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Yemeni join fiery protests against U.S. strike on Iraq

'Give peace a chance'

BY YEMEN TIMES STAFF AND NEWS SERVICES

Yemeni protesters were among tens of thousands of people took to the streets in Arab capitals last week to protest against a

possible U.S. war on Iraq, labeling President Bush a "butcher" and his administration "arrogant."

In the Yemeni capital, leaders from the ruling and opposition political parties led tens of thousands from a main square to the

U.N. office to deliver a message demanding the world body step in to prevent the war. "No" to an attack on Iraq. "No" to American arrogance," one banner read.

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A boy carrying a poster of Iraqi President Saddam Hussein walks in front of pro-Iraq demonstration in the Gaza Strip January 30, 2003. Hundreds of Palestinians marched in support of Iraq in the Gaza Strip, part of global demonstrations last week. REUTERS

Foreign Affairs Minister on Iraq crisis:

'Unpredictable'

BY YASSER M. AL-MAYASI
YEMEN TIMES STAFF

While Yemen joined protests this week against a possible U.S.-led strike on Iraq, The Yemen Times interviewed Foreign Affairs Minister Dr. Abubakr Al-Qirbi to ask him what such a strike might mean for the region. Following is his response, along with other questions and responses to Yemen's relationship with the U.S., its fight

on terrorism, and a range of other issues dealing with Yemen foreign affairs.

Q: How do you see the near future, especially the threat of attack on Iraq?

A: What does not kill you only makes you stronger. We are wishing that we come out of these difficult times a better nation and a part of a better world as a whole.

The fact is that there are forces in

and outside the country working in opposite directions. Only sometimes these concepts get mixed up and fall under cover.

There are signs that the Arab leaders are determined to fixing (internal and external) situations and face the challenges. However the common man is depressed that could lead to angry reactions, so it has become difficult to forecast the future.

As for the Iraqi case, we are defi-

antly against any attack on Iraq, but power points in the Pentagon surely are pushing in the direction of war. The situation is critical and all efforts are needed to direct it to a peaceful end.

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Dr. Abubakr Al-Qirbi

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Investigation continues**Prominent sheikh's son-in-law arrested over Omar assassination**

By YEMEN TIMES STAFF

Yemeni authorities arrested Wednesday the son-in-law of Sheikh Abdulmajeed al-Zindani in connection with the assassination of the YSP leader.

Reliable sources said that Abdulsalam Al-Hariri, married to one of the Zindani's daughters was arrested by intelligence after being interrogated by the prosecution.

The prosecution summoned al-Kamil to be questioned in connection with the assassination of Jralallah Omar, YSP's Assistant Secretary General after his name was men-

tioned while interrogating the assassin, Ali Jarallah.

He was taken by the intelligence after the prosecution interrogated him.

Al-Kamil studied in Saudi Arabia during the 1980s and he was married to al-Zandani's daughter during the early 1990s.

The authorities have already arrested a number of people on charges of having links with the killers of Omar and the US aid workers in Jibla.

YSP sources also said that the case-file of their leader's assassination has been returned to the intelligence for further investigation.

The killer as well as the other suspects are being now interrogated again by the intelligence.

The case was already given to the prosecution for completing investigation and then trial, but the YSP refused that and demanded a more thorough investigation that can disclose the compliance of the killer.

The prosecution has accepted socialist lawyers' probe into the investigation reports and were even given copies of them.

Yet, the YSP said that these reports are not complete and more are desired. It said these reports need time to be studied.

EC gives 455,000 to UNDP electoral project

A memorandum of understanding was signed Jan. 18 between the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), the European Commission Technical Advisory Office (ECTAO), the Supreme Commission for Elections and Referenda (SCER) and the Ministry of Planning and Development (MOPD).

Signed at the SCER office, this agreement follows one signed on Dec. 10 between the UNDP and the European commission to support the Yemeni electoral process.

The EC is give Euro 455,000 to a UNDP electoral project toward the preparation of Yemen's 2003 parliamentary elections UNDP election work in Yemen.

The UNDP electoral support project, which was officially launched in May 2002, aims at developing and strengthening the capacity of the SCER to organize and deliver free, fair and participatory elections in 2003 and enhance the administration and management of the electoral process.

The main objectives for the initial phase of the project are to:

- 1) Provide expert technical assistance and advice to the SCER in the preparation and conduct of the 2003 elections.
- 2) Support the professional development, institutional restructuring and decentralization processes of the Yemeni society
- 3) Expand democratic partici-

pation in the electoral process, particularly for under-represented segments of the Yemeni society.

4) Ensure greater public information and awareness on the elections.

This is the first agreement concluded between UNDP and EC in the Republic of Yemen.

The memo was signed by Rainer Schierhorst, head of the European Commission technical advisory office, James W. Rawley, the UNDP resident representative, H.E. Abdul Rahman Tarmoom, vice-minister of the Ministry of Planning and Development and H.E. Khaled Al-Sharif, the chairman of the Supreme Election Committee and Referendum.

Oil Ministry and Capital Oil sign deal

The British company Capital Oil and Gas is to invest \$25million in primary oil exploration stage in al-Mahara in Mareed and Damakhout areas, in the block sectors 37 and 39.

Yemen's Oil Minister, Abdu al-Malek Alama, signed a protocol for the exploration in al-Mahara governorate with Capital Oil and Gas executive manager Fred Pone on Jan. 28.

Pone said that he is happy to enter oil exploration in Yemen in the light of encouragement and facilities offered by Yemen's Oil Ministry.

He added that this agreement will support and strengthen mutual interests of the two countries.

He pointed out further that this is the first time that his company has entered in an oil investment deal in Yemen, but it's hoping to expand and cover more fields.

Robert Mackry, the executive manager for the company, and Nabeel al-Khameiri, the company agent in Yemen, attended the signing ceremony also.

Almost half of Yemeni in poverty

According to Al-Hayat newspaper, statistics published by the World Bank show that 42 percent of the Yemeni population, which presently stands at 18.5 million, is living under the poverty line.

Yemen is one of the poorest countries of the world, whereby the local per capita average income does not exceed \$460 per annum.

The local rate of unemployment is estimated at more than 25 percent.

Seminar on media held today

A seminar has been organized Monday by the Mass Media Training & Qualifying Institute (MMTQI) centering on training and qualifying mediemen and media institutions.

The seminar aims basically at promoting and qualifying different information as well as media sectors. It also aims at getting acquaint-

ed with institutions needed for training programs during 2003 and finding mechanisms for the media needs.

The dean of MMTQI, Dr. Abdullah al-Zalab, pointed out that this seminar is a continuation of the recommendations of the former seminar held in May last year where

media needs were discussed.

Al-Zalab pointed out that different working papers are to be presented by Saba News Agency, The Public Corporation for Radio & Television, the media institutions from health, population, agriculture, interior, and Election Supreme Commission for Election and Referendum.

Spirit of youth essential for growth

Prime Minister Abdulkadir Bajammal emphasized the role assumed by the young people in the country as an essential means to national growth and advancement.

Appearing in the foundation conference of the General Yemeni youth union, the prime minister called participants to boost the spirit of dialogue tolerance and democratic principles among the young people and to augment the level of participation in various economic, social, political and educational activities in the country.

Meanwhile, Ba Jammal also lauded the president's project of computer education among students

and other social groups and also the provision of free Internet services to the public.

This has come during the opening ceremony of the first workshop organized by the Ministry of Communication on Information technology and its close relation to the ongoing process of national development.

Ba Jammal underscored the urgent need to embrace the latest scientific technology in the area of information, calling the younger generation to join hands with the government to achieve growth and keep pace with the rest of the world.

New arms law coming?

Yemen's parliament is again discussing ways to control arms in the country.

On Jan. 29 during its ordinary session presided over by the deputy speaker Yahya Al Raai, MPs reviewed a draft proposal to amend the previous law on the carrying, trading and possession of arms.

The new draft bill will see a complete reorganization of the previous law in order to ensure tight control over arms and explosive in the possession of individuals.

According to the new bill, citizens will be allowed to possess machine guns and pistols only for legal defense purposes.

Considered dangerous**Key al-Qaeda suspect kept under security**

Yemeni forces were still imposing a watch, as of Feb. 1, on a medical clinic where an al-Qaeda suspect is receiving treatment in Marib.

Mohammed Ali Al-Zaidi, 34, was seriously injured Jan. 29 after clashes with security men in Marib.

Al-Zaidi killed one soldier and injured another while one of his relatives named Ghalib al-Zaidi was wounded.

Al-Zaidi was then hospitalized to al-Wasit clinic in Marib where he is under the watch of the security.

Meanwhile, the tribes of Jiham and Murad have refused to let the Yemeni

authorities take their man and threatened they would fire at the security men if they decide to take him by force.

Tribal sources in Marib told The Yemen Times the situation is very tense as the Jiham tribe requested the support of Murad tribe to defend their man.

The government announced Jan. 30 that al-Zaidi was arrested. It has accused him of kidnapping the German Commercial Attaché, Rainer Burns, July 2001 and considers him as one of the most dangerous people wanted for justice.

It said al-Zaidi who came from Afghanistan is organized meeting for

extremists.

Meanwhile, security men are still searching for a kidnapped man from Sanhan.

Sources in Marib said these forces have bombed some houses to pressure the kidnappers from al-Zaidi's clan to release the hostage who is the son of a key military person.

The kidnappers snatched their hostage from Sana'a two weeks ago to blackmail the government to pay them compensation for the damage caused to their houses by the military during the time of the kidnapping of the German diplomat.

1.8 million children now vaccinated

The second round of a campaign to root out polio has come to an end in 153 districts across the country.

The round targeted more than 1.8 million children under the age of five. Health officials have been saying

that the round met the targets and has been successful in that field workers have given the children yet another round of the vaccine against polio, plus Vitamin A, needed for a stronger growth of children.

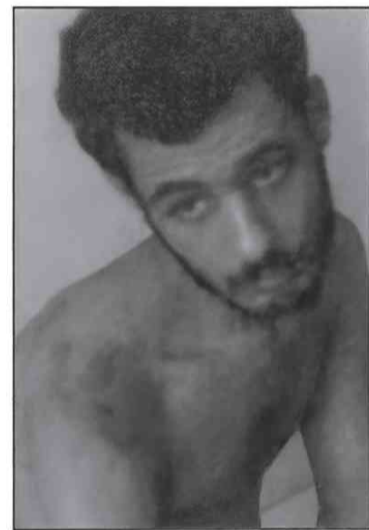
Bar association condemns torture

TAIZ — The Yemeni Bar Association in Taiz has condemned what it calls the heinous torture and abuse of Samee Yaseen al-Shargabi during a criminal investigation in Taiz.

Al-Shargabi was arrested last month and charged in the kidnapping and killing Ebraheem Mahuob Ahmed, of Taiz.

Abduallah Noman, head attorney, said that what al-Shargabi had been exposed to is considered a crime and indignity.

Yaseen al-Shargabi, Samee father, has asked for punishment of the officers and soldiers who took part in torturing his son. He has appealed to Yemen's President Saleh and Human Rights minister Dr. Waheeba Farea to interfere to get his son to a hospital.



Al-Shargabi

Youth invited to protest

The committee for the National Youth Union held its periodical meeting Jan. 27 to discuss work to prepare for the institutional conference of the union.

In a press statement the committee confirmed its invitation to all youth organizations to take part in this conference. The committee also discussed union participation in the anti-war demonstration in Sana'a streets, refus-

ing the continuous American threat and attack against Iraq and collaborating with the Palestinian people against the fierce Zionist attacks.

The committee encouraged the Yemeni people to be unified with their brothers and nations in continuing protests and similar demonstrations in all the governorates.

The committee discussed a number of other issues during its meeting.

Kuwaiti delegation left Sana'a

The Chairman of the board of Directors in the Kuwaiti Arab fund for Economic and Social development Abdullatif Alhamed and the accompanying delegation left Sana'a Friday concluding a several-day visit to our Yemen.

The visit was topped by a singing of agreement by which the

fund will finance a project to transfer electricity power from Marib to the Capital Sana'a. The visiting delegation toured a number of governorates where understanding over a number of future economic and social projects to be financed by the Kuwaiti fund has been reached.

Boeing 727 checked

Yemeni engineers recently completed their first maintenance job for a private plane, a Boeing 200-727.

The maintenance and engineering department affiliated with Yemen Airways did the job on the Boeing plane of Ben Mahfoudh Airline.

The engineers checked weight and balance of the plane with modern computer programs.

**Readers' Voice**

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

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THIS WEEK'S QUESTION:

Do you think the UN Security Council will issue a new resolution to allow the war against Iraq?

- Yes, a resolution will be passed unanimously like 1441
- Yes it will pass with majority vote as a few countries will vote against it
- No, it will not be passed because it will not get majority or it will be vetoed

LAST WEEK'S**QUESTION:**

Do you think that the parliamentary elections should be postponed if the war against Iraq starts before elections' date?

Answers:

- Yes 40%
- No 60%
- I don't know 0%

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BEEP endorse the 2003 work plan

Is education on the right path?

ANA'A_ As a contribution by the basic Education Expansion Project (BEEP) to put Yemen on the track to achieve education for all, the steering committee of BEEP recently endorsed the 2003 work plan which aims to increase enrollment of rural children especially girls, in basic education by building 317 new schools and renovating 244 school buildings in four governorates: Sana'a, Amran, Almahweet, and Al-Dale.

quality through service teacher training and continuing school supervision, where 20,000 teachers will be trained and 12,000 supervision visits to schools will be conducted.

Building capacities are also one of the main objectives of BEEP; the work plan support the establishment of community participation unit at the Ministry of Education as well as activities such as awareness campaigns and communities mobilization and training; conducting routine school survey,

training MOE staff on planning and projects management and establishing management information system.

It is to point out that BEEP has been launched in 2001 where a pilot project was implemented in four districts of Sana'a governorate, included building of 55 schools along with quality improvement and building capacities programs. In addition to 2002 program which included 260 schools that are now under construction and a very comprehensive software program.

Sep. 11 attacks discussed today

The Yemeni Documentation & Information Center, YDIC in collaboration with the Center Red Sea and the Horn of Africa is organizing in Sana'a on Monday a seminar centering on the negative impact of the September 11 terror-

ist attacks in US and their impact on the Horn of Africa and the Red Sea.

The September 11 attacks have not been experienced in the US history. The US reaction has been very strong and as a result it has

sought to launch anti-terrorism war against countries that are thought be harboring terrorism.

It is worthwhile mentioning that a number of diplomats, experts, politicians, and those interested in such issues attend the seminar.

Tunisian Ambassador meets the Yemeni press

Tunisian Ambassador to Yemen Mr. Abduljaleel Azzooz organized last Monday, January 27, a special luncheon in Sana'a with representatives of a number of prominent Yemeni newspapers. The meeting was aimed at introducing the editor-in-chiefs of Yemen's most important newspapers to the ambassa-

dor and creating a bridge of communication between the embassy and the Yemeni press.

"I personally believe that a good diplomat should give the media its due importance because in this globalizing world, having good relations with the press is essential for carrying out diplo-

matic missions efficiently."

The ambassador, who started his mission in Yemen a few months ago, expressed his desire to maintain good relations with the press, which he believes could consequently serve in promoting relations between Yemen and Tunisia.

Globalization & Intellectual Property released

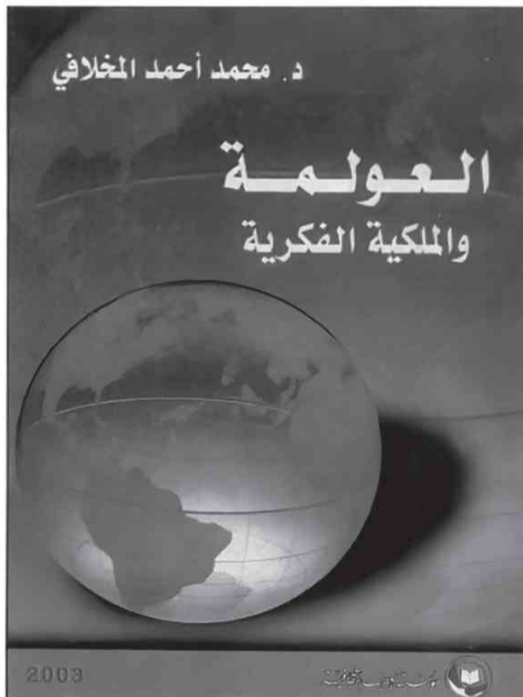
A new book titled *Globalization & Intellectual Property* has been recently released by al-Afif Cultural Foundation.

The new publication has been written by Dr. Mohammed Ahmed al-Mekhlafi, an eminent lawyer in the political arena.

The new book deals with diverse notions of the intellectual property and the role played by the World Trade Organization in this regard.

It also centers around the law related to the intellectual right in Yemen, the right of author, the burdens of the intellectual property, and the problems of protection in Yemen.

The new release considers to be a valuable reference and the first of its



The cover of the new book.

kind dealing with the intellectual property for lawyers, students and those who are interested in the Yemeni law.

Taiz book fair is planned

Al-Saeed Foundation for Sciences & Culture is going to organize a book fair next May in Taiz.

Faisal Saeed Farea told the Yemen Times that the exhibition will be in the Sana'a International Book Exhibition, and will coincide with a ceremony for the distribution of Hail Saeed Anam prizes for science and culture.

"The award committees will hold a meeting and winners will be announced in March" he added.

The General Manager for SFSC con-

firmed that the al-Saeed administration fund council for scientific research has started its work and activities.

The fund aims at encouraging scientific research and Yemeni researchers in different fields.



Faisal Farea

Hull & al-Ahmar meets

U.S. ambassador Edmund Hull met Thursday with sheik Abdullah Bin Hussein al-Ahmar, speaker of parliament and head of the Islah party, to discuss democratic development in Yemen. Ambassador Hull stressed U.S. support for continued progress of the democratic process in Yemen. The two also discussed economic development efforts.

An American embassy press release on January 30 mentioned that during the meeting, Ambassador Hull and Sheik al Ahmar discussed the upcoming parliamentary elections. They agreed on the importance of avoiding violence and on conducting free and fair elections in Yemen.

The meeting is part of a continuing effort of the U.S. Embassy in Sana'a to support democratic development in Yemen by maintaining contacts with Yemeni political leaders and by following developments in the election campaign.

Grant aids amounts to USD 40,959

Japan supports health services

An agreement to provide medical equipment to public Health Office of Maharah Governorate was signed Wednesday between Mr. Ahmed Mohammed Ali Bin Afreer, Public Health Office of Maharah Governorate and H.E. Mr. Masamitsu Oki, Ambassador of Japan in Sana'a.

In accordance with this agreement, the government of Japan will extend a grant aid amounting up to USD 40,959 under the Japanese scheme called "General Grant Aid for Grassroots Projects". This grant will be used to procure some medical equipment required by Ghaidah General Hospital in Maharah Governorate such as X-ray

U.S. aid to Yemen

Al-Watan newspaper reported on an American aid plan to Yemen, labeled 416-B, to be carried out by the American Department of Agriculture.

This program began in 1999 and includes American funding of projects in public works, and development of welfare services in Yemen.

The program also includes funding the building of schools and public health centers, road paving, and developing a nationwide water system.

Total investment in the projects came to \$70 million by 2002.

Some of the projects include the supply of food products like flour, soybeans, milk, and rice; the income from sale of these food products will be used to fund the agreement for American aid which was signed by the two governments in December 2002.

Hope Forum:

Islam is far away from terror

SANA'A_ In order to reach a proper and honest solution to realize fully the notions of the Islamic thought in a scientific and proper way deriving from the Islamic law, a forum titled the Hope Forum which is chaired by, Dr. Mohammed Asharafī, was held in Sana'a 28, January.

During the 2-day symposium, participants condemned terrorist acts where Yemen has been falling victim

for a long time.

The Forum of Hope was held on the occasion of the International Day for Human Rights and in the memory of well-known Arab thinker, Mr. Mahmoud Mohammed Taha.

During the closing ceremony such acts were described as one of series that threaten the safety and security of the nation along with distorting Yemen's image, its democratic path, and its proper conventions.

Participants have also called for holding a symposium titled "Islamic Renewal" where a number of eminent professors in Islamic law from Yemen and the Islamic world will take part.

A number of eminent professors in the Islamic law took part in their working papers, scientific and intellectual discussions centering on human rights in Islam including, the right of thinking and jurisprudence.

Tourist Establishments Classification Project endorsed

TAIZ_ The consultative meeting for tourism work was concluded last Monday in Taiz with an endorsement of the Tourist Establishments Classification Project.

The project is aimed at classifying the existing tourist related establishments in the country into standardized levels and to ensure that they comply with the international laws and regulations of tourism. This project is seen as a step in implementing tourism in Yemen and as a reference in solving any disputes that could take place in this sector.

Deputy at the ministry of tourism and environment Mr. Mohammed M.

Qafлах said: "the Classification Project is one of the main new legislation, and we hope that implementing this project would help organize the tourist activities and help the investors confirm the required standards before engaging in creating their projects, and also the existing projects to improve their standards."

Dr.Amen Gizelan from the tourist and environment office in Ibb confirms that "this project presents an important step in the future of tourism and must be conducted according to international standards"

Abdulqadir Al-Shaibani editing secretary of Tourist Yemen magazine sees



Abdulqadir Al-Shaibani Mohammed M. Qafлах

that this is: "it is a serious step concerning all the tourist establishments and founding bases for hotel structure and maintenance." And he adds saying: "we have 435 hotels out of which only 360 clearly classified."

Samsung's mobiles on the market

Samsung company-Yemen celebrated last week marketing a number of its mobiles.

On his part, Mr. Abdu al-Malek al-Rouishan, General Manager Assistant, said that the company has achieved

dramatic successes in Yemen in the field of highly sophisticated Samsung mobiles.

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The Foundation for the Protection of Antiquities and Cultural Heritage, a non-governmental group, was established recently by a group of prominent businessmen who are interested in reviving the Yemeni folklore.

The foundation aims at raising cultural awareness about the great heritage Yemen has, as well as organizing with

Various activities

Foundation strives to protect cultural heritage

other local and international related organizations and institutions.

The foundation has published a brochure sponsored by the British Council called "Yemen in the Land of the Queen of Sheba," about the Yemeni Civilization exhibition held in a British museum in London recently.

The foundation organized and prepared the visits of high-ranking cultural Yemeni delegation to the Netherlands, Germany and the United States, to empower decision-makers in the Yemeni heritage institutions to get acquainted with museums and exchange experiences in the European countries.



From Dec. 22 to 28 the delegation held a special exhibition for Yemeni

manuscripts relating to writing and art that coincided with 19th Book Fair in Sana'a. That exhibition is considered unique, and organized along with Culture Ministry.

The foundation has published special Arabic-English catalogues.

And future projects for the foundation include renewing the Al-Qahara and Kalan castles-fort.

The most important thing that foundation has brought attention to is the archeological importance and unique architecture style as well as the tourist locations have, in addition to the historical roles that forts and castle had been received.

The foundation has a number of new projects, including forming its group of founders.

Abdu al-Wahab Thabet is appointed as chairman. The trustee council includes Yahya Abdualh Saleh, Alwan al-Shaibani, Mohammed Abdu Saeed and Hail Abdu al-Haq along with a number of ambassadors of the countries that are interested such as the Dutch, Japanese, German, and Italian ambassadors.

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Conference suggests big changes

Helping women get into government

By Yemen Times Staff

Under sponsorship of Dr. Waheeba Farea, Minister of Human Rights, the Arab Human Rights Foundation (AHRF) in co-operation with the Friedrich Ebert Stiftung organization held a three-day discussion meeting about "Obstacles and Challenges that Female Candidates Face and How to Overcome Them."

The event was in to support the female candidates in the next parliamentary elections April 27.

A number of heads of parties constituencies submitted papers to give an idea about the procedures that should be taken by parties to support female candidates and expose the difficulties parties face in helping females reach to the parliament.

A number of female candidates of previous parliamentary elections and local councils exposed their electoral experiences and impediments that prevented

them to reach to the parliament and local councils.

Participants were divided into three groups to conclude the practical recommendations and suggestions that guarantee supporting female candidates, in condition that AHRF is going to follow and collaborate to activate these following recommendations.

Media

1) Invite all the bodies concerned to activate the legal protection for female candidates "protect the posters, electoral festivals ...etc).

