

## Broadened military attacks to purge Abyan

By: Ahmed Dawood

ABYAN, May 13 — The Yemeni army on Saturday attacked Al Qaeda strongholds in Zunjubar and Lawdar cities in Abyan governorate in a bid to retrieve the two cities held by militants since May last year.

A security source told the Yemen Times, "The attack came from different sides and the army utilized heavily artillery and mortars, in addition to fierce air raids on areas known to be controlled by Al Qaeda militants, which indicated that naval forces took part in shelling."

The security source confirmed to the Yemen Times that ferocious confrontations broke out last Monday between the army and Al Qaeda members, resulting in eight deaths and twenty injured from Al Qaeda.

The source went on to explain that "The militants used mortars, shelling and RPGs, taking advantage of the weapons that they looted from military camps in previous confrontations."

The spokesman of the People's Local Committee in Lawdar, Ali Obaid said that Yemeni warplanes distributed flyers last Saturday to locals in Lawdar, Maudia and Al-Wadhee in Abyan governorate. The flyers contained statements that urge the residents not to cooperate with the militants so as to avoid being targeted.

Obaid indicated that the battle in Abyan is centered in Ja'ar and Zinjubar cities. He added that the 25th Mechanized Brigade forces succeeded on Monday in reaching the old compound of the governor in Zunjubar. This coincides with advancement of 119th Brigade, under the direction of Brigadier General Faisal Rajab, towards Al Haroor city in Abyan.

According to the local news website Al-Masder online, 25,000 soldiers and officers from eight military brigades participated in the attack. One brigade follows the First Armored Division and the rest are from the Southern Military Region.

The first military brigades to advance were the 25th Mechanized Brigade, stationed in Zunjubar's outskirts and led by Brigadier



In addition to the Local Defense Fighters around 25,000 soldiers of eight military brigades are involved in the decisive attack to retrieve towns taken by Al-Qaeda.

Mohammed Al-Somali; the 201st Mechanized Brigade headed by General Mahmud Ahmed Salem; the 119th Infantry Brigade led by Faisal Rajab; the 31st Armored Mechanized Brigade; the 115th Infantry Brigade; and the 39th Armored Brigade commanded by General Salem Qutn, the leader of the Southern Military District.

The military brigades that joined the fighting later on included the 135th Brigade, which was part of the First Armored Division in Sana'a, and the 11th Infantry Brigade, which is situated in Lawdar where its forces are repelling the militants' attack in cooperation with local defense fighters.

Military sources told Al-Masder online website that the Yemeni security forces are executing a military plan engineered by military experts from Yemen and United States.

The source added, "President Hadi endorsed the military plan.

Meanwhile, senior military commanders headed by Defense Minister invigilate the plan's execution."

Yemeni political analyst Mohammed Saif Haider pointed out that the purpose of the last military attack was not to eliminate Al Qaeda.

"It was to hit Al Qaeda affiliates in Abyan and dispel them from residential areas that they use to shield themselves," said Haider.

He continued, "I think the battle will go on for some time because confrontations with the militants take place in residential areas."

He added that it has become easy for the army to launch attacks on Al Qaeda especially after locals fled to other governorates, indicating that the army will be able to break into Ja'ar. Yet, he expressed worry regarding the potential casualties.

He concluded that al Qaeda may resort to implementing a retaliation plan in Sana'a and Aden in order to prove its existence in Yemen.

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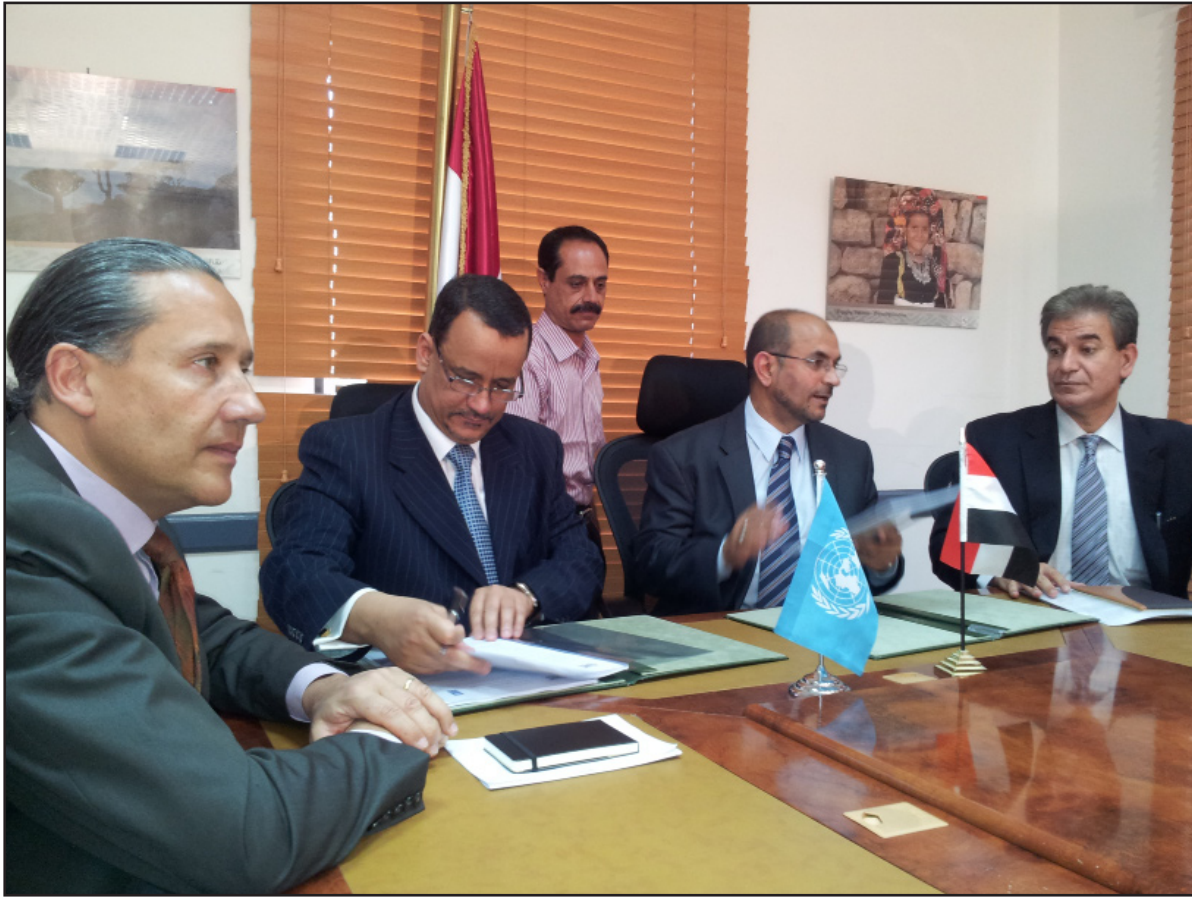
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## UNDP project to develop performance of Yemen's institutions



The "Urgent Response for Development" program with a cost of USD 8.5 million aims to enhance the performance of Yemen's key institutions including the president's office and the cabinet.

