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Two al-Qaeda suspects held by Germans

We want them!

BY REUTERS
 AND YEMEN TIMES STAFF
 BERLIN - German officials, acting on the request of the United States, have arrested two Yemeni citizens suspected of having links to al Qaeda network.
 But both Yemen and the U.S. are asking Germany to hand over the pair.
 "They are linked in a more general way with supporting al Qaeda, but not directly with September 11," an unidentified German official told Reuters on Friday.

Islah reaction: See page 3
 "One of them seems to be a bigger shot." A German anti-terrorism official identified those arrested as Sheikh Mohammed Ali Hassan al-Mouyad and Mohammed Mohsen Yahya Zayed.
 A U.S. official in Washington called Mohammed Ali Hassan a "significant figure".
 "He's a fundraiser for al Qaeda. He's not a top-tier guy and he's certainly not bin

Laden's finance guy. But he is a significant fundraiser for al Qaeda," a U.S. official said on condition of anonymity.
 There was no information available on the other suspect.
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Sheikh Mohammed Ali Hassan al-Mouyad



War countdown?
 A U.S. serviceman mans an M2 50 cal. machine-gun mounted on the deck of the USS Mount Whitney. The Mount Whitney is the U.S. Navy's most sophisticated command ship and is serving as a base for U.S. forces in the Horn of Africa. A U.S. task force is in the region to hunt down any extremists operating in Yemen, plus Djibouti, Ethiopia, Eritrea, Kenya, Sudan and Somalia. It's part of a massive American military buildup in the Middle East now estimated at 100,000 troops as potential war with Iraq looms.
 REUTERS/Antony Njuguna

Top stories of 2002

'Terror' is #1

BY JAMIL ABDUL KARIM
 AND MOHAMMED AL-QADI
 YEMEN TIMES STAFF
 The uphill battle against terrorism in Yemen has been voted the top news story of 2002 by editors and writers of the Yemen Times.

While much of the world fought its own battles in the global war on terrorism, 2002 was a year that saw an unprecedented number of bombings, murders and assassinations within Yemen's borders.
 Related to this multi-faceted story, a new warm political relationship between the United States and Yemen was named the

year's second most significant story. Civil strife leading up to Yemen's 2003 elections was chosen by the Times as the third biggest story of the year.
 The newspaper's editorial staff agreed unanimously that terrorism grabbed the most significant headlines in the past 12 months.
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Investigations into year-end killings continue

New fight on terror

BY YEMEN TIMES STAFF
The Yemeni government announced this week it has plans to take its war on terror to a new level.

Authorities are studying a large-scale plan to fight terrorism, following the increase of acts of violence in Yemen.

This comes following the killing of three American aid workers and the second ranking official in the Yemeni opposition socialist party Jarallah Omar by extremists.

Sources said last week that over 53 Islamists were arrested including students from Al-Eman university whose names were mentioned while interrogating Ali Jarallah and Abed Al-Kamil. The two murderers admitted they were planning to carry out other terrorist operations.

Security sources explained that this new plan states an "increase in the level of cooperation and coordination between the Yemeni security departments and the armed forces in order to fight terrorism and "reinforce security measures around embassies and monitoring foreigners who live in the country."

The ministry of the interior "is to take strong measures aiming at closing shops for selling weapons and explosives and preventing launching gun-fire in cities and during weddings and celebrations."

Yemeni official reports indicate that more than 50 million weapons exist in Yemen. However, the special law concerning owning weapons, submitted by the government to the parliament is strongly opposed by certain tribal figures.

On New Years Day, Yemeni President

Ali Abdullah Saleh called on Yemeni security departments to arrest all persons responsible for acts of violence.

He called on the security forces to double their efforts and take all necessary measures to chase every one with links to these committed criminal acts and bringing those who violate security before the justice.

Meanwhile investigations into the assassination of and the killing of the three US aid workers are still going on.

In response to the YSP demand for thorough investigation into the assassination of their leader, the Prosecution returned the case file into the Criminal Investigation Authority for further investigation.

A YSP leader told the Yemen Times that the prosecution demanded further and thorough investigation into the case. The YSP Secretary General, Saleh Ubad, sent a message to the attorney general, Dr. Abdullah al-Ulofi January 6 demanding further investigation and protection of YSP leaders whom he said are becoming a target of an organized series of assassination campaigns.

The YSP earlier denounced the process of the investigation and said it was not thorough, setting up 15 demands of its own relating to the murder investigation.

It demanded investigation into the dialogue between the killer and the chief of intelligence when the murderer was in prison concerning his plan to assassinate Jarallah Omar and the US workers.

A government official denied such allegations Wednesday and described them as baseless.

The YSP has recently set up a five-member committee headed by Dr. Mohammed al-Mikhlaifi to follow up the investigation results with the security.

The party complained earlier that it was denied access to probe into the investigation results.

The Islah party demanded January 6 a comprehensive investigation into the case, disclosing to the public the results of the investigation and the assassin's compliance.

It also called its members to prioritize human rights defence and adopt the culture of dialogue and tolerance.

It has also set up a similar committee headed by MP Mohammed Naji Allow to the investigations. The two committees of the two parties are expected to work together.

President Saleh welcomed the participation of the opposition parties in the investigation.

However, they harshly criticized the investigation these parties conducted with the killer at the house of sheikh Abdullah Al-Ahmar and described it as a constitutional infringement.

He lashed out against what he called a YSP leader's ill intention when questioning the murderer's, trying to influence him to convince the security authorities were behind the assassination plan.

Saleh also criticized some Islah leaders who said in press releases they testified that Omar is a man of religion and used to pray. He said sarcastically that such people make themselves a link between God and people. He said a mistaken religious mobilization was responsible for the assassination of the socialist leader.

Called a U.S. government 'fumble' Money transfer charges dropped

BY YEMEN TIMES NEWS SERVICES

DETROIT, USA - Federal officials dropped criminal complaints against six men accused of illegally sending as much as \$50 million a year to Yemen, but they said the investigation was continuing.

Jim Dinkins, assistant agent in charge of the Customs Service probe, said new charges were expected "in the near future."

The six men were arrested last month and accused of violating the Patriot Act of 2001 after federal agents seized records, computers and more than \$200,000 from bank accounts during raids of businesses and homes thought to be part of illegal money transfer operations.

"Volumes of evidence was obtained at the original arrests," which investigators are using to revise their claims against the men, Dinkins told the Detroit Free Press for Wednesday's editions.

After a nine-month investigation, raids conducted Dec. 18 in Dearborn and Detroit resulted in charges against six

men: Gamil Manea Ahmed Al-Najar, 26; David Nasser Ali, 40; Foad Hussain Mohammad, 25; Mohammad Aidaros Abdulla, 62; Abdulla Hassan Mohamed, 31; and Hussein Ahmed Mohamed, 65. They were later released on \$10,000 unsecured bonds.

The arrests had been announced the same day as five brothers, including one who was already in custody, were charged in Dallas with laundering money and selling computer equipment to Syria and Libya. Arraignment for at least four of the brothers was scheduled for Friday.

Arab-American activists defended the transfers as a decades-old practice common in immigrant communities of sending money home to poor relatives. They said the prosecution reflects overzealous efforts to target Arab immigrants.

The dismissal of the charges is "basically another fumble by the government," Nabih Ayad, an attorney who often represents Arab nationals and Arab Americans in criminal matters, told The Detroit News.

Yemeni accused of aiding illegal entries

BY YEMEN TIMES NEWS SERVICES

OHIO, USA - A U.S. federal magistrate has ordered an American businessman from Ohio held without bond after prosecutors said a search warrant turned up records showing he tried to bring 25 Yemeni businessmen into the United States for improper reasons.

Ali Kareem Aladimi, now a U.S. citizen, was born in Yemen.

"Assisting other people in entering this country illegally is troubling, especially in light of the current situation," said U.S. Magistrate Timothy Hogan.

There was no mention of any link to terrorist activities during a bond hearing this week. Aladimi is suspected of using aliases and trying to move large amounts of cash and people under suspicious circumstances.

Aladimi has lived in the United States for nearly 20 years. He and his U.S.-born

wife have six children. The government previously seized \$784,000 from their home in Beavercreek, Ohio.

Aladimi, 41, is already under federal indictment in California, accused of taking part in a conspiracy to distribute an over-the-counter drug used in illegal labs. He was free on \$400,000 bond until his arrest last week.

A federal warrant accuses him of transporting stolen merchandise in interstate commerce. Authorities said they found stolen baby food loaded aboard a stolen trailer at Aladimi's warehousing company in West Chester.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Amul Thapar said Monday the government has found nothing that shows Aladimi intended the 25 Yemenis to work for his business.

His lawyer, Janet Kravitz, argued that the Yemenis were artisans skilled in making stained-glass windows.

Yemen man helped al-Qaeda

BY YEMEN TIMES NEWS SERVICES

One of six Yemeni-American men accused by U.S. authorities of belonging to a terrorist sleeper cell has pleaded guilty to providing funds, goods and services to Osama bin Laden's al-Qaeda.

The man, 26-year-old Faysal Galab, who admitted attending a terrorist training camp in Afghanistan, has agreed to cooperate in the ongoing investigation of his five companions and other U.S. terrorism probes.

Galab entered his guilty plea before a judge in Buffalo, New York. In a statement, he admitted taking weapons training at the al-Qaida camp. He said terrorist leader Osama bin Laden visited the camp

and said 50 men were on a mission to attack America.

Galab and the five others were arrested near Buffalo late last year and accused of conspiring to provide material support and resources for a foreign terrorist organization. All six initially said they were not guilty of the charge.

The criminal case against the six Yemeni-Americans was originally based on statements by two of the other defendants who allegedly admitted visiting the al-Qaeda camp in Afghanistan and seeing the other four men there. The six have not been charged in connection with the September 11 terrorist attacks against the United States, which Washington blames on al-Qaida.

Minister of Information to students of the College of Information:

"Technology is everything in Media"

BASSAM JAMEEL AL-SAQFAT
YEMEN TIMES STAFF

Under the title, "Specialized Journalism in Yemen...Present & Future", the College of Information organized last Wednesday a seminar about various aspects of specialized journalism. Mr. Hussain Al-Awadhi Minister of Information attended the seminar and delivered a speech in the inauguration ceremony about the dimensions of media in Yemen and the problems facing it. He said: "The current era is that of specialized journalism, and today there is no place for a general journalist. Technology is everything in media, and professionalism is directly linked to technology because those who have higher and more advanced technology skills can cover a wider range of readers and can surpass others. And this is what is termed as 'media globalization'."

He confessed that the present government has suffered tremendously from the September 11th attack and its implications on its plans and strategies. About freedom of the press he commented: "We cover the activities of opposition parties with complete transparency. For example, we have openly broadcast the declaration of the Islah opposition party in which it accuses the official media of lying." And he also said that taking some chief editors to court instead of suspending them or closing their newspapers directly is a good practice of democracy, and is a measure of the freedom of press because it allows the judicial system to do its job.

He also said that the Yemeni media has moved into a construction and development phase and he pointed to

the Information Ministry's plan to establish media centers in Aden, Hodeida and Hadramout, plus others in Jordan and Egypt in the near future. He also said that the National Channel's broadcast would cover Paris, London, Eastern Europe and Eastern Asia. And that the final touches are applied to inaugurate the Youth Broadcast Channel One in Sana'a and Two in Hodeida. He also mentioned the technological development in Saba News Agency and in the governmental newspapers and the cultural, economic and political supplements published by the agency. He also pointed at the printing press project of Al-Thawra that would print 50,000 copies per hour.

About the obstacles that face the Yemeni media he said that the media's vague policy and its moody decisions do not leave space to steady development or improvement and that a lot should be done in this regard.

In his conclusion, he prom-

ised to renew the tennis court in the College of Information and to reduce the costs of graduation projects by 50%. He also advised students to work hard and to be brave in facing the real world.

The seminar was attended by Mr. Hussain Ba Saleem Deputy Minister of Information, Dr. Ahmed Aqabat, Dean of the College of Information, Abdulrahman Baggash Editing Secretary of Al-Thawra newspaper, Mohammed Saeed Salem, Information General Manager at the Ministry of Youth and Sports, Dr. Mohammed Al-Sameeri Public Relations Professor at the Sanaa University and a large number of teachers and students.



Readers' Voice

Yemen Times is reintroducing a popular feature "Readers' Voice" - formerly known as YT Opinion Poll. This is your opportunity to have a say on world and local affairs.

This week's question:

Do you think that arresting 60-year old Sheikh Mohammed al-Mouayad is an indicator of U.S. frustration?

Last week's question:

The illegal carrying and use of weapons in Yemen is one of the main factors in terrorist attacks. Why do you think the authorities have failed to limit this phenomenon?

Answers:

- Because it doesn't have enough resources and power to do so.(%29)
- Because of the tribal culture of the Yemeni society.(%42)
- Because it does not believe in the need to do so.(%22)
- I simply don't know why!(%6)

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Munir Daair speaks on Cathodic protection

BY YEMEN TIMES STAFF

Dome Trading and Contracting Company, Yemen, part of the Dome International group, in association with the Oman based Amran Establishment, held a one day seminar for engineers and technicians from Yemen Hunt Oil Company and the Ministry of Oil and Mineral Resources titled "Introduction to Corrosion and Cathodic Protection". The seminar was held at the offices of Dome in Hadda, Sana'a.

Opening the session, Munir Daair, a Director of Dome, stressed the importance of Cathodic Protection in ensuring that assets continue to function in the way they are intended, thus protecting investments and avoiding unnecessary equipment downtime and in some cases loss of human life.

He indicated that Dome, in association with Amran, are well positioned to cater for the needs of oil, marine and various other industries in Yemen, both in terms of procurement and installation, and carrying out regular maintenance of existing Cathodic Protection systems.



To activate Sanaa's recommendations for the Arab Human Rights Charter HRITC organizes seminar in Cairo

In order to activate the amendment recommendations for the Arab Human Rights Charter, the Human Rights Information and Training Center (HRITC) will be organizing a seminar in Cairo to activate the recommendations that were reached during the seminar held in Sanaa and organized by HRITC in cooperation with Konrad-Adenauer Foundation last month.

The planned seminar will discuss amendments to the charter by proposing recommendations set with the efforts of seventy Arab experts in human rights in Sanaa. The seminar will be held during 18-17 January of this month and organized by HRITC in cooperation with the Arab Program for Human Rights Activists and Konrad-Adenauer Foundation. The Sanaa seminar had called upon all

parties to work closely to follow-up the presented recommendations to modernize the charter and agreed to let the HRITC carry the responsibility as a regional NGO in this regard.

Mr. Izzeddin Al-Asbahi, the Chairman of the HRITC said that the center has fulfilled its role by putting all the different proposals and suggestions together and came up with a complete statement of recommendations. He said that he sent the recommendations on behalf of all participants in the seminar to the General Secretary of the Arab League Amr Musa to be discussed in the framework of the Arab League.

"This seminar is to be organized in Cairo in order to meet with officials and representatives at the Arab League with the participation of Arab experts from

Yemen, Morocco, Tunisia, Algeria, Jordan, Palestine, Sudan, Lebanon, and of course Egypt."

It is worth noting that the seminar held by HRITC in Sanaa during 21-22 December 2002 was attended by Mr. Mahmoud Rashid, who was present as the representative of Mr. Amr Musa, who is also the Head of the Human Rights Circle of the Arab League. Mr. Rasid emphasized on the interest of the Arab league in the presented recommendations so as to enhance the Arab Human Rights Charter to meet with global changes and to cope with the new era.

The seminar held in Sanaa was attended by seventy experts from 24 countries and was hence considered among the most important Arab meetings on human rights.

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We want them!

Germany is expecting an extradition request from the United States, a German Justice Ministry spokesman said.

Yemen asked Germany to hand over the suspects it said were seized in Frankfurt for questioning in Sanaa. The official Saba news agency quoted a Foreign Ministry official as saying that the U.S. embassy in Sanaa had asked Yemeni authorities to allow it to take custody of the suspects.

"Yemen requests the government of the Federal Republic of Germany to hand the Yemeni citizens to her and not to any other party. The concerned Yemeni authorities will interrogate them on the charges attributed to them," Saba quoted the official as saying in a statement.

It said Yemen would put the suspects on trial if the United States provided evidence deemed by Yemen to be sufficient to incriminate them in court.

Germany was an important launch pad for the September 11, 2001, hijacked airliner attacks on the United States blamed on al Qaeda.

Three of the four pilots lived in the northern port city of Hamburg in the 1990s.

The first September 11 trial is under way in Hamburg against a suspected co-plotter, Moroccan student Mounir El Motassadeq.

Outside of the situation of the pair held in Germany, relations between Yemen and the U.S. continue to be warm.

This week the U.S. embassy announced that Yemeni security officers will be trained in the United States to improve counterterrorism efforts in their homeland.

In a statement posted on the embassy Web site Wednesday, it said the Defense Department would train as many as nine Yemeni officers.

One would be sent to the Army War College in Carlisle, Pa., while between four and eight officers from Yemen's military intelligence would study English at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas, the statement said.

It was not clear when the officers would travel to America or how long the training would last.

Condolences for Jibla victims

U.S. Ambassador to Yemen, Edmund Hull, has received condolences from a number of Yemeni officials over the killing of American aid workers in Jibla Dec. 30.

Messages came in a personal visit to the ambassador from the Political Director of the General Peoples Congress on Jan. 6 and from the General Secretary and Political Director of the Islah Party on Jan. 7.

On behalf of their parties, the visi-

tors expressed their deep sympathies for the victims.

Ambassador Hull thanked the officials for their remarks and stressed that the United States remains committed to work with Yemeni government in eradicating violence and terror.

The U.S. embassy has also received numerous letters of condolence for the victims and their families from organizations working in Yemen.

UN to help more with reproductive health

Dr. Thoria Ahmed Obaid, executive manager for the UN Population Fund, confirmed that as one of the world's least developed countries, Yemen will continue to get support to deal with its population and health issues.

Ms Obaid pointed out in the press conference held in Sana'a on Jan. 8 that she found tangible improvement in population issues in Yemen through the population policy that Yemeni gov-

ernment has adopted.

She confirmed that the current program (2002-2006) for funding in Yemen for reproductive health program will be used for improving services for the people in remote areas, supporting woman issues, working with statistics bodies in the next population census in 2004 and helping bring population issues into the educational curricula.

Islah denies al-Mouyad links with al-Qaeda

BY MOHAMMED H. AL-QADHI
YEMEN TIMES STAFF

Meanwhile, a leading member of the Islah party denounced the arrest of the party's members in Germany.

The leading member, requested not to be identified, told The Yemen Times that Mohammed Ali Hassan al-Mouyad and Saeed Mohammed Mohsen do not have any sort of connection with al-Qaeda.

A Yemeni source said that if the US has any evidence of the involvement of the two in any terrorist acts, they should be presented to the Yemeni authorities.

The source pointed out that Yemen's constitution forbids the extradition of any Yemeni citizen to any country.

He expressed anticipation that the German government will fulfill Yemen's request and stressed Yemen's full support for the war on terrorism.

Al-Mouyad's son, Ibrahim, told the Yemen Times that his family received that news of the arrest through the media and that Islah party is following up the case, for he is a leading member in the party and member of the Islah's Shura Council headed by Abdulmajeed al-Zindani.

He ran unsuccessfully for parliamen-

tary election in 1993 and 1997.

Al-Mouyad, 58, father of seven children, established al-Ehsan charitable center four years ago. The center contains a mosque and clinic, and a second clinic that teaches the Quran.

It provides assistance to around 8,000 persons and takes care of some orphans. About 40 people work in the center that provides help around the clock.

Sources at the Islah party claimed al-Mouyad is a moderate preacher and a leading member of the Islamic movement in Yemen.

