

University students inch towards education

By: Marwa Najm Al-Deen

SANA'A, Sept. 18 — The students of Sana'a state university, eager to resume their education, have agreed to reassemble on Monday in front of the deans' offices. Students from various colleges hope that their third day since the beginning of the term will be more successful than it has been thus far. The first two days saw tensions rise as some thwarted attempts by keen students to resume their education.

The decision to reassemble follows an announcement made by the Minister of Higher Education and the university's director. It has been stated that the two have created a deal with the other-side to

allow for the students to study.

The situation in Sana'a University is unique. Unlike most other public universities in other governorates, students from the Sana'a University have faced resistance towards their return to college in the current complementary university term.

"Students gathered at around eight thirty in front of the various colleges but we found the gates locked with heavy chains; men and women were guarding the locked doors to prevent us from entering," said Hakim Al-Ansi, a student from the Media College. He was eager to return to college.

There were attempts by some protestors from Change Square to provoke the students. Written on

the closed gates was a quote, "It is difficult to convince a slave that he is now free." The statement was directed towards students; it implied that the students had abandoned the revolutionary square in favor of returning back to college.

Soon enough, clashes between the students who want to study and others against this started.

"Our patience is wearing thin and those who are being paid by the fading regime to destroy our revolution will pay for their actions," said Ahmed Abdulmagnhi of the Media College in a blog post. Abdulmagnhi who is a member of the overly politicized Yemeni Students Union.

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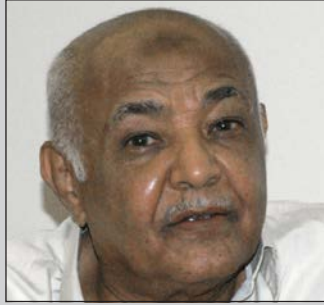


Hundreds of students from various colleges of Sana'a University marched on Saturday and Sunday demanding the start of the new academic term. However, they were met with other protestors who claimed that returning to education is a betrayal to the revolution.

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Opposition leader to The Yemen Times

JMP high ranking leader, Mohammed Salem Basundwa speaks on Yemeni politics and the plan for the next phase to come. He promises that there will be a breakthrough soon and it will be through the efforts of the protestors' peaceful escalation more than political talks.



Protestors killed and injured on Escalation Day

By: Nadia Al-Sakkaf and Shatha Al-Harazi

SANA'A, Sept. 18 — A number of protestors not fewer than twenty were killed while more than hundred were injured as they marched into new areas outside their revolution grounds outside Change Square in Sana'a.

The protestors were attacked by readily standing by state security including anti-terrorism police who warned them from moving forward before they were bombarded with tear gas. However, some challenging protestors continued their march to the main streets in Sana'a.

The protestors were shot with live bullets some in the face and surrounded the protestors in order to stop them from moving forward. There were three marches all coming from Change Square near Sana'a University, one in the direction of Zubari Street, another towards Hadda Road through Al-Qa'a area and the third towards Hael Street.

The protests were organized by the Organizing Committee of Change Square which included political parties and some independent youth.

The attack against the un-armed protestors with tear gas, rifles and machine guns continued for over three hours.

"There are dead protestors we can't reach because they are in the exposed area where security are shooting live bullets," Adnan Al-Rajhi a journalist who was present in the protest.

Sunday was announced as escalation day by the protestors as a part of an escalation plan aiming to topple the regime. The protestors were prevented from moving forward through random shooting.

"We may have been able to damage an armored vehicle of the Central Security, also part of the state electricity building was on fire," said Ameen Dabwan an active independent protestor from Change Square.

He added that there aren't many

female protestors but he added that the First Armored Division of the Defected Gen. Major Ali Muhsin Al-Ahmar was trying to disperse the protestors and discourage them from moving forward.

"We are not in a position to protect the protestors as we are only here now in our capacity as civilians. In the past we used to create human shields to protect them but now the Organizing Committee did not approve of this anymore," said Mohammed Al-Khudari major in the division.

He added that yesterday they requested from the Organizing Committee to allow them to go on marches demanding their suspended salaries but the committee refused and said they have an escalation plan and everyone has to stick to it.

This escalation comes the day before UN Secretary General's envoy Jamal bin Omar is supposed to arrive to Yemen to facilitate the signing of the new version of the gulf initiative which eventually



allows peaceful transition of power. According to eye witnesses the tension in the area was visible even before the march as heavy security was spread across the capital city.

"We will continue our protests and from today there is no red line for us and there will be no street where we can't march peacefully even if it means that we will be killed," said Ridwan Al-Masoodi head of the Yemeni Students' Union and member of the opposition Islah Party.

He mentioned that this is a part of a longer plan that would continue for many days until they oust the regime.

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Security Forces kill 1, injure 6 in Taiz



Participating women in the anti-regime demonstration in Taiz were suffocated after security forces opened tear gas at protesters.

By: Emad Al-Saqaf

TAIZ, Sept. 18 — One person was killed and six others injured last Thursday when security forces intercepted a rally in front of the Department of Security in Taiz. The demonstrators had marched through Taiz City demanding revolutionary resolve and the overthrow of the regime.

Mr. Tawhid Al-Aghbari, one of the revolutionary youth present when the shootings occurred, told Yemen Times that they had been surprised when security forces blockaded their rally. They deployed water hoses and tear gas and fired live rounds into the air. "I also spotted snipers on the roofs," he added. "They fired and threw stones at us, which led to the death of Saleem Ali Sabir, 21, and the injury of several others". He also confirmed that wa-

ter hoses and tear gas were directed at women, causing some of them to suffocate.

According to Al-Aghbari, the demonstration was a part of recent escalations in protests around Yemen in response to a substantial delay in the revolution. The political situation had reached a stalemate stage that weakened the reformists' resolve, he said.

"The regime seeks to turn the revolution from pacifism to violence," he said. "But we insist on keeping it peaceful."

He indicated that the government's inclination to use force has revived the revolution and has encouraged more youth to join Taiz's demonstration square.

From Thursday night into Friday morning, security forces continued attacking the neighborhoods near Taiz's Change Square with light

machine guns and sound bombs from their bases around the city. According to analysts, these tactics aim to scare citizens and persuade them not to participate in the revolution.