By: Samar Qaed

SANAA, MAY 13 – The Yemeni government, represented by the Ministry Of Planning and International Cooperation and the U.N. Developmental Program (UNDP), signed the project document, "Urgent Response For Development," in Sana'a on Saturday, May 12.

The objective of the project is to provide logistical and technical assistance to key local institutions, such as the president's office and the office of the cabinet. The project will include the Ministry of Planning and International Cooperation, the Ministries of Human

Rights, Industry and Trade and the advisory committees of the national dialogue. The secretariat of the national dialogue conference, which is scheduled to take place this year, will also participate.

The project is designed to streamline the GCC initiative and its implementation mechanism.

The program will provide the required assistance to the Ministry of Industry and Trade, in order to conduct economic studies during the transitional period. The program will also support the Ministry of Human Rights, which is responsible for contacting youth and encouraging them to participate in the

upcoming national dialogue.

Ismail Ould Cheikh Ahmed, resident representative of the UNDP, confirmed UNDP's support to the government and to the people of Yemen. Ahmed pledged that the UN would work to improve livelihoods by strengthening these institutions' performance on the one hand, and fostering an enabling environment to implement the GCC Plan, on the other hand.

The total amount of the project amounts to USD 8.5 million. The program is scheduled to start May 2012 and last until the end of the two-year transitional period on December 31, 2014.

## International advisors to help Yemen



Mahathir Mohamad

By: Muaad Al-Maqtari

SANAA, May 13, The World Bank is working to appoint a group of international advisors to help the Yemeni government create job opportunities to support comprehensive development within the two-year transitional period.

Yemen's Prime Minister, Mohammed Salem Basindawa, said in

a private sector conference on Saturday that he received an official memorandum which nominated the international consultants. Mahathir Mohammed topped the list.

Basindawa announced that the European Union (EU) would decide on similar appointments. He said that the EU intends to appoint economic experts, which include former prime ministers in Euro-

pean countries. The purpose of EU involvement is to assist the Yemeni government in boosting development and reviving the economy to spur sustainable economic growth.

Basindawa explained in his speech to Yemeni businessmen and private sector pioneers that his government asked the EU to send security experts to train Yemen's policemen in order to create a safer investment climate throughout the country.

The prime minister also proposed joint authority between the private sector and Yemeni government to coordinate cooperation and partnership between the two sectors. The private sector's economic conference similarly called for a joint committee between the two sides.

For their parts, representatives of the private sector called for investment in heavy-labor projects that generate more job opportunities for youth, who are involved in combatting corruption in the government.

At the conference, the private sector expressed its economic vision in terms of development priorities, which will be presented in a donors' conference scheduled to take place at the end of May in Al-Riyadh.

The head of Economic Reform in Yemen (ERY), Ahmed Bazara, who is also a prominent Yemeni businessman, said at the public-private meeting that it plans to announce five development priorities in accordance with the private sector's

## Hundreds of schoolchildren dropouts return to school in Hadramout



Around 430 schoolboys in Hadramout returned to class after dropping out on account of their poverty-stricken families.

By: Saleh Al-Batati

MUKALLA, May 13 – In the second phase of a successful project and the first of its kind in Hadramout, four hundred and thirty-eight schoolboys returned to class after dropping out on account of their poverty-stricken families.

The first voluntary and developmental project was financed by Al-Awan Development Foundation, a Mukalla-based charity, in cooperation with Right Start Foundation International.

The project marked the end of the second phase of Insan (human being) Project in Yemen, and was commemorated in a ceremony held last week at Balfaqeh Cultural Centre in Mukalla city, the capital of Hadramout.

It was attended by prominent dignitaries including Hadramout Deputy Governor Awad Hatim, who praised Al-Awan Foundation for its successful work.

"My biggest joy was when I heard that the second phase of the project had been administered solely by volunteers from Hadramout, considering that the first phase was guided

by Egyptian specialist trainers," Hatim Said.

"This experience will instill a volunteer spirit among the youth to increase their role in combating poverty and illiteracy, and eliminating the dropout problem," he added.

Hatim urged non-governmental organizations (NGOs) to benefit from this idea of helping families support themselves and live on their own. He called on everyone for full cooperation to promote the teamwork in all of life's aspects.

For his part, Al-Awan Development Foundation Executive Manager Adel Bahumaid explained that the project began as an idea, but blossomed into an entire year of discussions between Al-Awan Foundation and Right Start Foundation International's head Dr. Umr Khalid, a well-known Egyptian preacher.

"Hadramout was chosen to be the first arena for volunteer work in the Republic of Yemen," Bahumaid said. "The dogged determination and energy of the youth encouraged the foundation to adopt the project," he added.

Bahumaid noted that the project comes at a time when young peo-

ple are facing many problems like school dropout. "The project's aims are to find feasible and effective solutions through calling for volunteer work which meets widespread agreement by the youth," he said. "Many families have been sponsored through groups of volunteers, with every group comprising five volunteers and one of them heading each project," he explained. "The groups are tasked with helping families in education, health, and social problems provided that each family brings their children back to school, which is happening on the ground," he added.

The executive manager promised that the second step of Insan Project in Yemen would not be the last, emphasizing that "getting qualified managers and voluntary youth" is the core of the project.

Dr. Umr Khalid, head of Right Start Foundation International, gave a recorded a speech in the ceremony in which he thanked Hadramout Governor Khalid Al-Daini and Bahumaid. Khailld urged the youth to "roll up their sleeves" and continue the volunteer work to make the Mukalla experience a universal one.

concerns in the two-year transitional period. This viewpoint is a culmination of previous meetings between the private sector in Sana'a, Aden, Al-Hodeida and Taiz governorates.

The vision of ERY aims to soften the impact of humanitarian, social and economic catastrophes as well as to nurture a safe investment climate.

Regarding current widespread insecurity, the private sector proposed to form police and security centers nationwide and provide them with the means to create stability and reduce the carrying of weapons in cities.

On the humanitarian front, the private sector declared its adoption of Fund Relief, which aims to help victims of conflict by deploying relief convoys in cooperation with relief organizations to war-torn areas.

Private sector leaders also announced their willingness to invest in the agricultural and fishery sectors as well as the food industries in order to guarantee food security.

