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As the countdown for a US war against Iraq starts, Yemen slams US accusations

## Yemen-US dispute

BY YEMEN TIMES STAFF AND REUTERS

Sana'a - Amid high anxiety in the region including Yemen concerning the possible US war against Iraq, new tensions have started to emerge between Sana'a and Washington concerning allegations of Yemenis on terrorism.

Yemen had slammed on Wednesday U.S. charges that two Yemenis held in Germany, including a prominent Islamic cleric, supported al Qaeda and Hamas, and demanded

that they be returned home.

The two men were charged with providing millions of dollars, weapons and recruits to al-Qaeda and the militant Palestinian group Hamas at a U.S. court on Tuesday, about two months after their arrest in Germany.

"He is innocent. It is illogical that a Yemeni with \$20 million would hand it to Osama bin Laden," a Yemeni official told Reuters on the sidelines of a summit of the Organization of the Islamic Conference in the Qatari capital Doha. He was referring to

Sheikh Mohammed Ali Hasan al-Moayad who was arrested along with his aide, Mohammed Mohsen Yahya Zayed, in Frankfurt on a U.S. request on January 10.

"We reaffirm our call to hand him to Yemeni authorities. If the United States has any concrete evidence, it should present it to the Yemeni authorities," the official said.

On the other hand, Al-Sahwa.net reported last week that Anis Al-Duyais, who flew to Germany to meet Al-Moayad, reported horrifying stories about his jail conditions.

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## WAR COUNTDOWN

World is anxiously waiting for tomorrow's Security Council vote, which would signal the final countdown for the war. Thousands of soldiers from the 101st Airborne Division, based in Fort Campbell, Kentucky, are arriving for operations in the Gulf Region.

REUTERS

Marine Corporal Jordan Crockett comforts his wife Kara as he waits to board a bus prior to boarding a navy ship off the coast of North Carolina, for his six month deployment to the Mediterranean March 5.

REUTERS

## Saudis turn suspects

YEMEN TIMES STAFF

The 26 September weekly newspaper, organ of the Yemeni Armed Forces said Thursday that Saudi Arabia is extraditing three Yemeni suspects having link to the attack on the French oil tanker, Limburg last October near the Mukalla port. The sources said that the Saudi authorities are turning over the three suspects soon without giving an exact date.

However, they said the three suspects who escaped to Saudi Arabia have been found through investigation with other detained suspects to be primarily involved in the terrorist attack that killed one of

the tanker's sailors and caused serious environment disaster.

The Yemeni-Saudi authorities are still conducting talks on the issue and how the suspects are going to be handed over.

The Saudi authorities already turned over two other suspects charged with having links to the French tanker's attack.

This action on the part of the Saudi authorities comes as a fulfillment of the security agreements signed between the two countries.

It was announced some time ago that Abdulhakeem Bathel is the mastermind of the operation and he is still at large.

## Weapons' mess continues

MOHAMMED H. AL-QADHI YEMEN TIMES STAFF

The Yemeni government failed to convince the Parliament in a 6-year tenure to endorse the law to regulate arms possession. The bill has been stuck in the parliament. The parliament ended up its term last Friday without endorsing the law which means that the amended law which was debated by a committee in the parliament, set up for this purpose, will be shifted to be a main issue waiting the next parliament to be formed after the upcoming parliamentary elections on April 27th. Political observers believe this is a landslide victory for Sheikh Abdullah bin Hussein al-Ahmar, Speaker of Parliament and leader of Hashid Tribe and Islah party as well, winning the battle with other tribal figures against the government.

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**Youth calling themselves, Faithful Youth****Their cell shifted**BY HASSAN AZZAEDI  
YEMEN TIMES STAFF

Sa'ada governorate security authorities transferred last Tuesday prisoners called as the Faithful Youth from the Political and General Security prison to an area called Arozaimat and Manshour after they distributed leaflets in the governorate by some of their supporters accusing the governor Brigadier General, Yahya al-Omari of being a secret agent for the US.

Sources in Sa'ada told the Yemen Times that detention of those activists was carried out when they wrote anti-US slogans in the governorate's streets and distributed leaflets in the same context.

The sources said that the detainees were not al-Qaeda supporters and it is

probable that they belong to the Shiite Islamic Movement.

Sa'ada is one of the significant governorates in the republic where the Islamic movement is founded.

In addition, it has one of the largest Salafi Islamic Movement centers in Yemen known as, Dar al-Hadeeth House Center in Dammaj.

Meanwhile, the governorate of Sa'ada celebrated last week the Day of Ghadeer, the day on which Imam Ali bin Abi Taleb assumed the Caliphate of the Muslim state.

On the other hand, informed sources added that Ali bin Abdulmajeed Azzandani, the son of the Sheikh Abdulmajeed visited Dammaj religious center last week and held meetings with the religious Salafi scholars at the center.

According to sources in the region, the visit's objective is basically to support the Brothers Muslims Movement (Al-Ikhwan Al-Muslimoon) during the upcoming parliamentary elections which are to be held on April 27, 2003.

In addition to this, the visit also aims at unifying visions where the Islamic movement has undergone crisis due the current international developments.

Sources said that the Salafia religious leaders will not participate in the elections, but it was not clear whether they will support religious candidates.

It is to be mentioned here that the Salafi Movement has about 100 religious centers and institutions. Thousands of students from different countries in the world enroll in those centers to enhance their knowledge in Islam and Quran.

**Al-Qaeda suspect receives treatment**

The injured Mohammed Ali Azaidi has been taken last Thursday to Dhana valley, to a house of a relative to receive treatment. This has come after reaching an agreement with the authorities to withdraw the military vehicles. Azaidi has been suspected of having links to al-Qaeda organization.

Mohammed Ali Azaidi's family accused the authorities of making Azaidi's health conditions worse. Health reports indicated that Azaidi has a hemiplegia as a result of being injured in the spinal column. He was injured in the backbone and now his family is attempting to take

him abroad for treatment. Azaidi came back from Afghanistan five years ago. He stayed in Afghanistan for about two years. He is accused of kidnapping a German commercial attaché in 2001. Azaidi was injured by Brigade 25 in a shoot-out.

**Doctors workshop concludes**

Sana'a- Attended by 28 doctors Family and Health Project held on Wednesday March 5 a workshop for male and female doctors and doctors' assistants about using Protec means for family planning.

Dr. Arwa Mohammed al-Rabee, obstetrics specialist, gave a lecture about

the Protec means while Dr. Maroof Batheeb, belong to FHP said that the aim of the workshop is to spread the knowledge and get doctors acquainted with Protec means that are a group of modern means for family planning that the project distributes.



A panel view from the workshop

**Researchers demand their dues**MOHAMMED BIN SALLAM  
YEMEN TIMES STAFF

Employees and researchers at the Yemeni Studies and Research Center staged a sit-in in, protesting what they described as , "unjust arbitrariness" against the finance ministry for recouping their salaries guaranteed by a law equaling them to their dues with those of the teaching staff at universities.

In a statement issued last Wednesday by researchers at the Yemeni Studies and Research Center said that a 10-year period has elapsed and their demands haven't been met yet.

The statement added that researchers at the center have showed a great interest on that the law and judiciary are their utmost support on their demands.

In this regard, the center researchers have got four judicial orders for their legal rights in order to get their dues. The first legal right was on December 20, 2002, the justice minister's speeches, the prime minister, and recommendations of the parliament.

All those bodies confirmed not only on adhering to what have been mentioned at the judicial orders, but also increasing their accredited financial allocations for scientific researches.

"This stage-in symbolizes the researchers' insistence to continue on demanding their rights and their readiness to protest using all the civilized forms and ways in order to make their voices heard for the direct and indirect concerned bodies and to disclose illegal practices of the finance ministry,"

the statement concluded.

On his part, Dr. Abdulaziz al-Maqaleh, the Chairman of the Yemeni Studies and Research Center told the Yemen Times that the reason behind holding the stage-in is to settle the financial problems as that of their counterparts at the university. "It is a legal democratic expression. I hope that the concerned bodies will take an

interest of this issue, particularly by the finance ministry," al-Maqaleh noted further.

One of the protesters during the sit-in said 1.000.000 has been approved by Yemeni government and such amount of money is insufficient even for the paper requirements.

"This is a clear testimony of not paying an attention or interest by the gov-

ernment towards the scientific research, while the other highly developed countries have give enough attention to the scientific research. Take for instance, Israel, around 30 percent is approved for the benefit of the scientific research out of its annual budget. Around USD 25 billion is allotted for military research purposes," he concluded.



Researchers during a sit-in staged recently in Sana'a.



Dr. Abdulaziz Al-Maqaleh

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**THIS WEEK'S QUESTION:**

Do you think that Sheikh Al-Moayad, who is accused of assisting Al-Qaeda financially, is innocent?

**LAST WEEK'S QUESTION:**

What were the benefits of the Arab summit held on Saturday?

- It brought a strong stand opposing the war. 5%
- It supported the anti-war movement, but will not be enough to stop war. 7%
- Divisions among Arabs, and other ideas brought in the meeting weakened it, and helped pro-war US efforts. 31%
- The summit did nothing at all. It was merely waste of time. 57%

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**Women workshop on media and press****Women should be deeply involved**

YEMEN TIMES STAFF

Organized by the Women Affairs Support Center and on the occasion of the Women International Day, a symposium for editors-in-chief was held on Sunday March 2 in collaboration with Oxfam-GB Yemen.

During the symposium, participants dealt with promoting the press and media work on the part of women's issues and what have been written about them so far.

A big stress has been placed on surmounting violence against women.

On her part, the Chairwoman of the Women Affairs Support Center, Mrs. Sultana al-Jeham emphasized on allocating enough space in press and media for women's issues. This includes family programs on radio and other similar programs at the local radios.

The symposium is an introduction to a comprehensive workshop which is to

be held within the coming week.

The symposium is to be organized by the Women Affairs Support Center in the context of conducting reports and women-related analysis within the framework of launching awareness campaigns in media internet and meetings held with decision makers.

The Women Affairs Support Center is due to hold a workshop on how to conduct media studies reports and news analysis revolving on the social issues in general and women-related issues in particular.

A number of pressmen of both governmental and non-governmental bodies, independent newspapers and local papers will participate in the workshop.

The Yemen Times in this regard has nominated Mrs. Fahmia al-Fotih, the female participant in the workshop which is to be held on March 11-13 at the Central Statistic Authority.

**Islamic scholars conference wraps up**BY SAEED OMAR AL-BATATI  
FOR THE YEMEN TIMES

Under the motto of "How Sharia (Islamic laws) deals with people's denomination" Islamic Scholars conference was held in Tarim Hadramout from Feb. 27 to March 2. Over than 20 Islamic Scholars and intellectuals from various parts of world like Syria, Saudi Arabia, Sri Lanka, Algeria and other countries attended the conference.

Moreover, the conference was organized by Dar Al-Mustafa for Islamic studies. The inauguration session was held in Dar Al-Mustafa and a welcome speech was delivered by Habib, Ali Al-Mashoor Bin Hafeed, and the chairman of Dar Al-Mustafa. In his speech, Bin Hafeed welcomed the scholars and emphasized the importance of this conference to encourage and support the tolerance among Muslims. For three days in Tarim and Seiyun, the scholars delivered lectures in the Faculty of Education in Seiyun and schools round Seiyun aiming to spread the concept of tolerance among the students. The scholar also held a symposium in Seiyun great mosque under the little of "The criterion and the impor-

tance of Jihad in Islam" the participants emphasized the right concept of Jihad. "Jihad doesn't only mean declaring war against non-Muslims, it means any resistance for the sake of God," said Sheikh Ali AlJafri, Islamic celebrity. On the conclusion of the conference, the participants issued communique, which was recited by Sheikh Ali AlJafri. The communique called upon Muslims to follow Quranic instructions "The Quran is a

guide to the true path," said the communique. Also the communique concentrated on seeking knowledge and recommended its seeker to become moderate, get rid of fanaticism and respect others views. After the conference, the participant toured round Tarim and visited famous places for teaching Islamic such as Rebat Tarim and Al-Ahqaq Library for Manuscripts which contains a huge long standing culture heritage. It is worth

while mentioning that Tarim is the oldest city in Hadramout valley. Since the 4<sup>th</sup> century which Ahmed Al-Muhajer (spiritual and head of the community who came from Iraq.

Tarim has become a center of Islamic and intellectual activity and played a major role in spreading Islam in south Asia and Africa, thousands of people in Indonesia, Malaysia descend from tribes in Tarim.

**Condemnation letter to US embassy**

The Yemeni General Students Union (Sana'a University) last week sent condemnation letter to the American embassy in Sana'a expressing their refusal for US policy towards Arab region and the world in general as well as their declining for any military attack against Iraq.

The letter came after Union failure to lead the mass marches that get out of the solidarity festivals that Sana'a University organized causing closure for all streets leading to the US embassy on March 2, 2003.

The marches changed their route to the Iraqi embassy and the Union submitted a letter to the Iraqi

embassy supporting the Iraqi people against American arrogance.

Yemen witnessed mass marches in thousands last week condemning US plans to wage war against Iraq to change its regime and shape the Arabic region map again that fits American interests and its greediness.



For the second time in Yemen

# Women Intl. Day marked

FAHMIA AL-FOTAIH  
YEMEN TIMES STAFF

A three-day International Woman's Conference titled "Woman is crucial partner in development" winds up Monday. Marking the Woman's International Day in Yemen was first celebrated in 1997 and this time is being organized by Woman National Committee (WNC) and held at the Officers Club on Saturday 8 March on occasion of International Woman's Day.

It is attended by more than 500 participants from Yemen's governorates representing a number of government-

tal and non-governmental institutions and local and international organizations as well as representatives for donor agencies and local and foreign media.

Mr. Abdulkader Bajamal, Prime Minister, and Dr. Waheeba Fare'e, Minister of Human Rights, were among the host attendance.

The main goals of the conference are:

-Evaluating and revising the activities of WNC since the first conference in 1997 until now.

-Analysis the Yemeni women situation.

-Getting acquainted with dimensions

and size of poverty among Yemeni women and possible national effort interference.

-Personifying the problem of woman political participation inviting to take the accurate procedures to increase her representation in different local and national institutions on various levels.

-Approving a National strategic project for gender and put executive plans to narrow the development gap between men and women in education, health, work and decision-making positions.

-Get acquainted with laws related to woman and seeing their implementation into reality.

-Enhancing the partnership among local, regional and international partners.

Rashida al-Hamadani, the chairperson of the WNC, in her welcoming speech has reviewed the activities of the WNC through the previous years in supporting woman issues and displaying woman positive and marginalized roles that supposed to play in future.

"We have to confess that to raise the Yemeni woman status and enable her to get her rights fairly requires all society energy and putting a good strategy and plans aimed at realising a balanced image of woman as a human that has rights Islam and constitution guarantee for her" she said further.

# Women facing war

FAHMIA AL-FOTAIH  
YEMEN TIMES STAFF

Under the auspices of the Minister of Information, Mr. Hussein Dhaofallah and on the occasion of marking the Women's International Day 8th March, the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) in Sana'a, organized a press conference launching the "Women Facing War" study in Arabic, on Thursday 6th March at Mercure Hotel-Sana'a.

Dr. Waheeba Fara'e, Minister of Human Rights, and Mr. Ahmed Naser al-Hamati, Vice Minister of Information, along with Mr. Jorg G. Cunz, Head of delegation of ICRC and a number of interested people attended the event.

Addressing the event Dr. Fara'e pointed out that war is a human issue especially nowadays in which possible war shadows cast on the region and it is our duty to work hard to stop war that will be definitely be a disaster to humanity.

"Women and children are the weakest and the real victims of these wars. The war-makers do not care about them. They do not care to the weapons they use and the aftermath destruction.

In addition, the big burden is on women who lose their beloved ones and search for them, taking economically, socially and health responsibility of their children and be the only supporters to them"

Al-Hamati also delivered speech in which he congratulated all the women on

the occasion of International Women's Day and invited all mothers and wives to stand hand in hand to stop their husbands and sons engaging and participating in the US-possible war against the innocent and defenseless people.

"For many successive years we have

and future and we put a kiss on her and give each one a flower on IWD occasion. We dream that peace will prevail in the world and the smile will come back to every child" he added.

Mr. Gunz said "The plight of women in wartime is a subject of considerable

problem lies not in the international laws themselves but in implementing and respecting these laws.

Besides the conference there was a photo exhibition showing women's suffering during armed conflicts all over the world.



A view of the panel

been watching that cruel massacres in Palestine that become a usual sight to look at on all TV screens and the international world turn blind eye on. The night has an end. We claim US to stop practice terror against innocent people under so-called terror fighting. Finally we appreciate every woman role in building the societies

importance for the ICRC, which organizes that raising awareness of this issue goes hand in hand with raising awareness of the protection afforded women by international humanitarian law"

"Unfortunately, today we don't have to look far to see the devastating effect on civilians and particularly on women of armed conflict. If a new war were to take place, the ICRC will hope for the last minute that a war in Iraq can still be averted" he further commented.

The study *Women Facing War* is about women's suffering in situations of armed conflicts stressing that women are not only victims, but also exposed to attacks and threats, and sometimes they are especially targeted.

The study gives a deep analysis mainly about International Humanitarian Law (IHL), also about Human Rights and Refugees Law as a tool to evaluate the protection offered by these laws to women. It contains a general view on the ICRC's practical response to women's need as victims of armed conflicts. The study stresses that it is important that the general and special protection provided by IHL is becoming a reality, assuring that the



Women as shown in this photo are fallen victims to war crimes



Women and children have fallen prey to war disasters

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# Al-Awadhi honored

Mr. Hussein Dhaif Allah al-Awadhi, the minister information was honored last Wednesday by the Yemen Times paper.

The newspaper's coat of arms was presented by Mr. Waleed Abdulaziz al-Saqqaf, the Editor-in-Chief of the Yemen Times during his meeting with minister.

The Editor-in-Chief spoke

highly of efforts made by the minister to update and promote the Yemen's media and the transition that has come into existence when appointed as the information minister.

Establishing media centers in some of the Arab as well as European capitals is a clear indication of the Ministers' keen interest

in the media sector in the republic of Yemen.

On his part, the information minister praised the Time's good progress and efforts made to raise the name of Yemen abroad.

It has to be mentioned here that Mr. al-Awadhi was nominated as the person for the Year 2002 by the Times paper.



Yemen Times Editor (right) presents the award to Mr. Hussein Al-Awadhi, Minister of Information

# Saleh calls Yemenis to vote

President Saleh issued last Monday a republican decree calling on Yemenis to cast their votes during the parliamentary general elections on Sunday April 27<sup>th</sup> 2003. In the meantime the Supreme Committee for Election & Referendum held a meeting and rati-

fied the final voters lists and declared that the total number of voters is 8 million 97 thousand and 162.

The total number of male voters is 4 million 682 thousand and 48 while the total number of female voters is 3 millions 415 thousand and 114.

# 19 orphans need help

Nineteen children have been left after their father passed away.

Their father, Ahmed Abdurahman died last December after he came back from immigration.

His children were left in a hotel abroad in Tanzania.

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### Maintenance and Materials Supervisor

#### Major Responsibilities

- Responsible for maintenance planning for the central processing facility (CPF), camp, well sites and roads in the Tasour field.
- Develops and maintains preventive maintenance schedules for all equipment and wells at the CPF and ensures that they are followed.
- Responsible for maintenance planning, including all routine maintenance and overhauls of all equipment as per manufacturer's recommendation and any modifications suggested by the field staff. The scope of work includes identification of all resources required including manpower, materials and tools.
- Maintains the history of all equipment, including breakdowns, and the remedial actions taken using DNO's non-conformance reporting system.
- Monitors the spare part inventory and makes recommendations regarding any changes in the number of spares required.
- Responsible for the materials and maintenance module in DNO's computer based Materials and Maintenance Information System (MAISY).

### Materials Coordinator

#### Major Responsibilities

- Registers and maintains files of all purchase orders, material order forms, delivery notes and loading notes.
- Responsible for maintenance and safekeeping of the materials and spares in the yards and warehouse.
- Receives materials at site as per instructions from the functional head and issues them to the appropriate person upon receipt of material issue requests (MIRs) approved by the Site Supervisor.
- Verifies the type and quantity of goods received and that the goods and quantity is in accordance with the purchase order (PO), materials order form (MOF) and packing lists.
- Prepares goods received notes (GRNs) in which any discrepancies are noted.
- Tags and bins the received materials.
- Assists the Maintenance and Materials Supervisor with stock checks and maintenance of the inventory list.
- Maintains and operates the materials module in DNO's computer based Maintenance and Materials Information System (MAISY).

### Minimum Experience Requirements

The successful candidates must have minimum five years relevant experience in the petroleum industry. A university degree is preferable, but not a must. Fluency in both written and spoken English and Arabic, as well as good computer skills in Microsoft Word and Excel is essential. Experience with a computer based materials and maintenance system is required for the Maintenance and Materials Supervisor.

Qualified candidates should send their CVs to the Executive Secretary, DNO Yemen, on fax: +967 1 440590; deadline is 31 March, 2003. Please specify the position you are applying for.

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## The Prophet's Hijra,

# Lessons must be learnt



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The possible war on Iraq, the American arrogance, the Arab and Islamic conferences permeated with squabbles and speeding up international events have left their gloomy impact on Islamic peoples and thus the Islamic new year passed in a state of sadness. Many Muslims however, confuse the new Hijriya year with the day of Prophet Mohammed's (mpbh) Hijra (migration) to Al-Madina. Although the Hijri (using the moon

cycle calculation method for months) Calender has taken the name from the Hijra event as such, and in fact, the calender use started in the year the Hijra took place. Towards the end of Saffar or as other sayings claim, the beginning of Rabi'e Al-Awal a great event with meanings of greatness took place. It was a day that changed the course of history and reformulated life in a way the straightened deviation and illuminated the path and reestablished the balance after despotism of pre-Islam period.

The Hijra was not an escape but rather a quest for a more fertile society and environment and more appropriate for accepting the new religion. A quick reading of the Hijra, since its preparations till its fulfillment, discloses clearly its importance and greatness. It reveals to us rare images

of sacrifice for the sake of the religion. The watertight political, strategic, tactical and security thought the Prophet and his companions had pursued depicts cleverness and shrewdness displayed by the Prophet, not only regarding the Hijra but also throughout his entire mode of life.

Biographers have overlooked the thinking, planning and organization of the Hijra. Detecting events and stands during the Hijra, we would find out the Prophet's wisdom and planning and dependence on God and then on the human factor. When the polytheists gathered at Dar al-Nadwa and discussed the way with which to get rid of the Prophet and the infantile call for the new religion, they decided to have forty men from representing all the tribes there to kill the Prophet the time he leaves his house and thus make it a

deed by all the tribes and thus make it impossible for the Prophet's tribe to have revenge. The revelation came upon the Prophet ordering him to migrate. Here the Prophet asked the Imam Ali to stay in the Prophet's bed. The prophet went to the house of his faithful companion Abubakr al-Siddiq and told him about his decision.

