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**P**eople from different walks of life all across Sana'a "dirtied" their hands to take part in the Sharik (Participate) Cleaning Campaign on Wednesday, December 12. In order to spread the message that Sana'a's cleanliness depends on its citizens, participants removed trash, planted trees and painted sidewalks all over the city's main streets, side streets and neighborhoods.

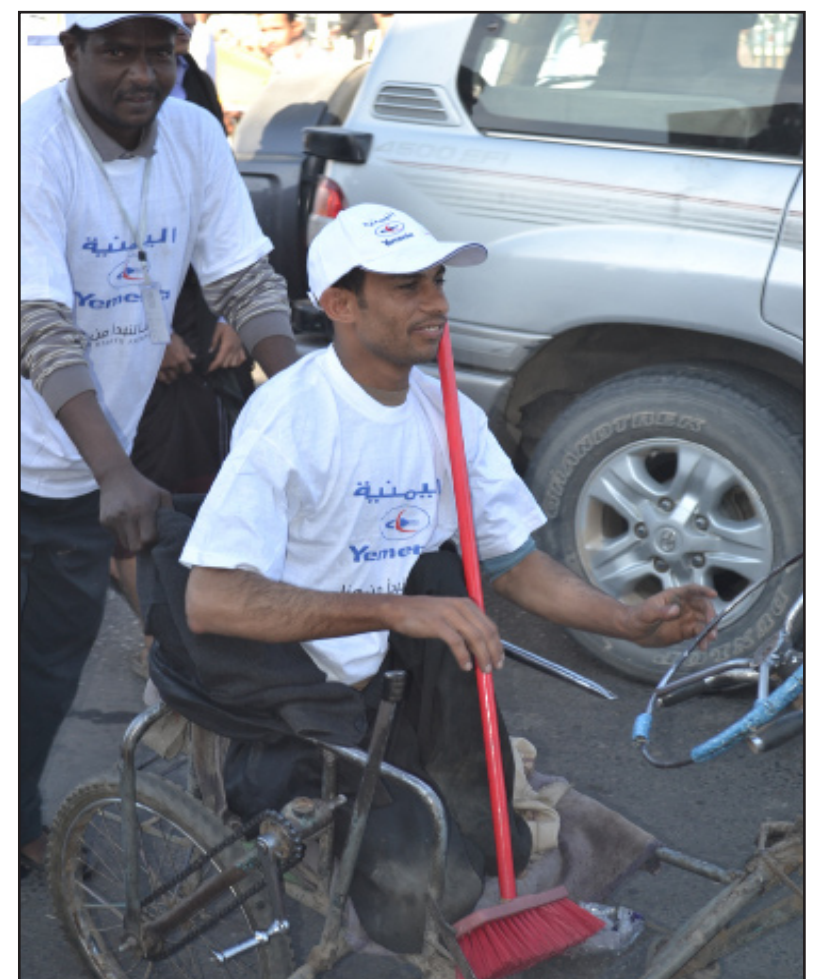
Organizers said their goal was to involve 200,000 volunteers for four hours of work, a feat that would have allowed Yemen to enter the Guinness Book of World Records. However, numbers feel short. Nonetheless, the day was deemed a landmark in the Capital city's history.



Students showed their enthusiasm for the campaign by cleaning their schools.



Different social components helped prepare this campaign in terms of providing cleaning tools and distributing them for anyone who wanted to participate in the campaign.



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## Over 200 Ethiopian refugees return back home voluntarily



Ethiopian migrants board a plane to go back home after being unable to get into Saudi Arabia.

**Samar Qaed**

**HODEIDA, 12 Dec.** — A group of Ethiopian migrants were voluntarily transported from Hodeida Port to Addis Ababa on Wednesday after spending several months stuck in Harad. Unable to cross the Saudi border, their intended destination, the 216 Ethiopian nationals asked the International Organization for Migration (IOM) to help them return to their native country.

Saba Al-Ma'alimi, an operations manager at the IOM, said the organization worked with the Ethiopian Embassy and the Migration and

Passport Authority to issue the departure documents.

The majority of the returnees are women, children and the elderly who entered Yemen illegally.

This is the second time this month that IOM has assisted an Ethiopian migrant group to voluntarily return home. Another trip is planned for December 18. Around 3,000 migrants are currently at IOM's headquarters in Harad according to the organization.

Al-Ma'alimi explained that the group of migrants opted to go back home because of the dire living conditions they faced, including an

inability to obtain adequate housing.

He added that the group of Ethiopians were trying to move by foot to Saudi Arabia, a common tale for African migrants who seek to live in the Gulf country for job opportunities. However, strict security procedures at the border, prevented them from leaving Yemen.

Brigadier Mohammed Ahmed Al-Makaleh, the security manager of Hodeida governorate, said the security offices facilitated the Hodeida Port departure.

"They must sleep on the street and resort to begging. They also have resorted to thievery to feed themselves," Al-Makaleh said of the impoverished situation migrants face.