2) Invite all the official, political and private mass media to give the female candidates similar space than the male candidate gets.

3) Invite the ministry of Religious and Endowments and the mosques imams and preachers to raise awareness about the women political rights as a nominee and candidate.

4) Invite the media to highlight the violations and transgressions that parties practice against female candidates.

5) Invite the mass media to prepare and implement programs to build awareness in favor of female candidates.

6) Invite the mass media to give space to shed light on the electoral elections of female candidates.

Civil and Party

1) Invite each party to give special percentage for female candidates of the total constituencies that expected to win.

2) Forme organization committee from of parties and civil organizations and journalists to follow and contact with parties that have announced it readiness to support the female candidates in the next parliament April 27.

3) Invite the parties and civil organizations to cooperate in preparing and implementing election awareness for female candidates.

4) Invite the parties to seriously select the female candidates according to the qualifications and the public attendance in each constituency.

5) Invite the parties to just distribution for constituencies that have a great effect on the nominees and not to margin the female candidates by giving them marginal constituencies that party does not expect any success.

Financial

1) Invite the parties to equally distribute the financial allocations for nominees without exception.

2) Invite the civil organizations and official and party institutions to establish special fund to support female candidates.

3) Invite the Supreme Election Committee and international donor organizations to offer the financial support to fund of non-nominees females.

World Bank credit

Port cities get boost

FOR THE YEMEN TIMES

The World Bank has approved a \$23 million credit to boost investment climate, growth and new jobs in Yemen's port cities of Aden, Hodeidah and Mukalla.

The loan is the first in a three-phase initiative to develop Yemen's coastal cities over twelve years at a cost of \$96 million.

The first phase of the Port Cities Development Program will center on Aden, Yemen's commercial hub, whose strategic location at the tip of the Arabian peninsula once made it the second busiest port in the world.

The program will begin with small-scale infrastructure investments, such as improving facilities at a local fish market and road works at an industrial estate, to fuel small business growth and build linkages to Aden's transport facilities. Training and investment planning will begin in parallel in both Hodeidah and Mukalla.

To attract private investors, the first phase will also focus on enhancing the ability of Aden's local government to deliver efficient services to the private sector through administrative modernization, automation of business transactions and information and communications technology.

Another component of the program will support an economic development strategy for Yemen's three largest port cities that would capitalize on their comparative advantages such as transshipment and vessel servicing in Aden, agro-industries in Hodeidah and fisheries in Mukalla.

Larger scale strategic investments

will be planned for subsequent phases of the program in all three port cities.

With a gross national product per capita of US \$460, Yemen's 18.5 million people remain among the poorest in the world. About 42 percent of households live below the poverty line, and approximately 25 percent are unemployed or underemployed. One of the challenges facing Yemen is to reduce its dependence on rapidly depleting oil reserves and turn to promising non-oil sectors and attract private investment.

"At these difficult moments for the country, this program serves to remind everyone of the tremendous potential of Yemen. It is a reminder of Yemen's rich trading culture, its fantastic location advantage, and its

ability to plan long term for its future development," said Omar Razzaz, World Bank Country Manager who is leading the project.

The port Cities Development Program responds to the government of Yemen's need to develop an investor-friendly environment and turn its port cities into regional engines for growth by drawing upon its historical affinity to international trade.

The program falls in line with the World Bank's Country Assistance Strategy for Yemen which includes generating jobs by creating an attractive investment climate and promoting good governance for improved service delivery to the public and business community.

Farewell to Mr. M. S. S. Suman, former Ambassador of India



Yemen Times joins the Indian community in Yemen in giving an emotional send-off to Mr. M. S. Suman, Former Ambassador of India in The Republic of Yemen, and Mrs. Balvinder Kaur, who left Sanaa on 31 January 2003.

Born on 15th January, 1943, Mr. Suman served in various capacities in diplomatic missions in New Delhi, Islamabad, Dublin, Amman and Baghdad. He took over as Ambassador of India in Sanaa in August 1998 and made signal contributions towards promotion of Indo-Yemeni fellowship during his tenure of office. We wish him a long and healthy life.

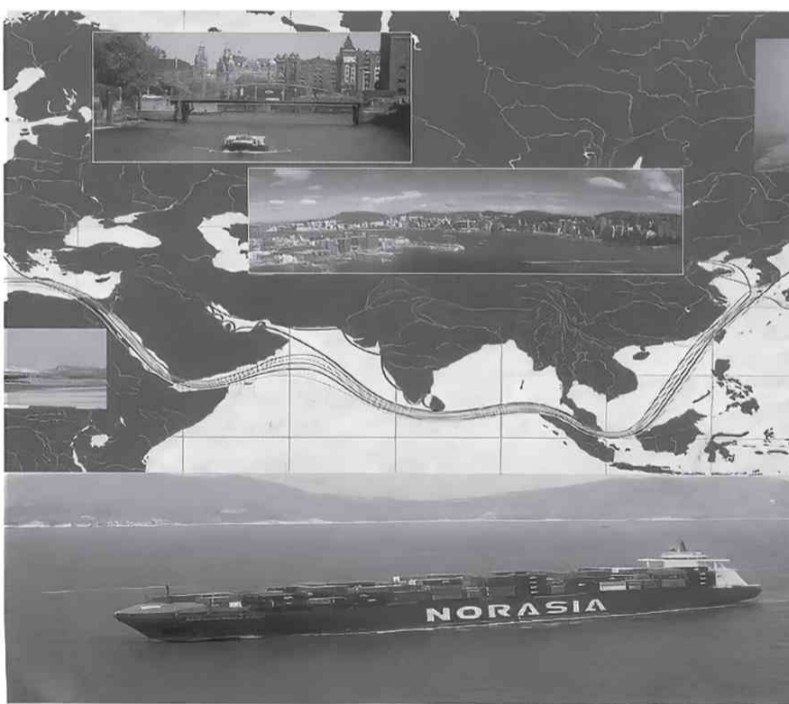
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Barat and its people need more support**A notorious place**

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The district of Barat is among Yemen's intriguing places. The district branches off into the three districts of Barat Almarashi, Barat al-Enan, which is thickly populated, and Barat Rajouza. It is about, 160 km north of Sana'a and administratively it now belongs to

al- Jawf governorate.

I recently went on a one-day mission to Barat to learn more about its people, climate, geographical division and tribal conventions. Here's what I observed.

It was nine o'clock in the morning when the car took us to Sana'a-Sada'a highway. It was quite an interesting to experience travel with people from Barat.

At first I had mixed feelings about traveling to such a hot-spot. I was accompanied by two restless nomads

from al- Jawf, and some others from Barat in a Saloon car.

The two nomads were old enough. They weren't enthusiastic about their short tour to Sana'a. Perhaps they spent years wallowing in despair because of their telltale signs of being fed up with everything new in the city.

They had a feeling that signs of new technology are creeping into Sana'a. Original tribal norms and conventions are no longer felt as much. "Jawf has an incomparable beauty," one of them said.

Talk on tribal norms in Yemeni society took up the beginning of the journey.

Dry as a bone

The car took us up and down the hills and plains of Barat. The road was long, bumpy and dusty.

The land is so barren that there are huge cracks in it. It is covered with heaps of dirt and rough rocky terrains.

You can see in Barat untidy wooden huts built in crooked lines, and mud houses. For about eight years, the land of Barat has not had even a single drop of water.

That barren land has deeply affected day-to-day behavior. The people are as tough as their lands.

Just keep on indulging rough and tough talk. There is no room for laughing or cracking of jocks. I could hardly see smiling, innocent faces.

As a genuine tribesman, you have to show a strong adherence to the tribe's norms and conventions. Being a yes-man, means that you are under the Sheikh's thumb. He can settle disputes among tribesmen. That's why the government has little control over the eastern tribes.

Fully armed

Each tribal society in Yemen has its own set of conventions and norms, which each individual is supposed to conform to. In Barat, I was able to see people from different ages carrying weapons and parading around the district.

People there feel proud of their weapons. These evil machine "weapons" have become the main concern of tribesmen there. They don't think of buying presents or clothes for their kids, except hankering after rounds of ammunition and bullets. That was what I could detect in the company of the two nomads from al- Jawf.

It is astonishing to see them grasping their gun machines proudly in the face of being thoroughly frisked at military checkpoints outside Sana'a. Policemen at those checkpoints lack guts and never have the nerve to stop those who carry weapons.

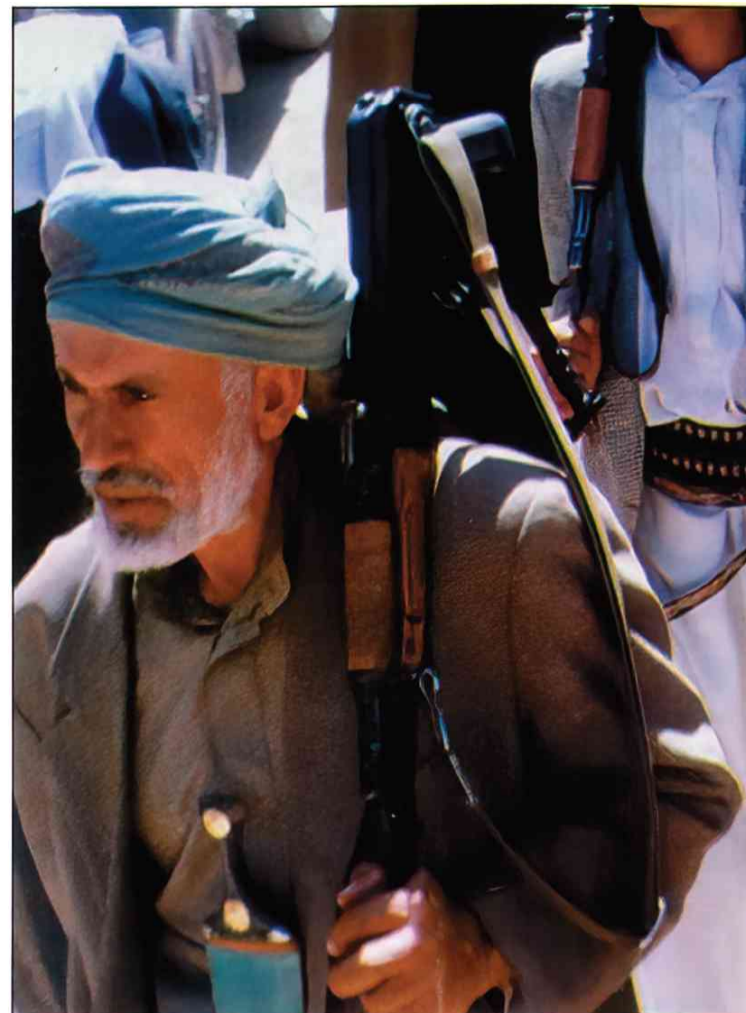
It is easy for every one to hide a gun machine or anything more than that without even being inspected. It is a piece of cake, isn't it? Tribesmen are totally conversant with different kinds of weapons. I was also surprised to hear they possess not only light weapons, but heavy ones.

Each tribesman has a "complete arsenal". Their utmost dream is to possess different but sophisticated light and heavy weapons. They are fully armed and ready at any time for fighting or shooting.

Notorious spot

Tribesmen are not in al-Jawf's adjacent districts only, but also in the whole eastern desert. Areas have become a safe haven and magnet for kidnapping.

If we look back, we see that the Barat itself is notorious for violence



Man's best friend: The Kalashnikov, along with the Jambia, is worn by men and regarded as a symbol of manhood.

and kidnapping operations. On July 15, 1999, four Belgian tourists along with their driver were kidnapped from Amran, 40 km. north of Sana'a and taken to Barat. They were released after four weeks.

On October, 30, 1997, Steve Carpenter was kidnapped from Sana'a and taken to Barat. He was released after four weeks also.

Such kidnapping incidents are maneuvered from Sana'a to press for projects and financial gains for kidnapers. In addition to this, the assassination of the great Yemeni revolutionary figure, Mohammed Mahmoud Azzubeiri also took place in Barat.

To sum up, this area and the entire eastern region prone to such violent

incidents.

Questions of why arise.

One reason is that these areas have been deprived of developmental and social services for a long time. Lack of educational facilities, shortage of water, and want of health care facilities are some other factors leading to the outbreak of violence.

It is heartening to note that some developmental projects for these areas have been implemented, but some are also discontinued. Beneficial projects are grossly inadequate.

The need of the hour is to extend and implement such projects in order to bring this remote district into the national mainstream.

**NBY approves its financial statements****مجلس إدارة البنك الأهلي اليمني يقر البيانات المالية لسنة ٢٠٠٢م**

The Annual general meeting for the Board of Directors of the National Bank of Yemen was held on January 26 for approving the financial statements of 2002. During the meeting, the Bank's Annual Financial Report was also heard by Mr. Dahman Awadh Dahman at the bank's main office in Aden.

During the meeting, Mr. Abdurahman al-Kuhali, the Chairman and General Manager of the Board of Directors delivered a speech asserted on the bank's banking activities during 2002. In his speech, he indicated that the bank had achieved tremendous results such as, achieving target profits, tangible growth rates, customer's deposits, liquidity, and capital adequacy.

The National Bank's Auditor, Mr. Dahman Awadh Dahman read the bank's financial report during 2002. The Bank's Board of Directors conveyed their great appreciation to the President of the Republic, Ali Abdullah Saleh, The Prime Minister, the Vice Prime Minister, the Minister of Finance, whom enable the Bank to achieve these remarkable results. Also convey their appreciation to the Governor of Central Bank of Yemen for their continuous support to the Bank.



Mr. Abdurahman al-Kuhali, the Chairman of the Board of Directors



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The annual meeting for the Board of Directors

An overview of a rich history (Part 3 of 3)

Maldivian royal searches for Yemeni roots



BY IRENA KNEHTL*
FOR THE YEMEN TIMES

The Maldivian mystery from Hadramaut starts unfolding

Excerpts from correspondence
I visited your web site and found it interesting. I lived in the Maldives until part of the way through high school and came here to New Zealand in 1974 to finish school and attend university. I returned to the Maldives for about 5 years but came back here in 1988. I am teacher by profession originally teaching economics, but now teaching UT.

My mother had a very good personal library consisting of just about every book, magazine and newspaper ever published in the Maldives. I used to read her book and that was how I became interested in history. My mother died about 11 years ago.

You have mentioned having a slave as a guardian who used to tell you stories about Maldives and this is how you got interested in Maldives in first place. It is interesting that some countries did not banned slavery until recently or never banned it at all. My father used to tell me that his grandfather had African slaves. It was not uncommon for wealthy Maldivian even in the early twentieth century to return from Haj with concubines who were of a nationality called circasian. They looked European.....

Thor Hyerdahl

I note that you studied in Norway and met Thor Hyerdahl known for his Kon Tiki expedition and author of the book The Maldivian Mystery. I also met him, when he was in the Maldives. A very interesting person. Very close to his death I wrote to him about an old Maldivian poem which is believed to be fiction He took some interest but I heard of his death soon after. I suspect the poem was written based on some ancient historical fact. It talks of two goddesses, one in Siam, roughly what is now Thailand, and the other in Musimbi thought to be Mozambique. They maintained contact with each other via the Maldives.

Perhaps pre-Columbian ocean travel.....

Yemen in Indonesia

My mothers grandfathers grandfather was supposed to be a Moosa Baalawi from Hadramaut. Is there such place in Yemen.

Did you know that there is quite a sizeable Yemeni community in what is now Indonesia. When I was a student in Wellington, in New Zealand, I was surprised to find a Yemeni student called Mohamed Shaiban who communicated fluently with Indonesians in the Indonesian language. Upon asking he said that he was brought up in Indonesia in a Yemeni community.

Some of these people must have passed through the Maldives.....

Poetry

Am glad you had a look at my late brothers poetry. I have to work a bit on the pages. My brother was one of those people who would not have lasted as you may be able to tell from some of his poetry. There is a double meaning in the most of his poems and sense of humor too. There is also a philosophical element. He makes a good social commentary. It would be really good if am able to trace my mothers Hadrami connections. Am looking forward to hear from you soon....

Family name

Many thanks for explaining the meaning of Baalawi. Of course, it makes sense now. I did know about the use of Ba and Bar by some Middle Eastern peoples as a kingship term in their names. However, I never thought that Baalawi was the family name of BaAlawi.

My grandfather like many Maldivians had an Arabic name as well as a Divehi name. His Divehi name was Bodufenvalhughey Seedi and his Arabic name was Hussain bin



Archipelago of Maldives, a piece of heaven.

Mohammed al-Hussein. I look forward to the BaAlawi story from you.....

Majid,

What follows here are references to the BaAlawi family of Hadramaut was able to gather from different English and Arabic sources as well as personal communications. They offer some perspective into the Indian Ocean politics, a real Indian Ocean dialogue and cooperation.

Statesmen of the Indian Ocean

The BaAlawi of Hadramaut – Statesman, scholars and traders of the Indian Ocean:

Having laid down their arms and given up political struggle, the Alawi became the carriers of a Sufi tariqa. The Second stage was that of the development and consolidation of alTariqa alAlawiya, the Alawi Sufi order, which lasted from the seventh century to the eleventh century A.H. . 13-17th century A.D. The tariqa was a simple one which did not have khalw, seclusion for purposes of spiritual exercises, and did not denounce worldly activities. The third stage lasted from eleventh to the fourteen century A.H, later 17th to 20th century A.D. During this period the Alawi ulama and awlija, saints, came to be known by the title of habib. This was the period of emigration to India and Southeast Asia....

Hadrami Arab and Indian Muslim traders has been engaging in trade and missionary activities in the region for centuries and constituted an integral part of the Muslim trade diaspora which stretched from Egypt to the Malay world. Today the whole of the Hadrami hierarchical segment is still represented in Africa. At the top of the social hierarchy, the sharifs that are best known are AlSaqqaf, BaAlawi and AlAydarus. By playing on their prestige and by means of marriages contracted with ruling families, the sheriffs were able to establish political bases or take possession of power structures wherever they settled. There

are numerous and often significant examples of their influence in the political domain. For example that BaAlawi sultans were secured in the Comoros, Kilwa, Zanzibar, Tumbatu and at Vumbaktu..... Members of the BaAlawi lineage continue to exercise various degrees of religious, social and political influence in late 20 century Kerala... Further south in the then Italian port of Mogadishu in 1891 one of the major chiefs was Sayyid Ahmed BaAlawi whose ancestor had come from Tarim seven generations earlier...Imam Abdalla ibn Alawi AlHadad published The Book of Assistance for Moslems, born in Tarim in the hills of Hadramaut. His ancestors The Alawi Sadda had for centuries produced generation after generation of great scholars, and Gnostics and summoners to the straight path.... Certainly no aristocracy so widely disseminated over Asia and Africa playing century upon century an important and consistent role in the Islamic community nor can any branch of the numerous Sharif and Sayyid families founded over 14 centuries ago claim a more varied sphere of activity of achievement than the Alawi Sayyids of Hadramaut.... The first focus of Sayyid emigrants eastwards from the Middle Ages was India. They settled in important commercial, cultural and political center, like Bijapur, and Surat, Ahmedabad, Haiderabad, Gujerat, Delhi, Calicut, Malibar... but the greatest emigrations of all were to Java, Sumatra, Atcheg and Malaya.... The Alawi Sayyids arrived there some time before the Dutch. An Alawi from Johore settled in Mainedanao, marrying the Sultans daughter.....

22 generations later

Hi iren, got your mail. Just having a visit from two of my in laws. I look forward to hear more about the BaAlawi connection, Forgot to tell you earlier that my fathers lineage is from a person called Moslim Abbas of Hilaaly. He lived around the year 1300 and I am 22 generation from him the king- sultans of the Maldives since 14th century. His son married a mem-

ber of a ruling dynasty called the Moon. The Soma dynasty reigned for many generations before becoming Moslims.....

Maldives in Brief

The Republic of Maldives is a group of islands lying in the Indian Ocean south west of Sri Lanka and south of the Indian sub continent stretching 800 km in length and 130 km in width comprising of 1190 coral islands with only 202 inhabited. Each island is surrounded by a shallow lagoon which is enclosed by a coral ruff providing protection from the sea.

The population is 213.215 of which about 56.000 live in the capital Male being the trading center.

Being on the equator, the monsoons are mild.

The Maldivians are a mixed race.

Through out the Maldives Dhivehi, a language which belongs to the Indo-Iranian group of language is spoken.

The newly independent Maldives changed from Sultanate to a Republic on 11th November, 1968.

Maldivians are sunni Moslem. Islam is the religion of the State and the backbone of society.

The National Emblem of the Republic of Maldives comprises a Coconut Palm, Crescent and Star.

The economy is based on three principal activities, fishing, tourism, and shipping. Poor soil and limited availability of cultivable land limit agriculture. Traditional industry consists of local boat building, handicraft such as mat- weaving, jewellery making and lacquer work. Export oriented industries include tuna fish canning, and manufacture of garments.

The Maldives is a member of U.N. and most of specialized agencies. Maldives has diplomatic relations with over hundred countries. The country

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also enjoys membership in major international financial institutions.

Like the coral reefs that protect the islands, Maldivians maintain a commitment to keep their own world to themselves, and to maintain the Maldivian culture.

Yemen and Maldives

Possibilities of cooperation in the field of tourism, tourism management and joint investing oil export from Yemen

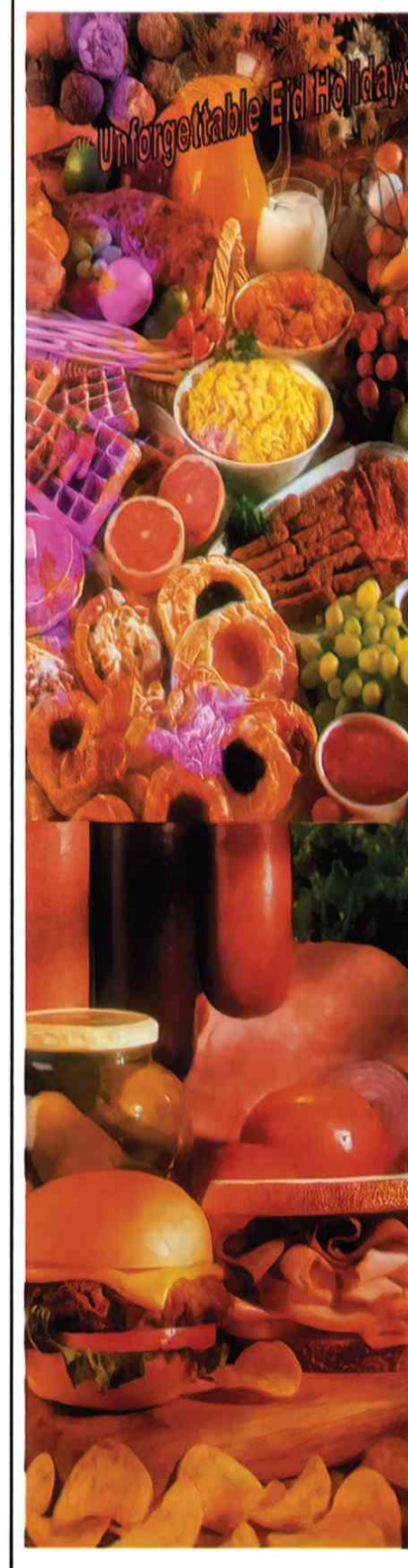
transport and logistics, Adeni free zone and product distribution centers, fishing, and fish canning, export of fresh fruits, and vegetables from Yemen.

For further information check the Maldives Royal Family Official Website: Majid's pages: <http://www.maldivesroyalfamily.com/>

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Above is part of a larger undertaking tracing Yemeni contacts throughout the Indian Ocean and South East Asia.

For further suggestions and comments contact Yemen Times.



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*Australia reels from one tragedy to another***Eight dead, two injured in Sydney rail crash**

SYDNEY, Feb 1 (Reuters) - The death toll from Australia's worst rail crash in 26 years was revised down to eight from nine following confusion over accounting for the bodies, the rail operator said on Saturday.

Heather Gilmore, a spokeswoman for the operator City Rail, said there had been some confusion in identifying body parts that made it difficult to determine the number of dead.

"They don't expect the death toll to rise anything more than eight," she said.

Two people, down from four, were still listed as critically injured following Friday morning's rush-hour crash in rugged bushland 40 km (25 miles) south of Sydney, a New South Wales

Health department spokesman said.