As the Prophet was aware that the tribe of Quraish would follow him and they would mostly chase him along the road heading for the city of Madeina to the north of Mecca, he preferred to take the opposite way to the south lading to Yemen and so he travelled five miles to reach the Mountain of Thor. Despite the human effort in camouflage and hiding Quraish managed to reach the cave where they stood at its entrance. Here the God's will interfered to save the

Prophet and his companion as when the chasers saw the spider's cobweb covering the cave entrance and was not damaged they ruled out the Prophet had entered that cave and left the place.

Quraish had used torture to wring out information on the Prophet's migration and they used that way with Imam Ali and Asma' bint Abubakr. They had also used temptation by promising big awards to those who would give information leading to capture the Prophet. It is clear that reading the events of Hijra gives us an idea on the aspects of caution and watchfulness and means of providing protection to the call.

our problem when reading the Prophet's biography as Sir Omar Obaid Hassana in his book "Al-Omma", is that: "The nonability to

view the event with disregard to the time and place, and the nonability to form an objective view through which to deal with the present. The nonability to study the mechanism and tactics to be used in our lives and not merely a story for religious sentiments and seeking miracles of god with no human effort.."

The Prophet's biography is not only consisting of characteristics, and military campaigns and plans, despite their significance, but rather an embodiment of Islam values in immortal life examples capable of covering the nation's movement and guiding her to the end of history. But unfortunately, and as Shiekh AlQardhawi rightly said: " We Muslims are the most ignorant when it comes to God's courses and the Universal laws"

## Russian Ambassador Alexander Zasyppkin to YT:

# Arabs and Russia united on Iraq

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Russian Ambassador to Yemen, H.E. Mr. Alexander Zasyppkin, 51, is known to be one of the most active, and dedicated ambassadors in Yemen. He started working in the diplomatic sector in the Russian Ministry of Foreign Affairs since 73, which means that this year he has marked three decades in service.

He started his diplomatic career in the USSR embassy in Syria where he worked for 17 years. Then he became the Charge d' affaires of his country's embassy in Riyadh and then he started his mission in Yemen as the Minister Plenipotentiary of the Russian Embassy in Sanaa during 1994-95. Then he became the deputy manager of the Middle East and North African Office at the Russian Foreign Ministry. Finally he became the Ambassador of the Russian Federation to the Republic of Yemen in 2002, which is the post he is in today.

In an interview with Yemen Times, Mr. Zasyppkin valued present Yemeni-Russian bilateral relations and said, "There is tangible improvement in bilateral relations between Sanaa and Moscow. Relations have enhanced especially after the latest visit of President Ali Abdullah Saleh to Moscow, which gave the bond between our two countries unprecedented strength."

"It is clear that the discussions that took place between Russian President Vladimir Putin and Yemeni President Saleh have boosted bilateral relations between the two friendly countries after almost a decade of stagnancy."

The Ambassador then briefly stated the main steps taken to achieve better relations between the two countries.

"Firstly, the political dialogue between the two leaders during the latest visit of President Saleh to Moscow tackled major regional and international issues along with bilateral relations which are shaping up in a serious and unique manner. The dialogue has indeed demonstrated that the two leaders have common views on major issues in the world.

Secondly, based on the bilateral cooperation traditions that have been continuous during the last forty years in the military field, the Russian Federation is willing to participate in modernizing the Yemeni military forces. We believe this coincides with the interest of the Yemeni nation and the interest of neighboring nations in terms of security.

Thirdly, unfortunately, throughout the last years relations between the two countries went through tough times especially concerning economic and trade-related cooperation, which was active for more than 75 years between the two friendly nations. However, following the visit of President Saleh to Moscow, interest and determination in investing in Yemen by several Russian companies and investors has increased. A large number of businessmen and



Mr. Alexander Zasyppkin

companies have already applied to Yemen seeking approval to invest in the country in several industrial and exploration fields and in free trade between the two nations. I have come to know that major Russian companies in the oil industry have realized the potential in working on exploring oil in Yemen.

I can say that the number of initiatives and requests to find new projects in fields such as gas, electricity and oil, etc. in Yemen is in the rise. We hope that good circumstances based on international standards will be provided to Russian companies willing to invest in Yemen once they agree to work in oil and gas exploration or in the electricity and trade sectors.

In the meantime, we are intensifying direct contacts with the chambers of commerce and industry in both Sanaa and Moscow to arrive to an agreement that would serve both parties best.

Fourthly, after we have signed the cultural and educational cooperation agreement between the two governments in Moscow in an earlier time, we have now started preparing the executive program that would guarantee the cooperation in this field, which will include all the specific articles in the agreement so as to provide academic scholarships to Yemeni students and to also initiate academic and cultural exchange programs to benefit both countries' peoples."

In an answer to a question on military cooperation and Russian assistance to Yemen so as to modernize the Yemeni military forces, the Russian Ambassador said, "We have to find the appropriate method to cooperate militarily because we do understand the limited resources of Yemen, and we will try to provide Russian assistance - which would not be as much as what used to be during the USSR period - that would include various ways to facilitate payments for purchased weapons."

On the Russian stance concerning the Iraqi issue, the ambassador expressed his satisfaction with the results produced by the last Arab summit held at

Sharam Al-Sheikh in Egypt including the final declaration that openly confirmed Arab opposition of using force to disarm Iraq. This shows that Arabs and Russians are united in their stance concerning Iraq.

The ambassador praised President Saleh's leading role in making a success out of the Arab Summit and his role in the 114-member Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) Conference held in the Malaysian capital Kuala Lumpur.

As for the Russian stance towards the Iraqi issue he said, "We have done our best to limit the chances of a possible US-led war against Iraq. We are confident that a peaceful solution could be found, especially as current circumstances have become more suitable than before for effective inspections."

The 1441 Security Council resolution enabled the UN inspectors to work more efficiently and we think that they will be able to achieve their mission successfully because their ultimate goal is to find whether Iraq still possesses weapons of mass destruction or not."

The Russian Ambassador confirmed that the inspection committees have the capability to achieve the desired goals and that the international community should help them fulfill their responsibilities in a complete manner.

"On its part, Iraq has allowed the UN inspectors to inspect all its installations and also allowed them to make interviews with Iraqi scientists. Furthermore, Iraq's destruction of its Sumoud II missiles demonstrates their cooperation.

When difficulties arise, they can be solved through dialogue and peaceful means between Iraq and the inspectors. Russia strongly rejected the use of force against Iraq without the authorization of the Security Council.

Russia in this respect is ready to look for alternative means to enhance the work of the UN inspectors so as they can establish a detailed and accurate program based on a timetable to schedule all the different phases of the inspections.

When need arises, the inspection committees should be able to increase the number of inspectors on the ground in Iraq.

All these things points have been mentioned in the French-German-Russian memorandum presented to the Security Council days ago."

Bluntly speaking, Russia has the right to veto any resolution that would permit the use of force against Iraq, and we consider this the final resort if a resolution is to be passed for this purpose. When we feel that there could be danger threatening the international peace and security, we will rise to our responsibilities.

As for the Israeli possession of the nuclear weapons, Mr Zasyppkin said that there have been double standards practices at the international level since a long time and Russia has been exerting great efforts to put an end to this phenomenon.

"The anti-nuclear weapons agreements should include all countries of the world. We are in favor of disarming the Middle East region from weapons of mass destruction.

At the same time, achieving that is not an easy task because it encompasses other political and military purposes particularly concerning the Israeli-Arab conflict. This can not be solved overnight because it is an extremely sensitive issue."

Regarding crisis in the Caucasus Mountains, the Ambassador said that

the economic and security conditions have begun to be improved in that region. "This manifests itself when the terror acts are about to be purged in the republic. In addition to this, other vital infrastructures are operated again. Schools opened their doors for students and the social conditions have begun to improve in the entire region," he said.

He added that on March 23, there will be the constitution referendum and the presidential and parliamentary elections.

"Endorsing these laws in the republic

will establish a very strong foundation to reach a satisfactory compromise. Preparations are in full swing to start a dialogue between the majority of the republic and other political forces, particularly those who still have strong isolated stances.

The Russian leadership is confident that the Chechens desire stability in order to lead a happier life for the benefit of the entire nations of the Russian Federation. Canvassing votes is the only mean to achieve the desired goals," he concluded.

## Tender Re-announcement

### Tender No. 1/2003

#### For Supply, Testing, Commissioning, hand-over and Guarantee of Digital Video TV Systems

Yemen General Radio & TV Corporation invites manufacturing companies to supply, test, commission, hand-over and guarantee digital video TV systems. Interested eligible manufacturing companies may contact Yemen General Radio & TV Corporation at the address:

**YEMEN GENERAL RADIO & TV CORP,**  
Project department  
Al-Hasaba area, Beside the Ministry of Public Health and Population,  
P. O. Box (2182), Sana'a, YEMEN  
Telephones: (00967-1-230654/231184)  
Fax: (00967-1-230761/250018)  
E-mail: ycrtv@y.net.ye

To obtain the bidding documents upon payment of a nonrefundable fee of US\$300. Interested bidders who wish to get bidding documents by mail shall pay an additional US\$100 as mailing and handling costs.

Bidder should be manufacturing companies with a good experience in supply, manufacturing, and guarantee of Digital Video TV System. Bidding documents include tender announcement, general conditions, instructions to bidders, contract conditions, technical specifications and documents to be enclosed with the bid.

Bid opening will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, the 5th of April 2003. Any bid received after the above-mentioned date will be rejected.







*In presence of several Ambassadors and prominent personalities*

# Yemen Times celebrates its 12th anniversary

**Y**emen Times celebrated last Thursday evening its 12th foundation anniversary in a colorful and glittering ceremony held at the Taj Sheba Hotel in Sanaa.

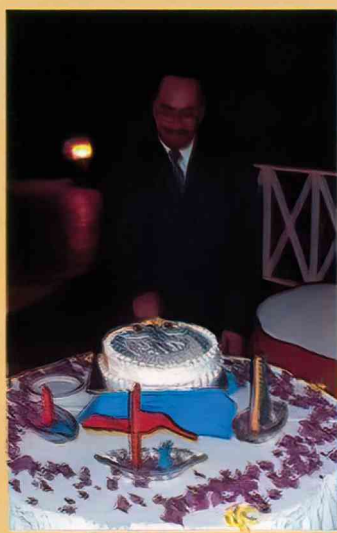
Editor-in-Chief of the newspaper Walid Al-Saqqaf, at the outset in his welcome speech, thanked all the guests who graced the occasion by their presence, which marked the conclusion of 12 years since the newspaper's first issue came out on 28 February 1991 and its entrance into the 13th year.

"Your presence beside us today on this memorable occasion signals your trust and confidence in the Yemen Times. We promise that we'll do our best to rise up to your level of expectations," said Walid Al-Saqqaf.

"We have come a long way since the first issue came out in 28 February 1991, but we surely know that we still have a long road ahead. There have been challenges in the past, but I am glad to inform you that we seem to be going in the right direction. The leadership of the country, headed by President Ali Abdullah Saleh is keen to enhance the freedom of the press and democracy in Yemen, knowing that such human values could promote overall development in the country."

The Editor asserted that the paper continued to play its role in promoting human rights, democracy, and freedom of the press through independent, honest, accurate and professional reporting. He said that "every effort is being exerted to follow the path drawn by the paper's founder Prof. Abdulaziz Al-Saqqaf (may his soul rest in peace).

During his speech, Walid Al-Saqqaf termed last year's developments in the paper 'substantial'. "We have increased the number of the paper's pages by 50% and added new categories and sections



Editor-in-Chief cuts the anniversary cake

to expand our readership and satisfy our regular readers. "One needs not to forget that in this time of globalization, newspapers need to enhance their professional level and improve their service to compete in the world market," he said.

Following his speech, the Education Page team of Yemen Times, led by Dr. Ramakanta Sahu was honored along with Ramzy Alawi. They were presented with a citation in recognition of their role in promoting an awareness about the English language among a wide sector of readership of Yemen Times. "Thousands of readership follow the page every week, and this is mainly due to the attractive, simple, and highly informative lessons prepared and presented by Dr. Sahu in the Education Page" said the Editor.

In the same context, the newspaper seized the opportunity to recognize the glorious contributions of one of the great pioneers in Yemen, namely Dr. Damodar Thakur, who has spent almost three decades in Yemen spreading the light of education. His contribution to the student community through his position as the Chairman of the English department of Sanaa University. Then, he was invited to the podium

to deliver his address. In his address, Dr. Thakur expressed his appreciation for the newspaper's gesture in thanking him for his role in educating thousands of Yemenis in the last three decades, and he also recalled memories of the Saqqaf family starting from Prof. Abdulaziz Al-Saqqaf until the current Editor-in-Chief, Walid Al-Saqqaf. "I have fond memories of Prof. Abdulaziz Al-Saqqaf, who was my colleague at the time and his wife, Aziza who was one of my students. I consider the newspaper my family, and I can see that Walid is on the right track in taking Yemen Times to greater heights towards perfection which is a journey not a destination," he said.

Then, the first five prizes of the Millions Competition held during the last three months were awarded to the winners, who won a total of 1.5 million Yemeni rials. Following the award ceremony, the Sanaa-based sponsor companies were presented with certificates of appreciation and gratitude for their role in supporting Yemen Times in its activities.

Finally, an award was also given to one of the distinguished employees of the Ministry of Information for his dedication, transparency, and professionalism in dealing with the newspaper. Mr. Yahya Al-Kumaim, the Manager of the National Media Department of the Ministry has been cooperative throughout the years in handling issues related to Yemen Times.

Among the guests who attended were the US Ambassador Edmund Hull, UK Ambassador Frances Guy, Chinese Ambassador Gao Yusheng, German Ambassador Werner Zimprich, Italian Ambassador Giacomo Sanfelice di Monteforte, Cuban Ambassador Roberto Rodriguez Pena, Romanian Ambassador Gheorghe Vilcu, Omani Ambassador Abdullah bin Hamad Al-Badi, Palestinian Ambassador Yahya Rabah, Mauritanian Ambassador

Ahmado Sidi, plus a large number of diplomats, intellectuals and prominent personalities.

Following the presentation of awards, a number of statements by guests including Ambassadors and other important personalities were recorded. Here we publish a few excerpts:



**Mr. Abdulwahab Thabet**, a well-known Yemeni Businessman said "I'd like to point out that that the Yemen Times is

the first English newspaper widely read whether inside or outside the country. Actually, I greatly admire the articles written in the paper."

"I suggest that as a widely-read English newspaper, it should coordinate with the private sector, the well-known Yemeni businessmen in Yemen to push the domestic industries and economy and to face boldly the attack against that factor. "This manifests itself clearly whether in smuggling operations which constitutes a threat to the national economy or the external competitions. "This will in turn pave the way for the paper to depend entirely on those aspects rather than depending on advertisements from the cover to cover," he further noted.

The services rendered by the paper in this regard will not only reach that sector, but also the Yemeni people at large and ultimately the government.

Mr. Abdulwahab added further that certain inescapable problems are crippling the Yemeni government and that the government does not seem to be aware of those risks. Unemployment has an unprecedented rise in Yemen due to the unavailability of job opportunities for the university graduates.

"Under such circumstances, Yemen will face tangled problems

## Winners of Millions Competition receive their prizes



First winner, Ahmed Azzan, holds his prize, a cheque of YR 1,000,000



Mansour Al-Faqeh receives his YR 200,000 cheque prize



Khalid Abdu Noaman receives his YR 100,000 cheque prize



Abdu Ahmed Al-Saadi receives his YR 100,000 cheque prize



Ahmed Abdu Al-Hodeifi receives his YR 100,000 cheque prize

if such indifference remains as it is," he concluded.



On his part, **Hani Shehadeh**, the Area Manager of the Consolidated Contractors International Company, CCC congratulated the

staff of the newspaper on the 12th anniversary and expressed his admiration for the progress achieved by the paper.

"I feel proud of being close friend to the deceased founder of the Yemen Times, Dr. Abdulaziz al-Saqqaf since the establishment of the paper," he said.

"It is the first English newspaper which encompasses different useful information for the foreign readers. It is a valuable source for foreigners who arrive in Yemen and they show a keen eagerness to know about Yemen through internet," Mr. Shehadeh noted further.

"On our part, we advice foreigners or those whom we meet to take the Yemen Times as an informed source for news about political or economic conditions," he further noted.

Mr. Shehadeh has been deeply impressed by the contents of the paper particularly by what has been written on tourism in Yemen. In view of this emphasis placed by the Area Manager of the CCC over new investment processes, "a quarter or even a half page should be allotted to deal with issues like investment projects, to whom these have been allotted, and the future

projects which center around investment, and encouraging the Arab as well as foreign investors to invest their capitals in Yemen.

A good number of the Arab as well as foreign businessmen arrive in Yemen and no interest has been shown about them or at least about how to encourage them.

As for the CCC, Mr. Shehadeh said that the CCC company has been running its businesses since 1952 and the company has become a part of the Yemen and Yemen has become a part of the CCC.

"We except to enter new investment opportunities in the Free Zone. We are also about to implement a huge electricity project in Marib. We intend to bring Arab as well as foreign capitals to be invested in Yemen in the process of establishing huge new projects," he concluded.



**Mr. O.P. Bajaj**, the Indian chargé d'affaires said, "Yemen Times is one of the best newspapers in Yemen which brings the facts

thoroughly. So the general public knows the facts."

Well, I don't miss the paper. I read it thoroughly when the Yemen Times comes.

I think the Yemen Times covers most of the items which are typical of the day and now it is publishing what is called collusion war against terrorism and bringing out the international implications if Iraq is attacked.

## Distribution of certificates of acknowledgement



Abdulwahab Thabet, Chairman of Thabet Group of Companies, receives certificate



Mr. Bassam Ahmed, receives certificate on behalf of Artex Trading Company



Mr. Philip receives certificate on behalf of Taj Sheba Hotel



Representative of Yemen-Gulf Bank receives certificate



Mr. Rasheed Ali, receives certificate on behalf of Videocon

## Presentation of citation to the Education Page team



Dr. Ramakanta Sahu and Mr. Ramzy Alawi being honored by the Editor-in-Chief



Prof. Damodar Thakur addresses the assembly



Dr. Sahu responds to the felicitation given to him



# 12<sup>th</sup> anniversary observed



Editor with US Ambassador Edmund Hull and his spouse



Editor with Italian Ambassador



With Chinese Ambassador



With Iranian Ambassador



Editor Receives Mr. Tareq Abdulaws'e Hayel Saeed, Chairman of United Insurance Company



With the Cuban Ambassador



With Omani Ambassador



With Indonesian Ambassador and his spouse



Editor Receives French Embassy's Premier Counselor



Editor with Mr. John Balan of the US Embassy and his fiancée



With Prof. Damodar Thakur



On his part, **Jiri Pulkrab**, Deputy Head of the Mission at the Embassy of the Czech Republic said: "We at the Czech Embassy are quite happy with the paper. Personally, I would prefer the economic news. This is something I like to read only not only from the Yemen Times as there are very few information about the Yemeni economic situation. This is what I would personally welcome," he said.



**Ms. Cathy Westley**, the Political Attaché of the US Embassy in Sana'a highly commended the efforts exerted by the Times' staff. The paper's role towards, "Yemen's guests" in particular is to cover events which are useful for foreigners and those who have a keen interest in Yemen and Yemenis.

### Window to Yemen



**Mr. Giacomo Sanfelice Di Monteforte**, the Ambassador of Italy, said: "In general the high quality of articles, comments that are published in this paper are a useful source for foreigners, diplomats in particular living in Yemen, because it explains so many facets of Yemen in politics and civil society. So, I would say, it is a window open for foreigners which is very rich and very useful way to communicate and understand. I wish long-life to the Yemen Times and I'm happy to take part in this celebration.



The US Cultural Attaché, **John Balian** said that: "The Yemen Times, in terms of English publications in Yemen, is one of the best that I've seen in terms of its journalistic approach. Every newspaper, every media outlet has room to improve and the Yemen Times has also a room to improve."

But, given the conditions and given the market and everything else,

I think the Yemen Times is doing a good job and I hope that we will help the Yemen Times and other newspapers in Yemen improve in presentation, journalistic standards, and everything else.

I will be working with Waleed and others to bring journalism up to international standards.

### News widely covered



On his part, **HE, Mr. Abdullah Bin Hamad al-Badi**, the Ambassador of Oman said: "First of all, we'd like to congratulate the Yemen Times on its 12th anniversary. It is noticeable that there is a considerable progress on the part of the articles written."

The paper has allotted a good space for the GCC countries and this a good initiative taken by the Times paper.

This is as a matter of fact, something praiseworthy. What I like most is that local news is widely covered. Those news are accurate. If we notice the front page news, we notice they are realistic and accurate.



**Mr. Anwar Churekeev**, the Cultural Attaché of the Russian embassy said that: "Yemen Times is the only source to obtain information either political, economic, historical, or social in all its aspects."

"I hope that the paper will broaden its horizons with regard to the local events," Mr. Anwar said.

He suggested that the paper should allocate a sizeable space for Yemen's economy and investment opportunities. Such issues as Mr. Anwar indicated will motivate the Yemeni as well as the foreign investors to invest their capitals in Yemen at a time in which the paper has become a useful reference for most of the international centers.

"The Yemen Times is one of the pioneering English newspapers preferred by the diplomats here in Yemen," he concluded.



**Mr. Esa Abdulaziz Qasem**, Chairman, al-Hussein Schools said: "We are proud of the paper and therefore, the

lessons which have been prepared and presented by Dr. Sahu, are used as teaching materials at the International Studies Academy.



**Mahdi Allawi**, the Regional Manager of the Arab Bank, said that a distinctive feature of the paper is the comprehensive coverage of the issues, studies, and supplements about a number of vital sectors such as education, banks, economy, and other. It is by all means a useful source of reference.



**Tareq Abdulwasa'e**, General Manager of the United Insurance said that the paper is in continuous progress and is one of the papers which every one feels proud of.

"We are keen to advertise in the paper for its being widely read among the foreign companies and I suggest earmarking a page, on technology focusing on everything new," he said.



**Khaled al-Anesi**, from Allawo Corp. said that the institutional work as that of Yemen is rare and that the Yemen Times is a good example of the institutional work. It has achieved a great success and progress and could preserve its independence despite the political changes. The journalistic success lies in its long-term experience and its dexterous staff.

### Better than before



**Waleed Akkawi**, the Marketing Manager of Spacetel Yemen said: "We feel proud of the Yemen Times paper for being one of the pioneering newspapers and a considerable progress is clearly discernible which has become an essential part of the paper."



**Mr. Nadeem Abdulwahed Sales** Manager of Zubayen Group said: "The paper has gained a wide reputation in terms of its credibility and an appreciable style for news items. What has made the paper better than others is its unbiased attitude in dealing with issues. Its coverage of the social, economic, and cultural issues is praiseworthy.



**Ziad Abdulmajead**, the General Manager of the Mam Company said: "The paper has been progressing by leaps and bounds and nowadays it is better than it was three years before.

"What I want to suggest here is that the paper has to increase the space in the front page so as to pave the way for other news to be published," he said.



