

In Ibb governorate:

Detainees want to be released

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Detainees at the Political Security Prison in Ibb governorate are determined to stage a sit-in because of as they claim that their detention is unlawful, the deterioration of their psychological and health conditions, as well as preventing them from communicating with their families, a statement issued on May 13 said.

The statement demanded the release of those detainees as quickly as possible and for putting an end to their detention. This has come in a time in which the authorities make promises to set them free.

The statement pressed for restoring their self-esteem before the public, particularly after taking mug shots by the detention authorities.

The statement further demanded for the agreement implementation, which was reached with Yemeni religious scholars and were entrusted with by the president a year ago.

One article in the agreement stipulates that any act perpetrated should be

considered to be an individual act and that the offender should be held accountable for what he commits.

Officials on the other hand, see that the delaying tactics for setting free the detainees can be ascribed to developments or incidents that have recently taken place.

Others see that the delay to set them free is attributed to precautionary security measures.

In the same context, relatives of the detainees have issued a petition letter to the Yemeni religious scholars, the National Supreme Committee for Human Rights and the concerned bodies asking for ending the detention period and putting an end to their sufferings.

On the other hand, the National Organization for Defending Human Rights and Freedoms, NODHRF, have expressed its concerns over breaching of law and constitution on the part of the Political Security Office, PSO during the unlawful massive detention following the September 11 attacks in the USA. The NODHRF has also denounced the silence on infringements

of the general attorney and of not investigating such incidents, despite of being informed.

The NODHRF has appealed to the president to interfere and put an end to the detainees' sufferings, their relatives and set them free.

The NODHRF has also called in a statement on human rights organizations and civil societies for showing solidarity with the detainees, addressing the security and judicial apparatus to put an end to their detention.

Meanwhile, around 190 detainees have been still behind the PSO bars.

Those detainees have been suspected of blasting the USS Cole destroyer, where 17 US marine soldiers were killed in October 2000, in Aden harbor and the September 11 attacks in the US.

Al-Qaeda elements, calling themselves, al-Qaeda sympathizers threatened to carry out sabotage acts in case the government didn't fulfill demands to set the detainees free following the September 11 attacks.

The Ibb detainees are among those detainees in all the Yemeni prisons of having links to terrorist acts.

Following explosion that rocked the city's court in Ibb

Tensions running high

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Ibb - Tensions are running high in Ibb following last week's explosion that rocked the city's appeal court on Wednesday. The court's judge was slightly injured when a detonated bomb exploded in the court's hall. A Yemeni official source denied any political motives behind the explosion which took place in the court in which the trial of the murderer of the three US doctors took place. The official source who first said the explosion left no casualties expect the injury of Judge Hizam Mohammed Mufadhil. The official source said a number of people entered the court and demanded the judge to release one of their relatives who was tried with charges of murder. However, when they were expelled out, an explosion took place. Police arrested some of the people and investigations into the incident are taking still place.

An official source however could not confirm this information and issued contradictory statements. While he said in his first statement that there were no people in the court's hall during the explosion except the judge, he said in the second statement that there was a hearing session. However, no evidence

was provided linking the explosion to the recent death sentence verdict issued against the murderer of the US doctors, Abed al-Kamil.

Yemen Times was able to visit the judge, who was in a relatively stable condition while being treated at a hospital in the city. About the incident he said, "we had four cases that day and while I was referring to the files of one of the cases, three people from Al-Maszoori family whose case was to be seen next Wednesday came to me and requested that I look into their case the same day. I refused their request saying that I didn't have their file with me as I had scheduled their case for the following week. At the beginning, it seemed they were convinced and left, but they came back later and tried again, until I asked them to leave. Five minutes later, the explosion took place.

The judge had come early that day to revise the files for the cases he was to see on the same day and to book the hall for sessions. "I never thought such an incident would happen in my court," he said.

Judge Ahmed Al-Fadhly called upon authorities to follow up the issue and bring those responsible to justice. He also urged them to enhance security conditions in courts and control the carrying and use of weapons.



Judge Ahmed Al-Fadhly

Yemen & Iran

Bilateral agreements signed

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His Excellency, Mr. Mohammed Khatemi, the Iranian President left Sana'a after a 2-day visit to the Republic of Yemen.

During the second day of Khatemi's official visit, a statement was issued by the two sides dealing with,

- the security cooperation agreement.
- the commercial cooperation agreement.
- the memorandum of understanding for financial and economical cooperation.
- the maritime trade navigation agreement.
- developmental support agreement.
- a protocol signed between the Yemeni-Iranian Supreme Export Council.

- an executive program protocol for cultural cooperation.

The two sides agreed to promote the bilateral foreign relations along with holding periodical consultations over issues of common interest at both international, and regional level within the framework Islamic Conference Organization and Nonaligned Nations Movement.

At the regional level, an emphasis was placed on the regional cooperation and coordination by the Yemeni-Iranian officials in order to maintain stability and security in the region and the necessity to continue cooperation among those countries in the region with the aim of enhancing world peace and security.

The two sides spoke highly of the security agreement between the two countries and considered it to be a positive aspect in this regard.

The two sides have stressed for the necessity to maintain the Iraqi lands and its national sovereignty.

The two sides have demanded the necessity for the foreign forces to with-



Mr. Khatemi with President Saleh discussing both local and regional common interests

draw form Iraqi land.

They also expressed their worries and concerns of Iraqis' sufferings and the consequences that have befallen on them.

The two sides have demanded for paving the way for the Iraqis to choose a government comprising the whole classes through performing an honest elections without the interference of others.

The Iraqis have to decide their self-determination, preserve the cultural, economical and civilized basic infrastructures.

In addition to this, an emphasis has been placed by the two sides on maintaining peace and social security among the people in Iraq.