A source at the Yemen Congregation for Reform Party (Islah) said his party's

leadership was following up the news on the arrest of al-Mouyad and his companions in Germany and had retained a lawyer to follow up case there.

The source added that the party leadership was in contact with Yemen's foreign ministry and political leadership about the issue, saying the event might be unintentioned mistake.

Residents of al-Qadessiya quarter had collected more than one thousand signatures on a letter to the president and parliament speaker in an appeal for following up the question of al-Mouyad arrest.

Top stories of 2002

"The year 2002 was unfortunately full of miseries for Yemenis and Yemen's image worldwide. It started with attacks by al-Qaeda sympathizers and ended with an unfortunate assassination of one of Yemen's most well-respected personalities. Now that the year has gone, it is up to us to clear the way starting from 2003 for a better future, so our younger generation can have happier moments."

Al-Saqqaf also notes that the most significant single news story of the year was the killing of six suspected al-Qaeda by an American CIA-operated drone plane.

The Nov. 4 takedown marked the first time, outside of Afghanistan, the Americans have assassinated enemies on foreign soil since the 1970s.

It was then when the U.S. stopped the practice via its own law. However, fighting terrorists has clearly changed global rules.

"Even though many events had occurred in 2002, the assassination of al-Harethi by a CIA drone in November has brought things to a whole new level, and hence was chosen as the story of the year. It was unprecedented for any foreign power to attack and assassinate Yemenis on their soil, not only with the approval of the state, but by its own request," said al-Saqqaf.

Civilians in Yemen were also targets in Yemen in 2002.

Near the time of the drone plane missile strike, a helicopter of the Hunt Oil Company was attacked by a group of terrorists near the International Airport of Sana'a.

It was just at year's end, on Dec. 30, when three American aid workers were killed in Jibla, allegedly by an Islamic extremist.

And that came just two days after the assassination of Jarallah Omar, the secretary-general assistant of the Yemeni Socialist Party.

On October 6, in an eerie echo of the 2000 bombing of the USS Cole, the French oil supertanker Limburg bombed near al-Mukalla harbor, resulting in the death of one of its crew and thousands of tonnes of spilled crude oil.

This incident also hit Yemen's economy due to the sharp increase of prices and insurance of ships anchored on our sea waters.

Acts of sabotage also marred Yemen's 2002.

On Nov. 29 a blast rocked a government building in Marib, apparently in

response to the Nov. 4 US drone plane attack.

On August 9 in Sana'a, on Soqatra Street two people died as a result of a bomb blast.

And in the Spring, a group calling itself Sympathizers of al-Qaeda unleashed a string of blasts in the country.

On April 17 a grenade hit Esam Abduh Hassan in Salah area in Taiz.

In April 16, an explosion rocked the General Authority of the Civil Aviation in Sana'a.

Meanwhile, 2002 saw a remarkable turn in relations between Yemen and the U.S., and Times editorial staff voted that as the second most significant story of the year.

That warming relationship climaxed in December when the U.S. allowed 15 Scud missiles from North Korea to be delivered to Yemen, after the North Korean ship So San was intercepted by Spanish military.

The move allowed Yemen to display its sovereignty, however raised alarms from the international donor community, particularly Japan, which said it would reconsider the foreign aid it gives Yemen.

Shortly after the missile incident, it was revealed that Yemen has been purchasing Russian made military hardware, in part with U.S. funds from the CIA.

The Americans reportedly gave their blessing for the purchase, so Yemen can help fight its war on terror. Such a blessing is seen as another unusual turn in the shifting sands of world politics, considering the U.S. and Russia had been archrivals for decades during the Cold War.

In 2002, the U.S. has also trained hundreds of Yemeni forces in anti-terrorism tactics, and given a reported \$100 million or more in aid to Yemen.

As the year's third most significant local story, Times' writers and editors chose continuing political unrest leading up to the 2003 elections.

While the ruling General People's Congress and opposition parties have been preparing for election war, both have complained bitterly about registration irregularities.

Islah is the largest opposition party.

Violence marred several voter registration stations, as millions of Yemeni registered in October and November for this year's elections.

WFRT releases study on kids

The third in a series of Human Rights research studies titled 'Street Children phenomena in Yemen' was published recently by the Women's Forum on Research and Training.

The social, economical and psychological field study was prepared by Abdulrahman Abdulwahaab, a lecturer in Aden University.

It contained three chapters discussing the phenomena thoroughly and the factors that influence it.

It also included regional and international statistics relating to street children and it concluded with the results from the field research, and with recommendations the author saw feasible.

Meanwhile, the WFRT also published the seventh issue of the "Multaqa" a seasonal publication. This time it took the international agreement for economical, social and cultural rights.

It described the agreement and how it can be utilized in favor of the enforcing of justice and order in the society, and how to execute that.

The latest issue (No 8) of "Sowal wa Jawab" - question & Answer - issued on December discussed the CEDAW agreement in a scientific way.

With that contributing to the Yemeni library, it will help spread useful concepts about human rights in our country.

Oil report

Encana has good results

Twenty per cent of Encana's program in seismic surveys and gathering information in Oil Block 60 have been accomplished.

Encana is a Canadian company operating in oil exploration in the Yemeni-Saudi borders.

During a meeting with Abdulqader Ali Helal, the governor of Hadhramout, Pull Carr, the general manager of the company, indicated that results gained by the company are encouraging.

The governor of Hadhramout was

informed of the positive results gained by the company in Block 47, where an oil field rig is going to be finished within two months.

A road has been built to that block. Pull pointed out that his company hopes to get oil concessions in new blocks in Yemen.

The governor was informed also of the company's activities in the Middle East where the Ban Canadian Energy and Albert Energy are to be integrated.

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Yemeni-Japanese association meets

BY MOHAMMED AL-MASANI
YEMEN TIMES STAFF

The Yemeni-Japanese Friendship Association (YJFA) held its periodical meeting in its headquarters in Sana'a on Jan. 5.

A report about the activities of the administrative staff in the association through the previous years was read, accompanied by financial report. The two reports were authorized and an election for a new administration was held.

Businessmen Mahfoud Shamkh, Dr. Ahmed al-Hamdani and Ali Hashem observed the election that resulted in the winning of a trip to Haj for Mohammed Mubark Adhban, chairman of the association, Ali al-Rawee a deputy chairman, and Ahmed Abu Baker Ba Zaraha relations manager.

The Yemeni-Japanese Friendship association was officially founded in 1990. The first general assembly was held in November, 1990.

The association attracts a number of personalities like businessmen, journalists and intellectuals who are interested in supporting the bilateral relationship between Yemen and Japan.

The association has exerted many efforts to develop the friendly relations between the two countries, starting with receiving Japanese delegations to Yemen, and the participation of the association chairman in the coronation of Japanese emperor.

The association has a periodical bulletin titled "Al-Saeeda and the Bright Sun." Besides supporting al-Khlood, it also has a charitable woman association and assists the Association of Tuberculosis Fighting.

The association also encourages teaching the Japanese language for whom are interested.

It also had a prominent participation in the official, economical and commercial delegation that accompanied the Republic president to Japan in March 1999.

Japan supports Amran hospital

An agreement to provide medical equipment to the General Hospital in Amran Governorate was signed recently by Dr. Hamood Mokbel Al-Sa'r, director of the hospital and H.E. Masamitsu Oki, ambassador of Japan in Sana'a.

According to this agreement, Japan will extend a grant up to US \$71,400 under Japan's "General Grant Aid for Grassroots Projects"

A Japanese press release says this grant will be used to procure some

medical equipment to provide better health services to the citizens in Amran Governorate.

The grant also comes in recognition of the good administration of the hospital and its keenness to provide better medical services for the people of Amran. Japan's grant program is for supporting small scale community-based projects in basic human need fields, such as primary health care, basic education and public welfare in developing countries.

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In-depth report released

Government talks tough on terror

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In fact, the government report threw the ball back into the field of these parties warning them that if they encourage extremism they are endangering the whole country.

The government report said the terrorist acts started with kidnapping foreigners and tourists then committing explosions and exploding oil pipes, before it developed to larger actions such as bombing the USS Cole and French tanker Limburg, shooting at a helicopter belonging to the Hunt oil company and finally assassinating a political leader plus three American aid workers in Jeleh.

The report mentioned the various measures adopted by the government even before the USS Cole and the September 11 events, when Yemen called on its friendly countries and the international community to help Yemen in its fight against terror before it becomes an international threat.

But the response of the international community started after the USS Cole incident, and was intensified after the September 11 terrorist act.

Concerning its coordination with the Americans, the government report justified its cooperation and with the USA and other friendly countries in the fight against terror for the interest of Yemen and its people.

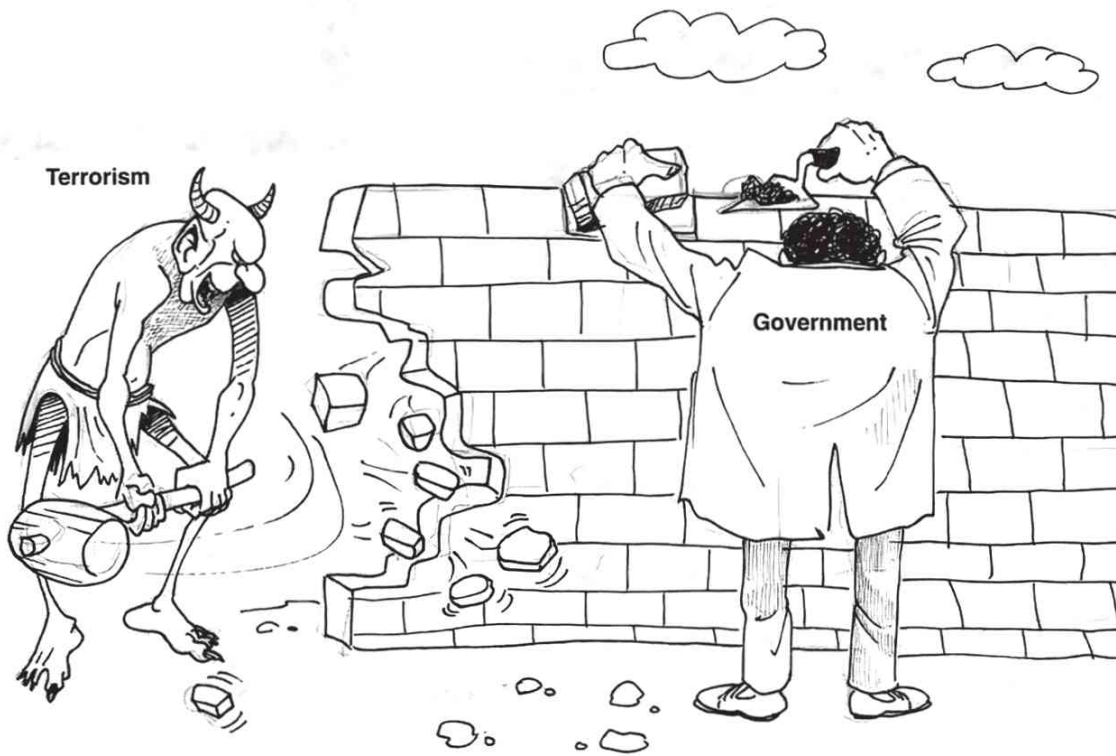
The report affirmed that the Nov. 4 killing of Abu Sunyan Al-Harithi by a CIA drone plane was a result of full coordination with the Americans and was done after confirmed reports of his plans to commit a number of terrorist attacks all over country, to harm Yemen, damage its reputation and its relations with its friendly countries.

Moreover, the report reiterated that the government was tolerant and adopted all necessary peaceful measures for democracy and democratic rights, that the people of Yemen are given chances and the extremists have the chance repent of their sins, but neither the extremists nor their parties and people behind them have done so.

Instead they're committing more dangerous and awful terrorist crimes that contradict with the values of the Yemeni society and the values of Islam which they have been using as an umbrella.

The prime minister then called on MPS to approve the law of controlling weapons, the law of money laundering, and to ratify a number of international and bilateral agreements of concern to fight terror.

The government also called on the parliament to help it amend necessary laws to help in the fight against terror.



The government promised to adopt firm measures at all levels to contain weapons, to track down all suspected terrors or criminals and to present them to justice.

The government also pledged to adopt some extraordinary precautionary measures to protect its air marine and land borders and to develop its intelligence apparatus.

On the political, cultural and information issue, the government pledged to reconsider the laws and legislations that organize media and prevent the publishing or preaching of hatred or intimidation.

The government also pledged to reinforce the roles of Dar Al Ifta and all media education and social institutions and all governmental and non governmental institutions to work together for tolerance and moderation and stop all campaigns of political and religious nature that all call for hatred and intimidating others or agitate inhumanitarian feelings towards others.

The government also pledged its commitment as a partner in the international coalitions against terror and therefore it will work for increasing cooperation with all countries and aspects of cooperation in the security military and ineligance affairs.

It will ask the influential countries to shoulder their responsibilities and help Yemen in the boarders of the fight against terror.

The government also will work for establishing a regional security network and will work for joining more coalitions that help in getting more mutual economical and security benefits.

The report to the parliament concluded by calling for unifying all groups to combat terrorism and ensure the state of law and order.

After also realizing the threat of terrorist groups to destroy oil, economical and strategic installations, the Yemeni government proved to be swift to coordinate with the US in the field of security cooperation.

The coordination between the two governments, has come after the September 11 terrorist attacks and the anti-terror campaign.

The terror campaign has been high on the agenda of the international community. This entails mobilizing efforts of entire nations, including Yemen, to encounter this global issue.

The report has aimed at disclosing facts regarding the sabotage acts and explosions that took place from time to time against the country and citizens. Those terrorist acts have destabilized the security of the country and put Yemen near the edge of terror-targeted countries.

Yemen has for a long time suffered from terrorist acts. In 1998, an Islamic terrorist group called Abyan-Aden Islamic Army killed some foreigners in Abyan.

The public and private interests have become the main targets for those groups without any justifications.

Those acts have negatively affected the economical and developmental growth and thus the Yemen's good reputation have been also affected by such terrorist attacks.

The report has indicated as a result of sabotage and terrorist acts, political pluralism, the freedom of press and expressions have been also exploited by those groups to achieve their selfish ambitions which are against the country's benefits and interests.

They have supported terrorism in all its forms.

The terror acts haven't all been conducted by Yemeni individuals. There are also other groups from different nationalities who took part and supervised attacks.

The terror networks discovered in 1997 intended to conduct assassination operations against a number of officials in the government and against foreign interests in the country.

In 1998, ten people were arrested in Aden and Shabwa governorate and in their possession of explosives and telecom equipment sent by Abu Alhamza al-Masri.

These groups didn't conducted terror operations by themselves, they also could coordinate with the influ-

ential tribes and they could seek protection with them.

That could be detected when a group of security men were fanned out to Marib governorate to track down some of the terror groups. Around 19 soldiers were killed and more than 28 were injured as they attempted to rein in suspects.

Those groups according to the report use advanced use various technology and means such as telecommunication means, fancy dress, cosmetics to disguise themselves, tape recorders, cameras and remote control machines.

The report also has indicated that most of the terrorist acts have come as a result of some religious extremists to issue religious decrees, or fatwas through mosque sermons, cassettes, calling youths from multi-

racial nationalities from the four corners of the world to come to Yemen with the aim of joining universities, schools, and religious institutions to receive extremist ideas.

In addition to this, the report says that terrorist elements have also been wanted by their governments.

Some of those elements were in Afghanistan, financed by some religious and charitable institutions and others from abroad.

Most of the report deals with the losses in different spheres of terror operations, including security, media, investment, tourism and environment as a result of the explosion of the French super tanker, Limburg. More than 150 thousands barrels of crude oil flows to the sea and has caused massive environmental pollution to sea waters.

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Strategic plan drawn

Saving water resources

BY YASSER AL-MAYASI
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The Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation, in cooperation with FAO and the State Authority for Water Resources, concluded a 3-day workshop on managing the use of water in agriculture.

The workshop discussed activities and achievements of the project in addition to drawing up follow-up strategic plan.

The project of sustainable management of water resources is part of projects funded by the UN Development Program (UNDP) and is part of a program on technical cooperation with the FAO.

The project finished implementing special contents of irrigation policy (2001) and waterfalls' (2000).

Participants represent the donor countries from the Netherlands, Germany, Japan, the World Bank, the UNDP, the German Bank for reconstruction (KfW), the German Technical cooperation and the European Union (EU) as well as more than 21 participants from interested governmental institutions.

The submitted papers tackled a number of important issues such as the policy of irrigation in Yemen, considered the most important sector and that utilizes water resources in which the percentage used water is around (93%) of the total available water resources.

The water utilities in Yemen have

to subject to various traditions and norms that determine the water rights and organize its distribution by following systems of primitive irrigation that is still common in most of Yemeni farms.

The surveys, consultative, and national policies studies for waterfalls in a number of governorates depended on a number of national constants such as constitute and the Fifth Plan for Development contains approaches and national strategies for waters and cultural heritage for the Yemeni society concerning the primitive administration for natural resources.

The National Policy for Waterfalls aims at protecting and developing the natural resources as well as achieving the integral administration for waterfalls and sustainable development.

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Release 21 related to the Jibla incident

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Security authorities have released last Monday January 6th all those arrested in the Jibla province in direct or indirect connection to the murder of the three American doctors at Jibla Baptist hospital. Sources in the town stated that there were 21 persons in custody and all were set free due to lack of evidence linking them to the crime. The fact that the murderer acquired his weapon from elsewhere and entered the hospital without notice of hospital guards makes it unlikely that town citizens had links with the criminal.

Yemen Times met some of those released and discussed with them the reasons behind their arrest.

Mohammed Mohammed Yihya Al-Massie, 34, Head of the Social Affairs Society of the Jibla Local Council said: "Frankly speaking, we were shocked by the killing incident as much as we were shocked by the chaotic arrest campaign of citizens and me personally!"

He added that most of the people arrested were related to the Islah Party or to the Salafia movement (an Islamic fundamentalist sect). Moreover, according to Al-Massie, the investigation was more of a political interrogation than a crime investigation.

"There was no excuse behind my or anyone's arrest or for that matter. The

police seemed to be confused and wondering why they are arresting us, and didn't know what to ask us. They finally made me sign a vow not to cause any violence or provoke against the state. Although I was not accused of anything and have a clean record, they made me vow in the police office. They also did not direct me to the attorney because they needed a specific crime to accuse me of. But they didn't have any."

Othman Abdulwasi' Al-Silwi, 26, college student said: "At first a soldier came and asked me to report to the security officer. I along with a number of friends went to report to the police office and was told that it was just a normal investigation to find useful information. They said the investigation had nothing to do with the hospital crime. But nevertheless, the 'normal' investigation had us waiting in prison for 6 days. No one even spoke a word to us until the sixth day's morning when I was given the choice to either remain in prison forever or sign a vow of well behavior and to abide by the law!"

He added: "I just want to say one thing. The people of Jibla were shocked twice, first when the incident occurred and second with the unjust arrest campaign took place with no reason whatsoever."

Jamal Ali Anzal, 30, Mosque Preacher said: "The case was one of political harassment. It seemed that the police was looking for any excuse to arrest us. They have nothing against me, and the reason they accused me is that I

was active in preaching Muslims to abide by their religion and avoid being persuaded by missionaries who wish to convert them. We all know that the punishment in Islam of converting from Islam to any other religion is death."

"I was questioned if I had any previous records of any mischief against the state. I was so thoroughly interrogated that the security officer told me that all might be released except me. But when he saw he felt the demand of my people and the whole Jibla community of my release, he let me go."

About the place of custody he said: "The place they kept us was horrible. It was not even suitable to keep animals. The toilets were open and the whole place was underground and was not exposed to sunlight. But I must say that they did not hurt us, and that their questioning was polite and in a proper way."