**Saleem Sheikh (Hertz)** The Yemen Times is the only source for news and is marked by its wide ranging coverage either local or international along with earmarking an educational page. This is something great.



A group photo of Yemen Times Staff taken just after the event



## Fighting in Ivory Coast Rebels wreak havoc on government

GUESSABO, Ivory Coast, March 8 (Reuters) - Swarms of rebels attacked French troops and villages near a key river crossing in western Ivory Coast on Saturday, causing hundreds of terrified residents to flee.

Automatic gunfire could be heard coming from the west of Guessabo early on Saturday morning after the French army said the rebels tried to punch through onto the main highway between Duekoue and the cocoa centre of Daloa.

The latest clashes erupted the same day Ivorian rebels and politicians agreed in Ghana to set up a joint security council and form a new government by March 14, the latest attempt to end more than five months of civil war.

"Since dawn, there have been numerous clashes with armed elements trying to break through between Duekoue and Dibobly, which is by the Sassandra river," said French army spokesman Philippe Perret.

Two French soldiers received light injuries, he said.

Fighting in the lush, cocoa-rich west of the former French colony has become increasingly anarchic as rebel groups, Liberian mercenaries fighting on both sides and ethnic militias have formed groups to loot and kill.

Heavy fighting broke out in the western town of Bangolo on Friday, north of French positions at Duekoue. Rebels

said many civilians were killed in an attack which they repulsed. Ivory Coast's army said it was not behind the attack.

"(Saturday's attack) was an act of reprisal for what happened yesterday in Bangolo. My troops wanted to take revenge against the (Ivorian army) but the French army got in between," Ousmane Coulibaly, a western rebel commander told Reuters.

He said his troops had withdrawn after the dawn raids and said two of his fighters received light injuries.

Some 3,000 French troops are in Ivory Coast to protect their remaining citizens and to police a shaky cease-fire line. The French army in the west said it took seven hours to beat back the rebel attacks.

"It is urgent that the international community helps Ivory Coast put an end to the disorder in the west of the country," Ivory Coast's army spokesman Jules Yao Yao said.

"We must, above all, stop what is starting to look like the shifting of Liberia's own conflict onto Ivorian territory and the risk of tribal war," he said in a statement on Saturday.

Civil war broke out in the world's biggest cocoa grower after a failed coup in September. Several thousand people have died since then and more than a million people have fled abroad as refugees or to safer areas of Ivory Coast.



Hundreds of refugees walk into the Ivory Coast town of Guessabo, some 450 kilometers from the main city Abidjan, early Mar. 8, saying rebels had taken the village of Dibobly, some 10 kilometers away. Armed men attacked French troops and villages near a key river crossing in western Ivory Coast on Saturday morning, the French army said. REUTERS

### Field Sales Representative

DHL Yemen Ltd. is currently seeking for experienced personnel for its Sana'a office.

#### Major Responsibilities

- ∞ Accomplish sales targets.
- ∞ Monitor tariff and special rates and ensure correct and agreed rates are implemented.
- ∞ Research sales potentials and develop additional accounts or cash clients.
- ∞ Update customers on company's services and provide solutions to their express requirements.
- ∞ Write weekly and monthly reports

#### Minimum Requirements

- ∞ 3-5 years experience in field sales.
- ∞ Proficient in English and Arabic, both spoken and written.
- ∞ Familiar with Microsoft Word and Excel.
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## Expecting weapon of mass destruction in action Anti-chemical teams deploy on streets of Kuwait

KUWAIT, March 8 (Reuters) - Czech and Slovak troops trained to respond to chemical, biological and nuclear attacks began deploying on the streets of Kuwait on Saturday in preparation for any retaliatory strike in the case of war against Iraq.

A massive U.S.-led force has gathered in the Kuwaiti desert for a possible invasion of neighbouring Iraq with the stated aim of ridding the country of weapons of mass destruction. Iraq denies having such weapons.

The joint Czech-Slovak battalion, with expertise built up during the Cold War, will patrol the streets of Kuwait City, military bases and vital installations including the Kuwaiti oilfields, Czech Colonel Dusan Lupuljev said.

"Our main task is to save lives and to mitigate the consequences of the possible use of weapons of mass destruction and other disasters," Lupuljev told reporters.

"My unit is able to cover and deal with full scenarios of all known chemical warfare agents, radiological agents and biological agents."



Members of the 1-st Czech/Slovak NBC defence battalion show the press NBC protection gear in a military camp in the suburbs of Kuwait city on Mar. 8. The United States, Britain and Spain on Friday proposed a Mar. 17 ultimatum for Iraq to obey disarmament demands or face war, but their U.N. draft resolution faces a possible triple veto. REUTERS

Part of the joint battalion of about 400 Czech and 60 Slovak troops could move into Iraq in the event of an Iraqi attack on invading forces with chemical

or biological weapons.

The battalion's sealed reconnaissance vehicles are equipped to detect chemical or biological agents in the air.

Wearing all-enveloping suits, masks and respirators, the soldiers have equipment to decontaminate up to 1,000 people per hour.

## U.S. sanctions are racist attack-Zimbabwe official

HARARE, March 8 (Reuters) - A senior Zimbabwean official condemned on Saturday a U.S. decision to impose sanctions on the leadership as part of a "white racist" attack on a government he said was fighting for the interests of its black majority.

U.S. President George W. Bush on Friday imposed economic sanctions on Zimbabwean President Robert Mugabe and 76 other high-ranking government officials, accusing them of undermining democracy in the impoverished southern African country.

Bush, following the lead of the European Union, issued an executive order freezing their assets and barring Americans from engaging in any transactions or dealings with them.

The Zimbabwean official said the new sanctions were part of a well-coordinated attack on Mugabe by British Prime Minister Tony Blair, who he said was angry over Mugabe's seizures of white-owned farms in Zimbabwe, a former British colony.

"All these sanctions being imposed on us are unjustified because they are part of a racist campaign against our land reform programme," said the official, who declined to be named.

"This is not about democracy, human rights or about any concern for the welfare of blacks. This is about our land and heritage," he told Reuters.

The opposition Movement for Democratic Change (MDC) welcomed

the U.S. sanctions, saying they represented a principled stand against tyranny.

Mugabe has been under fire from the West over the alleged rigging of an election last year and the persecution of political foes, as well as the seizure of white-

owned farms for redistribution to landless blacks.

The United States, the Commonwealth and the European Union, encouraged by rights groups, have all imposed some travel, aid and economic sanctions on

Zimbabwe.

Blair has been particularly critical of Mugabe, leading opposition to the Zimbabwean government in the European Union.



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**As war countdown approaches**

# Blix gives mixed picture of Iraqi cooperation

UNITED NATIONS, March 7 (Reuters) - Chief U.N. inspector Hans Blix said on Friday that Iraq's cooperation fell short of U.N. Security Council demands but applauded Baghdad's recent scrapping of al-Samoud missiles.

"The destruction undertaken constitutes a substantial measure of disarmament — indeed, the first since the middle of the 1990s," Blix said. "We are not watching the breaking of toothpicks. Lethal weapons are being destroyed."

His colleague, Mohamed ElBaradei, who fields nuclear arms teams, was even more positive.

"After three months of intrusive inspections, we have to date found no evidence or plausible indication of the revival of a nuclear weapons program in Iraq," ElBaradei said.

In delivering a fairly favorable report on Iraqi cooperation to the U.N. Security Council, Blix gave ammunition to those who want inspections to continue, although he made clear many disarmament issues were unresolved.

"It is obvious that, while the numerous initiatives, which are now taken by the Iraqi side with a view to resolving

some long-standing open disarmament issues, can be seen as 'active,' or even 'proactive,' these initiatives three-four months into the new resolution cannot be said to constitute 'immediate' cooperation," said Blix, in charge of chemical and biological weapons and ballistic missiles.

"Nor do they necessarily cover all areas of relevance," he added.

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U.S. Secretary of State Colin Powell, who is pressing the council to give Iraq a deadline to cooperate, said in an interview that the inspectors could only do so much.

"They are doing a reasonably effective job in light of what they are able to do, and they are only able to do what the Iraqis are really allowing them to do," he told ABC television.

"I think I have better information than the inspectors. I think I have more assets available to me than the inspectors do," he added, referring to U.S. intelligence gathering.

Asked why the United States does not give them that information, he said: "We are giving them as much as we can

that is actionable, that really can cue them to something."

Blix praised Iraq's decision to destroy 34 of its al-Samoud 2 missiles, whose range exceeded U.N. limits, as well as four training missiles, two combat warheads, one launcher, five engines and two casting chambers since March 1.

But his presentation contrasted sharply with a 167-page document he gave to council members that lists 29 areas of unresolved weapons issues and a "to do" list of steps Iraq should take to comply.

This report, released by Reuters on Thursday, disputes Iraq's claim of how much anthrax it had destroyed, says it may be developing new banned missiles and calls on Baghdad to surrender any remaining biological, chemical or Scud missiles and to explain the fate of aerial bombs and missing chemical agents. Blix said that if inspections continued and Iraq cooperated, "it would not take years, nor weeks, but months."

"Neither governments nor inspectors would want disarmament inspections to go on forever," he said.



The United Nations Security Council meets at U.N. headquarters in New York, Mar. 7, to hear Dr. Hans Blix, Executive Chairman of the United Nations Monitoring, Verification and Inspection Commission (UNMOVIC) deliver a report on weapons inspection in Iraq. REUTERS

**Violence and counterviolence continues**

# Israel kills Hamas military head, Hamas vows revenge

GAZA, March 8 (Reuters) - Israel killed the top commander of Hamas's military wing and three other militants in a helicopter missile strike on a car in the Gaza Strip on Saturday, drawing vows of revenge from the militant Islamic group.

Ibrahim al-Maqadma, 51, was a founder of Hamas and was believed to be the top commander of its military wing, which has waged a suicide bombing campaign against Israel since the signing of interim peace accords with the Jewish state in 1993.

Four Israeli helicopter gunships swooped out of the sky and blasted a car in which Maqadma and three other militants were driving, turning it into a heap of charred, smoking wreckage and scattering body parts along the Gaza City road, witnesses said.

Hamas's military wing ordered its cells to take revenge, including by killing Israeli political leaders. The Palestinian Authority strongly condemned Maqadma's "assassination" and said it would hold Israel responsible for its consequences.

Hours after the missile strike, Palestinian President Yasser Arafat nominated Mahmoud Abbas, a senior PLO official, as prime minister, a step on the way to major reforms of the Palestinian Authority demanded by international mediators.

Maqadma was the most senior Palestinian militant Israel has killed since the Palestinian uprising began in September 2000 after a deadlock in peace talks.

The missile strike was the latest move in a wave of violence that has rocked Israelis and Palestinians, frustrating U.S. efforts to calm 29 months of bloodshed as it tries to rally international support for a possible war on Iraq.

Thousands of Palestinians at Maqadma's funeral urged Hamas's Izzel-Deen al-Qassam military wing to carry out revenge attacks.

"The Qassam brigades will cut off a 100 heads in return for the death of our martyr. Our words will soon be translated into action," Hamas supporters chanted through loudspeakers.

"There is a call and an order from Hamas's political leadership to the Qassam brigades to target Israeli lead-



Hamas supporters march along a Gaza city street shouting slogans hours after an Israeli strike claimed the life of one of their top leaders Mar. 8. An Israel helicopter gunship fired missiles at a car, killing Ibrahim al-Maqadma, 50, a top Hamas military leader and a founder of the group. Three other militants were also killed in the attack. REUTERS

ers," senior Hamas leader Abdel-Aziz al-Rantissi told mourners.

Hamas leaders said the killing was a major loss for the group. "They've crossed the red line," said Ismail Haniyah, a senior leader of Hamas, which is sworn to Israel's destruction. "They have opened a new battle field," he said.

**Hamas threatens Israeli leaders**

An Israeli security source described Maqadma as "a key decision maker in Hamas" and said he had been the top leader of the group's military wing for the past two decades.

Hamas sources said Maqadma was the brains behind Hamas's armed wing and its top commander, though Hamas political leaders said he was not involved in military activities.

Palestinian cabinet minister Saeb Erekat told Reuters: "We condemn in the strongest possible terms the new assassination in Gaza and we hold the Israeli government fully responsible for the

consequences of this act."

On the political front, Arafat nominated Abbas, who has kept a back channel open to Israel during the fighting, as the first Palestinian prime minister, a post he is creating under intense Western pressure.

Arafat did not set a date for the appointment or spell out Abbas's powers. Abbas, known by his nom de guerre Abu Mazen, has said he will accept the job only if he is given significant powers.

Violence has escalated in recent days. On Wednesday, a Palestinian suicide bomber killed 15 people on an Israeli bus which a top Hamas leader said was an attack by the group.

Hours later, 12 Palestinians were killed in an Israeli raid in Gaza and on Friday Hamas gunmen killed two Jewish settlers when they infiltrated the West Bank settlement of Kiryat Arba and opened fire on settlers gathering for prayers. The gunmen shot dead a husband and

wife before holing up in a religious seminary where they were killed by soldiers.

Shortly afterwards, two Palestinian militants tried to infiltrate the neighbouring Negohot settlement and were killed in a gunbattle with soldiers, an army spokesman said. One of the gunmen detonated an explosive belt around his waist, he said.

A leaflet handed out in the Palestinian-ruled part of Hebron said Hamas claimed responsibility for the Negohot attempt in "revenge for the massacres of Palestinians, especially in Gaza".

Most Palestinians consider settlements on occupied land as legitimate targets for attack. The international community views the settlements as illegal, but Israel disputes this.

On Friday, the army seized part of the northern Gaza Strip in what the army called an open-ended campaign to thwart Hamas rocket attacks on Israel. Gaza has been a key flashpoint during the uprising, in which at least 1,918 Palestinians and 722 Israelis have been killed.

# Palestinians protest against U.S., Israel

RASHIDIYEH, Lebanon, March 8 (Reuters) - Thousands of Palestinians marched through a teeming refugee camp in southern Lebanon on Saturday, denouncing U.S. President George W. Bush as a "butcher" and venting anger against Israel.

"Struggle, struggle against Bush the butcher and (Israeli President Ariel) Sharon the butcher," chanted protesters, referring to the Israeli Prime Minister.

Some 7,000 men, women and children filled the streets in a show of anger against Israel and its ally the United States, the day after Israeli tanks and troops stormed a Gaza Strip refugee camp, carrying out raids in which 11 Palestinians were killed.

Israel also killed four Hamas militants in a helicopter missile strike in Gaza on Saturday. The raids followed a Palestinian suicide attack that killed 15 people on an Israeli bus.

Witnesses said protesters burned U.S. and Israeli flags and waved Iraqi and Palestinian flags in the Rashidiyeh camp near the port city of Tyre.

The demonstration on Saturday in the camp echoed protests in Lebanon's second city Tripoli on Friday where demonstrators demanded the expulsion of the U.S. ambassador and waved pictures of Iraqi President Saddam Hussein.

Washington is seeking a second U.N. resolution to authorise an invasion of Iraq and has dismissed Baghdad's moves to disarm as too little, too late. The United States and Britain have given Saddam a March 17 deadline to get rid of its alleged weapons of mass destruction.

Two Israeli reconnaissance planes and Israeli planes swooped over parts of southern Lebanon as the march went on, witnesses said. An Israeli reconnaissance plane was also spotted over south Lebanon last week.

# After Blix report Iraq demands end to sanctions

BAGHDAD, March 8 (Reuters) - President Saddam Hussein called on the U.N. Security Council on Saturday to lift 12 years of sanctions against Iraq after what he said was its fulfilling of its disarmament commitments.

In a statement after a meeting chaired by Saddam, the Iraqi leadership made a set of demands it said the Security Council should implement after the reports by chief weapons inspectors Hans Blix and Mohamed ElBaradei on Friday.

"The embargo against Iraq should be lifted totally and comprehensively after America's motives were revealed to the world and after Iraq abided by Security Council resolutions," the statement said.

It also demanded that the Security Council denounce the United States and Britain as "liars", strip Israel of its alleged weapons of mass destruction and force it to pull out of "Palestine and occupied Arab land".

The United States and Britain reject Iraq's disarmament moves as insufficient and are threatening imminent war. They have put forward a new draft resolution at the Security Council which would give Baghdad until March 17 to disarm or face an inva-

sion. Some 300,000 American and British troops are deployed within a striking distance of Iraq.

Chief U.N. inspector Hans Blix told the U.N. Security Council on Friday Iraq's cooperation fell short of Council demands but applauded Baghdad's scrapping of al-Samoud missiles.

The meeting was attended by members of the ruling Baath Party, Revolutionary Command Council and the parliament speaker.

The statement said Blix and ElBaradei had testified that Iraq was sincere and implementing accurately Security Council resolutions.

"After the stage that Iraq had reached in implementing the commitments defined by the Security Council...the world, its peoples and most of its governments have come to realise the real aims of the American administration," the statement said.

"It wants to cover what it wants to do with allegations that Iraq did not implement Security Council resolutions," it said. "But testimonies on the truthfulness of what we say and the accuracy in implementation come from the concerned specialists led by the committee of Blix and ElBaradei."



## Several said killed in northern Afghan fighting

KABUL, March 8 (Reuters) - Several people have been killed or wounded in a fresh outbreak of fighting between supporters of two rival warlords in Afghanistan's northern province of Faryab, a top commander from the area said on Saturday.

Fighting erupted on Friday when Uzbek warlord General Abdul Rashid Dostum's men attacked positions held by supporters of Ustad Atta Mohammad's Jamiat-e-Islami faction in Pashtoon Kot district, south of Faryab's provincial capital, he said.

"It is still going on," Sayed Mohammad, an aide to Atta and a top general in Faryab, told Reuters by telephone from the area.

"Several people from our side have been either killed or wounded and they have taken five of our people prisoners," he said.

General Majid Roozi, a deputy for Dostum said he was unaware of any clashes.

About six people, mostly family members of one of Atta's commanders, were killed by Dostum's soldiers in Pashtoon Kot two weeks ago. Tensions have since been on the rise between the factions in several parts of Faryab, Mohammad said.

He said both factions were building up their strength in the area of Friday's clash and other parts of northern Afghanistan, which could lead to a spread of the fighting.

He accused Dostum, an ex-communist general who is now a deputy defence minister in the U.S.-backed government, of trying to gain ground by force, and vowed this would be resisted.

The fighting came days after several people were killed in skirmishes between supporters of Atta and Dostum in Sari Pul province and despite U.N. efforts to encourage warlords to disarm.

Atta is also part of the government of President Hamid Karzai, serving as a corps commander and northern commander of Jamiat-e-Islami, dominant faction of the Northern Alliance, which forms the backbone of the administration.

The rival factions have fought bitterly in several northern areas since Karzai's government came to power in late 2001 after the collapse of the former Taliban regime, causing the deaths of dozens of non-combatants forcing hundreds to flee their homes.

The United Nations says it has suspended aid work in parts of northern Afghanistan because of fighting.

It says Karzai is due to announce a strategy this month to disarm warlord militias before national elections in mid-2004.

## Tension raises in the region

# U.S., allies see North Korea missile test amid Iraq move

SEOUL/WASHINGTON, March 8 (Reuters) - South Korea and the United States said North Korea appeared set to test a missile within days, stepping up pressure for U.S. concessions in a nuclear standoff while Washington is preoccupied with Iraq.

Allies Seoul and Washington played down the communist state's declaration of a maritime exclusion zone — an apparent preparation for a missile launch — while Japan urged Pyongyang to avoid further steps to escalate the nuclear crisis.

South Korean and U.S. officials said the North declared the exclusion zone in the Sea of Japan from March 8-11, in what was seen as a strong sign it was planning its second missile test in two weeks.

"We are aware that they are preparing to fire a missile, probably between this weekend and early next week," a South Korean Defence Ministry spokesman said on Saturday.

On February 24, North Korea fired a short-range anti-ship cruise missile into the Sea of Japan, a test that startled its neighbours and carried out a day before South Korea swore in its new president, Roh Moo-hyun.

Another missile test had been widely expected by the North's neighbours as Pyongyang seeks to pressure the United States to hold bilateral talks and sign a non-aggression pact to resolve the nuclear crisis.

"It was predictable the North would take a tougher line," said Kim Jung-ro, a Unification Ministry spokesman.

But any new test would follow a step-by-step escalation of provocations by North Korea that parallels the U.S. war timetable in Iraq. Critics say U.S. President George W. Bush is allowing Iraq to distract him from a crisis possibly more serious.

Earlier this week, Japanese media reported the North was close to restarting a nuclear fuel reprocessing plant that could produce weapons-grade plutonium.

U.S. officials said last week that North Korea, believed to be developing missiles capable of reaching parts of the United States, had restarted a research reactor at Yongbyon, north of Pyongyang. Plutonium could be extracted from the reactor's spent fuel rods.

Four North Korean MiG fighter jets buzzed a U.S. spy plane in international airspace on Sunday and a similar plane violated South Korean airspace last month.

"We're not overly concerned"

Washington is possibly weeks away from launching a war against Iraq. At the United Nations on Friday the United States, Britain and Spain pro-

posed a March 17 ultimatum for Iraq to obey disarmament demands or face war, but their U.N. draft resolution faces a possible triple veto.

U.S. B-52 and B-1 bombers landed on the Pacific island of Guam this week as a deterrent to Pyongyang in the event of a U.S.-led war against Iraq. North Korean media called the deployment part of U.S. preparations for "pre-emptive attack".

The U.S. Defence Department said on Friday North Korea had declared an exclusion zone off its east coast, a standard measure prior to weapons testing.

"We are certainly aware that they have filed a notice of exclusion. That is typically a precursor to a missile test. But we're not overly concerned," said

Navy Lieutenant-Commander Jeff Davis, a Pentagon spokesman.

The United States also played down last month's missile test, saying the North had given prior notification.

Japanese Foreign Ministry spokesman Hatsuhiya Takashima on Saturday urged Pyongyang to avoid steps to raise tensions further.

"We urge North Korea restraint. If such action is carried out, it will only raise tensions and is highly undesirable," he said.

Roh's office declined to comment on the expected test. Such short-range missile tests do not violate international treaties and laws. However, the North has tested long-range missiles before, firing a multi-stage Taepodong-

1 missile over Japan in 1998.

The stand-off over North Korea's nuclear ambitions has complicated the Bush administration's focus on Iraq.

On Thursday, Bush said he sought a multilateral diplomatic approach to North Korea, which he has bracketed with Iraq and Iran as part of an "axis of evil".

"This is a regional issue ... because there's a lot of countries that have got a direct stake in whether or not North Korea has a nuclear weapon," he told a news conference on Thursday, mentioning Japan, South Korea, Russia and China.

"We're working the issue hard and I'm optimistic we'll come up with a diplomatic solution," he said.



A steam plume can be seen rising from North Korea's 5MW nuclear reactor facility in Yongbyon in this Mar. 5, satellite image. North Korea has declared a maritime exclusion zone off its coast in the Sea of Japan in a step that could signal a pending new missile test, the U.S. Defense Department said on Mar. 7. The move comes amid rising tension in the region in a crisis over North Korea's nuclear ambitions. REUTERS

## Chinese police nab suspect in university blasts

BEIJING, March 8 (Reuters) - A farm worker has confessed to causing explosions at two prestigious Beijing universities, but his motives are not yet known, police said on Saturday.