Mustafa Nasser, an economic analyst, said Ethiopia has the highest number of illegal migrants in Yemen.

He said the total number of African migrants to come to Yemen this year, has risen to 72,000 - a little over 57,000 of those are from Ethiopia.

According to his predictions this trend will only increase in the Red Sea and the Gulf of Aden regions.

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## Local organ trafficking group busted by security force for selling on blackmarket

Sadeq Al-Wesabi

SANA'A, Dec. 12 — Sana'a Security forces declared that they arrested a group of human organ traffickers on Tuesday.

In recent years, security has arrested several traffickers who are often part of wider networks that are taking advantage of harsh economic conditions in Yemen.

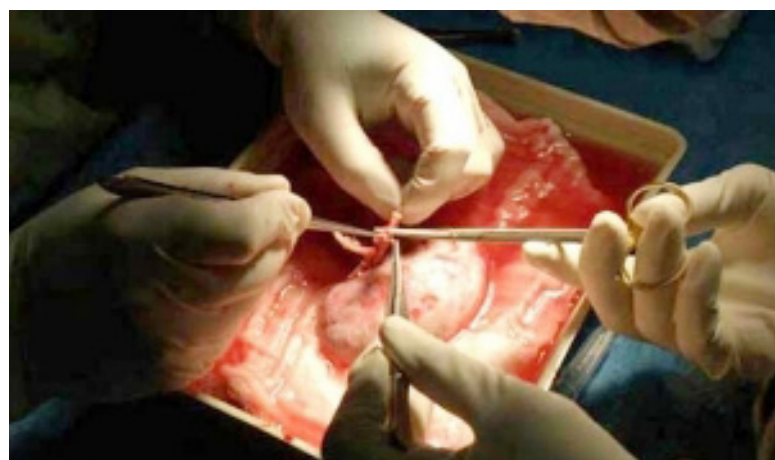
Colonel Mohammed Al-Sobari, the manager of Public relations in Yemen's Criminal Investigation Department told the Yemen Times that the absence of a law deterring human organ trafficking in Yemen has led to a spread of the phenomena.

"The government tried in the past to deny the existence of such activity but later confessed that this has become a problem," he said.

Al-Sobari revealed that there are gangs working in Yemen that exploit women and children to sell their organs.

He confirmed that Yemen's Criminal Investigation Department is determined to fight this phenomenon. "We've formed a national committee to limit the actions of human organ trafficking. We're also preparing for a Yemen-wide strategy to deter the gangs who exploit Yemenis' suffering and pain."

Al-Sobari pointed out that some Yemenis are ready to sell their kidneys due to difficult economic conditions. He also indicated that the hospital which currently works with traffickers in Egypt has re-



moved kidney and other organs from Yemeni victims without their knowledge when they were under anesthetic.

According to Nabil Fadhil, the head of the Yemeni Organization for Combating Human Trafficking, said unemployment, ignorance and extreme poverty are the main reasons behind trafficking human organs in Yemen.

Speaking to the Yemen Times, Fadhil said that there is a large network of trafficking human organs working in Egypt and Yemen. "This network has trafficked about 300 Yemenis while the security foiled more than 200 attempts of trafficking human organs in Sana'a airport."

He revealed that another Jordanian network is working in Yemen to provide organs to a hospital in Egypt, pointing out that brokers and middle men take advantage of this illegal but lucrative trade.

"Those brokers are paid \$2,000 in return for providing the hospital with one human organ. The person who sells their organ is paid about \$5,000 while the hospital sells one organ for up to \$50,000."

The security in Yemen has played a significant role in fighting the phenomenon and foiling various trafficking attempts, according to Fadhil.

"Unfortunately, those brokers exploit the harsh financial situation Yemenis are currently facing and convince them to sell their organs," he said. "We should put a limit on this phenomenon that trades in our suffering."

In 2009, the security sparked the issue when it declared for the first time that it arrested a network of traffickers from Egypt and Jordan.

## Yemeni detainees in Syria in 'good health'

Mohammed Al-Samei

SANA'A, Dec. 12 — There is still an ongoing bid to release five Yemeni army officers who have been in captivity in for a little over three months. Abdulrahman Barman, a lawyer with the HOOD Organization for Defending Rights and Freedoms, which has been working closely on the issue, said the abductees are in "good health and unharmed."

Barman also said HOOD has been in contact with Syrian mediators and activists to negotiate their release. Assuming talks continue to run smoothly, he says the men should be released soon.

The Front of Victory, a Syrian opposition faction, abducted the five officers, who were studying military science at a Syrian University, in September of this year while they were en route from Aleppo to Damascus. The officers were reportedly on their way back to Yemen.

The Front of Victory broadcast video footage almost immediately, claiming responsibility for the abduction. They accused the Yemeni government of sending the officers



Family photos of two of the Yemeni detainees in Syria.

to support Bashar Al-Assad. Yemen's Defense Ministry said the accusations were unfounded and false.