As for the Palestine issue, the two sides have put great stress to support the Palestinians with the view of supporting and enhancing its struggle and its resistance against occupation and continuing their struggle to get their legal rights in a complete manner.

The two sides have also expressed

their concerns over Israel's production of weapons of mass destruction.

An emphasis has been placed by the two countries to make the Middle East region a region free of weapons of mass destruction and that all sides have to show adherence to the Nuclear Non-proliferation Treaty and have to accept being supervised by the international atomic energies agencies.

4 killed in tribal revenge

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Four people were killed and three others injured in a tribal revenge clashes last Saturday in Sana'a. A Yemeni official at the Ministry of Interior said the armed clash took place at al-Hasabah area near the Ministry of Interior headquarters due to a tribal vengeance between the clans of Al Hassan and Al Naser from Bani Dhibyan tribe. It claimed the lives of Ali Ahmad al-Dahni and Ahmad al-Dahni, from All Hassan and two other of the passers-by, Sameer Ali Abduh and Ubadi Abdu Raboo. The clash also led to the injury of Naser Hadi

al-Dhebyani from All Nasser and Hifedh Allah al-Raimi and Ali Muhsen al-Ba'adani, passers-by. The clash also caused damage to the properties of the people living in that area. The official said that police has been able to arrest three persons from All Hassan, seizing their cars and that investigations have revealed that the cause of the incident is an old tribal vengeance between the two clans. However, eyewitnesses said that the clashes resulted in 7 deaths and 5 injuries.

In a separate incident, three men were killed and four injured -including a woman- in the governorate of Mareb also on Saturday and also in a tribal

revenge fight. A tribal source said that the attackers belonged to the Bani Nawf tribe that has old vengeance with Al Jumaan tribe Hence, the overall total of those killed in Sanaa and Mareb because of tribal clashes in just one day reached 8 deaths.

The capital and Mareb has been for a long time a good place for tribesmen to settle down their accounts and tribal revenge problems. The government of Yemen has failed to put a solution for this chronic headache. President Saleh ordered the forming of a committee from the Shura council members to put an end to the problem. However, since then the committee has done little.

YSCC concluded its meetings

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The 15th cycle of the Joint Preparatory Committees for the Yemeni-Saudi Coordination Council, YSCC, concluded its meetings held at the Ministry of Planning on May 13 during three consecutive days

The signing ceremony was attended by Mr. Hisham Sharaf, the Deputy of the Planning Ministry in the Republic of Yemen and Eng. Adnan Bakhsh, the Charge' d' Affairs of the Saudi Cabinet and Delegation Leader.

The two sides have agreed upon the final formula for the executive program project and memorandum of understanding between the two foreign ministers, and the executive program project between the Supreme Council for the Yemen Export Promotion and the Saudi Chambers Council.

During the meeting, the two sides have discussed the developmental projects financed by the Saudi Development Fund which includes tourism cooperation agreement and the vocational training and technical education agreement.

In addition to this, other vital fields have been also discussed such as, oil

and mineral fields, media, higher education aspects, trade, industry, transportation, and health.

The joint meetings between the

Yemeni side and the Saudi side have been held in preparation for the 15th cycle of the Yemeni-Saudi Coordination Council which is due to

be held in the coming month. Those steps have come after signing the bilateral border agreement signed in 2000.



Top Saudi officials during signing ceremony with their Yemeni counterparts

Readers' Voice

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

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THIS WEEK'S QUESTION:

Do you think that the number of ministries formed (35) is too high or good enough?

- Yes, it is too high and it should be reduced to below 25
- Yes, it is too high, but it only needs to be reduced a few seats
- No, it is fine
- No, in fact more ministries need to be formed

LAST WEEK'S QUESTION:

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

- Less than a handful of ministers will change. 33.3%
- Most of the ministers will change. 25.2%
- All ministers will remain in their posts. 20.5%
- More than a handful but less than half of the ministers will change. 13.9%
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MPs refute commendation for new parliament head

Allawo Corporation for Advocacy has filed a suit with the Supreme Court last Wednesday stating that the current chairmanship of the parliament was elected uncontestedly in apparent violation of the constitution and law, and called for immediate re-election in a rightful way. The establishment also called for not authenticating any discussions that may result in any sort of regulation until the case has been settled.

In the claim it was stated: "Article no 71 of the constitution states that the parliament in its first session elects from among its members a chairman and three deputies for the chairman all of whom form the chairmanship body. And article

no. 13 of the parliament bill states that any debate at the parliament should not be done before election of the chairmanship. Article 14 of the same bill states that voting should always be in secret ballot." Five of the new MPs protested the way the elections had been performed where "elections were made on an unopposed rule and this is against the law and against the parliament bill as well". Hence they retained Allow establishment to file a case in this regard with the Supreme Court and to the Constitutional office on their behalf. New parliament Speaker Shiekh Abulla bin Hussain Al-Ahmar, the leader of Islah Party told Saudi News

Agency that he was not satisfied with the way the elections had been conducted and he preferred them to have been done the right way and in accordance with the constitution and parliament law. Many lawyers expressed their astonishment at the method of electing the parliament chairmanship body at the first procedural meeting held Saturday before the last. They said the parliament committed a group of violations of the constitution and the law most prominent of which was the way the parliament chairmanship body was chosen by hand-raising and applause in addition manipulating the oath stipulated in the constitution.

Shoura Council holds meeting

BY ISMAEL AL-GHABRI

The Shoura Council held on Tuesday 5th meeting of the first session chaired by Mr. Adul Aziz Abdul Ghani, chairman of the council. At the opening ceremony, Abdul Ghani delivered a speech clarifying that it was devoted to discuss and appraise the third parliamentary elections which were held on their constitutional time on April 27th. "Holding the parliamentary elections on time confirms the genuine commitment of the political leadership headed by President Ali Abdullah Saleh to the democratic trend as a choice that must not be backed down", he said.