Meanwhile, a representative of Taiz's security contingent told the Yemen Times that they believed that the (JMP) rally was an armed assault, involving men disguised as women, who were trying to break into and rob Yemen Central Bank.

"The JMP march has also blockaded Hawdh al-Ashraf road," the source continued, "which is one of the most vital roads in Taiz. It has the Yemenia Airlines building as well as the Yemen Times office."

The same source concluded its statement by denying any deaths or injuries resulting from the confrontation. It called the news as "false," explaining that security used only water hoses and tear gas to disperse the demonstration and to foil the attack against the bank, without using live ammunition.

According to initial statistics issued by the Freedom Square media committee, 70 people have been in crackdowns on demonstrations since February 11, 2011. In addition, 502 have been injured with bullets and more than 1000 injured by stones and sticks. 7500 have suffered suffocation by gas and 70 houses sustained damage.

"All we need is peace," says Hasaba locals

By: Sadeq Al-Wesabi

SANA'A, Sept. 18 — The security situation in war-torn Hasaba district is still fragile as conflicting parties, the Al-Ahmer family and Saleh's security forces, have been deploying many gunmen, soldiers, snipers and tanks in the district in anticipation of an eruption of war.

For over three months, locals in Hasaba called for the conflicting parties to stop their sporadic clashes and to remove all sandbags and trenches. However, their demands were met with negligence.

The locals there are suffering from the scattered security checkpoints, an absence of some services, and intermittent clashes.

Last Sunday, locals in Hasaba were preparing for a march, demanding a stop to the fighting in their neighborhoods but it was cancelled to avoid any 'catastrophic consequences'.

Osama Al-Rowhani, a youth activist and a Hasaba resident said that the organizers of the march

were worried that one of the fighting sides might have started shooting and then both sides would point the blame at each other.

"People at Al-Hasbah are exposed to extreme danger and all that they need is peace," he said. "Fights break out accidentally in Hasaba and the victims of these fights are the residents."

"Hasaba's residents want to be rid of Al-Ahmar's entrenchments and bunkers," said Khaled Babli, a Hasaba resident. "We are independent residents and are not involved in these conflicts between the Al-Ahmer family and Saleh's security."

According to Babli, the residents of Hasaba are continually the victims of the sporadic outbreaks of violence.

"Our lives are under threat," he said. "We expect that the war will erupt in any time. Thus, we moved our valuable property to other locations."

"My parents became increasingly worried about where we go

and what we're doing. Now they always ask us to come home early," he added.

Babli criticized the behavior of gunmen stationed near his house. "When we ask those gunmen to keep their sandbags away from our houses they react angrily to us. They deal with us as if they are stationed at our homes."

Ali Hazma, 21, has an accessories and perfumes shop in Hasaba. The work in the shop was negatively affected due to the recent clashes.

"They destroyed our only source of income. There is no longer any work," he said.

Mohammed Al-Badani, 26, is married with two children. His suffering from the fragile security situation in Hasaba is different because his house and his own clinic are at Hasaba. "Tribesmen and sandbags are stationed in both my house and clinic,"

"My children get scared when they hear sounds of bullets and shelling. We are all living in terror," he said.

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Student protestors in other universities in Taiz and Aden for example did not have the same problem.

In response to the students' demands, the Minister of Higher Education and the Director of Sana'a University tried to calm the students. He promised them an intervention along with Gen. Major Ali Muhsin Al-Ahmar. The generals army unit was accused of preventing the students from getting back to school.

Further, a number of angry protestors marched into the chancellors' office and tore down pictures of President Saleh. This has happened in several colleges.

"They told the girls and boys to go and study in the President's mosque since they have already sold their conscience to the regime and betrayed the revolution," said Mahmoud Al-Matari. He described the presence of older men who were organizing the anti-education team. It is alleged that they had sticks and chains and were prepared to beat the pro-education students should the need arise.

Girls were present as well. Those gathered were recognized as members of the Yemeni Student's Union. They stood in front of the male students who blocked the gates.

"They stood in front of us and challenged us. They said that if we want to study we need to look for another place," said Nada Shabeel of the Languages College. She added that there was some military presence but it was not the campus security; instead it was the pro-revolution First Armored Unit.

The protestors claimed that if the students left Change Square and ventured to their university and classrooms, an end to the revolution would be signaled. They maintain that this would imply a return to normal life and in turn this would mean the sacrifices made thus far in the name of the revolution will have gone to waste.

Hence, Ridwan Masood, Head of the Yemeni Student's Union, is proud of what his colleagues have done in order to prevent students from returning to education.

"After all that we have sacrificed, you want us to simply let them walk us by at the revolution's Change Square as if the country is not going through

an uprising. Should we act as if nothing is wrong?" he asked. He denied the protestors' affiliation to the Islah Party or the union. "They are hot blooded Yemenis from all walks of life who are responding to their call of duty and are patriotic enough to defend their revolution."

Others found themselves in a sticky situation. "It is not fair to place us in this conundrum. It seems as though we either lose our education on the one hand or we are betraying the martyrs of Friday March the 18th on the other," complained Arbeel Naser of the Engineering College. "These men -- the martyrs -- were our classmates and brothers. We have as much share and stake in the political situation and the protectors who claim that, the only way to honor those who have lost lives is by ignoring our education," he said.

Relative victory

Most private universities such as the Lebanese University and the Science and Technology University have commenced lectures. Even Sana'a University's Medical and Engineering colleges witnessed relative success as some of the lectures began.

"We have been studying normally. There are more check points around our campus but otherwise everything is fine," said Hisham Fuad a student at the Science and Technology University.

Foreign professors such as those teaching German in the Languages College came on time on Saturday; they however left once they saw no real potential for teaching in this tense environment.

There were other issues as well. "Ironically we don't have a problem with the protestors' attempts at stopping us from studying or the teachers going on strike. Our problem is that there is no electricity and we can't work without power in the labs," said Maram Abdullah of the Medical College.

Abdullah Jaber, of the Engineering College, too faced constraints. Though the first lecture on Sunday started normally, by 10:30 a group of aggressive protestors stormed into the lecture hall.

"They did not look like students at all. Many wore wearing shabby clothes, like

thugs do, and they came armed with sticks: they pulled us out of the classroom by force," he said.