The 26th September newspaper quoted an official source as saying on October 14, Yemen's Defense Minister, Mohammed Nasser Ahmed, assigned a committee to make contact with the accused party in Syria. The committee was also tasked with contacting major international organizations like the International Committee of the

Red Cross.

The Defense Ministry affirmed that the detained Yemeni officers were studying in Aleppo, and did not participate in fighting any opposition militants. The source also denied the connection and participation of Yemeni officers in any events currently happening in Syria, a country in the midst of a civil war.

HOOD held a protest in October at Sana'a University to display solidarity with the kidnap victims.

## Preparations to hold a Southern National Conference in Aden took place months ago

Ahmed Dawood

SANA'A, Dec. 12 — Several factions of the Southern Movement will hold the National Southern Conference, headed by Mohammed Ali Ahmed, former defense minister, on Sunday.

The Organizing Committee for the conference said in a statement that preparations and coordination between the factions of the Southern Movement took place months prior to this conference to unify them under one leadership.

Observers of the political situation hope the conference will produce a decree to decide whether or not southerners will partake in the National Dialogue Conference (NDC).

The Preparatory Committee for the NDC has previously allocated 50 percent of the 565 seats in the NDC to Southern representatives as well as allocating 58 seats for the Southern Movement.

Anees Mansur, a columnist and a political analyst, deemed the National Southern Conference special for the Southern faction headed by Ahmed but not for all the numerous southern factions, pointing out that the head of the conference has attempted to persuade Southerners to participate in the NDC.

He added that Ahmed, who is supported by President Abdu Rabu Mansur Hadi, adopts federalism as a solution to maintaining unity between south and north Yemen with Southerners agreeing to partake in the NDC on this basis.

For his part, Mothana Bin Moth-

ana, head of the Information Department, said that the conference that will be held on Sunday represents only certain bodies and not all factions of the Southern Movement.

He added that this conference doesn't have a lot of popularity in the South, so its decisions and results will be non-binding to Southerners.

Ahmed is one of the most influential leaders in the South, He returned to Yemen on March after spending 18 years in exile.

President Hadi and the reconciliation government hope the conference attendees will respond positively to the idea of participating in the NDC because supervisors see that the Southern Issue is key to the NDCs success.

## Technical Committee submits final report to President Hadi

Mohammed Al-Samei

SANA'A, Dec. 12 — The National Dialogue Conference's Technical Committee submitted their final reports to President Abdu Rabu Mansour Hadi on Wednesday, after holding a meeting on Tuesday.

Mohammed Mossa Al-Ameri, a member of the committee, told the Yemen Times that in the days to come the committee will determine the key components that will take part in the dialogue.

He also said President Hadi asked the committee to conclude their work on preparation by the close of December so that the dialogue will begin on schedule at the beginning of 2013.

He said it is easy to determine the number of participant that are affiliated to political parties, the difficulty resides in choosing participants from youth groups, civil society organization and members of the Southern Movement that

the committee and the president are in contact with so far.

Amal Al-Basha, the spokeswoman for the committee, said the report reviewed the activities and achievements of the committee since their first meeting on August 5, 2012 with the president. The report indicated that the number of meetings held reached 63, not including the subsidiary meetings that were held for the purpose of temporary issues and missions relating to the work of the committee.

The report pointed out that the committee has prepared the internal regulations and structure for the Technical Committee. This includes a defined action plan that documents the 20 points that were proposed in preparation for the dialogue. It also highlights the topics and issues that will be included in the dialogue's agenda, the media policy, public participation and several other key points.

Malatif Al-Mawjani, a journalist, said the performance of the Technical Committee is bad because the committee members have not agreed on particular points that concern the entire country. Al-Mawjani added that the sole concern of the committee members is the policies of their parties and views of their leaders, and that they don't think about the interest of the country.

He went on to say that the political powers that participate in the National Dialogue had better start on a new page and effectively shoulder their responsibility.

He indicated the parties taking part in the National Dialogue should quit their political wrangles, and work to prepare a sound atmosphere for an honest and comprehensive dialogue.

He concluded that it is clear that some want to foil the dialogue and express their pessimism about its outcomes.

## Four presumed Al-Qaeda affiliates killed in an armed attack in Marib

Ahmed Dawood

MAREB, Dec. 12 — Four people, likely to be affiliated with Al-Qaeda, were killed in confrontations that took place on Tuesday night between them and tribesmen belonging to Waela tribe of Marib.

Sheikh Ahmed Roqaisan, a social figure in Marib, said that dozens of tribesmen attacked a number of Al-Qaeda affiliates near

Tariq Bin Sawood Bin Mo'a'ili's farm on Tuesday around 10 p.m. Bin Mo'a'ili is accused of having links with Al-Qaeda. Roqaisan said Bin Mo'a'ili was killed in the attack, along with Abu Hamza Bin Jalal, and Ibn Masha'al as well as one unidentified person.

A reported four people were wounded on both sides.

Roqaisan told the Yemen Times that "The tribesmen used rocket-propelled grenades and law rock-

ets."