Lastly, the private sector expressed its intention to train and qualify Yemeni workers to prepare them for international and regional job markets, and to set up employment and training centers to encourage youth participation in these areas.

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# Street cleaners in Sana'a rewarded



By: Khalid Al-Karimi

SANAA, May 13 – Despite winning unprecedented accolades from local officials at an honor ceremony, municipality workers in Sana'a continue to pressure the government to accelerate procedures outlined in a March cabinet decree to hire them officially and under permanent contracts.

The ceremony was organized by Abdulghani Hafdalla, secretary general of the local council of municipality workers, or street sweepers, in Sana'a governorate. Several government officials were in attendance.

Municipality worker Yahya Alqum delivered a speech on behalf of all workers, saying that this celebration is the first of its kind.

"Thanks to those who prepared this ceremony. It is a token of appreciation for our efforts," he said. "However, we demand urgent implementation of Prime Minister Basindawa decree which seeks to improve the living standards of municipality workers."

"Frankly speaking," he continued,

"we feel that the society and the government marginalize us. Our homes are torn tarpaulins in filthy slums. But in spite of the tough circumstances we experience, we have been working around the clock for the sake of the nation and its beauty."

"We [municipality workers] call for the expedited implementation of the prime minister's decision. We also demand to be given a land plot for our permanent residence. We are fed up with empty promises," he concluded.

Murai Abdah Mohammed, a street cleaner for five years, received a certificate at the ceremony. While he seemed happy about the reward, Mohammed told the Yemen Times that he is not satisfied with his salary and living standards.

"The salary is not adequate and my residence is humiliating. It is terrible, particularly during rain storms and cold weather," he said. "I have children who need clothes and food which I can't afford with this low salary (YR 25,000 [\$120])."

Mohammed Ahmed Saleh and

Ali Qasim were among those who received the certificates of appreciation.

"We want to be officially hired and be granted housing. And we need a salary raise. These are our urgent demands," they said unanimously.

For his part, Abdulghani Hafdallah said, "honoring the street sweep-

ers signals our great appreciation for their dark-skinned arms."

"Keeping our environment clean is a collective responsibility, and being a municipality worker is no less than any other job," he said.

Hafdalla added that the honor ceremony fell short of the recognition that workers in the municipality deserve. "We saw what took place when the street cleaners in the capital Sana'a went on strike. Garbage piled up everywhere," he recalled.

Abalwahid Al-Fatahi, the Fund General Manager in Sana'a, said that to respect the environment is an indicator of good morals. "Therefore, we should hold the street cleaners in high esteem. They are symbols of industriousness in the community," he said.

Mohammed Al-Jadari, head of the General Union of Workers Syndicate was also in attendance. In his speech during the ceremony, he said, "We are absolutely happy to recognize the municipality affiliates' rights. By virtue of their constant efforts, we live in healthy environment. They work relentlessly in order to keep the world around us beautiful. The municipality workers deserve our respect and gratitude," concluded Al-Jadari.

At the end of the ceremony, more than thirteen street cleaners were granted merit badges and symbolic amounts of money.

# Republican Guard Colonel killed and perpetrator flees

By: Mohammed Bin Sallam

SANAA, May 13 – Colonel Mohammed Hassan Al-Dobai, the Staff General of the Second Mountainous Infantry Republican Guard Brigade, was killed inside the Brigade headquarters on Friday evening. The headquarters of the brigade are located in Al-Khorafi military camp to the north of Sana'a.

Military sources said that one of Al-Dobai's escorts was killed and the other has sustained seri-

ous wounds. The assassination occurred inside the brigade headquarters when the commander of the camp called Al-Dobai to his office, where he was killed.

The perpetrator, whose identity is unknown, fled to the office of Ahmad Ali Abdullah Saleh, the commander of the Republican Guard. The incident is one of many assassinations against defected Republican Guard personnel. Al-Dobai is from the village of Mabyan district, in Hajjah governorate,

north Yemen.

"On, Friday there was tension inside the brigade headquarters which led to a fight resulting in the death of the colonel," local media sources said.

The same sources added that a joint committee from the Ministry of Defense and Republican Guard arrived on Friday evening at the Al-Khorafi camp to investigate the killing of Al-Dobai. They have not made any tangible progress yet in the investigation.

"The perpetrator shot the colonel to death inside the camp" Ansar Al Thawra, or supporters of the revolution, said via private sources.

The Office of the Minister of Defense refused to comment on the incident. The number of the Republican Guard forms around the third of the national army and its units are the most advanced equipped military with superior arming. Former president's son, Ahmed is the leader of the Republican Guard.

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# Escape from boredom and idleness



Yemeni families have opted for dining out as their only sort of entertainment and refreshment, lacking the availability of places like movie theatres, fun fairs, water parks and well-built and equipped picnic areas.

By: Safiya Al-Jabry

“Where are we chewing qat this weekend?” nineteen-year-old Mohsen asked his friends as Wednesday came to a close. Mohsen asked the same question that most Yemeni youth ask as they wonder how to pass their weekends. “There is nothing else to do or places to go to; so chewing qat and smoking shisha are the only way to pass the time we have,” Mohsen said.

Internet cafes, DJ parties and qat chewing sessions are some of the few repeated activities that these youth find themselves involved in. Lack of recreational facilities have lead youth to turn to less constructive methods of entertainment such as chewing qat, playing video games, watching TV and browsing the net.

“I have always wished for a part time job to keep me busy and which

I could earn some pocket money from,” said Fawaz, an 18-year-old. “I have seen teenagers in American films working part time jobs which pay per hour and I think it’s great. I would like to do the same here but it’s difficult to get a part time job.”

Students wish they could have clubs at their universities and schools, and have national and international sports tournaments.

“I was an active member of the debate club in my previous school in America,” said Moadh Al-Sheikh, a student at the British International School. “Our school had a press club, science club, agriculture club and sports club, among others,” he said. “We used to have competitions which were taken very seriously, since the schools which won would be well recognized.”

“Activities in school keep the youth busy so they really don’t have much time for other entertainment,” said Luqman Esmail, another student at the British International School. “I personally enjoy studying more and

find that being part of school clubs and activities are not only educative, but entertaining.”

Yemeni families have opted for dining out as their only sort of entertainment and refreshment, lacking the availability of places like movie theatres, fun fairs, water parks and well-built and equipped picnic areas. Some beautiful picnic areas on the outskirts of Sana’a do not have well-maintained facilities to accommodate families going out for a refreshing day.