The pro-education students gathered were smaller in number, around 50 male and female students were present on Saturday morning. They were soon overpowered by the more organized and prepared protestors who sent them away after tearing banners and breaking the smaller groups' microphones.

A university professor from the Commerce College was attacked by the protestors because he had started his class by proceeding with a lecture to the gathered pupils.

The students, though, were determined. They persisted with their demand and their right to education. Students thus gathered again and marched within the university campus swelling in size with each step.

The second day too saw violence but the number of eager students exceeded 300: at least 50 girls were present. Some of the girls' parents were there too as they escorted their children in order to ensure their safety. They knew that a normal return to school would not be so easy.

"I came with my daughter because I could not deny her the right to study; she also has a right to stand with her colleagues in this important time. Instead of preventing her from coming I came with her," said the father of Nisma, a student in the Engineering College.

But others parents are more reluctant. Enas a student in the Arts College said her mother would not let her go. "I can't allow her to go especially given the clashes and violence. I do question the whereabouts of campus security? Further, if the problem is indeed the location, then why can't the university management allocate any one of the several empty government premises for the students to study in until a solution is found," said the mother.

"My friend who is studying in the Al-Mustaqbal private university has finished his university education and is now preparing to travel abroad for higher education and I have not been able to do anything for the last eight months. Is this fair?" asked Akram Ali of the Commerce College.

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The unsung heroes of Eid Al-Fitr

By Marwa Najm Aldeen

A month and a half ago the country was celebrating two religious occasions that changed the daily routine of Muslims around the world, breaking the 11 month droll of normal life. These two occasions include the month of Ramadan followed by Eid al-Fitr. This time in the religious life of Muslims is a distinguished period looked forward to all year long.

Ramadan has passed and Eid (considered as a joyful holiday for Muslims) followed. Children are happy again because their lives are back to normal.

We all realize the effect of Eid on children and their special rituals and fixed customs (sweets, money treats, new clothes, picnics, family gatherings...etc.). Such celebrations are significant despite some government departments' failure to assume their duties and complement people's joy.

However, there were unsung heroes who worked for long hours during eid instead of spending quality time with their families and by doing so, they made many people happy.

Restaurant workers are some of these unsung heroes who hosted many families that had chosen to eat out and resume a routine they had broken for 30 days.

Thaker works in a popular restaurant downtown. He prepared for the first day of Eid from the night before and worked until 5:00pm on the next day because the turnout was exceptionally enormous, contrary to previous gloomy expectations. One of the restaurant supply supervisors said the crowd was probably due to the fact that many people could not leave Sana'a because of the political and security situation. Therefore restaurants and public parks were the alternative. Restaurants were overcrowded and people formed long queues at their doors.

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halls, hospitality and ceremonies at one of the capital's restaurants says that work was extraordinarily heavy especially in light of the current crisis. He attributes this to two reasons – one being living conditions of the people and the pressures exerted on them for over seven months. "Eid was the best chance for families ease their tension". The second reason, even more important, is the fact that many restaurants and recreational centers had closed down.

Al-Sabeen Park, one of the most popular parks in Sana'a, has been closed and many restaurants have gone bankrupt, which forced people to turn to the limited number of restaurants available, causing them to become so crowded that waiters had to lay carpets on the floors to seat their customers.

According to Al-Daili, people who had to leave their families in order to work at the restaurant were given bonuses (YR10,000-15,000) at the end of the Eid holiday.

Omar, a waiter working for a restaurant in Sana'a said he wanted to take his five-year-old daughter to a park but the restaurant was too busy during Eid. He had to keep working and asked his elder brother to entertain his child. "I feel very glad," he said. "Seeing children at the same age of my daughter at the restaurant does me good. I pamper them and

give them extra tissues so that they would not stain their clothes. I find this a partial compensation for not being with my child. I have to work during Eid because the bonuses are important to us."

Eid's joy is never complete without certain traditions. Children feel happy with their new clothes and men feel happy with a bundle of good quality qat. As for women, according to Mrs. Tahani, they are delighted because they do not have to cook or wash dishes during eid. She believes that people working in restaurants are unsung heroes who have sacrificed having a good time at home in order to be there for others.

Sanitation workers

We find these people in all alleys and streets doing their job and bearing the cold and heat to give Sana'a a clean appearance despite some people's neglect and messiness. Although these workers do not receive recognition or adequate respect for their efforts, they keep working. However, these people disappeared from street from the night before eid until its fifth day. Streets were stacked with garbage and swarms of flies were everywhere until these workers came back.

Hamoud, 40, one of these workers says that when they stopped working the reason was not for demanding an

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increase in salary, which they have always demanded in vain, but because, "We don't have monthly salaries or bonuses, why should we deprive ourselves of the chance of spending Eid without work, especially since we are marginalized and people look down on us?" He wondered. "We want the people to appreciate what we do and recognize our importance to society instead of calling us names because of the color of our skin," he added.

Abdul Wahab Sabrah, Deputy Minister for Sanitation says that workers stopped working at the end of Ramadan and during Eid because they felt a lack of respect from society and even their superiors and because

they work for daily wages that total YR16,000 or YR20,000 a month, at best. He added that there are some persons who have been working in this field and they still work for daily wage without any right to vacations, fixed salaries or rewards.

Many unsung heroes include doctors who forgo their vacations and holidays to serve the people. The good ones also include bakery workers, grocers, shopkeepers and others to whom we should be grateful for because if they care only about their own interests and closed such facilities, our cities would have become desolate and no one would have enjoyed Eid.



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OUR
OPINION

Too much politics

Sana'a University students are furious. They are not allowed to study as some self appointed guardians of the so-called youth revolution put locks on the lecture halls and stood against any attempts by the students or the teachers to break-in.

This is a tragedy. There is no reason why college should be stopped for the sake of the protests. They could have both. Students can study and still be part of a revolution. Moreover, it seems that the duty for transforming Yemen and toppling the regime has become that of Sana'a University students only. I thought the revolution was every body's. I thought that if the students go to their lectures there will still be others who held sit-ins at the square.

The revolution in a way has become a burden on the youth instead of a demand and inspiration. The feel their lives are being wasted especially since they have been aggressively denied the mere right to education.

We are closely following up what is happening in this regard and it is very sad. There is just too much politics everywhere and all of it is strangely not even remotely genuine. The revolution was started to give Yemenis a better life. How is this deprivation of education going to help make that come true?