The confrontations in Marib come at the heels of the death of Nasser Mahdi, chief of staff of the Middle Military Region, and 10 others in an ambush by Al-Qaeda affiliates in Wadi Abida of Marib on Saturday.

Roqaisan said that the Yemeni warplanes stopped shelling on Al-Qaeda strongholds in Marib on Tuesday night, after launching a rapid shelling on Monday.

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### Human rights in Yemen

**A** Yemeni barber in the Siteen area, west of Sana'a, is feeling elated these days. He says that the last few months he has been enjoying his work without being harassed by various state-related authorities.

"In the past, a person from the municipality used to visit me regularly and extort money under lame pretexts. Then someone from the taxation or security authority would visit me again, and later I would get a visit from a dodgy person from the intelligence authority. At the end of the month, I would find half of my income had gone to influential people in the state. Today no one harasses me or illegally extort money from me," he said.

With the exception of 2011, which was an extraordinary year, where no rules applied, it was only the second half of 2012 when small and medium businesses were able to breathe for the first time in a very long time.

Not only did the economic situation relatively recover, but the order and rule of law has also significantly improved.

However, a closer look at the reasons behind this positive change reveals that this improvement is shallow and unsustainable.

The reason why the corrupt individuals in positions of authority have stopped extorting money from citizens is that they are unsure of the situation in Yemen today. The power balance has dramatically changed and the ones who used to back the extorters, or provide a shady cover for their work, are gone or sidelined.

Unfortunately, this positive change is not triggered by a cultural change that now respects the law or an awakening in the conscience of those in power. It is just a "let's wait to see how things develop" phase that will automatically end once the power division settles. This is unless the new system is one that promotes a real rule of law.

A good sign of this is a list of recommendations from the Human Rights Conference that was held on the occasion of Human Rights Day on December 10. The list included 12 themes: human rights practices, the role of civil society in human rights, the rule of law and the judiciary system, transitional justice, human trafficking, terrorism, media and human rights, refugees, people with special needs, awareness and public education, youth and gender, social responsibility and finally, state institutions concerned with human rights.

This is a very comprehensive list and a roadmap for improving the situation of human rights in Yemen. Yet it remains ink on paper until there is a committed government with adequate implementing powers.

As for our barber, he will remain cautiously happy with his new freedoms, hoping that it is not just a passing phase.

**Nadia Al-Sakkaf**

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# Construction projects at a stand still, contractors blame ministries

Story and photo by  
Ahmed Dawood

**I**n late 2010 and early 2011, contractors were busy implementing road construction projects throughout Yemen, but with the beginning of the revolution in February 2011, the majority of construction came to a screeching halt.

The suspension of projects due to uncertain circumstances created major financial problems not only for contractors, but also for workers who were laid off. Factories and cement plants, which produced construction materials for roads, went into a deep recession. The entire industry suffered along with the rest of the country.

Although the tense situation dissipated when then Vice President Abdu Rabu Mansour Hadi assumed control of the reconciliation government in December 2011, the majority of projects remain at a standstill. Contractors have refused to resume their work for a variety of reasons, including the loss of funds since the revolution and rifts with the Ministry of Highway and Public Works.

Contractors are seeking compensation from the government for losses they sustained and the breaking of contracts. In response, the Ministry of Highway and Public Works says it made price-related remedies and submitted a report to the Finance Ministry. The latter did not endorse the report.

### Calling for compensation

Abu Bakr Al-Aqeeli, the general manager of Abu Bakr Foundation for Contracting and Engineering Consultancy, said that his company sustained huge losses because of disruptions of his contracted work.

He said many of his projects stopped even prior to the events of the revolution due to problems obtaining raw materials, namely asphalt. The only place to find asphalt was from state-controlled Aden Refineries, which became increasingly expensive as the revolution evolved. According to Al-Aqeeli, a ton of asphalt used to cost YR 126,000. However, as soon as civil unrest started, the cost soared to YR 186,000. Although the refineries were state controlled, the Ministry of Public Works and Highways took no remedial actions to protect businesses or buffer the price rise.

The contractors were not without problems, even prior to the breakout of last year's revolution. Over the years, they have endured several crises related to a rise in cement prices. Yet the uprising against former President Ali Abdullah Saleh brought everything to a halt following the announcement of a state of emergency on March 18, 2011.

"Once the revolution started and a state of emergency was declared, Aden Refineries stopped all operations, leading to an immediate halt in road-related projects. From this point onwards, we went through a crisis, as the Ministry of Public Works and Highways refused to honor any of our financial agreements. With a lack of funds, we were simply forced to stop working," said Al-Aqeeli.



This is one of the many road projects across the country that was never finished. During the political instability of the revolution, laborers lost jobs as contractors struggled to continue.

According to him, the contracting and construction sector is one of the most important in the country. The halting of such projects results in an immediate rise in unemployment, he said, adding that he, at one time recruited as many as 200 workers. Now almost all of them are unemployed, searching for work.