The election process, he added, had formed an important and prominent landmark in the political life, and that was noted through the big turnout of voters. The number of candidates was 1396 representing 21 parties in addition to the independents. The number of voters was 6,105,696 including women that is to say the percentage of participation was 7598 percent, which is considered to be high percentage. It is a positive indication, which reflects the degree of awareness and enthusiasm of the citizens. The chairman of the Shoura confirmed that success of the election process comes as a result of development of the electoral system in Yemen via making use of the electoral parliamentary experiences.

British Embassy Health Project in Hadramout

HM's Ambassador Frances Guy has recently returned from her visit to Hadramout to deliver a blood bank to al Hurraidah Hospital and to see the first phase of the Al-Khashaa Health Center nearby Al-Taweela. The Ambassador also visited a number of schools in the area. The hospital administration thanked the ambassador for her efforts in helping the hospital in supplying the blood bank.

Both the Health Center and Blood Bank projects have been funded under the Small Grants Scheme from the British Council. The SGS is currently managed by the DFID in the British Embassy and is supposing Health and Education projects in Yemen.

Yemen Company for Packaging Material Industry

Director-General of the YCPMI company Mufeed al-Furais told Yemen Times, Taiz Office that his company was established in 1992, with the aim of offering further services for the development and enhancement of packaging facilities for Hayel Saeed Anam Group companies.



Mr. Mufeed al-Furais

He added that the company's services extend further to include other industries in order to save hard currency spent abroad for importing such products and also to create job opportunities for the local work force. The YCPMI include the following sections:

1. Tinplate printing & lacquering section
2. Flexible film printing section
3. Crown caps section
4. Shopping bags section
5. Pet performs & Plastic closures section

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New faces, same challenges

President Saleh also issued a republican decree appointing Salem Saleh Mohammed, former member of the presidential council, as advisor to the president of the republic.

- 2- Abdullah Ahmad Ghanim
- 3- Abdulrahman Mohammed Ali Othman
- 4- Mohsen al-Yusufi
- 5- Ahmad Salem al-Jabali
- 6- Ali Hasan al-Ahmadi
- 7- Fadhil Abu Ghanim
- 8- Ahmad Akabat
- 9- Yahya al-Abyadh
- 10- Saeed Yafee

Those who lost their positions and became members of the Shura council are:

Elections at ICSR

The Islamic Center for Studies & Researches (ICSR) headed by the prominent religious scholar Ibrahim Bin Mohammed al-Wazeer, the Zaidies-Shiite sect leader, held a workshop last Wednesday at Hadda Hotel in Sanaa to evaluate the Yemeni parliamentary elections 2003.

In the first meeting, Al-Wazeer concluded that Yemen is going through a positive turning point in the democratic history of the country.

A number of papers were submitted by some of the participants about the violations and transgression that happened during the elections. Many of them also praised the positive aspects of the elections.

It is expected that the ICSR will publish a report about the workshop covering all what has been mentioned about the elections.

Modernizing government's financial operations

Canadians help

A Canadian company with offices in Montreal, Toronto, and Gatineau, in the Ottawa region, is part of a consortium that has just obtained a major contract with the Government of Yemen and the World Bank.

The firm Synerma will lead the implementation of a new financial software application in partnership with two Yemeni companies, *Yemensoft* and *Computer Engineering World (CEW)*. The World Bank under its Civil Service Modernization Program funds this project, valued at several million dollars.

Directed by Mr. Daniel Dubé, Synerma brings recognized expertise in strategic cost and performance management and in public financial management. The firm has already carried out other projects abroad, in particular, for the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, the governments of Morocco and Ethiopia, and other organizations in France and the United States. In addition to its public sector activities, Synerma has a substantial private sector clientele, especially among manufacturing and service companies.

The Yemeni Evaluation Committee and the World Bank have retained Synerma's services due to the firm's extensive experience in Canadian Government financial operations.

To conduct the project, Synerma will set up a project office in Sana'a, Yemen's capital. Four Synerma employees will be involved in the project, on site or based in the company's Canadian offices, under the coordination of Mr. Jacques Côté, Vice-President of Synerma and President of the *Ordre des comptables en management accrédité du Québec (CMA)*. The Republic of Yemen is located in the southeast region of the Arabian Peninsula, near the Gulf of Aden, and has a population of 18.5 million people.

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Officer molests females students

The National Authority for Defending Rights and Freedoms addressed a letter last Wednesday containing a complaint from the human medicine college students in Sana'a university about the harassment that female students are exposed to by security officer in al-Sabeen Hospital.

The officer used to irritate them with indecent phrases along with practicing terror and frightening them. Thus the female students demanded the General Manager of the Protecting installations at the interior ministry to investigate into the situation and take the legal procedures to check the accuracy of the complaint made by the female students.

Haj Hayel Saeed Anam's Award for Science & Arts

Top-class winners awarded

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TAIZ

The al-Saeed Foundation for Science & Culture celebrated last Thursday the distribution of Sixth Round prizes, 2002 at Taiz-based Foundation headquarters.

The medical science prize was given away to Nabeel al-Showafi, a Yemeni citizen.

The literary creation prize was given away to Moshtaq Abbas.

A good number of the Yemeni singers such as, Mohammed Murshed Naji, Ayoub Taresh Absi, Mohammed Hamoud al-Harethi were given the foundation's coat of arms in appreciation to their cultural and artistic participation during the past years.

The Taiz-based Al-Thaqafia weekly newspaper has been also honored for its dynamic and active role in disseminating cultural Yemeni life.

During the event which was attended by scientists, authors, and a good number of academicians and journalists, Mr. Abdulwasa'e Hayel Saeed Ana'am delivered a speech, stressing the need to associate culture to development.