Beijing police spokesman Liu Wei told reporters that Huang Minxiang, 27, was caught in his home province of Fujian early on Saturday morning and had admitted to causing both explosions within two hours of each other on February 25.

"That's what he admitted to," Liu said.

Liu said police had no details of why Huang might have set off home-made bombs in the cafeterias at Peking and Tsinghua Universities, which injured at least nine people and shattered glass doors and windows, or whether he had acted alone.

Access to explosives is fairly easy in China, which has seen bombings linked to Muslim separatists, disgruntled workers and spurned lovers.

The official Xinhua news agency said Huang worked on a farm on the island province of Hainan, off the country's southern coast. Police in Huang's native city of Fuzhou, on the southeast coast, were sending him to Beijing, Liu said.

The blasts stunned students used to relative safety on campus and prompted questions about social unrest as officials from around the country descended on Beijing for China's annual two-week session of parliament, which opened on Wednesday.

Police were under government orders to "crack the case as soon as possible", Liu said during the rare police news conference to announce Huang's arrest.

Peking University police said this week they had identified a male suspect between 20 and 40 years old, caught by security cameras, in their hunt for the people behind the explosions.

Beijing's new mayor Meng Xuenong said on Friday routine safety measures had been taken since the double bombings but tried to quell concerns over the incident.

"The security situation at Peking and Tsinghua Universities is good on the whole. This was a chance incident," he said on the sidelines of the parliament session. "It has no influence whatsoever on our building a world-class city."

## Bangladeshi acid victims rally for rights

DHAKA, March 8 (Reuters) Nearly 200 women defaced in acid attacks by mostly jilted lovers rallied in the Bangladeshi capital, Dhaka, on Saturday, seeking protection for their families and other women, and the right to live an honourable life.

The Acid Survivors Foundation, which organised the event, said it was held to mark International Women's Day, an annual event that highlights women's struggle for equality and justice in the workplace, home and society.

"The number of acid victims is rising in the country," said Monira Rahman, executive director of the foundation, which was set up to fight injustices against women and help acid victims in particular.

"We are fighting for their protection and rights, and are hoping for a day when our girls will no longer be defaced."

The activists called for protection for

other women and their own families, who are often threatened by the offenders to prevent them taking legal action.

Most acid victims usually become dependent on their poor families and rarely venture out of their homes out of shame.

Bangladeshi women are sometimes tortured by their husbands when they fail to come up with a dowry, by men who have been refused love and by influential people seeking to settle scores with the victims' families, foundation officials said.

Foundation records showed 485 women were attacked with acid across the country in 2002 — a nearly 50 percent rise over the previous year. "Most of the victims are women who fell prey to jilted lovers or boyfriends," Rahman said.

Foundation officials linked the rise in attacks to what they called a general breakdown of law and order in the country.

## India shuts refinery in northeast after blast

GUWAHATI, India, March 8 (Reuters) - Separatist rebels blew up a large petrol storage tank and bombed a gas pipeline in India's oil-rich Assam state on Saturday, the group said.

The guerrillas blew up the tank at the Digboi refinery, India's oldest which is operated by state-controlled Indian Oil Corp's (IOC)

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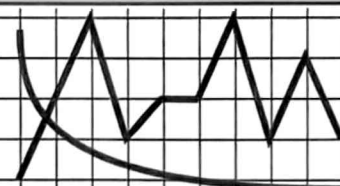
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*Yemeni guarantees lead to...*

## Marine insurance companies lower charges

By YEMEN TIMES STAFF

The Singaporean ASP company undertaking the administration of Aden container port called on all of the port employees to take all necessary measures for reducing operation expenditures.

The call came after the rise in value of insurance premiums on vessels against risks of war as the Aden port was negatively affected due to this increase and the company had lost its customers who turned to competing naval routes in Salala, Jeddah and Djibouti.

Sources at the company mentioned that Aden's productive port dropped by over 75 per cent and the loss the company had sustained amounted to more than \$2.5 million a month.

Three thousand of employees working for the companies in the free zone in Aden had lost their jobs at the beginning of the year 2003 after the departure of maritime companies that used to use the port as a station for distribution for the region. Marine sources nevertheless confirm that insurance companies agreement to abolish charges from 16 per cent to 3 per cent would help the port restore its activity vigorously. The companies at Aden sea port had announced they had

lost around \$15 million per month, especially since the blast in the French super oil tanker Limburg offshore Hadramout last November.

A Yemeni ministerial delegation had travelled to London and held negotiations with insurance companies ended in agreement to depositing Yemeni guarantee in return for reducing insurance charges. Marine sources have made it clear that Yemen has actually offered guarantees and that has urged insurance companies to agree on reducing insurance charges.

Marine sources confirm that prices would see an improvement in the coming short period as the insurance companies would embark on implementing what had been agreed upon in London concerning reducing of charges. According to the sources the imported merchandise that witnessed noticeable rise in prices during the past period, including steel, would see some drop. The possibility of war against Iraq would help add to suffering of Yemen and send mercantile ships away from Yemeni coasts.

It remains to point out that the companies that encountered problems after raising insurance charges and departure of vessels to other sea ports their circumstances would improve following a retreat in charges prices.



Shipping companies will benefit from the recent reduction in marine insurance, but, still, there are many precautions

### The Road Ahead

#### Enhancing Quality Productivity

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Improving organizational performance has always been a burden in business management. Nevertheless, a technique called Accomplishment through goal setting or Management By Objectives (MBO), can help in the process. MBO means setting goals and standards for employees to reach or achieve identified objectives. The basic idea behind this concept is that a person's conscious intentions regulate his or her actions. For example if a salesman sets a goal of making three sales calls on new clients in a particular day, he will tend to achieve that goal. Simply put, you have an objective and you intend to achieve it.

And so, you can use this technique in stimulating more productivity in your organization and hence enhance the overall performance. This includes giving your employees clear and easy to understand goals and methods to help them achieve these goals. The more challenging these goals are; the more people will stretch themselves in order to meet them and perform better. In other words, as efforts increase, better productivity and its associated rewards will also increase.

However, goals like *do your best* or *give it your best shot* may not be as effective as specific goals, because such generalized goals when assigned by a manager pressures employees behaviors to the extent that they consciously accept these goals. This brings out the need for more specific goals that include more elaboration about what is exactly needed.

Setting specific goals also helps in better performance evaluation. Although many people dislike being measured, setting specific goals helps the management in productivity assessment by providing more concise information with the help of two dimensional performance measurements; i.e. the rate of goal achieving and the quality through which these goals have been achieved.

On the other hand, another concept called Quality at the Source has been introduced in order to help in delegating authority and responsibility for enhancing quality productivity. It means that workers are made responsible to produce output of perfect quality. In other words, employees are put at the driver's seat in controlling productivity and ensuring maximum quality.

The Important thing in this concept is that employees should have an inner urge to ensure that objectives are met and quality is assured. The role Managers play in these concepts is the role of specific goal formulation, inspection and providing feedback; Goals should be clearly formulated and employees should receive frequent performance reviews and feedback about their work and their progress towards their goals. In addition to that, positive feedback will generate a feeling of success and self-confidence in the employees, and hence they would become increasingly involved in the job.

**Endnote:** Setting specific challenging goals for employees help them in enhancing productivity and provide for better quality control with the help of feedback.

### Crossing into the future

## Let's value people, not the GDP



By IRENA KNEHTL  
FOR THE YEMEN TIMES

There are many answers to Yemen's problems of development. They, however, don't lie so much in the wholesale adoption of foreign values, and ideas, as in a more realistic perception of one's self, the past, the culture, and the splendidly complex ecosystem that may well provide exciting alternatives.

He too came to the big city. Quietly he sat down on the chair in the reception room and waited to be received by the big man. Dusty and rundown heels were an indication that he traveled from afar. He wore the usual Yemeni futta with jambia around his belt. The colorful turban hardly covered all his gray hair. His look expressed dignity and pride.

On the other corner of the reception room sat we with a delegation of international investors. We also waited for the big man, the Chairman of an international investment bank.

He has come to see the big man. Perhaps in his own way, in his own community, he is also a big man. Maybe he is also a man who although his word is not law surely has some weight and meaning. Here in the big city, he came to see a bigger man, who yields greater powers. He brings along the customary gift, a sign of respect and goodwill.

The delegation of international investors also came from afar. We waited for the chairman to join us in the discussion. The minute he will join us, we shall discuss important matters.

The delegation of international investors did not bring along any gifts as sign of respect and goodwill, but there was no lack of notebooks, pens, calculators, portable computers, each having several web sites, email addresses. Some of them were already nervously preparing questions.

The moment the chairman will join, they will put him questions concerning the interest rate, participation of the Yemeni industry and agriculture, GNP and so on and so forth. They will review forecasts and performance until the year 2020. They will scrutinize feasibility factors and discuss further which particular sectors they might invest and which would be profitable.

The old man's mission probably has been related to less important matters. Maybe assistance for road construction, schools, or hospitals. Or perhaps a word or two with the bigger man for the so much needed water and electricity.

His village would be far beyond these mountains, situated as it is on the highest hill. His village at the same time is his big world. He would have a piece of land, would grow vegetables and fruits. In the afternoon the old man would make himself comfortable in his mafraj. With his family and neighbors he would talk about this and that.

*That they belonged to it.  
It belonged to them.  
The Red and Arab seas wild as silk.  
The spring rains.  
The apricot trees, grapes, and coffee beans.  
The dusty mountains.  
Geometric terraces.  
The gold brown desert.  
The stars, and the moon.  
There has been a quality in their*

*beauty, fashioned by work, it had given them strength and grace.*

This today is the world of majority - it is their daily routine.

#### The truth

We, so deeply immersed as we are in statistical data, GNP, production national income, using all the time sophisticated phraseology, so naturally we think this is what majority needs. The truth is that we are faced with two faces, one is that of cities, and the other of the countryside.

The later presents the silent majority. Still for how long we may ask.

The revolution of development will have to start there. It centers about such things as provision of basic services, infrastructure, community based development, and effective local government.

Development is about hopes, dreams, justice, pride, dignity, respect, and inclusion of opportunities, cooperation and exchange. Justice, social economic and political liberty of thoughts, expression, belief, faith, and worship equal the status of opportunity.

Further to harmonize man with the nature, and anything small which in the process of thinking big was bound to be forgotten. Witnessing its awakening is an intensive moment of excitement, enthusiasm and doubt. Here are unfinished revolutions, dreams, hopes, disappointments, loves, sorrows, and so many things one would want to have them different.

Yemen lives in several centuries all at the same time.

The economy is an issue as it was never before. It has to do with aspects of a more direct involvement and integration into world economic system.

Economics is about every day life.

However, good policies, and promising potential will leave Yemen in a position to complete:

- To open up means to choose the path of knowledge.
- Living work is the path of development.
- Simplicity constitutes the very purpose of man.
- Human beings and not economic indicators are in the center of development.

Good ideas are also a tremendous force capable to transform the world.

What matters is not to have but to be.

#### The challenges

Independent from importance of investment development will come to mean less volume, and more quality and creations of ideas of their own.

The battle is this: The challenge for 21 century is to dismantle the big and develop the people. Just what types of investments, projects, and which technology will be more appropriate, as we have to become ten to twenty times more efficient in use of resources is a further challenge.

Rural areas need first to think about quality and quantity of food supply, roads for commerce, clothes to wear, power to light their houses, and irrigate their lands to make life more comfortable.

Globalization brings more welfare such as democracy, human rights, and technological advantages. But now it seems that the negatives sides of this process is difficult to be denied. The so-called market forces and technological development functions without ethical consideration. Here the confession that market cannot be the main actor in the process.

It is people, traditions, history, proverbs, sights, smells, weddings,

births, and humor. It seems that we have once again unleashed forces we have been unable to control.

Collective issues also need to be better addressed. One is 'blue gold.' Water can be lives most precious commodity. Water is to be treated as a key resource for economic and social development with emphasis placed on managing water demands, and water quality and in the interest of the whole community.

The region also accounts for 60 percent of world desalination capacity but that option is only open to oil rich countries. The region is highly urbanized. Withdrawals in Yemen, for example, already exceed renewable supplies. Population growth and economic development were overwhelmed. Issues of efficiency, allocation and water quality should be urgently addressed. To mine ground water may be justified for now. But it cannot continue indefinitely.

Yemen's great reserves of man power are best kept on the land. Restoration and improvement of degraded land in the highlands, improvements in storage, and application of water and elementary inputs that enable farmers to raise production on existing fields are likely to prove more rewarding. Yemen offers broad opportunities for many kinds of specialized agricultural products, including fruits and vegetables that could be attractive to innovative local investors, as well as foreigners. Conditions also favor specialized livestock, poultry, and fish farming. Food processing for domestic used and export has a good potential for expansion. Once set into notion economic growth feeds itself.

There should not be a balance of power but community of power, not organized rivalries, but organized peace.



Words of Wisdom



The Republic of Yemen is an example of a nation trying the twin transformation. Democratization proceeds along with economic reform. Unfortunately, the perception is that the economic reforms are not doing well. Unemployment, especially among the young, is growing; poverty is hitting hard leading to serious malnutrition; the infrastructure is falling apart due to lack of maintenance; inflation continues to haunt Yemenis, especially the fixed and/or low income people; etc.

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OUR OPINION

The moment of truth has come concerning the war

Decisive days

This week, a major event will take place in the Security Council in New York City. The US-British-Spanish resolution proposal is to be presented tomorrow for voting, and upon that, the war's fate will be decided.

Even though many Arabs and Muslims hope that the resolution will not pass, it will still not prevent the war from occurring. But if we look at the possible scenarios, we will realize that the US will be isolated if this happens. When most council members refuse to join the US-British campaign, they will be forcing the US to go it alone, unless a crazy decision by the Blair government is taken to join the US any way without international legitimacy.

I remember a few programs I watched on a number of US channels lately calling for the Isolation of France if it exercises its veto power in the Security Council. But if it doesn't need to do so because of lack of majority votes supporting the other side, it is the US which will be isolating itself from the world.

Looking at the global picture we will realize that no matter what reasons the US administration is presenting to justify its war, citizens of the world will still see it as an illegal invasion of another country. Whether people think it is for oil or not is another topic. But the US will be uniting the world against the war, especially if we take into consideration the possible withdrawal of the alliance supporting the US including the UK and Spain because it is difficult to believe that they would go for war without international legitimacy by the Security Council, which is the very thing they along with Colin Powell have been calling for on many occasions.

No matter how we see it, it is obvious that tomorrow's vote will be crucial for Iraq, the region, and the new world order. It is quite amazing to see how the US is pushing for this war despite worldwide opposition, and it is also difficult to understand how the US measured the possible risk of involving in such a long-term war against a Muslim nation.

How will it all evolve is truly a mystery.

But all we need to do, is wait and see...

The Editor

Arabs... Haunted with the past

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The funny thing about us -Arabs - is worshipping our past dates and occasions. When it comes to our dignified history, we all start boasting, delivering speeches and telling stories about that date when Arabs did this and that to a state which might be vanished many centuries ago!

In fact, there is no problem in remembering our history at all-expect the fact, we are a real shame on it, but the problem occurs in not memorizing dates of our present events. Can any one tell me when did the massacre of Al-Haram Al-Ibrahimi Al-Sheriff happen? Very few people would memorize that it was on 25 February, and those who know are all Arabs or Muslims, because most of Europeans and Americans don't know about such a massacre at all, on the contrary, U.S.A kept reminding us of September the 11th to the extent that no one on earth can ever forget the date of the most horrible terrorist action happened to U.S.A in its all "short" history. To be brief, I think it is the time to wake up from this history coma and keep remembering and reminding the world of very important date; February the 15th although it was made by non- Arab hand!

It is the date when the whole world protested and shouted in one loud clear

voice against the U.S policy, which was characterized by rudeness and disrespect to 5.5 Billions people living around. Because, this policy believes that America is the center of the world and the others are margins. It is a goddess and the others are its own shadows that must follow and obey. The world on 15 February delivered direct message to U.S.A "enough, enough of marginalizing us".

Anyone who thinks that demonstrations were staged only for the sake of Iraq is very mistaken. They were a normal result for hundreds of accumulated irresponsible actions and selfish behavior by the U.S.A administrations, since the unfortunate collapse of former USSR. Iraq is just one link of an endless chain. But, the Iraqi problem made an international challenge especially after the security council resolution No'1441' showing clearly the ugly and ruthless face of U.S.A, which was hiding behind the mask of "September the 11th Martyr". It is the face that has every right to marginalize great nations like Germany and France to "the old Europe" as the U.S Defense Secretary described them for their honorable positions during Iraqi crisis, without paying any consideration to the fact that these two nations are history and present markers and they are going to be the future makers as well; despite what Uncle Sam Administration thinks. Besides, it is the face that wants to pun-

ish Iraq for a reason no one is sure or even convinced about it, and at the same time, supporting Israel which violates 500 resolutions of the U.N, 51 of them were made by the Security Council itself. Not to mention, it refuses to sign the nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT). While it definitely has nuclear, chemical, Biological and mass destruction weapons!

Nevertheless, Gondaleeza Rice (U.S National Security Adviser) made statements after the huge demonstrations by one single day saying "those marches are not going to pressure U.S.A to avoid the war if U.S wanted to strike Iraq"! Only an irresponsible administration refuses to fulfill six hundred cities fair demands for world peace, especially when we know that 100 of the cities were in U.S.A and about 55% of the rest where in its allies (England, Spain, Australia etc..)

Finally, I'll quote from Mr. Bush himself "The Game Is Over", but it is to U.S.A not to Iraq. The world is not fooled any more by the clownish justifications for doing horrible things to innocent people using the shining title 'fighting terrorism', especially when the terrorism becomes marked by 'Made In U.S.A'.

15 February was a real referendum for what U.S.A did, does and attempt to do. Those Millions of 11th has become certainly the monster of February the 15th.

Progress

Why can't we plan?

By Fahmia al-Fotih

One of the secrets of success and prosperity in developed countries is planning. They really plan for everything so their life is ordered.

They plan not only for themselves and the time being but also for their grand and great-grand children and future. But we Arabs plan for nothing, or if there is planning, it's just for our day and time being and not beyond our nose.

That thought has come to my mind much because of what I meet and see everyday.

Let's for example begin from our personal life. Most of us don't plan for our careers. Instead we let random events govern everything around us.

Another example is when one of us gets married. He sees that he wants to be married and enjoy his short time without considering the big responsibility of this contract, without thinking if he really can provide a good life for his coming children and how he can bring them up well and provide them a better life instead of a day they will curse, wishing to be dead and not ever born. One has dozens of children without paying attention to the life they will have, what kind of education, science and technology they will get and what future they will live in.

We do not plan for ourselves, so how can we plan for our children? We leave everything to the chance as a ship among

a sea that a storm plays with. We do not know and cannot expect what life or hell our generations are going to live in.

Take another example. It is common to see day and night main streets dug up either to expand its size or to mend and replace modern sewage systems and put in telephone lines, causing many problems for the traffic movements and people.

Our streets are planned, if they are, to serve only few years without taking into consideration the public services as electricity, water, telephone and the proper sewage system to be arranged together, without consideration the needs of future and the continuous increasing growth of the population that associated with increasing number of cars and vehicles.

Let's talk about something else where planning is also missing.

Regarding to terrorist acts, starting from the USS Cole blast in 2000, to the killing the American aids workers in Jibla, I would like to know what are the benefits we get behind doing such acts?

Obviously there is no planning at all. On contrary we get hurt and have bad reputation dragged in so many problems.

I find it hard to believe even the 11 September attacks were committed by Arabs, because they were well-planned to achieve evil goals later on especially against Arab and Muslims. Planning is not a trait of Arabs and Muslims.

Let's turn to our brothers in the Gulf region.

Gulf countries have not ever thought or planned how to exploit the massive oil fields and have never planned how they can benefit from them to build and guarantee a bright future for their coming generation.

Have they planned for a technological and scientific future? Have they planned to face the day when oil is gone? What are they going to leave for their future generations? The tall beautiful buildings or the foreign imported goods and dependency?

On the contrary, we find them using this gift of oil to fight their brothers to wage war against them. To foil tanks and plans to attack brotherly countries instead of using it to solve their problems and help at least the Palestinian case that has been hanging on for more than 50 years.

Now America has clear plan to control the region and get the richest oil area in the world, submitted on a golden dish. America cannot be blamed as it plans for a better future and it guarantees the future of its generations who are going to live luxurious lives, of course, on Arab wealth!

And we are among whirlwind, knowing nothing, and cannot do anything but witness the blackest era in the Arab history. They cannot really plan how to get rid of all their problems, as they are always good at planning just against their brothers.

Now, can you think for a while and establish your own plans? Start now.

COMMON SENSE



By Hassan Al-Haifi

Wisdom and reason vs. bombs and breadcrumbs

While reflecting on all the mess that the Moslem World, in general and the Arab World, in particular are in these days, it goes without saying that the political backwardness of the region leaves a lot to be desired. It is this backwardness that has been the cause of all our past and present demise, and for God Al-Mighty just looking the other way, when it comes to considering our plight. Unfortunately, in the wake of the recent meetings of the extraordinary Ordinary (no one is sure what it is!) Summit Conference of the Arab League and the Emergency Session of the Moslem World Conference, it seems that the leadership of this once great nation has yet to wake up to the eminent threat that faces the Moslem World in general and the Arab World in particular. The leaders were there all showing that they have not even gotten beyond the age of puberty, as they sat there wrangling and fighting, without realizing, the dangerous menace that has taken over the America leadership. America is going to come into the region to unleash its vengeance. Mind you, we are not talking about just Iraq, for Iraq is just the launching ground for full domination of the region to make "sure that another 9/11 never arises". That is exactly what Mr. George W. Bush seemed to imply in his news conference Thursday, in which he revealed a new brand of American leadership that, frankly speaking, has never been brought to the surface before. Mr. Bush shoved aside all international opinion and all sense of reason, insisting that his decision is clearly a personal one that does not rest on any common sense or logical reasoning.

Yes, Iraq is the beginning of a program to punish the whole region it seems for 9/11 and Mr. George Bush has made it clear during his news conference last Thursday Evening that 9/11 is the driving mechanism for all his forthcoming decisions, even if the whole world becomes aflame. Ask him about North Korea, or the continuous bloodshed in Palestine unleashed by his Zionist pals. On the latter, he will tell you that his friend Sharon is doing all right in Mr. Bush's view, and all he has is praise and congratulations for his friend Ariel Sharon for every Palestinian lying dead. On the former, he will tell you that we do not have time now for Korean A. bombs as there are just too many Moslems out there in this world and we have to do all we can to protect ourselves against them with advance, preventive punitive action, even before any crime is done. He also talked about protecting America's friends in the area, which so far for Mr. Bush has only meant Ariel Sharon and his band of Zionist thugs in the area, who are having the time of their life with a White House license to kill, maim and destroy the Palestinian people and do away with their existence altogether.