Apparently the 1st armored unit of Gen. Ali Muhsin has taken over the Arts College and the students are left with no classrooms. Now the other colleges such as engineering, law, linguistics, agriculture, etc are also out of reach.

I really never in a million years imagined that a time would come when students hold marches demanded to be allowed to study.. knowing Yemenis I thought a time will come when they demonstrate against having exams or cancelling afternoon lectures.

In a way this is a good thing. It just shows that for some, they just have had enough of the political chaos and are now looking forward to sustaining a regular life. I do understand that any revolution requires sacrifices but this is neither a true revolution nor can we go back living under the same corrupt regime that had lead us to all this mess?

Until something really happens I join the protestors and demand: Education is our right.

Nadia Al-Sakkaf

Nine month stalemate in Yemen

By: Kristina C.
Carez make a difference

Protests for democratic reforms and demands for President Ali Abdullah Saleh to step down began in January in Yemen and have been going on in the streets of Sana ever since. But the country remains in a political stalemate, with a fragmented opposition. Saleh himself has been undergoing medical treatment in Saudi Arabia since June after an explosion at his presidential palace that left some of his cabinet dead and Saleh with burns over 40 percent of his body. While there have been infrequent reports in the media about Saleh returning, he has so far remained in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia's capital.

Al Jazeera reports that a delegation from Yemen's ruling party is now headed to Riyadh to seek Saleh's permission to negotiate a

transfer of power with the opposition. At a meeting on Wednesday, the politburo of Yemen's General People's Congress (GPC) discussed a plan proposed by the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC), which is comprised of six gulf states including Saudi Arabia and Kuwait. The plan seeks to end the anti-government protests prior to the date when Saleh is to step down from office in 2013 by calling for an early presidential election.

Saleh's ruling party has been debating a proposal put forward by UN envoy Jamal Benomar. The opposition party says that the proposal calls for Saleh to make a formal transfer of power to Vice President Abdrabuh Mansur Hadi. A government of national reconciliation would be formed that would rule during an interim period of three to six months before the elections. The army, which has split over the past nine months, would

be reorganized: As noted on Big Think, Saleh's son, Ahmad Ali, commands the Republic Guard and Yemen's Special Forces and "effectively, through threat of force, control[s] the Yemeni government." Ali Muhsin al-Ahmar, Saleh's "iron fist" for most of three decades, is now the general in charge of the defected soldiers.

Before he was wounded, Saleh, who has been in power for 33 years, refused three GCC proposals to negotiate a transfer of power.

As the New York Times says, the ongoing lack of any resolution to the political situation in Yemen has taken its toll on the country, which was already the poorest in the Middle East:

The economy is faltering in the absence of any international investment. The already limited public services are dwindling, and fighting rages on at least three different fronts outside of Sana.

In Abyan Province in southern Yemen, the military continues its war against Islamic militants there who appear to be affiliated with Al Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula. With relative ease, the militants took over at least two cities in Abyan starting in March, including the provincial capital, Zinjibar, after government forces pulled out, according to residents. However, dozens of militants have been killed in recent weeks as the government has stepped up attacks against them.

Seven militants and three soldiers were reportedly killed in clashes in Abyan on Wednesday, while four militants were also killed in a separate airstrike.

The US is continuing to use missiles and drone strikes to keep an Al Qaeda affiliate in southern Yemen in control. But, as Big Think says, the problem of Al Qaeda in Yemen is not going to improve until there is, finally, a political solution.

The Stalemate

Strategy Page

September 8, 2011: Tribal fighters are massing around the capital, where most of the population opposes president Saleh. But the Republican Guard, commanded by Saleh's oldest son, protects the capital. North of the city are units from an armored division that has defected to the opposition, but this force, even with tribal reinforcements, is not strong enough to take the capital. All this violence and posturing has disrupted the national economy, which has caused shortages of food, fuel and even water. But no one is being completely cut off. No one wants a complete economic shutdown, in large part

because the major backers of Saleh and the opposition are very wealthy men who control most of the economy. Ultimately, it is all about money and no one wants to lose a lot of it.

September 7, 2011: Four army brigades are attacking Zinjibar, the capital of Abyan province in the south. This has been the scene of most al Qaeda activity and the Islamic terrorists have held most of the town for months. This caused over 80 casualties today. This operation drew troops away from other parts of the south. This allowed al Qaeda groups to take control of two or three other towns.

Negotiations between the government and reformers again failed.

The reformers want president Saleh out, and new elections held. But the ruling coalition is still strong enough to maintain itself in power and can refuse to boot out Saleh. That may change eventually, as the trend is towards the opposition.

In the north, the governor of Marib province escaped unharmed when Islamic terrorists sought to assassinate him.

September 6, 2011: Rebel tribesmen and army deserters attacked troops near the airport outside the capital. The rebel soldiers used rockets. There were some casualties and property damage, but not much progress.

September 5, 2011: A government air strike on a mosque in Jaar, the largest town in the southern province of Abyan, killed and wounded over fifty people. The mosque was believed to have been taken over by al Qaeda, but it turned out that the bombers hit the wrong mosque.

September 4, 2011: Large anti-government demonstrations were held in the capital.

September 3, 2011: Outside the southern port of Aden, a truck bomb killed six soldiers and wounded eight. In the capital, six large explosions could be heard throughout the city.

Yemen's fear of collapse

By: Philip Eliason
<http://lowyinterpreter.org/>

Yemen is a state of dynamic stasis. It has now had about seven months of political turmoil, many deaths, economic stagnation and rising internal security problems.

Its national leadership — made up of political office holders, cus-

todians of traditional authority, religious leaders and the pro-change youth movement — is divided and without a centre of gravity powerful enough to commence consolidation. Its president may soon return from his extended post-assassination-attempt hospitalisation in Saudi Arabia.

Despite the daily bad news from Yemen, particularly in the south, Yemenis do not see their country as being on the way to collapse. Yet in my discussions with Yemenis recently, I heard that they did fear a real collapse which would result in far graver and more violent fighting across the country than we have seen to date, as each power base and its affiliate tribes and military elements mobilise to protect territory and economic interests and, according to tradition, seize those of others.