"A final word I want to say is that the state is the one who is responsible for what happened in the hospital because three years ago there was a verdict against the hospital to have it close. The verdict was made after realizing that unlike what many think, the hospital was acting as a missionary center and it was preaching Christianity and trying to convert Muslims to Christians."

Abd Al-Qadir Ali Saeed, 31, teacher: "The arrest was wrong as we are not criminal and can not be accused of a crime we didn't commit. We stayed in prison for 6 days and no investigation took place until the last day. And this is against the law because the law states that any accused should not be kept in

custody without a legitimate reason more than 24 hours. They also took legal vows from all of us without a particular crime. Of course this is natural of the government, because it only wants to save its face in front of the world!"

Abdullah Yihya Shamsan, 27, one of Shiekh Hameed Aqeel students said: "Even though authorities know that the murderer was not from Jibla, they arrested this large number of people. Had the murdered been from Jibla, I won't be surprised if they would take the whole town in custody. Thank god for small mercies! The criminal had no idea about how to behave or what Islam says about treatment of people of the book (Christians and Jews): In Islam, they have a truce from all Muslims that protects their lives and money in a Muslim land, and all religious scholars have agreed that they should be safe in Muslim countries. Prophet Mohammed (pbh) said "He who kills a person with truce will not even reach the smell of heaven and it could be reached from so and so distance." "And this is the belief of all aware Muslims, and should always be the case." He added.

In conclusion, the arrest campaign added insult to injury and caused further humiliation for the state which was first unable to prevent the crime from happening because it has no control whatsoever on the carrying and trade of arms, and second because it disturbed the citizens of the town of Jibla by arresting them for days with no excuse.

Journalists' harassment under review

In a statement distributed last week, the Yemeni Union for Defending Journalists called for supporting journalists whose rights and freedoms are exposed to violations and harassments.

The statement added that the harassment of journalists in our country curbs the margin of the freedom of expression we enjoy and causes a threat to the constitutional right of Yemeni citizen.

The union called upon human rights activists, journalists, and organizations interested in defending human rights and civil society organizations to gather together and support the case of Jamal Amer, who stood trial since

August 1998 for publishing an opinion article about the Saudi-Yemeni relations. The Secretariat west court has determined last Sunday a date for pronouncing the sentence against Amer.

They also requested that human rights activists and freedom lovers oppose the sentence against al-Wahdawi newspaper and its staff for publishing articles that supposedly damage Yemen-Saudi relations.

The case has been filed by the prime minister on behalf of the Saudi Embassy. The court has determined the coming Tuesday as the date for pronouncing the final sentence after conducting further investigations before the jury and attorney.

YSP warns of new assassinations

The Yemen Socialist Party (YSP) warned last Monday that new assassinations of its members are expected and demanded in a statement to the prosecutor to allow the party to participate in the investigations and be notified of any further plans that might target its leaders. The party said in its statement to Prosecutor Abdulla Al-Olofi that Jarallah Omer, the Deputy Secretary General of the YSP, who was assassinated on the 28th of last month was one person in a long list of targets, headed by Mr. Ali Saleh Obad Muqbil the General Secretary of the party.

This statement was distributed to media agency and journalists and it also declared that the authorities possess voice recordings of the criminal threatening to assassinate Jarallah Omar two years ago, and the party demanded obtaining copies of those recordings.

The statement voiced that only the

criminal was arrested and so his partners and allies still wander freely and their terrorist network could easily take action at any moment.

The YSP urged the General Prosecutor to refer the case to the general attorney before closing the investigations so as not to give any chance to the terrorists to continue implementing their criminal plans against the society in general and the YSP in particular.

The party had earlier declared that 100 members of the party have already been assassinated since unity in 1990 and until 1994. Whereas the government declared last week that the assassination of Jar Allah Omar and the three American doctors was incorporated in a large-scale terrorist planning by a terrorist group that targets foreigners and political figures or whoever they see as a threat to their fundamentalist beliefs.

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Outrage at sudden price hike

Outrage has been witnessed among citizens in Sana'a and other cities because of the sudden and unexpected hike in foodstuff ranging from 3 to 20 percent. In a mini-survey conducted by the Yemen Times last Friday, grocers and shop owners say that the new price hike of foodstuff was due to the sudden increase of the US Dollar to the Yemeni rial.

To add insult to injury, gas prices have also increased and there seems to be a gas crisis in Sana'a. As usual, the government blames tribes for this crisis. "They closed the main routes to the Capital preventing gas from coming into Sana'a" an earlier official statement said.

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Nuclear standoff may go before U.N.

North Korea now thumbs nose at world

SEOUL/WASHINGTON, (Reuters) - North Korea has become the first country to withdraw from a pivotal global treaty preventing the spread of atomic weapons, triggering alarm around the world and frantic diplomatic activity to restore calm.

However, the United States appeared to play down the nuclear standoff, acknowledging that the latest move by the reclusive communist state was cause for concern but was not unexpected.

The U.N. International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) watchdog sought to reassure worried governments that it did not see North Korea's decision to withdraw from the nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty as raising the stakes in the crisis and felt there was still room for diplomacy to work.

In Friday's announcement of its immediate withdrawal, with notice of a single day, Pyongyang blamed Washington's "hostile" policy but said it had no intention of developing nuclear arms.

Pyongyang's official propaganda machine was in bellicose mood after the withdrawal took effect. "Confronting the enemy, it is important to have guts," South Korea's Yonhap news agency quoted Pyongyang Broadcasting as saying.

"Whatever the world says about us, we are following our own way with steadfastness."

South Korea commentators focused on a line in Friday's furious statement from Pyongyang that appeared to leave the door ajar to a diplomatic solution by inviting the United States to verify that the North did not possess nuclear weapons.

Diplomatic sources with close ties to Pyongyang told Reuters in Tokyo that North Korea would agree to scrap its weapons plans if Washington reaffirmed a 2000 joint communique that declared the two nations had "no hostile intention" towards each other.

Washington has said it will talk but not negotiate.

The crisis may have spiralled after last year's speech by President George W. Bush bracketing North Korea with Iraq and Iran in an "axis of evil" convinced Pyongyang it was under threat. The brief detention at U.S. behest of a ship exporting missiles to Yemen last year heightened its anxiety.

"If any forces attempt to encroach upon the sovereignty and dignity of (North Korea) it will mercilessly wipe out the aggressors," Pyongyang's Korean Central News Agency thundered on Saturday. "This is its firm stand."

"The U.S. is well advised to behave with decorum," it said.

Diplomatic flurries

It clearly did not eschew diplomacy. New Mexico Governor Bill Richardson planned a final round of talks with Northern officials on Saturday as the United States sought a diplomatic solution to persuade Pyongyang to abandon its nuclear weapons programme.

Richardson, a Clinton administration official with experience of dealing with Pyongyang, met two North Korean U.N. officials throughout the day on Thursday and again on Friday.

A senior State Department official said the North Korean officials had conveyed "nothing particularly new" in their talks.

Richardson, a Democrat, has a history of negotiation with the North Koreans that includes brokering the 1994 release of a U.S. soldier whose helicopter crashed in North Korea and the freeing in 1996 of a young U.S. citizen held on spy charges.

U.S. Assistant Secretary of State James Kelly is due in Seoul on Sunday and Japan's foreign minister visits three days later.

South Korea, its capital within easy range of an estimated 11,000 North Korean artillery barrels lined up along the border, stressed the need for Pyongyang to come to the negotiating table.

"The situation on the Korean peninsula is deteriorating," a spokeswoman quoted outgoing President Kim Dae-jung as saying. But Kim stressed the need to avoid another war.

The two Koreas fought a bloody war in 1950-53, and North Korea came close to conflict with the United States in 1994 when it first threatened to pull out of the Non-Proliferation Treaty amid suspicions about its nuclear programme.

The secretive Stalinist state has had the world on tenterhooks since expelling U.N. nuclear inspectors last month. Tensions have been rising on the divided Korean peninsula since Pyongyang admitted to Kelly in October that it had been pursuing a nuclear arms programme in violation of a 1994 agreement.

Those tensions rose when North Korea disabled U.N. monitoring equipment and threatened to reactivate a nuclear plant capable of producing weapons-grade plutonium.

"North Korea has thumbed its nose at the international community," said U.S. Secretary of State Colin Powell, while insisting that Washington would maintain a diplomatic approach. "We're not going to be intimidated, we're not going to be put into a panic situation."



South Korean protesters burn the national flag of North Korea during a rally in Seoul Jan. 11. North Korea has become the first country to withdraw from a pivotal global treaty preventing the spread of atomic weapons, triggering alarm around the world and frantic diplomatic activity to restore calm. REUTERS

Talks and more talks

Powell and Mohamed ElBaradei, the IAEA director-general, said the crisis could end up before the U.N. Security Council.

The IAEA is considering an emergency board meeting next week at its Vienna headquarters but a date had not been fixed, diplomats said at the United Nations.

French Foreign Minister Dominique de Villepin, on a visit to Seoul, said he expected that meeting to take place on Wednesday.

"France condemns North Korea's decision to withdraw from the NPT because it will hamper global efforts on non-proliferation and pose a serious threat to regional stability," de Villepin told a news conference after meeting President Kim in Seoul.

However, he said it was too early to discuss sanctions.

At a rare news conference at the United Nations, North Korea's U.N. ambassador, Pak Gil Yon, said on Friday Pyongyang would view it as a declaration of war if the U.N. Security Council were to impose economic sanctions.

Pak rejected negotiating with the IAEA, which he dismissed as "a tool" of the United States. The agency's board last met on Monday when it called on Pyongyang to comply with NPT obligations.

In a telephone conversation with President Jiang Zemin of China, U.S. President George W. Bush "stressed that the United States has no hostile inten-

tions toward North Korea, and sought a peaceful, multilateral solution to the problem created by Pyongyang's action", a White House spokesman said.

U.S. officials have said China, North Korea's closest ally, could do more to pressure Pyongyang.

Japanese Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi, visiting Russia, also demanded North Korea reverse its decision. Moscow, one of North Korea's few remaining friends, voiced alarm but said it was optimistic the crisis could be resolved.

Sovereignty over islet disputed

Malaysia and Singapore to ask Hague for help

KUALA LUMPUR, Jan 9 (Reuters) - Malaysia and Singapore will sign an agreement on February 6 asking the International Court of Justice in the Hague to decide who has sovereignty over a rocky islet off their coasts. Bernama newsagency reported on Thursday.

Singapore operates a lighthouse on the islet it calls Pedra Branca at the eastern mouth of the straits separating it from the Malaysian mainland.

Malaysia says the islet it calls Pulau Batu Puteh 15 km (10 miles) off its southern coast has belonged to the Johor Sultanate since 1513.

Both countries had agreed to take the matter to court but, have been squabbling over when and where to sign the

Special Agreement to let the international court settle the dispute.

"I hope both parties will exercise their rights without interruption or interference on any side and I think no party at present can claim sole sovereignty over that island," said Foreign Minister Syed Hamid Albar, who will sign the pact with Singapore Foreign Minister Prof S. Jayakumar in Malaysia's administrative capital of Putrajaya next month.

The two neighbours have a history of prickly relations ever since they separated in 1965 after a brief union in the years following independence from Britain. The most bitter row is over the price rise Malaysia wants for water it sells to Singapore.

At least 33 missing

Devastating gas blast in China

Xinhua BEIJING, Jan 11 (Reuters) - At least 33 miners were missing after a gas explosion ripped through a coal mine in northeastern China early on Saturday, the official Xinhua news agency reported.

Thirty-five miners had been working when the explosion struck deep underground in the Baoping Coal Mine near Harbin, capital of Heilongjiang province, it said.

Two survived the blast, which occurred at about 4.40 a.m. (2040

GMT), and rescue work to find the others was under way, Xinhua said. A probe had been launched to determine the cause of the blast.

China's mining industry is the world's largest and deadliest, killing about 7,000 people in accidents in 2001.

The government has campaigned to shut down thousands of illegal and unsafe mines, but faces resistance from local authorities who depend on them for employment and tax revenue.

His birth sparked jubilant celebrations in the troubled nation

Nepal's baby prince makes appearance

KATHMANDU, Jan 9 (Reuters) - Hindu priests conducted religious rites and gun salutes boomed as violence-wracked Nepal held a rare day of celebration on Thursday to mark the first public appearance of the grandson of the king and second in line to the throne.

It was the rice-eating ceremony for Prince Hridayendra, the son of Crown Prince Paras, who was born in July.

His birth sparked jubilant celebrations in the troubled nation, which is battling an increasingly bloody Maoist revolt aimed at overthrowing the constitutional monarchy.

The landlocked nation is also haunted by the 2001 royal massacre in which popular King Birendra and eight others were gunned down by his son Dipendra before he turned the gun

on himself.

More than 80 food items were displayed before Hridayendra, whose name means king of hearts, by the child's mother, Crown Princess Himani.

"The ceremony signifies knowledge, wisdom and purity," chief royal priest Ramesh Prasad Pandey told Reuters.

Prince Paras fed him as priests recited hymns from the Vedas, Hindu religious texts, and a 21-gun-salute was fired.

"Rice feeding is one of the 10 karmas (stages) in the life of a person starting from conception of the child," Pandey said.

The rites were carried out at the Narayanhity royal palace, where Dipendra shot dead his father King

Birendra and eight other members of the royal household before killing himself 19 months ago.

The crown then passed to King Gyanendra, Birendra's brother.

In Nepal, only male heirs can inherit the throne. Before Hridayendra was born, Paras had only a daughter.

The government declared Thursday a national holiday and has urged residents in the temple-studded capital Kathmandu to light candles. Public and private buildings will be illuminated. A Home (interior) Ministry official said 43 inmates had been granted amnesty and freed from different jails.

Mountain-ringed Nepal's 23.1 million people consider the king as an incarnation of Lord Vishnu, the Hindu god of protection.



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Iranian faces death penalty for drinking alcohol

TEHRAN, Jan 11 (Reuters) - An Iranian court has sentenced a teenager to death by hanging after he was convicted for a third time of drinking alcohol, the state newspaper Iran said on Saturday.

Under Iran's strict Islamic law, consuming alcohol is forbidden for Muslims and usually punishable by lashes or fines. An offender caught for a third time, however, can be sentenced to death.

The 19-year-old man was arrested when he appeared at a police station in southern Tehran to inquire about two of his friends who had recently been arrested.

Police noticed that the man, whose first name was given as Davoud, had been drinking alcohol and immediately charged him.

"I had been punished twice for drinking three glasses of alcohol and I knew what I was drinking was forbidden under Islamic law," the newspaper quoted Davoud as saying.

Although illegal, alcohol is readily available on Iran's black market.

Despite the sentence, Davoud may escape the gallows. His case was passed on for review after he expressed regret for his drinking exploits and gave a written pledge to avoid alcohol in the future.

Turkish PM off to Saudi peace mission

ANKARA, Jan. 11 (Xinhua) — Turkish Prime Minister Abdullah Gul flew on Saturday to Saudi Arabia on his second Mideast tour, which also includes Iran, in a last-ditch effort to prevent a US-led war on Iraq, the Anatolian News Agency reported.

Speaking to reporters at the Esenboga Airport before his departure for Riyadh, Gul said that he would meet with Saudi King Fahd Ibn Abdul-Aziz and Iranian President Mohammad Khatami within the scope of his active peace diplomacy for prevention of a military conflict.

"All of our efforts aim to prevent a war in the region and to help bring about a solution to the problem without a war," Gul said.

"If a war breaks out, we are the countries which will be affected the most from it. It is natural for Turkey to launch such efforts as a country which suffered a lot from the things that happened in this region," he noted.

Recalling his visits to Syria, Egypt and Jordan last week, Gul said that he discussed the issue of solving the crisis without a war with the leaders of the countries during his contacts.

He expressed his hope that apart from all other regional countries, Iraq has the biggest responsibility in this respect for ending this crisis without a war and the steps that would be taken by Iraq would be a determining factor in preventing this war.

Gul said that Turkey had responsibility to search for opportunities to make peace in the region before a war and exert efforts to end this crisis, noting, however, that the Turkish government had a duty to prepare for every kind of scenarios.

On the United States' demands for Turkish aid in a possible war against Iraq, Gul said those demands were assessed, stressing that "We have to think about our country."

Almost 300,000 Swazis at risk of starvation

JOHANNESBURG, Jan. 10 (Xinhua) — Swaziland claimed on Friday that almost 300,000 people face starvation in the land-locked country.

The country's disaster task team chairman Ben Nsibandze said that the figure is an 80 percent increase since August last year, forcing many young people to survive on a meal a day.

Nsibandze said in a statement released in the capital of Mbabane: "This shows an over 80 percent increase from the results of the August/September assessment and if there is no food to come through at the end of March some people will start dying of hunger-related ailments."

"You will remember that most of our pupils from the drought-stricken areas can hardly afford three meals a day and that this shows the seriousness of the food crisis," he said.

The number of people facing famine has more than doubled since August 2001, when around 144,000 were in need of food aid.

Most of the affected areas are in eastern and central Swaziland, a tiny kingdom landlocked by Mozambique and South Africa, where a dry spell destroyed maize crops before the harvest.

Nsibandze said non-governmental organizations have already distributed about 13,800 tons of yellow maize donated by the United States, Britain, China, Germany and the UN World Food Program.

To be held in Paris

Ivory Coast rebels to attend peace talks

ABIDJAN, Jan 11 (Reuters) - Ivory Coast's western-based rebels said on Saturday they would attend peace talks due to start in Paris next week and aimed at ending nearly four months of civil war in the world's biggest cocoa producer.

The Ivorian Popular Movement of the Far West (MPIGO) had said on Friday it would not take part in the talks following government attacks on its positions.

"MPIGO will go to Paris," rebel spokesman Felix Doh told Reuters by satellite phone. "It will be myself or my deputy who will go."

The rebels had said loyalist troops backed by mercenaries attacked two

towns in the cocoa-rich west on Friday, a day after government helicopters bombed a rebel-held town 200 km (125 miles) further south in the former French colony.

The MPIGO — one of two allied western rebel factions — had said it had been "betrayed" by France, which this week persuaded them to join talks starting in Paris on Wednesday to end the conflict.

MPIGO had also urged the main rebel faction, the northern-based Patriotic Movement of Ivory Coast (MPCI), to abandon the talks which were to bring together President Laurent Gbagbo's government, the three rebel groups and

political parties.

Hundreds of Ivorians have been killed and more than 600,000 have been driven from their homes since the conflict erupted from a failed coup on September 19.

The war has split the world's top cocoa grower in half, with the MPCI in control of the mainly Muslim north and the government holding the largely Christian south.

A ceasefire signed between the MPCI and the government in October was destroyed by the appearance of the two western factions, who did not recognise the deal.



Thousands of Ivorian women assemble in Abidjan's Republic Square to express their support for President Laurent Gbagbo, Jan. 11. REUTERS

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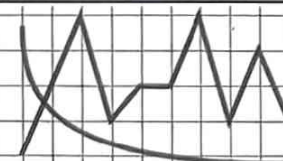
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Condemning recent murders

A message from the business community

BY YEMEN TIMES STAFF

The Yemeni Council of Businessmen and Investors represented by its executive office would like to express its deepest sorrow and pain regarding the recent murders of innocent people.

We totally resent such organized terror carried out by people who have lost their minds and sense of belonging to their religion and their country. They believe that they are coming closer to God by these crim-

inal actions, but God disavows their terrible deeds of which no religion, law or morality approves.

They pursue the law of the devil who causes his followers to create sedition and suffering. He fools them into believing their actions please God and his Messenger. In brief these people know nothing about Islam.

