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As Parliament holds its first session, Ba Jammal to form new cabinet:

No surprises

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Sanaa (Saturday May 10) - President Saleh issued a presidential decree (no 6 for 2003) on appointing Ba Jammal as the prime minister of the new government and instructed him to form the new cabinet. In his meeting with Ba Jammal on Saturday, President Saleh stressed the need to appoint individuals who would demonstrate their abilities in living up to the public's expectations. He called upon the premier to include new

blood, qualified, and honest young individuals to continue the country's quest for development and prosperity.

Among the points mentioned as a priority for the new government were security and reforms in the economic, developmental, financial, administrative, and judicial sectors of the country.

"You must give due importance to education, which should then be a means to serve development and fight poverty... You should work on reducing unemployment by providing new job opportunities and promoting

investment." The president said.

Parliament holds first session

In its first session held on Saturday, the parliament approved the appointment of Sheikh Abdullah bin Hussein Al-Ahmar as the parliament's speaker by acclamation. All winners in the elections were present in the parliament except for 4 seats, whose results are still disputed till date.

However, the parliament session which was somewhat an introductory session was also an

opportunity to witness the increasing gap between the ruling party and the opposition.

According to latest statistics given by the Supreme Commission for Elections and Referendum, the winning members of parliament were declared as follows:

General People's Congress: 226 seats won with 58% of the votes

Islah: 47 seats won with 22.55% of the votes

Yemeni Socialist Party: 7 seats won with 4.69% of the votes

Nasserite Party: 3 seats won



Abdulqadir Ba Jammal

with 1.85% of the votes

Baath Party (of Syria): 2 seats won with 0.68% of the votes

Independents: 14 seats won with 9.9% of the votes

It is worth noting that Sheikh Abdullah Al-Ahmar alone got more than 24,350 votes, which constitutes around 0.5% of the overall votes in the elections.

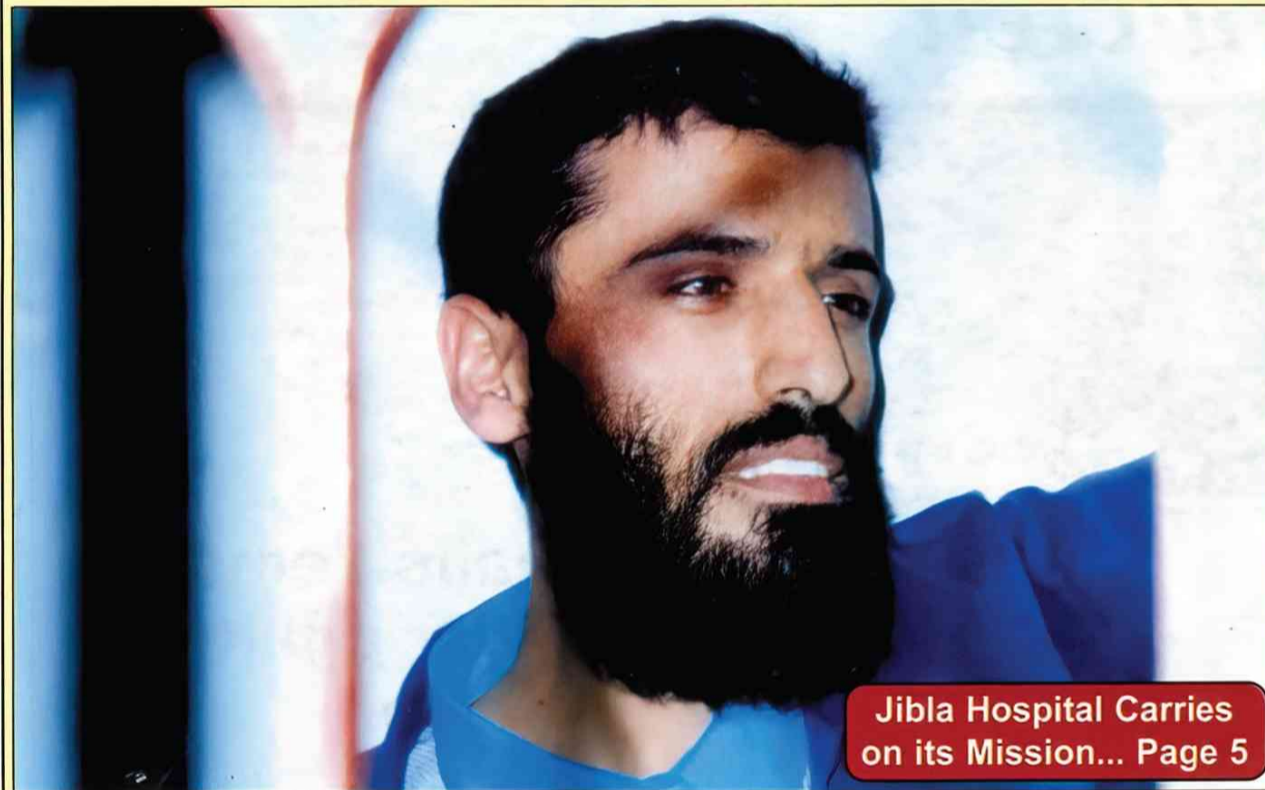
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Verdict concerning murder of US doctors in Jibla declared:

Death sentence



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Abid Abdulrazzaq Al-Kamil, murderer of the US doctors in Jibla during the trial. Al-Kamil continues to insist that what he did was legitimate and honorable and should have been done by any other faithful Muslim. Photo by Ahmed Al-Haj.

By IBRAHIM AL-DAHMAN
YEMEN TIMES STAFF & REUTERS

IBB (Saturday May 10) - The Jibla Court of Appeal has issued on Saturday a sentence of capital punishment against Abid Abdulrazzaq Al-Kamil, 30, the murderer of an American missionary doctor and two of her colleagues in

December 30th 2002 in Jibla.

During the court's fifth and final session concerning this particular case, Judge Abduraqib Al-Nabhani issued the verdict that the killer be executed with 'Ta'zeer' - public execution and hanging corpse in public for a few days - as a means to show the brutality of his crimes. Kamil had said in one of the trial sessions that

he "killed the three Christian missionaries to get closer to Allah and to take revenge on Christians and Americans."

Kamil confessed that he did kill the doctors, but tried to provide justifications that the doctors attempted to Christianize the locals in Jibla. "I have done this after the government failed in carrying out its duties in changing what is

wrong and implementing the rulings that came out of the other case when I filed a lawsuit against the American doctors for trying to spread Christianity in Jibla," he said. He also said that he was told that Yemeni women used to visit the hospital to get sterilized and this action is against the teachings of Islam.

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Jahm threatens to take revenge

YEMEN TIMES STAFF

It is expected that Shiekh of Jahm tribe and Jebr are to discuss today with the president of the republic the issue of handing over the killers of Shiekh, Saleh Obad al-Zaidi, who was killed on April 27.

A tribal source has denied of what has been published by the 26 September, the organ of the Yemen Armed Forces that the Shiekh started firing at soldiers.

The source has added that the interior officials have attempted to veil killers.

The Shiekh, Saleh was shot dead by police in Sana'a on Sunday 27 April.

Five of his companions, including his eldest son, were seriously injured.

A statement issued by the Jahm tribe had accused security policemen of carrying out the shooting that took place in Asseteen zone street while sheikh al-Zaidi was en route to Sana'a airport.

Al-Zaidi's eldest son told the Yemen times that the attack had taken place

when he was in a saloon car and his father was in a Jeeb. "I was taken aback by a group of armed soldiers shooting the saloon car. The car was burnt and I was injured in my back," he said.

"Concerning my father, he got off the car to see what happened. An ambush was set up and he was shot died," he further noted.

The Jahm tribe statement had further demanded the concerned authorities to bring the criminals to justice describing the operation as, "savage".

The Jahm tribe threatened that if criminals would not be brought to justice, it will take revenge in "its special own way".

It is worthwhile mentioning that the brigadier general, al-Zaidi was one of the prominent figures of the National Arab Ba'ath Party. He was one of the founders of the Oma al-Marek organization, (the mother of battles) in the 1991 Gulf war.



Sheikh, Saleh Obad al-Zaidi

Opposition lashes out president, Islah apologize

BY MOHAMMED AL-QADHI
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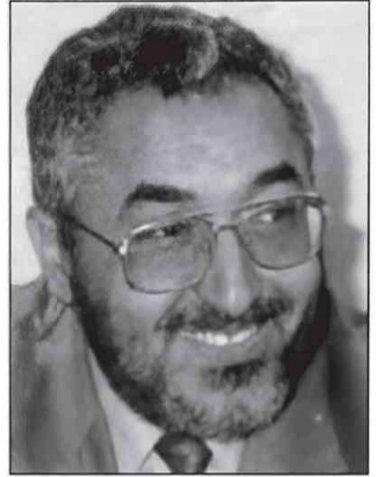
The Yemeni opposition parties criticized ruthlessly last week President Ali Abdullah Saleh and held him accountable for all violations that took place during the voting and screening processes of the parliamentary election. Mr. Mohammed Qahtan, head of the political department at the Islah party said in a press conference last Monday that democracy in Yemen came as a result of a military balance between the GPC and the socialist parties after the unification. But after the breakdown of this balance due to the civil war of 1994, the margin of democracy started to shrink dramatically. He said, "we believed in the democracy of president Saleh but he proved to be not different from any other Arab leaders as he ordered the nationalization and blundering of our constituencies by force." He addressed the president in a courageous manner by saying "you are the reason of all this trouble we are going through and democracy will not go ahead unless you do it yourself." He pointed out that the ruling party tried to drag the opposition into violence and bloodshed but the opposition, as he said, could escape this trap and making concessions to avoid violence. He pledged that the regime will be brought down through more democracy and hard work on their part. However, it seems that Qahtan was subjected to harassment for his strong criticism of the president. In a press statement distributed Thursday, Qahtan apologized to the president. "As I believe that the president of the Republic has a big heart as he is the father of all Yemeni people, I would like to apologize to him for my statement which could be understood as offensive to his Excellency. I hope that he would accept my apology," the statement said. Mr. Abdulghani Abdulakader, head of the political department at the socialist party said that the violations have made

the regime lose its legitimacy.

This apology was yet followed by another formal apology from the Islah party as a whole. The party held an extraordinary meeting last Friday and apologized to Saleh for the offensive of Qahtan. Islah said that the leadership apologizes in the name of all its members to President Saleh on the offensive made by Qahtan. Islah emphasized that they enjoy good and deep-rooted relations with Saleh, who remains a leader of all people of Yemen.

On his part, Dr. Abdullah Dahan of the Nasserite party said the fight was not between the candidates of the opposition and the ruling party; rather it was a fight with the state with all its power and potentials. The opposition pledged to count all violations and put them into question before court. Over 50 contests were presented to court by these parties, including the GPC. They pointed out that they could win some constituencies where there were some international monitors like the capital. They said that the oppositions let the door open for all stands to be taken with regards to the election violations. But they seemed to have different views; while Islah was pushing for withdrawal from the parliament and giving their seats to the GPC as an expression of not recognizing the legitimacy and fairness of this election, the socialist is against such a stand and believes that the opposition should go to the parliament and voice themselves there. The press conference was attended by some candidates of the opposition who said they won but they were robbed of their constituencies by force. Among those was Yahia Mansur Abu Usbaa who said he won and that some military guys stolen some polling boxes and ran away. The election committee decided to run election again in one center of his constituency No.86.

The election committee could announce the results of the suspended constituencies except for two; 86 and 272.



Mr. Mohammed Qahtan

With the presence of foreign and Arab journalists:

New law enacted

By Hassan al-Zaidi
Yemen Times Staff

There is an international and Arab welcome responding the new law for the Yemeni Journalists Syndicate recently endorsed by the cabinet, said Mr. Mahboob Ali, chairman of YJS last Wednesday. Mr Ali also urged the new parliament to approve the journalists law in order to be put into force.

The chairman Ali confirmed that suggestions proposed by journalists on articles and texts of the law would be accepted this week. The new journalist law has also secured pension salaries, social equity fund, and health care.

The new law has imposed new fees paid to the YJS from the media establishments at an amount of 3 percent of their ads' revenues.

Mr. Mahboob met with the Mr. Sulaiman al-Ghosa, the International Journalists Organization Chairman and George Michael, the British Journalist Union Chairman, the European Journalists Union representative, the



Top Arab as well as foreign journalists representatives during their visit to YJS headquarter

German Journalist Union Chairman and the Arab Journalist Union Chairman.

Arab as well as European journalists have welcomed the new law and said that it constituted a significant indicator to enhance the freedom of speech and expression as well as consolidate the media independence.

On his part, the British Journalists Union Chairman has expressed his willingness to enhance the bilateral cooperation with the YJS together with preparing an agreement aims to enhance links and solidarity with partners of the profession and exchange experiences, information and contacts.

Sanaa Int'l Exp Center Holds Major Event:

Marking the 5th YITE in Yemen

The fifth Yemen International Trade Exhibition is signaled start in Sanaa next Sunday May 19th and will last until 5th of June. The exhibition, which is organized by Sanaa International Exhibition Center (SIEC) will include hundreds of companies from several countries in the region and the world.

"This exhibition is far bigger than those held in the past. We expect a tremendously successful event, especially that all companies confirmed their participation." Mr. Mutahar Al-Huti, General Manager of SIEC said.

SIEC is considered the biggest exhibition center of its kind in Yemen and consists of a modern structure occupying an area of over 20,000 sq.

meters with an indoor exhibition area of 20,000 sq. meters and an outdoor exhibition area of 1,500 sq. meters with a parking area for more than 1,000 cars.

"The fourth YITE was a major success with participation of more than 260 companies that came from all over the world. Yet this event will be even more successful with participating companies from the

Middle East, Europe, Africa, North and South Asia. It will be a forum where businessmen and clients will discover new products, investment opportunities, and meet prospective and potential partners in various businesses and fields." Al-Huti added.



PE participation 16% Increase

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Recommendations adopted at a press conference held by the General Center for Research, Studies and Publications in Sana'a last Tuesday, stated that the monitoring and supervision law represents a step towards democracy and development in Yemen. The research center is chaired by Mr. Ahmed Al-Sharabi, who is supported by the GPC.

The conference also advised the supreme committee for elections to restudy the electoral divisions and to activate the constitution article no 63 which states that the

+/-5% allowed margin.

The conference also demanded restudying the rules regarding independent candidates so that affiliation to a political party does not become a necessity for a candidate's nomination. Also to prevent affiliation to a political party for a Member of Parliament who displays himself as independent as this is a misleading aspect to the public.

A report produced by the center indicated an increase in the number of political parties participating in the elections as 21 parties participated this year whereas 12 parties only participated in 97. The report also indicated that the number of political participation reached (8,097,162 voters) compared to 1997 election where the number of

voters have reached (4,731,875 voters, i.e. 90%.

Participation in election percentage increased from 60.9% in 1997 to 76 % in 2003.

In reply to a question by the Yemen Times as to the participation of under-aged in the elections, Mr. Abdu Al-Janadi head of the awareness sector at the committee said: "It is an annoying aspect, which some newspapers publish about. The blame falls on the opposition parties because the GPC suggested canceling the votes of those people, but they refused. Yet this aspect is only present in the remote governorates." He also said that the elections and all the procedures were quite honest and clean. And he said that

had these elections were not so, then people of high ranks in the government would not have lost against others.

Worth mentioning is that the NDI which was the international body supervising the elections produced a comprehensive report which reported a number of violations caused by the GPC, and that the Supreme Committee of Elections is responsible for the delay in the results. The report also stated that although there were 35 thousand local supervisors but the fact that violations took place like under-age voters is still there. Many other democracy related organizations did not produce their reports yet, some of which are affiliated to certain political parties and some are neutral organizations.

USA hails Yemen in its 'war against terror'

In its statement reviewing Patterns of Global Terrorism, the US government hailed Yemen's cooperation in the "war against terror". The statement released by the US Department of State highlighted the close level of cooperation between the United States and Yemen in counter terrorism efforts.

"The Government of Yemen has continued a broad counter terrorism campaign against al-Qaeda and suspected al-Qaeda members within its territory...and provided excellent cooperation with the United States," the report said.

This comes in a time Yemen is continuing its campaign to arrest al-Qaeda suspects, including 10 escapees who fled a prison in Aden a few weeks ago.

The US Embassy noted in a press release issued last week that "during Vice President's Cheney's visit to Sanaa in March 2002, President Saleh stated that Yemen is determined "to be an active counter terrorism partner."

"Since September 2001, Yemen has

tightened security at its borders by installing the Terrorist Interdiction Program at most border crossings, improved its visa procedures, and worked to enhance its intelligence, military and law-enforcement cooperation with the U.S." The press release said.

Readers' Voice

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THIS WEEK'S QUESTION:

How many ministers do you expect will be kept in their posts in the new Yemeni government?

- All ministers will remain in their posts. 32.6%
- Less than a handful of ministers will change 32.4%
- More than a handful but less than half of the ministers will change 23.1%
- Most of the ministers will change 6.4%
- I do not know! 5.3%

LAST WEEK'S QUESTION:

Should Sheikh Abdullah bin Hussein Al Ahamer be the Speaker of parliament again? It does not make any difference. 32.6%

No, we need a new face. 32.4%

No, he is not fit for that position. 23.1%

Yes, his experience makes him the first option. 6.4%

Yes, it will improve the situation with Islah. 5.3%

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Death sentence

A state-run newspaper said in January that Kamil admitted meeting members of the militant al Qaeda network, including a suicide bomber who attacked the warship USS Cole in Yemen in October 2000.

Confined to a cage and dressed in a blue prison uniform, he appeared calm as the sentence was read out amid tight security.

He protested the ruling, saying he should have been tried by an Islamic court and not a civil court. His lawyer, Mahroos Aqaba, said he would appeal the sentence, which is usually enforced by firing squad. "The sentence cannot be carried out because it will justify killing a Muslim for killing an infidel. All my defendant did was defend his religion, which is a noble mission of all Muslims in the world against those who want to convert Muslims into Christians," he said.

"The ruling is a political one and violates Islamic Sharia law," Kamil told the court in Ibb province, 170 km (105 miles) south of the capital Sanaa.

If Kamil's lawyer fails to provide substantial evidence of the claims of Kamil that the American doctors were indeed part of a massive Christianization campaign, the defendant will probably be executed within one month from the date of the verdict.

Unlike similar court sessions throughout the country, including the trial of the murderers of Jarallah Omar - a former opposition leading opposition figure assassinated soon after the American doctors -, the sessions in this case were open to the press and were carried out somewhat transparently. The trial sessions were attended by various important personalities in the country including a representative of the US Embassy in Sanaa. The link between the assassination of Jarallah Omar and this of Abid are still unclear and lawyers of Jarallah Omar objected to carrying out the execution before unveiling all the hidden facts about the motives and accomplices of the two killers. The killer of Jarallah Omar, Ali Jarallah was also a member of a cell that was plotting attacks against what they called secular-minded politicians, intellectuals and other foreign interests.

On the other hand, the assassin of Omar who is being tried in Sana'a refused in the hearings to speak unless his speech is broadcasted through the media. He said that the media has influenced his case and tarnished his image before the Yemeni public and that he should be given the right to speak to the public. He demanded a one-hour-and-a-half time to defend himself on live broadcast. During the last session, the prosecutor presented the court a video tape recording investigation after his killing. He said he killed Jarallah Omar as he does not recognize the Islamic Shariah and demanded that death penalty should be called off which is a violation of Islam. Three witnesses also appeared before court. The prosecutor also read a letter written by Ali Jarallah in which he confessed his crime and other crimes plotted to be carried out. However, the assassin refused to talk and said he would die with his secrets unless his demands are met. He challenged the prosecutor to do that and let him speak on public. The court refused during the last three hearings to let journalists working for non-government media to attend and photograph the trial hearing. In the last one, journalists were let in but without cameras. The court decided to release two of the other ten suspects.

Last December, Kamil smuggled a rifle into a Baptist hospital in the southern town of Jibla and shot dead the three missionaries and wounded an American pharmacist.

Martha Myers, 57, a physician from Alabama, William Koehn, 60, an administrator from Texas and Kathleen Gariety, 53, a purchasing agent from Wisconsin were all buried in Yemen.

Many Jibla residents were distraught over the attack. Myers had worked at the hospital for 25 years and Koehn for 28 years.

Anti-American sentiment is high in Yemen because of U.S. support for Israel, the U.S.-led war in Afghanistan and the U.S.-led war in Iraq, which has incensed the Arab world.

But the Yemeni government has been trying to shed its image as a haven for radical Islamists and has rounded up dozens of al Qaeda members.

Islamic sects in Yemen Contradictory stands towards parliamentary elections

The 27 April parliamentary elections results announced last week, showed participation of all Yemeni 22 political parties and organizations with their different national, Islamic and socialist orientations while other Islamic sects didn't specify their stands vis-a-vis elections process.

Sources mentioned that al-Salafia movement stand, which is considered one of the strongest Islamic groups found in Yemen, was clear and didn't take part in the elections describing them as an act of infidelity and imitation of the west.

However, some sources indicated that some of al-Salafia elements had supported the al-Dawa candidates (extremists) from the Brotherhood Muslims movements.

About Shiite al-Ethnashria (al-Gafrites) that has existence in some areas, called on its followers to back General People's Congress candidates attempting to gain the ruling party support for its activities to face what is

called al-Wahabi movement in Islah party with whom they have intellectual-pragmatic enmity.