“I was so excited to go to Bani Matar when I first came to Yemen and heard there was a waterfall. I went only to come back disappointed. I think we went at the beginning of summer and it was so dry and hot! What made it worse was there were no toilets, restaurants or even chairs and tables to sit at! The government should make an effort to build them better,” said Christine Mitchell, a 16-year-old high school student.

Young teenage girls and women in Yemen have also made smoking

shisha and chewing qat a source of entertainment for themselves and a trend for Yemen’s upper crust. They claim lack of entertainment facilities and the rigid social norms in Yemen to be the force behind the adaption to these activities.

“People think that chewing qat and smoking shisha paints a bad image for girls and women, but I think it’s a way of gathering with family and friends and having a good time. Besides, what other things are there to do in this country?” said Loyal,

a 22-year-old Yemeni woman. “Everything here is shameful for girls to do; things like hiking or outside sports. The only places we can go to spend time with our friends are cafes and restaurants, and even those are looked down upon.”



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# The takeaway from the Yemeni 'underwear bomber' plot

By: Karen Greenberg  
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As the news of this week's intelligence sting against Al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula became public, there was a seemingly odd contradiction. On the one hand, the president, speaking from Afghanistan, had just announced that, thanks to US military action, Al-Qaeda was "on the path to defeat". In the words of John Brennan, "In short, Al-Qaeda is losing badly." On the other hand, there was news of a new and potentially lethal plot – a perhaps undetectable bomb aimed at blowing up an airplane.

At first blush, these two facts seem incongruous. As a result, much of the editorial comment on the bomb plot has focused on the need for increased vigilance when

it comes to Al-Qaeda. But there's a more important lesson to take away from this disrupted plot.

Since 9/11, the United States has responded with a full arsenal of national security tools. All too many of these were merely shots in the dark; many were misplaced attempts to find information, with few leads and even less understanding of Al-Qaeda. Whether it was enhanced interrogation techniques, or FBI stings that focused on individuals with few or no real ties to Al-Qaeda, or the useless expenditure of funds on fruitless and unfocused data collection, law enforcement and national security officials spent a decade struggling with, rather than mastering, the ways to detect and counter Al-Qaeda.

Throughout, there was a determination to find a way to place sources inside the inner chambers of Al-Qaeda – but until this case,

the payoff seemed elusive. When US intelligence services did get close to infiltrating Al-Qaeda, the result was disastrous – witness the trust the US placed in the triple agent who blew up the CIA team of seven operatives in Khost.

The success of this latest tactic – successful infiltration based on wise intelligence and careful espionage work – carries an important message. It did not involve secret prisons or torture. It was not a made-up plot designed to lure individuals to the cause of jihad. It was not a case of surveilling or rounding up whole groups of people to try and find one who might pose a danger to the United States. Accordingly, it signifies the new era in counterterrorism, one in which the threat is understood and is therefore manageable; a threat for which the lawful, legitimate and professional skills of the national security apparatus take

center stage.

The Yemeni underwear plot is not the only recent sign of the way in which law enforcement and intelligence have reached a new plateau. Last week, a verdict was returned in the federal courthouse in Brooklyn in a case where three men were accused of plotting to blow up the New York city subways. This was a case where the accused, two of whom have pled guilty and the third of whom was convicted by the jury, were apprehended in the midst of a plot in which training in Waziristan, the purchase of explosives, and the plot to bomb the subways was well underway by the time law enforcement became involved. It was, one could argue, the most serious homegrown terrorist threat to the United States since 9/11. And it was one in which law enforcement intercepted the crime through tactical surveillance.

Both of these cases, sobering as they may be in their potential for harm, signal that rather than flailing about to find those bent on destruction, the United States has reached a new level of confidence and competence in addressing the threat of Al-Qaeda. This is a welcome turn of events, one that suggests that counterterrorism has come to rely on knowledge, on on-the-ground information, on patience, and on strategic methods of investigation and pursuit.

The president was right. The age of Al-Qaeda, as we once knew and feared it, is dwindling. With the deaths of Osama bin Laden and Anwar al-Awlaki, BinLadenism has essentially disappeared. What remains seems to be a less centralized enemy, one that we are now able to declare can be handled by methods of intelligence that have been used against far more recognizable – and far more lethal

– enemies. Of equal importance, though, was the manner in which the discovery and disruption of the plot came about: techniques that were essentially by the book, without either illegal methods or overblown claims of danger.

The sobering significance of the Yemeni underwear bomb was less the plot itself than what it indicates about the way forward. In the future, a frantic reliance on torture, entrapment, and over-inclusive surveillance can give way to the more reliable methods based on knowledge of the enemy, on-the-ground intelligence, global cooperation, and strategic planning to make us safe.

If only our efforts at apprehending terrorists had trusted these tried and true methods early on in the "war on terror". Perhaps, then, we could have avoided the lapses of law and morality that have marked the era.

## Terrorist fishing in the Yemen

The Obama administration has doubled down on the use of drones to go after bad guys. How long until the blowback comes?

By: James Traub  
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Last month, according to news accounts, U.S. President Barack Obama agreed to widen the scope of drone attacks carried out against al Qaeda members in Yemen. Previously, strikes targeted only known individuals; henceforth, the CIA and the U.S. military's Joint Special Operations Command will be permitted to target people whose patterns of behavior make them high-value targets. Many counterterrorism and Yemen experts think that the

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complex; in places like Yemen and Nigeria, the Obama administration is trying to improve the ability of embattled governments to deliver services and is training militaries to stand up to terrorists. But drone warfare has moved to the very center of the White House's strategy. Just as George W. Bush may be recalled as the president who tried to fight terrorism by waging war and removing tyrants, Obama may be recalled as the president who sought to rout terrorists through targeted killing from the sky.

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# Political unrest shuts down hotels in Yemen

By: Samar Qaed

**T**errorist attacks, sporadic violent clashes dating back to 2008, and last year's political impasse have all deeply affected tourism in Yemen.

To address the crisis, the Yemen Hotel Union (YHU) held a board meeting on Wednesday, April 18, under the slogan "Tourism in Yemen depends on stability of the security and political situation."

"Last year's conflict affected the hotel industry in Yemen badly. Some development plans have been achieved, but slowly. I hope everything gets better soon," said Alwan Al-Shaibani, chairman of the YHU.

"At the moment security and stability are greatly needed to boost the tourism industry," said Al-Shaibani.

"Many hotels shut down because of last year's conflict. But if tourists start to visit Yemen again, these hotels will reopen. All we need in Yemen is security and stability so that tourists feel safe enough to come here," he added.

## Bankruptcy and employee lay-offs

Many Yemeni employees in hotels lost their jobs because of last year's conflict. Operations in hotels decreased from 70 to five percent due to the clashes that took place in different parts of Yemen last year.