The treacherous, terrorist and criminal operation of assassinating Jar -Allah Omar, the assistant secretary general of the Yemeni Socialist party (may God bless his soul) is a crime targeted against the achievements of freedom and democracy.

Following, the assassination of the innocent American doctors who live peacefully in Yemen and who have fulfilled a humanitarian mission and service to the Yemeni people in Ibb for ages, was really the straw that broke the camel's back. These serial killings and terrorist operations are from sick, malevolent minds of those who have consideration for nothing. They declare war against their country and nation.

They want to eliminate the stability and social peace in the country. At the matter of fact, they challenge and refuse the principles of real Islam that invite people to cooperate, be

friends and live in peace and harmony. Islam invites people to live amicably above all.

The YCBI, in performing its national role, has a deep sense of responsibility and duty towards all that affects the stability of Yemen and hinders its development. It sees the effects of these terrorist actions as being very harmful to the reputation of the country and its interests.

Great harm is being done to the economical, social and development reality in the country. The chances for more investment inside are becoming less and less because of fear and worry among investors.

That of course increases poverty and unemployment in Yemen.

The YCBI stands by the political leadership of Yemen's President Ali Abdullah Saleh in his campaign to face this destructive phenomena and protect the interests and stability of the country. After all, the safety and security of Yemen is our common denominator.

We pray, may God bring back those who join the lion of terror and crime to their minds. May God protect Yemen and its people from sedition, machination and conspiracy.

The Executive Office of the YCBI

2003 budget is allocated

BY MAHYOUB AL-KAMALI
YEMEN TIMES STAFF

Yemen's government has increased its investment program for 2003 by crediting an amount of YR 294 billion.

Of this amount 64 per cent is government funding and domestic loans and 36 per cent is external loans and assistance.

The government allotted YR 11 billion for agriculture and fish for the purpose of boosting agricultural and fish production and developing their exports.

According to an official report the agricultural and fish projects include diversion and storage dams for expansion in arable lands and building agricultural projects, in addition to supporting botanical and animal production and improving seeds and developing means of fishery.

For the sector of energy and industry, YR 100 billion is allocated. This sector includes projects in the fields of oil and minerals, industry and trade and electricity and waters.

The amounts of money would be allocated to expanding the power networks supplying some industries, inaugurating new production lines, regulating activity of some industries and introducing modern ways to some establishments.

In 2003, projects of energy and industry would also include strengthening the capacity of power generation and developing power networks in the cities.

Industrially, the projects would focus on building sewage system networks and extending pure water services to the governorates.

Public works, transport and communications investment in 2003 will be amounted 54 billion.

This sector represents a social dimension because of its being associated with public works and development upgrading through linking the country with infrastructure and communications.

The government in this respect intends to continue efforts for paving roads and increasing road-networks in the governorates. The government has also decided to buy an overland transport fleet for activating trade movement and developing sea ports, besides opening new ports and developing air freight.

The government intends also to develop postal communications and services to cover all areas of the republic.

As for social services, YR 109 billion is allocated.

The allocation is distributed on higher education, technical education and public health and population.

Finally, the investment program has credited YR 82 billion for the sectors of public administration, among which are tourism, environment, information, civil service, planning, finance and projects and programs on combating poverty and networks of social safety.

Yemen's party politics still growing

BY YEMEN TIMES STAFF

Political parties in Yemen continue to face great challenges in attempting to lead Yemen into modern economic times.

Expanding economic resources and utilizing the technological revolution for the development industry, economic growth and knowledge remain among the larger challenges.

In fact, the political multi-party system in Yemen is still in its early stage.

The emergence of political parties has come during a time of backwardness and weakness of the development process in its both political and social dimensions. Thus one cannot apply the terminology of a party in the full sense of the word to what is the appearance of all political parties and organizations.

Political parties in Yemen emerged publicly after the unification of Yemen in 1990 within a framework of emerging democratic programs based on a multi-party system, respecting others' opinion and guaranteeing peaceful transfer of power via parliamentary elections.

The inception of political pluralism occurred in the womb of backwardness.

- Among these characteristics are:
- Weakness of industry base in the country.
 - A wide gap in social variations,
 - Domination of fanatic traditions and customs over moderate behavior of the society,
 - Wasting of local resources,

- Weakness of political allegiance to the state.
- Insufficiency of productive capitals, backwardness of production means, high unemployment and high rates of illiteracy.

The state has therefore tried to stabilize the approach of political pluralism amidst such complicated mine fields and a social climate nearly rejecting the partisan phenomenon, especially by individuals representing backwardness.

But winds of political change have contributed to the extending role of political parties and organizations in the parliamentary, presidential and local councils elections.

This has led to a relative marginalization of backward elements and encouraged organizations of the civil society and non-governmental organizations. This led to the formation of more than 20 political parties and organizations and dozens of professional, mass and unionist federations.

During the past 12 years, political parties have played an important role in bringing up development of the society politically, with the aim of salvaging it from backwardness and illiteracy.

The state worked to develop the infrastructure and organizations of civil society and rid itself of dualities in education curricula by merging scholastic institutes with government schools.

Despite such efforts, elements of backwardness continued to hinder orientation of the political parties towards modernizing the society, unification, and ending backwardness by increasing production and participation in the process of economic development.

With the expansion of popular participation in the referendum, the political pluralism experiment contributed, to a certain extent, to the appearance of a politicized society that in turn has reflected the positive impact of the society's political development.

This new stage, however, has not been without certain elements that have tried to abort the experiment of political modernization and create crises before the democratic experiment in Yemen.

These elements tried to spread skepticism in the avail of political pluralism. When they have failed in that, they perpetrated political assassination of party activists, the latest of whom was Jarallah Omer, the assistant secretary-general of the Yemen Socialist Party.

The capacity enjoyed by party leadership and representatives of civil society remained a more important factor in pushing people to be in harmony with the country's continuous changes.

After 12 years of the parties participating in political development, Yemen seems capable of surmounting the so-called crises of identity, legitimacy and popular participation.

This is especially so because a large number of people are willing to join political parties and ready to take part in making decisions and move to a modern civil society heading for development.

Thus the partisan phenomenon in Yemen, through the peaceful transfer of power, is capable of taking part in solving the crises of development.

The Road Ahead

Learning for growth

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Learning is one of the most important aspects in everyone's life. I am not referring to what people learn or are taught in schools or colleges. I am talking about that learning which you gain from experience.

In the business world, they say that if you want to grow you must dedicate your self to learning; learning through paying attention to experienced people who know the secrets of success, learning by working with others who are successful and listening to their stories.

In addition to that, feedback is critical in the learning process. Feedback includes praise, criticism, recommendations and personal comments. A good learner must use his powers of observation to understand the wisdom behind feedback and be guided by that.

Although nobody likes to be criticized, criticism teaches us a lot of important lessons that we can use in life and bring our attention to minor issues that are really dangerous signs. On the other hand, many attack the messengers of bad news although their criticism is for the job done not the person who did the job. This will cause the flow of feedback to come to halt and hence stop the learning process.

To grow in business, you should keep in mind that you are continuously being tested. To pass, you must earn the respect of the people you work with or receive feedback from. Teachers are everywhere and they include everyone you interact with. In other words anybody who has particular expectations and perceptions about your business or work and provides you with feedback from which you can learn and grow. That somebody is your teacher.

Finding a good mentor is also important in the learning process, but it isn't easy. Look for someone who is an expert in that particular field and try to find a connection between you and him and then establish a relationship. Remember, the best relationships are based on choice and built on liking. The more liking there is in the relationship, the easier the learning process is.

There are many ways of establishing such a relationship. After selecting a particular mentor, ask for advice from him, and prove that you are dedicated to learn and that his advice is valuable. Or provide honest and sincere feedback. Such feedback helps in creating mutual respect between both parties.

Shared interests usually create the best relationships because they include reciprocity and can enlist their support. And remember, you must always be willing to provide and accept feedback. Otherwise nobody can help you and learning will be less.

Remember: Seek feedback. It provides you with learning that helps you to grow.



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Words of Wisdom



Everything has a deadline. Everybody is under some kind of time pressure. While this pressure may not be good for one's health, it is a wonderful contributor for efficiency.

Here in Yemen, there is hardly any deadline. Getting anything done is a real problem as work lingers on and on, and not many people seem to mind. In fact, the very concept of deadline is virtually non-existent... I am asking our educators to instill the concept of deadline in the value system of our society. This is so crucial in a world in which time is increasingly precious.

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



OUR OPINION

Disrupting the balance

There is no doubt that Yeme's leadership is having a very tough time trying to maintain a balance between satisfying the US in its war against 'terror' and not angering the public that objects to any help to the U.S.

The delicate balance has gone through turbulences, but was quickly maintained by wise decisions by the political leadership. The government survived the implications of the 'embarrassing' assassination of al-Harithi by a CIA drone in November, and it escaped the scandal of the North Korea vessel carrying scud rockets to our country.

But what next? How will the leadership maintain the balance in case of a war against Iraq? Yemen is requested to continue to assist the US in future moves, whether against Iraq or against any other nations. Why not if it all comes in harmony with the US-led war against 'terror'?

I personally feel that all Arab nations are suffering from what we can call a state of severe stagnancy and passiveness. People don't think, don't react, don't object, and don't even comment anymore. The few hundred who write columns, preach at mosques or march in small demonstrations, reflect how weak we have become as a people.

Hence, the balance will be maintained because while people will continue to deal with daily life, they don't give a damn of what is going on in the region. The extremely harsh conditions are enough to make people figure out ways to make ends meet regardless of what Palestinians or Iraqis are doing. Everyone is busy.

It is not anyone's fault to live that way. They say a hungry man is an angry man. But the experience we are going through now makes us believe that a hungry man is also an easy-going man who cares more for his children than for the war against any other country.

We are already used to such events that trigger public emotions for a few days. We witness rallies and protests which later calm down and die slowly.

This happened for the Afghanistan war. It happened during the Palestinian Jenin massacres. And it wouldn't be surprising if it will happen again in response to the war against Iraq.

All I want to say is that there should be no fears of the leadership that the people would cause any disturbance to the state. I am sure they wouldn't because with life so harsh in every aspect imaginable, people are too busy looking after their own lives. There should be no fear from the public's reaction because it is already dead. But what we should be worried about is the possible US reaction to what it could see as "insufficient cooperation of Yemen".

Otherwise, the balance will live on, and could be eternal.

The Editor

Vanity kills Islah Party

By IBRAHIM JABER

Confidence is a good characteristic and invariably guarantees success and benefits its carrier. But it seems that this aspect has been cooking for too long at the Islah Party. And it's been transformed lately to deadly arrogance, which started shaking the once well-rooted throne.

This party attracted the attention from all around the world, presenting itself as an example of the moderate Islamic stream that denounces all types of terrorism and fanatic thoughts. Simultaneously it presented itself as an Islamic political party that can encapsulate all other streams and convince them of its ideological concepts, causing by that not only to remove its name from the international terrorism list, but also to tie in with many other assemblies and create allies of different views and strategies.

And when everything was fine and the goal was just about to be reached, the party found itself in a situation that it never thought of. That is when in the third annual conference Mr. Jar Allah Omar the secretary-general assistant of the YSP was shot dead in front of their own eyes in their own place.

Who did it? No one but one of the

several raged fanatics who could not digest the new concept of the party and could not be contained in the multi-pocketed thinking umbrella the Islah Party has been taking refuge from the world in.

Tji's happened as a consequence of the self-important attitude that accompanied the dramatic historical establishing of the 'legend', or so thought to be. An attitude misconceived by the thought that they could do it; they could drag anyone from into the party's ground field. Not knowing that maybe someone won't be happy with this new stream of thought, and that that someone might do something as a response or to make himself heard.

The truth is that the Islah Party did manage to fulfill the first part of the plan, as they enrolled a huge number of new members. However they could not proceed further and complete the remaining sections, and because of that, many new organizational pockets emerged, making the base sway in doubt from one side to the other until the whole construction eventually fell apart, or would so soon if nothing changed.

Because when the priority should have been given to reforming the inside of the party, it preferred to show off to the rest of the world that they are okay

on their own. In fact, they don't even require American help in managing security, and the so goes the rest of the story, which is too well-known now to be narrated here again.

And because the accusations the Islah Party has been directing to the government have not stopped yet, by following the latter's cooperation with American forces to kill six Yemeni in November, the PCG didn't waste time in avenging and suddenly recognized that Jar Allah Omar was such a dear alias and a political figure.

The government even said that the Islah's Party indirect participation to his assassination, through weak security, was too much to be forgiven. And the government media didn't stop waving its finger in an 'I told You!' way, causing the Islah Party to stand still, astonished and paralyzed in front of this multi-sided attack.

Now what? Can the Islah Party play innocent and at least convince its ally the YSP that the former 'didn't mean for it to be that way?' Or are we to witness the birth of a new inter-party war. Maybe blood would be the only approved weapon in it?

Only time can answer these questions and more. Only time would tell us. And I think we won't have to wait long to know.



COMMON SENSE

By Hassan Al-Haifi

A question: WHY?

President George W. Bush, of the United States has apparently shifted the War on Terror from a yet to be completed war of chasing some renegade mountain guerillas in the rugged terrain of Afghanistan to a more costly and sophisticated operation involving massive troop build-ups and the mobilization of heavy land, sea and air battle gear. This sudden shift in superpower global strategy has taken the crux of all the news covering events in the world.

Notwithstanding all the coverage and war talk coming out of Washington against a more stagnant Baghdad, not to mention all the diplomatic activity for or against such a presumably eminent war, we probably may never see a war. There is still an high degree of mystery and shrouded tough talk that needs to be deciphered in order to have a proper perception of what is really going on.

Whatever the case, it is clear that much of the policy and strategic thinking that lies behind this massive preparation does not have any major substance on the surface to give it any justifiable credence. Never has transparency become so aloof from major shifts in American foreign policy, as all this saber-rattling that we are getting from Washington these days. Even the British government, America's staunchest allies, seem to be at a loss, trying to satisfy British public opinion's heavy thirst for information, as to what America is dragging them into now.

We are convinced that the UK had a much easier time tagging along with the United States on such policy shifts, as facing up to the madness of Slobodan Milosovitch in the Balkans less than five years ago. In fact, some allies, such as Germany, seem to be openly opposed to the latest American might-makes-right orientation, because they simply cannot make it clear that a Bush vs. Saddam Showdown II, is now called for and understandable.

So it is quite obvious that the question "WHY" is still pointed at Mr. Bush in capital letters, from friends and foes alike, because there is simply nothing concrete at the surface that clearly justifies, or even points to an eminent unleashing of superpower might in the Fertile Crescent. One wonders if all we are seeing is solely the product of the present White House administration strategists, or dictated by ominous other interests that must be taken into consideration, for political clout, to make up for a lot of the retraction, that seems to emerge along a number of fronts in the United States, led by the economic situation and the absence of a decisive end to the Afghan adventure.

Many observers have also queried "Why Iraq and not North Korea?" After all the latter apparently poses a more serious immediate threat if we take on the White House outlook on the evils of the Axis of Terror as a clear perception of the looming threats to world peace.

This observer is inclined to believe that the present American administration, after sensing on the ground of Afghanistan the complexity of trying to establish firm footings on the Central Asian oil basin, has realized that the Middle East should be the real focus of its attention. After all the oil basin of the region is already firmly in hand. Moreover, with the prodding of Zionist ideologists in the United States and Tel Aviv, the origins of Islamic Terror, as it has been openly called on more than one occasion by administration officials, and a hundred times more so by Israel and her friends, are in the Arab World.

The threat to the intransigence that American and Israeli right wingers would like the United States to pursue is nowhere more dangerous than in the Arab World. But even that is not sufficient to justify such heavy amassment of military gear and loud war rhetoric. The truth of the matter is that most of the Arab States, including Iraq, are as weak as lambs to pose any noticeable threat to anyone (except their own poor politically entrapped people), when looking at the comparative strategic arithmetic of where world power and muscle lie, militarily and economically.

The most likely objective of all this is to ensure that Iran, the only nation in the region that seems to be on the right track, in such important areas as economic and technological, as well as institutional development, if we take out all the misleading misinformative smear campaigns being waged against this nation. In fact, judging from all the indicators of development that are readily available in the development reports of the United Nations and the World Bank, and many western journalistic eyewitness accounts, Iran, on the ground, appears to be more dynamic than we are erroneously led to believe by the obvious strong efforts by Israel and her friends to present that country as the number one threat to Western Civilization! Israel may have her reasons for being scared of Iran, but they really have nothing to do with the defense of Western civilization or serving the interests of the United States in the short or long run.

carrying the mobile laughing and for no reason. Was their shamefully, forgetting our fault only that they are society's customs. American people?

In my opinion, the defect is not in the technology, but it is in the people themselves who misuse it.

Rabe'a al-Aghari
Sanaa

How will Kamel go to heaven?

I wonder how a person like Abid Kamel can kill three people without any mercy

German woman says rights violated

Seeking justice

By SILKE AL-AMRY

No doubt the assassination of YSP official Jaralallah Omar and the killing of 3 US aid workers in Jibla recently are the result of weak law enforcement on the carrying and use of weapons, and other violations of the law.

The incidents raise the question: Is law enforced in Yemen?

Similarly the various human right violations happening everywhere in the country raises the question. Does Yemen value article 17(2) that it signed part of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights?

Being a native of Germany and the widow of Mohamed Hassan Al-Amry, I have my own sad experience to tell in this regard. I have been deprived from my heritage and was treated inhumanly throughout my stay in Yemen. Many dirty tricks were played by powerful figures in courtrooms to deny me my rights.

I know that there are many human rights violations that happen in the

country, but I found out how serious the problem is when I went through a personal experience of oppression and denial of human rights.

What I was also saddened about was the fact that I was offered a settlement of US \$50,000 to leave the country, and was attacked physically and morally in public, in courtroom, and even in my private life?

Where do the Yemeni authorities stand in this?

I have been delayed by the court for ages and the final verdict is still to come. How long does it take to get your rights in Yemen?

When I married Dr. Mohamed Seriy 15 months ago, I went through even more severe conditions. My husband, who owns a trading company in medical goods was deprived of his financial rights in a contract with the ministry of health, leaving him in debt until now.

Some influential figures did and continue to do their best to destroy his small firm. Furthermore, he goes through physiological torture everyday as he is

spied upon, and monitored all the time. He and I have no private life anymore as we are watched around the clock.

When we submitted a complaint to the Ministry of Human Rights, we got no answer. We have complained to every authority or entity one can imagine but to no avail. It is unfortunate that as a German, I get such an impression on Yemen. I have converted to Islam but certainly believe that those actions are against the spirit of my new religion.

I hope everyone who reads this would realize the tough conditions we went through and would give us a helping hand. I just want one favorable response from the authorities or those who can make a difference in my life and allow me to continue living peacefully in Yemen instead of leaving for Germany.

My husband and I are asking for justice and expiations for all cases mentioned. We demand an apology and indemnity for all that we have gone through and a response from the authorities we requested for help.

Letters to the Editor

A new crusade

The world is seeing continuous preparations of the American troops and its allies to destroy the Iraqi dictatorship or to eliminate its weapons of mass destruction.

But whatever may be the excuses, slogans and allegations, it is a new colonization.

Globalization, is a new dress-war against terrorism, or in a clear phrase, a new crusade against Muslims.

The Arab leaders try to illustrate for the eaters of pigs and the killers of prophets the difference between Islam and terrorism, while the American administration supports the Zionist enemy in their conflict with the armless children in Palestine.

It is a shame to see the protesting demonstrations in the western countries are unable to stop a possible strike against Iraq, while

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Arab nations do not move.

So what do we expect of such troops? Is it not yet time-up for the Arab leaders to wake up from their sleepiness? Especially those who run to provide the helping hand for the enemy Hebrew and Christian.