Regarding the Jews in Yemen who are extensively inhabit in Sadah information indicated that they were supporting al-Hak, an Islamic party which adopts al-Zaidi-alhaidwi ideas.

Al-Bohra and al-Ismaelite stand obviously was for GPC candidate in Sana'a, Haraz and Jibla.

The second section in the al-Salafia movement that is represented in al-Hikma al-Yemenia members, backed Brotherhood Muslims movement candidates.

However, the stands of al-Hijra, al-Takfeer (Disbelieving), and al-Dawa groups which have simple existence in most Yemen areas is not clear till now.

The Islamic jihad movement does not show any stand against the operation and might boycott.

So, the Islamic groups by any means have participated in these elections that were held on April 27th.

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UNDP support to monitor poverty to reduction initiative in Yemen

A program of " Assistance to the Government of Yemen to Coordinate and Monitor Poverty" with a total budget of \$ 3,187,781 was signed Tuesday between UNDP and the government at the Ministry of Planning and Development office in Sana'a. UNDP is providing \$ 1,300,000 in addition to \$ 282,200 from Capacity 21 fund, one of UN programs in addition to government contribution totaling \$ 709,700.

The program will assist the government of Yemen improve effectiveness of the policy framework and coordination of national poverty reduction efforts with particular emphasis on enhancing its capacity to coordinate, follow up and monitor implementation of Poverty Reduction Strategy Paper (PRSP). This program will help Yemen to monitor Millennium Development Goals. The program fulfills this part as it consists of a main poverty monitoring until that has sub-units in the government (the related ministries like health, education, etc). The program also includes assisting the Central Statistical Organization by providing the necessary computer systems and

revising its role. It also includes Household Budget Survey for the year 2004 and integrates some of its indicators into the national census. Another component of the program involves preparing an environment-related database that will support good decision-making.

This program is expected to last 4 years from 2003-2006. World Bank and Oxfam are partners to this project in which they will provide funds to implementations of some of the activities through the government of Yemen as follows: the World Bank \$ 498,800; and Oxfam, \$ 10,900. The remaining \$895,881 will be mobilized at a later stage.

H.E. Vice Minister of Planning & Development Mr. AbdulRahman Tarnoom on behalf of the Government of Yemen & Mr. James Rawely on behalf of UNDP signed the program document.

Officials from the technical staff of the Minister of Planning and Development, World Bank, Oxfam and UNDP office in Sana'a attended the signing ceremony.

NCMI-Aden celebrates 32nd anniversary

National Cigarettes & Matches Industries Ltd. celebrated in Sanaa on Thursday its 32nd foundation anniversary by honoring its agents in Sanaa, Taiz, Mareb, Dhamar and a number of other governorates.

On this occasion, Mr. Abdullah Abdulkadir Bajaseer, the company's Sanaa office said that the celebration comes to crown all the annual anniversary celebrations held so far throughout the country. What is special about this year's celebration in Sanaa is that

it included all branch offices and agents and honors the agents' efforts in promoting our company's products throughout Yemen. During the event, distinguished salespersons from Sanaa, Taiz and Dhamar were also honored.

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- Provide individual counseling to refugees needing such assistance;
- Organize together with the implementing partners groups of refugees needing special care such as the disabled, the mentally ill and women in need of special care as well as children's activities;
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- Identify training needs for implementing partners staff, identify local resources to meet these training needs and organize training program for staff.
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- Prepare monthly reports on needs identified, activities conducted and services rendered as well as plans for the future;
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- Perform other duties as required.

QUALIFICATION AND SKILLS REQUIREMENTS:

- University Degree in Public Health or Medical Degree.
- 6 years of progressive previous experience in related field.
- Proficiency in the use of computers and office software package.
- Excellent command of English and Arabic (Written and oral).

Candidates who have the necessary qualifications and experience are invited to submit their Curriculum Vitae with a brief letter not later than 22 May 2003 to:

Admin & Finance Unit
The UN Refugee Agency
P. O. Box: 12093
Sana'a, Republic of Yemen

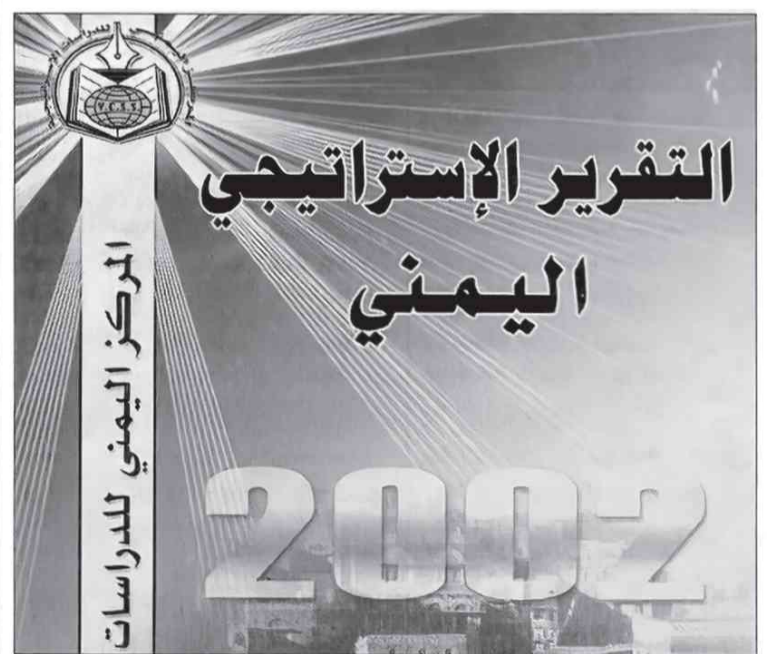
2002 Yemeni strategic report published

On the occasion of the inaugurating the 2002 Yemeni strategic report, a special meeting was held last week.

The 2002 report has been published by the Yemeni Strategic Studies Center.

The report deals with a number of

vital issues including social, or political. The report is of great significance to the Yemeni as well as foreign readers. A host of eminent professors, mediators, researchers as well as a number of political and partisan organizations representatives attended the activity.



Book cover

Vacancy Announcement

Financial Officer for the Basic Education Expansion Project (IDA-Credit 3422)

The World Bank-financed Basic Education Expansion Project (BEEP) seeks applicants for the position of Financial Officer who under the general directions of the Project Director will be responsible for the entire financial management of the Project. The Financial Officer will report directly to the Project Director and will work closely with all sectors and departments of MOE, Governorates Offices and Districts Offices of MOE involved in the Project. In this respect, the Financial Officer would:

- 1) Manage and supervise all daily financial activities of the project.
- 2) Ensure that there is a functional financial management system which includes:
 - establish proper accounting procedures and internal controls to ensure that the assets of the project are properly safeguarded;
 - solve any technical problems that may arise with the financial management of the project;
 - supervise subordinate accounting staff, as may be required, to assist with the operation of the project's financial management;
 - supervise the project's Special Account;
 - ensure that consolidated financial management reports for the project are produced on a timely basis and sufficient in content to enable the management of MOE and IDA to assess the financial position of the project.
- 3) Act as a focal point for any dialogue on financial management matters relating to the project as may be required by the project's financiers.
- 4) Report and update systematically the Project's Management on the status of financial activities and issues, and follow-up with MOE and other related Ministries and Institutions on financial and other Project's issues as may be required by the Project's Management.
- 5) Contribute to quarterly Financial Management Reports, and;
- 6) Ensure that the project is audited annually in accordance with IDA's requirements and cooperate fully with the auditor in that respect.

Qualifications:

- A minimum of Bachelor's degree in Accounting or Business Administration with major in accounting and finance.
- Minimum of 5 years of professional experience in a financial management and accounting position, preferably in the private sector.
- Familiarity with the government's and IDA's financial management requirement.
- Experience in the use of accounting programs and software.
- Proficiency in both Arabic and English.

Applications along with a detailed resume and copies of supporting documents should be submitted to **BEEP, Projects' Sector Building 3rd floor, Zubairi-Baghdad St., Sana'a** not later than May 28, 2003.

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إدخال منتجات تتعلق بالبيئة وحمايتها من التآكل والإندثار بحيث قامت الشركة بتصنيع منتج خاص بحماية الأحجار والأثار ومنعها من التآكل ومقاومة الرطوبة والملوحة... كما قامت الشركة بتصنيع منتج يعمل على حماية الأبواب الخشبية من التآكل وحمايتها من الرطوبة والأرضة...
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Announcement

Construction of the National Hotel and Tourism Institute, Sana'a

The Ministry of Technical Education and Vocational Training in Yemen MoTEVT with financial assistance from the European Communities -intends to award a works Contract for the Construction of the National Hotel and Tourism Institute, NAHOTI in Sana'a.

Interested Construction Companies should demonstrate a good technical and financial qualification and enough experience in the field of constructing big civil works projects.

The tender Dossier (in English) is available at the MOTEVT, Ministry of Technical Education & Vocational Training, Sana'a at Baghdad Street inside the Vocational Training Center, SPAVT Office/ Tel.: ++967-1-406298 and fax 406299 against:

1. Fees of 20,000.000 (twenty thousands) Yemeni Rials
2. Bank Guarantee 2.5% of the Tender Price.
3. A copy of a valid Tax Card.
4. A valid Certificates of Classification issued from the Ministry of Construction.
5. A work permit.

The Offer should be submitted to the following Requirements:

- ∞ The Contractor should visit the Site before he submits his Offer and he will carry the responsibility in case he ignores the Visit.
- ∞ The Offers should be submitted according to the Requirements and the Conditions, which have been determined in the Tender Documents.
- ∞ The offer should be submitted in one original and two copies and sealed by the red wax.
- ∞ Certificates of Work Experience for similar Projects.
- ∞ The Offers should be filled in English Language.

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Jibla Hospital carries on with its mission

After the killing of the three of its American staff members more than three months ago, many people thought that all Americans and foreign staffers have left Jibla Hospital and that there would not be any more personnel to operate the hospital and save more Yemeni lives. However, that was not the case, as some foreigners continue to serve. In fact, many locals thought that if the hospital was to be run by Yemeni management, it will not be able to continue its humanitarian mission. Thus, Yemen Times Ibb correspondent, Ibrahim Addahan went to Jibla Hospital and met with Dr. Abdulkareem Hassan, the current Hospital Director and filed the following interview.

Q: Could you tell us about the circumstances of your work since the sad incident?

A: We started working in the hospital last February, several weeks after the sad incident of killing three American doctors. In present, the hospital continues to perform its duties as it always did. We have a medical team consisting of Yemeni and American doctors and staffers of other nationalities. Despite the incident, the previous American medical team is still around. Other American doctors will also be joining the hospital in the very near future. We sent a letter to the Ministry of Health and Population requesting to facilitate the entry visas for the coming American doctors. Furthermore, we re-opened the Obstetrics department, which stopped operating two years ago.

Q: We heard rumors that other members of the American medical team were about to leave Yemen due to the lack of financial support, which some claim have been discontinued by the Baptist organization that used to finance the hospital. However, after the murder of the three Americans, the budget of the hospital was doubled. Can you comment on that?

A: I was appointed to be the Hospital Director before the unfortunate accident took place. To my knowledge, Dr. Bill, the previous manager, was to continue his job until last October, when he was due to hand over the management of the hospital to Yemenis. On the other

hand, the Baptist organization stopped financing the hospital, which used to receive an amount of USD 300,000 yearly. Therefore, the income of the hospital did not cover the required costs for operating the hospital as well as the salary of the employees. We are yet to get confirmations on the new budget.

Q: The hospital used to offer many services to the poor. Are these services still being provided?

A: We are working in the same way and based on the same system which was in place before the incident. In fact, the previous manager Dr. William Bill, used to help the poor using a fund called "fund of the poor", which was set up to provide help for the poor.

Q: Is the management of the hospital now Yemeni? What about the American staff?

A: Even though the management is now local, we have employed an American Manager to maintain a high quality level. I am the responsible head of the hospital and I supervise all the other employees in the hospital. However, the moment we re-opened the hospital, we were in dire need of many staffers to run the hospital, and hence in need of financial support. We obtained a loan of YR 350,000 from the American medical team that used to work here. No one can deny that they continue to assist the hospital's management and staff and hence help the poor in the area.

Q: Some local and international newspapers claimed that there was a person, who attempted to enter the hospital carrying a gun under his cloak and two locks in his pocket, the moment he passed the gate of the hospital, the metal detecting gate's bell rang and guards stopped him and found a gun and a list of names with him. What really happened?

A: The security officer of the hospital, Mohammed Hassan, can answer this question for you. As you know, most Yemeni men carry weapons in Jibla, so it is a normal thing to find a person carrying a gun in this country. This person came to the hospital but was not aware that it was forbidden to enter with weapons and didn't know that there was a metal detecting system. Although there was a sign on the wall by the gate which states, "Weapons are not allowed to be entered into the hospital", it is not true that this person was carrying two locks and a list of names. This is not true, and the papers that published this did a grave mistake by not investigating their stories properly. They should not have exaggerated to create sensationalism to promote their papers in the market at the expense of the reputation and national interests of Yemen.

On the other hand, that armed person suffered from a psychologically illness because when he was asked about the reasons for coming to the hospital, he said he wanted to be treated from his psychological disease. I do believe in what he said.

Mohammed Hassan, the Security Officer of the hospital, in reference to the above incident, said that the person who tried to enter the hospital carrying a gun was an ordinary person and had not links to any Islamic radical group. "He had no intentions to harm anyone, including names that may have been on the small paper he had. This contradicts with what some papers published. We simply do not know how they came up with such a story. They were not even here at the time of the event. They should refer to the Ministry of the Interior or to any reliable source, rather

than publishing street gossips" he said.

Yemen Times then interviewed Mr. Lee Jackson, the Advisor to the new Yemeni management and asked him the following questions.

Q: What was your impression about the event that took place more than three months ago?

A: A few days after the event, I went in to Jibla city and was very much surprised to find all the inhabitants of the city very sad at the loss of Dr. Matha, Dr. Bill, and Kathlin. Therefore, my impression is that the people of Jibla are so kind and love all of the people working in the hospital the same way we like the people of Jibla. We are so happy to return to work in the hospital.

Q: Do you know anything about the ongoing investigation with the killer?

A: The only thing I know is that they imprisoned him in Ibb for some time, and then transferred him to Sana'a. Then we heard they mistreated him in the prison and used violence with him. Actually, despite the crime that he committed, the news of his mistreatment annoyed us and made us feel sorry for him. We hope they will stop this treatment.

Q: Have you heard that someone attempted to enter the hospital carrying a gun?

A: Yes. We heard about that, but the police caught him and are now investigating his motives.

Q: How do you find Yemeni people in general?

A: We love Yemenis as they are very good and friendly people.

Q: Have you thought of returning to the USA after the sad incident? And if you still want to stay, would you continue working under the hospital's new Yemeni administration?

A: At present, we are not thinking of returning to our country. Besides, God wants us to work in Yemen. We are happy to work under the new Yemeni management.



Hospital-Manager, Yemeni representative (R) and Yemen Times reporter (L).



Hospital security officer



Hospital-Manager, American representative

Q: Does the Baptist organization still support the hospital?

A: The hospital is considered one of the best hospitals in Yemen due to its efficient medical team. The Baptist organization still supports the hospital with doctors, experts, nurses and medicine.

Q: What is your opinion about the American policy concerning the war against Iraq? Will it negatively influence the humanitarian services offered to some Arabic countries like Yemen?

A: We as Americans refuse the war on Iraq but we cannot do anything to influence the policies of President George W. Bush. The only thing we can

do is to express ourselves in peaceful means through demonstrations. But we believe that God will help us all overcome this problem. As for the humanitarian services we provide to some countries, I would like to tell you that they will continue in times of peace or amid war.

Q: Do you wish to say or add anything at the end of the interview?

A: I would like to say that I have had a good time working in Yemen and I had the good fortune of working in this particular hospital. I really enjoy working with Yemeni people and we always seem to form a good team with them to better serve the people of Jibla and Yemen through our hospital.



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A major problem facing university students in Yemen needs a solution

Stop those teachers



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It is well known that universities are the powerhouse of human resources in any country. In other words, they are centers of illumination, progress and development. We can not think of development in any domain of life without enhancing and empowering universities in the country in question. This is because universities are the place where research is performed, and minds are built for the betterment of societies. They feed the community to fill its needs in the fields of innovation, development and change for the better.

No doubt, the most important part of universities is professors and teachers. These people are always embraced with great respect and reverence. People see them as factors of progress in the society because they are the minds thinking and producing qualified individuals who will eventually promote their nations.

Many university professors and teachers in our country really do honor their academic position and behave accordingly. They never tend to violate academic regulations and norms. It is sad but true however, that some do violate them.

When university teachers lose their sense of responsibility and act immaturity, they become tools of destruction rather than tools of development.

In many instances, those professors act irresponsibly by favoring some students over others in giving marks, which is a real crime against all the ethical norms of this noble profession. When the relationship between a teacher and his students turns to a business venture or an alliance, we can safely say that the future of the university education is at great risk. The society might turn a blind eye to such indecent behavior in schools, but when it

comes to universities, a danger bell rings.

In the campus of some Yemeni universities, you could easily find instructors talk for hours with their girl students to solve their course problems and assist in homework, but the same instructors don't spend even minutes with boys. What does this imply?

Furthermore, some teachers exploit the freedom granted to them because of their academic profession and take advantage of the absence of university supervision and do whatever they like.

What is even more abominable is the double standards some teacher apply in dealing with male and female students. I am not against female students in this point, but what I mean is that in class, there should be no difference in treatment between the two sexes. Both should be treated as students only and nothing more. Sex should not affect the way the work of female and the male students is evaluated. It is a crime to evaluate a person based at his/her sex.

Even though most of the teachers who act this way are non-Yemenis, that does not mean that Yemenis are perfect. There are some of them that do behave in this way too. But a teacher coming from abroad -mainly Arab countries- is the focal point of criticism here. I am not against the freedom given to the university teaching staff. But the university administration should observe the actions of instructors more closely. There should be an evaluation of the merits and demerits of the teaching staff, particularly the non-Yemeni staff members. This is because some of these teachers come to the country and start behaving in a way that does not conform to the local social values in the country.

There were even reported stories of some instructors who tempt female students to visit them at home and on this basis they evaluate their performance. They complain about the low salaries they receive. They overlook the fact that their salaries received in US dollars- are



much higher than those given to Yemeni instructors. On the other hand, some university teachers are not willing to listen to their students, they just come to class and deliver their lectures and leave without giving students a chance to participate, interact, or ask some questions. And during exams, if a student tries to add information obtained from his own resources, he is subjected to reduction in his/her marks. Most instructors urge students to exactly copy the notes written on the blackboard and in this way they pro-

duce parrots rather than scholars.

Many students appealed to me many times to address their plight and convey it "to whom it may concern". Some students told me that they do well in the exams, but never get what they deserve. They think their only mistake was being their professors, one day become university professors, they would apply the same ideas then. This would be a major everlasting disaster.

To conclude, I should say that this has become one of the major problems our universities throughout the country are

suffering from today. If not tackled, such troubles will jeopardize the future of the academic profession, and above all, university education in general.

It is feared that if these students who are given high grades on the basis of what kind of relationship they have with their professors, one day become university professors, they would apply the same ideas then. This would be a major everlasting disaster.

These problems should be a focus of the upcoming government, specifically

the Ministry of Education. Ignoring such issues will only make matters worse. It is wise to admit that those problems exist and work on ways to correct them rather than ignoring them at all. I fear that if this is going to be the attitude of the new government, then it will only be the next generation which will pay the price.

We should remember that honesty is a very important milestone in building human civilizations, and unless authorities act on this soon, we will probably be ruining our future with our own hands.

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For showing merits and demerits of internet use

NIIT & YT hold course on Internet

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Organized by the NIIT, a diversified Global Information Technology (IT) Services Company in cooperation with the Yemen Times, Special Training on IT was held from 5th to 6th May, 2003 at the NIIT's headquarters in Sana'a.