Al-Aqeeli said he will not renew work unless the price fluctuations for materials are better regulated by the Ministry of Public Works and Highways.

"How can we take responsibility for projects when we are unable to guarantee completion?" he asked. Due to the revolution, the price of cement went up from YR 1,000 to YR 1,500, along with an increase in the price of steel and labor.

"We need the ministry to compensate us and reword the contracts so that it keeps with our condition today, not based on the terms of our previous contracts."

He said that contractors suggested three main actions to be taken by the ministry. Firstly, they terminate all previous projects and start announcing new contracts that people can bid fairly on. Secondly, the contractors want the ministry to pay the contractors their dues, and finally, they demand, they compensate them for losses.

Al-Aqeeli said he hopes the ministry will work towards improving the treatment of contractors and pay them their financial dues without further delay.

He called on senior officials at the ministry to regulate prices of raw materials at local markets. He says without stabilizing these costs, it will be difficult for contractors to start working again.

"Even if we resume our works again, we fear that prices could suddenly rise. With dealers remaining unregulated, everyone sells at a different price, causing market instability," he said. "We want the government to control the price and punish the violators."

He also demanded the Ministry of Public Works and Highways form a supervising committees headed by eligible professional engineers who are capable of urgently dealing with the problems at hand and kick-starting the industry.

### The absence of the state

The problems faced by contractors are not limited to price fluctuations

and disagreements with the Ministry of Public Works and Highways. Some contractors encounter problems with local populations.

Ali Shawqa, a contractor based in Sana'a, said he has been unable to finish his project in Khawlan Al-Tial because of disputes with tribes in the area. Due to the lack of adequate security, he has been forced to conclude his project early.

The problem started when some residents in Khawlan objected to the road planning. Landowners felt unsatisfied with the compensation they were provided. However, with the government unable to pay the contract due to political instability, Ali Shawqa was unable to increase the landowners' compensation.

Speaking about the event, Shawqa said he was often shot at by local tribes. This occasionally led him to pay some tribesmen from his village to protect his equipment and men. Instead of the government absorbing this financial burden, it was placed on him.

According to Shawqa, in certain districts the presence of state security is massively lacking, which forces people to turn to tribes for protection instead of the state.

Another contractor, Al-Jawfi, says the incompleteness of many road projects is because of the fact that the Ministry of Public Works and Highways is stuck in the middle and failing to perform its job. They are unable to negotiate with the government to clarify and understand the reasons behind the termination of projects and unable to negotiate with contractors in order to remedy material price rises in the construction sector.

He noted that the ministry is simply aiming to evade its responsibilities, passing liability to contractors who are enduring losses every day. The ministry is absolutely accountable for the continuity of our problems and the road project issue, he said.

He went on to say, "The Ministry of Public Works and Highways may not be the sole reason behind the halt of road projects, but it is responsible because it has not taken action to resolve the contractors pending problems. It hasn't even made plans to resume major projects. As the ministry, it is responsible for determining the problems and obstacles that prevent the continuation of projects. Then it can put forward a full-scale plan

to complete these outstanding projects."

### The Finance Ministry is responsible

Talking about the losses that the road construction sector was exposed to, engineer Abdulwahab Yahya Al-Hakim, the deputy minister of the Ministry of Public Works and Highways said more than 100,000 workers lost their jobs because dozens of companies terminated their operations.

Al-Hakim pointed out that the Minister of Public Works and Highways, Omar Al-Kurshimi, presented a list of suggestions in December of 2011 to the reconciliation government, which contained urgent remedies to cope with the situation that emerged following the revolution.

He indicated that in February 2012, the Cabinet assigned a committee to study road sector related problems. They produced an analysis of the current issues and a vision to resolve disputes relating to material price rises, which was presented to the Finance Minister, Sahr Al-Wajeeh.

"The minister had reservations about the report of the committee, saying he wanted to remedy the price rise of diesel and asphalt only. Thus, disagreements between the Ministry of Public Works and Highways and the Finance Ministry arose," he said.

Al-Hakim noted that negotiations between the two ministries still continue, indicating the finance minister promised to study the issue further. Al-Hakim said when the two ministries reach an agreement, road construction projects will resume.

He asserted that the Ministry of Public Works and Highways paid all funds due to the contractors and the ministry owes no more money.

"There were further problems between the Finance Ministry and the contractors over financial dues. However, the ministry is striving to resolve these issues as quickly as possible," he said.

Regarding the ministry's inability to make decisions, Al-Hakim said the Ministry of Public Works and Highways does its best to right past wrongs, but it cannot oppose the government or the Finance Ministry. He concluded the relationship between the two ministries should be built on mutual respect and understanding.

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# Liquid pot of gold, Yemen's honey trade

Story and photos by Ashraf Al-Muraqab

**D**ue to low start-up costs and a high processing rate, honey production in Yemen is rapidly becoming one of the fastest ways to make money.