The endemic poverty of Yemen and its universal ownership of weapons make it surprising that Yemen is so far so stable. But Yemenis know what the next step means. One of my interlocutors said there are signs of clannish regional divisions beginning.

The Government in Sana'a sees the heart of the current popular revolution as being based in the former Yemeni capital Ta'ez. Ta'ez is the gateway to southern Yemen, reasonably well educated, industrious and influential but, compared to the north and Sana'a, relatively lightly armed. The Government may believe that the suppression of demonstrations and political activism in Ta'ez will stifle political movements in Sana'a, hence Ta'ez

has been hit hard by security forces and their proxies.

If Ta'ez is a Government target, then it is also a target for southern Yemenis. In a sign that regional and clan identification is deepening, southern Yemenis are now even talking in public of slaughtering Ta'ez people living in Aden (migrants from Ta'ez have made up a large proportion of Aden's population over nearly 200 years).

Aden and the south of Yemen are no strangers to bloody sortings out (many thousands were killed in the 1986 split in the Aden-based Yemeni Socialist Party). Ta'ez people believe the Government is arming loyalists in the Ta'ez region to attack them. Many may sell these weapons as poverty knocks but the civil protest movement is being increasingly surrounded by weapons.

The political dialogue in Sana'a is complex and multipolar. The swing factor at present is Saudi Arabia, which may be spreading its bets through funding and patronage either as a deliberate policy or as a consequence of powerful individuals in Saudi Arabia supporting their favourites. Many Yemenis see Riyadh as much more influential than Washington in Yemeni politics.

Should the future of Yemen be in Saudi Arabia's hands then we should consider the consequences. Yemenis see their country's increasing religious conservatism a result of Saudi influence. Should Saudi Arabia take a more direct role, Yemen's historical cohabitation between Sunni and Zaidi Shia Muslims would be at risk from Riyadh's visceral dislike of the Shia.

There are two things now to consider: how to maintain Western influence in Yemen for political diversity and economic development and how to ensure any transition of power is as bloodless as possible.

The following steps are needed to address both points. First, Yemen's situation needs to be internationalised further. Most donors are waiting to see what happens in Sana'a's presidential palace before committing further development assistance. They are frightened off by the security situation. This needs to be reversed. Substantive and visible development projects can happen, it is just more complex to achieve them.

Second, the president retains an ability to help the people of Yemen and he can do so by returning to the country within a framework of leadership transition (which is clearly on his mind). He must also unblock political processes and administration, and try to stabilise a difficult security situation. But this needs to be wrapped in an internationalised process.

Yemen is simply too important to leave to Saudi Arabia to manage. Yemenis say they want a good leader, they want independence and they need funds. Being bought off by Saudi Arabia will not give Yemenis the type of independence they want.

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Simon Cowell: I've Always Been Fascinated by Paula Abdul

By: Tim Nudd
People

After gushing over Emma Stone, it seems Jim Carrey's got a new passion: graffiti! The actor colors himself happy on Thursday, spray-painting the exterior of his New York City abode.

Following her L.A. debut, Victoria Beckham brings her greatest accessory – 8-week-old daughter Harper Seven – to New York Thursday for Fashion Week.

They fought a lot on American Idol. And that's exactly why Simon Cowell wanted Paula Abdul as a fellow judge on The X Factor.

"I do really like people who disagree with me," Cowell tells Redbook. "Probably my best friends in

the world are the people I argue with the most, because they don't always say what you want to hear."

In fact, Abdul, 49, may be his perfect foil. "From the minute I met Paula, I was fascinated by her," says Cowell, 51. "She's a complex person, but – this is going to sound very American – she's got a great heart."

Cowell, who's counting down to the premiere of The X Factor on Sept. 21, says the show is different from its competitors because it features people of all ages – from 12 to



80 – who have fascinating stories. "One woman in her mid-40s had gotten out of a horribly abusive marriage. When she sang, she was amazing," he says. "We saw the 5,000 people in the audience all get on their feet. That's more powerful than a 17-year-old who comes in and says, 'I want to be a star.'"

Jury Selection Begins in Michael Jackson Manslaughter Trial

By: Howard Breuer

More than two years after superstar Michael Jackson's death, a manslaughter trial for the singer's physician, Conrad Murray, officially began Thursday as attorneys screened the first of about 160 prospective jurors.

Los Angeles Superior Court Judge Michael E. Pastor introduced the jurors to Murray and asked whether they could serve on a trial lasting 25 court days – ending around Oct. 28. Opening statements are anticipated in late September.

When he asked the potential jurors, gathered in a jury assembly room, if there was anyone who had not heard anything about the case, no one raised a hand. Pastor expressed no surprise.

"We didn't expect you'd been living under a rock," he said, "or made a pit stop from Mars."

Murray, 58, is accused of oversedating Jackson with the powerful anesthetic propofol and failing to notice that Jackson had stopped breathing for crucial minutes before

finally calling 911.

Defense attorneys say Jackson drank propofol like milk, and suggest that someone other than Murray, perhaps Jackson himself, administered the fatal dose of the drug when Murray's back was turned.

Murray could get up to four years in prison if convicted of the felony charge of involuntary manslaughter.

Jurors who indicated they were available to serve received a questionnaire of about 30 pages asking them what they know about Murray and about Jackson's death at the age of 50 on June 25, 2009, and for their opinions about doctors, drugs and law enforcement.



Pauline Potter Is World's 'Heaviest Living Woman'

By Alison Schwartz

It's the small things – like driving a car, dancing, getting dressed in the morning and checking the mail – that Pauline Potter thinks about on afternoons when she stays in bed and listens to the world just beyond the walls of her bedroom in Sacramento, Calif.

"Everything people take for granted – those are the things I dream of," she tells PEOPLE. "I'm not living. I want more."

But getting more out of life will require Potter, who holds the Guinness World Record for heaviest living woman, to weigh less.

Potter weighed 643 lbs. as of February 2011, which qualified her to be included in Guinness World Records list for 2012, although she thinks she weighs closer to 700 lbs. today. (According to Guinness World Records, the heaviest woman ever is Rosalie Bradford, who registered a peak weight of 1,200 lbs. in January 1987.)

She realized the title is "a little degrading," but Potter, 48, is sharing her story because she's desperate. When the 2012 edition of the records book is released this month on Sept. 15, she's hoping somebody will read about her and offer to help her become healthy.