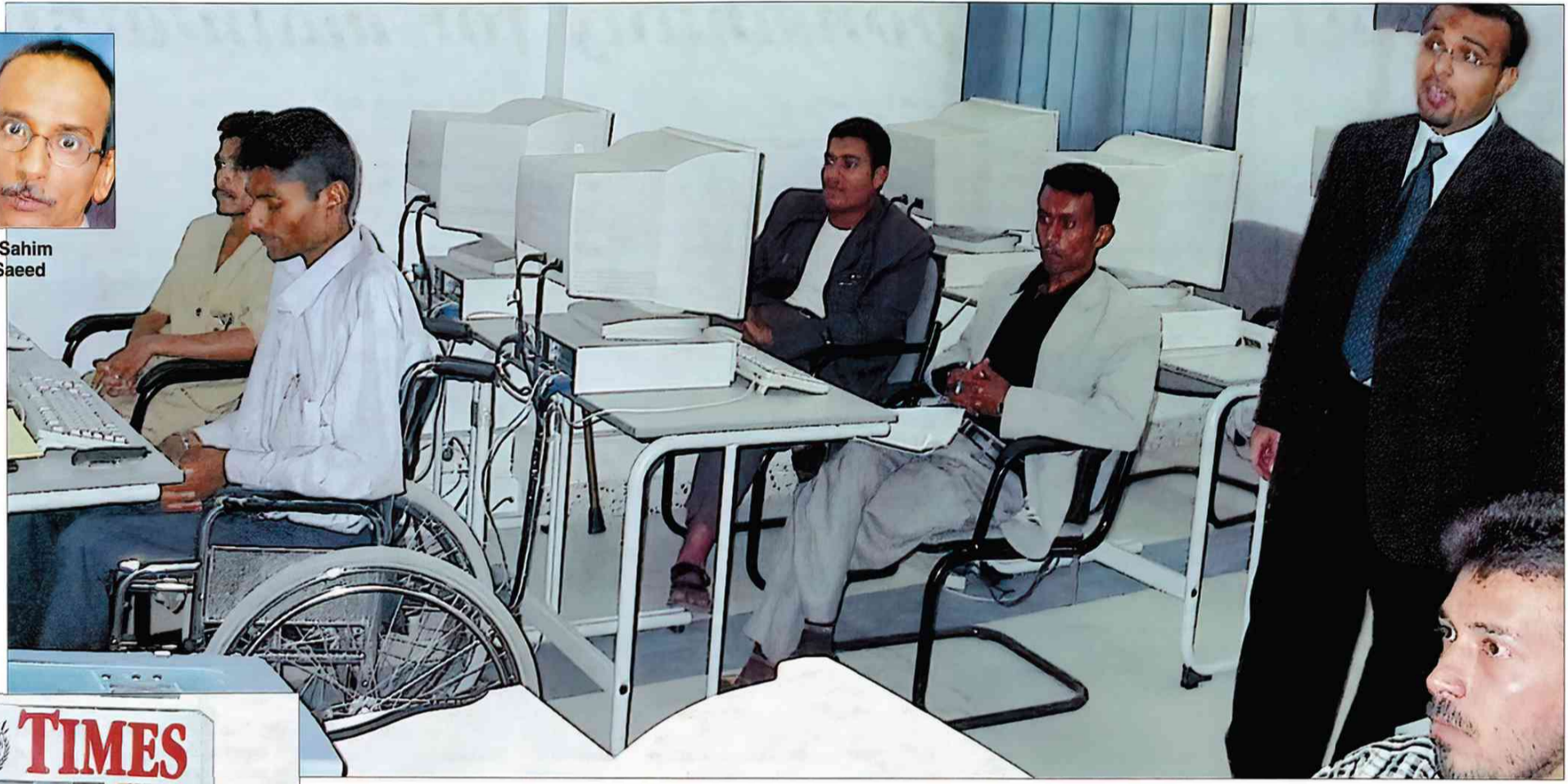
Mr. Sahim M. Saeed, Head of the NIIT Center made clear that the main aim of the event was to raise and help Yemeni youths and the new generation to understand the importance of the Internet, and how to attain correct information and knowledge from it through different websites.

"The course aims at guiding Yemeni youths to the proper use of an overwhelming amount of information and how to make use of it," he said.

As a result of the rapid development in IT sector, the course aims basically to immune the Yemeni



Mr. Sahim M. Saeed



Handicapped during the IT training course held at NIIT headquarter.

youth through identifying the side effects and risks of some websites.

"We are grateful to the Yemen Times for tailoring this special course to the youths' needs and to disseminate the computer literacy especially for the handicapped people, who will be active members in the society," Mr. Saeed noted further.

The idea of organizing this course has come at a time when our youths have fallen victims to the improper use of internet.

NIIT will be seeking in the near

future means to cover other governorates in the republic.

Attention has been also paid by NIIT to promote the physically handicapped people. Preparations are underway by the NIIT to prepare a comprehensive program to eradicate IT illiteracy among our youths.

A number of schools and other handicapped societies took part in the training course including the Yemen Handicapped Society as well as the Women Challenge Handicapped Care Association.

Established in India in 1981 with a vision of "Bringing people and computers together successfully," NIIT today has a global presence in the field of IT education and training.

With over 2,300 education centers across 4 continents, (30 countries) and an alumni base of one million, NIIT Global Net Curriculum and e-technology curriculum are directed towards creating new IT professionals as well as to re-qualify existing ones. NIIT is the first independent courseware developer for Microsoft

outside the USA.

NIIT today adopts a holistic approach and complete range of customized services catering to the entire IT training cycle as that of planning, implementation and assessment.

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Head of the General Power and Electricity Establishment, Mr. Abdulmoati Al-Junaid to the Yemen Times:

“Electricity is a nation’s resource and everyone must take responsibility for maintaining it”

It is of no doubt that electricity is one of the most important aspects of the infrastructure of any country. This is because electricity supplies power to all other activities of today’s life.

Yet the Yemeni power establishment in spite of the continuous progress still faces a lot of difficulties such as power cuts, great loss while transmission and debit recollection. Mohammed al-Masani, of Yemen Times staff met with the head of the electricity establishment Mr. Abdulmoati Al-Junaid, and talked about the projects and plans of the establishment and the current situation.



Abdulmoati Al-Junaid

Q: What are your future plans that target the power cuts problem?

A: We’ve got medium and long term plans in this regard. As for the former, we have established diesel power generators which can produce around 60 mega watts, 30 of which in Sana’a, 10 mega watts in Aden, 10 mega watts in Taiz and 10 mega watts in Al-Hota. Also Khatib Station has helped in rectifying the problem relatively and not completely. There are two projects that are under process which are to generate 60 mega watts in Sana’a another one of 60 mega watts in Aden, both stations costing around US\$ 50 million are funded by the Saudi Fund and work in these projects will start by the end of this year, currently we are reviewing the offers made by the selected company.

In the long run, we have come with an open international tender to build a gas power station, through this station for the first time gas will be utilized in Yemen to generate power. The station will be placed in Marib and is aimed to produce more than 300 megawatts. This

project is also funded by the Saudi Fund and is said to cost around US\$ 50 million. There is also an expected funding from the Arab Fund of around US\$ 8 million. The Yemeni government is going to cover up for any remaining expenses. All these projects should be able to overcome the power cuts problem which result from shortage of power supply. There is also a 25 year span project proposal that studies establishing gas station and to broaden transportation mediums. Through this, new station will be built, because we can’t stop at a certain number of stations, the population is growing rapidly and hence the demand. Since the Mokha steam station 1986 there has been no new projects, and that is why shortage is there today.

There are other reasons for the power cuts such as network problems and other problems. As for the first problem there has been continuous efforts to organize the network, as it was quite chaotic before. In fact we have established new networks in many places and things are

greatly improving.

Q: You mentioned debts recollection, what about it?

A: The liability owing to the establishment had reached at one point more than 12 billion Riyals, but now and under the supervision of Minister of Power and electricity it has come down by 2 billion. Still this is a huge number and we are trying through legal and commercial committees to follow it up. The general attorney has dedicated a deputy attorney to support and advise us in the legal matters, as we regretfully were forced to raise many of the cases in front of the court. We hope to avail some of the money in installments. We also hope that in the coming period to involve the local councils in this problem. We also try the incentive methods so as we give discounts to those who pay good sums. As for the government ministries and organizations we have reached some kind of agreement that transfers the liabilities to our account for fuel credits such as Diesel. We do hope that all sides cooperate with us, without cooperation we would be facing great problems currently and in the future.

Q: What are the outcomes of the annually meeting for power authorities, which was carried in Aden this year?

A: To start with, this meeting was a continuity of last years and is built on the previous meetings agendas. We choose the venue in a place that has displayed progress and pleasing performance in the electricity and power field. The meeting reviews the current situation in the whole country and to provide a mechanism for these places to exchange views and experiences in their work and projects. All in lines with the establishments plans and main outlines. For example, we have decided to reduce loss through transmission from 27% in 2002 to 20% in 2003, we also decided

that debts should not last more than three months. And these are of the main recommendations of this years meeting.

Q: What about electricity in Hadramaut? Especially with the new projects being carried out presently there?

A: We are focusing on Al-Mukalla now to a great deal. Upon comparing the situation there before and after unity in 1999 one would definitely notice great improvement. President Ali Abdullal Saleh had given great attention and instructions that concern with developing that region and endorsing the power supply there. The Mukalla stations are old and isolated from the main network, therefore Al-Rayan Station of 40 mega watts was built and hence the problems have been solved, and we are going to install an additional station soon which will start functioning beginning next year to support the Rayan Station.



Aden electricity station

Q: What are the main projects you are carrying out concerning the establishment development?

A: A study that is funded by World Bank under the title of “A Study to Develop the Electricity Sector and Establishment Restructuring” is being done currently. The study is carried by Arthur Anderson the American International Company, in coordination with the establishment of course. The study has taken financial, administrative, commercial and also legal aspects of the establishment, and has suggested mechanisms and procedures that aim at improving the performance. These recommendations are presented to the ministry council and the new government is to evaluate and authenticate the study. We are now awaiting the results where the implementing committees are ready. In the technical aspects we have been able to reduce loss during transmission from 33% to 27% and we hope to further reduce it to 20% this year. We are

working on all the other aspects simultaneously and we are revising the working regulations so as to develop performance further.

Q: What are the main difficulties that the establishment is facing? And how do you deal with them?

A: Like any other service organization we do face problems in our work. We provide services and still we are to perform commercial duties as well. We must be realistic enough to separate between the service part and the commercial part in our work, because although we are a services establishment we must also ensure continuous financial support to our staff and us. We require independence in tariff statements and regulations. One of the main problems; is having to pay for fuel because the state sells us in international prices and consumes 70-80% of the establishment’s revenues. How are we to progress and implement any new projects without funding and liquidity?

20% is left of the revenues and we are supposed to pay salaries, maintenance and working expenses, raw material and spare parts...etc. so as a consequence we must relate the tariff to the fuel price.

Another big problem that we face is chaotic and irresponsible consumption of electricity or even stealing it. This affects the performance and operation of the establishment.

Random digging without regards to underground cables also causes dangerous problems. It causes damage to the network and infrastructure and subjects people to danger.

For all these problems we have to care for the establishment and for power in general and each person has to take their responsibility in maintaining and sustaining electricity. After all this resource is the people’s and if they don’t take care who will? If we could manage to control misuse of electricity and we could treat the regulatory and monetary issues the establishment would reach high standards and perform at its best.

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

“Voucher Examiner”

The position is located in the Financial Management Section, American Embassy, under the general supervision of the Financial Management Officer. Employee will examine moderately difficult and complex invoices for the Embassy, e.g. electricity, cell phone, water, telephone and airline bills and request payment of goods and services. Prepare and/or audit vouchers relating to above invoices. Maintain and develop spreadsheet, databases plus reports for utility payments or other payments.

Required Qualifications:

Education: Completion of secondary school is required. College or technical study in accounting, budgeting, analysis and management is desired.

Prior Work Experience: From 3 to 4 years of progressively responsible experience in accounting and budget work is required.

Language Proficiency: Level IV (fluent level) English and Arabic is required.

Skills/Ability: Excellent Microsoft Excel and Access is a MUST. Be able to develop and maintain spreadsheets and database reports for utilities and other data reports.

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* Ordinarily Resident: FSN-5 (trainee level)

How to apply: All Interested nationals should complete OF-612 or submit a current C.V. (with awards, recommendation letters, copies of degrees earned) that addresses the qualification requirements of the position, as listed above, and contact the Embassy Personnel Office, American Embassy, Dhahr Himyar Street, Sana’a. Tel: 303-155, no later than May 21, 2003.

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Second conference on environment and natural resources concluded

BY FAROOQ AL-KAMALI
YEMEN TIMES STAFF, TAIZ

The Second Conference on Environment and Natural Resources, sponsored by Taiz University in Sofetil Hotel, was concluded last Thursday. The 3-day conference discussed 143 research and scientific studies focusing on five main premises:

- Natural Resources and their economies
- Environment Pollution and its effects
- Yemeni Environment and Mechanisms of its development
- Media, Education and Environment Management
- Human Garbage and its Utilization

years in expression of our interest in protection of environment and fighting pollution. We try to bring together various environment researches and study them so as to obtain material that helps in tackling the environment issues in the country and hence provide reference information for future use."

One of the participants in the University Dr. Mahmoud Jaber Morsi, the vice rector of Asyoot University in Egypt, told the Yemen Times that universities have a great role amongst the youth and students. And it has great influence with regards to environmental issues. Conducting such conferences reflects the positive role of Taiz University and its connection with the society. Dr. Mansour also mentioned



Panel of participants during the second conference on environment

guration session of the conference emphasized the importance of stopping deterioration in the Yemeni environment and the misuse of natural resources. He added that the significance of such conference is that it targets the educated and intellectual segment of the society, this segment which is hoped to make the difference and to actually bring out the change through scientific research.

Dr. Ahmed Alwan Al-Madhaji vice president of the university told the Yemen Times that this is a conference that aims at facing and studying the urgent and critical problems threatening the Yemeni environment and the world as a whole. "That is why researchers from around the world participate in the conference such as Holland, Germany and Arab countries" He said.

The conference concluded with a number of recommendations and sug-

gestions which targeted the natural resources management and awareness of the society.

The conference came up with the following recommendations:

- Putting a stress on the significance of establishing plant epidemic eradication center as well as establishing plant genesis bank.
- Taking an interest of the institutional basic infrastructure and scientific researches in the field of environment.
- Putting an end to the random digging of well and improving the environment-related legislation affairs.
- Preserving the unique architecture of the Yemeni houses.
- Calling for setting up a national committee for the food security.
- Paying an attention to sewerage system and holding an annual planting trees campaign.



Mr. Abdulmalik Al-Iryani, Dr. Ahmed Alwan Al-Madhaji, Dr. Hussain Al-Iryani, Dr. Mahmoud Jaber Morsi

Dr. Hussain Al-Iryani, president of the university, told the Yemen Times that: "Proceeding from our comprehension of the university function for serving the society and developing it in interest of environmental development we hold this conference every three

that Yemen is a rich country when it comes to environmental resources and it has great geological, animal and agricultural variety that is rare and should be protected.

Minister of Tourism & Environment; Mr. Abdulmalik Al-Iryani in the inau-

Security leaderships meeting in Aden

BY YEMEN TIMES STAFF
ADEN

A security meeting was held in the Aden Security Administration Wednesday, 7th May 2003. The meeting was attended by Brigadier General, Ali Mansour Rashid, vice chairman of the central body of political security office and Brigadier General, Nasir Mansour Hadi deputy of the central body of political security office, for Aden, Lahj and Abyan, and Brigadier General, Mahyoub Rashad Al-Masri, the intelligence general manager of at the district and a number of police officers and security authorities in Aden.

The meeting was intended to investigate the current situation and to exchange opinions and thoughts about security in the country and in Aden in particular. In the meeting, General Ali Mansour Rashid delivered a speech in

which he emphasized the importance of security and military forces to work as one team in order to combat crime, and to monitor the inlets through which criminals and illegal immigrants use to enter Yemen, especially from the sea and the African Horn countries.

All in attempts to maintain discipline and general health of the Yemeni people especially with the advancement of the SARS disease to the country. Officer Mohammed Saleh Tareq general manager of Aden security welcomed the attendees in a speech he delivered and commented on the good understanding and communication between the central base in Sana'a and the security office in Aden. He also distributed a questionnaire and a number of information documents on the gathering which are concerned with the security status in the district and the persons wanted by justice and suspect cars.

Symposium on international humanitarian law

BY ISMAEL ALI ALGHABRI
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A symposium on the international humanitarian law was concluded on Wednesday as organized by the moral guidance circle in the armed forces in cooperation with the international committee for Red Cross (ICRC). The participant received over 4 days number of lectures, knowledge, and information about the international humanitarian law. At the conclusion ceremony Vice chief of General Staff Ali Saeed Ubaid delivered a speech in which he said the results of the symposium are important in respect to spreading concepts of the international humanitarian law and the implications of the Geneva conventions and protocols which were ratified by Yemen. He pointed out that the cooperation between the armed forces and

security and ICRC is not new rather it is an expansion of positive cooperation with the aim of developing the armed forces and security and up dating it with the knowledge and legal information. He also expressed appreciation to the teaching staff for efforts exerted for qualifying the individuals and officers of the armed forces and security. In his part chairman of ICRC York Cons reviewed the cooperation between the ICRC and the armed forces and security as well as the training courses which were held by the ICRC. "The republic of Yemen represented by the leadership of the armed forces and security has taken a serious and an precedent step in the Arab world by issuing a clear resolution for inserting the article of the international humanitarian law in training programs of the armed forces and security," Cons said.

Saving Iraq history

A workshop held in Cairo last week by Cultured Arab Forum (CAF) about the role of intellectuals to face the assassination of Iraq history and culture came out with a number of recommendations.

The most significant recommendations are to build a media campaign among the Iraqi people and intellectuals

about the importance of respecting the remaining antiquities, and historical sites. In addition, recommending the Arab regimes to hold a conference for their Ministers of Culture, Antiquities and Tourism and specialize a sum of money to buy what can be save and put them back to their places.

They recommended also the necessity of the interested organizations to protect the history and culture in Iraq.

Dr. Jaber Osfor, the secretary-General of the Supreme Council of Culture in Egypt and the Chairman of Arab Bar along with Mr. Abdulwali al-Shamiri, the CAF chairman attended the workshop.

Appreciable humane gesture

In memory of one of most dedicated workers for the German Development service (DED) the late Mr. Werner Gagesh, who worked as an architect for the GOPHCY in Yemen, his family donated YR 400,000 thousand to a local charity organization. DED has announced the decision in a

release sent to the Yemen Times on 5 May 2003. Mr. Gagesh had sadly passed away in November 2002 after suffering from a serious illness. He has devoted his life to helping other people improving their lives. He will be always remembered by his friends and colleagues in Yemen.

Announcement

Pursuant to the results achieved by the Workshop Project of His Excellency the President, for the promotion of Computers, that was held on the 19th - 20th of March 2003, the Ministry of Communications represented by the Public Telecommunication Corporation, (PTC); (the Project Committee of His Excellency the President for the promotion of Computers), would like to announce to Specialized Companies interested in becoming eligible for qualification to participate in locally manufacturing Computers in Yemen, that qualified companies will be established for the purpose of manufacturing Computers at the Communications & Information Technology City in the Ministry of Communications.

Companies interested in this project to become qualified to manufacture Computers locally in Yemen may obtain the Pre-Qualification Documents priced at (20,000) twenty thousand Yemeni Rials (on a non-refundable basis) from the Tenders Committee Secretariat at the Public Telecommunication Corporation, Al-Jiraff, Airport Road.

Interested companies should take note of the following conditions:-

1. To submit all Technical, Commercial and Administrative pre-qualification documents.
2. To submit a copy of the Agency Document from authorized agent in Yemen representing foreign company, authenticated and certified by the concerned authorities.
3. The offer must be in the Arabic, or the Arabic & English language, submitted in one original and three copies.
4. A copy of valid Tax Card with regard to local companies.
5. A copy of valid Insurance Card with regard to local companies.
6. Offers must be valid for a period of not less than (90) ninety days from the date of opening the enveloped offers.
7. To submit a Bid Bond or Cheque payable for 2.5% of the Company's proposed Investment Share-Holding Capital, or the total Capital of its proposed Share-Holding with its partnership companies, which must be valid for a period of not less than (90) ninety days from the date of opening the enveloped offers. The said Bond must be issued from a local Bank in the Republic of Yemen.
8. The offer must be placed inside an envelope and sealed by red wax.

All offers must reach the Project Committee Secretariat at the Communications & Information Technology City building not later than 10:30 a.m. on Monday the 14th of July 2003.

Envelopes will be opened in public at 11:00 a.m. of the same day in the Meeting Hall of the Communications & Information Technology City in the presence of company officials or their representatives who may wish to attend.

PTC will not accept any offer submitted after the above-mentioned deadline.

اعلان

بناء على نتائج ورشة العمل لمشروع فخامة الأخ/ رئيس الجمهورية لتعميم الحاسوب والمنعقدة خلال الفترة 19-20 مارس 2003م.

تعلم وزارة المواصلات ممثلة بالمؤسسة العامة للإتصالات السلكية واللاسلكية (لجنة مشروع فخامة رئيس الجمهورية) لتعميم الحاسوب للشركات المتخصصة والراغبة الدخول في التأهيل لإنشاء شركة مساهمة لإنتاج الحاسوب محليا والتي سيتم تأسيسها لتجميع وإنتاج الحاسوب في مدينة تكنولوجيا الإتصالات والمعلومات بوزارة المواصلات.

فعلى الراغبين الدخول في المشروع التقدم إلى سكرتارية لجنة المناقصات بالمؤسسة العامة للإتصالات السلكية واللاسلكية - الجراف - طريق المطار لأخذ نسخة من وثيقة التأهيل مقابل رسم وقدره (٢٠,٠٠٠) عشرون ألف ريال لاترد ويشترط تقديم الآتي:

١. تقديم وثائق التأهيل كاملة : الفنية والمالية والإدارية.
٢. تقديم صورة التوكيل من الشركات الأجنبية للوكلاء المحليين معتمدا أو مصدقا عليه من الجهة المختصة.
٣. أن يكون العرض المقدم من أصل وثلاث نسخ باللغة العربية أو باللغتين العربية والإنجليزية.
٤. صورة من البطاقة الضريبية سارية المفعول للشركات المحلية.
٥. صورة من البطاقة التأمينية سارية المفعول للشركات المحلية.
٦. يجب أن تكون العروض صالحة لمدة لاتقل عن (٩٠) يوما من تاريخ فتح العطاء.
٧. تقديم ضمان بنكي أو شيك مقبول الدفع بواقع (٢,٥%) من قيمة مساهمة المستثمر أو مجموعته المقترحة في راس مال الشركة وعلى أن يكون صالح لمدة لاتقل عن (٩٠) يوما من تاريخ فتح العطاء وصادر من بنك داخل الجمهورية اليمنية.
٨. تقديم العطاءات في ظروف مغلقة ومختومة بالشمع الأحمر تقدم إلى سكرتارية لجنة المشروع بمدينة تكنولوجيا الإتصالات والمعلومات بمبنى الإدارة العامة للمدينة في موعد أقصاه الساعة العاشرة والنصف صباحا من يوم الإثنين الموافق ١٤/٧/٢٠٠٣م.