Abdulmalik Al-Nour, a university graduate, said, "Beekeeping has become a quick way to tackle the poverty and unemployment problems that I encountered after I graduated in 2008. Now all I have to do is work for three months as a beekeeper, and I produce enough honey to easily sell it in markets."

Al-Nour, who has been working

as a beekeeper for four years and has four shops selling his produce, said that Yemeni honey is possibly the most famous products in the world. Business is going so well he is now the principle breadwinner for his family.

"This business is guaranteed and profitable. It doesn't require large amounts of capital. All that is needed is a beehive bought from a farmer. We care for the beehive until it is rich with honey. The honey is then taken out and sold in the local Yemeni market."

Al-Nour is not the only one who has overcome unemployment through the honey trade. A number of women are entering the rewarding business as well.

Najwa Mohammed, a mother in her fifties, resorted to beekeeping in order to eke out a living for herself and her seven children.

"The honey I have been producing has helped to provide me with the majority of my income for years. I deal with celebrated honey traders who compete to buy the honey I offer because of its quality," she said.

According to Mohammed Bashuaeb, a Yemeni honey trader, Yemeni honey is noted for its high quality due to the type of bees used as well as the variety of pastures. The diversity of hot and cold areas where it is produced, gives Yemeni honey a unique and highly-prized



Yemen is gaining a global reputation for the diversity of its honey products. Sidr is typically the most expensive variety but it also considered the best quality.

flavor.

He said beekeepers in Yemen do not remove the royal jelly from the beehives like beekeepers in other countries, which makes the honey rich in nutritional value.

To foster business development, many banks and organizations such as the United Nations Development Fund have launch programs to support Yemeni beekeepers.

Al-Nour said there are many types of Yemeni honey, the most important of which is Al-Jardani. One kilogram of this honey is sold for up to \$100. However, prices vary with one kilogram of Al-Sidr honey selling for \$60 and other types being sold for as little as \$25.

He called on the government to

care more about Yemen's burgeoning honey industry by increasing marketing activities and supporting beekeepers with training courses to improve the production process. Al-Nour said that the honey business can contribute to decreasing unemployment and increasing the country's national income.

In 2003, the Yemeni government approved honey as one of the strategic products in the country aimed at increasing exports.

For his part, Rashad Al-Bahrami, an owner of a honey center, said, "Though there are different types of Yemeni honey, they are all very good quality. Sidr is the most expensive kind of honey in Yemen and the best in quality. It has a great value in

curing many kinds of diseases such as coughing, anemia, asthma, stomach and colon ulcers. People resort to this kind of honey as a medicine because it is free of any artificial additives."

Moqbel Shubaita, another owner of a honey center said that natural honey can be recognized by its smell, color and taste. Each type has different taste. Sidr is very sweet and therefore known as the fruit of honey. Al-Sal is another type of honey and is known for its slightly spicy taste, similar to black pepper. It makes the body warm so it's used to heal chest ailments.

Speaking about honey's medicinal qualities, Shubaita said that each type of honey is used to treat certain

types of diseases. Al-Silm, for example, is known as the diabetics' honey, as it contains a high proportion of fructose, which does not cause high blood sugar and also activates the pancreas to produce insulin.

The Ministry of Agriculture's official statistics indicate that Yemen's production of honey during the three past years has increased to 5,000 tons a year and an annual revenue of YR13 billion (\$80 million).

According to information given by the ministry, the number of bee cells in Yemen is now more than 1,280,000. Honey production between 2010 and 2011 increased by 15,697 kilograms.

## Honey marketing

Sidr production starts in mid-September and goes through the beginning of November. Al-Nour said that beekeepers collect honey using the traditional way by keeping the honeycomb inside a glass container and then putting it in sunlight for 12 hours so that the honey can escape and be captured.

The statistics of the Agriculture Ministry pointed out that Gulf markets import the great quantities of Yemeni honey at 500 tons each year. This is estimated to produce \$13 million and experts say the market is ripe for expansion.

Doctor Mohammed Al-Qoa'ari, an economics expert and head of the New Media Center, said that these statistics could be higher due to a lack of established exporting methods and the market's dependence on foreigners to bring honey abroad.

He added that the amount of Yemeni honey produced is still under the required level to become a substantial source of income for the country. However, he said honey is one of the cash crops that could become a major revenue source in Yemen.

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# Controversial bill outlines plan for future ban of qat

Story and photos by  
Ahmed Dawood

“**T**reating Qat Disadvantages,” a recent bill that is aimed at curbing the widespread use of qat in Yemen, was submitted to Parliament on Monday. Like the green leaf itself,

the proposed legislation created controversy among members. Some parliamentarians advocated for such measures, while others openly criticized it.

The supporters of the bill say that the elimination of qat is necessary for the development of the nation and requires the cooperation of everyone. However, opponents say that discussing the qat issue at

present is futile as the country is passing through economic and political problems that are much more important.

Presented to the House of Representatives three years ago by Dr. Saeed Ghanim, the head of Health and Population Committee, “Treating Qat Disadvantages” was recently referred to the Constitutional Committee.