The remoteness of the location made rescue efforts difficult. Emergency crews had to trek 1.5 km (one mile) along dirt trails to reach the mangled four-carriage train in a ravine. The last body was removed on Saturday morning.

One of the train's carriages, which slammed into a sandstone embankment, was removed overnight. The train will be taken to Sydney to be rebuilt for a reenactment of the crash.

Investigators into the crash found the train's black box recorder had not been switched on, potentially depriving them of crucial information to back up passengers' comments the train appeared to speed up just before it

derailed.

But New South Wales state transport minister, Carl Scully, said black boxes on the state's trains were still being tested, so the recorder on the crashed train had not been activated yet. "There is no useful information on it and it was not operational because it hadn't yet been verified and modified in accordance with those earlier tests to make the information reliable," Scully said on national radio.

Rail operators had been installing black box data recorders on trains following recommendations from an inquiry into a train crash outside Sydney in 1999.

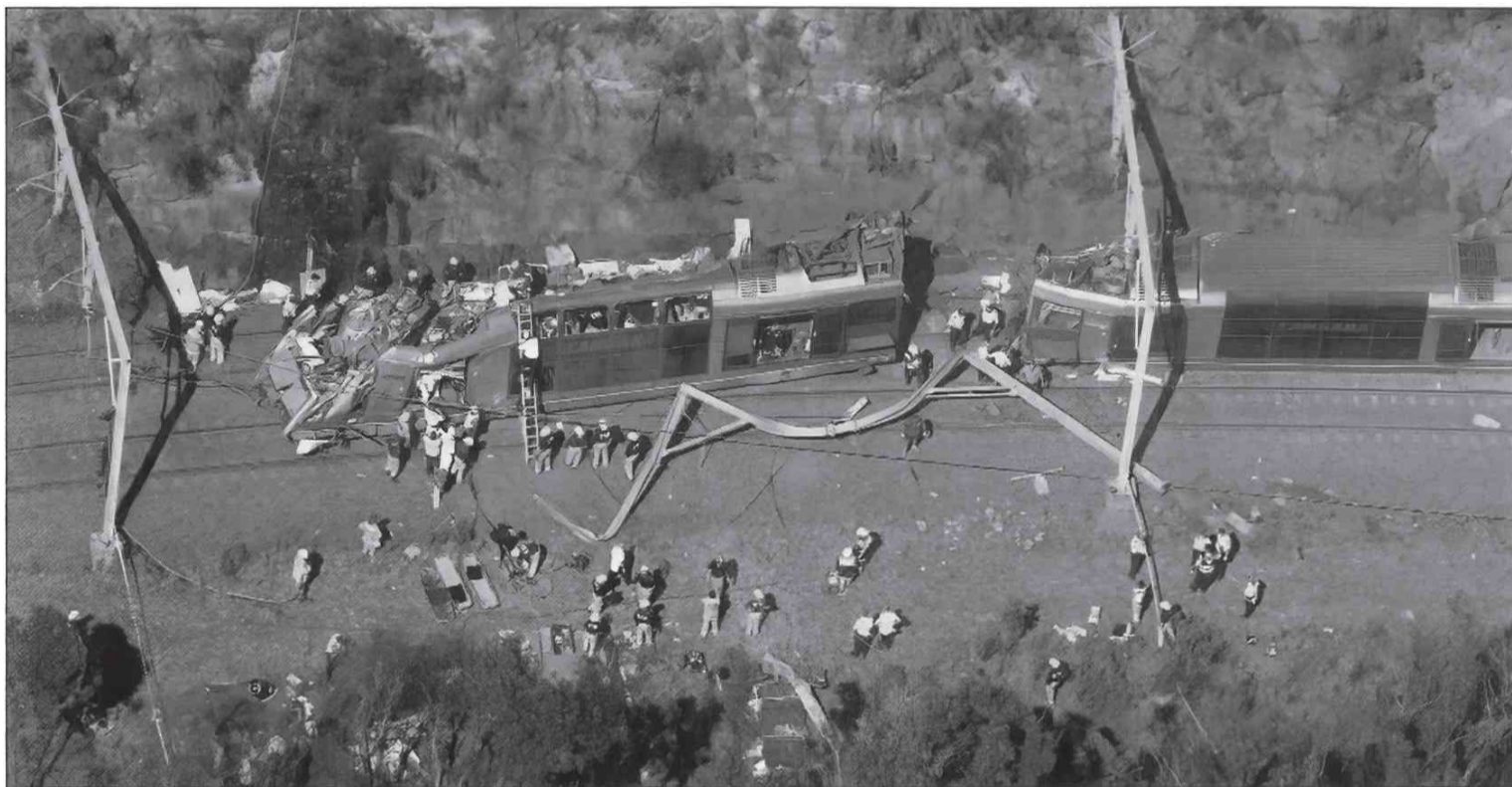
About 70 people were on board the train as it travelled south from Sydney

to Port Kembla near Wollongong on the south coast when the crash happened.

Separate inquiries — by a judge, a coroner and a rail safety group — would be held into the incident, New South Wales Premier Bob Carr announced on Friday.

State rail safety regulator Kent Donaldson said the probe would include looking into how fast the train was travelling when it passed two signals, the condition of the track, the condition of the carriages, and the signalling system.

Friday's accident was Australia's worst train crash since January 1977 when 83 people were killed at Granville west of Sydney.



Eight people were killed and at least 12 seriously injured when a rush-hour commuter train derailed in rugged bushland south of Sydney Jan. 31.

REUTERS

Thais refuse entry for Cambodian opposition chief

BANGKOK, Feb 1 (Reuters) - Thailand said on Saturday it had refused entry to Cambodian opposition leader Sam Rainsy, sending him back to Singapore after briefly detaining him on arrival at Bangkok's international airport.

"Sam Rainsy is on a Thai Airways plane for Singapore which is taking off now," Government Spokesman

Sita Divari told Reuters.

"This is Thai government policy. We are temporarily not allowing any Cambodians into Thailand."

Thailand barred entry to Cambodians this week after anti-Thai riots in Phnom Penh destroyed the Thai embassy and more than a dozen Thai-related businesses.

The violence led to Thailand evac-

uating hundreds of its citizens and downgrade diplomatic relations. Sam Rainsy was due to hold a news conference at a Bangkok hotel on Saturday about the rioting.

"Sam Rainsy is a political figure, who wanted to come to Thailand to give a press conference and Thailand has been damaged enough by Cambodia...we are afraid it might

trigger more chaos, so we must send him out of Thailand," the spokesman said.

A senior Thai police official told Reuters earlier that Sam Rainsy, who arrived on a Thai Airways flight from Singapore, was detained for more than an hour on arrival at Bangkok's airport and stopped from travelling into the city.



A Thai policeman stands guard outside the Cambodian Embassy in Bangkok Jan. 31. Angry crowds that gathered outside the embassy, burning pictures of Cambodian Prime Minister Hun Sen and pulling the sign off the mission's gate, dispersed overnight after a plea for calm by Thailand's King Bhumibol Adulyadej, a rare intervention by the world's longest reigning monarch.

REUTERS

India raps U.S. over Iraq, Pakistan policy

BANGKOK, Feb 1 (Reuters) - India urged the United States on Saturday not to attack Iraq, even if it has evidence Baghdad is hiding weapons of mass destruction, saying a war must be avoided at all costs.

Indian Deputy Prime Minister L.K. Advani, on a swing through Southeast Asia after visiting Europe and the Middle East, said there was growing opposition around the world to any unilateral U.S. action.

"Iraq must give up its weapons of mass destruction, but even if it fails to do so the action that should be taken should be decided by the United Nations, not by any country unilaterally," Advani told a news conference in Bangkok.

"A war should be avoided," he said. "When I visited Paris, I found that France and Germany had similar views."

Advani's appeal came after U.S. President George W. Bush rejected on

Friday any bid to delay disarming Iraq, saying a new Security Council resolution authorizing war would be welcome but not necessary.

Bush, along with his main ally, British Prime Minister Tony Blair, warned that the Iraq crisis would come to a head in a matter of weeks, rather than months.

Advani also said India was disappointed by Washington's support for Pakistan as a key ally in its war on terror in neighbouring Afghanistan.

"We are disappointed with their approach," he said.

"We do expect countries which have sworn to fight against terrorism, wherever it is, at least not to help any state, financially or otherwise, which promotes terrorism directly or indirectly."

New Delhi accuses Pakistan of supporting militant groups in the Indian-controlled section of disputed Kashmir.

*Considers forces***US warns North Korea**

WASHINGTON/SEOUL, Feb 1 (Reuters) - U.S. spy satellites show North Korea is moving fuel rods around a key nuclear complex, including possibly some of the 8,000 spent fuel rods that experts consider a key trip-wire in bomb-building, U.S. officials said.

But there was no sign that crucial reprocessing of those spent fuel rods had begun, they said.

In another ominous sign that North Korea's nuclear crisis might be deepening, the commander of U.S. forces in the Pacific had asked the Pentagon for more troops, aircraft and warships to deter any "adventure" by North Korea if the United States goes to war against Iraq, other U.S. officials said.

But South Korea said on Saturday it had not confirmed the U.S. satellite intelligence showing North Korea was moving fuel rods around its Yongbyon nuclear complex and had not been informed of any U.S. request to augment its 37,000 troops in the South.

There was also no immediate reaction from North Korea to the U.S. intelligence report or the request for U.S. reinforcements.

If confirmed, moves by North Korea to launch production of nuclear weapons would mark a major step in the nuclearization of North Asia, where nuclear-armed China fears Japan might develop the weapons in response to North Korea's possession of them.

The North Korean move would also be a major test of South Korean President Kim Dae-jung's "sunshine policy" of trying to engage the isolated, communist North.

The Korean crisis was sparked last October when the United States said Pyongyang had admitted to developing a highly enriched uranium programme in violation of a 1994 accord, under which the North froze its nuclear programme in exchange for two nuclear energy reactors and economic assistance.

Pyongyang expelled U.N. nuclear inspectors and removed seals from a mothballed reactor in December. Last month, the North pulled out of the treaty preventing the spread of nuclear arms.

"Not good"

Even as they try to keep the North Korea crisis on a diplomatic track, Bush administration officials seem increasingly convinced that Pyongyang is determined to launch full-scale production of nuclear weapons.

As there has been for the past month, "there is still activity around Yongbyon, some of it associated with the reactor, an immediate thing that's not as bad as reprocessing but still isn't good," a senior U.S. official told Reuters.

"I don't discount that they might begin reprocessing in the next month, or do another missile launch," but there were no signs of preparations for such a test, he said.

Another official told Reuters Yongbyon was "bustling with activity. There are canisters and vehicles moving about. It's hard to rule in or out that

spent fuel rods are on the move but it's certainly plausible."

U.S. officials in recent weeks have detected that North Korea had moved quantities of fresh fuel rods to the area of a nuclear reactor at Yongbyon. It is in the reactor where the unused uranium fuel rods are converted to plutonium.

An even more significant step would be for Pyongyang to move 8,000 spent fuel rods — which have already gone through the reactor — from a holding pond where they had been mothballed under a 1994 agreement with the United States.

In the nuclear process, spent fuel rods go through a reprocessing facility where the plutonium is extracted to become fuel for nuclear weapons.

"A prudent step"

Fresh fuel rods "probably" have been moved at Yongbyon and spent fuel rods "possibly" have been moved, said one official, noting that intelligence was not clear-cut.

Another official, who initially said he believed the spent fuel rods were still in the cooling pond, later amended his comment, saying: "We don't know" where they are.

The U.S. administration — which has tried to put the issue on the back burner as it concentrates on Iraq — warned North Korea against taking any steps to reprocess plutonium.

"Any steps toward beginning reprocessing would be yet another provocative action by North Korea intended to intimidate and blackmail the international community," presidential spokesman Ari Fleischer told reporters.

He declined to comment on a New York Times report that the stockpile of 8,000 spent fuel rods was being moved.

Absent from the spokesman's comments was any threat of military action if North Korea crosses what experts consider a red line by beginning to reprocess the 8,000 spent fuel rods.

But Admiral Thomas Fargo, based in Hawaii as commander of all American forces in Asia and the Pacific rim, had asked for some additional forces along with B-1 and B-52 bombers to let North Korea know that the United States was prepared for any contingency, U.S. officials said.

"The admiral wants to be sure that the North Koreans don't launch any adventure to take advantage of what they might see as preoccupation with Iraq," said one defense official. "He feels it would be a prudent step."

A South Korean Defense Ministry spokesman said there was no sign of unusual military activity in North Korea, the bulk of whose 1.1 million strong army is deployed near the border with South Korea, 50 km (30 miles) north of the capital, Seoul.

U.S. Secretary of State Colin Powell took pains to reaffirm that the United States had "no intention of attacking" North Korea and was ready to convey that assurance to Pyongyang in a way "that makes sense and...is unmistakable".

Turkish military pushes, and . . .

Turkey to back U.S. on Iraq

By Steve Bryant

ISTANBUL, Feb 1 (Reuters) - Turkey's influential military has given the reluctant government a firm push towards actively supporting the United States in any war on Iraq, Turkish newspapers said on Saturday. The National Security Council, grouping the military top brass and elected politicians, called on the government on Friday to seek parliamentary authorisation for "military measures" if war erupts in Turkey's southern neighbour Iraq.

It also called for parliament to invoke an article in the constitution which allows foreign troops to be stationed in Turkey — meeting U.S. requests for its troops to use Turkish bases on their way into northern Iraq.

Turkish commentators said the call by the influential NSC pointed to government backing, however grudging, for a U.S.-led war the government and most Turks fear could prove a disaster.

"According to information from sources at the meeting, if political initiatives fail to produce anything, Turkey will give active support to an international coalition under U.S. leadership," columnist Murat Yetkin wrote in the daily Radikal.

The Justice and Development Party (AKP) government has avoided a clear answer to U.S. requests to use Turkish bases as jumping-off points for a second front in northern Iraq to support a main invasion force in the south.

The AKP, distrusted by the powerful military for its roots in political Islam, fears an unpopular war in Iraq could

cost it support, undermine the fragile economy and lead eventually to a destabilising break-up of Iraq.

But pressure is increasing for Turkey to bite the bullet.

Washington is offering billions of dollars in financial support for Turkey to offset the financial impact of war.

"Additionally, Turkey does not want to be out of the loop in order to influence post-war developments and protect Turkey's interests," wrote Fikret Bila in the popular newspaper Milliyet.

The NSC, whose recommendations are taken seriously by all Turkish governments, called for parliament to invoke article 92 of the constitution, which allows Turkish troops to be sent abroad and foreign troops to be stationed on Turkish soil.

"The military...have made known their view that a decision should be taken immediately," said the establishment newspaper Hurriyet, though it added that the AKP was likely to bide its time.

Many expect the government to wait until U.N. weapons inspectors have made their report to the U.N. Security Council on February 14. A Muslim public holiday ending on February 17 could further delay any decision.

The government is unwilling to see large numbers of U.S. troops deployed in Turkey and is seeking the smallest presence with which a second front would still be feasible.

U.S. officials said on Thursday they were considering a staggered deployment that would keep the U.S. presence in Turkey down to around 15,000 to 20,000 troops at any one time.

Part of renewed military crackdown by Israelis

Armed Palestinian killed

GAZA, Feb 1 (Reuters) - Israeli troops shot dead an armed Palestinian in a Gaza Strip border zone on Saturday and imposed a curfew on the West Bank city of Hebron in a renewed military crackdown following Israeli national elections.

An Israeli military source said soldiers spotted an armed Palestinian approaching the Gaza border with Egypt near the volatile town of Rafah and opened fire. The man was carrying an assault rifle and ammunition clips, the source said.

The Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine (DFLP) identified the dead man as a 19-year-old member of the group, which has carried out attacks on Israelis in a 28-month-old Palestinian uprising for statehood.

In Hebron, troops imposed a city-wide curfew as part of a sweep for Palestinian militants which began on Thursday. A Palestinian woman returning home from hospital was wounded when troops enforcing the curfew shot at her taxi, residents said.

In Israel, Prime Minister Ariel Sharon was set to continue talks on forming a governing coalition after his right-wing Likud party doubled its power to 38 seats in the 120-member parliament in Tuesday's election.

But he faces an uphill battle to create the national unity coalition with the centre-left Labour Party which many Israelis crave as the country faces the uprising and a possible U.S. war on Iraq that could draw Iraqi missile attacks on Israel.

Labour chief Amram Mitzna has vowed to rebuild his shattered party, which lost more than one-quarter of its seats in parliament.

Likud urges Labour to join coalition

Israeli cabinet minister Tzipi Livni warned Labour on Saturday that its determination to stay out of government could pose an obstacle to ending more than two years of bloodshed.

"The political process (of peace talks) will come about only as long as we present a united and clear front and convince the international community so they stand with us...and place a clear responsibility on the Palestinians (to stop violence)," Livni told Israel Radio.

If Labour stays out of government "the Palestinians will think there are other options, that maybe they need to wait for the government to fall, and then we will be dragged into a long, exhausting period of terror," she said.

Sharon held talks on Friday with a prospective coalition partner, Yosef "Tommy" Lapid, pugnacious leader of the centrist Shinui party that finished third in the vote with 15 seats.

Lapid, who opposes state subsidies and military service exemptions for Israel's ultra-Orthodox Jews, has said he would not join a cabinet that

includes their political parties but would strive for a secular coalition with Likud and Labour.

At least 1,811 Palestinians and 698

Israelis have been killed since the Palestinian revolt against Israeli occupation in the West Bank and Gaza erupted in September 2000.



A relative cries as she pays her last respects to Tamer Khair, 19, an armed Palestinian who was shot dead by Israeli troops in a Gaza Strip border zone, during his funeral in Gaza City Feb. 1 An Israeli military source said soldiers spotted an armed Palestinian approaching the Gaza border with Egypt near the volatile town of Rafah and opened fire. The man was carrying an assault rifle and ammunition clips, the source said. The Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine (DFLP) identified the dead man as a member of the group, which has carried out attacks on Israelis in a 28-month-old Palestinian uprising for statehood. REUTERS

Iraq threatens suicide attacks against U.S. troops

BERLIN, Feb 1 (Reuters) - Iraq will launch thousands of suicide attackers against American troops if the United States invades, Iraqi Vice President Taha Yassin Ramadan told German magazine Der Spiegel on Saturday.

"We are looking forward to the time when they have finished with air bombardments and send in ground troops against us. They will come up against very hard resistance everywhere," Ramadan told the weekly magazine.

"We do not have long-range rockets or bomber squadrons, but we will deploy thousands of suicide attackers... martyrs. These are our new weapons and they will not just be used in Iraq," he said.

Ramadan said the United States would be confronted with a "sea of

opposition" in the Middle East, particularly in places like Kuwait and Saudi Arabia where U.S. troops were stationed.

"The Arab people will stand by the Iraqi people in the battle for its independence and freedom. It will be a conflagration in the entire region," he said.

"It will be worse for them than ever before."

Ramadan said talk of Saddam Hussein and other Iraqi leaders going into exile was ridiculous.

He said Iraq would cooperate fully with United Nations weapons inspectors. The United States accuses Iraq of amassing weapons of mass destruction and says it will disarm the country by force if necessary.

Still seeking 'hidden' weapons

U.N. experts continue search of sites in Iraq

BAGHDAD, Feb 1 (Reuters) - U.N. weapons experts searched more sites on Saturday in their hunt for banned weapons in Iraq as top inspectors deferred a decision about whether to go to Baghdad next week.

Iraqi officials said experts from the U.N. Monitoring, Verification and Inspection Commission (UNMOVIC) and the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) visited at least 10 sites in Iraq.

An UNMOVIC biological team went to three sites in Baghdad and swooped on Saddam's University, the college of education and al-Sharqiya distillery.

A missile team combed the headquarters of al-Karama state company in Baghdad which produces components of al-Samood missiles and assembles other missiles. Another team went to al-Rasheed Factory south of Baghdad which manufactures fuses for artillery munitions.

Inspectors also went to al-Rayyah company in Taji north of Baghdad. Officials did not give details on the facility but it is believed to be Iraq's main site of pre-Gulf War Scud modification and production of al-Husseini

missiles, including airframes, warheads and engines.

An IAEA team went to Saddam's University in Baghdad. Another team was conducting an aerial survey, they said.

U.N. weapons experts also flew helicopters to travel to undisclosed sites in northern Iraq.

Diplomats in New York said on Friday that top inspectors Hans Blix and Mohamed ElBaradei deferred a decision about whether or not they would go to Baghdad, telling Iraq they first wanted signs that it was meeting their disarmament concerns.

They did not flatly turn down an invitation from Iraq, which could take place on February 7 or February 8, or give an ultimatum. But they said they hoped for positive steps from Iraq such as allowing U-2 over flights without conditions and private interviews with scientists, before the meeting took place, the diplomats said.

Blix and ElBaradei last visited Baghdad on January 19-20, when Iraq pledged to step up cooperation with the inspectors, who resumed work on November 27 after a four-year gap.



A member of the Iraq Peace Team (IPT) holds a candle February 1, 2003, during an anti-American protest in the Ameriyah Bomb Shelter, where on February 13, 1991 408 women and children died when two US bombs tore into the shelter, in Baghdad. British leader Tony Blair flew home on Saturday from a council of war with George W. Bush and forecast that divided world opinion would rally behind a new U.N. resolution that might authorise an attack on Iraq. REUTERS



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While foreigners flee the country

Thousands rally against Ivory Coast accord

ABIDJAN, Feb 1 (Reuters) - Tens of thousands of protesters poured into Abidjan on Saturday to denounce a French-brokered peace deal for Ivory Coast just as West African mediators prepared a last-ditch rescue mission for the tottering accord.

Saturday's march was the culmination of a week of often violent protests against an agreement that President Laurent Gbagbo's supporters say was forced on him by the former colonial power to the advantage of rebels holding half the country.

There was no immediate sign on Saturday of the stone-throwing youths who attacked France's embassy and army base and then robbed, roughed up and spat on hundreds of terrified French citizens as they tried to escape the mayhem.

"Ivory Coast stand up," chanted the marchers as they jogged or strolled towards central Abidjan in a mass of orange, white and green national colours.

Four months of war in the world's top cocoa grower have their roots in years of growing division between the largely Muslim north, held by the rebels, and the mostly Christian south.

Hundreds of people have been killed and more than one million displaced in the country of 16 million.

The peace deal agreed in France a week ago was meant to end a conflict that threatens the region by giving key government positions to rebels and Gbagbo's political opponents, who dispute his victory in 2000 elections.

"We say no to rebels in our government. For us it would be like handing over to bandits the keys to your house," student leader Charles Ble Goude said on national television as he prepared for Saturday's demonstration.

"This march will show our force, it will show that we are not just a handful of extremists," he said.



Europeans arrive at Abidjan Airport, Feb. 1 to take flights out of the Ivory Coast where the political situation has degenerated. The French Foreign Ministry recommended its citizens to leave the country as angry mobs supporting the President Laurent Gbagbo stormed the Abidjan airport Jan. 31 where French citizens were trying to flee the country.

REUTERS

French flee

Protesters clashed with French soldiers sent to protect their citizens at the international airport on Friday. The demonstrators prevented the return home of new Prime Minister Seydou Diarra, who was named under the accord.

In a sign of the deteriorating situation, France has urged its 16,000 citizens to leave if they could. More than 2,500 French troops are in the country to protect foreigners and to police a truce with the three rebel factions.

Diarra, a widely respected former premier from the largely Muslim north who is seen as politically neutral, was stuck in Senegal's capital Dakar after a regional summit.

Regional leaders who met there on Friday urged Gbagbo's government and the rebels to "work together to ensure the scrupulous application" of the accord.

Regional mediators were due in Ivory Coast on Saturday to try to persuade Gbagbo to keep the word he gave in Paris.

France has driven home the same

message and the United States added its own weight late on Friday.

But if Gbagbo bows to foreign pressure he will face the wrath not only of the protesters but also of several political parties, traditional chiefs and most importantly the army — which has rejected aspects of the accord.

The country is waiting anxiously for Gbagbo to address the nation about the accord. Since returning home from Paris he has referred to the accord as "proposals" and promised not to betray his supporters.