Maybe a doctor or a nutritionist

will reach out, she says of her hope, and she's even open to talking to other people who need help, too.

"I don't like people to think bad of me, but I'm willing to risk that to get the help," she says of her weight-loss aspirations. "I have a lot of love to give, and I want to be able to help others, but I need a little help right now."

'Compulsive Eater'

She can talk about the people who lean out of their cars, cell phones in hand, to take pictures of her when she passes by. She remembers a particularly hurtful day when she was shopping at Walmart and a mother whisked her young daughter away in the opposite direction like she was "contagious or maybe retarded," Potter says.

"I still hurt. I still bleed," she says. But the cruelty is matched by kindness, and she can also talk about the people who hold doors open for her when she enters stores and the people who say hello when she passes them in her electric wheelchair.



Potter says she has struggled with her weight since she was 8 years old. She refers to herself as a "compulsive eater," who was 400 lbs. when she gave birth to her son, Dillon, now 19. But her struggle often feels like a contradiction, she says, because "I really do have a great life."

For now, she's focused on her goal: making that great life better. "I can't let it go anymore," she says. She wants to get her nursing degree and go on a bike ride with her son. She'd like to go to the movies one day and be able to fit in the theater's chairs.

"I have let my weight hold me back on so many things," she says. "I let it hurt me."

She adds: "I just need a little push."

George Kurdahi Resigns from MBC

By: Dyana Farhat Ahlan

The news that Lebanese TV presenter George Kurdahi is resigning from the MBC Group is widespread, although sources from the channel deny the news.

The relations between Geogre and MBC Group turned sour after he publicly announced his support for the Syrian regime. In a statement, he said there was a conspiracy against the Syrian government from

Arab TV stations.

His show Enta Tistahil (You Deserve It), which was supposed to have been aired during Ramadan, was canceled after the remarks went public.

The group announced that the station's programs in the upcoming two months would not include Kurdahi.

Sources close to Kurdahi said the TV presenter joined the newly established TV station Mayadeen.



Google buys Zagat in push for local market

By: Julianne Pepitone

NEW YORK (CNN-Money) -- Google is throwing significant muscle into its new focus on local businesses: It has acquired reviews behemoth Zagat for an undisclosed sum, the company said Thursday.

"[Zagat's] iconic pocket-sized guides ... were 'mobile' before 'mobile' involved electronics," Marissa Mayer, Google's head of local and location services, wrote in a blog post announcing the deal.

Zagat, founded in 1979, rates restaurants on a 30-point scale based on consumer surveys and reviews. Its guides include short paragraphs

culled from those reviews, and it operates in 13 categories and more than 100 cities.

"Zagat will be a cornerstone of our local offering," Mayer said, adding that Zagat content will enhance Google search and Google Maps.

Zagat, based in New York, put itself up for sale in 2008 but couldn't find a buyer. The company raised \$31 million in venture capital in 2000.

In their own blog post, Zagat founders Nina and Tim Zagat called



the purchase the "most exciting news in our 32 years in business." The pair said they will remain active in Zagat.

Google has made ramping up local initiatives a priority this year. After its failed bid to buy daily-deals wunderkind Groupon, Google (GOOG, Fortune 500) embarked on

a slow but steady march into the local ads and content space, launching Google Offers in a few cities and introducing "Latitude" check-in deals.

Last month Google acquired The Dealmap, which aggregates local deals and displays them on a map.

One analyst says the Zagat buy is a jump above the rest: He thinks the guide's sterling brand reputation could give Google the boost it needs.

"Google's really kind of struggled with the people-oriented services," says Rob Enderle, principal analyst at tech research firm The Enderle Group. "Lately they're known for canceling more products than bringing them to market."

Zagat, on the other hand "brings a certain credibility" in rating local spots, Enderle says. And the content can be easily tied to existing Google services like maps and local offers.

"The [Zagat] brand carries so

much equity that Google could completely screw up the merger and still come out well," Enderle says. "Mergers are often tough to pull off, but this one's about as easy as it gets."

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Youth Talk

In this section we talk to young people about their concerns, hopes and dreams. Every week we hit the streets and share what young people have to say right here.

This week's question:

Do you think this education academic year will start smoothly and compensate for the previous one?

Taha Al Azab

The situation has given no clear indication towards solving the disaster which plays a fundamental role in continuing our studies peacefully. This is why I'm quite pessimistic about my chances of the last term of my fourth year at Sana'a University starting smoothly. Furthermore, we were suffering during the period of previous years from a decline in the quality of our education. So, under all the circumstances, we are going to complete our education in this academic year no matter what.

Arwa Al-Khatabi

All students must be organized to recommence their education as planned and they must be allowed to have regular classes. Anyone who stands in the way of their right to education is against revolution because we want enlightenment, not ignorance. We hope that this academic year will eventually go smoothly.

Mohammed Shameri

Today when I read that the students in Taiz University will enroll in the college and are saying that it is not in contradiction with the revolution, I realized that they are the true revolutionaries and that education is important. Anyone who encourages education encourages a better future.

Abdulnasser Al-Abdali

First, in my opinion as a teacher, I can say that education in Yemen is generally full problems because of the ruling regime's policy against education. I don't think that this academic year will start smoothly. But, if it started, it will be too much worse than the previous one because of the bad situation we are living in these days.

Saba'a Ahmad

I don't think that we will be successful in education because of our president spoils every dream at universities and kills education in Yemen. I just want to know what he wants! I can't complete my education that leads me to hate everything around me, even myself. I'm sorry for thinking this way but this is what I feel deeply within my heart.

Esam Al-Aseeot

I believe that the decision by the Ministry of Higher Education and Supreme Council for Universities to recommence education on 17th September is the best decision because it allows students to make up for the lost term while allowing for the new academic year to be completed. If we don't do this we will be damned and we will be sentenced to a lifetime of ignorance under the pretext of change. Whoever stands against education wants to spread ignorance and I call on all people to leave education free from politics. We have been out of college for so long.

Abdullmalik Al-Shamiri

I think that academic year will start on schedule but there will be some obstacles that will face the students. For example, some doctors refuse to teach and there are problems with transportation to the university. I think that attendance will be reduced in the first weeks. I hope that both parties, the government and opposition, consider the best interests of the student and don't let another year go to waste.