We should not be deceived by false excuses by American and Zionist imperialism that they are launching their aggression on Iraq to eliminate its weapons of

mass destruction, while the United States and its ally Israel are using all their means of deception to destroy Iraq. Is it credible that Islam is a religion of violence and terror, while cowboys are patrons of peace and security?

Fahad Ahmed Alssabri
Sanaa

Mobiles are a problem

No doubt, most of us cannot deny the developments in the electronic field and that human beings have achieved many advantages.

But it appears that it brings out some defects along as well. For example, mobiles that have become the fashion these days, carried everywhere by men or women, are considered one of the best communication tools nowadays.

Still, it becomes obvious that young men and women get crazy about mobiles as they use them on the bus, on the street, and even in the classroom, without consideration to the people around them as if there are not suitable places for their talks.

Besides, most mobile owners have to show off, especially girls who are seen



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Government defends itself, but Muslims desert Liberals in Canada

BY NIHAL KANEIRA
GULF NEWS

As Ottawa quietly lines up behind Washington for the impending war against Iraq, after hemming and hawing for months that the United States should not resort to military action without showing proof of Baghdad's complicity in Al Qaida terrorism, many Canadians are not amused. In fact, they are incensed - most of them Arab and Muslim immigrant groups - and they are making their displeasure known by deserting the ruling Liberal Party in droves.

The immediate beneficiary of these mass defections is the left-leaning New Democratic Party (NDP), the smallest opposition group, but whose leaders have been the most vociferous critics of not only the government's changing Iraqi stance, but also its acquiescence of the discriminatory border control practices that the U.S. has slapped on Canadians at the Canada-U.S. border since November and the sweeping anti-terrorism law that Ottawa rammed through Canadian parliament in the aftermath of the September 11 attacks.

These measures, most Arabs and Muslims here feel, have put them under siege. They contend the ruling party leaders have gone overboard in kowtowing to the Bush administration and its concerns about American security. Under the anti-terrorism act, Canadian Muslims have become second class citizens, they say. They are being subjected to police state tactics as they can be hauled up by law enforcement authorities on mere suspicion that they may be linked to terrorism. Police can put such a person on a terrorist list, make his or her association unlawful and detain them indefinitely. A person who is suspected this way can have his or her assets seized and forced to accept abusive surveillance and closed-door trials and rule by ministerial fiat.

Muslims feel insecure

They say these not exaggerations, and cite the cases of Mansour Jabbarah, the young Muslim citizen who was arrested on suspicion of a terrorist link and handed over to U.S. authorities by the Canadian Security Intelligence Service (CSIS) without a court order in Canada, and Maher Arar, an Ottawa Arab who was seized while on a flight to Montreal in New York and deported to Syria without any reference to the Canadian foreign ministry, as examples of why they feel insecure.

Angry over what they perceive as a failure on the part of the government to protect Arabs and Muslims in the post-September 11 environment in the country, they have started revolting. They say the only way they can make their voice heard is by voting with their feet now - walk away from the party they have supported most of their life in Canada. By deserting Liberal Party, they are making it clear to Liberal leaders they should not count on their support at the next general election.

Arab and Muslim Canadians see an opportunity particularly in the Liberal stronghold of Ontario, Canada's biggest, the richest and the most populous province, the home to some 300,000 of the estimated 650,000 Muslims in Canada, many of them people of Arab descent. In the past, they have been active Liberal supporters largely because of the party's pro-immigration policy, and has played no small role in helping to elect 100-plus MPs in Ontario for the Jean Chretien government at three successive general elections in the past decade. That constitutes two-third of the Liberal seats in the House of Commons, and even a sizeable shift in this support, they feel, could make a huge difference in elections next time.

The leaders of the Arab and Muslim communities say they would have no truck with the governing party any longer, and are urging their members to become active against Liberals at all levels. The two major opposition parties, the Canadian Alliance and the Progressive Conservative Party, however, are not in a position to benefit from this mass exodus. Having dis-

played a more sympathetic ear to the U.S. security concerns and supported the government's anti-terror legislation, they are as much in disfavour with the Muslims and Arabs as the Liberals.

The NDP is the exception

The outgoing NDP leader Alexa McDonough, has been particularly sympathetic to the plight of Arabs and Muslims in Canada and the U.S. She has pulled no punches in opposing the new anti-terrorism law and the discriminatory border control measures, and demanding fair treatment for them in Canada and the U.S. She has also been very critical of President George W. Bush and his plans for invading Iraq, the rampant racial profiling of Arabs and Muslims that U.S. law enforcement authorities routinely resort to these days under the guise of protecting Americans, especially the new requirement that Arab and Muslim Canadians crossing over to the U.S. on business and pleasure should be fingerprinted and photographed at the Canada-U.S. border.

Pleas by Arab and Muslim Canadian groups to the government in Ottawa to have this discriminatory practices discontinued have been of no avail.

Added to these, last month's decision by the government to extend the ban on the military wing of Hezbollah to the entire organisation, making collection of funds for the Palestinian liberation struggle illegal, is seen by Canadian Arabs of Middle Eastern origin as further proof of Ottawa caving into U.S. and Jewish pressure.

"Muslims are feeling under siege," explains Uzma Shakir, a Muslim activist in Toronto, summing up the problems of Arabs and Muslims in Canada. "Their faith is being demonised and associated with terrorism. We can't travel, even with a Canadian passport. We don't know if our country will stop us from being deported. We don't know who will be picked up by whom and when. Our citizenship can be taken away."

Khalid Baksh, a Toronto litigation lawyer who represented Canadian Muslim communities at parliamentary and senate hearings on the Anti-Terrorism Act - or Bill C-36, as it is known here - has described the implementation of the legislation as a defining moment for Canadian Muslims.

Writing in the Toronto Star, he said the harm to Canada and to minorities, Muslims in particular, has been profound. The atmosphere of fear that developed, and was perpetuated by the legislation further marginalised Muslim Canadians, cementing further the "Us versus Them" attitude that so many have found in Canada, he said.

'Bill C-36 was an assault on basic civil liberties of Canadians, especially Muslims. It provided extraordinary powers to law enforcement authorities ...'

He argued that Bill C-36 was an assault on the basic civil liberties of Canadians, especially Muslims. It provided extraordinary powers to law enforcement authorities to make preventative arrests, creation of the crime of 'facilitation', the use of secret evidence and the power to list individuals and groups as 'terrorists' without due process. This is despite the fact that existing legislation was more than adequate to deal with any threat, real or perceived. "The legacy of C-36 may be that it served to increase the divisions and the cultural myopia in Canada, just

when Canadians need our government to take a stand for those things that we hold dear - tolerance and respect," Baksh adds.

Other community leaders agree. They say the traditional support for the Liberals is eroding and allegiances are shifting. Zafar Bangash, publisher of the bi-monthly Crescent International, a newspaper that reflects the views of Ontario Muslims, says Arabs and Muslims have supported the ruling Liberals overwhelmingly at federal and provincial elections primarily because of their pro-immigrant policies, but they are now clearly moving away and joining the NDP because they have lost hope that the government is doing enough to alleviate their grievances.

"For the first time the NDP has been able to attract a fairly significant number of members of Arab and Muslim communities into its ranks," he says "This has to do with the kind of policies the government has adopted and issues it has spoken about since September 11, and the war hysteria that has been created. Arabs and Muslims see the NDP as the only political party in Canada which is willing to speak for them, highlight their problems and fight for them.

For their part, Liberals say the beefed up counter-terrorism measures were unavoidable, and that they probably staved off unilateral border control measures by the United States, which would have been disastrous for the Canadian economy. They also say the shift of Arab and Muslim support to the NDP is marginal and that the Liberal Party remains the dominant force among the broad masses including Arabs and Muslims.

'Serious threat'

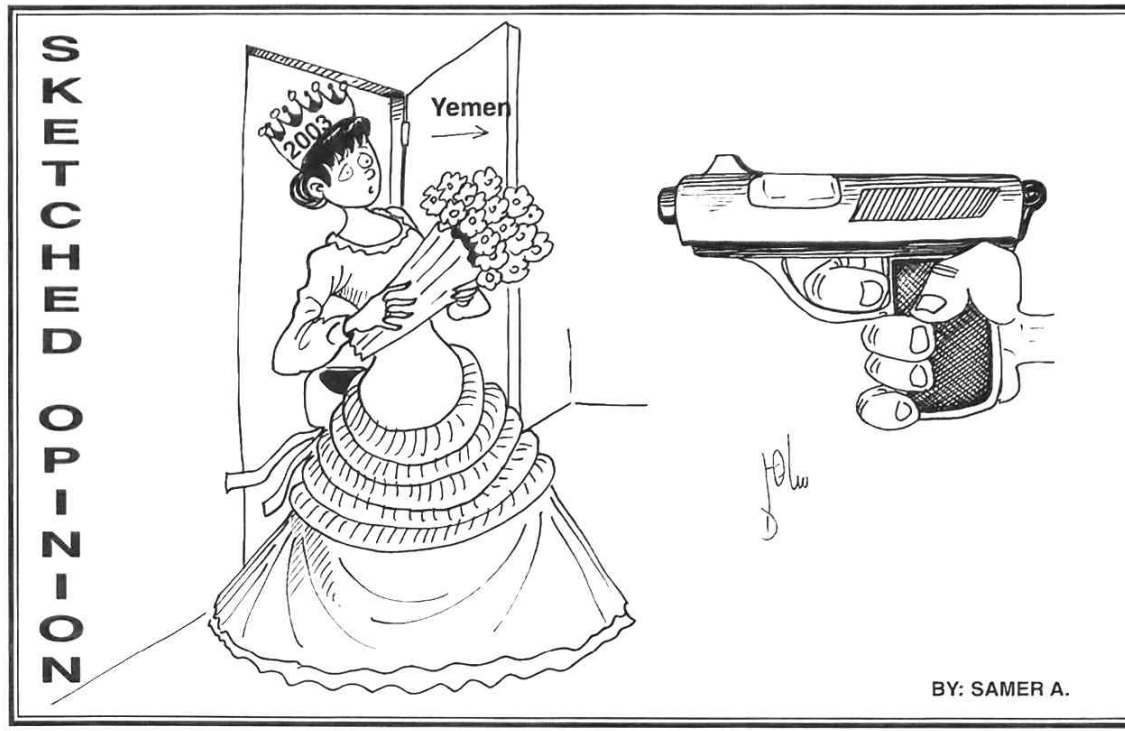
"There was a serious threat to Canadian economic security," says Reg Whittaker, Professor Emeritus at York University, Toronto, who believes the steps taken by the government were necessary and measured, and that people would come to understand this in time. "Under those circumstances, the Liberal strategy was not to think big, to work on very incremental agreements with the Americans that will satisfy them, but will not be carried out at serious cost to Canadian sovereignty."

The Deputy Prime Minister John Manley, who negotiated the 30-point action plan for enhancing security along the Canada-U.S. border after the events of September 11, has also said that his main concern was protecting Canada's economy. He told the Canadian media in September that he felt the economy was facing the greatest risk as a result of September 11. "It was very clear the reaction in the U.S. to those events was going to be one of increased insularity and 'how do we protect ourselves.' That made us vulnerable on the border."

With 86 per cent of Canadian exports going to markets in the United States, there is no doubt that it is the fears about a possible clamp down on the flow of goods and services by Americans prompted Ottawa to enact the anti-terrorism law and agree with the so-called smart border plan, which are now causing heartburn to Arab and Muslim Canadians. Fortunately for them, one other piece of legislation that the government rushed to draft as part of the counter-terrorism measures - a new Public Safety Act - has been pigeonholed, thanks to the criticism of civil libertarians and the privacy commissioner.

Had that Act also been adopted, federal ministers and police would have been provided with even more broader powers to track people and invade their privacy. The feeling of frustration and let down among Arabs and Muslims then would have been far greater.

Still, the growing disaffection among Arabs and Muslims is not something to be underestimated. Their concerns are real. Most civil libertarians in the country agree that some of the new laws are repugnant and should be amended or scrapped before they change the fabric of Canadian society for good. Maybe the flight of Arab and Muslim supporters from the Liberal Party will open the eyes of government leaders, prompt them to revisit the laws that is causing the heartburn.



BY: SAMER A.

Taking a closer look Yemen's media has Islah Party all wrong



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The end of 2002 had such a tragic and sad end, and is a beginning to what is much worse.

For the loss of one of the national opposition symbols in such a horrid way, and in such a critical time and place is too painful a fact to endure. That ugly incident has made one feel that we are in a jungle and not in a democratic state as we keep claiming day and night.

But what's worse is the way some politicians, intellectuals and media people treat such sensitive issues, especially the official media, which dealt with this case in a wicked way and clear manipulation.

Unusually, the Yemeni channel broadcast the news minutes after it took place, supported with pictures, and did so dozens of times before and after the main news. What the news was focusing on was that the criminal is a member of the Islah Party and a student in Al-Iman University, drilling in the audience minds that the Islah Party's hands are stained with Jar Allah's blood.

And how would such news end but with a flood of abuses and curses targeting terrorism, extremism and fanatic beliefs?

Religious brainwashing

Stating more than once that it was the religious brainwashing and the fanatic programming that the criminal had undergone that drove him to committing such awful things.

At the same time the murderer denied any relation with the Islah Party. He said while being investigated that it was an individual act and was driven by his obsession with the extremist thoughts which made the people in authority and even those in the Islah Party worth killing and far from Islam.

This man was earlier arrested for abusing the president and Shiekh Abdulla Al-Ahmar and many of the Islah leaders accusing them and skewing them away from the true religion.

Therefore, no reasonable person could say that he actually belongs to that political party which he trashed in many occasions.

Moreover, if he belonged to that party, he would have assassinated Jar Allah Omar - who walked without security or body guards - in the street or any other place or time. I knew the late Jar Allah Omar and how accessible he is to any one who wants to reach him.

The legacy of a man

I have interviewed him last year for the Yemen Times and I was duly impressed with his courage and frankness. Whoever wanted to kill him could have done so anywhere.

As for the criminal belonging to Al-Iman University, this was eight years ago, and in fact he dropped out of the university because he could not adjust in the environment he found there. For that matter, the same man studied in Sana'a University before that and also belonged to the army.

So how does his studying at some point of his life in Al-Iman University be of relation to what he has done today? And does that mean that anyone who studies there could be the same? And why can't we say the same for Sana'a University, or the army? Why measure with two different scales?

The Islamic movement, which started in 1948 and was called: "Yemeni Assembly for Islah" had and still has a long history of moderate peaceful policy. It never clashed with the state, in fact it came into and out of ruling positions in an amazing democratic way, impressing even those who predicted the bloodshed.

As for the hearsay about the Islah Party not allowing security forces to safeguard the conference, and they depending on their members for that, then would have the criminal failed to enter had the government provided the security instead? Looking at the current security circumstances of the country gives a clear answer to that.

The rocket incidence

As an example, Ba-Jammal stated in his speech in the Parliament Assembly this week that a terrorist group fired a rocket on an American airplane from Sana'a Airport, but they missed. Perhaps that rocket (not a gun or a pistol) escaped the eyes of the wide-eyed alert security men in the city.

Forget the city, how did it get through to the airport? How can the repetitive explosions taking place in sensitive so called protected areas be explained? The

one happening near the Political Security Forces Center was not the first or the last one.

And what is most ironic, the unusual attention that was paid to the late Jarallah Omar, by the official media. Suddenly in their eyes he has become the great patriot, the brave-heart and martyr of democracy. Where were they before he was shot dead?

Wasn't this the same man who was continuously attacked by the same media elements being accused of double standards and deceit? That he is benefiting from selling his own country secrets and interests to no so much well wishers?

Was the case going to be the same had he not been assassinated in that particular place and time? I am sure had he died elsewhere he would have received merely two lines at the end of 9 o'clock news, as a by the way news.

Looking closer

Before we jump into conclusions and start pointing fingers here and there, we must give some thought to a few points I would like to state as follows:

- Jar Allah Omar was expected to turn over situations and bring together an agreement between Islah Part and the YSP. This new partnership could have become a strong rival for the ruling party.

- The recent period was termed as one of the best in the relationship between the YSP and the RP. Would the Islah Party have done something like that now?

- The Islah Party was under attention and it knew that very well. Why would they have caused negative publicity for themselves especially that they are preparing for the elections?

- Yemeni people are greatly influenced by media and they follow the mob without thinking most of the time. The official media has a particular way of swaying crowds, so you must think before you believe.

I want to repeat the last point, think, and think carefully. We must unite to take one stand against all factors of terrorism and not let any fruitless arguments blind us from the true things. Instead of throwing the blame, we should start learning the rules of dialogue and respect the other point of view.

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Yemen Malayalee Welfare Association

Indians giving a helping hand

BY YEMEN TIMES STAFF

The Yemen Malayalee Welfare Association, a newly formed charitable organization of Keralites living in Yemen, was inaugurated by Indian Ambassador, H.E. M.S.Suman on December 20 at a meeting attended by a large audience at the Indian Embassy School Auditorium.

The meeting was presided over by the Association President Mr. A. M. Sharif.

Mr. Jose N.T., vice president of the association welcomed the guests to the meeting and Secretary Mr. Thomas Mathew, while presenting the report, enumerated the various welfare activities the association is planning to



Indian VIPs light a candle.

recreation facilities will be provided for the members. The association will also arrange occasional seminars and conferences on relevant topics. Membership is open to all Indians who are interested in welfare activities.

In his inaugural address, the ambassador, wishing all the best to the association, expressed hope that the association will become a model to all Indians living in Yemen and contribute for the welfare of everyone.

Prof. P.A. Abraham (Sana'a University), Mr. Santosh Puthumara, Mr. Ranganathan (Vice President, Indian Embassy Club), and Mr.

Sreekumar spoke on the occasion and gave felicitations. Mr. Bajaj, Counsellor, Indian Embassy also graced the occasion by his presence.

The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks from Mr. Sebastian Antony, treasurer of the Association, followed by a variety of cultural programmes.



More performing during inauguration ceremony.



An Indian girl dances.

undertake, such as arranging medical camps and giving a helping hand to the needy and exploited people.

The association will have soon an office of its own where a library and

Dutch Leiden University makes Islamic civilization known



TRANSLATED BY
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Ever since it was established four centuries ago, the Dutch Leiden University played an important role in Europe in informing Europeans about Islam and the Islamic civilization. This was

February 8th, 1575. The university was considered a reward to Leiden City for its great national role in the public resistance fight against Spanish colonization. From that time onwards, the university practices a very distinguished role in the field of science studies and in the area of various laboratory and field researches.

Dutchman Van Ravlengen was the first Chair Professor of the Arabic Language department at Leiden University. At the same time, he was teaching Hebrew. The University hired a significant number of the orientalists, who learnt Arabic, from all over



Constantinople - Turkey.

Those who learnt Arabic and graduated from Leiden University concentrated on Islam religion in the beginning of the nineteenth century under the instructions of Dozy, Goya and Snauck Haurgranje who wrote a lot of Islam-related books including "The History of Muslims in Spain." In addition, they published many texts and articles on Arabic grammar, geography and Islamic shariah.

It is interesting to note that the Dutch language contains at least 160 Arabic words. Those words were initially transferred from the Malay language to the Indonesian language. But because of the good relations between the Netherlands and Indonesia centuries ago, those words eventually found their way to the Dutch Language.

Right now the number of the students at Leiden University is about fourteen thousand. The university has nine theoretical and scientific colleges, of which more than one hundred subjects are taught in several scientific fields. Leiden University is considered among the most prominent universities in Europe, especially in Natural Sciences Studies, Medicine, Literature, Sociology, People's Traditions, and International Law.



mainly done through the translations

made by tens of orientalists who traveled to the Middle East and learnt Arabic. The university also played a historic role in publicizing Islamic knowledge by teaching its students Arabic Language, Islamic studies and Oriental Sciences. The library at the university is considered among the richest, most ancient, and most unique European libraries. It contains the most valuable old Islamic manuscripts and the most important Islamic print-outs and books.