South African minister warns against Iraq war

ADDIS ABABA, Feb 1 (Reuters) South Africa's foreign minister opened a special session of the African Union in Addis Ababa on Saturday with a warning that any war in Iraq will cause serious problems for African economies. South Africa raised its latest opposition to a U.S.-led war on Iraq within hours of a planned meeting between South African President Thabo Mbeki and British Prime Minister Tony Blair, who is the staunchest backer of Washington's Iraq stance.

"The looming war over Iraq will have serious repercussions for all of us, not only for peace in the world. I am quite sure that it will also have economic impact on our countries," said South African Foreign Minister Nkosazana Dlamini Zuma.

"Especially if the price of oil during the war would go up, most of our countries would have serious problems," Zuma told the one-day meeting of African Union (AU) ministers, being held ahead of an AU heads of state meeting which starts on Monday.

Zuma, who is chairing the AU ministers' meeting, called on African states

to continue supporting the efforts of the United Nations Security Council to disarm Iraq of any weapons of mass destruction and avert war.

"We have to continue cooperating with the Security Council, because we need peace not war," she said.

Mbeki, who was due to meet Blair at his Chequers residence outside London on Saturday, warned last month that a U.S.-led war on Iraq threatened to kill off development in Africa.

Mbeki's opposition to an Iraq war is backed firmly by former South African president Nelson Mandela, who said on Thursday that U.S. President George W. Bush had no foresight and could not think properly.

African leaders are converging on the Ethiopian capital amid tight security this weekend for a special summit of the AU, which is expected to focus on the role the organisation should play in resolving the continent's many conflicts.

The 53-member AU was born from the Organisation of African Unity (OAU) at a meeting in Durban last July.

Nigerian: More ethnic clashes

WARRI, Nigeria, Feb 1 (Reuters) - Street clashes between rival ethnic gangs in the southwestern Nigerian oil city of Warri have left several people dead, residents said on Saturday.

Political tension is mounting as Africa's most populous nation of more than 120 million people heads for presidential elections in April, the first poll to be supervised by civilian authorities in more than 20 years.

Residents said between four and eight people, including a soldier, died in fighting between Itsekiri and Urhobo youths on Friday. Many others were injured, while about 10 houses were torched.

Residents said the street battles may have been sparked by the rerun of regional primaries for the ruling

Peoples' Democratic Party held on Friday in the Niger Delta area.

Delta state police could not confirm casualty figures. A spokesman said he was yet to receive a report on the incident.

The Itsekiri and Urhobo have been at each others' throats since the 1990s when a dispute over the site of a local government headquarters ended in the killing of over 100 people.

Nigeria is facing its worst cycle of violence since the late 1960s, when civil war erupted over the breakaway republic of Biafra. More than 10,000 people have died in political, communal and religious clashes since more than 15 years of brutal army rule ended in 1999.

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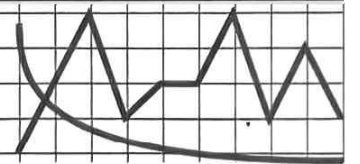
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YT Business



Consumers lose

Counterfeiting brands: a costly sham

BY IMAD AL-SAQQAF
TAIZ BUREAU CHIEF

Imitation of products is a big threat in Yemen, says Mohammed Gawad Aghbary, trade manager-importing section in the middle East Trading company, comments.

Goods adulteration has spread in Yemen and markets are full of bad and misbranded products, he said.

Consequently, the customer is affected both positively and negatively by products that attempt to prove their presence and try to gain customer trust.

Yemeni industrial and trade authorities admit this problem of trade adulteration and misbranding in a letter from Ministry of Industry and Trade in Taiz addressed to the industry branch.

It points to the existence of commodities, electronic goods, building materials, spare parts and so on that have entered the country through normal inlets and through customs offices.

Some are Chinese, Indian, and Taiwanese goods, labeled as Japanese, German and Italian and other well-reputed countries in the industry for the purpose of cheating citizens.

The office of Industry and Trade in Taiz has been exerting efforts to fight the phenomenon, but faces many difficulties because there is not a clear law on punishing the guilty.

Engineer Gamal Mohammed Abdulrahman, the General Manager of Yemen Meteorology for Standardization & Specifications, Taiz office, defines commercial cheating as adding a variant substance to the natural substance of the commodity, or removing one of the crucial elements, substituting it with a second-rate element. So it hides the low quality of the product and make it appear as a high quality one.

They also add some cheaper material to the ingredients of the product for increasing its quantity. Cheating also done by changing the expiry date of products or reducing its weight and size.

One reason behind commercial cheating, he said is that "increasing demand of customers and variety of products and the technical development has greatly assisted to the spreading of the cheating phenomenon in many developing coun-



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tries whose markets are victims of this phenomenon. Individuals' low incomes and lack of awareness by the customers in these countries have also helped the spread of commercial adulteration. Added to that is the weakness of control measures."

Misbranding undoubtedly has very serious damages on the consumer and the original product.

For example, one of the traders has recently introduced a fake drink for the famous energy drink (Shark) with the same size and color but with another name exploiting customers' high demand for the original one.

Abdullah Mohammed Fakeera, the General Manager of the Middle East for Trade and exclusive agent for the energy drink Shark confirmed that there are a lot of reasons for misbranding, but the main ones are the product's popularity and quality.

However, Mr Fakeera pointed out that the customer has to differentiate between the original and the fake by taking into consideration: agent slogan; shape (kind of the tin can, the color); and quality (taste and smell).

He concluded the damage of faking includes sales depression for the real product and affecting other products of the company.

In addition, the customer will not be able to recognize between the genuine and imitated product that definitely will affect his health.

He also confirmed that the faking phenomenon can be defeated by building awareness with the risks of the forged products and trial of everyone who forges original trademarks.

Dr. Abdu Ali, the manager of quality in the Yemeni Company for Industry and Trade, confirmed local products are often of higher quality than the imported which most of them are of low quality and not meeting specifications.

Dr. Ali also confirmed that what helps spreading the misbranding is absence of control on the market that is full with such commodities. Inspection requires qualified people.

Closing of smuggling outlets and providing modern laboratories to examine imported products are some of the most effective measures to be taken for fighting such a dangerous phenomenon.

The efforts exerted by the standardization and specifications authority in Yemen confirm its serious endeavor for adopting a Yemeni standard specification.

Engineer Abdulrahman says to fight smuggling and expired goods and commercial adulteration, we have to activate the laws, and spread awareness among consumers.

In most cases, these products were not passed through any quality checks and it's doubtful whether it is fit for human consumption. Therefore, consumption of such products for a long time may create serious health problems.

Most of the consumers, especially people in the rural areas are not aware about the duplication, or they may not be able to recognize it as these products almost look like the original one.

Those who import/distribute duplicate products will always be thinking how they can utilize properly the popularity of the original products to make easy money and are not really bothered about

the quality and bad effects of such products.

Moreover, since these duplicate products are entirely different in all respects compared to the originals, it can create a bad impression about the efficacy of the original products.

These unscrupulous traders/businessmen must know the effort, time and money spent to introduce, establish and maintain the position of a product/brand in the market, which they spoil in few months.

This tendency of imitating the products has recently increased as certain people always think to make easy money in a short span of time. In this process, they do not think about their brothers, sisters and children who are going to suffer by consuming this kind

of products or what damage they do in the business sector.

They must realize that by involving such activities they are not only against the entire business ethics, but also spoiling the image of our country in front of other nations.

There is no hard and fast rule in our country to stop such unethical business practice unlike our neighboring countries. It is our strong suggestion that it is the time our government has to think of making suitable legislation in order to fight such duplicate products.

People who are involved in such activities should be identified and punished severely to save the interest of business community and the common people of this country.

The Road Ahead

Banking for economic development

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A banker is one who accepts deposits for the purpose of lending and investments in order to make a good utilization of money collected and deposited and hence take part in the economic development of the nation.

However, the key factor for success in banking is collecting and accumulating money from the public cheaply and lending it out at a price as high as possible with the least risk involved in order to keep the cost of capital to the bank to a minimum and the return to a maximum.

Yet, banking appears to be a fully complicated system requiring immense efforts to understand and deal with. In a sense this is true, but still; for a banker to encourage more people to take loans, he has to shift his orientation from the security being offered and how much profits the bank is going to make, to the purpose of the loan; how will giving this loan help in the economic development of the individual and the nation?

Another point is that only those who have and are willing to offer securities to the bank can get the loan, and in turn utilize this money in further investment and so on. In other words those who are rich enough to offer suitable securities can avail of the credit facilities of the bank while other people can't. And as a result, the rich get richer while others don't even if they have the ideas, qualifications and experience.

In addition to that, in the last couple of decades there hasn't been even growth in our urban and rural areas. For example, the number of business transactions in the urban areas have increased at a much higher rate than those in the rural areas. How can we develop our country if we only focus on the urban and neglect the rural areas where at least 60% of our population live?

Therefore, it is crucial that we improve our economic situation through providing credit to those who need it in order to start new small-scale businesses and shift the focus from giving credit to big industries and those who can offer big securities to small scale businesses which have a good purpose and are likely to succeed even though they can't offer much of a security.

That, and that only will help create more income for the business, more employment and business opportunities, and help the economic revival and development of our country. This is the role banking should play in our economic development.

Remember: Bankers can help economic revival through shifting focus to the purpose of the loan rather than the securities offered, to motivate those with good business ideas to ask for loans and start new small businesses. This in turn will help improve the standard of living and provide employment.

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The letter which sent to Minister of Industry & Trade reporting the violation of trademarks and entrance of smuggling goods.

Poverty, privatization, exports and stock exchange

Yemen prioritizes 2003 economic goals

BY YEMEN TIMES STAFF

A group of economic dossiers have been introduced to Yemen for 2003. The major ones are the work for mobilizing potentials and assistance to begin implementation of a national strategy for fighting poverty, taking further steps to complete on privatization, development of exports, and working for establishing a stock-exchange market with the aim of attracting investments and activating the tourist sector.

The poverty fighting file acquires the priority for the aggravation of its phenomena on poor and needy families and adopts a strategy supported by donor countries which includes the tackling of relevant areas:

The first is to limit the problem of unemployment, creating job opportunities and broaden the net of social safety. The second is to improve serv-

ices of health sector.

The third is to solve the problem of water by building dams and barriers and rationalize the consumption of subterranean waters.

The fourth is to improve and develop education services in the elementary stage and the eradication of adult illiteracy.

The fifth is organizing reproductive health and reduce the rate of population growth.

The sixth is the establishment of technical and engineering institutes and centers for training labor on professional skills.

Scoring new growth rates in these fields is considered a test for the government before the donors who have praised the strategy concerning poverty and contributed to financing plans for social development at Paris Conference that granted Yemen \$ 2.3 billion to maintain its economic reforms and combating poverty.

The government is in 2003 facing

the task of finishing implementation of its program of privatizing the establishments that constitute a burden on the state general budget and to work on treating the negative results on labor at the establishments offered for sale.

Part of this program is the responsibility for evaluating what has been privatized of establishments that in 2002 included selling and liquidation of government ownership of establishments such as: overland transportation establishment, Yemeni company for drugs industry, grains establishment for external trade and the industrial complex.

On instructions of the World Bank, Yemen, through carrying out the privatization program, would be able to reduce deficit of the general budget and develop productive performance of the state establishments offered for selling and render their ownership to the private sector. The private sector would in turn work for modernizing ways of administration and machinery

of factories and productive companies. It would have to solve the problem of wages of workers at those installations. The private sector should also offer social and health security for the workers and creation of new job opportunities for the unemployed.

The government has a priority in the development of external exports in the year 2003 to achieve the following benefits:

- obtaining secured revenues from non-inflationary sources,
- increasing industrial, agricultural and animal production,
- entering in trade partnership with foreign markets, especially the neighboring countries,
- finding sources for income outside oil exports which are exposed to fluctuation of oil prices in world markets.

Government sources see that the developing of exports needs attraction of domestic, Arab and foreign capitals for developing productive installations

and exploitation of local resources to increase production surplus with the aim of dealing with foreign markets.

For this reason the government would, according to the investment law, offer facilities to investors in productive sectors for encouraging exports and realizing financial proceeds. But attracting capitals for investment in these sectors needs the establishment of a stock-exchange market giving them confidence in using their money and transferring their profits via a banking market.

So the government faces the task of completing its efforts for inaugurating the stock market this year to guarantee influx of capitals for investment in available opportunities in Yemen.

The success of the government in implementing these priorities would finish the most important economic files that would lead to prosperity of the society, attract capitals and improve economic performance in the country.

Words of Wisdom



If anybody wants to help Yemen, they should assist us in installing a system of accountability - full accountability. Until that is done, we cannot really speak of development or reform. Yemen does need help, but it should be in strengthening our judicial and parliamentary organs, which have been brutally marginalized by the executive authority.

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

OUR OPINION

U.S 'values' in the trash

The last few weeks have demonstrated to me that the millions of people opposing war against Iraq are right and thoughtful people. We saw how the superpower of the world the USA, has exerted great pressure on many European countries to adopt its position. And it succeeded!

It has become clear that the overwhelming military force of the USA is prepared for war at any time. Whether it is right or wrong, the USA seems committed to it regardless of the UN Security Council's lack of approval.

Let us imagine that a weak country defied the UN Security Council's will and attacked another sovereign country. How would the world react? The attacking country will immediately be punished through sanctions and other means including military force.

Well, now what if the US attacks Iraq? Will the Security Council punish the US by applying sanctions or forcing it to withdraw its forces from Iraq? It seems to be a funny question as the Security Council and UN will have to look for another headquarters as it wouldn't suit them to continue to stay in the country that defies their will.

It is clear that most citizens of the world don't understand how Iraq could be a major threat to the USA, but even if it does constitute a threat, does that mean that the US has the right to apply preventive measures by attacking it?

Look at European leaders one after another supporting the US without the approval of their people, and perhaps out of the fear of the consequences after a possible victorious war against Iraq.

Is this the democracy that they are calling for Arab nations to adopt? On the other hand, countries that will not support aggression against Iraq, including Germany and France, will suffer from isolation and punishment by the superpower of the world. Why? Because they did not support the US war.

Looking at what are supposedly 'American' values: justice, democracy, freedom - which the US administration has been repeating over and over again, we can see them fading in front of the whole world.

They're turning into decoration and occasional propaganda tools used by the US whenever they serve its interest. But when they don't, they are thrown to the trashcan. Is this the ideal world of nobility and harmony that we all want to live in?

I just cannot imagine how Americans can believe that their government and leaders support and approve those values, yet act in such a fashion. As a matter of fact, this cannot be the case because I received and continue to receive statements of Americans opposing this action. Americans, as people, are great. It is a shame that their government is committing such action on their behalf.

It seems to be a wild world, a world where the strong dominates and imposes his will on all the rest. I just wish I wasn't alive to see this day.

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Even authorities take part
Playing the hostage game

BY HASSAN AL-ZAIDI

The taking of hostages in tribal areas is still a worry among security authorities and human rights and freedom activists in Yemen. This method has been one of the systems that Yemen's former Imam regime used.

The revolutionaries, who tried to bomb the 26th September, also used this method as one of the means to put an end to Imam regime.

Zaid Mutea Dama'ag, one of the well-known intellectuals and novelists, composed a famous novel called "Hostage".

Yemen's Imam regime forced every tribe in Yemen to submit a hostage called an "obedience hostage," to force those tribes to avoid any rebellion and disobedience.

It was asked from each tribe to necessarily submit additional hostages called 'sympathy hostages' in case one of its individuals made any violation.

Perhaps this system, which violates rights and freedom, was taken in the Imam's security procedures in order to serve its domination and sovereignty. The tribal society was governed by strict norms and traditions that prevented rebellion or attack against a tribe with a hostage.

The tribal norm obliged every one to pay the cost of the hostage with a hostage "fine".

Currently, society believes that this

system is one of the negative aspects of Imam tyrannical rule. However, we find that the authorities bring it back to existence in many cases and events that happen in Yemen. This is in spite of the obvious and bold violation of the constitution, laws and national and international convention related to human rights.

This distorts Yemen's image in front of the public and the local and international world.

Here I will cite some examples of using this technique.

There was a conflict between the security and the Abeeda tribe at the end of 2001 to hunt down "Abu Asem" The security forced the Abeeda tribe to submit fifty hostages from its clans who were released just last November.

And the event of putting five persons from al-Zaidi tribe and I behind the bars in December 1997 in one of the capital prisons for three months considering us as hostages is still in memory as well as the other events that happened and still happen so far.

Perhaps this method is taken currently by the authorities. It is considered unsuccessful and mistaken that does not serve the security and stability because most tribal members in the meantime do not respect the norms and traditions that the Imam used to exploit them in imposing his control.

What happens when there is a problem, or anyone who belongs to a special tribe has done something wrong, is that everyone belonging to this tribe or area

is arrested too and put behind bars.

They're considered a hostage because the behavior of outlaws from his clan or tribe. That creates resentment for the peaceful and secured members.

That's also violation of the valid constitution laws.

A lot of the tribes consider that what security authorities do in these cases is not different from the kidnapping that some tribes practice.

The process of kidnapping and counter-kidnapping happens among a few members that belong to special tribes aiming to get things from the government.

So is kidnapping secured citizens from the roads, towns and streets and putting them in the prisons under the pretexts tribal belonging?

These methods and procedures are against the constitutions and laws. We find the continuity of this phenomenon in spite of political opposition. However, it seems that the problem is the result of government weakness.

Some see that it is a result of fair and just procedures and solutions for problems while others think it is a result of misbehavior for security that has no system and plan for the government to take. Others believe it is a result of authorities and Sheiks seeking for a return to Imam traditions.

Thus, we still need to find solutions to put an end to the violations that with-in this. There is injustice and confiscating of human rights.

COMMON SENSE



By Hassan Al-Haifi

Rough times are ahead

In reflecting on the recent developments in the region, it seems clear that the region is not geared for any rest from tumult, disappointment and tragedy. For one thing we have a demagogic hawk for a president of the United States, who has no other direction to go except war to solve all the elements of an apparent disability to bring verve back into the mainstream of American economic life.

After the sad events of September 11, 2001, President Bush has seen no other means of convincing the American people that the United States is well on its way of coming out of the shock of the tragedy. His miscalculated efforts in Afghanistan have not brought about the fully opted for goal of liquidating the alleged culprits of that horrific event. Because there is so much weaponry of mass and no so mass destruction in the United States, Bush thinks that unleashing some of that hardware here and there is bound to bring an end to the difficulties he is facing domestically, of an economy that seems unsteady and unsure of the course its President is taking.

In any case, that is as far as the United States is concerned. In the region, it is clear that the other demagogic hawk of the world, Bush's "good friend" has been given a mandate to proceed with his relentless destruction of whatever remains Palestine. The poor Palestinian people have nothing to look for in the future, as they see a White House Administration that has not only let them down, but apparently supports all the madness that they have been seeing.

Ever since Ariel Sharon decided to take on any hopes for peace in the region with his intimidating walk through the Al-Aqsa Mosque at the turn of the Millennium to remind the Palestinians - and the rest of the world that Zionist demagogues have a whole different outlook on the way things should proceed in the region, and it is not towards peace. Bloodshed was the cause d'etre of the State of Israel and it is bloodshed that it must thrive on to exist!

What a whole different atmosphere has Ariel Sharon and his unflinching backers in the international Zionist establishment produced in the region! We are baffled by the blindness, which the Bush administration seems to view this region, relying on misguided aspirations of the many strong Zionist demagogues within his administration, who will believe anything Ariel Sharon and his backers in the Zionist lobby in the United States, who enjoy seeing every bit of blood of innocent Palestinian children shed in the Holy Land.

For these demagogues, American interest and the interests of peace in the world are the last things in their mind, as they clandestinely railroad the United States into a world of mayhem and confusion, inspired by an obvious incoherent foreign policy that is resolved to convince the world that there is nothing that stands in the way of the power of the sword. We really do not understand how America can expect to see a world approving of such misguided approach to foreign policy, with the only winner in it being the Zionist interests that have infiltrated every facet of American economic, political and social fabric, who care the least for American interests or for world peace.

The people of the region seem to be heading for further tragedy, now that Sharon is firmly entrenched in his operations room for the destruction of the Palestinian people. With Bush driven by the strong Zionist elements that plague his administration, we should expect any surprises to confront us from where we least expect them. The demagogues are firmly in place to decide the fate of an already overburdened world with problems. Carry on Ariel, for the White House is right behind you and frankly speaking there is nothing that anybody can hope for with the atmosphere in the world needing some fumigation from all this demagoguery in the air.

Can Yemen do it too?

BY JAMES WILLAMAN
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In response to 'Lessons from World War II' editorial (Jan. 27) first of all, let me say that I was moved by its picture of the war's devastation on those two countries but I also became deeply sympathetic to the hopes and dreams expressed in it for the Yemeni people. Let me also say that I agree with the author and that there are many similarities between modern Yemen and post-war Germany and Japan.

And, just like Germany and Japan the obstacles to your vision of Yemen are surmountable with public consensus on your side and international help.

Nothing on the magnitude of nation building can be done, however, without the true support of Yemen's people. The great majority, through the

equal dissemination of information and the exercise of democracy, must be unified in its vision of the future Yemen and of the path to that future. In short, my answer to the article's question is, 'Yes Yemen, you can do it... if you want to.'

With the new 'war on terror' focusing the world's attention on the Persian Gulf region, Yemen has a perfect opportunity to emulate Cold War era West Germany and to benefit from international aid and investment.

The risk of openly accepting such aid is, of course, an anti-western backlash which could destabilize the government, sever ties with the west, and retard economic growth. The tightrope is narrow but the potential rewards of billions of dollars in aid and the political consolidation of Yemen's government may be worth the risk.

Your editorial finished with the question 'why not us?' which prompted me to leave with some questions of my own.

1. Can Yemen, including the tribal areas, be effectively unified as one highly organized and highly centralized political body in order to move the country, as a whole, in a single direction?

2. Is the vision of an industrialized and globally integrated Yemen which has a free market system and all the secular and western trappings such developments invariably entails, a vision of Yemen that the people of your country will lend their support to?

3. Will the Yemeni people be willing to accept the personal and cultural sacrifices that unity calls for in order to enjoy the benefits it will surely bring?

Democracy or hypocrisy?

BY MUSA A AL-MODAFFARI
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The ultimate objectives of Yemen's revolutions was to bring positive change of the so-called tyrant Imamate era. In other words, revolutionaries wanted to alter the bad conditions of Yemen at that time.

Since then, we pretend to have come a long way from the conditions of injustice, poverty and tyranny to the conditions of justice, development and prosperity. Those sincere people have sacrificed their lives along with their sweat and blood and virtuous souls to bring their nation to freedom and com-

fort. Unfortunately, these objectives are obviously just ink on paper, since we have never seen them applied in real life. Now we notice the democratic experience in our country is just a beautiful piece of cloth seeking to satisfy the world.

It is too bad that all what we have been offered from those courageous people of revolution foes in vain. Are we seeking to satisfy the new world system at the expense of the Almighty? This must be a dilemma and crucial situation that we could never escape the punishment of God.

We are actually confronted with so many negative behaviors that are hypocritically practiced in the name of rev-

olution and its objectives. These allegations are absolutely vacant of truth and reality.

What would you guess the stance of those people is who are still alive since the revolutions? They only notice the conditions go from bad to worse. They see that democracy is merely a beautiful decoration wrapped up with unbelievable secrets.

I think that is unsuitable treatment to those faithful revolutionaries and their great achievements in their anniversaries of September and October.

In conclusion, it is the educated people and thinkers' responsibility to have all those objectives of revolution applied. Consequently, they can help Yemeni people taste the freedom.

Letters to the Editor

Hello from Wales

I enjoy reading the Yemen Times and thank you for all your hard work. I live in UK (Wales). I spent 13 months in Yemen in 1966/67 as a British soldier and have followed all the events since. I would love one day to return and explore your country.

Thank you Yemen Times and God bless you all
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years in your very beautiful country as a professor of Pediatrics in the University of Aden. During many occasions I participated in courses for the Doctors in Sana'a.

I hope, in the next future, to travel to the University of Sana'a as a Professor of Pediatrics.
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Cancer problem in Yemen

How long will we have to wait till the oncology center in Sana'a starts working? Why this delay?
I would like to ask the officials who are responsible toward the establishment of this vital and necessary med-

Letters to the Editor

ical and radiation oncology institute.