Notwithstanding what the allies and conscientious friends of the United States have suggested to the American President, Mr. Bush continues on the unusually unfavorable arrogant stand he has taken against all efforts to bring reason and common sense back into American foreign policy. We are not sure how much destruction and killings Mr. Bush will aspire for, before he is satisfied that revenge has been consummated for "9/11". However it is for certain that the road Mr. Bush has been goaded to by his many Zionist friends is neither healthy for the United States or the rest of the world, or even the relatives of the victims of 9/11 themselves, who have also taken to the streets to protest the arrogant course which Mr. Bush has decided to trek on in their name! Time and again, we have pointed out that the perpetrators of 9/11 are as distant from Islam as anyone can get and we testify more than anyone else that they have done a great disservice to Islam, for which neither their Moslem brothers or God Al-Mighty Himself will ever forgive them. But this summary punishment which Mr. Bush is conjuring up is surely not in keeping with civilized rational thinking. Surely Mr. Bush would be wiser to display a greater degree of responsible world leadership than to hedge his bets for the next Presidential Elections playing on the kind of sentiments that one thought have disappeared from the American psyche since the cultural reawakening that America witnessed in the late 1960s/early 1970s. Moreover, to add more humiliation to this war mongering, Mr. Bush went on to reveal that after he has finished eliminating God only knows how many thousands of Iraqis and possibly people of other areas, he has 55,000 tons of grain ready to go to feed, whoever survives his process of annihilation. Mr. Bush would be wise to listen to America's French allies, who must be at least remembered for the backing that they gave the founding fathers of the United States. After all without such backing, America might still today be taking orders from London, rather than the other way around. 9/11 should never be an excuse for killing all sense of idealism and all hopes for a peaceful and prosperous world and for eliminating the prevalence of wisdom and reason.

the families of Palestinian suicide bombers. Until this practice ends, there can be no progress.

The Arab states have the ability and resources to stop the suicide bombings, and the rocket and mortar attacks by the Palestinians which will end the Israeli retaliations. The West also has the ability and resources to force Israel to the table for reasonable negotiations for peaceful coexistence with a Palestinian state. Efforts from both sides are required, but it must begin with those dictatorial regimes whose very existence would then be threatened.

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Letters to the Editor

**Scottish view of Yemen**  
I have just recently visited my husband who is currently working in Sana'a. My visit was originally for one week, but I extended it to three, as I have become so very fond of your lovely country.

Due to all the publicity we receive back home, which unfortunately isn't all good, I was quite apprehensive about visiting Yemen. However, not waiting to miss the chance of a lifetime by making my first ever visit to the Middle East and being an inquisitive Scottish female, I just had to come on this trip.

During my lifetime I have met many people from all walks of life, creeds and cultures, but the people of the Yemen are by far the most hospitable, friendly and charming I have ever met. Even the guards at the various checkpoints I had to

encounter on my visits to the different surrounding villages were very polite and obliging. At this moment in time the whole of our planet is experiencing many different conflicts due to the foolishness of the powers in control. It is my sincere wish that the people of Yemen continue to hold onto their traditions and culture which they should be proud of and which many of us could learn from.

Hoping to return to your country soon and wishing your people much happiness for the future in such difficult times.

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**I'd go further**  
I agree with your editorial to the extent that you took it, but I would go further. After the fall of the Ottoman Empire, the Arab world was left open to external exploitation, principally by the French and British. After World War II, as the French and British left, the

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# Revolt against Blair explodes across U.K. War rejected

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REVIEW

As British Prime Minister Tony Blair constantly repeats his intention for war against Iraq, side by side with the Bush Administration, the revolt against his war policy grows, by leaps and bounds, throughout the population and institutions of Great Britain. Whether this national rebellion will be strong enough to topple Blair in the immediate days ahead is not clear, but it may well be intense enough to force him to opt out from the war drive, at the risk of being heaved out of office for having dragged Britain into an insane and unpopular war.

## What went in the debate

The most dramatic expression of the mood of revolt occurred in the House of Commons, during the seven-hour debate on Iraq policy on Feb. 26. When the government put forward a resolution to support Blair's policies, but couched in such anodyne terms as to make it seem like he was just implementing the intent of the United Nations, more than 120 Members of Parliament of Blair's own Labour Party voted against the resolution. Even more telling, was that when an amendment was put forward stating that "the case for war is not yet made," 199 MPs, well more than one-third of the House, voted for it. This included 121 Labour dissidents, but also 13 MPs from the opposition Conservative Party (whose leadership fully backs the Bush Administration, on Iraq) and 52 Liberal Democrats, as well as MPs from small parties.

The headlines of the next day's British papers said it all. The pro-war, Rupert Murdoch-owned Times headlined, "Labour Mutiny Leaves Blair Out on a Limb: Case for War Rejected in Biggest-Ever Government Rebellion," and commented that this was "the biggest revolt against any governing party in Parliamentary history." Accompanying this was a cartoon showing Blair and Foreign Secretary Jack Straw lying bloodied on the floor of the House of Commons, with anti-war signs strewn all around. The Labour-linked Guardian headlined, "Rebels' Vote Stuns Blair: Biggest Ever Revolt Against a Government," and commented, "Tony Blair's Iraqi war strategy was shaken to the core." An accompanying front-page article was headlined "Parliament Has Seen Nothing Like It ...," quoting Oxford academic and constitution expert David Butler, "There has been nothing remotely comparable in the past 100 years."

Indeed, the British House of Commons has rarely seen such emotive and substantive interventions, on a matter of world-historical importance. The opposition went far beyond the 30-40 Labour anti-war stalwarts who vote against wars with some regularity, but extended to Labour centrists and former Blair Cabinet ministers. One of

them, Chris Smith, was the co-sponsor, with former Conservative Party Minister Douglas Hogg, of the amendment. He warned the Commons, that "the timetable for war appears to be determined by the decisions of the President of the United States, and not by the logic of events." Former Health Minister Frank Dobson, a Labour moderate, told the gathering, "I am simply not convinced, that all-out military action in Iraq can be justified at this time, and on the scale envisaged." He then accused the United States of "beginning to behave like a maverick state," and warned that an Iraq war would be a boost to the "right-wing United States unilateralists, who think that the new world order should consist of them issuing the orders."

Other prominent Conservatives joined in, including former Agriculture Minister John Gummer and former Chancellor of the Exchequer Kenneth Clarke. The latter is particularly crucial, as he is, behind the scenes, making a bid to replace the hapless, pro-war Iain Duncan-Smith, as Conservative Party leader.

## In "endless trouble"

The day after the debate, EIR spoke to Labour MP Tam Dalyell, longest-serving MP (Father of the House of Commons), and the most persistent opponent, in the House, of a new Iraq war. He stated that Blair will be in "endless trouble," if he persists in pushing for war, and that the new element in the situation, will be increasing questioning from the British military services, about "why we should risk our lives, for such an unpopular war." According to Dalyell, "The significance of what happened yesterday is that this was the biggest dissent, in British Parliamentary history, from a governing party. A lot of it has to do with the growing feeling that America and Britain are looking for excuses for war, while Iraq seems to be trying to avoid a war."

Dalyell emphatically agreed with Lyndon LaRouche, that this war "is not inevitable, and can be stopped." In his view, what is now extremely important, is that there be maximal publicity, throughout the United States, of the resistance to the war in Britain. He said it would be extremely important, if matters come to that point, that Russia, France, and China combine, to veto any new United Nations resolution authorizing war, and stand firm against any U.S. threats of reprisals, in response to a veto.

Echoing Dalyell's sense of what impact the Feb. 26 Parliament events might have transatlantically, Liberal Democrat leader Charles Kennedy affirmed that the fact that the Blair government "has failed to persuade a third of the House of Commons ... sends a potent signal to the government of both Britain and the United States."

## Disconnection and de-selection

Alan Simpson, an MP traditional "Old Labour," made a vital point, which indicates what is happening on a national level. While charging that "we

appear to produce dossiers of mass deceptions" and insisting that Cabinet ministers listen to "our other allies," like France and Germany, who assert that "we need inspections, not invasions," Simpson stressed that the war rhetoric of the Blair government and its supporters had created a "real low point" in British politics. Indeed, "it marks a sense of the disconnect of this House from the society we claim to represent."

That so many MPs did come around to oppose Blair's war policy reflects a massive anti-Iraq war mood in the British population, exemplified by the Feb. 15 outpouring of some 2 million in the streets of London, against the war, as well as tens of thousands demonstrating in Glasgow and Belfast. Since then, as confirmed to EIR by Dalyell and others in Britain, a growing number of Blair loyalists within the Labour Party have been facing procedures of "de-selection" from their home constituencies, which means that they are being replaced, or threatened with replacement, because of their pro-war position. In one case, a Labour official faced his constituency at a local gathering of 150 people, and found himself the only person in the room, who supported the rush to war against Iraq!

## Papal meeting backfires

But given the power of elite structures in the United Kingdom, what is even more threatening for Blair, is the intensity of opposition to war being expressed by senior elements of this establishment, in the spheres of religion, military, diplomacy, and intelligence, and extending into the monarchy itself, as indicated by recent reports that royal heir Prince Charles is opposing the Bush-Blair policy.

From the domain of religion, a joint statement of opposition to a new war was issued on Feb. 21, by Archbishop of Canterbury Rowan Williams, the head of the Church of England (whose Supreme Governor is Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II) and Cardinal Cormac Murphy-O'Connor, the head of the British Catholic Church. This immediately preceded the rebuff Blair received, in Rome on Feb. 22, from Pope John Paul II, during their 15-minute meeting. This has knocked the props out from Blair's pompous efforts to portray himself as the arbiter of morality on the planet, and to portray aggression against Iraq as a "just war," in traditional Christian terms. After his rebuff at the Vatican, the Times ran a biting cartoon, showing him approaching God, who is angrily pointing his finger at the British Prime Minister, and exclaiming, "This is not the time for a leadership challenge!"

At the Vatican, the Holy Father was reportedly distressed, not only by Blair's pro-war arguments as such, but by the British Prime Minister's attempt to usurp the prerogative of the Pope, as a leading moral-spiritual spokesman in the world. Additionally, according to the Mail on Sunday on Feb. 23, the Vatican was "angry" at the decision by Blair's 10 Downing Street to suppress all public reportage of the contentious



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nature of the meeting, and at the arrogant lectures by Blair aides to Vatican representatives about how to handle the British press. An irate Vatican spokesman told the paper: "We have our own way of doing things. We were not going to let them tell us what to do."

## Pope says avoid war

Notably, Vatican spokesman Joaquin Navarro-Valls put out a terse statement on the meeting between the two men, emphasizing the Pope's insistence that an Iraq war be avoided. On Feb. 23, the Pope further distanced himself from Blair, in his Sunday Angelus, when he called on the major religions to work together to avoid war, and called on people of all faiths to fast for peace, on March 5, Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent.

The Mail on Sunday summed up, that the Blair initiative to meet and convince the Pope, had "backfired."

## Thatcher aides break ranks

As for military and diplomatic elites, what is perhaps most breathtaking is the intensity of opposition to the war among former aides to Conservative Prime Ministers Margaret Thatcher (1979-90) and John Major (1992-97). This is especially so, as Her Barrenness continues to rave and rant for war.

Of the former Tory government officials who have spoken out against the present war plans, almost all were actively involved in the 1991 Gulf War:

- Lord Wright, who, from 1986-91, was Permanent Undersecretary of State and Head of the Diplomatic Service, in which positions he effectively ran the Foreign and Commonwealth Service, on a day-by-day basis.
- Sir Michael Quinlan, from 1988-92, Permanent Undersecretary of State at the Ministry of Defense, who ran the MOD on a day-to-day basis.
- Lord Hurd, from 1989-95, Foreign Secretary.
- Lord Bramall, from 1982-85, i.e., the period beginning with the conflict known in Britain as the "Falklands War," Chief of the Defense Staff, thereby head of all the British Armed Forces.
- Maj. Gen. Patrick Cordingley, Commander of British Forces during the 1991 Gulf War.
- Sir Harold Walker, from 1990-91, Ambassador to Iraq, before and during the Gulf War.

During the last week of February, Cordingley, Hurd, and Walker all issued strong critiques of Bush-Blair Iraq war plans.

## Will scandals topple Blair?

As for the British intelligence services, MI5 and MI6, informed sources tell EIR that leading figures in those agencies are "furious with Blair," especially after the recent caper, in which the British government, during the week of Feb. 3, released a "Dossier on Iraqi Deception," claimed to be based on intelligence agencies' efforts, but actually mainly derived from a plagiarized academic's 2002 study on Iraq, published in a disreputable Israeli journal, in which the academic had used information that was 12 years old.

One continental Europe-based British source told EIR on Feb. 25: "For the first time since 1945, the intelligence services are against a war that Britain is supposed to fight. They are looking for a way to punish Blair, after what Blair did to them. MI6 and MI5 are furious at Blair. You must understand, these people are extremely egoistic. But now, they face the ultimate humiliation—of looking like fools, before the French secret services. What could be worse, in their eyes?"

He and other sources stress that such furious intelligence professionals may contrive now, to come up with one or more scandals, to topple Blair, if he persists on the war course. There are a wide range of scandals that have already received public attention, or are capable of soon erupting.

The most high-profile of these is the "Cheriegate" scandal, which was the subject of a one-hour broadcast on BBC-TV. This involves, primarily, Tony Blair's wife Cherie's involvement with Peter Foster, a convicted con-man, used for buying private Blair real estate, but also involves Cherie's implication in a strange "New Age" network, centering around her personal guru Carole Caplin, Foster's girlfriend.

Otherwise, investigators are looking into allegations that present or former Blair Cabinet ministers have been involved in pedophilia; indications that Blair intimates have been engaged in illicit money-laundering activities with fellow war supporter Italian Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi; allegations that Blair has received substantial personal bribes, to join with the United States in war with Iraq; and assertions

of repeated Blair/"New Labour" political favors to leading Labour contributors.

As one London source stated on Feb. 25: "Scandals are the way that the powers-that-be usually ease a Prime Minister out of power in this country. Such a move against Blair, is a possibility."

## Emergency moves

Under such conditions, Blair and his entourage may take drastic action, in the direction of declaring a national emergency, militarizing the country, and crushing all dissent, under wartime conditions. Some weeks ago, they had unleashed such a process, perhaps as a test run for something sinister later, with a non-stop barrage of reports of imminent terrorist threats, and high-profile arrests of alleged terrorists—none of which amounted to anything.

Now, the British Treasury, the day before the Feb. 26 Parliament debate, released a "Green Paper," affirming that the Treasury, together with military units, may move in to take over all City of London financial operations under conditions of "emergency," "extreme situations," and "economic meltdown."

One City of London source said that two factors have prodded the Blair entourage to make such an extraordinary move. One is their typical "management of psychology," in this case, to engineer "a mood for war," and to "create an emergency atmosphere," in a population that is reluctant, skeptical about, and/or opposed to this war. The other, is that British financial elites may be aware of an imminent risk of "systemic financial meltdown," caused by the collapse of the deeply troubled insurance sector, or by sensational news that may soon break about the damage caused by recent waves of corporate bond defaults, the extent of which damage has been covered up, until now, by clever accounting tricks.

The plunge toward an insane war, and the danger of systemic financial collapse, are integrally related. The only sane way to deal with these, is by preventing the insane war, and carrying out the "New Bretton Woods" global reorganization proposed by Lyndon LaRouche. Blair himself is committed to the course of lunacy. But it is to be hoped, that the extraordinary developments now occurring in Britain, will stop him in his tracks. This, in turn, may deter Bush from war.

## Better look before you leap

# Bush risks a Mideast inferno

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It seems to be no coincidence that Iraqi songs are invariably melancholic and sad. The justification, Iraqis say, is that "our history is rife with injustices." Their future does not seem to be more promising.

On the eve of the UN arms inspectors' second report to the United Nations, and with America apparently determined to attack Iraq no matter what, the Iraqis seem to face further injustices that may be more horrifying than anything that has so far befallen them.

From the beginning of time Iraq has offered humanity some of its richest civilizations. It is the land of Mesopotamia and of the Code of Hammurabi, the oldest human law. To

the people of the region, it is baffling that Iraq - whose people had been renowned as the best readers in the Arab world and which produces the best intellects - should become a testing ground for the latest missiles and weaponry.

To speak only of Saddam Hussein and the Iraqi regime is to ignore more than 20 million Iraqi people whose lives have been reduced to a subhuman level by the cruel and unfair sanctions that have been imposed on the country. Iraq has not only oil but also civilization, a rich history and a people who will be irreparably harmed if a war is launched against their country.

The international community, including the American people, has expressed poignantly its opposition to a war. I would like to pay tribute in particular to the relatives of the victims of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks who came

all the way to Baghdad to express their rejection of the war option. One of them said, "I lost my brother in the attacks of Sept. 11, and I do not want any human being to suffer such a loss."

This is what our humanity represents at its best. If only the American government could rise up to the example of the citizens it is supposed to represent and save Iraq, the region and the entire humanity the devastating consequences of unnecessary aggression.

Most people of the region feel that the Bush administration behaves as if the Middle East is a region without people, or as if its people are without human rights and as if their lives, security and sovereign rights are worth nothing but to satisfy certain ideological designs that are in the minds of some leaders in Washington.

The statements of President George W. Bush and some of his senior offi-

cial in this regard have invited both amazement and anger. It was baffling to watch Bush threaten the United Nations that it will become insignificant if it doesn't support his war against Iraq - as if he had forgotten that the United Nations is an expression of international will.

UN inspectors are still doing positive work and their statements indicate that Iraq is cooperating. The Bush administration has called for a diplomatic solution to the crisis over North Korea's withdrawal from the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty, so what is the rationale behind its rush to disarm Iraq by carrying out a military attack?

People in the Arab world see the discrepancy in the U.S. attitudes to Iraq and to North Korea as yet more proof that the Bush administration is moved by religious hatred toward Arabs. It is also strongly believed here that Israel is

the driving force behind the unjustified plan to attack Iraq, especially as the lack of respect that Israel has always shown to the role of the United Nations is slowly but steadily leaking into statements by senior American officials.

No one here believes that the Bush administration is coming to modernize or democratize or bring in better political systems. After all, the policy of successive U.S. administrations played a vital role in supporting the same regimes that it describes as undemocratic or dictatorial.

If the Bush administration wants to be viewed as fair in the region, it should support UN resolutions concerning the Palestinian-Israeli conflict and take a stand against the Israeli occupation and settlements - and Israel's killing of Palestinian women and children, and destruction of houses - rather than give Prime Minister Ariel

Sharon a free hand to spill so much Palestinian blood.

Sharon's strategy, which has plunged Palestinians and Israelis into a cycle of violence unprecedented in the history of the Arab-Israeli conflict, has brought nothing but pain to both sides. Now the Bush administration, on the basis of a strategy similar to Sharon's, is on the verge of infecting the entire region with the same kind of violence and counter-violence.

If it goes to war, in other words, the United States may inadvertently unleash an Arab-American or even a Muslim-American conflict - with unpredictable and, in all likelihood, uncontrollable consequences.

The writer, head of the foreign press office at Syria's Ministry of Foreign Affairs, is author of "Both Right and Left Handed: Arab Women Talk About Their Lives."



## He wants to become a renowned artist representing Yemen

# Budding talent needs support

By YEMEN TIMES STAFF

**H**e was born hearing-impaired in Ukraine because his mother suffered from German measles. The disease couldn't be detected and healed before pregnancy because such diseases were not common in Ukraine. "We did our best to treat Marwan's mother, but to no avail," Marwan's father, Abdulrahman Shugaaddeen said.

### Promising talent

But Marwan has proven that even with such a severe impairment, he can still provide the world with marvelous contributions. His contributions are resembled in fine pieces of art, which truly indicate the budding talent that he has. His skills in drawing and painting are spectacular. Plastic art is what he loves most. With more than 2,000 paintings, he was able to shock his family, friends and relatives.

"Marwan began drawing when he

was four years old," his father tells us. His old and new paintings are all being kept with him in an archive. Many of them are of prominent Arab leaders, Yemeni social figures, landscapes, cars, and traditional Yemeni architecture. Not only that, but his paintings and sketches include details that could be truly astonishing even for expert painters.

Since his infancy, Marwan has showed interest in cars, and gradually he began painting every new or old car model he would see.

Despite his disability, he has good inclination towards everything new and beautiful, and he would convey messages to others of the things he loves or hates using his pencil and brushes to bring to a life a lively and wonderful portrait.

### Can his dream be fulfilled?

However, it is unfortunate that not many organizations or establishments - foreign or local - have expressed their desire to encourage or help Marwan achieve his dreams of becoming a professional artist. His father left no stone unturned to find means of providing Marwan with proper education in a specialized school for teaching the disabled so as when he graduates, he could be accepted in a college that teaches professional paintings. "There are no decent specialized schools for the handicapped in Yemen. Thus I do fear for his academic future" Marwan's father said.

"If there are such schools, then you would find no supervision or interest in enhancing them to rise to international standards or at least to meet the lowest acceptable standards," he added.

Indeed, many have complained that no qualified cadres exist in those schools and even the curriculum taught is not good enough.

In order to assist handicapped talented children in enhancing their talents, skills, and abilities, the society and government should take greater measures to train cadres to be able to handle their jobs more adequately.

"Not only that," the father commented. "The government needs to provide those teachers more financial incentives and better salaries, because only then

will they be loyal to their professions and abide by high standards."

### Moments of inspiration

Marwan's talents are exposed to the maximum when the atmosphere is calm and peaceful. Only then will he demonstrate his abilities in painting various pieces that turn out to be marvels. "I realized that Marwan has no specific time to paint. I am sometimes taken by surprise when I find that Marwan produced yet another interesting sketch of anything. Yes indeed, in his paintings, anything is expected," Abdulrahman said.

"He likes to be alone when painting. Sometimes, he gets inspired in the middle of the night and starts painting immediately... How wonderful a feeling it is when you see your son lying on his bed early in the morning next to a completely spectacular painting, which he painted the earlier night."

### Equal treatment

Something unique about Marwan's family among many families with disabled children is that it treats all its members equally, including Marwan. "He is placed on equal footing as his brother Rasheed, and never has his disability made us treat him otherwise. As a matter of fact, painting so elegantly demonstrates that he does have peace of mind and I am happy for him."



Marwan, (right) along with his brother Rasheed hold the photo of the deceased, Hayel Saeed.

### Talent in his blood

Painting along with playing computer games seem to be almost everything in life for him. He can't afford even thinking of the idea of staying away from his painting brush, canvas and boards for a single day. He is also fortunate that he has loving, caring, and understanding parents.

"He may be deaf, but he has a heart, he has a mind, and he has a soul. He

sometimes falls in tears when watching TV and seeing the miseries Palestinian brothers are going through. The number of paintings on this particular issue is enormous."

### Exhibition sponsors needed

At the end of our visit to his home, we saw Marwan pointing at the many sketches and drawing hung on the walls of his humble house and communicating with his father using sign language. "He says he wants to have his own exhibition sometime in the future," his father told us.

Marwan, his father and his whole family hope that an organization would rise up to the occasion and give a helping hand to Marwan by sponsoring an painting exhibition in which he would reveal and sell his paintings to the public. He wants to pursue his studies abroad after he grows up and wants to specialize in painting.