Leiden University was established in the Netherlands as a result of prince Willem initiative. It was established in

the world.

In the late 16th century, the first printing machine established in Leiden City as a branch of the Antwerp Belgium printing press. This branch printed the first book containing Arabic manuscripts in 1595. The first Arabic-Dutch dictionary was later printed in Leiden as well.

Mr. Tomas Van Arbeen was specialized in teaching Arabic language at Leiden University for eleven years. Mr. Farnand took over the post of Tomas in 1654 in the field of teaching Arabic language. Mr. Farnand enriched the university's library with Islamic manuscripts he brought from

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Written by
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Translated by
Janet Watson

A heart at peace

M - What did the Yemeni philosopher say, Mus'ida?

Ma - Go on! What did he say?

M - He said, 'Oh for a heart at peace, that I could plough with a white ox with nothing owed and nothing owing. The delight of ploughing in winter; ploughing in winter is the hero's sword! How many difficulties God has solved!'

Ma - Yes, exactly! 'The delight of ploughing in winter; ploughing in winter is the hero's sword!'

And there's more, Mus'ida. 'Oh for the eye to have what it sees, for the heart to have what it desires. With two young oxen I plough and rejoice!'

M - And there's even more, Mus'ida! 'If only I knew what would dismiss cares! Suckling babies or furrows on a terrace!'

Ma - My heart yearns for the ploughing and sowing season, for some peas from the pod, and a drink from a cold clay jug. If only I could sing out with all my heart!

'I would compare you to a branch of rue nurtured and protected by a wall! Your love is a torture needing water and tender care!'

M - Even if you did sing your heart out, Mus'ida, the only people who would listen to you and appreciate the sound and meaning would be the older generation who still understand the old sayings, and songs, and the meaning

of, 'Oh for a heart at peace, that I could plough with a white ox!'

Ma - Why would only the older generation understand, when our children, the youth of today, may God keep away the devil, are educated and graduating from our universities with certificates in computer science and foreign languages! All they need to do now is start eating asid with a knife and fork!

M - We don't need to worry about them! The only thing they seem to be interested in is progress and refined culture! They're only a stone's throw away from reaching the surface of the moon! What I want to talk to you about is our children, the people of the land and agriculture.

Ma - With all due respect, as long as most of the valleys are dry and barren, and the land is uncultivated, and the young men with strong forearms are scattered around the cities and provincial centres, there's no point in counting on hearts being soothed by the songs and dancing of old.

'Oh you slender, elegant, beautiful one, like the neck of a smooth clay jug, love is a burning fire, oh beauty with no separation!'

M - Look, that's exactly what I want to talk to you about! Last week, I went with my cousin to his village, to those people he had a quarrel with. Later I went off for a walk to the old well which used to be the only one in the wadi. It's still as it was left by our fathers and grandfathers, but it's been neglected. I sat on the sawuruh, the wall of the well, praising God for his wonderful

kingdom and contemplating the vicissitudes of fate. I've no idea how I came to forget my glasses on top of the sawuruh, but I didn't remember them until I got back to the house. Anyway, I went up to my son and said to him, 'Look, son, I went and took my glasses off and left them on top of the sawuruh, where I'd been sitting. Could you fetch them for me?' So he went off. Then he came back again and said, 'I don't know what a sawuruh is, Dad! Do you see what I mean, Mus'ida?'

Ma - That's nothing, there's worse to come!

M - Go on!

Ma - Last year, I went to the village and spent two weeks there. I walked round all the valleys, but I never heard any traditional singing or saw any dancing, and I didn't see any fresh pods, or one clay jug covered with vine leaves. The Yemeni philosopher said, 'Oh for the eye to have what it sees, for the heart to have what it desires! With two young oxen I plough and rejoice!'

i.e. Ploughing in the winter prepares the soil for sowing before the rains come, and therefore eliminates hunger in the same way as a hero is felt to do. The plough is compared here with blade of the sword.

Ahkam, p. 107; Aqwal, p. 37; Qanun San'a, p. 2.

Ahkam, p. 104; Aqwal, p. 33. The second sentence is in answer to the first.

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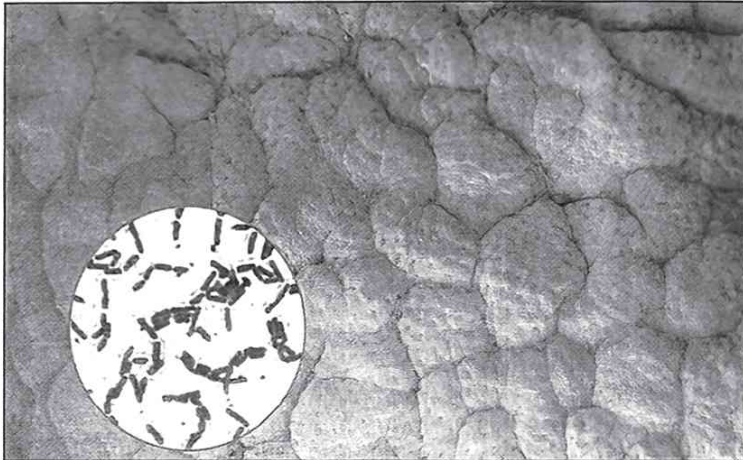
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They protect us from pathogenic agents and alleviate symptoms of maladies

Germ to the rescue

BY MICHELE L. TRANKINA
THE WORLD & I

Rarely do the words *germs* and *rescue* share the same billing. After all, have we not been repeatedly warned that germs are associated with contamination, disease, and unsanitary conditions? True, but we also know that all germs are not the same. In fact, scientists are discovering a growing list of microorganisms that silently contribute to making our world a better place. Many of these microbes are well known in food technology, and they are becoming increasingly conspicuous in the promotion of human health.



Probiotic bacteria such as lactobacillus acidophilus (inset) take up residence on the inner lining of the colon. This lining is composed mainly of epithelial cells that exert selective control over which materials are absorbed or excluded.

These beneficial germs that dwell in our digestive system are also referred to as friendly microflora, natural flora, and *probiotics* (from the Greek terms that means 'for life'). Rapidly accumulating literature attests to their roles in disease prevention and symptom relief. Over the past 10 years, numerous symposia and international conferences have underscored the clinical significance of probiotics, elucidating their features and potential applications for improving human health.

In defining the term probiotics, people from various disciplines - particularly microbiology, biochemistry, and nutrition - have introduced their own nuances. Nonetheless, in a broad sense, probiotics may be defined as mixed cultures of live microbes (or products containing them) that, when ingested in sufficient quantity, exert beneficial effects on the health of the host. Probiotic prod-

ucts include fermented dairy and nondairy foods and supplements containing live bacteria, mainly of the genera *Lactobacillus* and *Bifidobacterium*.

When a probiotic product is ingested, the microorganisms it contains must be capable of surviving through the harsh conditions that prevail in most of the gastrointestinal (GI) tract. Some of them will eventually inhabit the lower part of the small intestine, while most will settle in the large intestine (colon). The colon is an especially suitable residence because of the relatively slow rate of passage of its contents compared with movement in the small intestine.

When populations of microflora are fully established, an average adult's

Nobel laureate Elie Metchnikoff of the Pasteur Institute, who ushered in the age of probiotics with his book *The Prolongation of Life* (1908). Metchnikoff proposed that the marked longevity of Bulgarian peasants was correlated with their intake of yogurt, produced by fermenting milk with microorganisms that generate lactic acid. He theorized that the lactobacilli (lactic acid bacteria) in yogurt kept pathogen populations in the peasants' intestinal tracts in check.

Goran Molin of Sweden's Lund University suggests that the consumption of fermented foods containing lactic acid bacteria was common until well into the twentieth century but then declined, leading to an increased incidence of GI maladies. The reduction of natural flora in the GI tract can also be attributed to several other factors: the widespread ingestion of antibiotics and other drugs by humans and animals raised for human consumption; food sterilization methods; and improvements in hygiene, along with the proliferation of antibacterial products. Consequently, serendipitous inoculation of the digestive system is not as common as in the past.

As practicing nutritionist, I am continually hearing complaints related to the GI tract from my patients and clients. Lactose intolerance, irritable bowel syndrome, and constipation frequently afflict adults, while food allergies predominate among infants and children. Fortunately, an assortment of effective natural therapies is now available, including probiotic products. Introducing friendly flora into the gut helps restore enteric equilibrium.

colon contains upward of 400 species of microflora, with 10^{11} bacterial cells per gram of colon contents. It is estimated that 20-40 percent of probiotic bacteria survive after ingestion and take up either permanent or temporary residence, depending on conditions.

Long history of usage

There is a long history of the consumption of fermented foods, along with specific recommendations for treating human illnesses. The Old Testament contains numerous references to eating curds, probably referring to yogurt. A Persian exegesis of Genesis 18:8 offers that "Abraham owed his longevity to the consumption of sour (fermented) milk."

Microbiologists have also long been aware of the importance of microbial homeostasis (balance) in the gut. The person most credited with recognizing the GI benefits of fermented foods is

face area through which nutrients are absorbed into the blood and lymphatic circulatory systems. The large intestine does not contain villi, but some nutrients are absorbed through its walls as well.

The inner lining of both the small and large intestines is a mucous membrane (or *mucosa*), which is mainly composed



When a person takes antibiotics, the friendly germs as well as disease-causing ones are wiped out.

of epithelial cells. These cells are closely packed and interconnected through what are called *tight junctions*. Interspersed among the epithelial cells are *goblet* cells, which secrete mucus.

Under conditions of normal health, the epithelial cells exercise selective control over what materials are absorbed. They thus constitute one of the first lines of defense against foreign invaders. At the same time, the mucus lubricates the intestinal lining and protects it from desiccation, trauma, carcinogens, pathogens, and the action of digestive enzymes that arrive from the upper GI tract.

If the populations of friendly microflora in the colon are decimated by antibiotics, chemotherapy, radiation therapy, or any of the other factors mentioned above, pathogenic microbes may seize the opportunity and begin to flourish. As a result, the mucosal barrier is attacked and becomes abnormally permeable - a situation known in the vernacular as "leaky gut syndrome."

A defective barrier allows absorption of materials that stimulate inflammation of the intestines and other body organs. In a cyclic effect, the inflammatory reactions further compromise the barrier's integrity and stimulate the host's immune system to react. Possible consequences include various types of diarrhea, food allergies, eczema, irritable bowel syndrome, and aggravation of inflammatory bowel disease (ulcerative colitis and Crohn's disease). Another possibility is that the immune system may go so far off course that it attacks the person's own tissues, leading to autoimmune disease such as rheumatoid arthritis and multiple sclerosis.

This cycle can be stopped and a normal environment reestablished with the restoration of a healthy balance of microflora provided by probiotic products. Exactly how these microbes benefit their human hosts is an active area of study. The available evidence points to several possible mechanisms.

One major benefit of these microbes is that they diminish the activity of pathogens by competing with them for nutrients and receptor sites on mucosal cells. In this manner, they interfere with a prerequisite for bacterial pathogenesis: adhesion to the mucosal lining. In addition, they may induce contractions of the colon - a type of "housecleaning" that limits the digestive system's time of

exposure to pathogens.

Furthermore, there is ample evidence that friendly flora enhance the integrity of mucosal cells by fortifying intercellular tight junctions, thereby preventing compromises in permeability. For instance, these microbes generate metabolic products such as glutamine, arginine, and short-chain fatty acids, which help preserve the architecture of mucosal cells. Other metabolic products, such as lactic acid, lead to increased acidity and create an environment hostile to pathogens. Probiotic bacteria also stimulate host immune function. For instance, they may incite host immune cells, known as *macrophages*, to engulf and destroy harmful trespassers.

In addition, beneficial microbes synthesize vitamin K and several B vitamins, include niacin, biotin, and folic acid, which may be partially absorbed through the colon. Although the amounts absorbed do not meet a person's total requirements for these vitamins, someone whose friendly bacteria have been wiped out may show signs of B-vitamin deficiency, such as mouth or tongue sores. Also, because vitamin K is critical for blood clotting, it may be injected into newborns who are deficient in it.

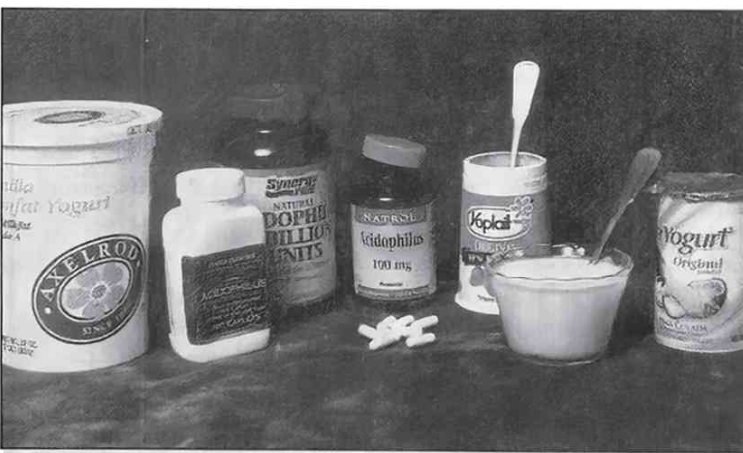
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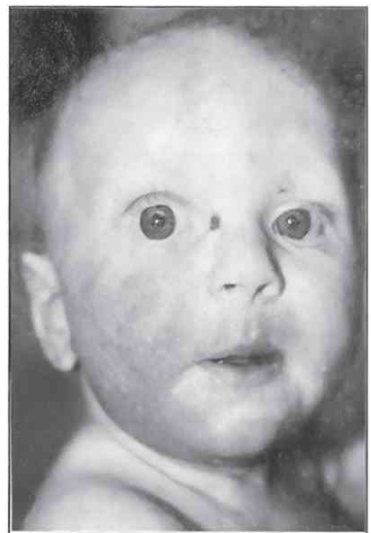
Foods produced by fermentation with probiotic bacteria include pickled cucumbers, sauerkraut, and brined olives.



To preserve good health, a person needs foods such as yogurt, which contains bacteria that strengthen the colon lining and protect it from a attack by armful agents



Probiotic microorganisms can be included in one's diet by taking special supplements or eating yogurt that contains active cultures.



If the colon does not contain sufficient numbers of friendly microbes, its lining may be attacked by pathogens and any may become inflamed. As a result, the immune system may react, leading to such problems as eczema.

Intestinal inquiry

To understand how probiotics work, let us first take a look at some of the features of our small and large intestines. These highly specialized organs, so fundamental to our health, rarely receive the credit they deserve.

The small intestine, with a diameter of 1.5 inches, is about 15 feet longer than the large intestine, which is 2.5 inches in diameter and 5 feet in length. The walls of the small intestine have fingerlike projections (*villi*) that magnify the sur-

Population woes discussed

The minister said that the media has to put priority on publishing information on such important issues.

The meeting also discussed the population problem and its negative influence on the future development program and the productive concept and gender as well.

In the opening ceremony Hussein Dhaif Allah al-Awadi, Minister of Information who is the chairman of the general program for information and people communication, assured the importance of paying attention to people and development issues, that it is the duty of each citizen to help spread awareness about these issues.

He focused on the importance of the

including women issues in the future developmental programs.

He also said that the aim of this meeting is to publish a report about the population problem and its negative effects.

Dr. Ahmed Mohammed al-Hamli, a national expert for the general program for information and people communication in the ministry of information, exalted the extensive efforts that Yemen Times pay in covering such social issues.

Al-Awadi confirmed in his speech that the media is not monopolized by anyone but it is responsibility of everybody to use it responsibly.

A three-day introductory meeting for 40 to raise the awareness of population, productive health, family planning and gender issues wrapped up in Sana'a on Dec. 31.



Hold doctors accountable Let's improve hospital standards

BY NABIL MUSTAFA MAHDI
ADEN

We are forever screaming and knocking the alarm warning against some who wear the white coat.

Imagine that at any moment you are going to lose your life because of the negligence of the responsible people of those hospitals or because of a mistake of a doctor that definitely is not on purpose.

But the dilemma here is more atrocious. It is logical these days to enter some hospitals or operation rooms to have unsecured adventure and find your self either dead, or led to emergency room, or sent abroad to correct what our doctors have done!

The evidence in the public and private hospitals are alike.

Nema Mohammed Ahmed al-Gareeri, a 10-year-child, is an example of common negligence in the educational republic hospital. This child is a real example for repeatedly negligence cases especially in this hospital that always complains from insufficient cadre and lack of capabilities.

Doctors now lead their patients to

another and different life because simply we trust the doctors and give ourselves to their words, and their lancets, for anesthetization.

Who is the responsible then, to put an end for the series of negligence for patients in the hospitals? Who is responsible for doctors' indifference? Who is going to account those who carelessly treat their patients? Who is responsible about patient pain and suffering?

In fact, strict and serious stands are needed from the concerned bodies such as the health ministry. Besides the laws and standing rules, if there are any, let's consider patient's rights and doctors duties either in hospitals or in clinics.

Such rights should be achieved through groups that observe, and investigation committees that make procedures that standardize care.

Moreover the door for complaints cases should be open. That certainly will assist to find out a lot of facts so that the curtain doesn't fall down under the pretexts that these cases are too old.

It's also important to make an invitation to mass media to participate in explaining many solutions for such crucial issues.

But who will respond and hear the alarm warning in our hospitals?

Local Press

Prepared by Mohammed Khidhr



As-Sahwa weekly,
9 Jan. 2003.

Main headlines:

- Islah demands revealing progress on investigations with the assassins to public opinion
- Sheikh al-Ahmar: Assassination of Jarallah, loss for all
- Islah leadership meets the U.S. ambassador, offering condolences on American doors killing
- Jibla detainees released
- YSP demands to be informed on investigation proceeds
- JMP in Taiz condemns Omer assassination

The newspaper's editorial written by the Secretary-General of Islah party says whatever the motives that urged the killer of the late Jarallah Omer were and whoever the forces that planned for and funded that unsightly crime, they have wanted it to be a sinister sedition, specially at apprehensive local circumstances and critical regional and international circumstances.

The editorial maintains that we are fully aware of expenses of peaceful strife and that we should be patient and persistent despite the hardship. Many hindrances appeared on this road but we have no other choice than dialogue in order to communicate with the others and cooperate with them.



Al-Wahda weekly,
8 Jan. 2003.

Main headlines:

- The major challenges face the state and society in 2003.
- Team for negotiating with insurance companies head for London
- Fifteen suspects are arrested in the incident of killing Jarallah Omer
- A Khartoum meeting to discuss cooperation in fighting terror
- Interior minister says positive results in investigations into recent crimes
- Discussion of Yemen's joining the GCC to be held in Riyadh Monday
- Foreign archaeological teams work in Yemen normally

Al-Wahda editorial mentions that in the year 2003 there is a number of challenges facing Yemen. The most prominent challenges, however, is the war on terror. Yemen has become inside a hotter spot in this war as the Yemeni arena has become a stage for direct terrorist targets. Last year was one of the most tragic periods in this respect, both in quantity and quality, a matter that urged Yemen to play an essential partner in the universal campaign against terror.

The war against terror has become an inevitable necessity imposed on all parties and spectra of the Yemeni arena after that all have become aware of the damage it has inflicted on economic development and social security and political life in the community.

The second challenge is that of mustering determination, especially by the government to fight all forms of corruption, taking into account that the most significant aspect of the war on terror must be on the front of corruption.

The third challenge is the process of democracy as it has become the conditional association of the national unity, for without that the opposite is the right consequence.