وسيتم فتح المظاريف علنا بحضور أصحاب الشركات أو من ينوب عنهم في تمام الساعة الحادية عشر ظهرا من نفس اليوم بقاعة الإجتماعات بمدينة تكنولوجيا الإتصالات والمعلومات ولن تقبل اي عروض بعد ذلك الوقت والتاريخ.

3 May:

Struggle for press freedom never lets up

By MOHAMMED AL-QADHI
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The world observes the third of May as the International Press Freedom Day. This observation is a kind of recognition of the importance of journalists and their mission of reporting the truth to the people. Free press is a reflection of a free and democratic society; it plays a significant role in informing the people, enabling them to take the right decisions related to their lives and development of their societies.

The third of May is a good time to recall the obstacles facing this profession and our colleagues who paid their lives as price for conveying the truth.

Despite the fact that Yemen is considered an emerging democracy where press should work freely, we find that journalists continue to face many problems and different sorts of harassment. The government continued last year to detain journalists for expressing their opinions critical to its work. In its Annual Human Rights Country Report published recently, the US Department of State reported some of these violations of press freedom. "Journalists were subject for libel, dismissal from employment or extrajudicial harassment," the report said. "During the year (2002), approximately 30 journalists from 23 media institutions were investigated, charged or imprisoned. By

year's end, the Ministry of Interior also shut down three opposition newspapers," it added. The number of the cases of violation and abuses during the last few years have been reported to have increased dramatically. Not only journalists like Abdulraheem Mohsen and Ibraheem Hussein were arrested and held incommunicado, the Sana'a court ordered that novelist Wajdi Al-Ahdal should be arrested for allegedly "abusing Islam and undermining the country's convention in his novel Qawarib Jabaliah. He escaped the country as some fanatics threatened to kill him. Later, he came back after the interference of President Ali Saleh. The US report also said that customs officials confiscate foreign publications regarded as pornographic or objectionable because of religious or political content and that the government restricted academic freedom to some extent because of the extreme politicization of university campuses. The Ministry of Information continued to threaten journalists and foreign media reporters in particular not to report news related to security and military issues. "The government enforced a circular prohibiting publication of information or news pertaining to the armed forces before "consulting" the Ministry of Defense." Some journalists were harassed or brought before prosecution after reporting an alleged shoot-

ing of a military helicopter. The Ministry of Interior continues to threaten journalists through the Information Ministry not to report security and "sensitive" issues unless they get the information from their sources in the Interior Ministry. However, whenever journalists contact Interior officials, they never speak or just reply to government-run press.

These violations and discrimination against non-government media people continue. Although the law stipulate that court trials should be made public, the authorities refused to allow journalists, except those working for government media, to attend some of the trial hearings of the assassin of Jarallah Omar. Police officers deal with journalists in an insulting manner.

The government continues to control electronic media which represents a very important source of information for most of Yemeni people, mainly in the countryside where print media is not available and most of the people are illiterate. Opposition parties have no chance to address the public only during election period. However, opposition parties complained that their platforms were subject to editing while being aired through TV and radio and that some parts which criticize the government were removed during the parliamentary election campaign. The NDI criticized this and recommended in its

preliminary report on election that "a provision of access to both broadcast and print media for political parties is necessary beyond any official election campaign period. Moreover, regulations should be promulgated to eliminate political bias in the state-owned media. Restrictions against political expressions including criticism of political parties and the government should be eliminated."

The government approved of a few weeks ago a draft law of the Yemeni Journalists Syndicate (YJS). This law is a kind of code of ethics, putting clear the obligations and rights of journalists, and giving the YJS the right to hold journalists violating this law accountable. The draft law is said to have been presented and approved off by government in hasty way before being debated comprehensively by journalists. The law imposes heavy financial burden on press institutions as it conditions that they should pay 3% of their advertisement revenues to cover the expenses of the YJS. Some journalists said this amount of money will be taken from the salary of journalists working in these institutions. This draft law is expected to be debated soon by the new parliament. Journalists hope that some amendments would be incorporated into this draft law in a way to protect the rights and freedom of journalists.

YDF launches al-Sininah Center

The Yemeni Development Foundation (YDF) on Sunday 11 May launched al-Sininah center for health, welfare and training. The center has been a positive and efficient response to the needs of the local community, which exceeds fifteen thousand people collectively.

The launch was under the Patronage of His Lordship Lord Ahmed of Rotherham member of the House of Lords-United Kingdom, Patron of the YDF, who is here in a visit, along with her Excellency Frances Guy British ambassador as well as other senior Yemeni dignitaries.

The center will provide a number of services including:

1. Primary, reproductive and mater-

nity health care services and healthy advocacy.

2. Social welfare of orphans and disabled people.

3. Training: computer, Embroidery, and Persian Carpet-making.

This center is a new effort to enhance public health by the YDF, which has set up seven projects in a period of just under one year. These projects are mainly on health and education and training in various parts of the Republic of Yemen.

Mr. Mohammed Al-Masyabi, Founder and Chief Executive of YDF confirmed that some other projects are in the pipeline pending funding confirmation.

Shima network launched

Under auspices of Human Rights Minister, Dr. Waheeba Fare', and Oxfam-Britain organization, Yemeni network to end violence against woman, Shima, held a ceremony on Thursday May 8 in Hada'a Hotel and launched its network.

A number of civil society associations and governmental and non-governmental organizations representatives attended the event.

Dr. Waheeba had an opportunity to exalt the results of the elections and the wonderful competition that amazed the world.

She congratulated the 11th candidate Yemeni women who introduced a bright example for the Yemeni woman. "Although the political parties disappointed and neglected women, Yemeni candidate women had entered the elections and proved that they are patient and strugglers giving the parties a lesson."

She said further "We are about to have a new government change and we

are looking to see the woman part of it. We ask the government to give the Yemeni woman her rights as Yemen is really full with talented and qualified women and we strongly believe in the president unlimited support for women that represented by giving her a chance either inside or abroad"

Dr. Ma'an Abdualbari, that was felicitated for appointing a chairman for Shima, delivered a speech in which he welcomed the distinguished guest Dr. Waheeba Fare. "Shima aims at adopting woman's issues including the efforts of ending violence against her. Three years of continuous work along with 15 governmental and non-governmental organizations distinguished with responsibility and team-spirit work."

He further said "Launching the network is a step to face the future challenges and we are looking forward to seeing real achievements"

Beautiful poems and songs permeated the event.

Documentation needed in Yemen

By YEMEN TIMES STAFF

Under the motto, Documentation is the Nation's Memory, the 3rd training course in documentation and archiving started May 10 at the Yemeni Club for Information & Technical Education, YCITE and will last for June 1.

The Social Development Fund employees are to take part in the course.

"The course aims basically at promoting information technology in Yemen in general in order to gain IT

necessary skills and capabilities for the benefit of the employees working in archiving," Mr. Mohammed Ali Rajeh, the General Manager of the YCITE declared. This also will enable them to perform the archiving works efficiently in order to achieve a highly sophisticated system in those institutions.

Holding and organizing such training courses will also prepare the way for the trainees to be fully equipped theoretically as well as practically in order to:

- Have an access to the required documents.
- Support the decision making as a result of availability of information, and documents.
- Provide costs of keeping files and documents.
- Gain control of heaps of input and output documents.
- Handle documents and files within the institutions itself.
- Keeping the safety of those files.
- Put an end to heaps of documents and files.

In order to get on with the information technology, well-qualified cadres and eminent professors took part in the course.

Those include, Dr. Zaki Hussien Alwardi, the Chairman of Library, Documentation & Information Department, Sana'a University, Dr. Mohammed Ali Rajeh, the General Manager of the YCITE, Dr. Mohammed Ali Ahmed, Manager of Training and Rehabilitation of the YCITE.

Saudi delegation in Yemen

A Saudi delegation arrived to Sanaa on Sunday to participate in the meetings of the Saudi-Yemen coordination council. The delegation is headed by Adnan Mohamed Bakhesh the head of the preparatory committee, which will be preparing for the actual meetings of the council. The committee will be holding its meetings in three days and will involve a number of ministries and various Yemeni and Saudi sectors.

The Yemeni Saudi council, which was formed in 1975, is expected to start its sessions at the end of this month and will be headed by Yemeni Prime Minister Abdulqadir Ba Jammal and Saudi Prime Minister Prince Sultan bin Abdulaziz.

Yemen Times also learnt that the

Saudi delegation to attend the council's meetings will include Saudi Ministers of Interior, Foreign Affairs, Finance, National Economy, and Information.

This is the second meeting of its kind held after the two neighboring countries signed in 2000 the Jeddah border treaty to end border disputes and revive mutual cooperation in all aspects.

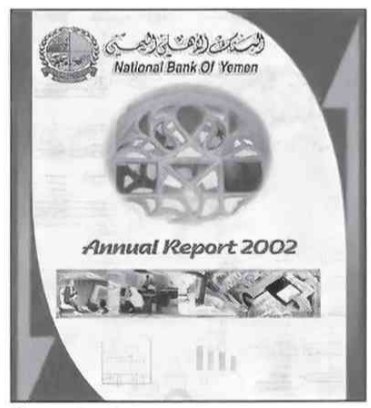


National Bank's annual report released

The annual report of the National Bank of Yemen has been recently issued.

The new report has positively reflected the bank's well-run finance standards since the appointment of Mr. Abdurahman al-Kuahli, as a Chairman of the Board of Directors and a General Manager.

The annual report contains the speech of the Chairman of the Board of Directors and the accounts auditors report, the general balance, income statement and distributions.



Cover book

Elections infringements

Female candidate complains

Ms. Mahafodah Hassan Ali Ibrahim al-Sa'af from Malhan district, Mahweet governorate, an independent candidate in 236 consistency, appealed in a letter on Tuesday to all organizations of human rights, woman rights and freedom rights organizations in Yemen and the world to stand by her against the injustice she had sustained at the hands of the Supreme Committee for Elections and Referendum (SCER) and General People's Congress party (GPC) in her constituency.

She confirmed that at the 236 constituency where she had nominated for parliamentary elections, she gained more than 12,000 votes exceeding the GPC's candidate, however, the SCER and those supporting it in the governorate, changed the result in favor of

the GPC's candidate. So Ms. Mahafodah called on all the above mentioned organizations to immediately appeal to the president of the republic, chairman of GPC, along with Minister of Justice and Judicial Inspection Authority chairman and all the concerned bodies to do justice and support her to get her lost legal and constitutional rights as well as guaranteeing legalized, proper and fair procedures for her case.

Mahafodah filed a compliant to the Supreme Court. However, her life was threatened by unidentified people demanding to rapidly and unconditionally stop her pursuit for her legal rights via the concerned women organizations and associations.

She said in a letter, the paper received

a copy of "though the Supreme Court has acceptance my suit, the procedures I got through as a women were unbelievable. I have been demanded to pay exaggerated fees amounting to 50,000 rials besides, continuous administrative obstacles and impediments that do injustice for a woman to get her rights."

She said further "I ask all the honest people and the concerned human rights and freedoms organizations to help me and to quickly put an end to the threats I have been receiving and stop all this mess and playing with our rights as it touches my life and family. I have lost the stability in my country in spite of my request is considered the simplest legal rights for any woman and human in any place in the world."

Mahafodah added, "I, on the behalf

of every Yemeni woman, feel extremely worried about the future that is awaiting all the Yemeni women. We all are still exposed to a big conspiracy aiming at depriving us of all our legal and legitimate rights under groundless and weak justifications."

She concluded her letter saying "Yemeni women are still exposed to a big conspiracy in which all parties participate and agree to deceive us all. It is obvious that all parties have an undeclared agreement on deceiving and suppressing us and confiscate our rights. It is regretful that the Yemeni parties promises were all just false and a lie. All overbidding with Yemeni woman issues and what is related to do justice for her and giving her all rights were just electoral propaganda."

Al-Burahi Hospital to be inaugurated in Aden

By YEMEN TIMES STAFF

22nd of May is decided to be the day for inaugurating Al-Burahi hospital in Aden so as to make the celebration a double one. Dr. Najib Ghanip Al-Burahi general manager of the hospital indicated that the hospital is already working now in full terms and all sections, which include general surgery, optics, cardiac, chest and lung, orthopedics, dental, urinary system and oth-

ers, are operating also.

The hospital staff includes Yemeni specialists as well as foreigners. The hospital can accommodate 60 beds, and is equipped with the latest medical technologies and tools. Dr. Al-Burahi said in celebration the hospital provides free examination, and the fees at this hospital are much lesser than other hospitals because it aims at presenting a noble mission and not just for commercial benefit.

Indian Embassy School Workshop on teaching English wraps up

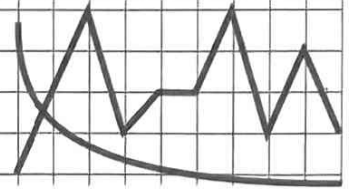
Indian Embassy School & Cultural Center, Sana'a, organized a 4 day workshop on 'Teaching English' for its English teachers. Prof. R.K. Jayaraman, Faculty of Education, Sana'a University, was

the resource person and 8 teachers participated. The workshop focused specifically on Communicative Language Teaching and organized tasks around the concepts of learner characteristics, information gap and transfer, and production of supplementary teaching materials along the

lines of the communicative approach. Valedictory function of the workshop took place on 29 April 03, with Mr. O.P. Bajaj, the Ag. Chairman of IESS as the Guest of Honor.



YT Business



Yemeni consumer, & market characteristics

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A visitor to markets in Yemen would inevitably choose the kind of market he wishes, could be a general market or specialized folklore market, agricultural or industrial goods market, money exchange market or the black market. Wherever he goes there is a host of sellers specialized in various field of goods marketing.

A retail goods tradesman Ahmed al-Sabri at al-Hasaba market says there is no modern market in Yemen but rather there are multi-purpose markets selling various kinds of goods. If you go to old Sana'a you would find different kinds of markets. There is a market for heritage and historical antiques; another for folkloric costumes, a market specialized with silverwares and another for money exchange. One would get astonished due to the random assortment of markets in the capital and other Yemeni cities but he would find entertainment in shopping, especially regarding the choosing of products and goods. For there are food products, folklore costumes, and antiques. Touring old Sana'a markets, a visitor would walk through nar-

row alleys and small shops but are full of goods. Tradesman al-Sabri adds that if one wants to enjoy his time he has to choose any market he wants to visit. In consumer goods markets one would spend shorter time but in markets selling antiquities one would have to spend longer time looking at traditional artifact and hand-made things.

A few people usually frequent the famous heritage markets such as the markets of old Sana'a, Taiz, Aden, Mukalla and Sa'da. There could be found hand-made professional products and handicraft, ornamented industries and hand-embroidered folklore clothes. Many tourists enjoy visiting these old markets full of tourist scenes and are keen to take pictures there out their feeling of the value of history and features of the old civilization.

Tradesman Abdullah Muqbil in al-Shaneeni Taiz market told us that in that market there are Yemeni spices and frankincense, potteries and silverwares, all of them are local materials and goods. Also there is a French coin called [Marie Teresa] which in the past was an official currency and now has become of an antique value which tourists like much to have.

Mr. adds that there are no wonders in this market when one sees the variety of professions displayed in it but



On of the modern supermarket in Sana'a

that diversity indicates variety of handicraft inherited by successive generations. Muqbil sees that marketing in Yemen is still traditional lacking market research and commercial promotion. The consumer's purchasing power is weak and his monthly income is modest, not amounting to \$100. But shoppers get the goods that suit their tastes and level of their salaries. Marketing in Yemen is related to local agricultural and industrial

products along with some handicraft. Some foreign handicraft began to invade the Yemeni markets and affect the national products because of the former cheap prices.

Retail sale merchants in the capital markets confirm that foreign goods and products marketing into Yemen has good opportunities with the consumer, especially clothes, cloth, fashions, cosmetics, electronic equipment and perfumes. Sellers say the Yemeni

market is big and local agricultural and industrial production is not enough to meet the consumer's needs and there are more chances for an increase in importation. Many merchants have realized the presence of investment opportunities and that's why they converted their importation activities to investment in order to control the market and the consumer, though this has been at the expense of national industries and products.

The Road Ahead

It's all about money

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It is always about money. Success can be in terms of money, growth can be in terms of money, even sometimes satisfaction can be in terms of money, and the corporate world is no exception; money or profits is what differentiates the winners from the losers, and gives impressions about organizations which are most likely to prosper tomorrow and those who aren't likely to make it.

Basically, organizations are nothing but a number of people, who get paid to work together towards one common objective, which is to keep their organization profitable. Of course, these people have a manager whose responsibility lies in making them perform according to the desired standards. On the other hand, the employees know that the manager's job is to keep them focused towards their work, not to help each person grow.

As a consequence, employees just like any other human beings have the desire to grow, even if that meant they have to give up their current jobs and move on to another, which gives them more in terms of money, personal growth and satisfaction.

However, successful managers and organizations understand this kind of behavior and in order to retain their best employees they provide them with opportunities for growth within the organization, for instance promotions and special projects. In fact, putting employees' personal growth in consideration can be a factor in organizational growth; through creating challenges for employees, challenges that if the particular employee or team meets, he may be promoted, and hence have a better chance for personal growth.

In addition to that, encouraging personal growth within the organization can create great opportunities for business expansion and diversification, and if the employees know that there is a good opportunity for personal growth in such a challenge; they would marshal their best possible performance towards excelling in that, because they feel there are other positions in the organization where they can perform better and build on their unique talents.

And so, it is important that managers show their employees that there isn't a pot of gold at the end of the rainbow so that they keep on shifting from a job to another and a company to another until they arrive at it, in fact, they have to assure them that the rainbow itself is the gold, and this rainbow is the organization; every time they excel in meeting their challenges, they gain more in terms of personal growth, and, of course, money!

In conclusion, money can be the greatest motivator for your employees, but it should be the reward they get only after excelling in meeting their challenges, because their personal growth should be a result of organizational growth.

Endnote: People want to grow, help them grow through your organization by creating challenges, which motivate them to work better, and in turn help the organization prosper.

International Investment Summit:

Arab leadership needs compelling vision

Dubai Press Club, 5 May. A strong and compelling vision should be adopted by the leadership of the Arab world, according to Sicre Frederic, Managing Director of the World Economic Forum (WEF).

Summing up the three days of the International Investment Summit here in Dubai, Frederic said on Monday that: "Needless to say, our world, our institutions, our relations are at a cross roads. For the Arab world, it is an opportunity to either get on board the train or be left behind".

The WEF Managing Director said it has been persistently mentioned that the economy of the Middle East is performing poorly reflected by the poor levels of foreign direct investment (FDI). But this can change.

Right timing

Sicre Frederic said the timing of the International Investment Summit right after the conflict in Iraq "is most timely since it gave us the opportunity of, first, taking stock of where the world stands especially concerning investment flows and economic activity, and secondly what this means for the Arab world.

He pointed out that in the present global context, transatlantic relations are at their lowest ebb, there is continued threat to our collective security, confidence needs to be restored in markets and a decisive action needs to be taken to resolve the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

"Regions around the world are grap-

pling with the task of trying to establish new visions for themselves," Frederic said.

He said the European Union might have a new constitution following its successful expansion program. Africa is pushing towards a new partnership. Latin America is trying to create a new vision for regional growth as an alternative to the so-called Washington consensus.

Five pillars

Frederic identified five major areas where Arab governments could address themselves.

1. Improve the investment climate:

Regional integration is the entry card for the global village. This could create a per cent growth in GDP, but it needs Arab governments to work hard to get rid of cumbersome regulations; to define and enforce commercial law; strengthen public institutions; and target private and domestic investment in productive sectors rather than just the large public sector.

2. Reform the banking and financial markets:

Privatization must be accelerated and greater central bank independence must be achieved. Also, regulatory frameworks governing capital markets must be implemented, especially in allowing greater participation of institutional investors, creating regional rating agencies and standards and consolidation of Arab financial markets.

3. Harness innovation and tech-

nology transfer:

Arab countries need to create a level playing field between national and international players as lack of competition and rivalry stifles innovation. They need to reduce administrative hurdles, which impede economic creativity and create research clusters between industries and universities.

4. Pay attention and invest heavily into the region's human capital:

Arab states need to improve gross enrollment rates in secondary and tertiary levels; provide women with equal access to education; bridge the gap between skills required in the economy and those taught in schools and think in terms of continuous learning and better preparation of teachers.

5. ICT development:

It is needed as a base to nurture a real spirit of entrepreneurship and to enhance productivity. It is also required to encourage the dissemination of knowledge and free flow of ideas.

The World Economic Forum Managing Director also had a five-fold task for the Arab private sector-especially to be done in association with the governments.