No doubt, this talented young boy deserves the support and help of the world to make him believe in his dream and encourage him to take the first step towards becoming who could one day become an international professional artist representing Yemen.



Sheikh Abdullah Al-Ahmar portrait



Precise sketch of Odie car without neglecting shadows and minute details

## MUS'ID & MUS'IDA

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Written by Abdulrahman Mutahhar

Translated by Janet Watson

### Reckless driving

**M** - What on earth do you think you were doing, Mus'ida, running into the path of a car like that! You were just asking to be killed! Have you no eyes in your head, or were you gazing at the stars?

**Ma** - Was I gazing at the stars! I ask you! I never dare cross the road until I've looked left and right at least three times! I still care about my life, you know.

**M** - So how come that driver went and drove over the bag of tomatoes and squashed them? How did it get to be under the tyre in the first place?

**Ma** - Let's just say, if the bag of tomatoes hadn't fallen under the tyre on its own, that driver would have squashed me along with the tomatoes without giving it a second thought! But God was merciful. I took a step back, the bag of tomatoes fell off my head into the path of the car, and the driver went straight over it with the front tyre. I don't think I'll ever get over the shock!

**M** - Mus'ida, if you think that shock'll have a bad effect on you, I'll go and heat up the cauterising iron and cauterise you.

**Ma** - You will do no such thing! The only one who needs to be

cauterised is that lunatic of a driver! But I told him just what I thought of him and got people to crowd around him.

**M** - And what good did it do getting people to crowd round him? You'd have done better with a stone in your hand.

**Ma** - It's not a question of throwing stones, it's a question of manners! I'm astounded by that driver. Rather than say, 'Thank God you're not hurt, dear!' he got out of his car with a furrowed brow and started yelling at me. You'd think I was his mother-in-law the way he went on. He had absolutely no sense of shame or dignity!

**M** - That's the problem, Mus'ida. Unfortunately some drivers seem to lack any sense of responsibility and don't bother about behaving well. They don't respect the right of the road, or pedestrians, or have any regard for the rules of the road, or the traffic police. They don't obey directions, or traffic lights. And this recklessness, bad manners and lack of regard for other people is typical of ignoramuses.

**Ma** - The description you've just given applies perfectly to that driver who almost knocked me down and squashed my bag of tomatoes

with his tyre. But some people would be impudent outside a police station. As the Yemeni proverb goes, 'He who has no sense of shame will do whatever he wants.'

**M** - Exactly, having a sense of shame is part of Islamic belief, and is a feature of a true believer. Respect for the road, caring for the safety of pedestrians, sticking to the rules of the road, and showing respect for the traffic police is all part of having a sense of shame. 'He who has no sense of shame will do whatever he wants.'

**Ma** - And I found all this out first hand! That driver is someone who doesn't care about any rules or values. This type of behaviour causes accidents which result in tragic loss of life and damage to property and possessions. And the ones who bear the costs are the family, society and the state departments responsible. We can't carry on footing the bill, and we can't sit back and let these people get away with it. But that Yemeni proverb sums it up nicely, 'It's only weak donkeys that let you down.'

Al-Akwa', p. 136.

Al-Akwa', p. 1091; Zayd, p. 47.

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## ...Mawza'a, the history

### Dances:

Al-Rakla dance is performed by at least two people and maximum of 20. It is a dance in which men stand in line holding each others hands and advance forward raising one foot then another in an alternating manner left and right. It is interestingly similar to the "dabka", which is popular in countries in the north of the Arabian Peninsula, especially in Syria and Lebanon. The dance is driven by music played with drums and flutes.

This dance is of several types including Aseeri, Moqawari, Al-Akhtar, and Ghazal. The beat varies from slow to fast depending on the occasion. These dances are performed in Al-Huqm, Al-Muhawala, Al-A'ara, and Al-Sabeeha.

Al-Haqfa dance, on the other hand, is one which is done by two or four men standing in opposite rows, and the dance is done by bending the knees and shaking the hands in harmony with music produced by the drums and flutes. This dance is mostly performed by fishers and sailors, especially during their fishing season from the 13<sup>th</sup> to the 16<sup>th</sup> of every month.

Al-Haqfa dance may be Al-Haqfa Al-Baladi (local haqfa) or Al-Haqfa Al-Shami (Al-Sham Haqfa). If the dancers are four, then it is the local haqfa. If they are more, then they perform the Shami haqfa forming a square while dancing. This dance is common in Al-Huqm, Mawza'a, Al-Wazieya, Al-Awashiqqa, Al-Hamool and the whole of Tihama.

Al-Bara'a dance is a dance that includes the use of daggers. It is performed by moving fast to the front then retreating and bending while waving the daggers. It is widely popular in northern regions of the country, especially in Sanaa and other tribal areas.

Finally, Al-Sharah dance is usually performed during weddings in the Al-Mahawala, Al-Ahyawa and Al-Kadha regions.

### Poetry:

Poets (men and women) of Mawza'a are known for their strong poetry mostly depicting nature and their daily struggles in live. Of course, love and romance have a great share in their poems. Those poets write about their feelings

and people's sad and happy moments. Mohammed Ali Zadari is a poet from the Mawza'a region who tackles in his poems several social problems in the region and throughout the country. For example, he wrote poems on love affairs that were not complete because of high dowry demands by fathers as a condition before accepting the marriage of their daughters.

### Every body's home:

There is no strong tribalism sense in Mawza'a because it has been home for people who originated from all around the country and even from out of Yemen. People coming from Hadramout, Al-Jirahi, Al-Maqatira, Al-Waziya, Jithy Mount, Bani Yousif, Bani Hammad, Fursan Islands and many others have found home and refuge in this spectacular land.

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al-Kabir Mosque in Mawza'a



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# Mr. Bush - This War Is Not a Sign of Strength, But of Desperation!

*Open Letter by Matthias Rath, M.D. to US-President George Bush and to the People of the World!*

“As the physician and scientist who was privileged to contribute discoveries that make the eradication of cardiovascular disease by natural means possible and save millions of lives, I am asking you: could it be that this war is not about fighting 'terrorism' or conquering oil fields but about protecting the largest investment industry - the pharmaceutical industry - from collapse?”

Millions of people worldwide are waking up to the fact that the pharmaceutical industry is an investment industry based on the continuation of diseases.

The survival of the pharmaceutical investment industry is threatened by four main factors:

**1 Unsolvability of business conflicts.** The nature of the pharmaceutical investment industry is the 'business with disease'. Its basis is the patentability of new synthetic drugs that merely target symptoms but do not eliminate the root cause of diseases. The continued existence of diseases and their expansion is a precondition for further growth of this industry. Prevention and eradication of diseases undermines the economic basis of this business.

**2 Unsolvability of legal conflicts.** A wave of patient litigation against the deadly side effects of pharmaceutical drugs threatens to cripple this industry. An end to this litigation is not in sight, since drug side effects are the fourth leading cause of death in the industrialized world (*Journal of the American Medical Association*, April 15, 1998). Side effects of pharmaceutical drugs kill more Americans every year than WWII and the Vietnam War combined.

**3 Unsolvability of ethical conflicts.** The pharmaceutical industry faces an intrinsic conflict between maintaining profits from patent fees and meeting the health needs of people. In the developing countries, the profitability of drugs has been a major factor contributing to the spread of AIDS and other epidemics.

**4 Unsolvability of scientific conflicts.** Advances in vitamin research, cellular medicine and natural health allow the control of today's most common diseases. These safe, effective and affordable natural therapies focus on the prevention and eradication of diseases - not only the alleviation of symptoms. This fact and the low profitability of these non-patentable natural approaches, threaten the economic base of the pharmaceutical investment business.

While many events led up to the current crisis, none was as threatening to the survival of the entire pharmaceutical industry as the scandal around Bayer's cholesterol lowering drug Baycol.

In August 2001 Bayer had to withdraw its leading new drug Baycol because more than 50 people had already died from taking it and more than 6 million patients were at risk from the deadly side effects of rhabdomyolysis (dissolving of muscle tissue). British pharmaceutical multinational Smith Kline Beecham (SKB) was Bayer's global marketing partner.

Bayer - a century old flagship of the pharmaceutical industry - and British SKB - the world's



September 11, 2001

2,600 innocent people died in this tragedy. The same number of people die from side effects of prescription drugs every ten days. (Source: JAMA, April 15, 1998).

second largest drug maker - were faced with crippling lawsuits and other devastating economic consequences:

- Over 7,000 Patients taking Baycol from around the world have filed individual and class action lawsuits against these drug companies.
- Government authorities filed criminal lawsuits against the executives of these pharmaceutical companies for gross negligence. These executives knew about the deadly side effects while continuing to press for higher dosages.
- Investors lost billions of dollars in share value, threatening the very survival of these companies.

The Baycol scandal was only the beginning of a 'domino effect'. Within weeks many multinational drug companies were faced with lawsuits from patients suffering severe side effects from taking other pharmaceutical drugs (beta blockers, calcium antagonists, estrogen replacement, etc).

In summary, the pharmaceutical industry was facing the same grim fate as the tobacco industry, with entire States and Nations suing these companies for billions in damages. In August 2001, the end of the pharmaceutical industry seemed closer than ever.

But then everything stopped on September 11, 2001. On this day global attention shifted away from the crisis facing this industry.

Since then, the main goal of the Bush administrations has become to secure the survival of the pharmaceutical industry through:

- Attempts to overcome the unsolvable scientific conflicts. The Bush administration is spearheading an international effort by the pharmaceutical industry to outlaw natural health therapies world-wide by abusing the United Nations 'Codex Alimentarius' (food standards) commission.
- Attempts to overcome the unsolvable ethical conflicts. The recent 'relief' program for fighting AIDS in developing countries is a 15 billion Dollar subsidy program for drug makers. While neglecting effective natural therapies to fight immune deficiencies this plan maintains the economic dependency on drug companies.
- Attempts to overcome the unsolvable legal conflicts. A key provision of the 'Homeland Security Act' grants immunity to the pharmaceutical companies for present and future product liability claims for vaccines. Further plans for 'medical litigation reform' include limiting product liability lawsuits against drug companies.
- Attempts to overcome the unsolvable business conflict. This conflict cannot be solved because it would destroy the very nature of the pharmaceutical "business with disease". The only option for this industry's survival is protectionist laws that artificially maintain control of the pharmaceutical investment business and its global health monopoly.

The war against Iraq is not primarily about fighting 'terrorism' or conquering oil fields. It is part of a long-term strategy of the pharmaceutical/petrochemical investment groups to create the psychological state of fear to maintain global control.

Long term international conflicts, wars - even the use of weapons of mass destruction - can be used to achieve this goal and suppress any opposition.

This war is not a sign of strength - but of desperation.



Dr. Matthias Rath is the physician and scientist who led the breakthrough in the natural control of cardiovascular disease and cancer. He is a member of the New York Academy of Sciences and other renowned scientific organizations. 10 years ago, the late Dr. Linus Pauling, recipient of the Nobel Prize in Chemistry and Peace stated: "Your discoveries are so important for millions of people that they threaten entire industries. One day there may even be wars just to prevent this breakthrough from being widely accepted. This is the time, when you need to stand up!" - This time is now.-

#### LESSONS FROM HISTORY

70 years ago, this week, an event shocked the world and set the stage for the last World War. On February 27, 1933 the German parliament building, the Reichstag, was set on fire.

The official version that 'terrorists' had led the attack was soon questioned abroad. Today it is a fact that the Reichstagsbrand was deliberately used as a pretense and that the 'empowerment laws' following this event had been prepared in advance.

Following the burning of the Reichstag:

- civil rights were abolished,
- empowerment laws were enacted, including a "Homeland Security Act" ("Schutz von Heim und Reich").

The Reichstag-Assault in 1933 provided the legal platform for 12 years of dictatorship and WWII. Its main benefactor was IG-Farben, the largest European petrochemical Cartel seeking control of the oil and chemical industry worldwide.

In the Nuremberg War Tribunal in 1946/47 this Cartel was tried for 'conquest', 'robbery' and 'slavery' and - as a result - it was dismantled into Bayer, BASF and Hoechst.



February 27, 1933

- 70 Years Ago -

The German Parliament building, the Reichstag, was set on fire. This event delivered the pretense for the transformation of a democracy into a dictatorship on behalf of the largest European corporate Cartel.

This War Tribunal established that without these corporations, World War II would not have been possible. US-Chief Prosecutor Telford Taylor stated: "If their guilt is not brought to the daylight, they will do even more harm in future generations."

Then and now millions of decent people are in danger of being misled by their own governments. And those who do not learn the lessons from history are doomed to live through it again!"

“Mr. Bush, in the name of mankind: Stop this War!”

Matthias Rath, M.D.

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# Local Press

Prepared by Mohammed Khidhr



**RAY weekly**,  
organ of Sons of  
Yemen League  
Party, 4 March  
2003.

## Main headlines:

- Banihushaish chieftains threaten the state
- Western embassies complete evacuation of their nationals in the coming days
- Information offered by bin Shaiba led to capture Khalid Sheikh
- Microsoft prepares to open office in Sanaa
- Researchers of Studies Centre stage open strike

On human rights columnist Khalid al-Harwaji says it is nice to have awareness on human rights present in Yemeni legislation and international charters as the axis of the first national symposium on human rights because it is so important that the citizen comprehends his and the others' rights.

The writer agrees with the prime minister's opinion in the symposium when he called for spreading awareness programs in the countryside, schools, prisons and markets so that all segments of people become aware of their human rights. But he says that time has not come for such presentation. Before activation of such orientation and understanding, this should be comprehended by those entrusted with implementation of laws and legislation. They are the first who violate human rights and sometimes intentionally. Those in charge of applying laws are in need in the first place of awareness on this matter than the ordinary citizen at present.



**Al-Sahwa weekly**,  
6 March 2003.

## Main headlines:

- Yadoumi, secretary-general of Islah party: Woman nomination, not for overbidding
- Alignment, a call for participants or supporters
- YSP discusses elections
- Demonstrations law, tax of the bad

choice

- Al-Mouyad lawyer demands referring the case to German Federal Supreme Court
- JMP in Hadramout forms a united leadership

In a front-page story the editor in chief addresses the Arab leaders by saying that the nation's interest begins from inside the boundaries of the countries you are ruling. The interest is that should have no right more than the constitutions and laws have allotted for you. He further addresses them as being undertaking responsibilities and pledges heavier than they could bear when they stand against Iraq or against America.

The writer calls on the leaders to allow their peoples decide their own interests and to prevent those seeking protection from them to deal blows to the nation of which "you are part of her and her interests", by talking about your super capabilities to the extent of demanding the peoples to praise God for your being installed as rulers of these peoples.

The author says the whole thing begins with the necessity of showing respect to the citizen's will and his right to elect and to have a say without any suppression.

Addressing the rulers further he tells them that they are enchainning democracy with its tools and rendering it into a tool with which the people issue a sentence of killing themselves.



**Al-Shoura weekly**,  
organ of the  
Union of People's  
Forces of Yemen,  
2 March 2003.

## Main headlines:

- Arab summit does not reject offering facilities to American troops
- Hundreds of thousands demonstrate in Sanaa against American plot
- Precautionary measures at British and American embassies in Sanaa
- Tens of people still detained in Sa'da
- Teachers in Lahj stage labour strike

Columnist Ali Mohammed al-Sirari says although the parties grouped in

the JMP have succeeded so far to resist attempts by some circles at the government and its ruling party to dismantle this political grouping and to return its six-member parties again to a state of disunity, the authority circles did not cease their attempts in this direction. They repeat their attempts after each failure attempt. When the government was forced to raise a slogan on the national alignment, due to pressure of internal and external events, it was not guided by this necessity to consider unity of the opposition as a condition of establishing the alignment, but seems to have emptied it from its content. Thus dismantling the JMP has become the ideal formula for the national alignment.

The authority should relinquish the strategy of internal ripping apart as a basis for the unity and force of its influence and its existence. It has to stop reshuffling the facts so that to render the high interests of the homeland more superior to those of authority and keeping it. The relationship between authority and the homeland should occupy a normal situation where the authority becomes a means and the homeland an end.

No doubt the JMP now realises the amount of loss it would sustain if it has surrendered to attempts of dragging it to the past and responded to trials of sowing skepticism among its members to set them asunder.



**ATTARIQ weekly**,  
4 March 2003.

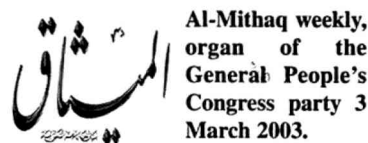
## Main headlines:

- Strong secrecy by political parties regarding their candidates to elections
- YSP in Aden celebrates Woman International Day
- Medical profession union in Aden wave with strike
- Agriculture employees in Abyan demand improvement of wages
- State Authority for Archaeology demands the stop in destroying al-Akimma fort

Columnist Khalid Ali Tuaiman says according to fabrications of the some the war on administrative and financial

corruption, due to be launched long ago, would not take place before the year 2005 because civil servant apparatus in the country is still depending on outdated systems dating to the Ottoman rule and still carrying its fingerprints.

These fingerprints seem so very apparent that would preclude application of the principle of administrative accountability and prevent the process of continued and studied evaluation of the state performance. The demand for uprooting financial and administrative corruption and putting an end to organised plunder of the public property should precede finishing the alleged operations of modernisation of the administrative system by the year 2005. The majority of the people are living in a closed circle of despair and grinding living crises especially after they have lost the ray of hope for putting an end to corruption that confiscate their aspirations.



**Al-Mithaq weekly**,  
organ of the  
General People's  
Congress party 3  
March 2003.

## Main headlines:

- America continues massing force, the world refuses the war
- President Saleh: We have to shoulder our responsibility before the generations, not to repeat the mistakes
- Businessmen committee study a number of issues on their meeting agenda
- Delivering statements of voters lists to political parties
- Russian ambassador to Sanaa, war decision must be by the UN Security Council

Al-Mithaq editorial confirms that as much as the democratic change in our society has been a free choice and national will, it is related to soundness of the democratic system and consolidating and developing it with this general national will.

Undoubtedly, stabilisation of the democratic process and its development is enhanced in our new society

under the leadership of president Ali Abdulla Saleh. Democracy, chosen by our Yemeni people, has not been a luxury but sound program for building the new Yemen and would certainly be fruitful in this direction.

While our people are at the threshold of entering the third multi-party parliamentary elections, they are determined to have the elections process going successfully. And against the development of events and their interactions regionally and internationally and that would affect our internal environment, it is our duty as people, especially the political forces, to join forces for running elections free from violence and for guaranteeing secure democratic and national building. The initiative launched by the President towards national alignment would inevitably finds its way to be achieved on the ground because it is he will of all the Yemenis.



**26 September weekly**,  
organ of  
Yemen Armed  
Forces, 6 March  
2003.

## Main headlines:

- Yemen, categorical rejection of war and refusal of taking part in any military action against Iraq
- The President: We demand offering more support for the Palestinian people and their intifada
- PM Bajammal praises Malaysia's supportive stands towards Arab and Islamic issues
- Elections Committee announces final lists of committees
- Saudi authorities hand over persons accused of carryout terrorist acts.

The newspaper's political editor writes on the coming parliamentary elections, describing them as enhancement of democracy. He says despite the current circumstances and the world crisis in the region due to the American escalation and what is intended to be imposed on Iraq and on the region leading to the war of aggression lacking any values and morals, the Yemeni street is part of the Arab and world

street. Yemeni street has been occupied by current developments, nevertheless that situation has not precluded it from continuing its progress on the road it has been following throughout the past decades. The most important thing to be pointed out in this respect the democratic political action evaluating the democratic experiment that would be put to a new test during the upcoming parliamentary elections due on 27 April 2003. The coming elections is an opportunity for change and renewal in both the democratic pursuit and parliamentary life.

The political editor calls for achieving the highest amount of national alignment to face challenges of the current circumstances.



**Al-Wahdawi weekly**,  
organ of the  
Nasserite  
Unionist  
Organization 4  
March 2003.

## Main Headlines:

- With approach of dissolving parliament, the majority confiscates demonstration freedom.
- Influential seize Saira fishermen's lands
- National alignment staves off violence

Political editor discusses in a front-page article the United Arab Emirates initiative demanding Iraq's president Saddam Hussein to step down. The editor describes the "initiative" as representing a stab to the Arab dignity. He says it is originally an American initiative but regrettably this time it is presented by an Arab voice. More than one American official has repeatedly demanded the Iraqi president to relinquish his post and leave for any country as a precondition to not launch U.S. aggression on Iraq. The aim is to pave the way for occupying Iraq and not to spare the people of Iraq dangers of the war, as the UAE's initiative claims. The ill-famed initiative, presented in the name of Sheikh Zaid, arouses many queries because Sheikh Zaid is well known for his pan-Arab stands. Some observers are skeptical to be presented by him and some are doubtful about whether the knows about it.

# World Press

Major news items in leading international newspapers *Provided by Xinhua*

## Egypt

### Al Ahram

Egyptian Prime Minister Atef Obeid on Friday said the foreign exchange market is stable and the Egyptian currency value is tending to stability on the short and medium run.

In a statement to reporters, he said the government is implementing a program to boost the foreign currency resources.

### Al Akhbar

Fathi Sorour, Speaker of the Egyptian People's Assembly, warned that any unilateral military intervention on Iraq without a green light from the UN Security Council will wide open the door for all the world countries to adopt similar unilateral

steps and result in violating all international laws and treaties.

### Al Gomhuria

Thousands of prayer performers on Friday staged a demonstration at Al Azhar Mosque following sermon to protest against the mounting threats of the US-led war on Iraq.

### Egyptian Mail

Egypt will receive a one-billion-US-dollar loan from the World Bank (WB) within two months, an official at the bank said on Friday.

A high-level delegation of WB experts is expected to arrive in Cairo in the coming few days to put final touches to the deal, he added.

## German

### Die Welt

The dispute over a possible war against Iraq was intensified Friday in the UN Security Council.

### Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung

The United States, Britain and Spain want to set an ultimatum till March 17 for Iraq to disarm.

### Sueddeutsche Zeitung

Chief UN weapons inspector Hahn Blix has proved that Iraq has made substantial progress in disarmament.

## Japan

### Asahi, Mainichi, Nihon Keizai, Yomiuri:

Several more months are needed to complete UN inspections in Iraq.

### Mainichi, Asahi, Yomiuri, Nihon Keizai

Japanese lawmaker Takatori Sakai was arrested over dubious funding.

### Yomiuri, Asahi, Mainichi, Nihon Keizai

Tokyo stock prices plunged to 20-year low.

## Britain

### Financial Times

British ministers are preparing emergency legislation to keep airlines flying to the Middle East during an Iraq war.

### The Times

A British fanatical Muslim cleric who urged his followers to murder Americans, Hindus and Jews was sentenced Friday to nine years in prison.

### The Daily Telegraph

Britain and America finally lost patience with Iraq Friday night by tabling an ultimatum giving Iraqi

President Saddam Hussein until March 17 to disarm or face war.