Too many Yemenis are sent abroad for treatment -and of course there are those who cannot afford such trips and they end up staying in Yemen and suffering a lot of pain.

I have always said that Yemen needs to improve its cancer care, especially since the number of people with this disease is increasing.
Dr. Ahmed Al Baredah
Radiation Oncology dept.
Amman, Jordan

How others see us

Yemen is one of the most important Arabic countries. It has an important place on the map. Also it has important views and great

Letters to the Editor

Another reason people fear us is because the Yemenis have guns, and it is a big problem especially when they have guns without permission.

But I think Yemeni people are carrying guns for the prestige.

So is it possible to change such false thinking? And when?
Finally, I hope to live in a peace and a safety world without wars, and without destruction.
Tahani Amin

Family planning

I think the growth of the population here in Yemen is among the fastest in the world for many reasons, one

of them being the customs of society.

Today many organizations help our government have solutions for this big problem. They try to inform the families about family planning.

These organizations follow many methods like making multi-programs in the different multi-media like T.V, radio, and the newspaper to make their results prosperous.

All these programs help the people to know the importance of family planning.

In the end I wish happy life to every family in our lovely country.
Fadhli Abdullah Rajeh
Sanaa

Still not deterred by swelling anti-war movements

U.S. steps into quagmire

BY PATRICK SEALE
Gulf News

The Middle East is on the brink of war. Compelling evidence pointing to a coming conflict can no longer be ignored or wished away. Hoping to benefit from an element of surprise, the United States will no doubt keep alive a hint of doubt about its intentions until the very last moment, but all the signs point to an attack on or about February 15.

The U.S. juggernaut has concentrated massive firepower against Iraq. The strike will be swift, surgical and overwhelming. The inescapable conclusion is that Saddam Hussain's regime is living its last days.

In his State of the Union address, President George W. Bush announced that Secretary of State Colin Powell would, on February 5, present proof to the Security Council of Iraq's secret weapons and its links to terrorism.

He will seek to make an irrefutable case for war. Washington has already embarked on a multi-million dollar propaganda campaign to convince friends and enemies that Saddam is a menace that must be removed to "liberate" the Iraqis and make the world a safer place.

Hans Blix, the chief UN weapons inspector, has done the Americans' work for them. His report to the Security Council on January 27 detailing Iraq's failure to account for its stocks of anthrax and the deadly VX agent, or to reveal details of its mobile chemical laboratories and missile delivery systems, has bolstered the American position.

It was an even "better" report than the Americans had hoped for. In the American view, the Security Council can now discuss the matter but there will be no need for a new resolution.

In the coming war, America's "coalition of the willing" will include Britain,

Australia, Spain, Italy, Poland, Rumania, Bulgaria, Kuwait, Qatar, and no doubt three or four other more reluctant allies.

Attempts to restrain the U.S. by France, Germany, Russia, China, Turkey and the Arab League have failed. Hailed as a triumph of anti-war European diplomacy, UN Security Council Resolution 1441 has in fact provided the political cover for an American military build up.

France has no appetite to use its veto in the Security Council and will, in any event, have no opportunity to do so. Turkey is unable to refuse the U.S. the use of its bases. At their recent conference in Istanbul, Arab foreign ministers did not dare criticise the U.S. but put all the onus on Iraq to avoid war.

Although anxious about the likely emergence of a pro-American regime on its borders, the Iranian leadership will undoubtedly welcome the final demise of its arch-enemy, Saddam. Russia has already softened its opposition to war and warned Iraq that it cannot count on its support.

Bush will evidently not be deterred by the swelling anti-war movement around the world. On the contrary, the hostility of public opinion is driving the Washington hawks to strike sooner rather than later.

It would seem that only the exile or death of Saddam, or an eleventh-hour decision to reveal all his hidden weapons, might now save Iraq. But none of this is plausible.

Just as Saddam in 1991 remained confident until the very last moment that the U.S. would not attack him, so today he has once again failed to heed the signals of imminent conflict. He is likely to lose his regime, perhaps even his life, in trying to hide some trivial weapons of little operational use which are, in any event, dwarfed by American power.

Imperial adventure

Washington is about to embark on an

imperial adventure, not unlike that of London in the 19th and early 20th centuries, when Britain was the dominant power in Egypt, Iraq, the Gulf, south Arabia and much of the rest of the Middle East.

Bush appears to be convinced that seizing Baghdad, an ancient pole of Arab civilisation, and destroying Saddam, will provide a democratic model for other oppressed Arabs and "jump-start" the refashioning of the Middle East on pro-Western lines.

He seems to believe that it will also deprive terrorist groups of "rogue state" sponsorship, making America safe from another attack, which could be even more deadly than 9/11, because next time weapons of mass destruction might be used. The lure of Iraqi oil must also have entered his calculations.

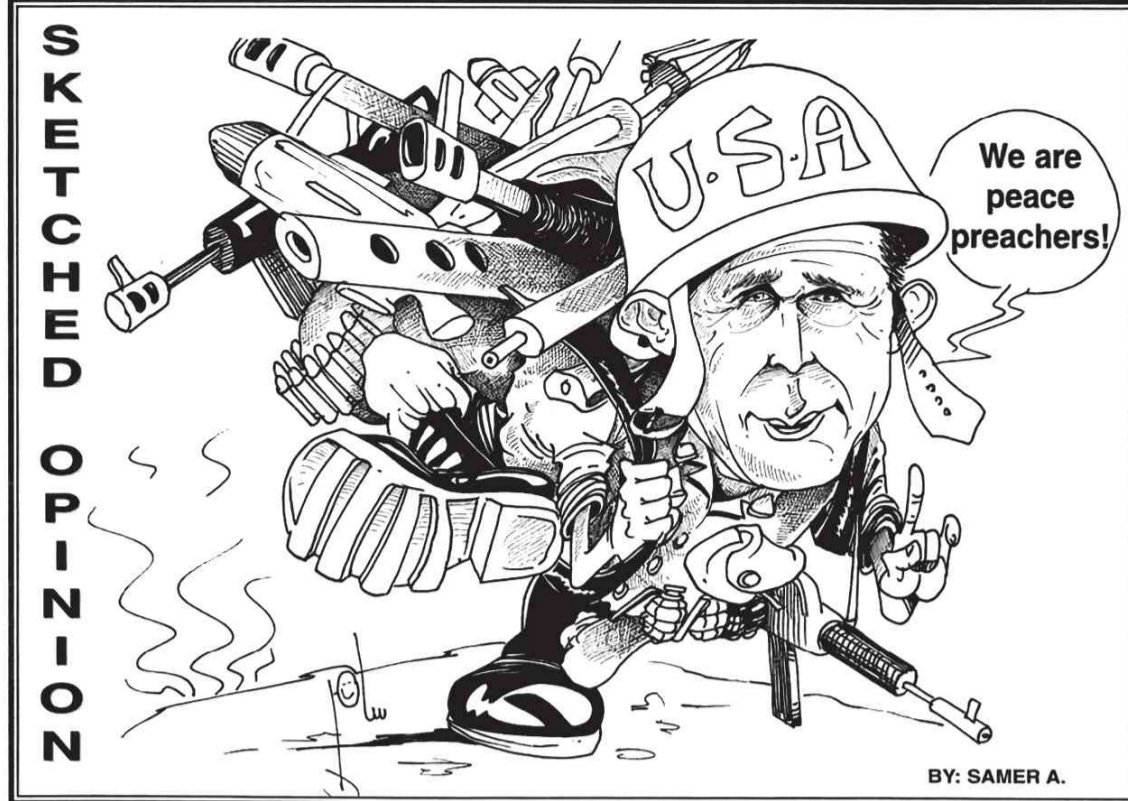
Nevertheless, there is a strong streak of naïve idealism in Bush's vision. It allays America's fears of its new vulnerability to terror, while flattering its pretension that its power is being used for the benefit of humanity.

Britain's Prime Minister Tony Blair, who in his eagerness to maintain the "special relationship" has allowed himself to be sucked into America's war plans, is fond of saying, in the teeth of a great deal of contrary evidence, that America is a "force for good" in the world!

The truth is that Bush has been sold a load of dangerous rubbish. At the heart of the Washington decision-making process lies a cabal of Zionist extremists who have shaped America's political and military agenda, carefully wrapping it in the American flag for the consumption of the president and the public.

A cabal triumphs

Supported by friends and allies in right-wing think tanks, in the press, and in lobbying organisations, this small group of men has a narrow, Israel-centric



BY: SAMER A.

vision. War against Iraq marks the triumph of this cabal and of its most prominent strategic thinker, Deputy Defence Secretary Paul Wolfowitz.

For such men, Iraq represents the last major strategic threat to Israel. The aim of the war is to weaken Iraq permanently, by "remaking" it as a loose federal state without a strong centre. Of the other regional threats to Israel, Egypt was taken out of the Arab military equation by its 1979 peace treaty with Israel and has been neutralised ever since by a \$2 billion-a-year American subsidy.

Syria, much diminished since the death of Hafez Al-Assad and beset by domestic rivalries, offers no real threat. Iran is a cause of concern to Israel because of its nuclear ambitions and its support for the Hezbollah, but it is a long way from Israel's borders and has worries on other fronts.

In any event, Israel has had close relations with Iran in the past. It trained the Savak secret police under the Shah and supplied Iran with arms during its war with Iraq. Somewhere below the surface is the Israeli hope that ties will one day be revived.

Iraq then is the prime target of Israel and its American friends. It must be punished for daring to attack Israel in 1991. It must be disarmed to protect Israel's regional monopoly of weapons of mass

destruction. The overthrow of Saddam would change the strategic horizon. Under the cover of a war intended to enfeeble the whole Arab system, Israel will be able to defeat the Palestinians.

This is the intoxicating vision of the pro-Israeli camp. It is the fervent hope of Ariel Sharon, Israel's prime minister and the champion of a "Greater Israel", now basking in his personal triumph at this week's elections.

The mantra one hears from his advisers is that after the war everything will be different. The road to Jerusalem runs through Baghdad! The Quartet's "road map" to Palestinian statehood by 2005, already dismissed by Sharon, will fade into history like the Mitchell and Tenet plans.

In the meantime settlement building, house demolitions, targeted killings, curfews and closures, the whole cruel panoply of Israeli repression, together with the destruction of every vestige of Palestinian autonomy, will continue unabated until the Palestinians surrender and accept crumbs thrown to them.

There are many things wrong with this scenario. For one thing, the Palestinians show no sign of being beaten into submission. Sharon is a great tactician but a hopeless strategist. As the last two years have shown, he is leading Israel to catastrophe.

He will need to find a Palestinian quisling to implement his plan for the parody of Palestinian "statehood" he envisages - defenceless enclaves, cut off from each other, living a half-life at Israel's mercy. But the unfortunate fate of Bashir Gemayyil, Sharon's protégé in Lebanon 20 years ago, is likely to dissuade a potential Palestinian quisling from stepping forward. In the meantime, the suicide bombings will continue.

The U.S., in turn, is likely to find that pacification of Iraq after the war will be long and expensive. When Israel invaded Lebanon in 1982 it was welcomed at first before being driven out by guerrilla action. U.S. forces are likely to face the same experience in Iraq. Already at risk throughout the region, Americans and American interests could face fresh assaults.

In seeking to impose its imperial hegemony on the Middle East, the U.S. could find itself drawn into a new "Vietnam", just when it had recovered from that soul-wrenching experience. The Arab and Muslim world is not ripe for a new colonial experience. Al Qaida is still out there, attracting new recruits by the day and poised to strike again.

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'War on Terror' ... or is it?

BY SYED SALAMAH ALI MAHDI
ARAB NEWS

The terrorists who carried out the 9/11 attacks in New York and Washington paid the price for their crimes. They are all dead. The operation had a relatively small budget, not requiring the millions in Muslim personal, business or charitable funds now blocked or sequestered by the US government. At the same time, the war waged by the US on terrorism since 9/11 targets all individuals, groups and states who find US policies offensive, irrespective of their involvement in the events of that day. So, what's up, doc?

This is what is up. This war targets foreign governments.

George Bush Sr. is on record: "America must always come first." I have no problem with this patriotic sentiment, but I have severe problems when, in this "must-always-come-first" business, America is not All of America but special-interest-group-America. These special interest groups — or lobbies — control the means by which politicians are elected to public office. I have no problems with this either. Americans are free to elect whomever they want to public offices. They are also free to choose those who govern them — but I have severe problems when these same officials attempt to extend their authority, scope and power to the world at large.

She is the most powerful

Yes, America is the most powerful military power. Yes, America is the richest country. Yes, without America the likes of Hitler, Stalin and Milosevic would be ravaging the earth. Yes, with-

out American generosity Europe, Japan and much of the world would be struggling for economic and political survival. None of this, however, gives America the right to impose its will on sovereign countries. Since 9/11 a sovereign country has been bombed without a formal declaration of war. Its government has been replaced by one of America's choice. The United Nations Security Council has been reduced to the status of the submissive canine seen on "His Master's Voice" phonographs. America has in deed if not in fact declared itself above international law. The German chancellor is being "advised" to be subservient to American foreign policies.

A second sovereign country is about to be carpet bombed with or without United Nations involvement. Legitimate armed resistance to illegal foreign occupation is being called terrorism. Charitable funds of only one religious denomination have been either blocked or sequestered after being unilaterally labeled "terrorist funds". People whose origins are limited to one geographical area are being hunted down and put behind bars without charges or indictments, without recourse to legal representation or bail. Yes, justifications are being offered by the US — a different one each time — but the common denominator in each case is "good intentions", never "real intentions". To understand the difference we must recall that a year before 9/11, high-ranking representatives of the now-demonized Taleban were being "courted" in Texas by the US government and the oil lobby. The Americans wanted permission for a transcontinental oil pipeline to run through Afghanistan. Some of those former Afghan negotiators are now in

the cages of Guantanamo.

Zionists watching

It would be instructive to remember that just a decade and a half ago, the other demon — Iraq — had dutifully fought America's proxy war for the containment of Iran. While doing so, it emerged as the regional bully with muscles, nuclear technology, chemicals and even germs provided by America. Had Iraq remained loyal and continued promoting America's regional interests without foolishly occupying a neighboring oil-rich country or lobbing some antiquated missiles at Israel, they would have earned the status of one of America's "most favored nations" with state-of-the-art "Made in America" weapons of mass destruction. But as we all know, Iraq chose not to. Misjudging the extent of Zionist (meaning both Jewish and Christian right) influences as well as the oil lobbies on American politics has cost them dearly for the past 10 years and will continue to cost them more in the years to come. They will soon end up supplying cheap oil in abundance to America for as long as an American general runs the country's affairs — of course under the watchful eyes of the Zionists in Washington.

"Good intentions"

There are other sovereign states on America's bombing list. In each case a "justification" with special "good intentions" is ready for public consumption in America as and when required. At the best these "good intentions" are hard to accept and at worst, they are simply red herrings, the greatest being that Iraq is producing weapons of mass destruction.

Once the "good intentions" have

been declared and the "real intentions" buried ostrich-like, the logic behind the justifications will be difficult to accept. On this very subject one American commentator pointed out that when the Mafia commits violence, no one suggests that America bomb Sicily. On the subject of good intentions: In the book, "The Mainspring of Human Progress," G. Henry Weaver warned against good intentions. Years before 9/11, he wrote: "Most of the major ills of the world have been caused by well-meaning people who ignored the principle of individual freedom, except as applied to themselves, and were obsessed with fanatical zeal to improve the lot of mankind-in-the-mass through some pet formula of their own. The harm done by ordinary criminals, murderers, gangsters, and thieves is negligible in comparison with the agony inflicted upon human beings by the professional do-gooders, who attempt to set themselves up as rulers on earth and who would ruthlessly force their views on all others — with the abiding assurance that the end justifies the means."

"The price is worth it"

In 1996, after five years of sanctions against Iraq and persistent bombing, a CBS reporter asked the US Ambassador to the United Nations, Madeleine Albright, a simple question: "We have heard that a half million children have died (as a consequence of US policy against Iraq). Is the price worth it?" Albright's response was, "We think the price is worth it." (This interview won an Emmy award but was rarely shown in America.) Somehow the cat of "real intentions" got out of the tightly bound diplomatic bag of "good intentions".

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Minister of Tourism and Environment to the Yemen Times

Future of tourism in Yemen has challenges and hope

By FAROUK AL-KAMALI
TAIZ BUREAU

Tourism in Yemen is definitely going through crises. The land of the Queen of Sheba, the origin of civilization is today termed as a haven for terrorists and a land of fanatic beliefs. And it has become a member on the black list to which big countries warn their people against going to Yemen.

Inside the country the tourism sector suffers badly, there are not facilities for investment, no enforcement of laws, no tourist services, no festivals and qualified tourist cadre.

In fact Yemen could be the only country which does not have professional tourism guides. Why so?

And what could be done to help the situation?

The first man in tourism, Mr. Abdulmalik Al-Iryani gave an interview to Yemen Times staff and brought hope through the information he provided about the Tourist Establishments Classification Project under establishment now underway.

Q: What is the importance of this classification project and what exactly does it mean?

A: Through this project we aim at classifying or dividing the tourist-related establishments into defined levels. This is a kind of standardization that we opted for recently instead of having more than one gauge or measurement in our definition of the various tourist establishments existing in the country.

Not only this, but the standardized classification would become a legal reference in all our affairs and in solving any disputes that could appear in this field. We have given the existing tourist establishments a deadline before which they have to adjust their being so as to meet the criteria of the most relevant classification to them.

Q: But small motels, and they are many, would suffer from such a system because they are far from standardiza-

tion and it would be difficult to enforce the new system on them. What about those?

A: The project keeps in mind such establishments and the various levels they could be included at. There are rates from one star to five stars and each rate has certain criteria which the establishment has to comply with. However, for those small businesses, we will give a greater chance to reach the required standard, but this does not mean that we would compromise regarding quality.

This is because quality is an important factor in tourism and can not be ignored. It is important that both the governmental and the private sectors would together to improve the quality of services and to lead this project to success.

Q: Although the tourist-related establishments are going through a down phase in income, they are com-



plaining from the high taxation rate and electricity and water bills. How do you overcome this problem?

A: Yes, the problem you mentioned exists, and as a solution, the government has agreed last year to postpone collection of taxes and fees and it agreed with the ministry of finance to allow these establishments to pay the charges in installments over a relatively long time period. I think this could

The private sector has a great role to play. It is in essence the main investor in tourism and provides most of the tourism services.

be credited as a serious step in this direction in order to solve some of the problems in the tourism sector.

Q: Recently we heard many voices

demanding to close down night clubs and discos in Aden, to the extent that the case has reached court. Does this conflict with encouragement of investment?

A: This is not an issue of conflicting or non-conflicting interests. It is a case of obeying the laws and regulations of the country. If there are any cases of the kind, then the judiciary system is our source of decree and we have to abide by its verdicts. However, we see tourism as a multi sided concept and thanks to good tourism in Yemen is of the cultural, environmental and historical kind, and most of the tourists now come to Yemen for these purposes.

Q: In your opinion, what does the tourist sector in Yemen need and how can the private sector provide for tourism in Yemen?

A: There are great potentials in the tourist sector in Yemen and it could contribute greatly to the national income. But unfortunately due to lack of implementation and resources the sector could not produce the outcomes that it should.

The private sector has a great role to play. For it is in essence the main investor in tourism and provides most of the tourism services generally. It also contributes greatly in the training and rehabilitation of cadre and workforce in this sector.

In Yemen particularly the private sector is quite active and we find many of the investors in hotel and accommodation establishments come from the private sector. In any case there has to be strong and effective cooperation between the government and the private sector to improve the situation of tourism in the country.

Q: What about the challenges tourism faces in terms of the current unstable situation as in threat of war and acts of terrorism?

A: Tourism in the whole world has been negatively affected by the current developments, and Yemen especially has been affected because of the particular nature of its land and people. We have discussed on more than one occasion about the bad consequences of terrorism on the country and on the tourism sector in particular. But this does not mean to sit hand-folded and curse our luck. We have to work continuously in order to overcome the negative aspects of the situation and invest in the plus points that we have. We have to prepare ourselves for the future and what may come, because we have great natural resources and fantastic potentials that we should not let the current situation destroy.

Q: Then what does the ministry intend to do in this respect and what is the plan for this year?

A: We have laid down a plan that works on many fronts, the legislative and organizational aspects, and proper organizational boards. Also to modify the tourism and environment laws so as to serve tourism and investment. At the same time to publicize for the country externally and internally through campaigns, festivals and fairs internationally. And to publish a number of tourism related publications about Yemen. We will also dedicate a number of locations for tourism and rehabilitate those places so that they reach the desired standards and allow for large investments in them.

The view from here

by Jamil Abdul Karim

From Canada with love

And now, for a change, thanks to some Canadians, some good news.

First, you'll notice on page 15 of this issue of the Yemen Times, the story of Canadian doctors who recently came - for the 12th time - to help teach and bring resources to Yemeni medical professionals.

Among their work this time around has been to talk about the challenges faced by women in Yemen's medical world. Good job. Such open discussion is needed, as Yemen needs to continue to move into a society where women can enjoy the same professional benefits of men.

The Canadian group - from the University of Western Ontario in London, Canada and led by Dr.



Dr. Marty Robinson

Martin Robinson - is also spear-heading work to build cancer clinics in Sana'a, Aden, and Taiz.

Building all three will be a long term project, but some Yemeni businessmen and politicians are already stepping forward to give resources. In Aden donated land and supplies will help keep costs - with otherwise would run into the millions of dollars.

Over the years, the Canadian team has given untold thousands of dollars worth of equipment, such as high-tech gamma cameras and microscopes, not to mention piles of medical books.

Further, it's worked with Yemen's Ministry of Health to get folic acid into flour used across the country. This prevents brain and spinal diseases in infant children.

It's all commendable. I have lived in Canada and am close to many Canadians. I can attest to the fine humanitarian spirit of people from this country. These doctors feel it's their role to help Yemen improve its standards, just like, over the decades, standards in Canada have improved.

"Yemen is developing its medical care the same as Canada did," said team member Dr. Hugh Allen.

There's more. Under the guidance of another Canadian physician, Dr. Jean Chamberlain - Froese, many people in Yemen have also been helped lately through another project.

Chamberlain is from McMaster University in Hamilton, Ontario, Canada, but makes Yemen her home for much of the year. And she is largely responsible for tens of thousands of dollars of equipment that has just arrived from a charitable group in Hamilton known as the Sisters of St. Joseph.

The ship is unloaded. The trucks have run. The goods are distributed. Tens of thousands of dollars of health care equipment from the Sisters is in hand.

There's wheelchairs and walkers, operating room lights, examination tables and the list goes on. It helps meet the massive needs in a country like this.

Yemen has traditionally been near the bottom of aid recipients. It receives some \$20 per capita in annual overseas aid. Often even that aid from international groups like the UN and World Bank doesn't get where it's needed.

This donation, however, has hit its target. One recipient is a new maternal care clinic here in Sana'a, where Dr. Chamberlain-Froese works. When fully operational, it will handle 4,000 deliveries annually.

The other is a group of care homes, where about 400 disabled people in several facilities across Yemen live.

"We haven't seen so many wheelchairs. And they're all made of good material. Thank you very much. God bless you," said the manager of one of them.

"What we're giving them are tools so they can help other people," notes Chamberlain-Froese, who worked with St. Joe's from this end to make the donation happen. Last spring, she invited Brian Guest, executive director of St. Joseph's Health System, to meet with Yemeni locals to see how the Sisters in Hamilton might help.

"What's important about this is that it's from private, not public money," said

Guest, whose organization is a capital purchasing group for 130 hospitals in Canada. Surplus supplies from those hospitals and from manufacturers feeds the foreign aid program, known as International Outreach.

It now ships 50 tonnes of equipment annually. Haiti and Uganda have been key beneficiaries. In 1999 Port au Prince's university hospital received \$250,000 worth of life-saving oxygen equipment, installed at the time by Canadian peacekeepers.

International Outreach also helps train medical professionals in developing countries, linking them with professionals in Hamilton hospitals. It's hoped that will be the next step in the new relationship with Yemen. As a capital, Sana'a in particular is hungry for improved medical training. That could entail methods such as teleconferencing.

In the meantime, Yemeni officials are at least now familiar with St. Joseph's and Hamilton. That's important, because while the aid shipment was heading across the Atlantic, port authorities initially warned Dr. Chamberlain-Froese they might turn the goods back to Canada due to a new law governing foreign donations.