On behalf of the Prize's Board of Trustees, Mr. Ali Mohammed Saeed An'am welcomed the participants and highlighted the aim of awarding prizes as serving the Arab and Yemeni culture, heritage as well as supporting and encouraging talents in culture, arts and scientific research.

"A keen interest has been paid by the foundation to disseminate, support and give a hand to researchers in order to promote the scientific research in our country," he noted.

On his part, Mr. Hisham Ali bin Ali, the deputy of the culture ministry emphasized private institutions' role in the cultural arena.

"One of the ultimate goals of the cultural developments is the active participation of those institutions in order to map out a comprehensive culture policies and plans," Mr. Hisham said.

The literary creation winner, Dr. Moshtaq Abbas, an Iraqi prize winner told the Yemen Times that the Hayel Saeed Ana'am prize is one of the biggest prizes granted to Yemenis and non-Yemenis in the country.

"I feel a proud of the prize because too much fuss is made over the prize and that it is awarded to Yemenis only, but the opposite has proved to be true," Mr. Abbas commented.

The Prize's Board of Trustees is based on scientific, highly professional standards.

It is to be mentioned here that the Hayel Saeed Ana'am prize is granted annually to distinguished eminent professors, researchers in the field of science, medicine, society, economy, literary creation prize and environmental science prize.

The Hayel Saeed Ana'am prize has been estimated at YR. one million for each winner. Mr. Faisal Saeed Fara'e, the Al Saeed Foundation for Science & Culture Chairman has announced the prize nomination for the coming round.



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Its business solutions are expected to bring up-to-date technology

MICROSOFT celebrates partnership with Mohamed Taha Hamood & Co.

BY YEMEN TIMES STAFF

Sunday, the 18th of May was signaled as the historical day when Microsoft celebrated its official new partnership with Mohamed Taha Hamood & Co., one of Yemen's leading accounting firms also representing Ernst & Young.

The occasion was marked with a reception and a dinner party attended by several high profile guests including Mr. Hussein Al-Shaikh, the Channel Manager for Microsoft in the Middle East. "Microsoft is confident that Mohamed Taha Hamood & Co. are the perfect partners to represent the biggest company in the world here in Yemen. Mohamed Taha Hamood & Co. has the required experience and is well-known for providing quality services evident in its heavy investment it committed itself to in training its staff



to match our high standards."

During the opening session, Mr. Hisham Mohamed Taha Hamood Al-Hashimi, the Marketing & Public Relations Executive of the company said, "This is a historical event for Yemen, where there is a technology transfer of importance to the business community. We are ready to provide the market with this enhanced and

powerful product and ensure that the service offered is up to standards because our staff is adequately trained by Microsoft to make sure our clients receive the maximum support possible. I am confident of the ability of our staff, because we have a reputation to keep."

Following this date, Microsoft business solutions will be available for

clients throughout Yemen to integrate with their companies' software and to raise their overall performances to heights never reached before.

It is worth noting that Microsoft is the largest software firm in the world, and the dominant in the computer industry, especially in the Personal Computer (PC) market through its famous Windows operating systems.

The Supreme Court demands Polling again

BY HASSAN AL-ZAIDI YEMEN TIMES STAFF

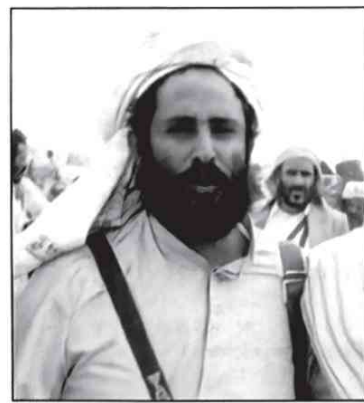
The Supreme Committee for Elections and Referendum (SCER) officially announced last Wednesday its intention to repeat the polling in four constituencies. That came as a result of rulings issued by the constitutional office at the Supreme Court as a result of electoral challenges that led to suspend results of elections at the constituencies 61 and 62 in Taiz City.

The constitutional office made incumbent upon the SCEF to hold re-polling in the (d) center in (61) constituency and in (i) center in (63) and declare the results consequently as well as in the (75) constituency.

Moreover, another polling run in (u) center in (86) constituency which Yahya Mansour abu Usba, the socialist party candidate had a victory over the GPC party candidate to announce the results again.

Yemen Times learnt that the by-elections are to be prepared during this month, according a statement by Dr. Abdalmoumin Shuja alddin, in charge of the legal office at the elections committee.

Meanwhile, sheik Amin al-Ukimi, Islah candidate and sheik Bin Abdan, GPC candidate are still under arrest in Sana'a pursuant to top orders.



sheik Amin al-Ukimi

The results in (276) constituency have not been announced till now, in precaution of tribal problems, nevertheless the initial information indicates that it is in favor of sheik al-Ukimi..

The SCER said that the delay of the announcement was because of withdrawal of the head of the original committee. The two candidates of the (276) constituency are still detained at First Armored Forces in Sana'a for more than 10 days along with the candidate of Wahdwai Nasserite party sheik Hamdan Ziad for the killing and opening fire in air during counting votes, however, the SCER announced the result in favor of GPC candidate.

For dealing with maritime affairs & transportation

New magazine released

The issue No. 1 of the quarterly Transport & Maritimes Affairs magazine has been recently published by the Ministry of Maritime Affairs and Transportation.

The magazine aims basically at informing the public on tasks and duties entrusted with the Ministry of Maritime Affairs and Transportation particularly in promoting, ameliorating, and organizing transportation services in all its forms.

The magazine is of great significance for explaining capabilities and privileges of the Yemeni sea and air transportation along with land and sea transportation facilities.

The new magazine has primarily aimed also at shedding light upon indications, symposiums, meetings held and organized by the Ministry of Maritime Affairs and Transportation whether domestically or international.