Farms like this one in Al-Sohman area previously grew a variety of crops but now specifically produce Qat.



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Oxfam, an international NGO working with others to find lasting solutions to poverty and suffering, has been working in Yemen since 1983. Oxfam announces the following vacancies for its development program in Hodeidah

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Location: Hodeida  
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**Public Health Engineer Officer (1 position)**  
Location: Hodeida  
Contract Duration: 10 Months

### The Role

You will be working closely with Public Health Engineer Supervisor to assist in identifying, designing and constructing water and sanitation facilities that meet community needs. Moreover, you will lead on technical verification; supervise work provided by local contractors, masons, carpenters, skilled and unskilled labors within the community and follow up the distribution of construction materials. You will also conduct assessment into rural areas and provide timely assessment report and support in implementation of program impact/process monitoring systems.

### What we're looking for

We are looking for someone who is qualified in civil, water and sanitation related discipline with practical experience; able manage activities at field level; undertake assessment and analyze results. You will have influential communication skills in both Arabic and English, and your ability to gain confidence, trust, and respect of everyone around you. Additional experience in working with emergency relief will be an advantage.

**Water Quality Officer (1 position)**  
Location: Hodeida  
Contract Duration: 10 Months

Under the supervision of PH Engineer supervisor the Water Quality Officer will be responsible for managing water quality testing, monitoring and sanitary inspection activities as per the guidelines and standards. Train staff and volunteers on use of water testing kits and on how to undertake sanitary inspection of water sources and develop tools.

### What we're looking for

We are looking for someone who is qualified in water, civil, environmental science or hydrogeology from a recognized institution. At least two years hands on experience in rural water setting with ability to train and implement planned activities. Working knowledge of participatory Hygiene and sanitation training and understanding of community based water management will be an added advantage.

### To apply:

If you believe that you have the qualifications and skills to excel in either of these positions, please send a copy of your CV and a cover letter, clearly stating the job you are applying for, to [yemenjobs@oxfam.org.uk](mailto:yemenjobs@oxfam.org.uk)

Closing date for applications is 24<sup>th</sup> December 2012

### Gradual treatments

Dr. Ghanim, the one who proposed the draft in cooperation with other members of the Health and Population Committee, said it aims to reduce the consumption of qat over a 21-year period, until it is eventually eliminated.

He added, “The draft doesn't require the government to stop people from farming or chewing qat immediately. The proposed plan involves several gradual steps that will lead to a reduction in qat consumption.”

The first step involves increasing government encouragement of farmers and consumers to voluntarily quit planting and chewing. In return, the government will support farmers who quit planting qat by helping them replace it with other sustainable, agricultural crops.

“Qat farmers will be compensated. The ones who remove qat trees will gain financial support, with the government providing the farmers with seedlings to be planted,” the doctor said.

Ghanim said these steps will provide a support system for qat farmers that prevents them from suffering as they adjust their crops.

### Qat is a catastrophe

Members views of the draft differed drastically throughout Monday's session.

Abdulaziz Jubari was curious to know who would oppose such a draft, indicating that qat has destroyed the economy, impacted social relations negatively and contributed to water depletion.

“Everyone knows the damage and problems caused by qat. Qat creates an economic and environmental problem. The bulk of Yemen's problems are because of it,” he said.

Jubari affirmed that the draft doesn't stipulate the absolute re-

moval of qat from Yemen, and it will not ban qat chewing, it just lays the groundwork to slowly eliminate qat's influence over time.

Jubari said that the problems of qat aren't just with the effects of chewing. Increasingly, poisonous pesticides are used to increase the speed of the growing process. This is one of the reasons behind many health problems that are associated with cancerous diseases and inflammations.

Sinan Al-Aji, another member of Parliament agreed with Jubari. He said, “Qat is a catastrophe. It is categorized as an illegal narcotic in many countries throughout the world, and Yemen should be the same. We ought to eliminate this pernicious tree.”

He went on, “This evil should be combated through all possible avenues. Today, we cry out for such bills. Qat has damaged our life, and cost the country huge financial losses.”

Medical reports prove the detrimental impact of qat, Al-Aji said.

“It is clear that qat disfigures Yemenis and has a negative influence on their bodies and health.”

### Green gold

Throughout the course of Monday's session, the conversation between parliamentarians became increasingly heated. Judge Ahmed Abdulrazaq Al-Raqihi, a Parliament member, was among those opposing the proposed bill.

“Raising this topic at this particular time is wrong,” he said.

“How could anyone think about the qat issue while the country is caught in [other] serious problems. Is this issue their priority? Shouldn't the priority be given the electricity problems, checkpoints, security imbalance or is qat more important?”

For his part, Abdulrahman Al-Mahbashi, another member, called on Parliament to turn down the draft. He said, “Such a draft will spark a community crisis and hurt the reconciliatory efforts in the country.”