That's when The Yemen Times got involved, helping to ensure there was no misunderstanding. Indeed, the shipment was vital. Now, the ship, proverbial and literal, has arrived.

While life will continue to have its challenges here in Yemen, it's good to know that it's now possible for folks from the other side of the world to help out. From this side, we'll watch the horizon for more.

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Youth and television

Ma - Oh Mus'id, what on earth are we going to do? I don't know where to hide my face from the parents of that girl who we asked for in marriage to our son!

M - Why? What's happened? We're keeping to our word. I'm just waiting for my brother to come from Mukalla to lend me 50,000 so I can pay for the engagement items, then we'll go and have the engagement.

Ma - Bless you! But don't bother waiting for your brother, because we're not going to have any engagement.

M - Why? Have the family decided against it and come and told you, or what?

Ma - It's just that our son really doesn't look as if he's prepared to get married. I can sense that already.

M - What's he said to you?

Ma - He hasn't told me anything as such. It's just that he looks like he's on an entirely different planet!

M - Oh God, I hope it's good news, please!

Ma - Your son, my dearest, is immersed in a world of fantasy and romance.

M - That's not a problem. It's what happens to adolescent boys. But when we marry him off to a good girl, she'll get him out of this dream world.

Ma - You don't seem to get what I mean! The boy told me quite frankly, 'Mum, I don't want you to get me son & girl I'm not going to like, and

force her on me like you force feed stalks to cattle!'

M - That girl is certainly not unlikeable, I'll guarantee that!

Ma - I said to him, 'Pull yourself together and don't worry! She's been blessed by God with beauty, modesty and good morals, even though she may be from rather a poor working family.'

M - If it comes to that we're all workers. Poverty, Mus'ida, doesn't shame the poor, nor does wealth honor the rich. Has our dear son become a millionaire who wants to marry a the daughter of a millionaire?

Ma - We're not talking about millionaires and their daughters! But your son came out with something else. He said that young people in the developed countries only get married once they've got to know each other. And we want to marry him off blind, as if it's a lottery!

M - If he said that it's not his fault, because he's at that age, and he's been influenced by the satellite channels which set out to spoil the values and morals in our young people. You know that my cousin Naji went to the West and found that the young men and women there meet secretly and openly, and then get married. Naji was swept along by all this. He got to know a girl and behaved like everyone else in that country. They went out to restaurants and clubs together. She whispered sweet nothings to him,

and he told her she was the love of his life.

Ma - That's right! Then they got married, and after the wedding nothing went right. The sweet nothings and 'love of my life' stuff went out of the window, and they started arguing almost immediately.

M - I'll tell you why, though.

Ma - Go on, then.

M - My cousin Naji told me quite frankly what happened. He said, 'Between me and you, Mus'id, a month after the wedding my view of her changed, and her view of me changed. From that moment, doubt began to nag at me. I said to myself, if the girl was prepared to forfeit her honor and go out with a strange boy before getting married, what's to stop her doing the same thing once she's married? This never actually happened, of course, but there was always that bit of doubt nagging me. It was only then that I fully appreciated the meaning of the Yemeni proverb, "What begins with passion ends in rejection".' Anyway, that's what happened, Mus'ida, so make sure you tell our son the story of my cousin Naji before you go to bed tonight, and remind the girls in our family of the saying of the Yemeni philosopher, 'Beware of courtship before marriage!'

¹ Zayd, p. 43.
² Aqwal, p. 49.

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Delegation brings resources, expertise

Canadian doctors offer a helping hand for the 12th year

BY ABDUL M. ASSABRI
YEMEN TIMES STAFF

A medical delegation from universities in Canada has been on a three-week voluntary mission to Yemen to help local patients.

The delegation's mission ran from Jan. 10 - 30.

A dinner reception was held Jan. 29 at the Taj Sheba Hotel, hosted by Encana, a Canadian company operating in oil exploration.

The group taught and worked surgeries in Taiz, Jibla, Aden, Sayoon, al-Mukalla, and then to Sana'a.

Educational seminars and conferences between the Yemeni and Canadian doctors are also on the team's agenda.

During a final day of conferences, held the Taj Sheba on Jan. 30, participants discussed the theme "Aspiring Women in Medicine."

Minister of Public Health & Population, Dr. Abdunnaser al-Munaibari, was in attendance along with the Yemeni and Canadian doctors.

Dr. Martin Robinson, lead the group of 12 doctors. His first visit to Yemen was in 1988 and this marked his twelfth visit.

Robinson, an obstetrician-gynecologist at the University of Western Ontario in London, Ontario, Canada, said the team felt it accomplished what it set out to.

The aim of these visits is to offer advanced technological experiences and practically train the Yemeni doctors in the operation theaters and, theoretically in the lecture halls.

"We spent three days in Sana'a, three days in Taiz, three days in Aden, two days in al-Mukalla and two-and-a-half days in Seyaoun," he said.

During the last visit, a great emphasis was placed on teaching and conducting workshops and seminars in addition to seeing patients.

"We also spent three days in Socatra. We have visited a large part of the island together with the Minister of Health, and we were able to look at

several health centers," he noted.

A new hospital is to be built in the main city of Socatra along with a large primary health center.

Since 1988, Robinson and his team have initiated several health projects. "We established the first medical

ing the University of Khartoum in Sudan, the American University in Beirut, and also Saudi Arabia.

But Yemen has received the lion's share of the team's visit. "The main focus now is that Yemen is a country with the greatest need, and it has a

wonderful desire to improve doctors' capabilities. Yemeni doctors are very stimulating and interested in what we have to say and do," Robinson said.

"We encourage them to continue on their work, and we want to help them in capacity building at the universities and medical schools, and in

developing sustainability with some of the programs that have been introduced," he added.

Donna Kennedy Glans, an expert in international business strategies, pointed out that the main aim of the visit has centered around health, edu-

cation, and capacity building.

"We look at examples of women who have been effective in medicine and tried to make sure that we can encourage other women to do the same which may result in the creation of a society for women in medicine," Kennedy-Glans told the Yemen Times. "We are looking at women in medicine. A lot of women are graduating in medicine. They sometimes have difficulty in getting jobs," she noted.

Kennedy-Glans is expecting a considerable improvement on the part of Yemeni female doctors.

"(In Canada) more than 50 percent of the medical schools are filled with women," she said. "Women do very well and they are very caring. I think they will offer huge contribution to health care in Yemen."

The Jan. 30 workshop aimed to raise awareness of the woman's role in health education.

Minister of Health al-Munaibari, said he appreciated the role of the Canadian Medical Delegation in supporting health projects, giving lectures, and training the Yemeni medical cadres.

Dr. al-Munaibari placed stress on encouraging women in medicine and continued health education.

During their visit to Taiz, the Canadian delegation met Ahmed

Hayel Saeed, Head of the Yemeni-Canadian Society for Medicine Education & Arts.

He supported the delegation's strategy to establish a national cancer for Yemen's population.

Based on their experience and recommendations of the World Health Organization, the first cancer center would be built in Sana'a, with regional centers in Taiz, Aden and al-Mukalla.

During their visit, the Canadian Medical Delegation focus on giving lectures about hospitals management, helping cardiac patients, dealing with neurotic diseases and mother and child care.

One key aim of the Canadian doctors' visit was to address the issue of the high infant and maternal mortality, one of the highest rates in the world.

They look at facilities and infrastructure in which they can develop a program to monitor the welfare of mothers and babies.

They are particularly interested in establishing relations with Yemeni positions and universities which will help Yemenis to improve health education, training, and the health of mothers and babies.

The Canadian Medical delegation expressed their deep appreciation for visiting and enjoying Yemen.

"We are looking at women in medicine. A lot of women are graduating in medicine. They sometimes have difficulty in getting jobs."

... Donna Kennedy-Glans

library in 1990 at Athowra hospital. We have supported the libraries in both Taiz University and Aden University," he added.

The team is not just focusing its voluntary mission only in Yemen. It has visited several Arab countries includ-

An interview with Dr. Amer Salemeen Balafeer

Bringing maternal technology to Yemen

Professor Dr. Amer Salemeen Balafeer, among Yemen's distinguished Yemeni doctors, works as an assistant professor at the medicine college in Hadhramout University in the field of obstetrics and sterility diseases.

He has been appointed as a general manager for al-Mukallah Motherhood & Childhood Hospital since 1998 and is regarded as one of the best Arab and Yemeni doctors who treats sterility.

He was born in 1959 in al-Hagarain in Dowan valley and received his primary, preparatory and secondary education from al-Mukalla secondary school. He studied medicine in Aden University and graduated in 1985 with an excellent grade.

He received a scientific distinction medal from the Education Ministry in 1985.

He has a diploma in obstetrics from Baghdad University. He is also a holder of doctorate in reproductive physiology and fetus implantation, (test-tube babies) and has proved to be among the best in this field in Yemen.

He has also received certificates of appreciation Saddam High Institute for his researches in fetus and sterility treatment at Baghdad University.

The Yemen Times met him recently. Following is an edited version of the interview.

Q: Could you give us an account of your new invention in fetus implantation and test-tube baby?

A: The thesis that has been presented was about using reproductive hormones in the process of external fertility and fetus implantation. A special implanted embryo was used in the process of the external fertility and then the embryo was put back into the women's uterus. In the Middle East this has been applied for the first time in Iraq.

The study that has been conducted on such operation has lasted three years and the ultimate goal of this implanted embryo has been successfully achieved.

Scientific research has proved that the implanted fetus rivals successfully those conceived naturally

In the traditional test-tube baby



experiment, there were 102 husbands used in experiments. Another experiment was carried out on 131 husbands.

The medical substance that has been used in that implanted fetus contain hormones taken from women in any given day during her fertility period. Blood samples then taken from the woman and the liquid substances are separated from the blood hematocyte and then put in sterilization machines.

The blood in this case contains a very high level of certain hormones which in turn helps the baby to grow outside the women's uterus or inside the test-tube.

On this basis, I was honored from the Saddam High Institute and got the institute's coat of arms for this tremendous accomplishment. That is because, I am the first Arab doctor to touch on this sensitive matter.

I also got the coat of arms from the college of medicine in Baghdad for this distinction.

Q: How do we make use of such medical experiment locally in order to be applied in the governorate to lessen sufferings of people whether in receiving treatment or going abroad?

A: The practical use of this project in the governorate in particular and in Yemen in general in need of huge potentialities and extraneous efforts. Firstly, what is needed is to inaugurate a test-tube babies center where medical apparatus and implantation devices are indispensable. We at the al-Mukallah Motherhood & Childhood Hospital are doing our best to implement the new

hospital where its foundation has been laid by Dr. Abdulkder Bajammal after making efforts by the governor of Hadhramout, Dr. Salem Abdullah Qunaid al-Owbathani, the General Manager of the Public Health and Population in the governorate in order to include the new hospital within the state's budget.

We pin our hopes on that the new hospital will include a special fertility and test-tube baby unit. We are trying also to open a new center in the Hadhramout University where a large number of people have fallen prey to incurable sterility diseases.

Q: A foundation stone has been laid for a college of medicine in Hadhramout. Do you intend to establish a center for scientific and medical research and studies?

A: Establishing the college of medicine in the governorate is necessary. Besides, establishing a medical center for studies and research is the basis of establishing the college of medicine. The al-Mukallah Motherhood & Childhood Hospital and Ibn Seena Hospital work side-by-side as educational medical centers.

The new al-Mukalla Hospital and other medical units in Ibn Seena Hospital are to be completed. What is needed is to establish a highly developed scientific center for the higher and scientific academic studies in the governorate.

This cannot be achieved unless there is no collaborative efforts exerted in order to make a success for such projects.

There will be an easy access for medical service and research for people in the governorate, doctors, and students. This will constitute a mainstay to promote and improve the medical health services in the governorate.

In addition to this, Dr. Ali Hood Babbad, the Reactor of the Hadhramout University is fully conversant with the process of research and looks forward to promote the scientific research in the governorate.

Q: It has been recently observed that a number of cancer operations have been conducted in the al-Mukallah Motherhood & Childhood Hospital.

Have made diagnosis for such cases?

A: It is difficult to diagnose several simple cases. Research has to include a large number of cases. A clinical comprehensive study is to be conducted to know all there is to know about the reasons behind the spread of such cases.

Q: The al-Mukallah Motherhood & Childhood Hospital rivals hospitals of the private sector. What are the criterion that have been taken to reach such a high level?

A: You know very well that the hospital was in a very deplorable conditions particularly in the 1970s. After the hospital got its independence, parts of the hospital units were renewed and it has been fully equipped with sophisticated medical apparatus whether from the state or philanthropists such as Omar and Abdulkader al-Amodi.

The hospital's renewal and updating has led to dramatic improvements in all its health units, such as, renewing the general and family wards and providing medical apparatus which couldn't not be detected in some of the private hospitals.

Preparations are underway to establish a ward for the premature babies financed by Shiekh Abdullah Baqshan. This includes supplying the hospital with the surgical anesthetics and other units in the hospital.

Several wards have been renewed. Medical supplies have become accessible for the nurse, doctor, and the midwives.

Q: Can you give us a brief account of the new hospital?

A: The al-Mukalla Hospital is one of the typical specialized hospitals in the field of obstetrics and childhood. The hospital contains six floors and is fully equipped with state-of-the-art medical apparatus along with fire alarms and the latest technologies in telecommunications and telephone exchanges for doctors in the state of emergency.

The hospital offers distinguished services in emergency rooms, children clinics, and inpatient wards.

The capacity has reached more than 150 beds. For the first time in the governorate, the hospital will include children's surgery along with performing operations simultaneously where

patients are given the full treatment.

The hospital comprises excellent multi-labs services fully equipped with medical technicalities and external clinics together with offering TV rays services. Besides, a scientific library has been established comprising valuable resources in medicine and large halls for holding meetings and delivering scientific lectures.

The hospital has been featured by the availability of special units for separation, sterilization, maintenance, and washing. Its entrances and exists have been uniquely designed in order to facilitate offering services for the

patients. It also comprise a garden, car park, and has three large entrances, reception hall, and dining room for health workers. A modern kitchen has been established fully equipped with the kitchen utensils and modern stoves.

The hospital alsohas a round-the-clock central pharmacy.

The hospital's overall costs have reached YR 430 million.

Promoting the hospital has been given priority and we as doctors have to improve it for the better along with pursuing the rights of the health workers as that of their workmates in other hospitals.

VACANCY

The Embassy of The United States of America announces for an immediate job opening within its organization.

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Local Press

Prepared by Mohammed Khidhr

Al-Jamaheer Weekly,
organ of the Arab
Baath Socialist party,
26 Jan.2003.

Main headlines:

- Half million Yemenis stage demonstration in Sana'a in solidarity with Iraq
- Yemen youth union constituent conference held in Sana'a
- American diplomatic representation in Kuwait refused
- America refuses the release of Yemeni students
- Amran cement Factory pollutes environment, Hundreds of Amran citizen catch diseases
- A woman killed by a relative in Shara'ab

Editor in chief says mass organizations are one of essential pillars of any democratic process. Mass organization contributions to the national action in recent past were reasons behind achieving several political successes scored by our people and wringing out national independence & sovereignty. Interconnection of these organizations to national political action made them to a large extent adhered to the political forces orientations. Thus they have changed into facades of political parties, whereas professional demand have been pushed away. The step taken by the General union of Yemeni Youth is a pioneering one as it has come as a product of coordination and dialogue of the political forces. This makes it an example of a pioneering popular action for other mass organizations. The national interest necessitates re-evaluation of these organizations and setting up mechanisms to unity what is existing according to new goals. The aim is to render these mass organizations as support for the political forces in consolidation of democracy and unity and cohesion of internal front, in addition to realizing future development and political objectives.

Al-Wahdawi weekly,
organ of the Nasserite
Unionist organization,
28 Jan. 2003.

Main headlines:

- Jahm tribes given ultimatum to hand

- over Sayani and his Kidnappers
- Nasserite Organization calls for dialogue to guarantee fair elections
- Popular wrath against Washington's terror
- Saudi Arabia deports 59 thousand Yemenis from its territories, installs monitoring cameras on borders
- U.S. enemy continues its military build-up for aggression on Iraq
- Elections committee prosecutes JMP'S newspapers

Columnist Mohammed Shamsan says the U.S. has already unmasked its ugly face and disclosed its sinister intentions towards the Arab and Islamic nations. It has become obvious that the friendship it has claimed is in fact mere and illusion and just a scenario the U.S. uses for pursuing its misleading policy. In reality it is a policy based on savagery and serves only Zionism and stooges. In the past the U.S. dictated on us a project of "peace" with Israel and those deceived by U.S. friendship were at the forefront of those running towards the mirage of the U.S. peace plan. Then it called for normalization with the Zionist entity, and those same ones hurrying towards American projects have hastened to implement normalization. Nowadays the U.S. calls for fighting terror but without giving specific definition and meaning of terror. I hope all would realize the actual intentions of the U.S. project, which is hostile to the Arab nation and her issues.

ATTARIQ weekly,
الطريق
28 Jan. 2003.

Main headlines:

- Hundreds of thousands of Yemenis demonstrate in Sana'a
- Sheik al-Ahmar: Arab leaders have to reconsider their calculations, discard disputes
- Dr al-Eryani rejects calls for war by U.S. & British administrations
- Seven people die in Shabwa of qat poisons
- Killer of her husband in Habel Jabr to be sentenced soon
- Mass graveyard of Jews discovered in Ahwar
- An attempt to lease Hajef oil installation

- Nineteen Yemeni doctors & engineers in Poland threatened of dismissal.

Columnist Khalid Ali Tuaiman says in their political solidarity and economic integration, the Arabs have depended on slogans and fake placards, whereas other nations adopted in their political and economic groupings the policy of gradual integration through full comprehension of reality. They usually depend on political and economic examples, which created a broad network of interests and benefits with an integration way dependent on investing economic resources and potentials of peoples within of a framework of homogenous political relations.

It seems that the difference is very great between our fragmented reality and others. The Arab mentality is still in a coma and wrapped inside a cocoon made by Arab ruling regimes.

Al-Balagh weekly,
البلاغ
28 Jan. 2003.

Main headlines:

- 23 political, media figures on an underground cell's hit list
- Special Court to Judge influential personalities hampering investment projects
- Nasserite Organization freezes membership of its former assistant secretary-general
- Ten persons from Imam al-Hadi in Sa'da mosque arrested
- 18 Israeli experts arrive in Asmara, Eritrea
- Closing down offices of some civil organizations, possibility
- 70 days to finish Yemeni-Saudi border demarcation work

The newspaper editorial mentions that amidst the current circumstances and the big crises the region is experiencing with the increasing American military build-up, to lead the world into a whirlwind of security and economic crises, our political institutions have to consider and specify our position in relation of what is going on in the region and its reflections on the internal situation.

All these events in the region come

to coincide with our country's preparations for electoral battle. If we enter the election campaign extemporaneously and without rationalizing publicity campaigns, would certainly increase the negative impact on results of what the region is passing through. Our country would be the most to be harmed by this crisis. All political forces should join efforts to surmount the crisis with least losses.

Al-Wahda weekly,
الوحدة
29 Jan. 2003.

Main headlines:

- The president's call for new Arab order, supported
- Measures to ensure price stability
- GBC scores non-sweeping majority, opposition present
- Political parties fail to allocate constituencies for women
- Yemen did not receive a list of those wanted by America

Columnist Yahya Tahir al-Hakim says in an article the coming parliamentary elections are the third in unified Yemen. They have to be characterized by new and distinguished traits regarding broad participation of voters and proper choice of representatives able to offer what is useful to citizens to deliver them from deteriorated economic situation and to reform political economic and social conditions. Their elections must be different in terms of nomination and electoral campaigning processes in line with letter and spirit of elections and referendum law there must be no allowance of and breach of the law. With this test credibility and fairness of the upcoming elections would be ascertained. Or otherwise they would prove their weakness by partiality and silence towards any excesses concerning the law. The whole matter is to be measured with a yardstick of actual exercise on the ground rather than flowery words of statements to mass media.

April 2003 elections must be differentiated by honesty, transparency and freedom of mans participation in selection and then recognition of their results. The coming round of elections has to produce a parliament armed with power and competence to take difficult

decisions by practicing its constitutional authorities. The new parliament has to put the country's interests and peoples woes above any other consideration. It must be capable of rejecting all attempts for chaining it by those of narrow interests, who do not perceive possibility of coexistence with sovereignty of law and order. Such elements intend to malfunction the constitutional institutions to serve aims of their interests alone. Their interests would thrive only under chaos and absence of laws and regulations because they are in essence illegitimate interests.

Al-Shoura weekly,
organ of Union of
Yemen people's forces,
26 Jan. 2003.

Main headlines:

- "Al-Shoura" before court again
- A YSP leader prevented from entering Lahj and Aden
- Savage torture of Sami Sharjabi at Taiz criminal Investigations Department
- 24 detainees on charges of terrorism, released
- Dr Ahmed al-Daghshi still arrested
- Arab alliance on modernize human rights document, established

Columnist Hizam al-Mahbashi says it is regrettable that in the state of Yemen, supposed to be following the course of construction and democracy, the various situations and those of its people are running from bad to worse. A number of its economic sectors are completely at half and rate of unemployment is in progressing rise. There is no longer what is called government plan concerning job opportunities. The low level of income is still the main cause of continual shakings resulting from inflation and rise of prices. Services are in continued deterioration despite their high prices because of government reform program. These services included power, water, telephone, education, health and others. This situation means that all-Yemeni people, forces and personalities are called for a serious work to speedily tackle them. The priority should be the practical communication with the masses, making them aware of aspects

of failure to make an effective public opinion and mass orientation to use the upcoming parliamentary election a threshold to radical reform of all the country's situations. Backward situation should be uprooted and replaced by sound ones. The beginning should be in building foundations of a state of law and institution based on strategic and practical foundations to address all causes of defect and failure.

We extend our hands to all opposition personalities and political parties to set up a national front grouping all opposition parties to form a general orientation.

Al-Thawri weekly,
organ of YSP,
30 Jan.2003.

Main headlines:

- Political security Organization re-interrogates suspects in Jarallah Omar assassination
- Large quantities of weapons discovered in possession of extremists linked to Omar's assassination
- GPC organization in Abyan refuses application for woman nomination to elections

Columnist Abda Farie Nouman says that political parties and organizations formed for national and humanitarian objective aimed at serving majority of the people. They are to serve security and man dignity and prosperous life. Their role is to mobilize people for creation of national, political and social awareness that would develop sound identity of powerful society to machinations. Such political organization would represent only qualitative and live examples of cooperation and integration in various issues of the country and people. Different views of political parties, as well as their various stands, should be for the higher national interest. Those differences must in no way change to reasons for exchange of accusations. It is believed that the political parties in our country are in need of appraising themselves and renew their internal structure in a way compatible with developments of partisan activities of this time and all horizons of the higher national interest.

World Press

Major news items in leading international newspapers Provided by Xinhua

Egypt

Al Ahram

U.S. President George W. Bush and British Prime Minister Tony Blair said there is a link between Iraqi President Saddam Hussein and the Al-Qaeda organization, while addressing a press conference last night at the White House.

Al Akhbar

An economist said that the recent decision by the Egyptian government to liberalize the foreign exchange rates will have positive results though it was quite late.

An official source at the cabinet said the government will concentrate now more on the best means to rationalize the imports to save foreign currencies.

Britain

Financial Times

British Financial Services Authority Friday night sought to ease pressure on UK equities by again loosening rules that can force life insurers to sell shares into a sliding market.

The Times

US President Bush and British Minister Tony Blair Friday night

mapped out a timetable for war against Iraq that pointed to conflict beginning in mid-March.

The Daily Telegraph

The British Special Air Service has mounted a six-day covert mission into western Iraq to identify key targets in the event of a war, defense sources said Friday.

The Independent

Road and rail officials, councils and the government sought to blame each other Friday night for the chaos that crippled essential services during extreme weather predicted well in advance.

The Guardian

Tony Blair and George W. Bush Friday agreed to give the UN weapons inspectors and the intelligence agencies as long as six weeks to persuade a skeptical France and Arab countries to come on board for military action against Iraq.

Japan

Asahi

Japan's major department stores Sogo and Seibu will integrate management under holding company.