"We faced countless problems because of the political turmoil. We had to pay workers' salaries for five months while they were doing nothing because there was no work to be done. Moreover, we had to rent apartments to house foreign workers," said Awad Al-Waheshi, manager of Al-Bustan Hotel in Sana'a.

"We had losses of \$1.4 million. This affected the hotel's budget extremely negatively," he added.

The growth rate of the hotel industry declined to zero, particularly at the time of armed clashes last year, according to Mustafa Nasr, a Yemeni economic analyst.

## Several hotels stop working

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Hotel, went bankrupt and closed down," Nasr said.

Nasr pointed out that although there aren't specific statistics regarding lost jobs, he estimates the number at several tens of thousands. Taxi drivers, restaurant owners, and vendors were deeply affected too.

## Obstacles face hotel owners

The YHU's activities aimed at improving the hotel industry in

Yemen over the last year were discussed in the meeting.

"The circumstances over the last two decades didn't allow the YHU to build good tourism infrastructure in Yemen," said Al-Shaibani.

"We are disappointed because of unachievable promises by successive governments in creating a good and safe climate for the tourism industry," he added.

"All the Yemeni governments tried to make tourism a marginal

activity because of their inability to foster an atmosphere conducive to steady tourism, like giving good loans for hotels, or reducing the high taxes which hotels owners pay," he added.

The Ministry of Tourism currently expends considerable resources to support hotels in Yemen in overcoming the difficult circumstances stemming from last year's conflict, according to Mutahar Taqi, undersecretary of

the Ministry of Tourism.

As for the future, Al-Shaibani pointed out that the Ministry of Tourism has made no fixed plans because of the continued uncertainty about the security situation in Yemen.

"Security is critical for increasing national and foreign investments in Yemen. The government's policy must serve to attract more investment and more tourists to Yemen," Al-Shaibani concluded.



Security and stability are greatly needed to boost the tourism industry, says Alwan Al-Shaibani.

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في ٣٠ يونيو ٢٠١٢

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# Military spending after the revolution

By: Yasser Ezzi

Despite the alarming reality that Yemen is a low income country and highly dependent on dwindling oil resources, which account for 70 percent of government revenue, YR 317 billion (USD1.4 billion) has been authorized for defense and security in the 2012 spending budget.

Yemeni economists criticize the ballooning defense budget, asserting that if the government does not obtain large assistance from donor states at an upcoming conference on Yemen in Riyadh, it will fail to achieve required needs.

The government faces a substantial budget deficit, which, if ignored,



Yemen faces multiple security challenges which require greater military spending. The government is engaged in a bloody war with Al-Qaeda in south Yemen and a Houthi rebellion in the north.

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**In 2006 alone, Yemeni officials made a USD2.3 billion agreement with a Russian company for new fighter aircraft and repairs, as well as another 2009 purchase from Russia exceeding USD1 billion.**

will prevent Yemen from paying its future financial obligations, in particular investments, which already depend to a large extent upon foreign assistance, according to Ali Al-Wafi, Yemeni economist and former head of the Financial Committee at the Parliament.

Nevertheless, Yemen faces significant security challenges which necessitate military spending. The government is engaged in a bloody war with Al-Qaeda, northern and southern rebellions, piracy and the aftermath of protests that swept the country and forced former President Ali Abdullah Saleh to step down.

While defense spending has historically been one of the government's largest expenditures, it has lacked transparency, particularly after the Ministry of Defense issued a directive in August 2005 that prohibited Yemeni journalists from reporting on military matters without prior approval.

#### No monitoring on military spending

Mustafa Nassar, Chairman of Studies and Economic Media Centre (SEMC), said that the defense budget suffers from huge corruption, pointing out that it is not monitored by any authority, not even the Central Organization for Controlling and Auditing.

"There is a constitutional article that bans the monitoring of the defense and security budget," he said, pointing out that the interim government inherited big burdens and it will make big mistakes if it spends these funds on items appropriated by previous government.

According to a document issued by Wikileaks in 2011, the military budgets in Yemen are not accountable under any civilian auditing authority, and have only limited control over revenues and expenditures within branches of its own administration.

The document made clear that spending in each section of the

Defense Ministry is monitored by deputy ministers and enforcement falls to military intelligence.

"There is no legislation or official policy regarding audits of military expenditure. The Defense Ministry is fiercely independent, and not subject to the same auditing rules as other ministries," it added.

Nassar said that the current government was not involved in preparing the 2012 budget. It used budget item tables prepared by past government officials.

#### Defense minister attempts to control corruption

An official of the Defense Ministry who requested anonymity said that the Ministry embarked on amending defense spending mechanisms after the revolution, stressing that the Defense Ministry has indeed started to control spending and combat corruption.

He said that the Defense Minister exerted great efforts to reorganize and reform the ministry, ruling out, in the meantime, that the Ministry will spend the budget purchasing weapons this year.

He reaffirmed that all military units receive the same salaries and that some specialized units get privileges and rewards, pointing out that militaries across the world grant specialized units further rewards.

The official reiterated that the Defense Ministry plans to appropriate higher salaries to those soldiers positioned along the border and in remote areas.

When asked about disparities of payment for members of the armed force and security services, he said that those persons affiliated with the National Security Organization receive huge salaries, emphasizing that the newly hired ones receive amounts of YR 200,000 per month and that these salaries surmount the salaries of high-ranking officers of the other military and security institutions.

He pointed out that politicians

would do best to slow down the efforts exerted by the Defense Ministry to reform the Ministry and get rid of corruption.

Aish Awais, a researcher on defense and security affairs said that the pro and anti-revolution sides recruited large numbers of troops and that they needed new allocations, arguing that the government could not achieve an economic boom without strengthening security and stability, and imposing sovereignty on all the state governorates.

When asked about corruption of the defense and security budget, he said that there have been reforms and big changes after the uprising, pointing out that the current government is comprised of two sides and the corruption will be limited as each side monitors the other.

Yemen now is under control of

those countries overseeing the power transfer deal, so that will shrink corruption

#### Multiple security challenges require extra money

Awais justified the increase of the defense and security budget, saying that Yemen witnesses widespread insecurity, an ongoing fight with Al-Qaeda and multiple rebellions, all which require large amounts of spending.

He also said that the reorganization of the military requires extra financial allocations. The increase in the budget reflects that security is a priority of the government and the president, he added.

In late March, the parliament approved a budget for 2012 that sharply increases spending to meet demands for more jobs and social services after a year of violent po-

litical protests.

The budget projected the year's revenue at YR 2.1 trillion (USD 9.7 billion) and spending at about YR 2.7 trillion (USD 12 billion), compared to spending in 2011 of YR1.8 trillion (USD 8.3 billion). That means that the budget deficit is YR 600 billion (\$2.7 billion).