Mohammed Qawara, another Parliament member, said, “At a time when Al-Qaeda militants storm the oil pipes in Marib, the Health and Population Committee at Parliament calls for the elimination of qat, the green gold.”

Many economists assert that the size of the areas used for planting qat has increased massively in the last years. Furthermore, good crops such as grape and coffee have been increasingly replaced with qat.

Ahmed Saeed Shamakh, an economist, said a lot of Yemenis who used to work in agriculture, grazing animals or beekeeping have adopted qat planting in order to get quick profits. It has become the choice crop of many large landowners.

He noted Yemenis spend approximately \$6 billion a year on qat in addition to the sums spent by the government on treating the health issues caused by qat such as cancer, kidney failure, psychological and neurological diseases, ulcer, depression, stress and sleeplessness.

Yemen is considered one of the courtiers that has poor water resources. In a 2010 study conducted by the Public Authority of Water resources, it was revealed that 48 percent of Yemen's agricultural water goes towards growing qat.

According to the study, there are around 5000 artesian wells in Bani Hushaish in Sana'a governorate. The wells were dug randomly in order to irrigate qat and grape crops. Locals in Bani Hushaish utilize traditional irrigation instead of using the modern tools for irrigation, said the study.

## Local boys spend Human Rights Day in the pool



### Yemen Times Staff

In honor of World Human Rights Day on Tuesday, the U.N. Information Center organized a friendly swimming competition for young boys ages 10-17. The races took place at the Police Officer's Club where participants took home gold, silver and bronze medals in various events. The swim competition was one the many ways Sana'a marked the historical day.









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## TOEFL certificates more important than degrees?

Story by Amira Nasser  
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Obtaining the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) certificate has become an essential pre-requisite for Yemeni youth in their academic journey. A lot of them strive to attain the TOEFL certificate due to the value attributed to it in both the public and private sector.

Hakeem Najm, a 25-year-old graduate from the Mass Communication College at Sana'a University, is currently studying towards gaining a TOEFL certificate. He said the TOEFL is universally accepted, and has become a major employment requirement. He feels that so much emphasis is placed on the certificate that it has become equal to a university degree.

"Any university student majoring in English is ordered to present their TOEFL certificate when they apply for a job."

Najm expressed his discontent that employment criteria is increasingly based on exams and papers, not skills and knowledge. However he praised the TOEFL for its unique approach to studying.

"TOEFL helps to build the knowledge of the students organically because the students are not simply receivers of information. They are the source of the information. This makes the TOEFL certificate



Students consider obtaining TOEFL an important step to better jobs and opportunities

different from many other credentials."

"I think the certificate has boosted my confidence to utilize language skills and use the English language in a variety of different fields," said Najm.

Hyam Al-Maqtari, a 26 year-old sociologist who holds a TOEFL cer-

tificate, said obtaining TOEFL requires a lot of effort and money. He added that a knowledge of English is extremely important to enter the labor market. Holding a TOEFL makes you stand out amongst other applications when applying for work or scholarships.

Al-Maqtari added that once she

obtained a TOEFL, her life completely changed. She immediately had many job offers, was accepted as an English teacher in multiple language institutes, and obtained internships that sent her to the United States and Sweden.

"The TOEFL certificate is a gateway to facilitating access to differ-

ent work opportunities," said Al-Maqtari.

Lila Saeed, an 18 year-old student, stated that TOEFL is an indicator that the person has an excellent grasp of the English language. It is proof that someone can continue working without confronting obstacles caused by the lack of

English.

Saeed said that as much as the General Secondary Certificate is an indicator of literacy, TOEFL provides evidence that its holder is able to use the language academically.

Najla Yahiya, a 28 year-old human resources official in a private company in Sana'a, spoke about major employment criteria, saying the TOEFL certificate is a good indication that the applicant is capable of using English.

"If there are two applicants, one with a bachelor's degree in English and the other with a TOEFL certificate. The priority is given to the latter," she said.

Akrm Mubark, the coordinator of public relations and student affairs at the American institute in Sana'a, said the institute deals with more than 50 government bodies and other private bodies that push employees to study towards obtaining a TOEFL certificate.

He said 60 students a month are sent from the American institute to certified centers to sit the final TOEFL test.

"In this semester, there are about 3500 TOEFL applicants, just like every semester. However, their certificates are unacceptable unless they score over 500."

He concluded by saying that reaching such a level guarantees that students are capable of using the language in an appropriate and professional way.



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Every year The Yemen Times selects a person whom we recognize as being constructively active during 2011 for the benefit of Yemen. This person does not have to be a prominent figure, it could be a simple man or woman who gave to his community and helped development on a local or a national scale. The Yemen Times Person of the Year needs to have a good reputation and respect of the community. Help us decide.. Cast your nomination to [ytreaders.view@gmail.com](mailto:ytreaders.view@gmail.com) telling us whom you have chosen and why. Don't forget to tell us about how you came to know this person and your contacts so that we reach you to know more. Don't forget, this is your contribution and recognition of this person. Last date to send nominees is Manday Dec. 31, 2012.

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