Nihon Keizai:

Japan's machinery makers and energy providers will develop hydrogen station for fuel-cell hybrid vehicle.

Mainichi

The Bank of Japan (BOJ) intervened into currency market several times in January.



Arab News - Khalil's cartoon

France

Liberation

More than 100 demonstrations are scheduled on Saturday across France to defend the retirement system.

Le Figaro

The government urged French nationals whose presence is not essential to leave Cote d'Ivoire. On Friday, hundreds of angry young protesters took hold of the runway of the Abidjan airport for hours. A French soldier was seriously injured when French and Ivorian troops jointly took action to stop the mob.

L'Humanite

The labor unions are vastly mobilized Saturday in the whole country to express their demands concerning the reform of retirement system.

Manila Bulletin

Foreign Secretary Blas Ople summoned Indonesian Charge d' Affaires Alexander Laturiuw on Friday and expressed the grave concern of the Philippines over the arrest and detention of 49 Filipino fishermen and the sinking of their four fishing boats last Monday in the waters off Northern Sulawesi, Indonesia.

Kenya

Kenya Times

Kenya President Mwai Kibaki announced far reaching government charges Friday in the civil service, in which Francis Muthaura was appointed as Head of the Public Service to replace Sally Kosgei.

Daily Nation

Kenya's request for about 179.4 million US dollars from the United Nations Global Fund to fight AIDS and other diseases has been approved.

East African Standard

Residents of the old town in Kenya's coastal city of Mombasa had a great feast Friday after local fishermen caught a large shark of 3.5 tons.

Philippine

The Philippine Star

Presidential spokesman Ignacio Bunye said Friday that President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo will leave for Kuwait on Saturday night amid concern for the safety of 60,000 Filipino workers there in case of war in neighboring Iraq.

Vacancy

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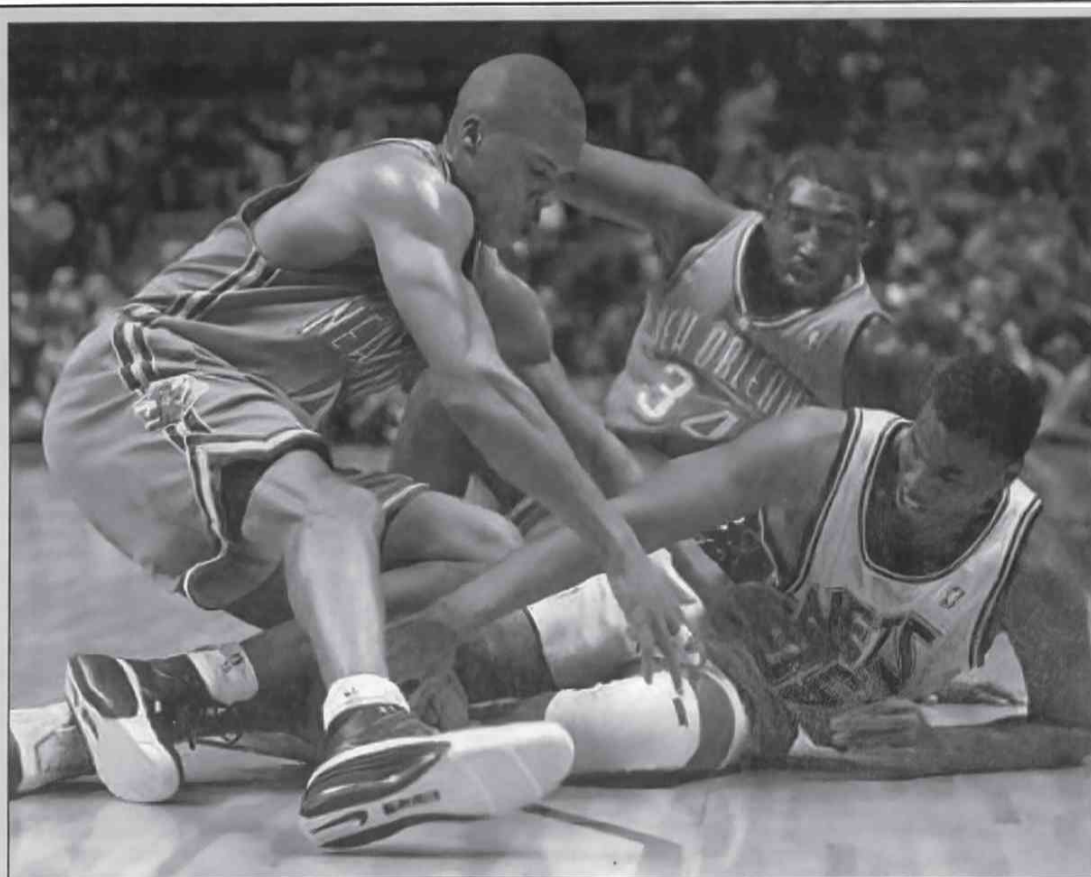
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New Jersey Nets center Jason Collins (R) reaches in to contest a loose ball with New Orleans Hornets forward P.J. Brown (L) and in the second quarter of their NBA game in East Rutherford, New Jersey, Jan 31. Behind them is Hornets forward Robert Taylor (34). The Nets won 89-72. Photo by Ray Stubblebine/Reuters



Formula One drivers Marc Gené of Spain (L), Colombian Juan Pablo Montoya (2ndL) and German Ralf Schumacher pose along with Frank Williams (R) during the new BMW Williams FW25 car launching ceremony at Montmelo racetrack Jan. 31. The new BMW Williams FW25 will compete during the upcoming season which will start in Melbourne on March 9. REUTERS/Albert Gea



Jelena Dokic of Yugoslavia makes a return to Lisa Raymond of the United States during their quarter-final match at the Pan Pacific Open tennis tournament in Tokyo Jan. 31. Raymond defeated Dokic 6-4 6-2. REUTERS/Eriko Sugita

"I've been a hockey fan since I was a kid," Billionaire to buy troubled Senators

By STEVE KEATING

TORONTO (Reuters) - Toronto billionaire Eugene Melnyk confirmed his interest in purchasing the financially-troubled Ottawa Senators Friday, saying his goal was to keep professional hockey in the nation's capital.

A passionate hockey fan and one of the world's richest men with a net worth estimated, by Forbes Magazine, at \$1.8 billion, Melnyk says he has jumped into the bid process to ensure another Canadian hockey franchise does not move to the United States.

"I've been a hockey fan since I was a kid," said Melnyk, chairman and founder of Toronto based pharmaceutical firm Biovail Corp. "In this case my interest is, I don't want to see a Canadian team going south of the border.

"It isn't going to happen. My motivation is different than a lot of others, when I bought St Michaels it wasn't because I needed an OHL team.

"The team was in trouble, the team had a fantastic history, and I just wanted to make sure it survived."

The NHL would not confirm that it was in possession of any proposal from Melnyk.

Sources close to Melnyk, however, confirmed that he met NHL commissioner Gary Bettman in New York two weeks ago and has been in regular contact with league officials.

"Yes, I can confirm that Mr Melnyk has expressed an interest in purchasing the Ottawa Senators and keeping the team in Ottawa," said Melnyk's lawyer Sheldon Plener.

Melnyk told Reuters Thursday he had submitted a proposal for the team and the Corel Center to all relevant parties, including the NHL and bankruptcy monitors.

Ranked the eighth richest man in Canada, Melnyk has been patiently waiting on the sidelines not wanting to interfere while bankruptcy monitors decided whether to accept a plan from the Senators's former owner Rod Bryden to repurchase the franchise.



A Canadian business executive is prepared to make a lucrative offer to purchase the Ottawa Senators in a bid that will keep the troubled franchise in the nation's capital. Senators left wing Martin Havlat is shown after scoring Jan. 27 against Dallas. Photo by Ronald Martinez/Reuters

The NHL had granted Bryden exclusivity until last Friday, at which point the bankruptcy monitor PricewaterhouseCoopers was to open the process to other bids if a deal had not been reached.

Final decision

A final decision by the bankruptcy court on Bryden's plan is now expected Monday.

Sources close to Melnyk said his bid would match or top Bryden's offer of \$130 million and would come with no strings attached.

Reports out of Ottawa have indicated Bryden is attempting to patch together a complex tax-shelter deal similar to the one that collapsed and resulted in the franchise filing for bankruptcy.

While the Senators top the NHL standings, the franchise has struggled with flagging box office sales and burgeoning

NHL salaries — paid in the costlier U.S. dollar.

The team has also faced higher taxes and received little of the help that U.S. clubs often receive from government.

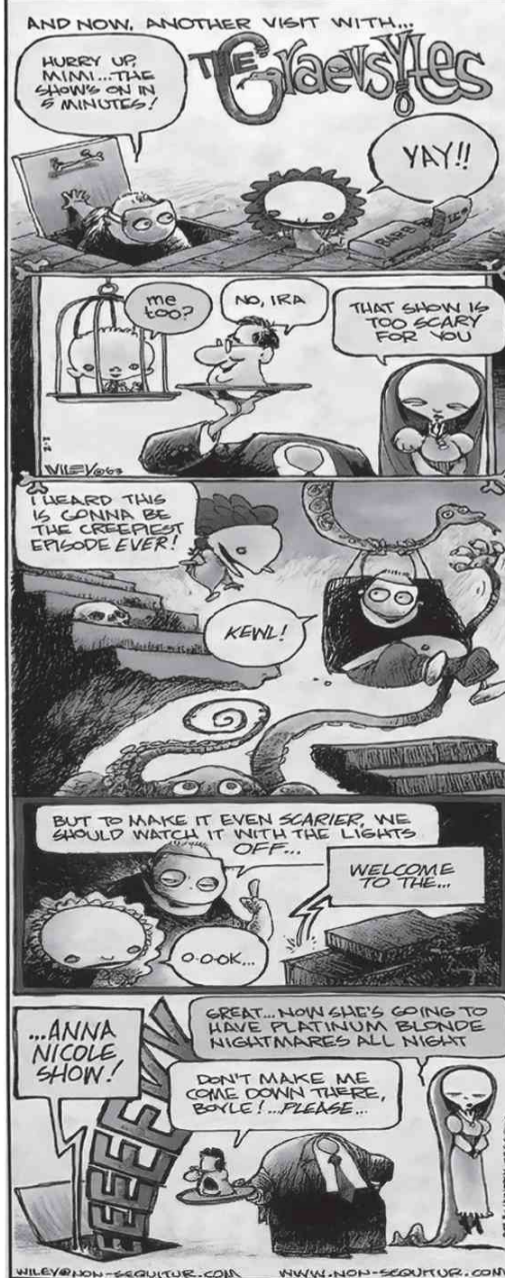
There is little doubt that Melnyk possesses the financial clout to take on the troubled franchise.

According to Forbes, the 42-year-old ranks among the top 250 richest men in the world. He is also described as competitive and a keen sportsman.

A graduate of St Michael's College in Toronto, Melnyk came to the rescue of the Ontario Hockey League's struggling St Mike's Majors and is developing plans to build a new arena for the team.

Melnyk is also well known in thoroughbred horse racing circles, having entered horses in some of North America's most prestigious events, including the Kentucky Derby.

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'Give peace a chance'

The head of Yemen's Islamist opposition Islah Party Sheikh Abdullah al-Ahmar slammed what he called the "blood suckers" in the U.S. administration who are pushing for war.

"Those who are amassing fleets, speak with arrogance and their aim is to destroy Iraq's ... achievements and to control its oil which is making the blood suckers in the U.S. administration drool," Ahmar said.

Ahmar described the possible war as 'immoral' and said that "the Zionist, American and British war is because of oil, it is oil that makes those vampires salivate."

The protest organisers termed the move as "a return of colonialism and means for taking the oil."

The demonstrators carried placards saying: Aggression on Iraq is terrorism itself, war on Iraq is return of the colonialism, the attack targets the Ummah's resources and its faith, strike on Iraq is strike on one billion Muslims.

They demanded that the Arab leaders open the doors of jihad. "Open the doors of jihad, rulers," they chanted.

After nearly 45 minutes of fiery speeches, the Yemeni protesters headed to the UN office in Sanaa where they delivered a petition requesting 'the stopping of the American and British aggression on Iraq'.

Abdulkareem al-Iryani, political advisor to President Saleh, denounced the poten-

tial attack and said "no to the enemies of peace" — the US, Britain and their allies.

While demonstrators carried banners that contained phrases refusing war and appealing for peace, there were no pictures of Saddam Hussein.

People also demonstrated outside United Nations offices in Syria and Bahrain hours before a deadline for a report by U.N. arms inspectors on Iraq's cooperation in their hunt for weapons of mass destruction.

Also in India's financial capital, Bombay, about 1,000 protesters against war on Iraq shouted anti-American slogans as they marched through the crowded streets, blocking traffic.

Demonstrators in Damascus gathered outside the U.N. office where they chanted slogans, calling Bush a "criminal and a butcher" and demanding he ditch his "plan" to attack Iraq.

"We sacrifice our souls and blood for Iraq," chanted young demonstrators. "America wants to dominate us, it wants to weaken us and to destroy Iraq to control its oil," said student Housam Halabi, echoing a view shared by many Syrians and Arabs.

Give peace a chance

Most Arab countries oppose a war against Iraq fearing it would further destabilize the Middle East, and advocate instead a peaceful solution to the crisis over Iraq's alleged weapons of mass

destruction. Iraq denies having any such weapons.

The protests come at a time of heightened anti-U.S. sentiment among ordinary Arabs already angry at what they see as Washington's blind support for Israel which is battling a Palestinian independence uprising.

The arms inspectors' report to the Security Council is seen as crucial for any U.S. attack on Iraq. Baghdad says it hopes the report will confirm it is free of banned weapons and find its cooperation with the inspections was "super."

In the Bahraini capital, Manama, about 100 youths asked the U.N. to prevent the United States from launching a war on Iraq.

Carrying banners saying "No to war in Iraq" and "Death to America," they delivered a letter asking the United Nations to fight poverty and illiteracy rather than provide authorization for a war on Iraq.

"We are asking for peace and we want the United Nations to hear our pleas to save the Iraqi people," said 20-year old civil engineering student Ebtisam Al Shenoo, standing underneath blood red banners and fluttering Iraqi flags.

"We want to reach them (the United Nations) before they make any decision," marketing student Nidhal al-Qassab told Reuters, adding that he hoped the United Nations will prevent a war.

"If the United Nations doesn't have the

power (to do that) then there is no reason for it to exist."

World leaders divided

Meanwhile, world leaders counseled restraint while others called for condemnation as U.N. weapons inspectors reported to the Security Council on efforts to disarm Iraq of its weapons of mass destruction.

The United States, Britain and Australia condemned Saddam for failing to cooperate with the inspection process and indicated that time for action was drawing close.

"We made it very clear ... that we could not allow the process of inspection to string us on forever," said U.S. Secretary of State Colin Powell.

On Friday Japanese Foreign Minister Yoriko Kawaguchi condemned Iraq for failing for more than a decade to carry out its obligations under United Nations resolutions.

"Iraq needs to fulfill U.N. resolutions and completely wipe out the concerns among the international community," Kawaguchi told the Diet. "(Iraq) is challenging the authority of the U.N."

But other Security Council members, most importantly Russia, China and France, said the inspections should continue for several weeks, if not months. That difference of opinion could make or break international support for military intervention in Iraq.

Outside U.N. headquarters in New York, more than 300 protesters demonstrated against a possible war in Iraq, chanting "people united stop the war."

In Germany, about 3,000 people protested outside the U.S. consulate in Frankfurt, carrying banners with slogans including "No Bush-fire" and accusing the United States of going to war over oil. Hundreds more gathered in downtown Dresden and in Berlin.

In his report to the Security Council Monday, Blix, who heads the hunt for biological and chemical weapons programs, said Iraq had not genuinely accepted the U.N. resolution demanding that it disarm.

His nuclear inspection counterpart ElBaradei said there was no evidence so far that Iraq was reviving its nuclear program and said inspectors needed a "few months" to complete the search.

British Foreign Secretary Jack Straw said Saddam was "making a charade of inspection" and was "practicing concealment."

Australian Prime Minister John Howard said Iraq was in "material breach." Australia is one of only three nations — along with the United States and Britain — to have sent troops to the Persian Gulf region to prepare for possible war with Iraq.

Elsewhere, however, there was little appetite for military action. Jordanian Information Minister

Mohammad Affash Adwan said the inspectors should be allowed to finish their mission in Iraq.

Turkish Prime Minister Abdullah Gul said the responsibility to avoid war lay with Iraq, but called for a new Security Council resolution before military action was taken.

"It's very important for us," said Gul, whose predominantly Muslim nation is a close U.S. ally.

Norway and Canada's leaders both echoed calls for more time, while New Zealand, called on Baghdad to cooperate more fully with U.N. inspectors.

The European Union is split down the middle on the issue, with Spain, Italy, Portugal and others leaning toward the pro-American camp led by Britain, while Belgium, Sweden and Finland are more closely aligned with France and Germany's anti-war stance.

French President Jacques Chirac and German Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder agreed Monday that the inspectors should be given the time they need to complete their mission, the president's office said.

Earlier Monday, Russian President Vladimir Putin emphasized the need to continue weapons inspections during a telephone conversation with British Prime Minister Tony Blair.

Iraq insisted it had done everything it could to aid in the hunt for banned arms programs.

Foreign Affairs Minister: Iraq and other issues

Q: Would there be a rearranging of the Arab region if the attack on Iraq does happen?

A: There are many scenarios with all its possibilities, however these are only predictions. A situation like what we are living in today could easily change from one moment to another. It's like you are walking through a minefield - you don't know what and when something would explode. But in all cases I have to emphasize that attack on Iraq would definitely destabilize the area. Any foreign invasion on the Iraqi land or regime or people will only make things worse.

Q: Yemen has faced several terrorist incidents that caused the country great losses. While the government had declared its commitment in combating terrorism, how do you explain the synchronization on the regional and international level?

A: Yemen's stance against terrorism is quite clear. We condemn all terrorist acts and confirm our total cooperation in combating it, in and outside the country. We well understand that stability is in our favor and violence and the like is defiantly going to harm the country. Throughout history violence had led to more violence and fighting between the nations leads only to destruction and loss. Yemen is committed to the international agreements it signed.

A: As for the synchronization, Yemen is working on two fronts. The first is concerned with exchange of information between the different security offices in a number of countries. And the other is concerned with the local security situation, through training and establishing of qualified terrorist combating forces, as well as extra protection in the borders especially the coastal areas, to prevent misuse of the Yemen land.

Q: Cooperation between Yemen and

the USA, did it go through a low phase after the CIA drone missile attack in November on six al-Qaeda suspects. What about the consequences of the murder of the American aid workers in Jibla?

A: Cooperation between the two countries is ongoing and is moving forward in a normal way under the international agreements and laws. It is true that the Jibla incident reflected the ugly face of terrorism. These aid workers had lived in peace in the country for more than 30 years, and their murder only made it clear how important it is to fight terrorism in the country. The government is more determined in eliminating these negative elements of society. The country has faced a lot so far from them and will not stay silent.

Q: There is a number of Yemenis who are still in custody at the Cuba base, after the September 11th attack. What has come over those?

A: Still the same, and we like other concerned countries are continuously demanding their submission to Yemen to take them to court according to Yemeni laws. Yemen has proved that it is one of the countries most concerned for its people and their safety and their release from the countries in which they are arrested. But it has to be known that they are a part of many from various countries who were arrested for the same reasons.

Q: The Trio-summit between Yemeni, Ethiopia, and Sudan held recently in Sana'a has showed cooperation between the three countries. Why did Eritrea receive this summit with annoyance?

A: Yes, the meeting has reflected the good relations between the three countries and their political, economical and security cooperation in order to establish stability in the region.

Eritrea's reaction had no bases at all, because the summit is a natural consequence of the developing relations between the three countries.

Leaders of the summit and especially president Ali Abdulla Saleh had announced that this summit has nothing against Eritrea and the country in fact carries good feelings for Eritrea.

Also the disagreement between the three countries and that country should be solved with negotiation and dialogue. In this respect we are trying to bring the viewpoints together and also trying to establish peace in Somalia as well, so that the whole region is in stable conditions.

Yemen is a part of this region and is concerned that all countries in it are in stable conditions and fine, for it continuously suffers from anything that happens in them, for example the endless flood of refugees from Somalia.

Q: Being minister of foreign affairs, you are responsible for the safety and conditions of the Yemenis abroad who have been arrested, such as Sheik Al-Moued in Germany and before him the Yemeni businessman, Abdulsalam Al-Heela. What have you done in their cases?

A: We are still on their case and our efforts are continuously being spent in order to release them. And we are doing this under the umbrella of international laws and the UN agreements.

Q: President Ali Abdulla Saleh paid a visit to Russia and in which he made contracts to buy weapons. Is it an introduction to new economic cooperation between the two countries?

A: Yes, Yemen strives to create good economic cooperation with Russia and all other countries. Economic relations are a part of all relations in general and it is in the country's interest to maintain good overall relations with its friendly countries. However the visit was not only for the weapons. It also took the regional and international issues in discussion, and Russia is an influential country and one of the great five, so it is important to create good bonds with it.

Q: Yemen's government is being criticized for buying expensive military hardware, whereas at the same time it is requesting donations and aid from other countries in order to face the economic

situation. How do you explain that?

A: These are exaggerations and they don't have an accurate base. The country needs to defend itself and the weapons are used for defense. And if you want to compare, then you might as well compare how much the country spends on its defense against what other countries are spending. Yemen has all rights to ensure the safety of its people and sovereignty over its land.

Q: The Israeli interfering in the Red Sea area's policies was that one of the topics discussed in the summit. Explain.

A: Of course the main topics which were discussed took up all the concerns of the three countries. Naturally the Israeli interfering in the region was one of those topics.

Israel always tries to make use of any conflicts in the area, and we all have to be aware and careful of this aspect. So all the Arab countries should join in efforts to stand against this interfering. Israel wants to control the Red Sea, but if that happens the stability of the whole region will be at stake.

Q: Relation with the GCC has seen a recent development especially after the joining of Yemen to some of the council's establishments. Recently also an agreement has been signed. So what next? Must Yemen fulfill some conditions before it is given the green light?

A: Geographically, culturally and strategically Yemen is a part of the GCC, so naturally it is heading to be a part of it politically.

And Yemen is qualified to join as an economic market and rich force for manpower, as well as a military force that can serve in providing defense.

However on the down side we need to be qualified economically. And this is what Yemen is doing now with assistance of the GCC.

The agreement states that the gulf has come over all the political differences and that they will help in improving Yemen's economical situation. But this partnership needs a lot of working and struggling to make it successful, from both governmental and nongovernmental sectors. Yemen's joining in some of the establishment is a first mile of the road, and we still have to walk it to the end.

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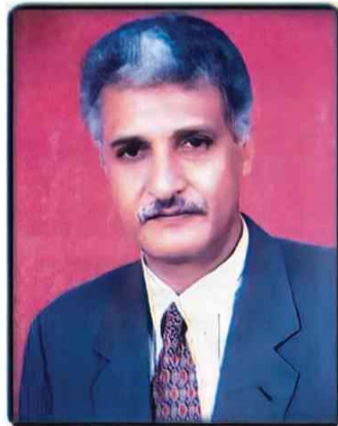
Aden Hotel held its annual ceremony staff party on Jan. 5 to honor its employees. A number of politicians and businessmen joined the hotel's employees during the ceremony. Fadel AL-Hilali, General Manager of the hotel, said "Today we celebrate all those who belong to this tourist establishment in the beautiful city of Aden. Aden Hotel has achieved a good reputation and international status along with great success that is because of you and your sincere efforts."

He pointed to the success and serious efforts that Sheik Mohammed Abdqawi AL -Muflahi exerted. "In spite of being busy he preferred to share you this day, and thank everyone who participated, and he is still bringing the tourism movement in Aden, the beautiful city, in to view."

He also pointed that all hotel employees have been offered full care and attention. He delivered his greetings and regards to all the companies that sponsored this ceremony hoping that 2003 will encourage the employees to exert more efforts and work harder.

Fadel Saaid, Deputy Manager, added, "Today we celebrate as our hotel achieves tangible improvements through its special tourist services. Our visitors have witnessed and have a good impression that reflects the tourist experience and high qualification that our staff have. We are very proud of the fulfilled success in promoting tourism in Aden. This hotel is one of the signposts of Aden and in Yemen in general." He concluded that 2003 will be more active and energetic.