The previous Yemeni government used to appropriate high amount to defense to purchase weapons, quash rebels and tackle other security issues nationwide.

In 2006 alone, Yemeni officials made a USD2.3 billion agreement with a Russian company for new fighter aircraft and repairs, as well as another 2009 purchase from Russia exceeding USD1 billion. Both contracts demonstrate that the regime continued to prioritize defense spending over development.

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**While defense spending has historically been one of the government's largest expenditures, it has lacked transparency, particularly after the Ministry of Defense issued a directive in August 2005 that prohibited Yemeni journalists from reporting on military matters without prior approval.**



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# Families go broke treating their children's Thalassemia

By: Eman Tuhama

**A**li Abdulwahab Thabet lives in Sana'a, to the west of Sixty Meter Road near Azzal Hospital. "I can remember when I was an ambitious person, dreaming of being rich and owning real estate. But now everything has changed dramatically. I have to face up to the fact that I have two sick sons. Mazen is 15 and Ayman is 17. They suffer from Thalassemia," he said.

Thalassemia is a genetic blood disease which leads to anemia. It is the single most commonly inherited gene disorder in the world. Scientists and public health officials predict that Thalassemia will become a worldwide issue in the next century, according to the Children's Cancer & Blood Foundation (CCBF), a US-based organization dedicated to the care of youth with cancer and blood disorders.

In Yemen, there are no statistics on how many children suffer from this blood disease. But, minimal education on the importance of having pre-marital tests to prevent the spread of the disease by sexual contact has allowed the number of Thalassemia patients to grow.

Thabet, who is originally from Taiz, went to countless hospitals looking for treatment for his children's blood disorder.

"I've spent a lot of money. I have sold everything I own just to afford blood transfusions, since this is the only remedy in Yemen," Thabet said in his conversation with the Yemen Times.

Treatment of the Thalassemia requires blood transfusions every four to six weeks, according to the CCBF.

But many parents in Yemen are unable to afford the transfusions due to low income and insufficient charitable organizations to help with costs.

"Sometimes, I'm unable to pay for the blood transfusion or to find people who will donate their blood," Thabet said. "Once I went to the Blood Donation Association in Taiz seeking medicine, but to no use."

Thabet had to move to Sana'a, where he could take advantage of the services of the Yemeni Thalassemia Association. The association offers free medical service for patients.

The only definitive cure for Thalassemia is a bone marrow transplant, which is costly and not available in Yemen.

## Symptoms of Thalassemia Major



An infant with Thalassemia Major appears normal at birth. If a child is well for the first five years of life, a diagnosis of Thalassemia Major is unlikely. The double dose of two Thalassemia genes causes an anemia that is so severe that regular blood transfusions must be given throughout life.

A newborn with Thalassemia Major appears normal at birth. As they grow, infants with Thalassemia Major exhibit paleness and fussiness. Weakness and slow growth appear in the first or second years of life. The abdomen may swell due to an enlarged liver and spleen. Changes occur in the appearance of the face and head. The eyes appear slanted and the cheekbones become prominent.

Source: The Children's Cancer & Blood Foundation (CCBF)



The Yemeni Thalassemia Association organized a ceremony in Sana'a last week to shed light on the plight of children with thalassemia.



Treatment of the Thalassemia requires blood transfusions every four to six weeks. Some families cannot find a person to donate with blood.

Statistics show that the number of people who carry minor Thalassemia, is as high as 490 million, in addition to 15 million with a severe form, major Thalassemia. Around 400,000 children are infected with the disease annually.

Thalassemia is a kind of anemia in which the body produces an abnormal kind of hemoglobin. Parents who carry the mutated Thalassemia gene can pass the disease on to their children.

Most people who carry minor Thalassemia are unaware of its inherited characteristics, unless they have a specific blood test.

The red blood cells in one out of five children affected by Thalassemia are normal. Children who suffer from Thalassemia only begin to show symptoms in their third month.

Symptoms are vomiting, pale skin, and poor appetite. They must be treated immediately through blood transfusion. Repeated blood transfusions have negative side effects, however, leading to iron overload in the liver and the kidneys. An additional treatment must be administered to get rid of iron overload.

## International Thalassemia Day celebrated in Sana'a

The Yemeni Thalassemia Association organized a ceremony in Sana'a last week to commemorate International Thalassemia Day.

The slogan of the ceremony was "Together on a day free of Thalassemia." The ceremony was attended by The Minister of Social Affairs, Amat Al Razaq Humad, The State Minister of Cabinet affairs, Jawhara Hamood Thabet and the Minister of Health, Ahmed Al-Ansi



Amat Al Razaq Humad, Minister of Social Affairs.

Al-Ansi delivered a speech praising the efforts of the Yemeni Thalassemia Association. He also confirmed that the association cannot work alone, but needs community participation.

The leader of Yemeni Thalassemia Association, Dr. Ahmed Al-Maqrami, reviewed the crucial role played by his association in offering free medical services for patients.

He also stressed the importance of issuing a law to compel pre-marital Thalassemia tests for couples planning to get married.

The ceremony's program included several educational activities, such

as seminars and lectures to educate people on Thalassemia. One of the association's important activities is visiting schools and universities in order to spread awareness about Thalassemia and its dangers. Pamphlets warning about the risks of marrying with no prior Thalassemia tests were distributed.

## Pre-marital check

Pre-marital blood tests are an important preventive step for Thalassemia, which minimize the possibility of becoming a Thalassemia victim, according to the Yemeni Association for Thalassemia.

## Republic of Yemen Minister's Cabinet Economic Opportunity Fund (EOP) Request of Expressions of Interest for Consultancy Services from International Accreditation Company

The Government of Yemen represented by the Ministry of Planning and International Cooperation has received a Grant from the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) and co-financing from the Islamic Bank for Development and European Union toward the Economic Opportunities Fund (EOF). EOF was created by Presidential decree # 183-2010 dated 25/09/2010 as a public-private partnership working to improve the economic status of poor women and men in rural areas.

Currently, the EOF seeks eligible international firms specialized in: (i) provision of training and TOT in international food quality certifications and standards, requirements; and (ii) accreditation of public and private sector entities in undertaking these activities. Eligible firms should be interested in making their services available in-country (with own office and lab) enabling the chosen companies to fulfil the needs of the Economic Opportunities Programme (EOP)'s consolidators (processors/exporters) and the associations and their agricultural commodities (coffee, honey, vegetables and fruits, .....etc). Firms willing to provide these services and capability, which can be expressed by submitting brochures, description of similar assignments (including references), experience under similar conditions, general qualifications and number of key staff, and so forth.