26 September
weekly, organ of
Yemen Armed
Forces, 9 Jan.
2003.

Main headlines:

- While praising security bodies efforts, the president calls upon all good people to stand nationally abreast for confronting challenges
- New measures for enhancing protection of sea ports and airports
- Defense minister discusses bilateral

relations with the American ambassador

The newspaper's political editor says the fight against terror all forms of violence dictates on us to stand abreast at nationwide level. This effort for combating terror should be raised to a level parallel to dangers and challenges of its present consequences. This trend could not be realized if there is no commitment to the necessity of adhering to national constants, constitution and law by all concerned with democratic climates, pluralism and freedom of expression.

The national constants that call must commit to should not be for cheap partisan purposes and interests or for mere political consumption, but stemming from our comprehension of their significance as a control of the national alignment system and reference for all, authority and opposition.



Al-Wahdawi
weekly, organ of
the Nasserite
Unionist party, 7
Jan. 2003.

Main headlines:

- Attempt to blast interior ministry building, aborted
- Security refuses to reveal the list of targeted by killing by extremists
- Jibla killer has links with the killer of Hudeida nuns, al-Nashiri
- Opposition rejects 2003 budget
- Columnist Ahmed al-Fakieh says we need, especially at present, to stop for a while and ponder about what has elapsed of the country's age.

He calls on all political parties and organizations to stop and review their political performance during the period extending back to their foundation. He calls let's make Jarallah Omer martyrdom a turning-point in our political history.

Partisanship is a means, not end. The homeland needs us now all to truthfully discuss how to discard difference and rally behind the homeland, protect and preserve it. Now it is the time to look for another language, fall of forgiveness, love and mercy. We have the right to dream of that, and we have the right to have that dream come true.

Responsibility of the homeland security and stability is to be shouldered by all. All we are concerned about is talking and presenting theories on stabilizing justice and values of social justice, providing bread, we talk of strengthening principles of peaceful transfer of power, respecting opinion and other opinion, respecting sovereignty of the law and human rights. All these would remain slogans included in our political program and need to be altered into working programs, in line with reality. This could not be attained but through clear and comprehensive dialogue conducted by all political forces keen on security and stability of the homeland.



Al-Jamaheer
weekly, organ of
the Arab Baath
Socialist party, 5
Jan. 2003.

Main headlines:

- Following recent events, large-scale changes in security institutions
- Yemen's youths founding conference to kick off late this month
- Person kills his family member and commits suicide in Utma area
- The newspaper's editorial mention that while all people's voices rise in the call for opening a national dialogue aimed at cementing the internal front in the face of external challenges, an old draft law comes to surface, a one was refused by the parliament and national forces, i.e. a decision pertaining to demonstrations and marches.

Re- submission of this question to the parliament at this very delicate time in Yemen and the Arab world contradicts orientations of the cohesion of internal front to confront challenges. Such a project seeks to effect a rift whose negative effects are reflect-

ed on the homeland and would not allow Yemen play to play a distinguished role in the Arab world.

Any project impinges on the freedom of expression and opinion and confines action of the citizen in expressing his political opposition and to express that by peaceful demonstration, does not only violate the constitution but also seek to gag mouths and the gradual return to the totalitarian regime. It is a dangerous tendency aimed at isolating national issues from their pan-Arab content, and emptying democracy from its popular content.



Al-Balagh
Weekly, 7 Jan.
2003.

Main headlines:

- Ulama (scholars) society calls for closing down al-Iman University
- YSP accuses certain parties of giving military training to Jarallah Omer assassin
- Slafia Jama' for call and fighting kills 50 Algerian officers
- Cells aimed at killing journalists & seculars, arrested
- America decided to small nuclear bombs against Iraq
- U.S. ambassador to Yemen, fails to recruit some tribal Sheikhs & notables

Al-Balagh editorial written by Mr. Abdulla Ibrahim al-Wazir says American planes on Sunday dropped leaflets on southern Iraq calling Iraqi citizens and soldiers to show cooperation with the American soldiers when the American attack on Iraq begins. This American act comes at a time when the UN weapon inspection teams are still working in Iraq, inspecting Iraqi military installations, factories and universities. This behavior comes to form a clear U.S. declaration on imminence of the American attack on Iraq and announces failure of the UN role in avoiding war in the area.

We think the American action aims to provoke the Iraqi regime against the UN inspectors present in Iraq so that the American administration has an excuse for starting the attack on Iraq. Nevertheless, America is no longer in need of justifications since it has become the only power governing the entire world.

At any rate, whether America has found the justification to attack Iraq, or has not, it would implement its strike, and then would begin the process of re-drawing the region's map, a goal America is after.



Al-Thawri newspaper,
organ of
Yemen socialist
Party, 6 Jan.
2003.

In his article Dr. Abdullah Awadh bin Jeezil says the course followed by enemies of committing successive crimes. Hence, it can be said that the crime of killing Mr. Jarallah Omer, the assistant secretary-general of the YSP of Yemen has brought back to mind many of the unsightly images of assassination of the party's leaders and cadres, and other sons of the people of Yemen, as a result of a wrong mobilization. The bullets shot at Jarallah Omer are the same that led to change Yemen's reputation in the world after targeting many innocent people and creating horror inside Yemen as a whole. This crime sheds light on long absence of the government role in dealing with terror phenomenon which aims at the return to bloodbaths. This terrorist phenomenon has become a threat to prominent national political leaderships, using untrue and flimsy justifications.

So what is required at this stage is that the authority should take a decisive decision against those involved in terror and to disclose their bloody ways. Then the authority must work hard to impose order and law and disarm those individuals and groups who think they can play havoc with security and stability and achieve their goals.

REPUBLIC OF YEMEN MINISTRY OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND POPULATION HEALTH REFORM SUPPORT PROJECT

ANNOUNCEMENT OF VACANCIES

(For Yemeni Nationality Only)

The Republic of Yemen is receiving a credit from the World Bank/International Development Association (IDA) in support of Health Sector Reform, and it intends to apply part of the proceeds of this credit to develop the systems of the Credit Administration Unit (CAU) towards preparing the project for implementation. The MOPHP therefore invites qualified applicants, whose terms of reference (TOR) are given below, to apply.

CREDIT ADMINISTRATOR

I. General Function

The Credit Administrator will report directly to the Minister of Public Health & Population (MOPHP), and will be responsible for the management of project, implementation in compliance with the provisions of the Development Credit Agreement (DCA), the Project Implementation Plan and Operations Manual, and the administration of the CAU and the performance of its staff. He/She will be the liaison with the various governing committees the Steering Committee (SC) and Project Coordination Committee (PCC) and other stakeholders with regard to the project's implementation.

II. Basic function responsibilities:

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2. Act as a secretary general to SC and PCC
3. *Planning.* Assist the PCC in establishing and maintaining an integrated plan of operation consistent with the project's goals and objectives, both short and long term, analyzed and revised as required communicated to all levels of project management, with appropriate systems and procedures installed.
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III. Qualifications

- A minimum of a Master's degree in Management, Business administration, Health administration, or equivalent. A Doctorate Degree is an advantage.
- A minimum of ten years of professional or managerial experience in private or public sector with a solid knowledge of project management.
- The ability to think strategically, translate ideas into plans and actions and supervise their implementation.
- Proficiency in both Arabic and English.
- The ability to communicate with all levels of management and governmental institutions.
- The ability to motivate others to achieve positive actions and results.
- Competency in using computers, internet, and software applications such as MS Office.

Applicants are required to send their applications and detailed Curriculum Vitae in sealed envelopes by Saturday, February 15, 2003 to:

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Ministry of Public Health and Population
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Tel: 252224 - Fax: 251622

Coach Aragones admits he was to quit

By SIMON BASKETT

MADRID (Reuters) - Atletico Madrid coach Luis Aragones was on the verge of quitting his post in the wake of club president Jesus Gil's recent attack on the attitude of some of his players, he said on Friday.

"On Wednesday night I said that the club could sack me or I would quit," Aragones told reporters at a news conference. "That was a mistake, but I felt I was being undermined by what happened."

However, the 64-year-old coach patched up his differences with Gil on Thursday following a hastily arranged meeting at the Atletico president's house.

Gil agreed to apologise for his outburst in a radio interview in which he singled out three players for particular criticism after the team's 4-3 league defeat at Villarreal.

"I would like to apologise with all my

heart to the three lads," said Gil. "I never wanted to damage any of them and would like to withdraw the remarks I made."

"At times my blind love for the club has led me to damage it and I will talk to the team on Saturday and apologise personally to the players involved."

Aragones explained that he had been persuaded to stay on by the president's son and director-general of the club, Miguel Angel Gil.

Straight talking

"There was some straight talking at the meeting and the director-general convinced us all that the best option was for us to stay in our posts until the end of the season," said Aragones.

"I decided to stay for two main reasons. First, because it would be very difficult to leave at this stage of the season and the club would have problems finding a new coach and, secondly, because I

have a contract and if I left I wouldn't get paid."

Aragones, who steered the club back to the top flight last season in his fifth spell in charge, insisted the recent upheaval had not caused him to lose his appetite for the job.

"If I had lost one ounce of enthusiasm I would have quit," he said. "I am now convinced that everyone involved at the club will now stick to their own jobs and I still have a good relationship with the president."

Three consecutive league defeats have left Atletico in ninth place in the first division, just three points above the relegation zone and with little hope of any respite given their daunting schedule of matches in the next month.

On Sunday they host in-form Deportivo Coruna at the Calderon, while the following week they make the short trip across the city to face local rivals Real Madrid.

Beats up girlfriend

Rodman in disturbance

NEWPORT BEACH, Calif. (Reuters) - Former National Basketball Association star Dennis Rodman was arrested on Friday for allegedly beating up a girlfriend at his Newport Beach, California home, police said.

Rodman was picked up at his home at about 2 a.m. PST after police got a call from a woman at a pay phone who accused the former Los Angeles Laker of roughing her up, said Newport Beach police Sgt. Steve Shulman.

The woman, whose name was not made public because of the nature of the charges, sustained minor injuries and was not hospitalized, Shulman said. He said the alleged victim was in her 30s and did not live with Rodman but had "a relationship that was more than casual."

Police interviewed several people who were at Rodman's home for unknown reasons, Shulman said.

"They talked to her, they talked to him and the officers at the scene believed he was responsible for her cut and swollen lip as well as the bump on head," Shulman said.

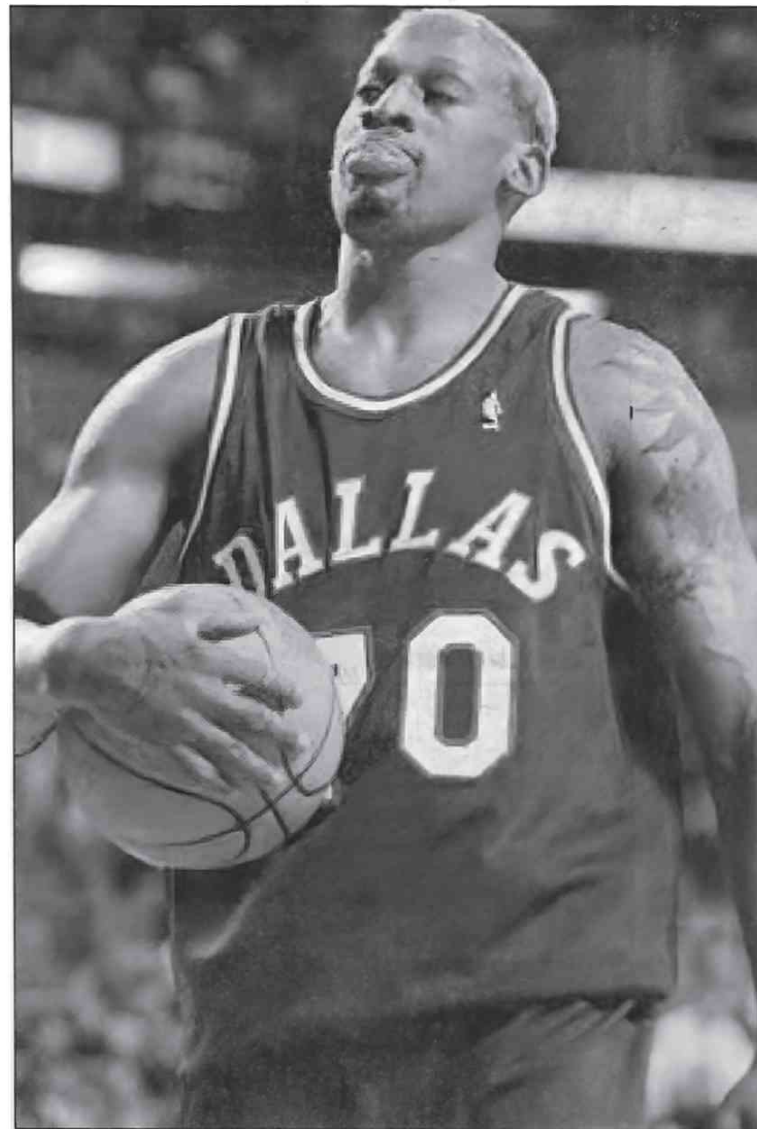
The 41-year-old NBA journeyman had been drinking but was "physically cooperative" with officers, he said.

Rodman was taken to an Orange County jail and released at about 10:20 a.m. after posting \$25,000 bail.

Investigators were still considering whether to request that prosecutors charge Rodman with domestic violence and battery, Shulman said.

During his on-again-off-again basketball career, "The Worm" became as famous for his stormy relationships with celebrity girlfriends and his multi-colored hair as for his rebounding abilities.

In the past couple of years, he became well known to police and neighbors in his upscale neighborhood for hosting loud parties that often involved fighting, Shulman said.



Former National Basketball Association star Dennis Rodman was arrested January 10 for allegedly beating up a girlfriend at his Newport Beach, California home, police said. Rodman is seen in this March 7, 2000 file photo.

Photo by Anthony Bolante/Reuters



Australia's Alicia Molik returns a backhand to Daniela Hantuchova of the Slovak Republic at the Hopman Cup in Perth, Australia, on December 31. Molik won 6-4 6-2.

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Fri	23	4	Fri	29	17
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Sun	23	5	Sun	28	19

THE LAST WORD IN ASTROLOGY

BY Eugenia Last

Aries (Mar 21 - Apr 19)
Consider what the investment you come across today can do for you. Sign up for a course or attend a seminar that will bring you valuable knowledge and skills.

Gemini (May 21 - Jun 20)
Just because you are feeling drawn to someone doesn't mean that you should follow through. This person may not be as he or she appears. Keep your thoughts to yourself.

Leo (Jul 23 - Aug 22)
Keep your money in a safe place. Your generous nature will get you into trouble. If you really want to help someone out, be a good listener.

Virgo (Aug 23 - Sep 22)
Do something that you've always wanted to do. Travel, getting involved in something you believe in or just improving yourself will help your attitude.

Libra (Sept 23 - Oct 22)
This is not the day to take a risk. As long as you stick to what you know best, you'll do just fine. Try to take it easy and refrain from doing something you shouldn't.

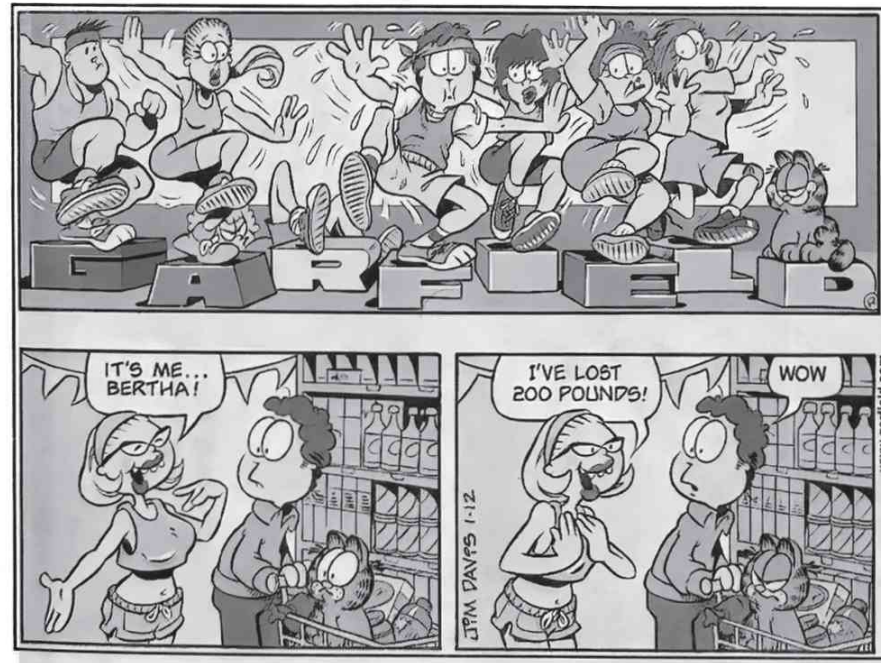
Scorpio (Oct 23 - Nov 21)
Someone may not feel the same way about you as you do about them. Your jealous nature will only cause more problems. Be cool and detached.

Sagittarius (Nov 22 - Dec 21)
You can only rely on yourself today. Pursue something that excites you and you will be in a much better frame of mind.

Capricorn (Dec 22 - Jan 19)
This is a new year and you want to start off on the right foot. If you feel good about yourself, you will do much better. Make today a new beginning.

Aquarius (Jan 20 - Feb 18)
Before you go any further, you may want to decide whether or not this is what you really want to do. Consider how your decisions will affect the people in your life.

Pisces (Feb 19 - Mar 20)
Make today the day you do something different. Your regular routine is not bringing you the satisfaction you desire. Act on your instincts.