### The Independent

British troops in the Gulf are ready for immediate action, General Sir Mike Jackson, chief of the general staff, said Friday.

### The Guardian

British intelligence claims that Saddam Hussein has been trying to import uranium for a nuclear bomb are unfounded and based on deliberately fabricated evidence, according to an investigation by the UN nuclear inspectors in Iraq.

## Philippine

### Manila Bulletin

President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo signed into law Friday a heavily amended measure strengthening the country's 19-month-old Anti-Money Laundering Act, practically saving the Philippines from a string of economic sanctions the Paris-based Finance Action Task Force had threatened to impose should Manila fail to beat the deadline it has set on March 15.

### The Philippine Star

President Arroyo urged the Congress on Friday to swiftly pass

an anti-terrorism law to improve the government's capability to deal with the threat posed by those behind Tuesday's bombing at the Davao international airport that left 21 people dead and more than 100 others wounded.

### Philippine Daily Inquirer

The government of Davao city Friday filed criminal charges against Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF) founder Hashim Salamat and other rebel leaders for the deadly bombing of the Davao international airport on Tuesday.

## Kenya

### Kenya Times

Kenyan Minister for Lands and Settlement Amos Kimunya said there is a need to amend provisions in the Constitution to solve the problem of women's property rights, which have been greatly violated in the country.

### The People

The Kenyan government has released 24 million shillings (about 3.2 million US dollars) to various girls'

schools countrywide to boost their education, Minister for Education George Saitoti said.

### East African Standard

The aircraft, which crashed on Jan. 24 and killed a Kenyan cabinet minister, should not attempt to take off from the airstrip because its weight would not have it to fly from the small airstrip, a former chief pilot of the plane told a public inquiry on Friday.

## Pakistan

### The Nation

Pakistan's Ambassador to the United Nations Munir Akram said on Friday that Islamabad was against any deadline that could lead to an early war with Saddam Hussein, and raised concerns over the plight of Iraqi civilians.

### The Statesman

US and Pakistani officials denied an announcement by a provincial home minister that two sons of al-Qaeda Osama bin Laden were arrested in a joint US-Afghan-Pakistani operation in southern Afghanistan.

### Frontier Post

Pakistan has received a direct compensation of over 891 million US dollars from different countries in recognition of its active cooperation in the fight against international terrorism.

## India

### The Hindustan Times

Indian Prime Minister A.B. Vajpayee intends to bring the Women's Reservation Bill in the second half of the budget session beginning on April 7, though his renewed efforts for a consensus collapsed in Friday's all-party meeting.

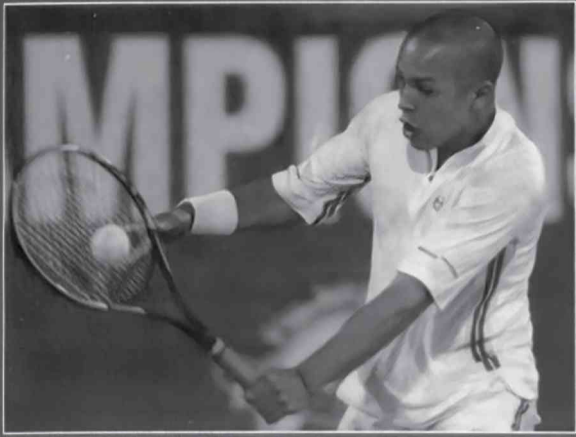
### The Times of India:

The HJT-36 intermediate jet trainer (IJT) designed and developed by Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd, Bangalore, had its maiden test-flight on Friday.

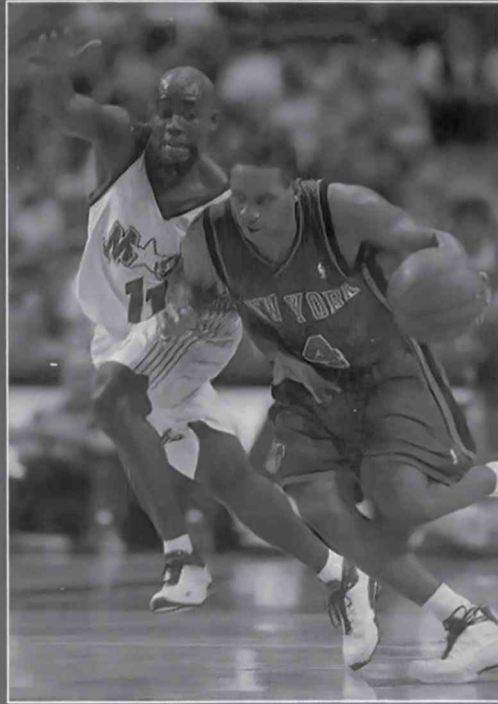
### The Hindu

The Delhi police Friday claimed to have arrested a spy, whose name is Onkar Nath Kalia (63), a book-seller, engaged in supplying sensitive defense documents to the Pakistan High Commission in New Delhi.





Hicham Arazi of Morocco hits a forehand returns to Roger Federer of Switzerland during Dubai Men's Open Championship quarterfinals at the Dubai Tennis Stadium on February 28. REUTERS/Anwar Mirza



New York Knicks guard Howard Easley (R) drives past Orlando Magic guard Jacques Vaughn (L) during first half NBA action in Orlando, March 7. Photo by Kevin Kolczynski/Reuters



Rainer Schoenfelder of Austria in action during the second run of the World Cup Alpine skiing men's slalom in Shigakogen, central Japan, March 8. Schoenfelder and Kalle Palander of Finland dead-heated in a time of one minute, 41.14 seconds, according to provisional results. REUTERS/Kimimasa Mayama



Canada's Jacques Villeneuve signs autographs as he arrives at the track for practice at Melbourne's Albert Park circuit, March 8, 2003. Melbourne hosts the season's first Formula One grand prix on Sunday, March 9. REUTERS/Mark Horsburgh



Sri Lanka's Aravinda de Silva hits a six during his innings of 92 runs during the World Cup Super Six match against Australia at Super Sports Park in Centurion, South Africa March 7. Australia won the match by 96 runs after bowling out Sri Lanka for 223 runs. REUTERS/David Gray

2006 World Cup finals

More teams wanted

By GARY EMMERSON

ZURICH, Switzerland, March 7 (Reuters) - A South American proposal to increase the size of the 2006 World Cup finals from 32 teams to 36 has been forwarded by FIFA to the organisers in Germany, world soccer's governing body said on Friday.

South American federation CONMEBOL, which lost a playoff place last December after a shake-up in the allocation system, sent a proposal to FIFA suggesting an extra four teams should compete in the finals in Germany.

FIFA's executive committee looked at the proposal during its meeting this week and president Sepp Blatter has now asked event organisers for their opinions.

"The South Americans do not agree with the distribution of slots decided in

Madrid in December and they have come to Europe with a proposal," Blatter told reporters.

"They suggested the World Cup in Germany can be played with 36 teams and we have taken note. Being open-minded we have sent it (the proposal) into Germany's court.

"Therefore the German organisers will have to deal with the problems (of it) and send it back to Zurich."

FIFA's vice-president Julio Grondona, of Argentina, made the proposal after South America lost half a place to Oceania.

That decision by FIFA's executive committee was met with discontent by the 10 members of CONMEBOL at the time before a proposal was put together aimed at gaining back the place.

CONMEBOL previously had four automatic qualification places and a

playoff with Oceania. Under the new format Brazil will also have to qualify after FIFA took away the automatic place for the World Cup holders.

Blatter said organisers would have to weigh up all the options, including television, stadiums and funding, before a decision is made on the CONMEBOL suggestion.

"We are not there yet, we need to look at all the parameters," Blatter added. "The organisers need to look at marketing matters, television, stadiums and guarantees.

"We need to discuss the impact. They (the South Americans) had to write with proposals but no other decision has been made since the executive committee in December."

The executive committee will discuss the 2006 finals further in a general meeting on May 3, Blatter said.

Dietary supplement linked to the recent death of Orioles pitcher

Warning against ephedra

FORT LAUDERDALE, Florida (Reuters) - Baseball players' union head Donald Fehr acknowledged on a visit to the Baltimore Orioles' camp that players were being discouraged from using ephedra, a dietary supplement linked to the recent death of Orioles pitcher Steve Bechler.

Bechler died on February 17 from organ failure caused by heatstroke.

Fehr met with Baltimore players for 90 minutes on Friday to discuss such matters as ephedra use.

The Players Association has previously warned players about the supplement, which is available without prescription, and is urging further caution.

"We recently sent a memo that specifically points out the more specific FDA warnings over the last weekend," Fehr said.

"And then between that and when (Bechler's) toxicology reports come back, we'll take a hard look at them and see where we go from there."

Commissioner Bud Selig has



Bechler, seen being taken to the hospital Feb. 16 in Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., died on February 17 from organ failure caused by heatstroke. Photo by Jon Way/Reuters

already banned players with minor league contracts from using the supplement.

Fehr also said that the Players

Association and Major League Baseball (MLB) are looking into ways to provide for Bechler's widow and unborn child.



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**Aries (Mar 21 - Apr 19)**  
Clear the air before anything gets out of hand. If you are straightforward with both friends and family, you will get far more accomplished.



**Taurus (Apr 20-May 20)**  
Focus on your career, or a job you want to complete. You owe it to yourself to do what's best for you.



**Gemini (May 21-June 20)**  
Love and romance will be on your mind today. Make your move if you are single and interested in someone you recently met. If you are in a relationship, do something special for the one you love.



**Cancer (Jun 21 - Jul 22)**  
Visiting someone who is confined to home will be informative. The experience this person has had will help you more than you can imagine. Keep an open mind.



**Leo (Jul 23 - Aug 22)**  
Your involvement in something you believe in will prove to be more advantageous than you thought. Be careful that you don't offer or promise too much.



**Virgo (Aug 23 - Sep 22)**  
Don't count on hearsay or gestures of friendliness. One-sided relationships will develop, so don't offer your heart and soul to anyone who may not be worth it.



**Libra (Sept 23 - Oct 22)**  
You can achieve whatever you set out to do today, but be observant. You will communicate well and can offer your services to a group that will be able to help you when you need assistance.



**Scorpio (Oct 23 - Nov 21)**  
Invest in yourself or something creative that you want to explore. You will have some terrific ideas, but do not share them with your peers just yet.



**Sagittarius (Nov 22 - Dec 21)**  
You may be up for an emotional rollercoaster ride if you haven't been totally upfront with a partner. Don't take too much for granted or make promises you can't keep.



**Capricorn (Dec 22 - Jan 19)**  
Someone you work with may slow you down today. Put on your blinders and focus on what you need to accomplish. Rely on yourself.



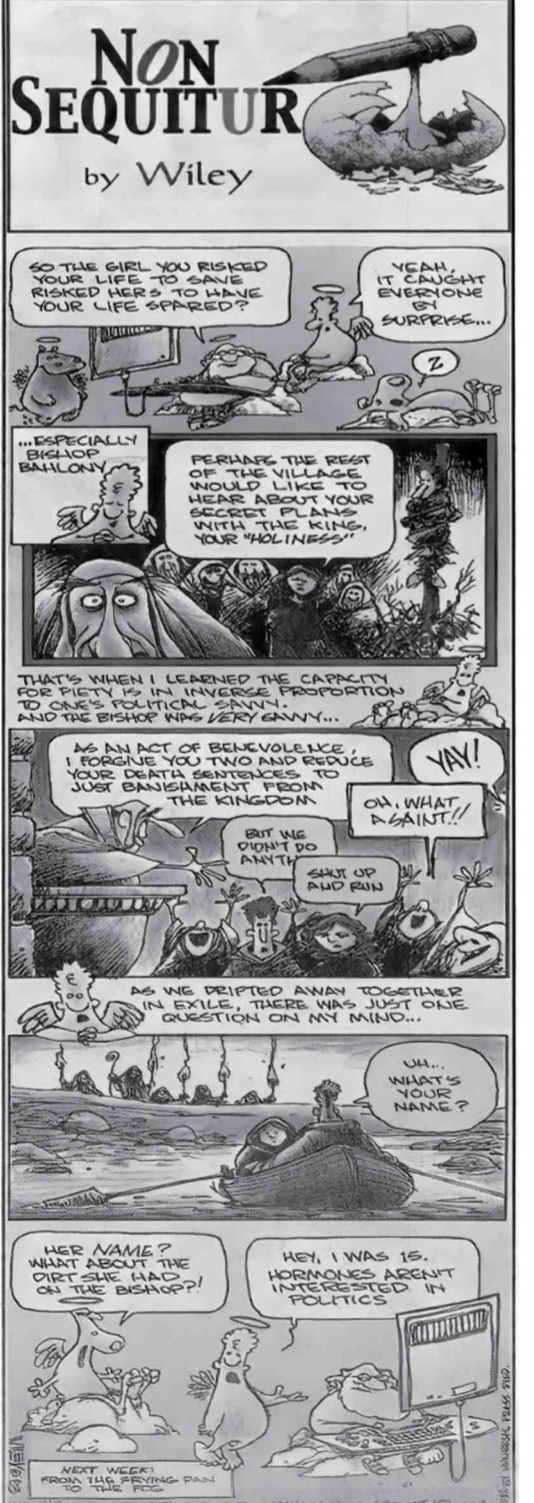
**Aquarius (Jan 20 - Feb 18)**  
Your ability to entertain friends or to astonish others with your ideas will put you in a popular position. Doing things with younger individuals will be enlightening.



**Pisces (Feb 19 - Mar 20)**  
Someone at home may not be easy to get along with. Problems will occur due to medications, alcohol or overdoing it on the part of yourself or someone you live with. Try to remain calm.

7-Day Weather Forecast

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# T-Shirt, web site spark challenges to rights

By DEBORAH ZABARENKO

WASHINGTON (Reuters) - Free speech, a key tenet of the U.S. Constitution, is facing unusual challenges in pre-war, post 9/11 America — where wearing an anti-war T-shirt prompted an arrest and lampooning the vice president's wife drew a letter from a White House lawyer.

The creator of a satirical Web site that took aim at Lynne Cheney, wife of Vice President Dick Cheney, said he felt a chill when the letter on White House stationery arrived.

"I read it very carefully and while I could see that technically it was a request ... the overall tone of it and the citing of various and sundry cases was obviously threatening in nature," John Wooden said by telephone from Brooklyn, New York. "You don't get just a request from the vice president's office."

The letter from David Addington, a counsel to the vice president, asked Wooden to remove pictures and a "fictitious biography" of Mrs. Cheney from the site, www.whitehouse.org.

Instead, Wooden added red clown

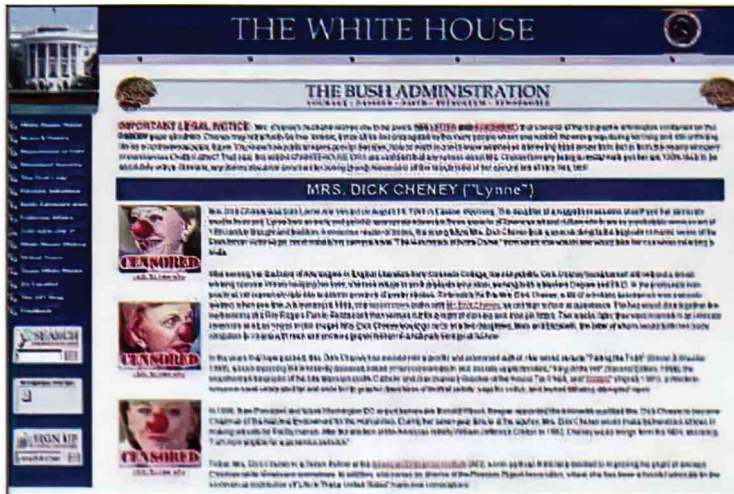
noses to pictures of Mrs. Cheney, over the word "CENSORED," and posted Addington's letter. A Cheney aide who asked not to be identified said neither the vice president nor Mrs. Cheney were aware of the letter before it was sent and consider the matter closed.

The New York Civil Liberties Union has taken up the case and is waiting for a reply from the White House, since it considers this matter typical of an atmosphere of repression in the United States.

"It's clear that the Bush-Cheney administration has put the blocks in place for a repressive climate on even the most fundamental and obvious of issues, like the right to have a Web site that satirizes the vice president's wife," said Donna Lieberman, the group's executive director.

Lieberman said another sign of the times was the arrest earlier this week of a lawyer at a public mall near Albany, New York. The lawyer was charged with trespassing after refusing to take off a "Give Peace A Chance" T-shirt he had just bought at the mall.

The New York group's parent, the



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American Civil Liberties Union, has reported a 15 percent surge in membership since the Sept. 11, 2001, hijack attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon.

Civil libertarians raised concerns soon after the attacks that the wish to

find the guilty might result in violation of individual rights. They continue to chafe at the USA Patriot Act, passed 45 days after the attacks, which gave the government greater powers to eavesdrop and detain immigrants.

## Ecuador seeks clean energy for pristine galapagos

QUITO, Ecuador (Reuters) - Ecuador on Friday signed an accord with environmental groups to work to create clean energy sources in its pristine Galapagos islands after a 2001 fuel spill threatened its unique wildlife, conservation group WWF said in a statement.

WWF and local partner Fundacion Natura signed the agreement with Quito to put in motion projects aimed at creating a renew-

able energy system in the Galapagos, a top priority since a tanker spilled about 180,000 gallons of fuel in the archipelago in January 2001.

The accident raised concern among activists over Ecuador's ability to manage the islands located 625 miles west of its coastline in the Pacific Ocean. The islands which are home to sea lions, iguanas and exotic birds.

Under the program, the Andean

nation will replace old boat motors with cleaner ones, change diesel-powered plants for solar or wind energy and recycle used goods in the archipelago over the next 10 years with a \$25-million investment, the statement said.

It was not immediately clear who would finance the initiative, which was jointly designed by WWF, Toyota Motors Corp. and the University of Colorado, the statement said.

## Organic food has more healthy compounds

WASHINGTON (Reuters) - Organically grown crops contain more healthy compounds than conventional crops, perhaps because they are not exposed to pesticides, U.S. researchers reported on Friday.

Tests on organically and sustainably grown berries and corn showed they contain up to 58 percent more polyphenolics, compounds that act as antioxidants and may protect cells against damage that can lead to heart disease and cancer.

Organic food is grown without chemical pesticides or fertilizers. Sustainably grown food is grown without artificial pesticides.

"This really opens the door to more research in this area," said Alyson Mitchell, an assistant professor of food science at the University of California, Davis, who led the study.

Her team compared levels of total

polyphenolics and ascorbic acid content in blackberries, strawberries and corn grown organically, sustainably or conventionally.

The team found that blackberries grown sustainably or organically and then frozen contained 50 percent to 58 percent more polyphenolics than conventionally grown crops from neighboring plots.

Sustainably grown frozen strawberries contained 19 percent more polyphenolics than conventional fruit.

Sustainably grown and organic produce also had more ascorbic acid, which the body converts to vitamin C, Mitchell's team reported in the Journal of Agricultural and Food Chemistry.

The polyphenolics in the organic crops were at levels seen in wild plants, Mitchell said, suggesting that plants treated with pesticides need to make less of the chemicals.

## 'Reservoir Dogs' to become SCi computer game

LONDON (Reuters) - Violent cult film "Reservoir Dogs" is to be made into a computer game, software firm SCi Games Ltd. said on Friday.

The film about a botched diamond heist launched the career of director Quentin Tarantino and restored the fortunes of actor Harvey Keitel.

Notorious for its bloody gunbattles and constant swearing, it has been a favorite with critics and movie fans since its release in 1992.

SCi Games said it had acquired inter-

active rights to the movie from Californian film and television production company Artisan Entertainment Inc. The game will initially be released for Sony PlayStation 2 and Microsoft Xbox consoles.

SCi promises that gamers will be able to play all the film's key characters, including Mr. Blonde, infamous for torturing a policeman in one of the movie's most visceral scenes.

SCi shares were up 3 percent at 46.5 pence in late morning trade.

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# Ivorian war spurs west Africa's AIDS nightmare

BOUAKE, Ivory Coast (Reuters) - "The girls all love us because of what we are fighting for," laughs Ivory Coast rebel fighter Mantou Cisse, surrounded by young female admirers.

"Worry about AIDS? There is no AIDS in Bouake," he says confidently in a rebel stronghold where young men with guns now lay down the law.

But there is AIDS in Bouake. In fact it was one of the more heavily affected parts of the West African country before a war blew up in September and changed what was once a haven of stability into bloodshed and chaos.

Now the conflict threatens to encourage the spread of the HIV virus that causes AIDS and put yet another seal on Ivory Coast's hopes of ever regaining its place as a prosperous exception in a region of turmoil and despair.

Just as dangerous, the war could help fan the crisis in a part of the worst-affected continent that has so far got off fairly lightly compared to southern or east Africa.

"Ivory Coast was already the country with the highest rate of infection in this region," said Pierre Mpele, the head of UNAIDS for West and Central Africa.

"Crisis situations help to spread HIV/AIDS and if it continues any longer then we fear that we will start to see an impact in the region because of the movements of people."

Ivory Coast, which drew millions of immigrants in search of its relative riches, has infection rates estimated at 10 to 12 percent of the sexually active population.

As Ivory Coast's second city, a crossroads, market center, garrison and student town, Bouake had more sufferers than most.

In a sign of what is happening elsewhere, efforts both to look after sufferers and prevent the transmission of the virus have broken down.

## NO CONDOMS

"There are no condoms in town even if people want to use them and people cannot hold on forever. There is no money for campaigns to persuade people of the dangers," complained Penda Toure, who runs an AIDS project in the city.

Before the war, Toure's Center for Solidarity and Social Action was helping



Rebel soldiers are surrounded by women in the rebel stronghold of Bouake, Feb. 17. The conflict in Ivory Coast threatens to encourage the spread of the HIV virus that causes AIDS and put yet another seal on the country's hopes of ever regaining its place as a prosperous exception in a region of turmoil and despair. Reuters

ing over 900 families, one or more of whose members was infected. Since the fighting erupted it has only been possible to establish contact with 268.

Most sufferers either fled to the main city of Abidjan or scattered back to their villages and might now be off spreading the virus again. There is concern that infected prostitutes might have little choice but to sell their bodies again.

"The war is a catastrophe for those of us with HIV," said Sidibe Brahima, a former trader who has known he was infected since 1995, emphasizing his point with trembling arms weakened by suffering.

"The people who were caring for us have run away themselves. We have no food, no help."

The sudden breakdown of society in the country of 16 million has created

conditions for the virus to spread even if a truce has stopped most of the fighting between President Laurent Gbagbo's loyalists and rebel fighters.

"The crisis makes the young and women particularly vulnerable," said Mpele.

"The health infrastructure is gone in some areas. There is violence. There is an increased likelihood of rape and the behavior of young people has changed because of the war and has put them at greater risk."

## Infection not a concern for many

Infection with a virus that could lie dormant for years is not a major concern for people worried about where their next meal is coming from or for fighters fearing that battle might resume at any time.

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# Yemen-US dispute

Anis said that Al-Muayed suffered tremendously and when he saw him he fell in tears. According to the report, Al-Muayed told Anis, "I have called the cell I am living in as the 'cell of prohibition' as I am prohibited of almost everything, I cannot even get fresh air as the only window of my cell is closed most of the time."