The new issue deals with current developments taking

place in the political and local arena such as, terrorism and its effects on Yemeni harbors.

It also deals with the Yemen's role in an anti-terror campaign, ship's insurance, transportation legislation, land transportation, and the rehabilitation of the Sana'a International Airport.



Insurance bulletin released

'Al-Mutaheda' bulletin has been recently published by the Sanaa-based United Insurance Company. The newly released edition deals with vital insurance-related issues and it will be published quarterly.

Different aspects of insurance have been explained and dealt with in the

publication, which is expected to be helpful in informing the people of the significance of insurance in their lives.



New census resources development

BY MAHYOUB AL-KAMALI YEMEN TIMES STAFF

Yemen is preparing for new census in the resources development field. The aim of the census is to identify the population needs in education, health and services sector in order to solve a number of social and development problems in the country.

The country's population, which exceeds 18 million people according to the latest survey, requires a great deal of resources especially in the urban areas where more than 25% of the population lives.

Through the census it is expected to

identify unemployment, illiteracy, disability rates, and the development gap between rural and urban areas, internal and external migrations indicators, and human development needs.

The census also aims at defining the best methods and mechanisms in utilizing the available natural and human resources in a balanced manner. A trade-off between the existing resources and needs or demands is to be studied according to the results of the survey as well.

Studies on the demographics of the population are to be carried out as a consequence of the census in an

attempt to realize the best plans and projects for the coming years. Especially those indicators from the previous statistics show that around 50% of the Yemeni population is below 15 years old that is unproductive, whereas those above 64 years constitute % 3, 8. Out of the productive percentage more than half is unutilized because of unemployment. This is why such census is very important for drawing up future strategic plans that target the economic, social and development problems in the country, and the more accurate the statistics are the more effective the strategies based on them would be.

1st Joint Indonesian-Yemeni commission meeting to start in Jakarta

The Indonesian Embassy in Sanaa confirmed through a press release last week that the first joint commission meeting between Indonesia and Yemen is set to start in Jakarta, Indonesia during 1-3 June.

The meeting will be headed by the foreign ministers of Yemen and Indonesia and will focus on means to strengthen bilateral relations between the two countries.

"It is expected that a great number of agreements in various fields such as investment promotion, trade,

industry, labor, culture and tourism, health and family planning, information, agriculture, oil and mines, Islamic religion, fishery, and immigration will be signed during the meeting," the embassy said in its statement.

This meeting comes five years after President Ali Abdullah paid a visit to Jakarta in 1998. It also comes two years after Former Indonesian President Abdurrahman Wahid paid a visit to Yemen in 2001.

The economy volume between

Yemen and Indonesia has reached just under USD 124 million in 2002, which is a significant 38.11% increase compared to 2001. In 2002, the total exports of Indonesia to Yemen reached around USD 82 million. Exports from Yemen to Indonesia during the same year were estimated at around USD 41 million.

Latest statistics reveal that around 5 million Indonesians of Yemeni origin are living in Indonesia. On the other hand only one thousand Indonesians are living in Yemen today.

Cultural week in Arwa University

The activities of the sixth cultural week of Arwa University was launched on Wednesday May 14 2003 attended by Dr. Abdulkareem al-Eryani, political advisor to the president and Dr. Waheeba Fare'e, the Minister of Human Rights.

Dr. Waheeba, the University president, assured that creativity in Yemen was not only limited to the cultural, political, and scientific fields but also surpassed to the behavioral creativity.

She called for showing up the young inventions and adopting their issues that come in cooperation of the official and public efforts for the present and future generation.

The sixth cultural week that was held under the motto "The creators in the democratic Yemen" included a number of activities, events and lectures.

Energy Group's Graduation Project Renewable energy

A scientific seminar on 'Renewable Energy as a substitute for Conventional Energy' will be held on 25 May by Energy Group; a group of students of Media college, level 4, Public Relations section, Sana'a University.

This seminar, which is part of the group's graduation project, will be attended by Dr. Yahya Al-Shua'ibi; Minister of Higher Education and Scientific Research, Dr. Mustafa Buhran; the President advisor for Science and Technology, and will be participated by Solar Energy Center, Science and Technology University, General Corporation for Cable & Wireless Communications; Ministry of Electricity, General authority for Environment Protection, and

Technological Equipment Center.

Energy group will also prepare a television report about the importance of renewable energy as an alternative to conventional energy in Yemen with examples from real life.

Part of the group's graduation project is holding an exhibition which will demonstrate solar and wind energy applications. In addition, the group is about to issue a colored book explaining what is renewable energy, and illustrating some of on-site applications adopted by official and non-official authorities.

Energy Group works are supervised by Assistant Professor Mohammed Muamar Al-Shameer, Media College, Sana'a University.



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Amid the presence of 17 Turkish companies:

5th Sana'a Int'l Trade Fair to begin

Sanaa - The fifth Sanaa International Trade Fair is scheduled to start today Monday, the 19th of May with the participation of hundreds of companies from the region and the world.

Among the largest companies participating in the event will be 17 Turkish companies. The Fair is to be held at the Sanaa International Exhibition Center 19-25 May 2003.

The Turkish companies will be exhibiting their products in the fields of machinery (milling machines, milk

processing machines, sack sewing machines), refrigerators, freezers, electrical home appliances, electric cables, steel doors, door locks, plastic pipes and fittings, plastic goods (furniture, kitchenware), stationery products, footwear (shoes and slippers), foodstuff (chocolate, candy, chewing gum, biscuits, cooking oil, butter), etc.

In a press release last week, the Turkish Embassy in Sanaa said it believes that the participation of Turkish companies at this fair will

increase Turkish-Yemeni bilateral trade volume, which has reached 115 million dollars in the year 2002.

