, making the region ideal for grain production. To the west the governorate descends all the way to the Tihama, east of Bayt al-Faqih and Zabid. It seems to serve mainly as a thoroughfare for both Yemeni business people and foreign tourists, whose activities tend to be in the neighboring regions.

Dhamar City:

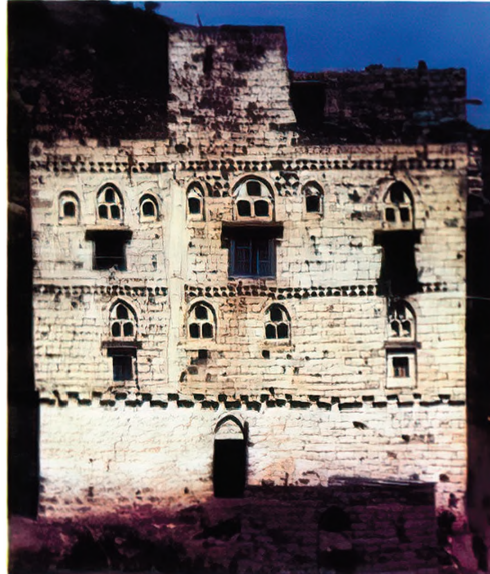
The city of Dhamar, in the center of the Dhamar basin, is of ancient origin. It was built by the legendary Himyarite King Dhamar Ali, renowned for restoring the great dam of Ma'rib. Dhamar is the only town in northern Yemen, which is not surrounded by a wall or natural defensive formations; it is just a settlement on the plains. Centrally situated with good connections to the nearby governorates, the town has prospered as a Wednesday market and meeting place for tribes living nearby.

Orientation:

The Sana'a-Taiz road passes through modern Dhamar, which has expanded along the road-sides; the old town is to the east, on the northern side of the road to Al-Bayda.

Hammam Ali

This famous bath resort 35km northwest of Dhamar owes its existence to the



An old house in the Dhamar governorate

countless hot sulfurous springs on the southern slopes of Jabal Dhawran. The numerous bathhouses in Hammam Ali (Hammam Ali) are eagerly visited by Yemenis from near and far. They believe that the hot water is good for their health it probably is. The high season is January to February the coldest part of winter when a hot bath is a most welcome contrast to the raw mountain climate.



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