Private sector tasks

Sicre Frederic said through common vision, alignment and sheer numbers, the Arab business community can constitute itself into a force for change to be reckoned with-both by Arab governments and on the international scene. "A united private sector community, with common objectives, can create

miracles."

a. Meritocracy:

Reform labor laws is necessary, as currently they are too restrictive. Being able to hire on a basis of meritocracy is essential to compete, as well as the ability to fire under-performers. Linked, is the question of allowing women to work.

b. Education:

Business must make education a business. The Arab Corporation must provide on-the-job training and work with governments to develop the right curricula to satisfy needs of the Arab job market and global competition. The educational system must encourage debate, negotiation and the principle that it is agreeable to disagree.

c. Legal systems:

Clear and consistent legal regulations and lawyers and judges well versed in modern commercial laws, will provide foreign investors better arbitration mechanisms and advisory services and thus provide an incentive to investment.

d. Regional strategy:

If inter-Arab trade is to increase, business can press for more harmonized standards.

e. Capital markets:

Arab corporate can increase the competitiveness of their capital markets. Family businesses can go public, and there could be increased compliance with corporate governance standards.

The World Economic Forum Managing Director quoted a Saudi business leader as telling him that: "The Arab Corporation must be ready to work twice as hard as our international counterparts. First, we must work as catalysts for change in our own countries and region. Second, we must work to build trust and respect between the Arab community and the rest of the world."

Western support

The third most important element of progress for the Arab world is the support it gets from outside, Frederic said. "These challenges will only be met if the leaders of Arab business and Arab governments find true support and trust from their Western counterparts," the World Economic Forum Managing Director concluded.

The International Investment Summit was organized by the Dubai Development and Investment Authority (DDIA) under the patronage of His Highness General Sheikh Mohammed Bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Crown Prince of Dubai and UAE Defense Minister.

Some 700-plus delegates gathered from both within the region and outside to map out a blueprint for attracting larger flows of FDI into the Arab world. They included some of the best minds from both sides of the investment divide.

The summit from May 3rd to 5th provided for the first time a platform for various investment promotion agencies and projects from within the Arab world, to showcase and promote themselves to global investors.

Words of Wisdom



The Republics of Yemen continues to suffer from the visible prevalence of corruption, bribery, fraud and other forms of dishonest and shady dealings. Government administration is the worst case. As complaints increase, the inability of the rulers to check this deviant behavior has added credibility to the assumption that the rulers themselves somehow benefit from this irregularity.

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Arabs never liked Saddam

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First of all I am here to congratulate you our great Editor and your staff about your great work on making Yemen Times in this beautiful style and also for your great patience on those people who are writing unbelievable words weekly through this section of your paper. And I hope my following comments will have a place in the same section, I want one of those Americans who are annoying me weekly to give me reasonable answers

for the following questions:” who told you that Arabs love Saddam Hussein?”. If the answer is: because they –or most of them- are against the war against him “if this is the answer, so let me ask you again:” why do you think that most of Arabs and Muslims didn’t want the war against Saddam although they are hating that Dictator? ..let me tell you one thing, the difference between you and us that we –Arabs and Muslims- are looking to everything in our life through our religion.. but you don’t have similar thing which is procedure to your acts .. we have the Qura’an which is Allah’s speech and we have the Sunna which contains all of our

prophet Mohammed –PBUH – orders and acts .. so we have two references to return to when we face any problem .. That’s the fact most of Americans don’t know. Being Iraq under a torture regime doesn’t give us a reason to bring “Zoro” to liberate it.. Why? Because this is not mentioned in our Islamic history – long before Zoro’ was born.
You –Americans- by your opinions want us to be either Saddam’s supporters or peace distracters... NO we don’t like any Muslim to be under a similar regime... Please do write reasonable subjects and try to make your speeches more objective.

COMMON SENSE



By Hassan Al-Haifi

Mohammed: The prophet of peace and brotherhood

Great moments in history – and in life – are not born out of the making of great emperors or generals but rather the workings – and tidings – brought forth by men who come into this world, not to seek glory for glory’s sake, or for the satisfaction and fulfillment of egotistical aspirations. It is out of the midst of simple folk, who never dream of ever leaving any mark in the annals of the ages, but nevertheless are driven to lead humanity towards the great destiny fated for mankind, as God would only want it. These great men, with their humble origins, have their Lord guiding every step they take in this world to ensure that their mission is both complete and enduring.

The humble beginnings of the Prophet Mohammed, whose birthday falls this week is the final missionary assignment delivered to Mankind, after having followed the long list of some 28 known and a number of other unknown prophets and messengers, who were assigned with the most difficult missions that anyone could be assigned: Put mankind in the proper course outlined by their Creator for them to achieve spiritual bliss in this momentary period of mundane existence and enlighten them to adhere to the truth and only the truth in all their doings. It is the truth, one of the attributory names of the Lord Al-Mighty, that produces justice and equity in this world and it is the only acceptable rapport in defining our relationship with Our Lord. It is this simple conceptual framework that underscores the Message of Islam, faithfully delivered by the Prophet Mohammed, which was also what underscored the missions of Jesus, Moses, Ibrahim and his descendants, Noah, etc. (peace of Allah be upon them all). All of these prophets had to endure uncalculated hardships from evil men, who sought to discredit the Heavenly ordained missions of these great men. These great men sought no more than to bring rapport between mankind and their Lord. Who saw that his malignant creation on Earth, was far outreaching his limitations, and even bringing endless suffering to his own kind, needlessly. Has not the Lord set out everything that men need to survive, progress and prosper? Has not God made this man, unique among all of the Lord’s creation, in being able to overcome the harsh elements surrounding him? More important, has not God given man that great power that no other beings have of choosing, rather than to simply act upon instinctive drives, albeit while ordaining that men (and women) shall be free to make the appropriate choices they have to make, even when it comes to choosing the religion they shall succumb to: “There is no compulsion in religion; reason has emerged over aberration”. With these powerfully confident words, the Lord insists that the wisdom and knowledge that man acquires should be prudent guidance towards that truth, which He alone accepts – the truth of Islam, Christianity, Judaism and all the other religions that call for the worship of He and He alone as the One and Only True Lord of Mankind. With this worship of a logical Wholeness of the Devine, it is only second nature to accept that men will submit to the reasonable order by which life is to be governed, as ordained by the Al-Mighty in this minute period of existence, we are allotted on this Earth. We should not forget how miniscule we become when our existence is weighted against the expanse of time and the existence of the universe. Otherwise, chaos and injustice will predominate, as men tend to be betrayed by their whims and greed and fall into the tendency of ordaining whatever will suit their own personal interests, even if at the expense of bringing about injustice and suffering to their own brethren.

With this Oneness of the Devine, Mohammed insisted to his followers that human beings shall also be compelled to consider the oneness of their own being, without regard to whatever superficial attributes they may have, and it is remarkable that this important teaching in Islam has now become part and parcel of the Laws governing mankind throughout this planet, after so many centuries of needless bloodletting for ethnic or racial reasons. Fifteen Centuries ago the followers of the Prophet Mohammed set up a social order in Medina, with unparalleled examples of brotherhood among all the different elements of the society, with some former slaves rising to the top of the ladder of social prominence. With the brotherhood that Islam invoked, prominence is no longer dictated by racial, economic, or tribal lines. The distinction amongst men is only as fine as God would have it: the most religiously conscientious, the active defenders of the faith, the advocates for social justice, freedom, and human liberty. These are the vanguard of the righteous and the favored by the Lord. Yet, God insisted that men carry on with pursuing their own aspirations and wealth. However, this wealth is no more than a trust left with the owner, not to spend on self gratification, but to make that wealth an economic undertaking that allows for the creation of jobs and the production of livelihoods for others, in addition to its use for the relief of the destitute, deprived and discontent. Thus, man truly sees himself in his right perspective with the Message of the Prophet Mohammed subtly revealing, along the course of a truly Islamic existence (or Christian or Judaic, etc.), those enlightening signs that tend to drive the worshipper almost unwillingly ever so closer to his Creator – to Eternal Bliss. May Allah Bless the Prophet Mohammed and all those other Prophets before him, who have really made it so much easier for us to see that the Truth is far closer to us than we ever thought it to be, if we only let reason prevail, in all our doing, and in all our thinking.

OUR OPINION Let us start with law enforcement

The new government is on the verge of being formed. Ba Jammal is maintaining his position as the premier, and hence little change is expected in the new government. This should be a driving force for all ministers to realize one important thing. They now have a chance to prove themselves and capabilities. They have six years ahead of them, and those years are a good opportunity for them to show that they are sincere in developing Yemen. But I believe that there should be a priority over all other priorities for this government to deal with. And that is law enforcement.

The government can look into issues such as education, health, corruption, mismanagement, population growth, etc. but at the same time, it should also realize that without law enforcement, nothing can be established. I am glad that nowadays fewer tribal sheikhs see themselves above the law. The military forces were able to penetrate deep into lawless areas in central governorates and go after suspects and culprits. They sometimes paid the price valuably by losing lives, but there was no other way to proceed. The government should slowly tighten the grip around those who disrespect laws. It should slowly but gradually fight against those who try to use their influence and bypass the laws including officials and ministers themselves.

We need examples

Let this government demonstrate to us the change of heart that we always wanted. Let those decision-makers be the first to lead us in abiding by the law. It is quite trivial to realize that any effort in making others abide by the law while the leaders don’t, will be useless. Unless there is an example to follow, there will always be excuses not to go by the rules.

I am optimistic that the time pace that the government has will allow it to continue the projects it started in developing the country on all fronts. There is no excuse that “time is short and we will be out of office.” I guess that their posts will remain theirs unless something unexpected happens. Let there be no doubt that law enforcement is the first priority for any nation willing to support the values of a civil state.

The Editor

Iraq: what next?

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Prior to the U.S. war in Iraq few people harbored any illusions about the behavior and intentions of the Iraqi government under Saddam Hussein. Nonetheless, President Bush’s rushed initiative tragically undermines the theory of a just war and will lead to a proliferation of war and other acts of aggression.

Already this prediction is beginning to unfold. Buoyed by their apparent success in Iraq the U.S. is now issuing subtle threats against Syria, Iran and other so-called rogue regimes like Sudan and Libya.

While the Iraqi people have been freed from the oppression of Saddam Hussein they continue to suffer, now at the hands of U.S. expropriation. It is, for example, no secret how America’s formidable military machine was able to quickly seize control of all the Iraqi

oil wells and the Ministry of Oil Building in Baghdad but were unable to protect - despite being forewarned - the irreplaceable heritage of a proud Iraqi people housed in the Iraq National Museum. It is now known that American troops were among those allowed to ransack museums, burn archives, and pillage libraries.

It is likely that the U.S. will be in Iraq for many years - even decades. History shows that the development of democracy is a gradual, evolutionary process. In fact, since the fall of the Ottoman empire and after the period of colonialism - when the Arab states were created - there has been a continuous and difficult search for the proper balance between politics and religion in Arab countries. A nation’s people cannot just change its attitudes and mentality overnight.

Adding to the growing consensus of U.S. dominance in the region is the reluctance on the part of the U.S. to allow the United Nations to take the lead in rebuilding Iraq. To counteract

such suspicions the U.S. will likely establish a legitimate government in the weeks ahead that will attempt to conceal in the world’s eyes the reality of an American military presence. The Arab nations however are bracing themselves. Due to growing anti-American sentiment extremist groups are said to be regaining strength.

Lost in the shuffle - a thorn in the side of the U.S. as an altruistic liberator - is the fact that throughout the world in over 30 countries, millions of lives are being lost through armed conflict. Since 1998 there have been over 3 million lives lost as a result of fighting in the Democratic Republic of Congo alone.

Evidence continues to mount, then, in the war’s aftermath, that America’s primary objective in Iraq was to gain control of the oil as well as the Middle East region.

Do other nations really want the U.S. to be the world’s lone enforcer? Is this not a time to revisit the concept of a Just War?

Letters to the Editor

A note on Haifi’s column
Let me begin by saying “thank you” to Yemen Times and to Hassan Al-Haifi for his article “The Shiite Way” in issue 633. I appreciate the rich portrait of Shiite history he paints in his article. Truly there are many great things that can be attributed to Islam and its practice throughout the world.

Much of what you say in your article is true. As an American and a Christian, I am appalled that my country would support anyone that would practice tyranny. However, I do understand why the support took place, as I am sure many of your readers do as well (many are also incorrect, having not studied American history).

The world can be an ugly place. Many peoples, whether they are nations, religions, sects, or political bodies, think only of themselves and only whether or not their point of view is taken on by everyone else. It is true everywhere in the world, including America. It can also be said of Yemen. Or Rome, Indonesia, Japan, South Africa, or any other country.

No person or group of people is perfect. That distinction belongs to God alone (by God I am referring to the Creator of the Universe, I understand most of your readers call Him Allah.)

If I could, I would sit down to a meal with a family in Yemen that would be willing to do so. We would eat, laugh, talk about the silly things our children do, talk about what things we agree about, and try to understand that which makes us disagree. We would part from one another’s company without fear, hatred, or ignorance. And then I would go share a meal with another family from Yemen. Hopefully, they would do something similar.

The only things I disagreed with in the article is that democracy in America

was not remotely connected to Islamic influence. It comes from the Christian Bible, which predates the birth of Mohammed. Even then, it only caught on because it worked for many nations. I am glad to know that Islamic history sets precedence for democracy as well. Though truthfully, I don’t believe it matters what culture “created” democracy, it should be seen as a gift from God to everyone fortunate enough to have it for their government structure.

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Go home Yankees!
No sooner had Iraqis finished their celebrations than they were outraged to watch American soldiers settling in at their city intersections, looking unconcernedly at the looters while they were rampaging through the city.

Now, Iraqis began to grope their way along the streets of Baghdad to make out the intentions of the American soldiers for which war on their country was launched. “Neither liberation nor weapons of mass destruction was the reason of war but oil and the security of Israel,” said some Iraqis.

The echo of tempting and sweet words, which were beamed throughout Iraq from a US-aircraft and ground-based transmitting facilities, is now on its way to disappearing. For many Iraqis, this day is really sweet but terribly bitter, and there will be a day on which Iraqis might miss Saddam’s regime not because he was kind or just but the alternative regime that replaced him would be worse.

That feeling was notable during the first days of invading, where there were few outbursts of joy for the American “guests”, but that joy quickly turned into contempt and disdain. In other words, we heard Iraqis saying thanks for toppling Saddam but go home

Letters to the Editor

Yankees!

One would wonder why Iraqis did show such sarcastic attitude towards American soldiers, despite the fact that they came to get them free from Saddam’s quelling regime as they claimed. In fact, Saddam will not be more tyrannical than American administration, if only we were to compare them.

No question that Saddam is a criminal and murder but let us not be misled, Saddam is first of all American-made. He acted out his leading part by getting involved in war with Iran, then invading Kuwait in 1991, which led eventually to the third gulf war, the war that seemed to be planned by American hands before Saddam took power.

Ali Alward
Sanaa

To Haifi:
What do you propose?

I’ve been making it more of a point to read your editorials on a regular basis since you pointed out that years ago, you supported America in President Clinton’s actions in Bosnia and have always deplored Saddam’s regime, editorials which weren’t on the tip of my tongue.

What I’ve seen since is that you continue to appear to try and incite people against America by calling us invaders.

Now, you’re probably not aware of the immense amount of dialogue going on here, about what we, as a nation led by a government doing things in our name, relative to, if we should or shouldn’t have, what we’ve done or not, right, wrong, best and worse. Lots of dialogue which will, eventually (many of us hope) be reflected in our national policy.

Ask any number of people here, and they will say almost unanimously - we want to get along with our brothers and sisters there, and everywhere.

No one is arguing WHO

was first with freedoms, lets deal with what is occurring today, right now.

These past weeks have seen a religious observance that was not permitted to occur for over two decades? Is that correct?

Why now?
That, I think, may have been the only point of the people writing to you, from a country full of invaders who only want (according to you, it SEEMS) to steal, invade, kill, take advantage of, and on and on.

In so many words, that’s been your message. But what do you propose for the future?

On the other hand, I would like to tell the editor that his article on oppressive Arab leaders (published in issue 631) was well said.

It’s been apparent to me that governments act as if the people are there to serve them, while it should be the other way around. With very few exceptions, governmental leaders all leave office rich, their families all have the best jobs, their fortunes are set for generations to come.

Gandhi was one who put his people first yet, sadly, the love in his heart for his fellow men was soon lost, forgotten, and greed and personal gain again became primary.

In the face of world pressure from the banking and industrial industries, it’s very difficult for leaders to stay in power long when putting their fellow citizens first. When we find one that does, we should work hard to support and protect them from the hateful and selfish who would have them removed from office, who lie to us to divide us from each other when the common man, the world over, want the same thing.

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What do you really want?

Questions to USA

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First let me make it clear here that when I say here the Americans I don't mean the American people but some of the American administration members who are controlling the American policy. And if someone tells me that those are the representatives of the people, let me tell that these two are something completely different.

I heard Bush when he said we would not accept something less than a victory! That was at the beginning of the war, then I heard him declare the victory. When you hear him you think that the United States is in war with the previous Soviet Union, or with another big power.

Then you get surprised when you know that he is facing a country from the third world, under harsh sanctions and siege for 13 years, with hungry soldiers! Not just that, also a country where inspectors have known almost every military secret of; rockets with a range of 151 km have been destroyed. And after all this half of this country's army should face the skills of the Americans, and the other half should face the skills of another great power Britain. Wasn't it a shame on bush to say in a strident tone "nothing less than a victory"! Wasn't it shame when Americans found their prisoners of war alive in good health, and another time when they said it was the hero marines!! Do you know what does it mean when your enemy has no air forces in a plain zone? it means you don't need any smart weapons. If it was my government to declare the war on this country I would say to it shame on you. What do you think would I say if the war took it 20 days!!

Shock and awe

Then, when America met to check in the first 48 hours to make the shock. And on the contrary, the shock was on

itself, it began to pin the blame on Russia and Syria to justify why are the two great powers still crawling in the open desert of a country possessing no airforce. One of the funny accusations to Russia was: that it was giving technical advice to jam the rockets path! Just to justify why are the smart weapons stupid, and then American embarrassed leaders took a genius step I really mean it, a genius step. Do you know what was it. They re-declared the war after 20 days saying that the real battle on Baghdad will begin!!!! I wonder what were the ships on frontline doing, where were they unloading in the first 20 days! Wasn't it on Baghdad, and if you were talking about the blockade on Baghdad; the extreme superiority of their air force completely implemented it from the first day. It didn't even let the Russian ambassador leave Baghdad! And if you mean by the siege preventing Iraqis from outfitting themselves with ammunition, so you are talking then about a siege of 13 years on Baghdad!! But after this media trick which shifted the beginning of the war 20 days to the front, suddenly the world believed it, and said Baghdad plumped in few hours!! And asked where is the army. Why don't they ask against whom did these thousands of rockets and demolition bump all the previous 20 days. Oh poor marines, you were never able to achieve the shock that your leaders promised only when you were fighting no body in Baghdad and saying to the world that you're fighting now the whole body!!!!and telling the world come and broadcast the wrestling, and you plopped down onto the dead corpse and said to the world count to ten!!! And in America they were clapping for the hero marines! Wasn't the poor exposed Iraq in the first 24 hrs of war weak enough to play championships on!!

Not your business

Who do you think was the hero in that battle, considering all that comparison. All of the Iraqi fighters knew that

their regime was agonizing and they do hate it. But they were fighting for their country they knew that they have the right to do so, it is a global law: its my land and you are invading it, and yes I do hate my leader but that is not of your business.

And if you came to liberate me I'm here fighting you so in which law are you going to consider me a terrorist now or later, why will you send me then to Guantanamo? And if you called some of us foreigners is a New Yorker a foreigner in Washington DC, or he is a hero if he gave his live for Washington. Why will they be treated like Mercenaries! I have never seen in the whole world and in the whole history any mercenaries fighting beside the destitute and hungry army! They knew that they are facing with rifles the high technology. Please tell me who are the reel heroes and who are the bad gays! Why should these people listen that they should cooperate with the invader or they deserve to be treated as Guantanamo prisoners!

Looting spree

The first Iraqis whom the hero marines liberated were the thieves and the criminals from their prisons telling them: this is the day of looting we are looting the Iraqi petroleum and you loot the Iraqi history and civilization. Of course those will welcome the U.S. forces with flowers. And I admit also there were others, but believe me there were lots of Iraqis inside Iraq and outside it deeply crying at that day, but the happy faces were only shown on TVs, it was a dirty policy. The rest of the Iraqis who were not shown on TVs were crying on that day, not for Saddam but for Iraq which Bush took advantage of its bad leader Saddam to make the big criminal. I am very sure that many American people will be angry, very angry if they knew the truth that is: lots of Iraqis were crying when they were watching the happy faces of their people and seeing their country in that picture. Not because Saddam statue was damaged but because America was putting the foundation stone for a new Saddam statue much bigger this time, replacing its old one because the old one began to change his policy. And the new one will recall the Iranian- Iraqi war which nobody wants it. The new



BY: SAMER A.

one will recall the previous tensions between Iraq and Syria. and...and the marines were talking about heroisms.

Democracy? At what price?

Ok I know someone will tell me :any way aren't the Iraqis now liberated, they have freedom to express their opinions, and you will watch the new democratic Iraq in the few coming days. Someone one else will tell me wasn't this the first time to the sheite to celebrate there festivals and that was only when the marine invaded Iraq!