Al-Muayed told Anis that he is ready to stand trial in Germany or in Yemen and is willing to be sentenced if he is proven guilty.

"I would like to express to you my great satisfaction for the prompt reaction of President Saleh and the Foreign Ministry in supporting my cause," he said.

In response to US allegations concerning the transfer of USD 20 million to Al-Qaeda's leader Osama bin Laden, Al-Muayed was reported to have said, "I don't even dream of such an amount...we are a poor nation. How in earth could we get such an amount?"

U.S. officials said on Tuesday they had asked Germany to extradite the two men. Yemen had asked Germany to repatriate the men, saying it would prosecute them if there was evidence against them.

If found guilty in the United States of helping a foreign "terrorist" organization, Moayad faces a possible jail sentence of up to 60 years, and Zayed faces up to 30 years.

The Yemeni official described Hamas, labeled by Washington as a "terrorist" organization, as a legitimate group resisting Israeli occupation of Palestinian territory.

"Our position towards Hamas is clear. We do not consider Hamas a terrorist group but a group that is struggling to gain legitimate rights," the official said.

U.S. officials have sought to cut off money supplies to suspected Islamic "terrorist groups with arrests and indictments since the September 11, 2001, hijacked plane attacks, blamed

on al Qaeda and its leader, bin Laden. Both men belong to Yemen's Islamic opposition Islah party, whose members have denounced the arrests and said the pair had no connection to al Qaeda.

On the other hand, sources at the Islah Party denied that the US had given any new evidence with regard to al-Moayad and his associate's involvement on charge of assisting al-Qaeda organization and Hamas.

Al-Moayad lawyer in Frankfurt has demanded the Supreme Federation Court for the case to be referred. Al-Moayad is a preacher at Al Ihsan Mosque, one of the main mosques in Sana'a.

He left Frankfurt with his companion Mohammed Yahya Zaed for medical treatment. At the same time, intensified efforts are currently being exerted on the government by Islah and religious affiliates to pressure the government to bring him back to Yemen.

# Weapons' mess continues

MP Sultan al-Barakani, head of GPC caucus in the parliament said that MPs were short of time to debate the law and endorse it and that there are some figures who do not want the law to see the light. He pointed out that the law will be the business of the next parliament.

The question of arms possession in Yemen has become a major headache for the government which believes that there must be a law to regulate and control this issue, as arms have been a main source of violence and terrorism. The government believes that enforcing control on arms possession is part of its campaign against terrorist elements. It also feels that this issue is one of the main reasons that curb its efforts to achieve security and stability as well as development.

Arms possession and carrying is no longer a sign of manhood and part of the Yemeni culture as tribesmen used to think but it has rather become a means for kidnapping, theft, and all sorts of crimes. The possession of firearms in some remote tribal areas has made it difficult for the government to control these areas like Marib, Al-Jawf, Sa'dah and Shabwa. It made possible for terrorists to carry out their terrorist operations even near the airport of Sana'a as some terrorists fired at the Hunt oil company plane and other similar operations.

Reports of the ministry of interior reveal that weapons have encouraged the spread of crime in the society. It has been reported that 2000 people fell victims of armed conflicts. These reports blame it on proliferation of so much weaponry. In some areas people resort to gun fighting as a way to score their accounts. We have heard about so many tribal fightings of various reasons while the government kept mute

and did not interfere at all.

The government has been since 1997 demanding the parliament to endorse a draft law to regulate this issue. But the parliament was not convinced with a new law to replace the law of 1992. Al-Ahmar has repeatedly said that "we do not need a new law but enactment of the first one."

The law of 1992 which has not been implemented yet, does not impose strict rules on arms possession; it allows the possession and carrying of arms with a license issued by several authorities. It entails that if someone is caught possessing a gun, he should be fined with YR 10000 but it does not dictate that the gun should be confiscated. All these lapses in the law turned the issue into chaos.

As the new law was totally rejected by the parliament, the government incorporated some amendments into the first law by the end of last January and presented it to the parliament for discussion and approval. Some tribal figures who are suspected of having links with the issue of arms smuggling and trading have also strongly rejected the new law which imposes some strict and tough measures against those who possess and trade in this business.

According to reports, there are over 60 million pieces of arms in Yemen most of them have been brought into the country through smuggling. Some estimates put the ratio of arms to people at 3-to-1. However, many people do not possess arms. There are various types of weapons like Kalashnikovs, artillery, cannons, mortars, anti-aircraft guns...etc from different countries like Russia, US, Ukraine, Bulgaria, France, Brazil, Korea, China...etc. People in Yemen prefer the Russian Kalashnikov as it is cheap in compari-

son with the US and because they have experienced it for a long time. There are different arms markets spread in Sadaa, Thamar, Marib and Sana'a. The most famous ones are those of Jihanah 30 km outside Sana'a and that of Al-Talh in Sadaa.

Of course, the unstable political situation in the country as well as the in-fightings between the south and north has been a major reason behind the spread of the weapons in the society. During this time of political unrest people felt insecure and therefore they felt the need for a sort of self-defense and self-protection.

Advocate Abdulaziz al-Baghdadi believes that the sense of chaos, injustice forces people to find a way to protect themselves and their properties. Also, throughout history, people in Yemen got accustomed to this issue of arms possession and it developed with them as part of their culture and tradition and possessing them is a symbol of status and manhood. Firing into the air to celebrate weddings, the birth of a baby boy or the arrival of a male guest is part of the culture.

Despite this, many people feel now that it is no more like this and that the society should be civilized, provided that the government takes the responsibility for doing justice and protecting everyone in the community without any sort of tribal or regional discrimination. Of course, the process of disarmament or controlling this problem will take time. Observers believe that this is a step towards establishing a civil society and enhancing security and the rule of law. But the question remains to be asked whether the new parliament would pass the law. More importantly, will the law even be enacted?

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أجمل التهاني وأجمل التبريكات  
نرفعا لأخ العزير  
**منير**  
**أحمد السقاف**  
بمناسبة زفافه الميمون  
فبارك الله له وبارك عليه وجمع بينهما على خير، وبالرفاء والبهين...  
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# Improve Your English



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# 174

## I. What to Say

Situations and Expressions (43)  
Making general statements (1)

We often make general statements about people and their affairs. However, in doing so we need to qualify these generalizations to show that these are not true in every case. We can make these general statements by adding expressions of frequency like 'sometimes', 'often', 'generally', 'usually', 'normally' and so on.

In this lesson, we are going to discuss expressions which indicate that the statements are a) true in most cases, b) convey uncertain generalizations, or they show c) in how many cases the generalization is true.

### a. Generalizations which are true in most cases

- People **by and large** tend to have a common outlook on life.
- Youngsters these days **have a general tendency** to have nuclear families.
- The middle class people are **much more inclined** to live in the present.
- It may be said **without any fear of exaggeration** that people are becoming more and more materialistic.
- **Normally**, people of Yemen are friendly and cooperative.
- **Often** we come across people who are introverts.
- **Generally**, Yemenis assemble in post-lunch sessions for chewing qat.
- **Usually**, the university students depend on handouts as learning materials.
- Doctors **tend** to make more money than teachers.
- Members of the public are **more likely** to be swept away by publicity glare in buying consumer durables.
- Most of us are **prone** to missing woods for the trees.
- The youth of the present day are **susceptible** to indulge in pleasure-seeking activities.
- **More and more** students nowadays are travelling to India for higher studies.
- It is a **matter of common experience** that young couples are increasingly becoming individualistic.
- It is **customary** for the youth to get married and settle down to raising a family after they complete their graduation.
- It is **commonly observed** that people don't concern themselves about others problems.
- Cheating in the examination is **more of an epidemic phenomenon** in high schools.
- In the western societies, drugs addiction has assumed a **frightful proportion**.
- Qat chewing is an **endemic** social phenomenon in Yemen.
- Spurt in the juvenile delinquency crimes translates itself to a **major concern** for sociologists.
- A higher enrollment ratio of girls in institutes of higher learning in Yemen is an **unmistakable** signal of liberation of women.

## II. How to say it correctly

Correct errors, if any, in the following sentences

1. Why is she appearing so sad?
2. I'm owing a great deal to my parents.
3. I'm not feeling well today.
4. He is adoring that political leader.
5. I enjoy to travel.

### Answers to last week's questions

1. You organized that function well.  
**Note:** When we use an adverb to evaluate, it generally comes at the sentence-end position, not in the mid position.
2. Tomorrow they're leaving for India.  
**Note:** Adverbs of definite time are put at the beginning or end of a sentence.
3. He speaks English well.  
**Note:** Adverbs are not put between the verb and its object. These are not generally separated.
4. The first two chapters of this book are good.  
**Note:** 'The two first' is a meaningless expression. It implies that two things may be first.

5. You have to work **hard**.  
**Note:** 'Hard' is both an adjective and adverb. Its meaning is quite different from 'hardly' which is also an adverb. 'Hardly' means 'almost no' or 'almost not'.

## III. Increase Your Word Power

### A) How to express it in one word

1. Speech or writing that one cannot understand.
2. A person having a bad quality very strongly.
3. Having two purposes or meanings, quite different from each other.
4. A cinema performance in which two main films are shown.
5. To block a road by parking a vehicle beside a vehicle already parked.

### Answers to last week's questions

1. To examine something twice for exactness or quality: **double-check** (vt)
2. A fold of loose skin between the face and neck, considered a sign of fatness: **double chin** (n)
3. To cheat by pretending friendship: **double-cross** (vt)
4. A deceiver or dishonest person who follows double standards: **double-dealer** (n)
5. A bus with two floors: **double-decker** (n)

### B) Foreign phrases

Use the following phrases in illustrative sentences

1. bijou; 2. billet-doux; 3. bone bon;
4. bon homie; 5. bon mot; 6. bon vivant

### Answers to last week's questions

1. **bedlam** (VS) (a wild, noisy place or activity): There was a bedlam in the parliament during the question hour.
2. **begum** (India and Pakistan): A Muslim lady of high rank." Begum Musharaf, accompanied by General Musharaf visited Taj Mahal.
3. **belles-lettres** (Fr) (literature that is of value for its beauty rather than for its practical importance): I am a lover of French belles-lettres.
4. **bete-noire** (Fr) (the person or thing one dislikes): His coarse manners have made him bete noire to the entire family.
5. **bidet** (Fr) (a kind of small low bath for sitting across to wash the lower part of the body): The bathroom is fitted with a bidet.

### C) Words commonly confused

Bring out differences in meaning of the following pairs of words

1. abstention, abstinence; 2. abstraction, obstruction;
3. abstruse, obtuse; 4. abysmal, infinitesimal;
5. accede, exceed

### Answers to last week's questions

1. **abnegation** (n) (self-sacrifice): An attitude of abnegation is the hallmark of his personality.
- negation** (n) (act of denying): I was shocked by his negation to my request.
2. **abode** (n) (house, dwelling place): Heaven is the abode of pious souls.
- aboard** (adv) (into a ship or an aircraft): It's time to go aboard.
3. **abolish** (vt) (put an end to): We must all work to abolish the evil customs in our society.
- prohibit** (vt) (say that something must not be done): Smoking is strictly prohibited in the college.
4. **abound** (vi) (have in great number or quantity): The river abounds in fish.
- rebound** (vi) (spring or bounce back after hitting something): The ball rebounded from the wall.
5. **abscess** (n) (collection of pus): An abscess is formed on his right arm.
- obsess** (vt) (fixed or false idea): His mind is obsessed with wealth and material comforts.

### D) Idioms and phrases

Use the following phrases and idiomatic expressions in sentences so as to illustrate their meanings:

1. as blind as a bat; 2. bask in;

3. to have a bash at; 4. base upon;
5. barter away

### Answers to last week's questions

1. **spill the beans** (to tell a secret, usually unintentionally): The officer was embarrassed when his subordinate spilled the beans.
2. **on one's beam-ends** (a person almost without any money left): Can you help me out with some money? I'm on my beam-ends at the end of the month.
3. **be-all and end-all** (the most important thing): Money is the be-all and end-all of his life.
4. **Hold/keep at bay** (to keep someone some distance away):  
- The miscreant held the person at bay at knife point  
- An apple a day can keep the doctor at bay.
5. **with bated breath** (anxious waiting): When I returned home after a long time, my family waits for my return with bated breath.

## IV. Grammar and Composition

### A) Grammar

Do as directed

1. Your bike is not running well Oh, yes. I — (buy) a new one very soon. (use the correct tense form indicating future)
2. I have no time that I can spare. (Make a simple sentence)
3. It would have been better if they not (come). (Write the appropriate form of the verb in bracket)
4. What a foolish thing it was he did! (Make it a simple sentence)
5. He did not tell us how old he was. (Say whether the sentence is simple, compound or complex)

### Answers to last week's questions

1. He always tries to **keep up** our family's good name.
2. Ask the driver if he can **catch up** with the truck.
3. He still behaves like a child. I wish he'd **grow up**.
4. Don't **hold me up**. I will be late.
5. You should **look up** the word in a dictionary.
6. **Speak up**. We can't hear you.
7. The soldiers **put up** a brave fight.
8. **Do up** your buttons.

### B) Composition

Expand the idea contained in the saying:

**NECESSITY IS THE MOTHER OF INVENTION**

### Answers to last week's question:

**EVERY DARK CLOUD HAS A SILVER LINING**  
'Dark cloud' symbolizes misfortune. But no cloud is entirely dark. The sun which it hides brightens the fringes or borders of the clouds. The proverb gives us a message of hope. Just as the sun is hidden but has not totally disappeared, in the same way our days are only temporarily darkened. We should not, therefore, become disheartened in the face of calamities or misfortune. We should rather face them boldly, bear them cheerfully and wait for the sun of good fortune to shine and the dark cloud of misfortune to fade out. This optimism and a positive attitude in the face of troubled times would lessen our misery and give us the strength to bear the pain.

## V. Pearls from the Holy Quran

"All bounties  
Are in the hand of Allah;  
He granteth them  
To whom He pleaseth;  
And Allah careth for all,  
And He knoweth all things"  
S3: A73

## VI. Words of Wisdom

"Children have more need of models than of critics"

—Joubert

## A LETTER TO THE TEACHERS OF ENGLISH: 16

# Classroom language is a rich source of learning

Dear Fellow teachers,  
In one of my earlier letters, I suggested that you use Arabic in English classes. I made this suggestion in order to make you feel that use of Arabic in the English classes is not a sin. I have also warned you to be careful and judicious in your use of Arabic, not to turn the English classes into Arabic classes. Use of Arabic whenever necessary is a strategy to motivate the learners, but use of more and more English in the classes provides a rich source for them to learn English.

You use English in the English classes not only to explain the lesson but also to get things done by the learners. For example, Clean the board, Bring me a piece of chalk, Where is the duster?, Why is Abdo absent today? Who came to the class first this morning? Open your books at page 28 are some of the expressions you have to make in the classes. I have seen teachers making these expressions always in Arabic. In the beginning classes, when the learners' English is not very strong, you can use Arabic; even then, as I have suggested, mix Arabic and English; for example, Where is the dabashir? Bring some dabashir, Abdo. Close the bab, Basheer. But soon and gradually you can switch over to English and use these expressions in English. If you want to use a new expression, use Arabic words wherever possible in English sentence or the vice versa. I am more than convinced that

using bilingual expressions is not harmful to the learners, for this is the natural way in which educated bilingual Arabic speakers communicate with each other. Moreover, it is more useful to use English with Arabic rather than translating each word into Arabic in the English classes.

The classroom language refers to the language you use for getting things done, giving instructions, shouting at or praising the learners and not to the language you reproduce from the textbook or the sentences you write on the board for the learners to copy. Researches have undoubtedly proved that this classroom language is the rich source for the learners to 'pick up' English, because it is 'similar to the language the mother and the others use when the child learns its mother tongue'. So the more English your classroom language has, the better for your learners. In addition, this improves your English too. Yes, the more English you use in the classes, the better your English becomes, for language learning improves through practice, practice which is meaningful and need-based. Increase the use of English in your classes and improve your and your learners' English. Good luck.

Yours fraternally,

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# YOUTH: A symbol of youthful exuberance

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We are glad to acknowledge the receipt of the YOUTH (issue No. 4, March 2003), the organ of the 20th batch, English department, Faculty of Education, Sana'a university. Ramzi Al-Abisi is the Editor-in-chief of this house magazine, who is assisted by Abdullah Al-Wa'ra as Managing editor, Saddam Mohsen as Financial official, Nashwan Al-Amri and Abdullah Talha as Technical editors, Shaker Al-Mulsa as cultural editor, Ahmed Ashar'abi as Circulation and subscription manager, Akram Al-Rae'e as Editorial secretary.

The publication has a captivating caption: "When there's will, there's youth" and has cherished a lofty ideal: "We have to strive, to seek, to find, but not to yield." Enriched by a spectrum of absorbing articles from young writers in the department the YOUTH is, indeed, a veritable recipe well-equipped to unfailingly hold the reader's interest from the beginning till the end. It's a laudable attempt by a group of spirited youth who constitute a com-

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Editorial

Crusade Again

Inside

PELLING force of youthful energy and vitality symbolizing the spirit of a new generation. We wish the venture an illustrious long life and take this opportunity to congratulate the office bearers and the contributors on their creative endeavor.  
Many happy returns.

## YOUTH FORUM

**Grasp all, lose all**  
In Paris, capital of France, there was a poor family. The parents couldn't find food or clothes for their sons. One of the sons left his family and became vagrant. Suddenly, he decided to be involved in contraband opium to bring more money. Of course, his parents, didn't know that. He spent a long period of his youth doing this. He earned a lot of money. Then, he got married and got three sons and a daughter. He still went on doing the unlawful work. Many people became very sick in his country because of the narcotics, but he took no heed of the consequences of his deeds. What he wanted was only to get more and more money. After a period of time, his wife discovered the sort of work he did. She

refused to continue living with him. After his wife left him the kids grew wayward. Most of them were influenced negatively by their father in his obsession for money. One of them went astray and the eldest of them became an opium eater. His health became very bad. His father didn't know about his sickness as he didn't live with his sons. In course of time he knew the reason of his son's sickness and realized that his son's life was in danger. He tried to save his son's life but couldn't do that. He himself became a paralytic and passed his last days with incalculable misery.

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## Readers' Forum

Dear Dr. Ramakanta Sahu,  
I would like to refer to the article written by Dr. Mahmudul Hassain, titled 'Men behind the words' in your issue No. 620 dated 27/11/2003, which was very interesting. I have something to add about a word that is most frequently used, but many of us are ignorant about its origin. This word is 'OK'. Candidly speaking, the word bewildered me for more than thirty years. Although I have gone through all dictionaries to find its origin, yet all my effort failed. It was only accidentally I found out answer in a book of General Knowledge.

supporters raised placards bearing the phrase: Elect the son of Old Kinderhook and marched in the streets shouting this slogan. Thereafter, the slogan was shortened to : elect the son of O. K.  
Fortunately, he won the election and became the President of USA.  
From that time, the two alphabet were introduced into the English language as a sign of approval and acceptance. Is it not very interesting?

**Yours faithfully,**  
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According to this source 'O' stands for Old and 'K' stands for Kinderhook, which combine to indicate the name of a city in the United States of America called 'Old Kinderhook'. In 1837, a citizen of this city called Mr. Marlin Van Buren was a candidate in the presidential election for the United States of America. His

**Dear Mr. Yahya,**  
Thanks for your response. We would appreciate more contributions from you in future. Please email your responses.  
—Dr. Sahu

# WONDERWORD

**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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| Alone       | Excellent | Leaf          | Pulp     | Talk     |
| Antioxidant | Extra     | Like          | Pure     | Taste    |
| Aroma       | Farmer    | Liquid        | Purpose  | Tone     |
| Best        | Fats      | Long          | Quality  | Trees    |
| Black       | Ferment   | Machine       | Refining | Tunisia  |
| Blossom     | Filtered  | Mediterranean | Rich     | Turkey   |
| Bottling    | Fine      | Method        | Sale     | Useful   |
| Branches    | Flavor    | Mild          | Sauce    | Uses     |
| Buds        | Fragrance | Mill          | Short    | Variety  |
| Care        | France    | Mixes         | Simple   | Vine     |
| Cart        | Fruit     | Modernized    | Size     | Virgin   |
| Clear       | Golden    | Nutty         | Skin     | Vitamins |
| Cold        | Grade     | Pale          | Small    | Volume   |
| Color       | Greece    | Pasta         | Smell    | Work     |
| Complement  | Green     | Paste         | Smooth   | Yard     |
| Cost        | Grow      | Pick          | Soak     |          |
| Crush       | Harvest   | Pits          | Spain    |          |
| Cups        | Healthy   | Pray          | Spicy    |          |
| Delicate    | Husk      | Prepare       | Stacked  |          |
| Dine        | Italy     | Press         | Step     |          |

by DAVID OUELLET

FROM OLIVE TO OIL Solution: 11 letters

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ANSWER NEXT WEEK


Last Week's Answer: Siesta




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**Tombs and domes:**  
Mawza'a is famous for its tombs and domes that attract many visitors from many neighboring districts. Among those are Ba Saad Bin Ali dome and tomb and Al-Mihwaly dome.

**Ba Saad Bin Ali Dome:**  
This is a very large dome decorated with hexagonal stars. The dome was built for Ba Saad Bin Ali Al-Hadrami in Rajab, who died in 587 Hijri, i.e., making it 836 years old. The height of the dome is about 14.5 meters and is built in a rectangular shape with black stones. Its interior is composed of four semi domes in each of the four corners. The prime dome is estimated to be 20 meters in diameter.

**Ba Saad Tomb:**  
This tomb is actually composed of two adjacent graves surrounded by a wooden structure made of Al-Saag wood. The tomb, which has four windows, is covered with woolen textile of red and green colors. There are engravings on the wood explaining the history of the person buried. To the south there lies another tomb of one of Bin Saad's followers.

**Al-Mihwaly Dome:**  
This dome dates back to more than 400 years and was constructed of A'ajer stones. Near the dome, there is a water well, which is currently in ruins after it was a major source of water at the time. Traces of ancient structures surround the dome in almost every direction. Overall, the dome is quite similar to that of Bin Saad, but it is smaller in size and is suffering from cracks on its side walls. People of Mawza'a claim that there were four other domes in the area, but



A scene from Mawza'a

two were destroyed by the Wahhabi sect followers and Saudi-affiliated soldiers who aimed at destroying the tombs and domes thinking that they were being made holistic by the locals. Villagers in the area resisted this act and an agreement was reached to leave two and destroy two.

**Mawza'a the Culture Vocabulary:**  
When talking with the local people of Mawza'a, you may be surprised to hear unfamiliar words that you have never heard before. It might as well be a challenge for you when trying to make sense of those strange words without asking about their meaning. If you were to actually ask "why?", you would get an answer equivalent to "just like that" pronounced as: "warooki", or "fishi boori". These are words that do not relate to Arabic and whose source is unknown or more accurately, not researched yet.



Ba Saad Bin Ali dome

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