Reem Al-Hababi

It seems that the teacher's decision to strike has not received much support and so I hope that our decision, which is to go back to school, is the right one. We must stand steadfast until we get our education. There were demonstrations all over colleges. There are banners calling the students who want to study as traitors.

Manar Shoubail

We kept wondering whether there will be education or not and the only way to ensure that the education will go smoothly is for us to show up. We don't just wait for others to show up and then we go only if it is safe. We must be there.

Dania Luna

I want to go to college and start my education this term but my family is worried that there will be trouble and have not allowed me to go. I hope that thinks will go smoothly soon so that I can go, hopefully starting this week.

Mazen Al-Asali

Returning to college is a display of loyalty to those who sacrificed their lives for the revolution. Do not be fooled by anyone who says otherwise. We have waited for so long and it is time to seize our rights. Everyone must go to the university and not wait for the others. We will stay until the end and demand our education no matter what anyone says.

Marwa Najm

I feel there is a lot of eagerness among the students and the teachers to commence classes. I believe that with the commitment of the youth and their persistence to go to college and not give up the university will be open again, especially since there are promises from the university's management and the mediation with the first armored division to allow them to go back to school.

Next Week's Question:

What does the date 26th September mean to you?

Follow this section for a new question every week and feel free to reply with your answers or feedback by sending an e-mail to tyyouth@gmail.com. So this is your chance to share your humorous stories, poems or opinions with other young readers!



Yemeni men enjoy their qat chew in the pockets of the mountain in Bait Bos area.

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An SMS from an Exiled Woman (Part 3)


By: Salwa Yehia Aleryani

I called the young man at the reception, he told me, "Listen, why don't you come and take the answer yourself? Your calls and smss are killing me!" Killing?? I sighed. I thought if I am killing with the sms, then what does he call what he and his doctor are doing, burying people alive? I immediately stood up and headed towards the clinic. I arrived at the stairs. The stairs were empty. I was relieved. I sat down on the first step and started to go up the stairs by sitting on each stair backwards. Going up the stairs and lifting my knee was a very painful thing to do now. While I was going up, I saw a small black and shiny bug going up the stairs with me. It was running very fast. We were in the same speed. Every time I went up one step and sat down, I would see it peeping from the step beneath and reaching the one I was sitting on. A lady went down the stairs. The woman stepped on the miserable bug. She went down and I looked at its place, she crushed it. I felt sorrow and sympathy. Stamped, huh?? Well, dear, that's what you get when you are satisfied with low grounds! Why didn't you choose the walls or ceiling as your environment, many of your species have?? I took a rip of torn paper and pushed the bug aside. At that moment a line of ants came and carried the dead bug away. I looked at it. Going to get buried, or going to be the food for next winter? How sad when you die and you are not hundred percent sure that you are going to get buried. I guess insects and human beings have a lot in common. I then reached the third floor where the clinic was I stood up and cleaned the dust from my back. As soon as I looked at the clinic's door I was shocked. The patients were a lot, they filled the clinic and were waiting even at the door. I felt my opportunity to see the doctor was no longer existing!!! However, I will try. So, I entered. I went to the young man at the front desk. He was hidden behind a high pile of folders. I told him that I wanted to see the doctor only to ask him a question. He didn't bother to answer, looking very busy with his papers and files. So I came closer to him and whispered, "You know, the one who was killing you with all those sms, It's me!! I came now please allow me to see the doctor." He raised his eyes and hit his forehead. He then said, "oh, yeah. Ok, go and wait in the ladies' waiting room, I will call you." So, I did. I sat there for about an hour and 40 minutes, then a bottle of perfume entered the room. I don't know the name of the perfume but it is certainly not a cheap

one. We all examined her. Her sandals looked like they were originally chandeliers, the man making them went through a bad mood so he turned them out as sandals. We examined her scarf. We stared at her bag. It was patches of leather, or maybe skin. According to me, I saw skin of beggars, skin of jobless, skin of poor people, skin of homeless. Their skin were stitched together and made up the bag. She sat down looking around like a cat

in a cage. After two or three minutes the young gentleman stood at the door and announced her name. He looked so proud to mention her name, as if her name would touch him with a blessing. She stood up and left the room. A waterfall of gossip rushed down from all directions. - How come she entered? I've been waiting for more than four hours and I haven't entered. - Did you see her bag? I saw a

similar one in Sayidaty magazine. - Why did he call her anyways if the doctor hasn't arrived yet. Is she going to take off her clothes until he arrives? - Maybe she's a relative of the doctor. He wants her to feel that he has treated her differently than other patients. - Doctor's relatives don't get sick, idiot. - Yeah, idiot! And if they do he would go and see them at HOME.



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Solutions

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Chess: Nf5+

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- ACROSS**
- Computer screen (7)
 - Postpone (5)
 - Encountered (3)
 - Lagged (9)
 - Pretend (4-7)
 - More expensive travel costs (6,5)
 - Being the property of (9)
 - Reserved (3)
 - Leaves (5)
 - Obtain (7)
- DOWN**
- Parts (5)
 - Hasten (3)
 - Groan (4)
 - Family members (9)
 - Book (7)
 - Triumphant exclamation (6)
 - Formed (9)
 - Infuriate (6)
 - Inorganic substance (7)
 - Acute (5)
 - Pleasant (4)
 - Jog (3)



Faces from Yemen's revolution

Saleh Al-Muzallam, the revolutionary muezzin

By Amira al-Arasi

Saleh Al-Muzallam studied Arabic at department of education at Sana'a University while taking some courses in computer engineering as well. Currently he is an employee at the Municipal Education Bureau. He is married and has 10 children including three boys and seven girls and is from the Raïma Governorate.

Saleh enjoys a pleasant voice and he is a professional religious chanter, performing at various occasions including weddings. He also has produced a number of video clips that support the youth revolution. One of these, entitled I am the Revolutionary, a duet with his colleague chanter Ammar Al-Banna'a, was judged online and graded with highest marks. The song is repeatedly shown on Suhail channel. He is a regular muezzin at some mosques in the capital.

At the Change Square, Saleh was bestowed the title "The Revolutionary Muezzin". He was one of the first youth to join the revolution and for three months he has lived



in his tent next to the main stage at Change Square and has worked there as a computer technician and performing azzan at prayer time.