Ok lets be logical, and understand the American policy, which is bad and genius: you know that more than 70% of the Iraqis are shiite and they stay attached to Iran, elections simply means another Iran. Freedom to Iraq means another Iran in the region, and these demonstrations of the shiite, which we are watching on TVs but in the first days only the smiley faces were allowed to appear, is clear that the majority of Iraqis are not happy with these American soldiers. So do you think that Americans will accept a democratic Iraq! Definitely no, another reason is because that means that Iraq will be for the Iraqis, that means that the Iraq oil will be for the Iraqis, and that is something different of what the war was for. Do you think that Bush spent all this money, and sent the solders to die in order to liberate the Iraqis! Do you think that he did all this effort in order to make a democratic Iraq, which simply means another Iran? Was all of this done to make Iraq a better place for Iraqis. Why don't you make America a better place for Americans Mr. Bush:

Isn't there is, Mr. Bush, unemployment in America? Aren't there high taxes in America? Aren't there lots of homeless people in the States? There is a lot of problems, which do not befit with the greatest power in the world, and can be solved if there is an earnest intention.

No more wars

But the problem is that they want America and Iraq and the world to be a good place for them, only them, and when I say them I don't mean those who are ruling the American administration only, they share this greed with others from over the world, Saddam was one of them in the past, we should remember that America supported him in his war against Iran, and supported also Iran against Iraq at the same time!!America was following the policy of 'break to take over' I don't know who was behind advising this dirty policy-what do you think will be the feeling of the previous American president Wilson if he knew how the new American policy looks like! - So Saddam was supported by America in his war against Iran, and America was making a lot of money in that war. But suddenly when the war stopped, no more chance to convince Iraq or Iran to go back to the war, American leaders were very upset, no more war, no more making money, Saddam was then a dictator in the media, when Saddam stopped the war with Iran they begin to consider his regime as a dangerous regime who threatens his neighbors!! And we should remember that the first economic sanctions on Iraq were directly after the cease-fire which Saddam

signed with Iran! It was a punishment for this leader! What will he do with his oil wealth if not buying from us any thing! And don't forget that these sanctions were in 1989 before his invasion of Kuwait! And that was the beginning and the real reason of the animosity between the Iraqi regime and the American one. They both were doing for there own, making no concern for their peoples, but the American regime was so clever so genius to put all the crimes which it shared with Saddam on Saddam alone, it made American administration benefit from Saddam whether he was still a friend implementing the American crimes or then an enemy implementing his own crimes.

Let's turn to the new situation; the shiite are demonstrating and saying death to America in front of the American soldiers, so do you think America will give them an opportunity to elect with integrity a new government, no, they will kill them and torment them, but not in front the cameras, and not by the American soldiers ,do you now by who , by the new Saddam, those Iraqis who America says that they deserve freedom and came from overseas to bring it to them. America will consider all of them terrorists who deserve to be killed and put in prisons in the new Saddam's regime. And America will completely support the new Saddam and will say that this Saddam is fighting those who are beside the law. But you know when will they be liberated again, when the new Saddam will begin to steal the Iraqis oil alone without sharing the Americans!!

A letter to the President of the U.S.A.
Stop double-standard policy

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Dir. Mr. President,

After September 11, 2001 hijacked Passenger planes crashed directly into the New York world Trade Center and the Pentagon in Washington, you gave a great speech before Congress, you told the American people of the need to protect America against terrorism. True, you also eloquently told them of the greatness and the courage exhibited many Americans during the crisis faced on September 11. As a former elected official who has heard thousands of speeches, I have to say that yours was perhaps one of the best speeches I have heard in my lifetime. But you also told Congress and the American people something quite inaccurate. I quote:

Americans are asking, " why do they hate us?"

They hate what they see right here in this chamber; democratically selected government. Their leaders are self-appointed; they hate our freedoms; our freedom of religious, our freedom of speech, our freedom to vote and assemble and disagree with each other.

Mr. President, that statement is completely false. The obvious truth is that those who attacked you could not be careless about the kind of government you have. They did not attack you because they hate your democracy or your freedoms. They certainly did not attack Switzerland or Sweden or any other democracies in the world. The attack on September 11 was certainly not about people hating your freedom. It was purely in response to American's foreign policy; and it was primarily about your monetary and military support of Israel. If you want to know the true reasons why they attack America, you can early read what they write about America. There are even many interviews with Bin-Laden that make clear his motivations. America is seen as a terrorist nation for having supporting the

Israeli ethnic cleansing of 700,000 Palestinians from their land and homes and the stripping them of their most basic human rights even depriving them of the right to live where they were born. America is called terrorist for supporting Israel even as it killed 40,000 Lebanese in its innovation of that country. They ask the world how America could support Israel even as it bombed civilian Red Cross Shelters and killed women and children lye the score. Millions of people ask how the President of the U.S. could dine in the Whit House with Ariel Sharon, a man with a proven history of massacring civilians, and who even Israel held responsible for the cold-blooded murder of 2000 people at the Sabra and Shatela Camps in Lebanon. America is also called a terrorist state for causing the death of more than 500,000 Iraqi children. It is difficult for all to act morally supervisor to your enemies when your own U.S. secretary of state Madeline Albright, told Leslie Stahl of CBS that America's causing the death of 500,000 Iraqi children was "worth it". What would you say of someone who thinks it is worth killing 500,000 Iraqi children in order to punish one man? You must be honest about why you are hated and why you are being attacked. As President, you must carefully reconsider your foreign involvement and policies over the last 50 years. You must determine if it is truly in the least interest of the American people to be involved in all these foreign wars and conflicts. The tragic events of September 11 did not happen because people hate America's freedom. Unless you examine the root causes of the growing hatred against your country, you shall be doomed to suffer more terrible days like September 11 let you not be drawn into the hatred and blood feuds of foreign nation. You have in your hands the most powerful sword on earth. At this critical moment in American history may God grant you the wisdom to use its power to heal rather than to inflame an even greater circle of hate and violence against the American people.

Israel and the dirty works



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"The Palestinians have to learn from that lesson of Iraq"! Ariel Sharon made this statement after the tragic end of military operations in Iraq. Depending on what he said, we can rise a very important question; what is the relation between the Iraqi problem and the Palestinian issue?

USA claimed the only reason behind this war Iraq developing weapons of mass destruction. So, does Sharon consider "stones" weapons of mass destruction?

Beside, it is not Palestinians who breach the UN resolutions or even the signed agreements, it is Israel. Israel is occupying all Arabic lands which the resolutions (242) and (339) confirmed it must withdraw form them without any restriction or condition. In addition, it also refuses to fulfill its commitments of Oslo agreements and Oslo ' modified' agreements!

Bush said, 'this war is a lesson for those people who keep trying to develop weapons of mass destruction', but the hidden sentence that he intended to skip is, 'except Israel', which develops even nuclear weapons.

It is not a surprise to any one, because Israel originally is the strategic depth of USA in the area, despite the fact that USA doesn't need any 'agent' in the area any more; because one, there are a lot of them; two, USA is already here!

So what is the lesson that the Palestinians should learn?

I think Sharon meant the Islamic and the national dimensions of the Iraqi issue. I know that the supporting of the former regime of Iraq shrunk after its fall, and I know that some people advocated this war from the very beginning,

but we have to put into our consideration an important thought, this war has many strategic goals for USA. And these goals are totally far from what it claimed of ' humanitarian dimension of liberation of Iraq'. As I said last week, it is not a matter of that regime, it is about the whole Arabic beliefs. It is about the original goals of Arabs " Unification and liberation". That is why USA is threatening Syrian now. Syria and Lebanon (which is related firmly to Syria by what the Syrian and the Lebanese people call ' the unification of fate') are the only 'neighbors' countries on bored with 'so called' Israel which refuse totally to sign any agreement if Israel didn't withdraw form the occupied territories after June the 5th 1967 and fulfilled all other Arab fair demands about the Palestinian refugees, end of settlements, and confessing a Palestinian state. And these demands for Israel are extremely impossible.

Israel, in that concept, considers the end of Iraqi regime a golden opportunity to do some pressure on Damascus to change some of its positions. This was very obvious in the lecture of the Israeli Major General Amos Gilad to some students when he said, 'the fall of Saddam Hussein is of enormous importance to Israel. His defeat deprived Syria from a strategic depth. As a result of, Syrian president Bashar Assad is isolated...and now it is necessary to introduce changes in Syria'. By the way, they call that General in Israel 'the national spokesman on the Iraqi conflict'! Also, Shaul Mofaz the Israeli defense minister said to Ma'ariv Israeli newspaper, ' a long list of issues we are thinking of demanding of the Syrians, and it would be best done through the Americans!' Is there any doubt about Israel taking advantage of the new situation in the area and playing those 'Dirty Works'?

Moreover, if we notice, most of USA new attitudes and accusations against Syria are depending on the Israeli false

claims during the war. First, Israel claimed that Iraq hide its mass destruction weapons in Syria and that was in the statements of Shaul Mofaz, 'the transfer of Iraqi arms to Syria is showing its dangerous side'!

Can any one tell me, if Iraq is not going to use its mass destruction weapons in a crucial war like this, then why did it develop them essentially? It doesn't make any sense. And we all know that USA has some spy satellites in our sky, so why didn't they use them to show such a smuggling operation? It was better for USA to show such evidence to the Security Counsel instead of showing them some normal patrols trucks of Iraqi factories. The thing that made the world laughing at such a silly evidences. I'd like you to remember, these are weapons of mass destruction not matches boxes to be smuggled so easy? Especially when we know that any big truck or special airplane will leave Iraq to Damascus would be a suspect because of the blockade. And let us not forget the Syrian some Arab volunteers to defend Iraq. It was a small buses not a huge truck, but they found it before it got the Iraqi borderland and destroyed immediately!

Another thing, they said that Syria was supporting the Iraqi army by giving it weapons, night vision stuff and Missiles! And this is really strange, because Iraq didn't need any missile from any one! It had plenty of self-made kinds like "Al Somoud '1", Al Tareq, Ababil and others"! They are all made according to UN resolutions definite range of 135km, and it didn't use most of them during the war! Also, these are missiles for God's sake they are very large! They can't be smuggled and hide at the same time even by huge transporting trucks. Do you remember the size of that truck used by the UN inspectors to transfer every Al Somoud '2' missile to be destroyed? It was very large. Beside, no Arabic airplane is able to transfer them! On the other hand, these accusa-

tions were originally formed against a Russian company in the very beginning of this war. So, why did USA stop accusing that company? They did not even deny the accusations and apologize to the Russians!

But the funny thing about US accusing Syria in supporting regime, Syria was against that Iraqi regime from the first place. And this " first place" was when USA and most Arab countries encouraged Iraq to wage a war on Iran ' The Gulf War 1'. This war started in 4/9/1988. Syria was the only diplomatic supporter for Iran.-

And that "first place" was also when the Iraqi regime was supported totally by USA in every step it made even during the criminal actions that USA claimed them to be a reason to ' liberate' Iraq until 'Gulf war 11'. And when Syria changed its attitude, it changed it only for the sake of the casualties of the unfair blockade on Iraq like most of other Arab countries. There is no evidence that Syria did anything to support the regime itself. Condemning the war was an international position from the whole world, we can't say that the world was supporting the regime of President Saddam Hussein because of that!

Beside, Syria voted for the UN resolution (1441) while the Iraqi parliament voted against it and Najy Al Sabry (Iraqi former minister of foreign affairs) blamed Syria for what he described as "unexpected behavior"!

Finally, it is not Iraq or Syria, it is our national beliefs and religion on the line. Mohammed Al Doury (the former ambassador of Iraq for the UN) said a very true and important sentence, "you have to reunite, to support each other, to forget your rancor's...my heart is bleeding!" I think it is the only solution to face this Zionist project.

Mohammed Al Doury said his statement with tears filling his eyes. I think even blood would never be enough to be cried with, if we let such a disaster happen again.

Art message, visions of Islam in Britain

Since September 2002 a team of young British artists have been spending a year immersed in the Islamic world, creating a visual account of Islamic cultures in the 21st Century. Throughout the journey they have been collaborating with contemporary Islamic artists, taking part in local workshops and staging exhibitions. Visions of Islam will then present Britain with an original and

accessible portrait of the modern Islamic world from Brixton to Esfahan, Damascus to Marseilles.

The team is Al Braithwaite, Henry Hemming, Stephen Stapleton, Georgie Weedon and Mouse Cazalet. Stephen Stapleton, who is one of these artists, has recently been to Yemen. Fahmia al-Fotih, Yemen Times reporter, has seized this opportunity to meet him and conducted the following interview.

Q: What is the purpose of the your project?

A: The main purpose of the project is devoted to make a booklet of these countries looking specifically into Islamic culture for audience in Britain. So we have a big exhibition organized in London February 2004. We hope to give British audience a way into Islam other different from Television, from obviously what everyone is talking now, which is the war and fundamentalism. So it is important art is very good way to people to look into Islam in different way. The second point of the project is to collaborate with Islamic artist and talk to people where we go. So that's why we would like to speak to the press and get out story as there are many people in western world and Britain are very interested in other aspect of Yemen or Oman Islamic cul-

ture. So we are doing lectures in schools, workshops, seminars mostly we did in Iran and Muscat. We have spent much time because of the war and we have a car and we cannot drive it here as it is English car and driving across the border from Oman to Yemen becomes difficult, as it is not so safe. The other four I left them in UAE week ago and they drove quickly at night over to Jordan to prepare for exhibition there. We have website www.vision-sofislam.co.uk and we



On the left, Stephen in Aseer dances

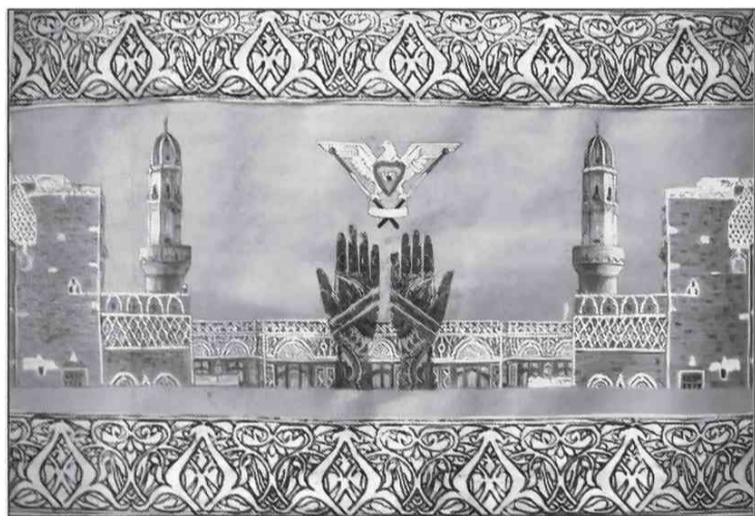
are planning to make a book and it will be only visual as we are artists not writers. So we have some people to do this in England. We would like also to make national-wide schools lectures to England and we are going around schools and make presentation about our journey working with British Council to make a link between schools in the countries we travel with British schools. More than more one million Muslims in England, however, most of Britons do not know anything about Islam and Qura'n and they do not understand the different ways that Islam is interpreted which is very different we found in different countries.

Q: How does the idea come to make such a mission?

A: The reasons are that five of us are interested in being artists abroad-artists traveling. Secondly, Islam in the Middle East the biggest philosophical and actual conflict.. It is the issue of the news. Moreover I have been brought up surrounded by mosques in London but regrettably I have no idea about this religion and culture. So there is drive want to understand Islam and use this project to other people to understand it. Moreover, we want to visit the places we see on TV and find different reality and feedback.

Q: How your pictures and portraits can convey your Islam visions?

A: Ok. For example, the common image about Iran in America and



Bab alYemen



portrait (Times in Yemen)

Britain is that Iranian people hate America and burning American flag and so on. However, when we go to Iran as artists, our job to tell the pure truth, and what we saw is nothing like that. Really we did make beautiful pictures about Iranian architecture and building that I get amazed by and interested in its geometry. Another example is about Yemen. British people do not know that Nassem Hamid the boxer is from Yemen. He has Yemeni spirit and he is tough in boxing but he is really good guy. It is important to know that the artist may be among thousands people who see TV, but artist goes deeper thousands times. That's why art and poetry is writing for not to be as a big TV picture. So art conveys the truth that goes further and stay longer. Q: What are the obstacles that you have faced during the journey? A: Not as many as you think. But because of the possible war, it becomes difficult to get visa in some logistic areas. Language is also a difficulty for me. In fact, I would like to speak Arabic but now I feel as a child hungry and pathetic.

Q: How was your impression before coming to Yemen?

A: Obviously, I read a lot of books about Yemen; its architecture, landscapes, Shebam and Bab al-Yemen as well as the history starting with the Yemen famous raisin roads until now. Actually I have had a jumble of beauti-

ful pictures mixed with slightly worries about the news about Yemeni fundamentalists. I was scared a little bit as I was advised where to go and drive. I have been in Yemen for five days and I cannot say much. However, it seems that Yemenis have strong culture. Yemenis are not as we hear that they are fierce and wild people with guns and knives. On contrary they are friendly and kind-hearted people. Where I stay I have seen how young take care about the elderly ones and how they live altogether that thing is not common in my culture and really I feel jealous.

Q: Whom would you like to thank?

A: I would like to thank mainly British Council who has been excellent in every country we go. They help us with connection to the press meeting Arab artists. In terms of money we depend on selling art on the way and having some individuals and people help who hear about the project.

Q: Your next steps?

A: I hopefully want to visit Aden, Hadramout then to Saudi Arabia, Sudan, Egypt and finally going home. I have to go to Bangkok, as I have to teach art there in next summer.

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Traditional Yemeni handicrafts

M - What news have you got, Mus'ida? What did your niece say when she called you from London?

Ma - She said that she and her husband send you and the children their love and that you should tell her what you want her to send you from London after you kindly sent her that fenugreek and crushed wheat last week.

M - To be frank, I can't remember what we sent her. All I want to know is that she's well, and if she needs anything you should tell me.

Ma - She just wants to know that you're well too, but she also asked when I would be sending her the agate stones she'd asked me to buy for her.

M - And why on earth does she want this Yemeni agate?

Ma - She just said that the women she's got to know in London really like the agate stones from Yemen. She wants to give them some as a present to show them what's made in Yemen.

M - Why haven't you already gone out and bought the stones and sent them to her?!

Ma - I did go out! I went to the place in the market where they sell agate, but because lots of stones are imported, I couldn't tell which were locally produced and which were imported.

M - That might be a problem. But you should have gone to my brother Nashir. He's one of the few left who can still make agate stones properly.

He would have given you beautiful locally made Yemeni agate that would take your breath away.

Ma - That's all very well, Mus'id, but your brother Nashir shut up shop two weeks ago. God give him strength, he's seventy years old!

M - God be merciful to us all in our weakness! That's precisely the problem, Mus'ida.

Ma - It's not a problem at all. They say that if death doesn't overtake you, old age will.

M - Of course, but I mean that Nashir has grown old and his eyesight and strength aren't what they once were; now there are only a couple of other people carrying on this national craft-work, and they're all in the same mould as Nashir. When they all grow too old and weak to work, we can't expect this local handicraft to continue at all.

Ma - But this is ridiculous! Your brother has four grown sons and each of them is as strong as an ox! If they got together to paint Mount Nugum, they'd get it done in a week!

M - You're right there! But you know you can't tell a good ox from looking at it in the yard. You have to see it beneath the yoke! My four nephews, Mus'ida, have risen above the marketplace. They've become all smart and cultured.

Ma - That's their choice! We wouldn't want them to become anything other than smart and cultured, as long as they take one very important thing into consideration.

M - What's that?

Ma - Who worked hard to bring them up and allow them to become smart and cultured in the first place?

M - Quite! That's exactly what I told them at the time. I went over to see my nephews and said to them. Listen here, lads, you can't do anything without getting your hands dirty. Being smart and cultured isn't simply a question of wearing a shirt and tie and putting up lampshades. I'm going to get straight to the point - you should pack in the jobs you're doing at the moment and hang up your shirts and ties, then learn how to do this wonderful local handicraft work from your father before he retires. If you're frightened of a bit of dust, that's easily solved with a bucket of water and a cake of soap!

Ma - Exactly! What I say, Mus'id, is that there's nothing worse than finding yourself in dire straits.

M - That's precisely what I told them! One month you find you can't pay the rent, and the next that you can't pay the telephone, water or electricity bills, or afford to buy the shopping. And all the time you've got a traditional Yemeni skill at your fingertips that you could use for the benefit of yourselves and your children, and which would at least give you some stability and enable you to make ends meet!

Letters to the Editor

What readers said about the war

British policy: still the same

British policy is still the same. It divides and rules, kills millions of people around the world, they divided the whole Arab world and sold a lot of arms to them. In the same way they divided India and South America, and then sold arms to them.

But then, the British and the Americans are glad to see their efforts successful in leaving us far behind. We, in the Arab world including Yemen, need to work on industrialization to produce machinery and other products such as vehicles and sell them to other Arab countries. This way, we could create a lot of jobs. It is a shame that Arabs have not yet started producing even small cars. They failed to decentralize governments and have not yet adopted check tax pay systems like Western countries. Arab regimes still prohibit private free TV and radio stations. Only if they open up will they create more awareness of democracy and get more business and ideas.

The Brits continue to divide us culturally and even religiously. Look at the mess in Iraq concerning Shiites and Sunnis. They are glad that Arabs have put non-believer in one town and believers in another. They indirectly resulted in creating gaps between low and high income citizens. Unless we get rid of those strings that were attached to us since the early British colonials, as Arab countries, we will never develop or progress.