On the other hand, the recently founded Yemeni-Turkish Friendship Association will start its activities by providing assistance to the Turkish companies in the event in the form of translation services, introducing potential clients and agents to companies, and providing the Turkish companies with an insight into the investment opportunities and trade environment in Yemen.

Mecca Cola introduced to the Yemeni market

The Shehab Corp. for International Trade, SITC, which is the sole agent of the new product Mecca Cola in Yemen, held on Wednesday a press conference to promote the product in Yemen.

Mr. Abdullh Baggash, the General Manager of the company, said in the conference held in Hadda Hotel to launch Mecca Cola in Yemen "we believe that the international Mecca Cola soft drinks would proudly gain customers' trust all over the world. The one who was the first to start the idea of producing such a brand and providing it to the international market is Tunisian journalist Mr. Tawfeek al-Mathlothy who called for having practical stands to produce alternatives to Western products, but that should come out in support of our identity."

He pointed out that the company allocated 10% of its profits to support the Palestinians and another 10% to support charitable associations in all the countries where products are sold.

On the other hand, Mr. Khalid al-Muhammed, Chairman of Board of Director at Mecca Cola in Middle East, said that the company was established

in November 2002 in France and started production last Ramadan. The company's daily sales have reached in the first month of production 2,200,000 bottles in France alone.

The product was promoted in all European capitals and Western Europe and gained widespread publicity among Arab and Muslim nationals throughout Europe and Arab countries.



Lebanese festival celebrated

The annual Lebanese Cultural and Food Festival was inaugurated on Saturday May 17 and will continue for one full week.

The event is organized at the Sheraton Sanaa Hotel in cooperation with the Yemeni Lebanese Fraternity Association and the Embassy of Lebanon to Yemen.

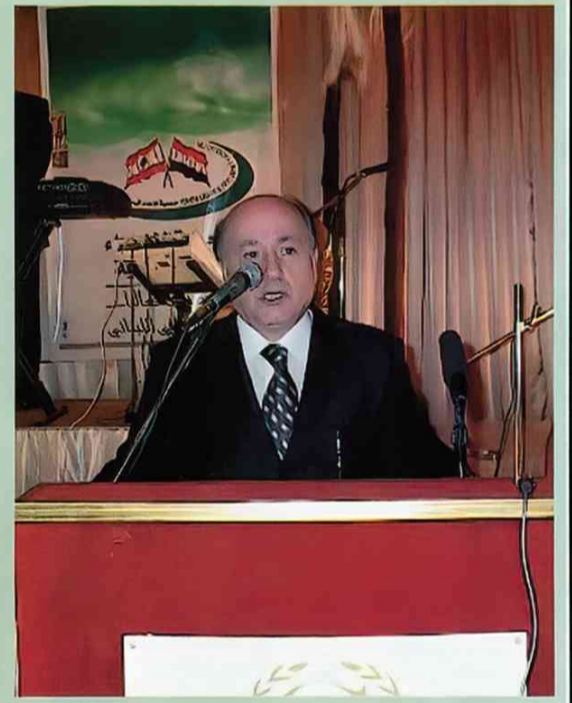
On offer will be entertainment by the Lebanese folklore group, musicians, singers and a dancer. Cuisine prepared by the Master Chef from Lebanon will also be served throughout the event.

The Chairman of the Yemeni Lebanese Fraternity Association, Mr. Yahya Mohamed Abdullah Saleh gave a speech during the opening ceremony, in which he said that, "the continued events such as this cultural and food festival reflect the enhanced cultural, economic, and social relations, which resemble of the developing relations between Lebanon and Yemen."

On the other hand the Sheraton



Hotel also indicated its commitment to such activities. "The festival will be an excellent opportunity to bring Yemeni and Lebanese societies closer as well as showcase the best of the Middle East traditions." Sheraton Hotel's General Manager Mr. Helmut Plucker said.



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Moroccan police arrest 27 Islamists over attacks

RABAT, May 17 (Reuters) - Moroccan police arrested 27 Islamists on Saturday in connection with suicide attacks that killed 41 people in Morocco's biggest city Casablanca on Friday night, a senior government source told Reuters.

"Twenty-seven Islamists were arrested in police raids in Casablanca today in connection with the attacks," said the source, who asked not to be identified.

The source declined to comment on reports circulating among journalists in the Moroccan capital Rabat that explosives had been found during the raids.

Officials had earlier said three Moroccans had been arrested — including a suspected bomber.

A Jewish community centre and a Spanish club popular with businessmen and diplomats were among the targets selected in the five virtually simultaneous attacks late on Friday in Casablanca, the country's commercial capital.

Hassan Aourid, a spokesman for Morocco's King Mohammed, said the attacks were "the work of blind international terrorism" adding that the perpetrators would be punished "without mercy."

A U.S. official said it was plausible al Qaeda, blamed by Washington for the September 11, 2001, attacks, was



Officials inspect May 17, the damaged exterior of the Hotel Safir following a suicide bomb attack in Casablanca. At least 24 people were killed and 60 wounded in suicide bomb attacks in Morocco's biggest city Casablanca on Friday, just hours after the United States said al Qaeda "killers" were poised to strike again. Among the targets were a Jewish centre and Spanish club. This was the first major attack of its type in Morocco in recent years and followed suicide bombings of expatriate housing compounds in the Saudi capital Riyadh on Monday that killed 34. REUTERS

behind the Casablanca bombings. Washington has already pointed the finger at al Qaeda over the attacks in

the Saudi capital Riyadh on Monday which killed 34 people.

No group has claimed responsibility

for the attacks, which wounded around 100 people, including 17 critically.

Militant shot in Lebanon camp ambush, two dead

AIN EL-HILWEH, Lebanon, May 17 (Reuters) - A radical Islamic leader in Lebanon's largest Palestinian refugee camp was shot in an ambush as he drove home from a funeral on Saturday, sparking a gunbattle that sent mourners fleeing in fear, witnesses said.