"I'm a member of Islah party, but I keep an open mind," says Saleh. "I'm not a radical. I accept all views and discuss them and never impose mine on others. I use arguments and try to convince others of my opinion while avoiding bigotry."

"Since the beginning of the revolution," he continued, "I spent the first three months inside my tent reviewing manuscripts handed to me by youth demonstrators. One Tuesday, there was raid on the square carried out by government forces. There were many youths at the tent and I asked them to run for safety and leave me in the tent to continue my work. One of the young men refused to leave. At the time I was ready to pray and I asked him to perform woodu (ablution) and join me to pray, but he never showed up for fear for his life. I went on working and giving instructions to the youth."

Saleh tells us one the stories that shakes him. "One day, my 13-year-old son was leaving the square

and he was not aware that a taxi was waiting for him. The driver asked him for directions and when my son informed him, he asked the boy to get in to show him the way. When they reached the place in question, the driver refused to stop. My son was frightened and knew that it was a setup so as soon as they reached a checkpoint, he opened the passenger door and threw himself out. When my wife heard the news, she was so scared she had a miscarriage." He went on to explain his decision to join the revolution. "I've joined the revolution and its young people because I'm convinced that there's a corrupt regime that should be ousted. My family has followed me to the square and I don't allow myself to impose anything on them."

Kamal al-Mahfadi, a cameraman at the square says that Saleh is an extraordinary man. "He's multi-talented and a chanter with nice voice. He's always on the platform chanting, encouraging the youth. He's a simple man who meets you with a smile and he should not be depicted as a fundamentalist." Majid Duham, a protester at

Change Square, says that he considers Saleh as one the revolution's stars who has left his home to join Change Square in a noble mission. "He's a contributor to the country's service through his Quran readings, chants and enthusiastic slogans to which the audience responds fervently. Views are not split over possible division in Islah party because there are none."

Another youth, Mohammed Saeed al-Shara'abi says that Saleh is one of the most active youths at the square. "He has no partisan bias and he's at the platform all the time because he is accepted by all and he's a member of the new, open generation of Islah. Of his works are the songs "Revolution, Revolution, Revolution" and "I am the Revolutionary".

Al-Muzallam says he wishes to go abroad and receive the same respect foreigners receive in Yemen and not to hear the phrase "Unfortunately, you're from Yemen" that was said to him once in an Arab country. He believes that creative people in Yemen are ignored and they become recognized only outside Yemen.

Yemen's future is being made now

By: William Lambers
blogcritics.org

White House anti-terrorism advisor John Brennan spoke to reporters yesterday about the growing threat of Al Qaeda in Yemen. According to Laura Rozen's report, Brennan warned, "Anytime there is a power vacuum, as in Somalia, and Yemen, Al Qaeda is attracted to it."

Yemen is still in turmoil with protesters demanding that long-time President Saleh step down from office. The hope is now for a smooth, peaceful transition of power.

But the truth is that Yemen's future is already being made, away from the protests and political halls. In fact, every day that small children in Yemen do not get proper nutrition, they are a step closer to lasting physical and mental damage. No society can advance under such a scenario.



More than 110 malnourished children under the age of five were enrolled and treated at the outpatient therapeutic program, while 38 suffering acute severe malnutrition were admitted to the therapeutic feeding center in Saada's Al-Jumhuri Hospital in August 2011. According to a rapid assessment conducted last year, 45% of under-fives in some parts of Saada are suffering from global acute malnutrition. This is one the highest rates of malnutrition in the world.

The political crisis needs to get resolved quickly and peacefully. But Yemen clearly needs more. Child hunger takes center stage.

In Yemen, malnutrition among children was a huge problem even before the political turmoil started. About half of Yemen's children are chronically malnourished. In the Sa'ada governorate of Northern Yemen, years of conflict between the government and rebels has taken its toll on children. Child malnutrition rates are extremely high.

The political unrest in the capital, as well as the fighting in Southern Yemen, have made the situation even worse.

Yet there are things the international community can do to bring

some relief and allow Yemen to catch its breath. This would be to set up a child feeding program that would cover all cases of malnutrition with special foods like plumpy'nut. Right now, all children are not able to receive food as there is low funding for aid agencies like UNICEF and the World Food Programme. Relatively inexpensive interventions like child feeding have not received enough attention.

A full supply of plumpy'nut, for instance, would be a rescue line for Yemeni children to get them through the first 1,000 days. This type of interim aid is crucial so you can move on to building longer-term food security after a successful

intervention. For example, there needs to be a national school lunch program with the idea of reducing malnutrition among children and getting them to school to complete an education. The ministry of education in Yemen and the World Food Programme once worked on a school feeding program with a take-home ration element. It was cut because of low funding.

But this is the kind of plan that if enacted on a wide enough scale could bring significant change and hope to Yemen. We can take action now to help Yemen as it resolves its political crisis and fights Al Qaeda. There is no better place to start than with the future: the nation's children.

Yemen's unsung heroes

The Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) this week announced that the winner of the 2011 Nansen Refugee Award is the Society for Humanitarian Solidarity (SHS) of Yemen.

As stated by the press release "the US\$100,000 Award recognizes the 290 staff of SHS, and its founder, Nasser Salim Ali Al-Hamairy, for their "dedicated service to providing life-saving assistance to thousands of refugees and migrants who arrive on the shores of Yemen every year" after crossing the Gulf of Aden by boat.

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Some of those who take this perilous journey are beaten or abused,

arriving traumatized and ill on the Yemeni coast.

SHS staff monitor about a third of Yemen's 2,000 kilometre-long

SHS founder Nasser Salim Ali Al-Hamairy said, "Winning the Nansen Award has given us a big boost. Our work is a humanitarian duty...

that has to be done under any circumstance." He added that he would use the Nansen platform to call on the international community to "intensify efforts to improve the situation in Somalia to help dissuade people from attempting the risky crossing."

The Nansen Refugee Award was created in 1954 in honour of Fridtjof Nansen, Norwegian explorer, scientist and the first League of Nations High Commissioner for Refugees.

It is given annually to an individual or organization for outstanding work on behalf of refugees. The Award consists of a commemorative medal and a monetary prize donated by the governments of Switzerland and Norway".