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Are those rumors true?

I am writing from Australia about some rumors about the "Republican Guard" in the defense of Baghdad. It has been suggested the US did not want to sustain casualties in the capitol Baghdad, they saw the heavy going and the resistance the British were up against in Basra. The suggestion is that Iraqi Generals were paid in US dollars to remove their troops out of Baghdad, thereby reducing US casualties making the war more acceptable to US citizens? Reasons are as follows:

1. What happened to all the Republican Guard defending Baghdad?

2. Suddenly turning up are hundreds of US dollars being discovered by their troops?

3. A bus (truck) load of Iraqi's were stopped in the west of the country fleeing to Syria, there was over \$600,000 USD in the vehicle?

All this money suddenly turning up, looking new notes from video footage suggests "Where there is smoke there is fire" with minimum of opposition the US had in Baghdad, coupled with the disappearance of the Iraqi troops.

Does this rumor have any substance?

If so, it would answer a lot of unanswered questions, I can always be contacted by any of your readers on my email address.

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Freedoms in US under threat

I have just read a recent letter 'Don't be excited by

anti-war Americans' in your paper. The writer cautions you that 'I think you would be ashamed to know that most of the anti war protesters in the United States are left-wingers' as though being a left-winger is akin to a pornographer or pedophile. Though undoubtedly there is freedom to criticize in the US, this freedom has been under threat ever since the events of September 11th and many sections of society are now viewed with a deep suspicion that is actively encouraged by much of the establishment press - left-wingers, Muslims and anyone with a Middle Eastern sounding name being the principal targets.

There are many Americans who are now criticizing the Bush administration for a host of reasons from those in the military and the security services right through to your average family man or woman from middle America concerned for the future of their children; attempts to demonize this opposition, as exemplified in the aforementioned letter, just give a taste of the problems the US is going to have to face in the coming months in its relations with the Middle East and with those of us in the West who do not support their action over Iraq and their proposed long-term policies of 'regime change' in the area.

We in Britain are wary of backing an administration that seems to be controlled behind the scenes by a Christian fundamentalist/Zionist lobby; that is not how we do things in Europe and unfortunately the US seems strangely taken aback by our reluctance to follow their current policies especially their now clear antipathy to involve the UN in weapons inspections and the rebuilding of Iraq.

I therefore remain deeply pessimistic about the future of Iraq, Afghanistan and the establishment of a viable Palestinian state as long as the present political climate prevails in Washington. Lastly I would also like to congratulate you on your letter castigating the leaders of other Arab regimes and your warning to them to put their houses in order. Had they had the legitimate support of their peoples and not been the puppets of the US and the IMF, they could have proved an effective opposition to this present conflict and could have dealt with the problem of Saddam Hussein themselves instead of providing the excuse for the intervention of the US and its partners.

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Enough is enough to those leaders

Regarding your article on "Oppressive Arab Leaders" published in issue 632, I commend you on your patriotic views and your courage to make the comments that you made. You spoke from the heart with passion and emotion. Unfortunately you know as well as anyone compassion and emotion alone does not breed democracy and freedom, but the will to stand up and say "enough is enough" and for every Arab to take full responsibility and work for positive change. No democracy was ever born without sacrifice

and bloodshed and maybe its about time we considered it seriously.

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UK, US war criminals must be punished

Although I fully agree with the trial of leaders of the former Iraqi regime, it is a matter of justice that British and American war-crimes must be punished also.

In the first place, by their air strikes the USA and Great-Britain used cluster bombs, which are internationally forbidden by the Treaty of Ottawa because of the big risk for the civilians on land mines and scattered missiles [by explosion many missiles are scattering in the wide environment].

According to International Law the use of weapons with an enlarged risk for civilians is a war-crime.

In the second place several times Iraqi civilians were shot by American troops at checkpoints.

The justification by military spokesmen, referring to a suicide attack by an Iraqi soldier in civilian clothes makes no sense, because shooting civilians is always a war-crime according to International Law.

Of course the American troops have the right to take security measures, but not at the cost of the Iraqi civilians for whose safety they are responsible according to the 4th Geneva Convention being the occupying army.

For maintaining the principles of international justice, the trial of British and American war-crimes is of the utmost importance.

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Free Iraq can be a shining example

This article seems to really have come from your heart. My reaction was that if the nations of the Arab world impose democratic reform the United States would no longer be seen as any sort of threat as leaders who treat their own people with respect will gain the respect of the world's leaders. Though America is seen as an enforcer in the Arab world, the US wishes most of all to maintain good relations with foreign nations because good relations are transformed into trading partners. Good trading partners translates into good friends. America in the post WW II period has partnered with some really evil dictators in the name of either trade or security and each one has backfired. America does the best when they deal with nations who are democratic. I can guarantee if Israel wasn't a democracy the relationship between the two would not have endured. I know that if the Arab world follows the course of Qatar you will see a remarkable rebirth in the region. All Arabs should pray that the experiment in Iraq succeeds and the United States assists the nation towards freedom and democracy and leaves as they did in Germany and Japan. Iraq would then be the shining beacon that sets the example for all the oppressive nations in the region.

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To Haifi:

ridiculous rhetoric

I want to tell Al-Haifi that his attempt was overly simplistic rhetoric. To use references to Richard the Lionhearted and referring to the United States as a satellite of Great Britain or Israel, while making for colorful imagery, is ludicrous because it has no merit. You obviously have no grasp at all of America or what western civilization represents. Your stereo-types of the West are just as ignorant as one accusing the Middle East of being a bunch of 14th century camel-jockeys. That is NOT true and neither is your view of the West. As a thinking man I, frankly, find your rhetoric offensive and ignorant. It would be nice and more productive if we could have a discourse on how we can overcome our different points of view without insulting each other's cultures. If you've never lived in a free and open society like the U.S. how can you criticize something you know nothing about?

I cannot criticize Iran, Yemen, Saudi Arabia, etc for how they run their countries because I haven't experienced the culture.

America wants open and free trade and cultural exchange with like minded people around the world; not dictators, tyrants, or religious fanatics. Do you have open access to religious freedom? I think not. Are you allowed to read the Bible? I think not. I am not a Christian or Jew, but I am not afraid of your right to read and practice the teachings of the Koran. I have a Bible and The Holy Koran sitting side by side on my bookshelf. I also have writings from The Upanishads and Buhhda and transcendentalists and Marx and Nietzsche, Lenin, Gandhi, Martin Luther King and Ho Chi Minh on my bookshelf. I am free to read and write and experience the wonders of this world and no one to tell me I can't. There are many mosques in America, how many synagogues and churches are there in Yemen? Can I speak about the teachings of Buddha or Jesus in Baghdad?

Until the United States Marines showed up in Karbala, a Shiite Muslim had no voice in Baghdad. Now he does! We want the oppressed and down-trodden in Iraq to have a voice again. That is why we are there. Iraq is and always will be a nation of Islam. The real question is, Why are Jews and Christians not welcome in Baghdad?

Why are you afraid of people having the right to worship God (or not worship anything) as they wish? Why do you think Islam is the only religion that should be allowed in the world? This is what I want dialogue on.

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Very well said

Your article on oppressive Arab leaders (published in issue 631) was well said.

It's been apparent to me that governments act as if the people are there to serve them, while it should be the other way around. With very few exceptions, governmental leaders all leave office rich, their families all have the best jobs, their for-

tunes are set for generations to come.

Gandhi was one who put his people first yet, sadly, the love in his heart for his fellow men was soon lost, forgotten, and greed and personal gain again became primary.

In the face of world pressure from the banking and industrial industries, it's very difficult for leaders to stay in power long when putting their fellow citizens first. When we find one that does, we should work hard to support and protect them from the hateful and selfish who would have them removed from office, who lie to us to divide us from each other when the common man, the world over, want the same thing.

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Media bias in the USA

The letter from Millie Puddy published some time ago on media bias needs a response.

First, I am Canadian. Officially, our government opposed the invasion of Iraq, stating Canada would only join a United Nations sponsored invasion. For this I am grateful. So far, our punishment from the Bush administration has only been that a visit in May from President Bush has been canceled. Personally, I don't consider that punishment, but a reward instead.

As to media bias in the United States, it is prevalent. Most of the actual news on the invasion of Iraq for United States citizens was from embedded reporters



who saw only what was happening in the unit they were assigned to, and that was from the military viewpoint. None of those nasty dead civilians in Baghdad to report about. Seldom did the United States media, in Pentagon and other briefings, question the 'official' response to the U.S. bombing of the two markets in Baghdad, killing nearly one hundred innocent civilians. There had been little or no negative reports on U.S. media about Iraqis seeing the United States as invaders and occupiers until the end of the war. The Bush administration is determined to continue the horrible interventionist foreign policy decisions which led to the tragedy of 9/11. Democracy cannot be imposed, as Bush is trying to do in Iraq. The United States, in all its attempts to 'democratize' countries, has not been successful, ever! Rather than look inward and change course accordingly, Bush is going to force a government of his choosing on Iraq. His chosen Iraqi leader is a convicted embezzler, wanted in Jordan for embezzling two hundred million dollars. There has been nothing in the United States media on that.

good friend and neighbor to the south continues on such a path. We can only hope that one day soon they will change their ways in order to bring about true peace in the Middle East.

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Still do not agree with Bush

I am an American. However I think of myself as a human being first. Even though I was born in America, I do not agree with everything that our government does even after the war is over. Our government has done any, any wrongs. Being a person from an African and Native American background I know how American, the government has treated people who are not white. I read to learn, and I learn to teach. I hate what is happening now. The people in the middle east, from all countries, all backgrounds, I consider and view them as my brothers and sisters. It pains me greatly to see the pain that my brothers and sisters are experiencing. My thought, and love goes out to all.

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Give al-Haifi a raise

I like your newspaper and Hassan Al-Haifi should be given a pay rise for his good work. We are blinded by Western media but good will prevail over evil as Bush once said but he forgot to mention he and Rumsfeld are the evil ones. We do know about the evil intentions of the Jews and control of world media.

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Is this the truth?

It is refreshing to discover that the conservative US Senate is not dominated by rural fundamentalist Christians but in fact ran by Jewish manipulators. All that time I thought they were unfairly being criticized for their personal Christian beliefs.

If you didn't get it, this is sarcasm. The one who wrote that message is either totally ignorant of US politics or specifically spewing a lie. If you didn't know it, the majority of Jewish citizens in the US have traditionally been democratic party supporters and elected officials reflect that fact; including, of course, George Bush who is a Methodist Christian.

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The tender's documents include contract conditions, instructions to the bidders, technical specifications, and documents that need to be attached with the bid.

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Local Press

Prepared by Mohammed Khidhr



Al-Shoura weekly, organ of the People's Forces Union of Yemen, 4 May 2003.

Main headlines:

- JMP studies a stand towards results of the elections
- Arab General Conference calls for people's resistance under the banner of freedom and human rights
- Health ministry denies any infections; SARS disease invades the world, Yemen not far from it
- Jarallah Omar son: Trial illegitimate, excludes actual perpetrators of the crime.

Columnist Mohammed Ali al-Hadhiri says in an article that the Yemeni press has been suffering from circumstances of quasi normal isolation because of Yemen's situation at the remote southern boundaries of the Arab homeland. This explains the difference between countries of the Arab center and those of the peripheral where we discover marginalization of the latter against the shedding of lights on the former for circumstances related to the progress realized by those due to their situation and other associated circumstances. While the Gulf States, with their financial capabilities, managed to surmount this isolation the poor countries alone remained suffering from the obvious egoism of the countries of the center. Among the mistakes prevalent here is not changing the press into a profession socially affiliate of the middle class because the Yemeni media have not yet entered the phase of professional traditions guaranteeing to the journalist at least the fair material income. Yemeni press failure in achieving participation of elements of the Yemeni case as a whole and transfer it abroad, is an expression of a comprehensive backwardness and a lack of a strategy aimed at developing national media free from negative impact. Absence of unionist awareness in the circles of Yemeni journalists is probably also part of backwardness of Yemeni journalism backwardness, which up to now has failed to define a real agenda of what is supposed to be achieved in this respect.



Al-Mithaq weekly, organ of the General People's Congress party (GPC), 5 May 2003.

Main headline:

- Dr al-Eryani: GPC should be faithful to the people who granted it unprecedented trust.
- The coming government should met the people ambitions
- Planning and Development undersecretary: Return of American Agency for International Development positive step for resumption of American support for Yemen
- Jabal Habshi court studies the case of attack on GPC members
- Under occupation: Humanitarian and security disaster threatens Iraq
- Jarallah's killer trial postponed to next Sunday.

Columnist Dr Abdulaziz al-Maqaleh says in his article this week that democracy cannot coexist with violence and violence cannot live with democracy. Both of them are contradictory. Phenomena of violence happening in some countries before, during and after polling process are repetition of remnants of behavior opposing the idea of resorting to poll boxes for solving political disputes in a civilized way and advanced civil means preferring peaceful coexistence and believing in opinion and opposite opinion. It seems that remains of the past and emergence of extraordinary cases of violence at the beginning of peoples heading for democracy is a known situation and needs a long time for having this human principle be stabilized among their sons and to be a normal course in general life.

An aspect of the harvest of the elections season in our country is that some political forces prolongate their sleep for years and would not wake up but on the sounds of heated propaganda of the candidates. When these forces find themselves to have lost and did not achieve what they have been dreaming of winning, they begin waving with violence and express skepticism in the avail of democracy and try to take what they see as their right by the use of force not by the votes of electors. Then happen the

violations that make them lose what remained of their asset among the people.



Annas weekly, 5 May 2003.

Main headlines:

- Opposition: Option of withdrawal still valid
- Al-Hakeemi, Al-Ja'abi join the Islah
- Mystery engulfs SARS disease in Yemen
- In Aden, security force attack peaceful gathering refusing election doctoring.

On lessons derived from the parliamentary elections in Yemen, Dr Saif al-A'sali says no doubt that results of the war on Iraq have given additional importance to results of the Yemeni elections. The slogan raised by the United States of America in its war on Iraq was that of "liberating" Iraq from dictatorship and building a democratic country to be an example to be followed by the rest of Arab countries in the region. Upon this the American interest in the Yemeni elections was clear.

Many Arab intellectuals and political movements attributed defeat of the former Iraqi regime to non-existence of democracy and consequently saving other Arab countries from the same destiny faced by Iraq could be in hastening in democratizing those countries and that has made the Yemeni elections a point of interest.

Among the lessons that can be derived from these elections are:

attaining of real democracy needs a very long time, the high cost of democratic change, especially for the opposition parties, if the opposition parties are prevented from using force to assume power, the ruling party should not use power to remain in power force, the importance of the outside factor in the democratic change, the moral commitment of the United States in supporting the emerging democracies.



Al-Rai weekly, Al-A'am weekly, 6 May 2003.

Main headlines:

- President Saleh gives his directives for removing his pictures from streets
- Overall changes following the coming government
- Bajammal, Salami, Farwan most prominent candidates for premiership
- Ruling party defeat in the capital secretariat spoils its joy over majority
- YSP failure in all Hadramout constituencies
- Al-Akwa'a tenders his resignation to the president.

Mr Mohammed Hassan Sha'ab says in an article that the Islah party has gained tens of thousands of votes in the capital center. Most of the votes are for persons having no political or organizational connection between them but have certain tactical aims. The Islah has benefited from the GPC's failure to nominate more popular persons in those constituencies and consequently gained tens of thousands of votes. The now is what the Islah would offer to its electors in the constituencies lying outside its organizational area? The answer that is most probable is that the Islah would come out of its limited organizational boundary to a more spacious social extent, beginning from offering its charitable projects. The second probability that is related to the first is that it would provide job opportunities for the unemployed social segments regardless of their affiliations, as they constitute part of its responsibilities. As for the worst probability it would be that the Islah would continue in its charitable projects confined to its organizational frameworks, forgetting what the masses have offered it of services.



Al-Haq weekly, 4 May 2003.

Main headlines:

- Our students in Iraq suffer from bad

- situations
- PGC members give their votes to the Islah
- SARS threatens Aden people
- NDI report points to grave violations in the polling process
- Tawr al-Baha inhabitants demand for water supplies
- Changes in Aden governorate leading posts, expected
- GPC dominates Hadramout constituencies, Islah loses three constituencies

Columnist Abdulatif Kutubi Omar says in his article at last the polling process for the parliamentary elections came to its end and was followed by vote counting that had been overshadowed with mystery, contradictions and legal violations. The elections and their aftermath were also permeated with wars of words between the GPC and the Islah parties. The 27 April elections led to the sweeping majority win of the GPC while the opposition parties' candidates, especially the Islah sustained a setback they had not expected. Estimates of analysts and observers had earlier expected that the opposition candidates would gain a large number of seats in the parliament, more than what they had won in the 1997 parliamentary elections. In few days time the GPC would form its new government and the winner deputies would take their constitutional oath. The question is whether the language of the address would be different than that which had previously been repeated by the parliamentarians and we had heard in both 1993 and 1997 parliaments.



Al-Balagh weekly, 6 May 2003.

Main headlines:

- Attempted assassination against the American secretary of defense in Baghdad
- In a message to the public opinion, Jarallah Omar killer gives three conditions to confess the truth
- After the killing of sheikh Saleh, Jahm tribe accuses military men and threatens to punish the killers
- Western diplomat: The U.S. would not handover any suspects detained outside its borders
- The pentagon announces new rules for military trials in charges of terror
- Supporters of Yemeni Islah party in Aden, arrested.

Columnist Ahmed Mutahar al-Haj says in an article that any military or politician or even an ordinary citizen cannot believe that what happened in Iraq embodied by the fall and collapse of the regime as a normal matter, as some tended to describe. The certain thing is the presence of a secret deal concluded in Baghdad. It has quickly been confirmed for the follower that the Iraqi regime was fully in control of the situation and all front till the hour that precede the occupation of Baghdad. This was the cause of astonishment and shock that affected the many as a result of the dramatic fall of the regime. It is known that the United States and its allies had earlier planned to topple the regime, using all ways and means and depending on the nature of the internal and external situation together. All those measures aimed at getting an internal support for the change to reduce effort, time and sacrifices, i.e. an invasion from within. America, with an encouraging participation by Britain, believed that 12 years of blockade, inspection and destruction of the regime's elements of power had managed to isolate it from its regional and international periphery. Added to that is the blockade and impoverishment that changed Iraq into a big prison the only woe of its people is the search for what could satisfy their need governed by American and Britain with the patronage of the United Nations. The two states had always held the regime, especially Saddam Hussein, responsible for the whole situation. It was supposed the Iraqi people would rise against the regime to have the sanctions lifted.

Despite all that the moment the first American invading military forces arrived the first city in Iraq, they felt the disappointment and that all its previous calculations had evaporated all of a sudden to find instead a fierce resistance as the inhabitants of all the Iraqi cities and villages changed into fortresses confronting the occupying forces. Then the

Americans changed all scenarios of the war and military plans by redoubling the troops, ammunition and the direct attack and hitting ferociously on land, sea and in the air to reach inside Iraq at any price.



Al-Wahda weekly, 7 May 2003.

Main headlines:

- Elections draft law in favour of women
- Intensified preparations to confront SARS disease in Yemen
- GPC: No opportunity for compromise and extortion after the elections
- Supreme court studies 56 electoral challenges
- Attempted assassination against Arafat, aborted
- Chairman of the GPC' political office: Private sector media would contribute to development.

On elections and the Yemeni-American relations, Dr Mohammed Qais says it can be said that America was present with every step of the authority and the opposition. That has been represented in programs of the political parties and their strong propaganda with which these elections have been distinguished and ending with the polling process and selecting the candidates. Regarding the parties' platforms we find that most of them have dealt with the issue of terror by stipulating the necessity of condemning and fighting it with various ways. This, of course, serves the American policy that adopts fighting terror because it shows itself as the biggest victim of this phenomenon, especially that the events of 11 September and other incidents against its interests are still alive in minds. The same issue has dominated the elections campaigns displayed in banners and posters and symposiums of the candidates. A rumor spread among the citizens said that if voting was not done in favour of certain political current, America would interfere militarily in Yemen.

On their part the opposition parties utilized the growing cooperation and coordination between the government and the United States to weave a net-

work of conspiring suspicions on the American danger and violation of the national sovereignty in addition to accusing the government of offering concessions to the American side. Nevertheless the opposition parties mentioned in their programs the necessity of improving relations with America and the industrialized big powers and exchange of economic benefits such as attracting investments, economic aid and support of development programs in Yemen.



Al-Wahdawi weekly, organ of the Nasserite Unionist Organization, 6 May 2003.

Main headlines:

- False democracy returns the GPC's majority to parliament
- Election violations and crimes included more than 150 constituencies
- Nasserite Organization challenges a number of constituencies
- Jaham waves with retaliation, Sheikh Saleh al-Zaidi killed in the capital
- Third Arab Conference calls for trying Bush, Blair and transfer of UN

headquarters.

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I. What to Say

Situations and expressions (48):
Describing Work Experience (III)

Expressions relating to work experience reflect, to a certain extent, one's self-esteem and perceptions about the prevalent work-culture. One's work experience is conditioned also to a large extent by the salary and other benefits the job carries. The following phrases serve to highlight some of these aspects.