In a statement to the Yemen Times, Sheik Mohammed Abdulqawi AL-Muflahi, owners representative said, "It is my pleasure to share with my brothers and sons their happiness in their annual ceremony in which they are honored. Experienced and qualified employees are traits of the Aden Hotel, which is considered a tourist stand for Aden. In spite of the difficult conditions that Yemen has gone through, and the small number of tourists, we are here to promote and activate the tourism industry. We all have to pay more attention to this field that will certainly supply us with revenues. He pointed out that Yemen's tourism is greatly supported by President Ali Abdullah Saleh, who enjoys spending his vacation in Aden.



Mr. Mohammed AL-Muflahi



Mr. Fadel AL-Hilali



Mr. Fadel Saaid



Aden Hotel In Breif

Aden Hotel is considered one of the famous hotels in Yemen and has a prime tourist location amidst the center of Aden City. Moreover its architecture and designs attract any visitor to Aden as well as its manifold Arabic and foreign delicious food that have everyone's admiration. It has spacious single and double rooms, and suits to host well-known personalities. The hotel contains conference halls with the latest technical equipment to host conferences and workshops. It has a wedding hall as well. The hotel also organizes land and sea cruises.

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I. What to Say

Situations and expressions (40)
Expressing obligations (1)

The word 'obligation' refers to a condition that indicates what action ought to be taken according to the dictates of law or custom, as a matter of duty, or being driven by a sense of propriety. It may either indicate a promise, or something that is necessary to be done under the force of circumstances.

'Obligation' may also mean expression of gratitude. But in this lesson, we are going to look at different ways of expressing obligation in the sense of compulsion.

- You **must** obey your higher authorities. (The speaker decides on the basis of a stated rule or law. As such, obligation is imposed by the speaker.)
- All shops and business establishments **must** be closed latest by 11 p.m. (Obligation is expressed by public signs.)
- All students **have to** take the midsem test by the scheduled date as announced by the Dean. No one will be exempted. (Obligation is imposed by external circumstances. It's a habitual obligation that the speaker knows about.)
- All employees of the General Administration Department are **required** to attend the Annual General Meeting and elect the office bearers for the current year. (Expression of official obligation.)
- You are **obliged to** work overtime and finish the work assigned to you. (According to rules, law, etc.)
- It is **mandatory** to pay off the loan within the stipulated date. (Conveying a command, or compulsion.)
- One cannot seek relaxation to the **statutory** age limit. (Fixed or controlled by a statute.)
- Attendance at minimum 80% of lectures is **obligatory**. (Necessary as required by law.)
- You are **compelled to** obey the rules of discipline while in the college.
- If you commit a crime, punishment is **inescapable/unavoidable**.
- The tenant's eviction is **inevitable** in view of the court decree.
- The criminal was **made to** confess his guilt.
- He was **forced to** step down from his office due to his falling health.

II. How to Say it correctly

Correct errors, if any, in the following sentences.

- I cut me shaving this morning.
- His all books were burnt.
- His both hands are skinny.
- This is a best book.
- He is a worst teacher.

Solutions to last week's questions

- A few politicians can be relied on.
- He is the **oldest** man of this place.
- A little learning is a dangerous thing.
- He has **little** interest in politics.
- He is **bold enough** to take up this challenge.

III. Increase your word power

A) How to express it in one word

- A fight between armed aircrafts.
- A clever way of avoiding or deceiving someone.
- Something that is very easy to do.
- A person who tries to put into action some system of ideas without considering the practical difficulties.
- A stretch of language in a context.

Answers to last week's questions

- Turn or branch away from: **diverge** (vi)
- Periodical payment of share of profit: **dividend** (n)
- Legal ending of a marriage: **divorce** (n)
- A film showing some aspect of human or social activity: **documentary** (adj)

- System of belief accepted without question: **dogma** (n)

B) Foreign phrases and expressions

Use the following foreign expressions in sentences:
1. adieu; 2. ADC; 3. aide memoire
4. a la mode de; 5. alias

Answers to last week's questions:

- ad hoc** (Lat) (arranged for this purpose): In view of an acute shortfall of teachers, the government has appointed a few foreign nationals on an ad hoc basis.
- apartheid** (S. Africa) (policy of racial segregation): There was a worldwide outrage against the policy of apartheid in South Africa.
- a priori** (adj) (Lat) (reasoning from cause to effect): There is an a priori relation between rains and the streets being wet.
- a posteriori** (adj) (Lat) (Reasoning from effect to cause): The wet streets have an a posteriori implication that it rained.
- apropos** (adj) (Fr) (with regard to, concerning): Apropos of the editorial, I have an observation to make.

C) Words commonly confounded

Bring out differences in meaning of the following group/pairs of words:

- Answer, rejoinder, reply, retort
- Alimentary, elementary
- Alley, ally
- Alms, arms

Answers to last week's questions

- award** (n) (something, especially a prize given as the result of an official decision): He was awarded the first prize in the elocution contest.
- reward** (n) (something received as return for work or service): You deserve a reward after such hard work.
- annoyed** (adj) and **irritated** (adj) are used to show a mild to moderate degree of displeasure, unpleasantness, discomfort, etc.
Examples:
He was annoyed with his son for his lack of seriousness in the studies.
I was irritated by the delay in service at the restaurant.

anger (adj) is a much stronger word than **annoyed** or **irritated**.

Example: My father was angry with me for making such a stupid mistake.

furious (adj) expresses a very strong anger, or violent excitement.

Example: I was so afraid to see my father furious.

3. baby (n), child (n), infant (n)

A **baby** is a very young child, especially one who has not learnt to speak. **Infant** generally refers to a child during the earliest period of its life, especially before it learns to walk. In legal language **infant** is sometimes used as a synonym for a **minor**. **Child**, on the other hand can be used in case of grown-up also.

Example: All my children are settled abroad. **Infant** can be used metaphorically to indicate the early years of something.

D) Idioms and phrases

Use the following phrases in sentences so as to illustrate their meanings:

- to the best of my belief
- at the behest of
- beggar all description
- beggars are not choosers
- as red as beet root

Answers to last week's questions

- for the time being** (for a limited period of time): Let the book be with you for the time being.
- beyond belief** (too strange to be believed): That he would do such a thing was beyond my

- belief.
- as sound as a bell** (a person who is in perfect health): I envy him for his sound health. He is as sound as a bell.

- bell the cat** (do something, to help others, which is dangerous for oneself): It's our legitimate demand, but who has the courage to confront the boss? Who will bell the cat?
- bellow out** (make a loud, deep noise): They bellowed out a song at midnight.

IV. Grammar and composition

A) Grammar

Match the sentences in Col. 'A' and 'B'. Then rewrite the sentences, joining them by using 'as', 'when', or 'while'.

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| <p>A</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> I was crossing the road I was using my computer We were playing tennis I was taking a shower I was cooking dinner | <p>B</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> My racquet broke. A car nearby hit me. The water went cold. I burnt my finger. It suddenly stopped working. |
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Answers to last week's questions

- I didn't enjoy this book on management. It wasn't very well-written.
- I learned a lot about how to stop worrying and start living by reading that book. I found it very informative.
- Saif has so many interesting ideas, and he's always thinking new projects. He is very dynamic.
- She is so persuasive a salesperson that she sells three times as much as her co-workers.
- He works out at the gym everyday. So he really looks athletic.
- For a restaurant to succeed, it has to have a high level of quality in both food and service.
- If a departmental store improves its **décor** and looks really attractive, it can attract a lot of new customers.

B) Composition

Expand the idea contained in the proverb "HEALTH IS WEALTH"

Answers to last week's question:

FORTUNE FAVOURS THE BRAVE
If we look at the lives of great men and analyze the factors that led to their greatness and glory, we will notice that almost all of them were courageous. They were capable of and ready for taking risks which lay at the bottom of their success. If they had been afraid of disaster that might befall them, they would not have risen to such heights in their lives. All great men have been, in some sense, gamblers of fortune. They have been rewarded by Dame Fortune for their courage, determination, energy and enthusiasm. In contrast, those who were cowards, hesitant, diffident and thought more of failure than success to their enterprise, were finally defeated. Therefore, we should be bold, brave with a positive attitude. Then, we would be crowned with success.

V. Pearls from the Holy Quran



VI. Words of Wisdom

"Be not merely good, be good for something"
—Thoreau

Currents of English Literature

The Imagist movement



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Before discussing Imagism or the Imagist movement it is necessary to explain words like 'image' and 'imagery'. An image is a picture brought into the mind by words; imagery is the use of such words. According to C. Day Lewis, an important modern poet, an image "is a picture made out of words." He adds, "A poem may itself be an image composed of a multiplicity of images." Imagery is used to signify figurative language, especially the vehicle of similes and metaphors.

Imagism was a movement of British and American poets in revolt from Romanticism. It flourished between the years 1910 and 1917. T.E. Hulme's reaction against Romanticism and his advocacy of the 'hard, dry image' influenced Imagism. Ezra Pound was the leading figure of the movement. He believed that good poetry was based on images (pictures of solid, real things rather than ideas). He edited the first anthology of the movement, *Des Imagistes* (1914), which had eleven contributors: Richard Aldington, H.D. (Hilda Doolittle), F.S. Flint, Skipwith Cannell, Amy Lowell, William Carlos Williams, James Joyce, Ezra Pound, F.M. Hueffer (who later changed his name to Ford Madox Ford), Allen Upward, and John Cournos. Some of D.H. Lawrence's poems of this period can also be described as Imagist.

Amy Lowell was a woman of great energy. She created an unusual image for herself by always appearing in public with a cigar in her mouth. She quickly took the leadership of the Imagist movement away from Pound. After that, Pound called the Imagists

"the Amy-gists". Amy Lowell was responsible for several Imagist anthologies. The Imagist poets used clear and precise images and tried to eliminate every word "that did not contribute to the presentation." They used a rhythm freed from the artificial demands of metrical regularity. They preferred *vers libre* or free verse. The characteristic product of the movement tend to be short, composed of short lines of musical cadence, to avoid abstraction, and to treat the images with a hard, clear precision rather than with overt symbolic intent. Pound was of the opinion that "the natural object is always the adequate symbol." The influence of Japanese forms *tanka* and *haiku* is obvious in many Imagist poems. The following poem by Pound is an oft-quoted example of the terseness and imagery that the movement advocated:

In a station of the metro

*The apparition of the faces in the crowd,
Petals on a wet, black bough.*

It is rather like a Japanese *haiku*. On the surface, the poem has two separate images: the crowd and the branch. Actually, Pound is placing one image on top of the other, so that we see them as a single image. Therefore, the faces in the crowd become beautiful, like flower petals on a rainy day. The petals, meanwhile, become faces in a crowd. The new combined image is the real "apparition" — it floats before our eyes like a ghost which lives in no particular time or place.

Imagism could not endure long as a concerted movement, but it did usher English poetry into modernism. The Imagist movement influenced every major poet of the twentieth century, including stalwarts like W.B. Yeats, T.S. Eliot and Wallace Stevens.

TIMES Quiz 54

Tick the most appropriate choice

- Which particular elements are delivered to the air and soil by thunderstorm and lightning?
a) Sulphur b) Nitrogen
c) Sodium d) Oxygen
- Which of the following is an edible fungus?
a) Agaricus b) Morchella
c) Tubor d) all the above
- How does an amoeba reproduce?
a) Through conjugation
b) Through self-fertilization
c) Through binary fission
d) None of these
- The weight of air which we carry on us is
a) 15.4 tons b) 3 tons

- c) 10 tons d) None of these

5. What does the abbreviation BDC stand for?

Answers to Times Quiz (53)

- There is a difference of color in artificial light as compared to natural light because artificial light is not pure and is deficient in one or more colors.
- The diaphragm of the microphone of a telephone is made of carbon.
- Green plants form the first trophic level.
- A group of genetically identical cells or organisms produced asexually from a common ancestor are clones.
- The abbreviation RFC stands for Request for Comment.

YOUTH FORUM

Cry

Yeah, it was her,
Brown eyes and hair
She always cries,
And she has red eyes,
She is scared to die,
You can see it in her face,
She wants to hide in a place,
Where no one can find her, like space,
But the space is too high,
Higher than the sky,
She wishes she could fly,
So she won't cry,
Cry... or die,
She cries in her room,
Where there's no lights but only gloom,
Where no flowers can bloom,
There is no time to,
Play or have fun too,
She asked her eyes not to cry,
But... her eyes didn't reply...



Is this a play, or am I in false dismay?
"Muslims" where are you?
What is your part today?
No way, no way, no way
Except to reflect and to pray
People die, People cry
Where are the human rights today?
No reply, no one does comply
Because they have melted away
What a shame on Muslims today!
Never say I can't ...
Never say I am alone
Never say, "what can I do"
At the very least do something and pray
And wait for that day
When Jews move away
With all my heart I speak
With my blood I write
Any way, one day
The sun will rise again
Await a bright morn.

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Muslims Today

What can I say?
How can I display?
Fire, arrests, killing that frighten away

Readers' Forum

Dear Dr. Sahu,
I would like to inform you that I have read your column in Yemen Times. I really appreciate you for the work. I am interested to learn more about English language. I look forward to your favorable response.
Best regards

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Dear Mr. Ahmed,
Thanks a lot for your e-mail. We appreciate your interest to learn more about the English language. We would love to help you to achieve your goal. One thing we would advise you is to be a regular reader of the column "Improve Your English".
Write to us from time to time on your specific needs.
Good Luck.

—Dr. Sahu

Dear sir,
I am Walid Marhaba, an Electrical Engineer, working with Spacetel Yemen for mobile communication as maintenance manager.

I am very interested in what you write in "Yemen Times" to improve our English. Let me take this opportunity to request you to make available to me the previous lessons. Thank you very much for your cooperation and I hope I have an answer from you.
Best regards.

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Dear Mr. Walid,
Thanks for your e-mail. We are glad to hear from you. The lessons published so far are being brought out in a book. You would know when it is available.
Meanwhile, follow up the lessons as they are being published.
—Dr. Sahu.

WONDERWORD

by DAVID OUELLET

A WORLD OF SECRETS

Solution: 5 letters

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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| Access | Decoder | Hold | Personal | Share |
| Agent | Decrypt | Hush | Plot | Signal |
| Ancient | Deny | Interrogate | Point | Silence |
| Army | Disguise | Juicy | Politics | Size |
| Ballot | Disinformation | Keep | Private | Slip |
| Bids | Document | Known | Probe | Spies |
| Burden | Duty | Label | Recipe | Swear |
| Bury | Entice | Latent | Repeat | Tales |
| Calling | Facts | Lips | Replicate | Talks |
| Child | False | Maze | Reports | Tempt |
| Claim | Foiled | Meaning | Reserved | Tidbit |
| Clandestine | Forbidden | Military | Restrict | Trick |
| Closet | Friends | Mind | Reveal | Trust |
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ANSWER NEXT WEEK

Last Week's Answer: Darkroom

Columbia explodes!

Shuttle breaks up, seven aboard

By BRAD LISTON

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla., Feb 1 (Reuters) - The space shuttle Columbia broke up in the skies over Texas on Saturday with seven astronauts on board after it lost contact with NASA minutes before its scheduled landing.

NASA warned local residents not to approach debris on the ground in the Dallas-Fort Worth area because of the shuttle's poisonous propellant.

Eyewitnesses reported debris scattered across northern Texas with residents coming across pieces in fields and on roads, including what appeared to be a door from the orbiter.

Dramatic television images of the shuttle's descent showed several white trails streaking through the blue sky, which showed the breakup of the shuttle because normally only a single trail is visible, experts said.

"Debris has been sighted in north central Texas. Search and rescue has been dispatched in Dallas-Fort Worth area," NASA said in a statement on its Web site. There were reports of a vast 120 square miles (310 sq km) debris field.

Rescue teams were searching for signs of the crew, which included the first Israeli to fly on the shuttle, former combat pilot Col. Ilan Ramon. Israelis watched their televisions in shock as details of the disaster unfolded.

A huge security operation was mounted to protect the take-off of the shuttle on Jan. 16 because of terrorism fears and the presence of the Israeli astronaut.

"There's no reason to believe there are any links to terrorism at this point, but we are fully investigating the situation," a White House official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said.

VIPs were away from a grandstand near the shuttle's landing strip by NASA officials after reports of the disaster. In Washington, the White House flag was at half staff.

The rest of the crew were Americans — Mission Commander Rick Husband, Pilot William McCool, Payload Commander Michael Anderson, Mission Specialist David Brown, Mission Specialists Laurel Clark and Kalpana Chawla. Ramon was listed as a payroll specialist.

Danger of re-entry

Take-off and re-entry into Earth's atmosphere are the most dangerous parts of a space mission. In 42 years of U.S. human space flight, there had never been an accident in the descent to Earth or landing. Challenger exploded just after take-off.



The American flag flies at half staff at the press site with launch pad 39A in the background at the Kennedy Space Center in Cape Canaveral, Florida Feb. 1. The shuttle lifted off from the pad with a crew of seven on a 16-day scientific research mission, and is feared crashed in northeastern Texas. REUTERS/Duffin McGee

It was almost 17 years to the day that the Challenger shuttle exploded on Jan. 28, 1986, killing all seven astronauts on board. The seven astronauts on board Columbia had observed a minute's silence in their memory on Tuesday.

It was 32 months after the Challenger disaster before NASA flew a space shuttle again.

Angela Arlotta, a tourist to Cape Canaveral from Williamsburg, Pennsylvania, said: "I was so excited to see the shuttle come down. It doesn't seem possible."

The agency lost contact with the shuttle, which was completing a 16-day mission, at around 9 a.m./1400 GMT while it was 207,000 feet (63,000 metres) above Earth, and 16 minutes from its scheduled landing at Kennedy Space Center. It was traveling at 12,500 mph (20,000 kph).

Columbia was NASA's oldest shuttle and first flew in 1981.

NASA would say only that it had declared a "contingency" which experts said meant they were securing as much information as possible for an investigation. A news conference by NASA Administrator Sean O'Keefe at Kennedy Space Center in Florida which was scheduled to start at 1 P.M. (1800 GMT) was delayed.

On Friday, NASA's flight entry director, Leroy Cain, was asked about possible damage to the left wing of the orbiter which might have occurred on lift-off. He said analyses by NASA engineers had shown any damage to be minor, adding: "We're not working any concerns on the orbiter."

Israel mourns, Bush to call Sharon

U.S. President George W. Bush rushed back to the White House from his Camp David presidential retreat. Aides said he would call Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon.

Ramon family friend Modi Keren told Israeli Army Radio he was with Ramon relatives: "We are all sitting and hoping to hear new things. This looks very bad. I very much hope we will hear different, because at this time things look awful."

Ramon's mother was a Holocaust survivor from the Auschwitz concentration camp. In memory of family members who did not survive the Nazi rule of World War Two, Ramon took with him a pencil drawing by a Czech Jewish boy.

There was mounting concern about toxic chemicals from the debris around Texas. NASA mission control in Houston said, "Any debris that is located in the Dallas-Fort Worth vicinity should be avoided and may be hazardous."

Nacogdoches, Texas, received one report of the finding of what appeared to be a door from the orbiter.

"We do have a debris field. It is scattered all throughout Nacogdoches," said Victoria Lafollett, city manager of Nacogdoches about 145 miles (230 km) northeast of Houston.

"What we've done is activated our emergency operations center. Because we have so many pieces throughout the city, we're asking people to stay away from them. We're working closely with NASA and the FBI," Lafollett said.

Unusually big boom

There were many reports from local residents of the shuttle apparently breaking apart, with several trails seen as it headed toward Earth, and of an unusually big boom.



The U.S. space agency NASA said it lost contact with the space shuttle Columbia minutes before a scheduled landing Feb. 1, as it crossed the United States with seven astronauts on board. The shuttle's landing was overdue after it was planned to arrive at the Kennedy Space Center at 9:16 a.m. EST (14:16 GMT). NASA officials lost contact with the orbiter at about 9 a.m. (1400 GMT). The space shuttle Columbia, with a crew of seven, including Ilan Ramon, the first Israeli to travel on the space shuttle, lifts off from the Kennedy Space Center in Cape Canaveral, Florida, in this January 16, 2003 file photo. REUTERS/David Carlson

NASA headquarters said there had been no reported difficulties from the shuttle before it lost contact.

The shuttle's seven astronauts had closed out science experiments conducted on the mission, which had been deemed a success by scientists and NASA officials. The shuttle did not visit the International Space Station on this trip.

The fate of the International Space Station, a \$95 billion project nearing the final stages of completion, could hang in the balance after these events.

The three astronauts now living there have food, air and water to last for months but the station's orbit above the planet needs to be boosted by a visiting shuttle periodically.

The next space shuttle mission was

to have left on March 1 to carry a new segment to the space station, with astronaut Eileen Collins in command of the shuttle Atlantis.

A Boeing company official said space station work at Kennedy was halted soon after news of the tragedy. Boeing works on space station components at Kennedy Space Center before they are launched.



The space shuttle Columbia was feared crashed in northeastern Texas, February 1, 2003, with seven astronauts on board. The seven STS-107 crew members take a break from their training regime to pose for the traditional crew portrait. Seated in front are astronauts Rick D. Husband (left), mission commander; Kalpana Chawla, mission specialist; and William C. McCool, pilot. Standing are (from the left) astronauts David M. Brown, Laurel B. Clark, and Michael P. Anderson, all mission specialists; and Ilan Ramon, payload specialist representing the Israeli Space Agency. This photo was taken October, 2001. REUTERS/NASA



A television image shows what appears to be fragments of the Space Shuttle Columbia, in the Dallas, Texas sky, February 1. The U.S. space agency NASA lost contact with the space shuttle Columbia minutes before its scheduled landing on Saturday and said there could be debris in Texas from the orbiter. Television images showed several white trails in the blue sky, which could be an indication of the breakup of the shuttle because normally only a single trail is visible. The agency lost contact at around 9 a.m./1400 GMT, about 16 minutes before its scheduled landing at Kennedy Space Center. Columbia is NASA's oldest shuttle and first flew in 1981. REUTERS/NBC



An unidentified worker in the Vehicle Assembly Building (L) is consoled by security officer Susan Nelson after the space shuttle Columbia failed to return to the Kennedy Space Center in Cape Canaveral, Florida February 1. NASA said it scrambled rescue units to search in Texas for the shuttle and its seven astronauts, which included the first Israeli astronaut, Col. Ilan Ramon. REUTERS/Karl Ronstrom

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Islands have tourism potential

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Marine tourism in Yemen is still in its primary stages, but its future is bound to be prosperous and well-developed after completion of centers and projects by the shore, especially the infrastructure.

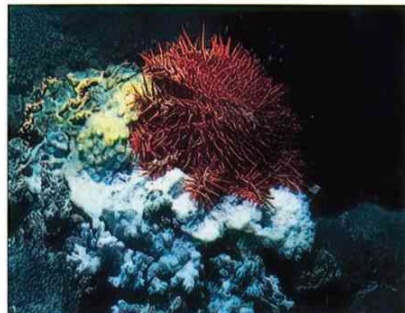
Yemen's seawater is plenty and abundant due to the fact that Yemen sits on two of the most important seas; the Red Sea and the Arabian sea.

There are many Yemeni islands, inhabited by man and animals. Some of these islands are volcanic and others are not.

An island in the Red Sea, Al-Tair Island (The island of the Bird) is one that is frequented by fishers who are skilled and travelers alike.

Old sailors may know of the importance of this Island more than we would.

All that we know through our sea travels or from reading is that island of Al-Tair was of impor-



Coral reefs off the coast of Yemen.



tance. This is due first to its position, the fact that it overlooks a shipping lane.

Second, the Island is suitable for monitoring the sea, which monitors the directions that ships are heading for while they cross the area by day or night.

Al-Tair Island is 47 nautical miles from the eastern shore of the Red Sea and 82 km or 40 nautical miles from the island of Kamaran.

The island has watchtowers for observation, since the biggest warships, cargo ships, oil tankers all pass by it.

It is known that Britain used to administer the island, but now this right has returned to Yemen.

For further knowledge the ship guides us to the depths to see what is in the deep. We will see marine life of different creations coming and going with all the colors, shapes and size.

This is just a quick view of marine tourism and its significance.

What is needed now is to set the coastline with appropriate services to promote tourism.

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