Camp security sources said Abdullah Shreidi, an arch-foe of Palestinian President Yasser Arafat's Fatah faction, was critically wounded in the attack with gunshot wounds to his head, back and chest. Two other people were killed.

The sources could not immediately identify Shreidi's attackers. Witnesses said his car was riddled with bullets.

"When Abdullah's car was passing by the barrier, suddenly one of the armed men turned toward the car and started shooting heavily," one witness told Reuters.

"He was aiming at him. He was trying to kill him," he added.

Shreidi is the son of the late founder

of Osbat al-Ansar, an obscure militant group on Washington's list of "terrorist" organisations suspected of links to al Qaeda. The group denies having such links.

He is also the leader of Osbat an-Nour, a splinter group of Osbat al-Ansar, and is wanted by Lebanon in connection with several killings.

Witnesses said mourners walking home from the funeral of Ibrahim Shreidi — a relative of Abdullah Shreidi who was shot dead on Friday — ran in fear as the shooting broke out.

An old man returning from the funeral was killed, as was Abdullah Shreidi's uncle Yahya Shreidi.

Witnesses said the streets of the Ain el-Hilweh camp near the southern port city of Sidon were empty after the attack, and families were leaving with their children for fear of more clashes.

Hours after the attack witnesses said armed men opened fire with bombs and machine guns on a small camp hospital

where Shreidi was being treated, prompting a nearby mosque to call for calm over loudspeakers.

"Please stop shooting, if you fear God," it pleaded.

Fatah sources said their fighters had attacked an ambulance headed to the hospital, fearing it would ferry Shreidi away. But they denied attacking the hospital itself, where Shreidi was in critical but stable condition.

Shreidi had been under tight personal security in Ain el-Hilweh since March, when he calmly and in broad daylight shot dead his second cousin — an armed member of a pro-Fatah faction in charge of camp security.

Camp residents have been speculating since March that Shreidi could be attacked in revenge for that killing.

Tension in Ain el-Hilweh — site of a string of tit-for-tat bombings and fire-fights — has been high since Islamic militants clashed with pro-Fatah fighters in August, killing three people.

Israeli-Palestinian summit clouded by bombing

JERUSALEM, May 17 (Reuters) - Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon and his Palestinian counterpart Mahmoud Abbas held the highest-level Middle East talks for two years on Saturday, hours after a suicide bomber killed two Jewish settlers.

The bombing in Hebron in the West Bank and Israel's killing of a militant in Gaza underlined the difficulties Sharon and Abbas faced in their discussions about a U.S.-backed "road map" to peace that has already bitterly divided the two sides.

The talks in Jerusalem could provide an early sign of whether the peace plan, based on reciprocal moves, has any real chance of success. Expectations of a breakthrough were low after 31 months of violence that have deepened mistrust and animosity.

Israeli military sources said the bomber, disguised as a religious Jew, fled soldiers after being challenged and blew himself up next to two settlers, a husband and his pregnant wife on the way to prayers ending the Jewish sabbath.

They died along with their attacker. There was no immediate claim of



Palestinian Prime Minister Mahmoud Abbas attends a cabinet meeting in Gaza May 17. REUTERS

responsibility from militant groups, which oppose the road map and have often attacked settler enclaves in the divided city of Hebron during their revolt. About 400 Jewish settlers live there among 120,000 Palestinians.

"Tonight's bloody attack in Hebron was no other reminder that the Palestinians

must take the matter of fighting terrorism seriously," said David Baker, an official in Sharon's office.

Abbas — a leading moderate who last month became the Palestinians' first premier — left the Gaza Strip in a motorcade shortly after the bombing and arrived at Sharon's office to begin talks on Saturday evening.

The key question is who will take the first step under the three-phase plan that Washington hails as a new opportunity for peace following the war in Iraq. The plan envisages an independent Palestinian state by 2005 and security for Israel.

Israel has balked at implementing the road map as it stands and wants Abbas to crack down on Palestinian militants spearheading the uprising. Palestinian officials say Israel must first accept the plan and relax its military grip.

Gaza First?

Comments by Sharon in a newspaper interview published on Friday hinted at a possible compromise to kick-start the plan: an Israeli troop pullback and truce in northern Gaza, where a Palestinian security chief would move against gun-

men.

Israeli officials have said northern Gaza, where Israeli forces seized a town on Thursday after cross-border rocket attacks by militants, could be a proving ground for the Palestinians, leading to wider pullbacks under the road map.

But violence flared again on Saturday when troops in north Gaza killed a 20-year-old militant and wounded his comrade, Israeli military sources and Palestinian officials said.

In a sign of internal Palestinian divisions, Saeb Erekat, a long-time ally of President Yasser Arafat and the Palestinians' top negotiator, resigned from Abbas's cabinet after being excluded from the delegation to the talks, officials said.

Israel wants Arafat isolated, accusing him of inciting violence and suicide bombings throughout the Palestinian uprising. The 74-year-old ex-guerrilla leader denies the charge.

Any meeting of minds at Saturday's talks could smooth Sharon's talks with U.S. President George W. Bush in Washington on Tuesday on the road map.

Saudi's King Fahd vows to expand reforms

RIYADH, May 17 (Reuters) - Saudi Arabia's King Fahd, whose country was rocked by suicide bombings this week, pledged on Saturday to expand reforms in the conservative Muslim kingdom, and said his people rejected terrorism. Foreign and domestic pressure has been mounting on the Saudi government to speed up democratic reform and crack down on the country's powerful religious establishment, to create a social environment less conducive to militancy.

"Saudi people...reject terrorism in all its forms and will not permit a group of deviant terrorists to infringe upon the nation and the safety of its people and residents," the ailing King said in a speech carried by the official Saudi Press Agency.