The International Accreditation Company (IAC) will be selected in accordance with the procedures set out in the IFAD's Guidelines: Selection and Employment of Consultants by IFAD Guidelines, dated September 2010 (<http://www.ifad.org/>).

Interested (IAC) may obtain further information at the address below from 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM.

**Economic Opportunities Fund (EOF), Sana'a.**  
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Near German Embassy  
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E-mail: [eofyemen@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:eofyemen@yahoo.co.uk) or [dr\\_nagat@eofyemen.org](mailto:dr_nagat@eofyemen.org)

The deadline for submitting applications is 28/05/2012 @ 3:00pm.



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#### RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Liaise with the Materials Manager in Sana'a, and coordinates all material delivery activities between Materials Officer and the Logistics Department on site
- Organize on site the material storage dedicated to the Projects and RFM
- Witness with Logistics Department reception of material delivery on site
- Organize the routine inspection of the goods in coordination with the Logistics Department
- Assure a good traceability of delivered materials
- Ensure that the quality system of the Suppliers meet the Company's requirements, takes corrective actions by advising Materials Manager about quality and quantity material deviations
- Communicate with QA/QC inspector about quality deviation of delivered material
- Assure follow-up and storage of material QA/QC documentation reception
- Perform inventories of Construction Materials (surplus) and reintegration to Logistics stocks
- Assist in SAP database description modification program

#### PROFILE REQUIREMENTS:

- 5 to 7 years experience in the petroleum activities
- Very good knowledge of petroleum material (piping /electricity/instrumentation), engineering symbols, P&ID and isometrics
- Good knowledge of Company GS and material, material specifications and inspection
- Very Good knowledge of Excel databases
- Good knowledge of SAP.
- Fluent English read, written, spoken

### QA/QC SUPERVISOR - Site - Rotation 4/4

Within the Projects and Construction team on site where many projects and construction requests are running in parallel, and reporting to the site Construction Manager, the successful candidate will be technically responsible of the quality control on construction works, delivery time and safety records

Quality Control will cover the mechanical and piping, electrical and instrumentation works on site

#### RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Supervise and manage quality control on construction works for the piping, mechanical and E&I works
- Review and approve all QA and QC procedures in accordance with Company General Specifications. This includes WPS, WPQ, WQT, Coating Procedures, Calibration Procedures, NDT Procedures
- Supervise Contractors QC inspectors
- Ensure that HSE Site requirements are implemented
- Prepare QA dossier to be part of final documentation
- Give approval to the Construction Manager to issue the Completion Certificate when quality requirement is met

#### PROFILE REQUIREMENTS:

- Bsc or Masters degree plus 5 to 10 years experience in QA/QC works in the petroleum activities
- Familiar with HSE requirements on a production site
- Hold at least 2 NDT and a welding inspection certification
- Knowledge in Coating, E&I and mechanical works
- Autonomy, capacity of taking decision and relevant reporting
- Capability to manage Contractors' inspection staff
- Fluent English read, written, spoken
- Valid driving licence

### PIPING SUPERVISOR - Site - Rotation 4/4

Within the Projects and Construction team on site where many projects and construction requests are running in parallel, and reporting to the site Construction Manager, the successful candidate will be technically responsible upon quality, planning and safety of mechanical and piping works on site

#### RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Prepare scope of work, Supervise fabrication and installation and follow up of materials
- Prepare Pre-commissioning activities including all activities related to HSE
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- Prepare Pre-commissioning dossier, transfer to Commissioning Team

#### PROFILE REQUIREMENTS:

- Bsc or Masters degree plus 5 to 10 years experience in the piping oil and gas activities both for construction and pre-commissioning
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- Autonomy, capacity of taking decision and relevant reporting
- Capability to manage Contractors' construction staff
- Fluent English read, written, spoken
- Valid driving licence

### PERMIT TO WORK COORDINATOR - Site - Rotation 4/4

Within the Projects and Construction team on site where many projects and construction requests are running in parallel, and reporting to the site Construction Manager, the successful candidate will be technically responsible of the permits to work on construction works, delivery time and safety records

#### RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Report to the Site Construction Manager
- Issue the daily work permits – hot and cold - according to planning and instructions – pay particular attention to JSA and all Safety issues
- Attend the daily work permit meeting and get work permits signed
- To ensure that priority works are thoroughly addressed in respect of task break-down, safety and health so that the relevant work permits are never rejected
- If work permit is accepted, revert to the Construction Manager and reports on that
- If work permit is rejected, works out the reason why, re-works the document and re-issues when appropriate
- If work permit is suspended, re-submits when mandatory
- Attend the Kick-off meetings that launch the works
- Enforce the JSA as stipulated at the Kick-Off meeting and makes sure that contractors abide by when his duty for Work Permit is completed, he joins in the supervision team to follow up the Construction works that his work permits have initiated

#### PROFILE REQUIREMENTS:

- A technical Diploma or Bsc. Degree in engineering is required
- Well experienced engineer with a minimum of 5/10 years in the oil and gas industry
- Good knowledge of TOTAL general specifications, of construction and inspection in mechanical, piping and E/I
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- Valid driving license

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# An Introduction to the Cleft Lip and Palate Center in Aden



*Our kids deserve better and I am hopeful that since we have come this far, we will extend our dream of seeing the CLP Center become one of the best nonprofit service providing Centers in the country and reach out to every child who needs us in every corner of Yemen.*



*Many parents, especially those residing in rural areas, remain unaware regarding the necessary measures to be taken in such a situation: What is this? Where to go? What to do? Who to ask? are among some of the questions that strike parents whose babies are born with cleft lip and palate deformity.*

By: Dr. Ahlam Hibatulla

On a cold winter night, in a remote area in Yemen, a soon-to-be father is anxiously pacing outside a room whereas the wife, in pain, is struggling to give birth to a new life. The baby comes into the world and the father is conveyed the good news. A smile comes over his face and he is impatient to hold his child. But the moment he takes the new born in his hands, the joyful expression on his face turns into a frown, confusion, and sadness. The child has been born with cleft lip and palate deformity.

Many parents, especially those residing in rural areas, remain unaware regarding the necessary measures to be taken in such a situation: What is this? Where to go? What to do? Who to ask? are among some

of the questions that strike parents whose babies are born with cleft lip and palate deformity.

To provide help and support to such parents and their children, the Cleft Lip and Palate (CLP) Center at the University of Aden started working in this direction in 2004. However, the Center was officially established in the year 2009 at Al-Wahda Teaching Hospital in Sheikh Othman (Aden). This Center is affiliated with the University of Aden and the first of its kind in the region. And, though small at its outset, the Center provides significant help to patients of CLP.