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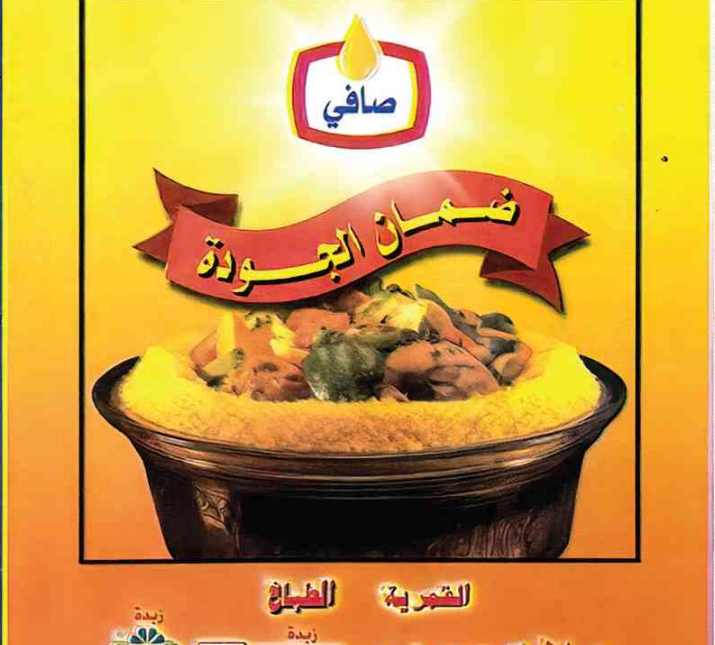
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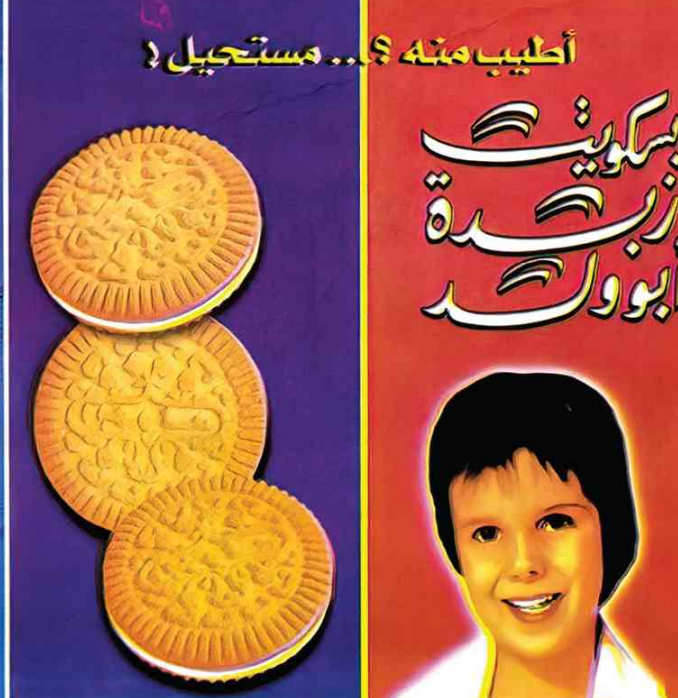
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Check the right answer
- The last collection poems for the famous Yemeni writer Dr. Abdu al-Aziz al-Maqaleh is
 - Book of Sana'a
 - Book of the Friends
 - Alphabets of the Soul
 - Who is the International Atomic Energy Agency director-general?
 - Dr. Mustafa Bahrani
 - Dr. Mohamed ElBaradei
 - Dr. Yahya Al-Mashad
 - Abu Walad biscuit is produced by:
 - Yemen Company for Industry and Commerce
 - National Dairy & Food Company
 - Yemen Company for Packing Material Industry.
 - Sweet that contain pure sesame is:
 - Al-Maeda
 - Al-Fanar
 - Abu walad
 - Al-Kamaria Ghee rich in vitamins:
 - (a, c)
 - (a, d)
 - all the above-mentioned choices
 - Roxi chocolate has the mark of
 - Teashop
 - Al-Hana
 - Al-Basha
 - Yemen Airlines has a special offer price to some countries in the world at the cost of:
 - \$ 500
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 - What is the official WEB site of Yemen Gulf Bank?
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 - Krups mixers have:
 - One speed
 - Two speeds
 - Three speeds plus ice crusher
 - Yemen Dairy & Juice Industries (S.Y.C), has a motto saying:
 - Always Demand the Genuine
 - Always Demand the better
 - Always Demand the taster
 - Yemen Dairy & Juice Industries (S.Y.C), is located in:
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 - Aden
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 - Where is the headquarters of Suzuki-Yemen, member of Bamaarof Group located?
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- آخر الماويين الشعرية لأديب اليمن الكبير الدكتور عبد العزيز المقالح هو
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 - بسكويت ابو ولد من منتجات:
 - الشركة اليمنية للصناعة والتجارة
 - شركة الألبان والأغذية الوطنية
 - شركة الصناعات المنقوعة ومواد التعبئة
 - حلاوة وحلويات من السمن الحاضر:
 - المائدة
 - الفشار
 - ابو ولد
 - سمن القفرة مدعم بفيتامينات:
 - (أ، ج)
 - (أ، د)
 - كل ما سبق
 - شوكولاتة روكسي من منتجات:
 - تيشوب
 - الهنا
 - الباشا
 - البركة ميام معبئة نقية تنتجها:
 - شركة اخوان ثابت
 - فرع ١١ فرع
 - فرع ١٢ فرع
 - فرع ١٣ فرع
 - شركة الرعي للصناعات الغذائية (بيكو)
 - أي من هذه البروتوكولات مستخدمة لدى بنك اليمن والخليج للحكم المصرفي عن بعد:
 - خدمة الرسائل القصيرة
 - خدمة بروتوكول المخطلة الواسعة
 - كل ما سبق
 - تحتوي خلاصة كرويس على:
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 - عدن
 - تعز
 - أين يقع مقر سوزوكي اليمن-عضو مجموعة بامعروف:
 - الحديدة
 - عدن
 - صنعاء
 - متى تم السحب النهائي للتحفيزات سوني الرضائية:
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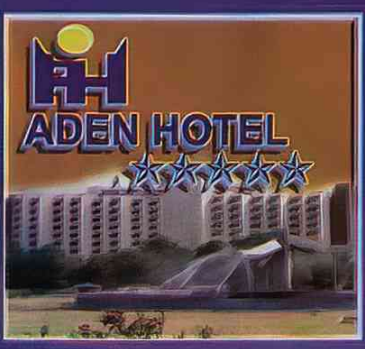
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I. What to Say

Situations and expressions (36)
Describing people's character and personalities

On the highway of life, we meet and interact with a wide variety of people who are individuals sharing certain distinctive traits of personality. How do we describe them in terms of their character, so as to distinguish them from others? Most of them seem to fit into one 'type' or the other. So here are a few common phrases used to describe people's character and personalities:

- He is a good natured person.
- A good humored person like him is rare.
- Easy-going as he is, he has a natural aversion for hard work.
- He is sympathetic to others woes.
- An unselfish person such as him is without a parallel.
- Our boss is considerate to the employees' genuine grievances.
- I'm yet to come across a generous person like him.
- He has reputation as a well-mannered person.
- He is the very picture of self-confidence.
- She is modesty incarnate.
- He has a natural propensity for winning friends.
- What a magnanimity!
- Being bad-tempered, he blasts at smallest provocations.
- The manager is very severe/strict.
- It's pointless to expect any consideration from a hard-hearted and unsympathetic person like him.
- Selfishness, thy name is X.
- Don't be mean.
- Ill mannered as he is, decency and decorum are strange concepts for him.
- He is self-conceited.
- Beware of him. He is not what he appears to be!

C) Words commonly confounded
Bring out differences in meaning of the following pairs of words

1. cast, caste; 2. casual, causal; 3. casualty, causality
4. categorial, categorical; 5. caught, cut

Answers to last week's questions

1. **carnation** (n) (a kind of garden flower with sweet smelling flowers): The bouquet is made up of a lovely bunch of carnation.
- incarnation** (n) (person looked upon as a type of a quality): She is the incarnation of modesty.
2. **carnivorous** (adj) (flesh-eating): Tiger is a carnivorous animal.
- omnivorous** (adj) (eating all kinds of food): Some animals are omnivorous.
3. **caret** (n) (mark used to show in writing, where something is to be inserted). I inserted the word with a caret.
- carrot** (n) (plant with a root used as a vegetable): Carrot is an essential ingredient in Salad.
4. **carrion** (n) (dead and decaying flesh): Crows and vultures live on carrion.
- clarion** (n) (loud and clear call given to arouse and excite): The President gave a clarion call to the youth to dedicate themselves to rebuild the nation.
5. **carriage** (n) (vehicle pulled by horses): In days of old, rich people used carriage for transportation.
- carrier** (n): One that carries goods: I sent the goods by a carrier ship.

D) Idioms and phrases

Use the following phrases in sentences illustrating their meaning

1. take to one's bed
2. have a bee in one's bonnet
3. make a beeline for
4. beg off
5. to begin with

Answers to last week's questions

1. **be off one's beat** (something different from one's usual work): Mistakes are natural to occur as he was off his beat in trying to accomplish this.
2. **the beaten track** (a familiar path): It is safe to keep to the beaten track.
3. **because of** (on account of): The plane could not descend because of thick fog at the airport.
4. **be at somebody's beck and call** (be at somebody's orders): He commanded me as if I was at his beck and call.
5. **become of** (happen to): What would become of the students if the teacher leaves in the middle of the session?

IV. Grammar and Composition

A) Grammar

Replace the words in brackets in the following sentences with a suitable phrasal verb chosen from those given in the box. Make necessary changes if required. Use the past tense when necessary.

(go for, turn up, look after, take after, hold up, go in for, look into, go off, try out, run out of, get over, do away with, call off, go along with, come up with)

1. The trouble with him is that he never _____ on time for the lecture. (arrives)
2. 'Hajer, I'd like you to _____ this complaint'. (examine)
3. The bomb _____ with a loud bang. (exploded, burst)
4. As he was walking along the street, a dog suddenly _____ him. (attacked)
5. You can't have a sandwich, I'm afraid, we have _____ bread. (exhausted the supply of)
6. Due to the heavy rains, the meeting has to be _____ (cancelled)

B) Composition:

How to find **Topic Sentence** and **Supporting details**.

Explanation: The main idea in a paragraph is often contained in a single sentence, called the **topic sentence**. It may be found in the opening sentence or in other positions. The remaining sentences provide **supporting details**.

Exercise: Read the following paragraph. Look for the topic sentence and the supporting details:

Forests are our most important natural resources. They provide us with timber, firewood, resins, medicines, wood-pulp for making paper, etc. Forests are the main source of life - sustaining oxygen in the atmosphere. They bring rain and at the same time prevent floods. They stabilize climatic conditions including atmospheric temperature. Forests are natural homes of the immense variety of large and small animals.

Answers to last week's questions

A) Composition:
Application for a job

6 January, 2002

The Chief Executive
The Indian Embassy
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Dear Sir/Madam,
Sub: Application for the post of 'Development Officer'

Your advertisement in 'The Yemen Times' dated December 20, 2002, for the post of 'Development Officer' has drawn my attention. The job description is very interesting and I would like to apply for the same.

I have a Master's in International Studies from Sana'a university and have successfully completed a project on 'New Horizons in Development Studies: Problems and prospects'

I am young and enthusiastic and possess good organizational skills. I have a sound knowledge of Yemeni economic and development agenda as well as an open mind and a willingness to learn fast. My experience of project implementation and monitoring, I believe, would stand me in good stead in the new position, if selected.

I am fluent in Arabic and English, have computer skills and a driving licence.

I am enclosing my resumé for your kind perusal. Kindly let me know when I will be called for an interview, a few days in advance.

Thanking you,
Yours Sincerely,
Majid Alilee
Encl. Resumé

V. Pearls from the Holy Quran



VI. Words of Wisdom

"All actual heroes are essential men, And all men possible heroes"
—E. B. Browning

REPUBLIC OF YEMEN HODEIDAH UNIVERSITY FACULTY OF EDUCATION, HODEIDAH DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH CALL FOR PAPERS

Hodeidah University announces its **Second International Conference** in English Language Teaching in Yemen from 8th to 10th April, 2003. The theme of the conference is:

**CRITICAL DISCOURSE ANALYSIS— THE MESSAGE OF THE MEDIUM
A NEW INTELLECTUAL PERSPECTIVE FOR ENGLISH STUDIES IN YEMEN**

A note on the Conference theme:

The Conference aims at providing a forum for teacher-educators and teachers to evaluate how institutions act as gatekeepers of mastery of discursive resources and how language participates in perpetuating inequality in language classrooms, both in terms of access and of achievement. It views education itself as 'discourse' and aims at making practitioners—both teachers and teacher educators—become aware of the ideology and the methodology that underlie their 'textual' practices. It aims at sensitising them to the centrifugal and the centripetal nature of languages and at helping them overcome the inhibitive 'microlinguistic' principles and practices that continue to dominate language teaching and retard its development. ELT practices in higher education are urgently in need of a paradigm shift, rather than cosmetic and ad-hoc adjustments—this emerged and was iteratively emphasized in our First Conference — **Old Borders and Fresh Crossings**.

Our First Conference held that "over the last thirty years, ELT has witnessed many attempts at soul-searching and transforming the discipline. These have resulted in developments without progress." Taking development to mean qualitative and affirmative changes, and desiring 'progress', the Second Conference hopes to re-form the discipline, ELT, by looking at education as a discursive strategy and language as mediational tool in our construction of epistemic reality.

There is a healthy disagreement among the proponents of **Critical Discourse Analysis** [CDA] about whether CDA offers a theory, a perspective or a method. Whatever be its nature and scope, CDA aims at providing accounts of production, internal structure and overall organization of texts *qua* discourses. CDA is not merely analyzing discourse critically. While an explicit, systematic account of structures, strategies and processes of text or talk in terms of theoretical notions is typical of 'discourse analysis', CDA expands the scope of discourse by including the notions themselves as part of the discourse they analyze and evaluate. For example, CDA might search for how 'academic texts obtain a spurious authority' or how 'discourses of difference' emerge or function or what it is to have a tendency to 'technologize' ordinary discourse; it might explore and exemplify existing relations of dominance and marginalisation between discourses; it might study how 'discourse operates laterally across local institutional sites', 'how texts become embodied forms of cultural capital' or how 'systematically directed and ideologically oriented communication' may 'set the conditions for differential institutional access to discursive resources'. CDA might use an ensemble of techniques, adopt any perspective and root itself in any domain in its study of 'textual practice' and 'language use' as 'social and cultural practices'. CDA hopes to create critical awareness of language among those who are on the receiving end of the discursive practices it examines. These issues central to CDA will be explored, and certain related practices demonstrated, by keynote speakers.

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

- Prof. /Dr. Robert de Beaugrande [Brazil]
- Prof./ Dr. Teun van Dijk [Amsterdam]
- Prof./Dr. Said Faiq [UAE]
- Prof./Dr. Thiru Kandiah [Sri Lanka]
- Prof./Dr. John Downing [UK]
- [Video Presentation]
- Prof./Dr. Philip Riley [France]
- Dr. Michelle Lazar [Singapore]

Featured speakers and in-house representatives will deal with areas related to CDA:

FEATURED SPEAKERS

- Prof. D. Thakur [Sana'a]
- Prof. T. Balasubramanian [Oman]

IN-HOUSE SPEAKERS

- Prof. M.Nagarajan [Arts]
- Prof. R. N. Bakshi [Education]

Proposals for 40-minute paper presentations are invited in the following areas [alphabetized]:

- a. critical applied linguistics
- b. critical classroom discourse
- c. critical language testing
- d. critical literacy
- e. critical pedagogy
- f. discourse processing
- g. gender studies
- h. interactional sociolinguistics
- i. literary theory
- j. media discourse
- k. postcolonial studies
- l. textual practices in classrooms
- m. theories of discourse
- n. translation

Details regarding presentations

- Presentations will be in English.
- Sessions will be of 40 minute duration of which 10 minutes will be scheduled for discussions.
- The deadline for submission of abstracts is February 10, 2003
- Presenters whose proposals are accepted will be informed by February 23, 2003.

Details regarding proposals and registration:

- Proposals should be submitted in the prescribed format and type written or computer printed [Times New Roman, font size 12].
- The abstract should clearly describe the nature of the theoretical issue focused on, outline the presentation procedure, and highlight the paper's contribution to the area.
- The title of the paper should not exceed 10 words.
- Presenters and other participants should register for the conference by filling up the Presenter / Participant form
- Outstation presenters may pay the registration fees onsite. However, they should confirm their participation by submitting their registration forms by 15 March, 2003.
- Outstation presenters/ participants will be provided free tea/ coffee/ lunch, and subsidized lodging during the conference.

Proposals/ Registration forms complete in all respects, may be e-mailed to: CNSRNIVASAN@Y.NET.YE, chhanda@y.net.ye, cnsrnivasan@rediffmail.com, or sent to the Conference Secretary, P.O.Box 4415, Hodeidah, Yemen.

Registration Fees Payable

- 1. Out station Presenters and foreign participants 50 US \$
- 2. Teacher Participants working in Yemen 2000 YRS
- 3. Student Participants [Other Universities in Yemen] 1000 YRS
- 4. Hodeidah University student participants 500 YRS
- 5. Hodeidah University staff, & student presenters -no charge

NOTE: Presenters, whose proposals are accepted, will have to submit their completed papers by April 1, 2003, either by ordinary post or E-mail. details regarding the required format of papers will be mailed to them later

C.N.Srinivasan Secretary
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WONDERWORD by DAVID OUELLET

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

CLUES

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| Basement | Dream | Inspect | Paint | Street |
| Bids | Empty | Insurance | Panels | Table |
| Brick | En suite | Interior | Patio | Taxes |
| Builder | Exterior | Keys | Permit | Tiles |
| Caulk | Facade | Kitchen | Plumbing | Town |
| Chamber | Find | Landscape | Porch | Upgrade |
| Chic | Finishes | Large | Posh | Value |
| Closed | Foyer | Line-up | Purchase | Views |
| Concrete | Garage | Loans | Realtor | Visits |
| Condo | Granite | Lobby | Rebate | Walkout |
| Counters | Grass | Local | Rugs | Walls |
| Deals | Greenery | Money | Samples | White |
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ANSWER NEXT WEEK

Last Week's Answer: Herbal



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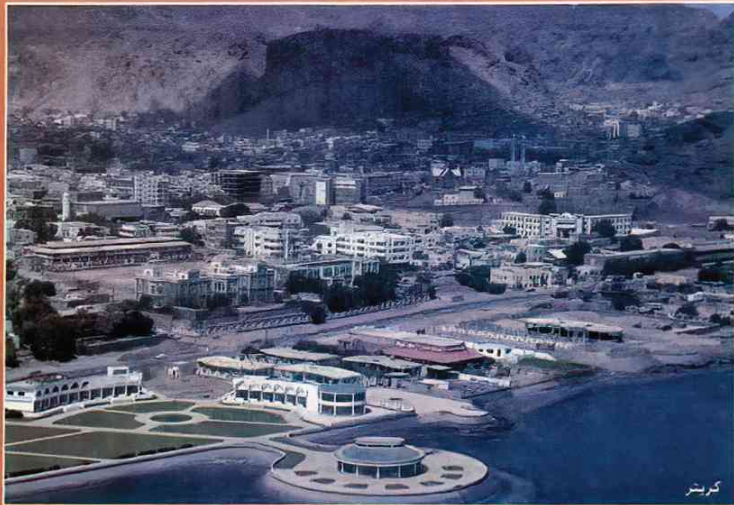
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A page from the past

The Himyaric reservoirs

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No nation in this world is rootless. That's why better knowledge of this country's rich historical civilization undoubtedly

gives a better understanding of Yemen's people.

On the road between Digishub and the city of Dhamar there are sets of old Himyaric reservoirs, cut in the solid rock.

Although resembling the reservoirs of the city of Dhamar, there are here none of the natural advantages to be found at that place.

Water pours by aqueducts and natural channels into the reservoirs, which are built tier above tier in the wall of rocks and between precipices.

Those between Digishub and Dhamar,

however, lie in the level plain, and are excavated. They are dependent entirely upon the rainfall for supply and as far as possible, the water has been drained toward them.

This is owing to the dead level of the country. These reservoirs are circular in form, and of considerable size and depth.

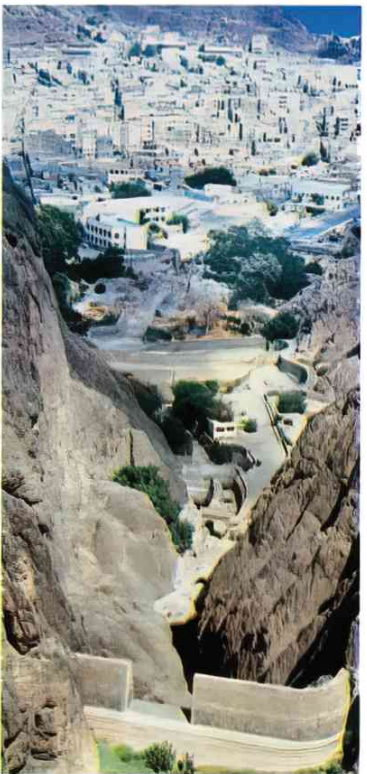
At one spot a flight of steps descends to the water's edge, while a smaller reservoir above the steps can be filled from buckets for the animals to drink from.

The entire reservoirs are lined with

intensely hard cement, which takes a peculiar polish, and on some are visible rough designs of men on horseback, and gazelle, scratched into the plaster evidently at the time it was originally applied.

The extraordinarily perfect condition in which these reservoirs remain today speaks to the excellence of the workmanship of those who excavated and built them.

Caravans are still mainly dependent upon these very old reservoirs for water for men and their beasts of burden.



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