- It's a clerical job; I bury my head in the **frightful pile of files** and have **no breathing space**. As in everywhere else, I'm **underpaid**.
- It's a **temporary** job. The sword of Damocles is hanging on my head. Know not when it is going to fall on me.
- I'm a **part timer**, so no question of **over-time**.
- I have **no fixed hours**. I'm a **freelancer**.
- It's not a **desk job**. It's a **field job**, entailing extensive **tours**. So **killing**.
- Well, I wanted to be my own master, slave to none. I'm **self employed**. I'm now a proud **employer**, not a servile **employee**.
- I opted for a **premature/voluntary retirement**. So I am eligible for **proportional pension** and **gratuity**.
- He has been **put under suspension** for dereliction of duty. He may be **proceeded against** if charges against him are proved.
- This company is an **excellent pay master**.
- The **pay packet** is pretty good.
- The **take-home pay** after all deductions is meager.
- He draws a **six-figure salary**.
- The job carries an **attractive scale of pay**.
- Although the **gross salary** is lucrative, the **net pay** is disappointing. The income tax takes it all.
- Employees, in the Management Sector, are usually considered **overpaid**.
- I draw a **regular salary** as I am a **full-time** employee.
- The establishment has many **NMR** (non-muster-roll) **workers** who, in practical terms, are **daily-wagers**.
- The company recently **retrenched** the **work-charged** employees.
- He is **underemployed** for his qualifications and experience.
- He was **discharged** (**dismissed**) from his job.
- He was **given the sack** by the General Manager

II. How to Say it Correctly

Correct errors, if any, in the following sentences

1. I have only two, three friends.
2. The noise interferes in my work.
3. The teacher learnt us a lesson.
4. He insisted to go home.
5. Lessons begin at seven and a half.

Answers to last week's questions

1. This man always **wears** black shoes.
2. I **put** on my clothes in the morning.
Note: 'Put on' is used to cover (part of) the body with clothing. 'Wear' means to have upon the body as a garment or as an ornament.
3. Rami is not **afraid** of anybody.
Note: 'Afraid' is not a verb but an adjective, and is generally preceded by the verb 'to be'.
4. Thousands were **wounded** in the war.
5. He was **injured** in a motor accident.
Note: People are 'injured' or 'hurt' as a result of an accident, and 'wounded' in a battle or war.

III. Increase your Word Power

A) How to express it in one word

1. To float or be driven along by wind, waves, or currents.
2. To train soldiers in military movements.
3. To fall or let fall in drops.
4. To rain in very small drops or very lightly.
5. To hang or bend downwards.

Answers to last week's questions

1. Make people, animals, or clothes thoroughly wet: **drench** (vt)
2. To clean and prepare meat for cooking: **dress** (vt)
3. The first row of raised seats in a theatre: **dress-circle** (n)
4. The last rehearsal of a play before its public performance: **dress-rehearsal** (n)
5. To wear someone's clothes for fun: **dress up** (v)

B) Foreign phrases and expressions

Use the following expressions in sentences

1. dé modé;
2. denouement;
3. de rigueur;
4. dishabille;
5. détente

Answers to last week's questions

1. **angst** (Ger. n) (anxiety caused by considering the sad state of world affairs and the human condition): The poem is an eloquent expression of the poet's angst.
2. **décor** (Fr. n) (the ornamental furnishing and arranging of a room, house, or stage): The tasteful décor of the hotel attracts many customers.
3. **de facto** (Lat. adj) (in actual fact): He is the defacto Director of the Institute.
4. **dejavu** (Fr. n) (the feeling of remembering something that one is in fact experiencing for the first time): The ambience of the place filled his mind with an inexplicable dejavu.
5. **dejure** (Lat. adj) (lawful): The Crown of England is the dejure ruler of that country.

C) Words commonly confused

Bring out differences in meaning of the following pairs of words

1. daft, deft;
2. debauch, debouch;
3. anode, an ode;
4. borrow, lend;
5. weather, climate

Answers to last week's questions

1. **responsible** (adj) (mostly liable for the carrying out of some duty): The Dean is responsible for the academic agenda of the college.
responsive (adj) (answering readily with words or feelings): Students in the Faculty of Education, Mahweet are quite responsive.
2. **halo** (n) (circle of light round the sun, moon or the heads of sacred figures): The halo round the moon after a shower of rain looks majestic.
hello (or hallo) (interjection) (greeting): 'Hello! How do you do!'
3. **beatification** (n) (a ceremony in the Roman Catholic church): I attended several beatifications last year.
beautification (n) (the act of decoration): As a result of beautification, the building wears a new look.
4. **apposite** (adj) (suitable): This is an apposite remark.
opposite (adj) (front to front): The mosque is opposite to my house.
5. **among** (prep) (used with a plural noun): He distributed sweets among all children in his neighborhood.
between (prep) (usually involves only two limits): He divided his money between his two sons.

D) Idioms and phrases

Use the following phrases and idiomatic expressions in sentences

1. to the back bone
2. back the wrong horse
3. to know a place like the back of one's hand
4. turn one's back on
5. put someone's back up

Answers to last week's questions

1. **back away** (to move backwards to allow space, or in fear): Seeing a cobra so near him, he backed away.
2. **a back handed compliment** (an unpleasant remark): I take his remarks on my moustache rather as a backhanded compliment.
3. **in the background** (a position that is unnoticeable): He suspects some of his colleagues to be in the background of his losing the job.

4. **put one's back into** (to work very hard at): If you really put your back into the job, you can finish it well within the schedule.

IV. Grammar and composition

A) Grammar

Change the following into EXPLANATIONS, JUSTIFICATIONS and DEFENCES of plans

Example: The central library is being kept open till 7 PM on working days. Then the students can utilize it after the college hours. (ONLY BY)

Only by keeping the central library open till 7 PM will the students be able to utilize it after the college hours.

1. The council is closing down one school. The council will save money. (only by)
2. The bus timetable has been changed. The college wants to make the service more effective. (is intended)
3. They are proposing to organize an international seminar. They want to facilitate exchange of ideas and information. (The main aim behind)
4. The company is withdrawing this product from the market. The company wants to carry out further tests. (The main reason for)
5. The meeting is being held at 7.30. This will enable everyone to attend. (is intended)
6. Pay them the money you owe. You will avoid prosecution. (only by)
7. The municipality is intending to demolish an old building. They want to erect a new supermarket. (the main idea)

Answers to last week's questions

1. Mohammed bin Sallam is a freelance journalist **working** in Sanaa.
2. Ramzy lives in a new block of flats **situated** near Tahrir square.
3. Bassam once set his heart on a beautiful house **located** near his parents' home, **built** in 1958.
4. The problem is that Nasry has a lot of friends **living** in the center of Sanaa.
5. Masani is considering the idea of buying a new car as **suggested** by his friend Hayaf.

B) Composition

Expand the idea contained in the maxim
17. WORK IS WORSHIP

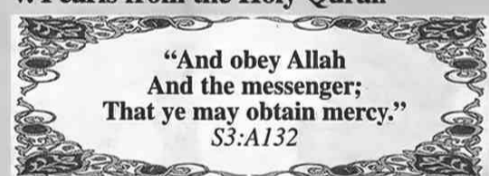
Answer to last week's question

16. KNOWLEDGE IS POWER

Knowledge about our environment increases our awareness of the world.

Science is an attempt to understand the world we live in through observation, verification and formulation of rules and laws regarding the physical world. It aims at understanding the secrets of nature which gives us tremendous power for improving the quality of our lives. The scientific advancement of the last three hundred years is a glorious story of our increased understanding of and awareness about nature. Our space missions are intended to know what lies beyond our physical world. In fact, every day the frontiers of knowledge are extended. With the increased knowledge has come more intellectual and physical power. Man has come to know the secrets of nature. He has been trying to use this knowledge for changing the human destiny, removing human suffering and conquering death and disease. This puts man in a position of power in changing his life and controlling nature. So it can be said with ample justification that real intellectual power is gained through the acquisition of knowledge in all provinces of human endeavor.

V. Pearls from the Holy Quran



VI. Words of Wisdom

"Merit and good-breeding will make their way everywhere."
—Lord Chesterfield

NCC Computer Education Planning for future IT career in Yemen and the world



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NCC Education is considered as one of world's leading Information Technology (IT) qualification awarding bodies, with numerous academic and professional educational and training courses being taught in over 45 countries, including Yemen.

NCC Education works with government and national bodies worldwide to devise and implement educational and training projects.

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It provides comprehensive support, from providing of comprehensive tutor and student training materials to moderating the process of training delivery and establishing the assessment mechanism.

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1. International Certificate in Computer Studies (ICCS) – 6-Month Program.
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IT Careers at NCC

There is a wide spectrum of career opportunities available for IT students at NCC. There is an IT career to suit candidates according to their career and professional needs: whether they like meeting customers, creating e-commerce ideas or developing leading edge technology. The IT industry is highly rewarding. Skilled people are in high demand and enjoy excellent career progression. This industry creates more millionaires than any other.

There are many IT careers available; here is a list of the most popular ones:

1. Database Administrator
2. IT/Information Systems Manager
3. Network Administrator
4. Network Engineer
5. PC Support
6. Programmer
7. Project Manager
8. Software Support Engineer
9. Software Engineer
10. Software Tester
11. Systems Administrator
12. Systems Analyst
13. Systems Designer
14. Systems Support
15. Technical Engineer
16. Webmaster

How NCC can help you

NCC Education can help candidates to play a vital role in their workplace by choosing one of the above-mentioned IT Careers. We believe that every individual should be encouraged to fulfill their potential. To get started we recommend the following steps:

1. Plan Your Career

Seek out information about occupations with favorable career prospects, high earnings and other attributes that are important to you.

2. Keep Learning

Take every opportunity to learn new skills. The more you upgrade your skills to the constantly changing world of work, the more likely you will be able to develop your career and reach your potential.

3. Research Career Information

A small investment of your time will help you make an informed career choice that could pay dividends throughout your life.

4. Selecting A Learning Option

The explosion in the popularity of lifelong learning has led to the intro-

duction of a wider range of learning options designed to be flexible enough to fit into the busiest person's life. It is important that you select the right option for you. You can select one of the following learning options:

Classroom, Online, Full-time, Part-time, and Modular Learning

5. Selecting A Qualification

Whichever career you are considering, there are a large number of different qualifications you could study for in order to obtain access to that career. You need to make sure that you choose the qualification that is right for you.

Given below is a checklist of points you should keep in mind when choosing a qualification:

Student Support

When considering a qualification you should check what level of student support is offered.

Some awarding bodies, like NCC Education, provide all of their students with access to a virtual learning environment in addition to their classroom learning. NCC Education's Virtual Campus enables students to enhance their learning with interactive features such as online chats and discussion boards. The availability of revision aids is also important. NCC Education provides its students with access to exam tips and past papers.

Employment Relevance

Your ultimate aim when choosing a qualification to study is to obtain access to a well-paid and successful career. You need to check that the qualification you choose teaches the skills relevant to real life organizations, like NCC Education qualifications.

International Recognition

If you think that studying or working overseas may be an attractive option in future it is important that you choose a qualification which is internationally recognized.

Academic Recognition

If you think that you might want to take your studies further in the future you need to make sure that the qualification you choose is recognized by academic institutions delivering the level of qualification you may want to undertake in the future. NCC Education qualifications are recognized by academic institutions all over the world including universities in the USA, UK and Australia.

6. Seeking Employment Using the Internet

Once you have obtained your qualifications, or if you have decided to study part-time or online you need to start looking for a job.

Online Recruiters

Most large recruitment agencies have established online recruitment departments.

Try to find a site that is easy to use and is regularly refreshed. Some sites will offer extras like email alerts or the ability to post your CV online, these can be useful but check if you will be charged and make sure the site is relevant to you and the job you are seeking.

Company Websites

If there is a specific employer you want to target, search their website for information and company background. Most company sites have their own recruitment pages to advertise available jobs. Alternatively look for contact details of the human resources (HR) manager or department head and send them your CV directly.

Welcome to a world of opportunities, welcome to NCC Education.

Starting next week, NCC Education will begin a series of lessons on this page. Please try to follow-up the series for your own benefit and knowledge. There will also soon be an announcement for a competition based on the lessons.

WONDERWORD

by DAVID OUELLET

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

CLUES

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| Alley | Creek | History | Plants | Skip |
| Animals | Deck | Home | Plays | Smiles |
| Avenue | Dentist | House | Plaza | Socialize |
| Babies | Doctor | Husband | Pond | Spirit |
| Bend | Dogs | Joggers | Pool | Sports |
| Boats | Doors | Kids | Porch | Stop |
| Buses | Events | Lane | Recreation | Store |
| Bushes | Facilities | Lights | Repair | Stream |
| Businesses | Fishing | Local | Retired | Street |
| Cafe | Flowers | Loft | River | Theatres |
| Call | Forest | Mats | Roads | Town |
| Cars | Friends | Mayor | Safety | Traffic |
| Cats | Gossip | Meetings | Same | Trails |
| Chats | Grass | Newspaper | Scene | Vets |
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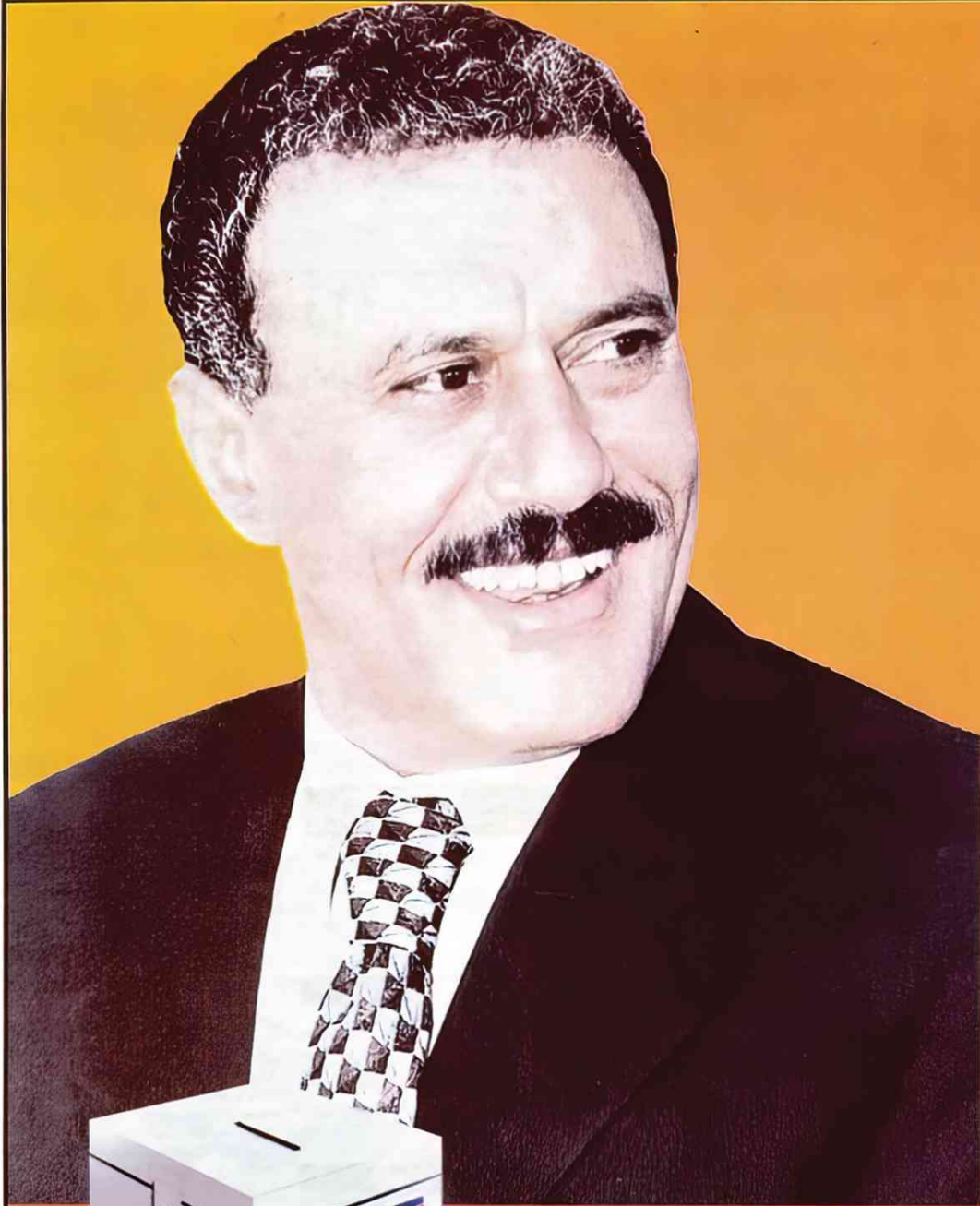
Solution: 11 letters

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ANSWER NEXT WEEK

Last Week's Answer: Unlock



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The right to carry arms

The Yemeni law does not ban carrying of arms; to the contrary, it considers it as citizens' rights. Article (9) of ARC states that "citizens of Yemen Republic has the right to carry rifles, machine-guns, revolvers and hunting guns, needed for their personal use with a quantity of ammunition for self defense".

This article gives an absolute right to carry and possess arms. Without any restriction or prior license even the number of arms was not determined, so citizens have the right to carry rifles and machine-guns; just like this undetermined or limited to one piece of arms. Also ammunition quantity is not specified, and thus the quantity is subject to the citizens' understanding, which might see boxes of ammunition "the sought quantity". It is obvious from the provisions of the law that carrying and possessing of arms is a basic right. Carrying of arms is regulated only in the capital and main cities. Thus, the code is to organize carrying of arms not to prohibit them.

From the title of the code we understand that arms are not prohibited in Yemen, this law came to merely organize carrying of arms not to ban them. These code's objectives were defined as follows: "organizing carrying of personal weapons in the capital of governorates and towns and their trafficking in the Republic" article (3) provision (1).

From the text of the law it is clear that the geographical jurisdiction is limited to the capitals of the governorates and

towns, accordingly rural areas were exempted from this law. Furthermore, article (10) of the law elaborated in this regard where it states: "no one is allowed to carry firearms in Sana'a and capitals of the governorates and towns specified by the Minister, unless he obtains a valid license issued by the authorities concerned with licenses".

So far no decision was made by the Minister to specify towns where arms are banned without license, though the ARC was issued in 30 May 1993, however, we can figure out these towns from the local administration system in Yemen, where there are 20 governorates with capitals, and major cities represent not more than 40%, and according to 1994 census there are 226 districts not more than 25% (of the population).

Impact of arms on human rights

The right to life is the most significant and crucial human right; one can lose his life not only because of dictatorship, but by deliberate killing as well. Here I'm going to link between the phenomenon of crimes in which firearms were used and the circulation of arms as Yemeni traditions. Recent statistics show that 45 thousand crimes were committed with firearms during last four years. 611 homicide crimes were reported in one year, this makes carrying of weapons unwelcome habit.

In another report the number of crimes committed in 1999 reached to 16517, 3877 crimes more than 1998. An official record shows that 1300 homicide crimes committed, 102 tribal wars triggered, 107 kidnapping cases and 155 suicide cases were reported during 1999.

Analyzing above figures we can easily conclude that easy availability and acces-



Carrying weapons by Yemeni is deeply rooted in the past

sibility of arms helped in spread of crimes and violence. Although Yemen's traditions and culture looks into arms as part of character and traditions, not as a tool of violence and killing, it should not be used unless in cases of extreme violence of self-defense or to protect ones honor and retaliate to aggression, yet the escalating number of crimes and tribal wars can be attributed to the availability and circulation of small arms and light weapons, and lack of legal deterrent banning their circulation.

People's stand to carrying of arms

Despite repeated emphasis that arms are part of national character and are related to the heritage and traditions and not a means of violence, nevertheless general public are against carrying of arms. In recent questionnaire conducted on various categories 95 percent supported total elimination of arms, 86 percent of the specimen considered carrying of weapons as uncivilized act, while 83 percent supported carrying of arms under legal conditions.

From these indicators we may emphasize that carrying of arms does not meet that wide acceptance as presumed. However influential groups in the parliament are resisting the approval of new arms bill, and old one (ARC no.40/1992) remains valid, which is lenient and legal-

ize the circulation of arms.

Recommendations to face this phenomenon

To face the carrying of arms phenomenon Yemen needs continuous efforts, rather than a political decision with limited impact. The process encounters legal, cultural and social constrains. Thus we should consider solving these challenges with a real political will.

Legal constrains

- Valid law should be revised, and new legislature should be enacted to clearly prohibit carrying of arms not only organizing its possession. Such legislatures could be implemented gradually starting from major cities and prohibit carrying of arms even among government officials, political and social dignitaries.
- Implement law provisions more strictly, and avoids multiplication of licensing authorities.

Cultural and social constrains

- The concept of national character does not necessarily mean carrying of firearms. Carrying of arms actually is spread out in Yemen during the last four decades due to the wars the country witnessed, during 1962 revolution, 1994, 1986, 1979 and 1972. Therefore spread of arms was due to circumstances of instability and civil wars, which no longer exists.
- To raises public awareness as to the hazard that arms represent, and that they are not a symbol of knighthood or good traditions.
- To raises public awareness towards the risks of circulation of arms, by publicizing the volume of the crimes and tribal wars.
- There should be a strong legal authority capable of enforcing law.
- To encourages regions where they get rid of arms with providing them with development projects.
- The state should perform great efforts to eliminate revenge and tribal wars, which is a major reason for carrying weapons.

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