Since its establishment, the Center continues to provide free of charge services to patients, mostly children, suffering from CLP deformities. Over the past years, despite all sorts of challenges, the Center works diligently toward raising awareness of the general public

about the cleft lip and palate deformities. The Center has extended its services from receiving cleft lip and palate patients and providing them with counseling to treating them to following up their treatment, and documenting these patients in the center's data base. More specifically, the CLP Center provides the following services.

- Receiving CLP patients of all ages and from different governorates and registering them
- Providing counseling to patients and/or their parents.
- Providing presurgical orthodontic treatment to these patients
- Registering and preparing those who need surgical treatment
- Providing surgical treatment to these patients
- Following up post-surgery care and treatment with the patients.
- Providing educational opportunities for dental students from the University of Aden to observe CLP patients' treatment and conduct research projects
- Conducting symposiums and group discussions on CLP
- Publishing articles on cleft lip and palate to raise the Yemeni citizens' awareness
- Supervising educational and awareness campaign on cleft lip and palate.

Throughout the past years, we have been fortunate enough to have the support of the University of Aden, the President of the University Dr. Abdulaziz Bin Habtoor, University of Rostock, DAAD organization, the Ministry of Health, and many generous donors who have continuously supported our modest Center.

In fact, the University of Rostock during the last eight years sent surgical teams to operate on CLP patients (mostly children). However, the last year, due to the instability in the country and security issues in Aden,

the surgical team could not come. I have found this very disheartening as I receive calls from anxious parents residing in different governorates and inquiring about the arrival of the German surgical team.

The CLP Center has come a long way since its establishment; however, more still remains to be accomplished. We currently need a better self-contained location, equipment, and more and better qualified staff to provide help and service to the many Yemeni children born with-CLP deformities. Our kids deserve

better and I am hopeful that since we have come this far, we will extend our dream of seeing the CLP Center become one of the best non-profit service providing Centers in the country and reach out to every child who needs us in every corner of Yemen.

Dr. Ahlam Hibatulla is the Director of Cleft Lip and Palate Center, and Vice Dean, College of Dentistry University of Aden - Aden. She can be reached through email: ahlamhibatulla@hotmail.com

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## Urban litter: a government responsibility

By: Khalid Al-Karimi

The industrious garbage men in Sana'a, approved of the street workers strike. "It is unfair that garbage men strenuously work without earnings. How can they live? Should they go panhandling?" Um Bassam asked.

Moreover, Um Bassam, a woman in Sana'a, approved of the street workers strike. "It is unfair that garbage men strenuously work without earnings. How can they live? Should they go panhandling?" Um Bassam asked.

### A government responsibility

Much of the public reproach the government for the accumulation of garbage along the streets of Sana'a.

Ahmed Mohammed Yahya, a graduate student, indicated that some officials manipulate both the street cleaners and the government. He went on to say that, "officials in charge of supervising the garbage collectors can lever them out or replace them. This happens because the street workers are not officially hired. Moreover, officials include false names of workers on employment rosters in order to embezzle government money," Yahya said.

He concluded that the government cannot excuse itself from blame.

A qat vendor in Sana'a, Nasser Mahli, said that the government should be held accountable for the

garbage pile up and the unpleasant smell the capital has been inundated with.

For his part, Abalkareem Matar, a student at Sana'a University, stressed that the clean-up of the capital's streets is a collective responsibility. "The government, the community and the garbage men should shoulder the responsibility of clearing the garbage-laden streets," said Matar.

According to Matar, there must be an understanding between the street cleaners and the interim government. He indicated that the former had better remember the difficult phase the latter is passing through. "The hard working street workers should be more patient," he added.

In terms of society's responsibility, Matar said that capital residents should be aware of the right time and place to leave their trash.

"We should deem the street our second home," he concluded.

### Harmful consequences

Smoldering garbage has increased lately in the capital's streets. Locals

in Sana'a have resorted to burning large piles of garbage in a bid to dispose of it. However, this is having severely detrimental consequences.

Hamza Abdulla, a third-year university student at the Faculty of Science at Sana'a University warned against the harmful consequences resulting from burning garbage.

"One of the most dangerous chemical materials is monoxide. Monoxide penetrates the blood hemoglobin. This results in blood toxicity," Abdullah explained.

He carried on saying, "Ironically, some consider garbage burning as contributing to cleaning the environment. It does exactly the reverse."

Moreover, Al-Arnoot indicated that burning garbage is a serious oversight. "Lots of people are unaware of the grave harm from such a process. Garbage burning triggers the spread of bacteria and several illnesses, such as asthma, hepatitis, and tuberculosis."

He added that it creates a fertile climate for harmful insects and pests, currently the case in the capital.

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5		1	4			6		
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1	3		4	5				
	2	3	5		1			

### Intermediate

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### Difficult

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### Chess

Black plays and wins in the 3rd move

### Solutions

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## Body piercing on rise among Saudi women

Several trends seen as imported from Western cultures have penetrated Saudi Arabia and encouraged women to seek change through them. While clothes and accessories seem like the most traditional influences, piercing is the latest and most outrageous fashion among Saudi women.

Piercing the lips, tongue and navel are the most popular with Saudi women, reported the Saudi edition of Al-Hayat newspaper.

According to the paper, Saudi girls differ on the piercing trend. Some do not think this trend makes the girl more beautiful and in fact argue that it makes her look ugly. Some go as far

as their beauty and makes them look different.

Piercing is a problem for parents, too, for while some categorically refuse to allow their girls to pierce their faces because it is an unfamiliar sight that is strange to society, others give in to the pressure, which intensifies when the girls want to imitate their friends.

For psychological and family counselor Zahra al-Maabi, piercing does not add to a girl's beauty, instead it negatively affects it.

"God endowed girls with the gift of femininity and when they pierce their lips or eyebrows they are destroying that," she said.

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tion to make up for the lack of power they suffer from."

According to psychologist Elwi Attarji, blind imitation is a main motive behind girls' love for piercing, but there are other factors, too.

"Some girls want to defy their parents and assert their independence by going against social norms," he said.

It is important, he added, to examine the social reasons that lead to the prevalence of such phenomenon.

"Eliminating the phenomenon is not the solution since only dealing with the roots of the problem and looking into the reasons behind it makes a way out possible."

Source: Alarabya

as considering a girl who pierces any part of her face unfeminine. Several men agree with this point of view and say that they are never attracted to girls with piercings.

Others argue that piercing adds to

piercing out of a desire to imitate other cultures and also as a means of expressing their frustration at other things.

"Piercing becomes an outlet for those girls who want to grab atten-

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