At least 34 people died in the triple suicide attacks on three foreign residential compounds in Riyadh on Monday night.

The government has pledged to hunt down and punish those responsible for the attacks, which officials said bore the

hallmarks of Saudi-born Osama bin Laden's al-Qaeda network, blamed for the September 11 attacks on the United States.

King Fahd appealed to religious scholars to spread a message of tolerance and national unity.

"It is mainly the responsibility of our good scholars who we are depending on...to disseminate tolerance...and to save our youth from the evils of destructive thought," the King said.

"The reform process can not bear fruit except in an atmosphere of social harmony based on national unity."

A group of Saudi intellectuals met Crown Prince Abdullah, the country's defacto ruler, in January to discuss a landmark reform petition calling for elections, freedom of speech and other reforms.

"We will continue the road of political and administrative reform and work on reviewing systems, rules and monitoring laws on the performance of government agencies," King Fahd said.



A wrecked car lays in front of a damaged building after a suicide bomb attack on a compound used by expatriates in Riyadh May 13. REUTERS

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Where phoenix is revived

Rare plants detected

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New Afghan army suffers first casualty

KABUL, May 17 (Reuters) - Afghanistan's new national army has suffered its first casualty — a soldier killed when he stepped on a landmine, the U.S. military said on Saturday.

The soldier was killed in central Afghanistan on Friday when on patrol with fellow graduates of the new army training programme.

"This is the first Afghan national army soldier to be killed in the line of duty," the U.S. military said in a statement issued at their Bagram Air Base headquarters, north of Kabul.

President Hamid Karzai's government plans a national army of 700,000 soldiers, drawn from all regions and communities of the ethnically diverse country.

However, since the launch of the reconstruction of the army last year, only about 5,000 soldiers have received basic training from U.S. and French officers.

There has been a spate of attacks on U.S. and Afghan government troops in recent weeks blamed on remnants of the former Taliban regime, driven from power by a U.S.-led offensive in late 2001.

Pakistan appoints ambassador to India - state TV

ISLAMABAD, May 17 (Reuters) - Pakistan named a new ambassador to India on Saturday, four days after New Delhi announced the appointment of an ambassador to Islamabad, state-owned Pakistan Television (PTV) reported.

PTV quoted Prime Minister Zafarullah Khan Jamali as telling Indian state-owned Doordarshan television in an interview on Saturday that Riaz Muhammad Khan had been appointed high commissioner to New Delhi.

India and Pakistan scaled back diplomatic ties after an attack on India's parliament in December 2001 that New Delhi blamed on Pakistan-based Kashmiri rebels. Islamabad denied involvement.

Last month Indian Prime Minister Atal Behari Vajpayee said he wanted to extend a hand of friendship to Pakistan, prompting a series of trust-building measures by both sides.

The exchange of ambassadors marks a thaw between the nuclear-armed neighbours, which have fought three wars since independence from Britain in 1947, two of them over the disputed Kashmir region.

There was no immediate comment from the Pakistani foreign ministry on the announcement but a senior official at the prime minister's office in Islamabad confirmed that Jamali had announced the appointment in an interview with the Indian television station.

Khan is currently Pakistan's ambassador to China. His Indian counterpart, named in New Delhi on Tuesday, is Shivshankar Menon who is currently India's ambassador to China.

The New Delhi parliament raid triggered a huge military build-up that brought the nuclear-armed countries to the brink of their fourth war.

Indonesia warns Aceh rebels of imminent strike

JAKARTA, May 17 (Reuters) - Indonesia warned Aceh rebels meeting for last-ditch peace talks in Tokyo that they had to give up their fight for independence by Sunday or face an imminent military assault in the resource-rich province.

Rattling off demands the Free Aceh Movement (GAM) is unlikely to accept, chief security minister Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono said the rebels also had to lay down 60 percent of their weapons this month if they wanted to save an ailing peace agreement.

"If the response from GAM does not answer our demands positively, then the integrated operations will be implemented with a presidential decree that will be issued tomorrow or at the latest, May 19," Yudhoyono told reporters late on Saturday.

The key plank of what Indonesia calls its planned "integrated operations" in Aceh is a military offensive that would be one of its biggest since the 1975 invasion of East Timor.

Yudhoyono said it was almost certain a presidential decree would be issued by Monday at the latest, but added it would be revised should the rebels heed Indonesia's demands.

That would presumably dilute the military aspect of an operation that also calls for humanitarian and other efforts.

Yudhoyono, speaking after a meeting with President Megawati Sukarnoputri and other key ministers, said the government's position had been conveyed to Jakarta's negotiators in Tokyo.

He said this was presented to GAM leaders there on Saturday night, and they would respond on Sunday.

Yudhoyono said putting Aceh under martial law was not the only option should GAM refuse to accept the demands, adding it could come under a



Indonesian Marines arrive at Krueng Geukeuh port outside Lhokseumawe city in North Aceh, May 17, 2003. A fresh battalion of Indonesian troops backed by 10 amphibious vehicles docked near a key town in Aceh on Saturday, part of preparation for a major military offensive against rebels in the province. REUTERS

civilian emergency. Martial law would put the military in charge, while a civilian emergency is one step down.

The Tokyo talks are a final attempt to rescue the landmark December agreement, which had helped temporarily douse one of Asia's longest-running

separatist wars.

However, GAM's refusal to give up its demand for independence and accept special autonomy, something the pact skirted over, has been the major trigger for the imminent renewal of hostilities.

Highlighting the growing tension, Indonesian troops killed seven rebels on Saturday in a clash over the hoisting of a separatist flag in the province's south.

Aceh is some 1,700 km (1,060 miles) northwest of Jakarta on the

northern tip of Sumatra island.

More than 10,000 people, most of them civilians, have been killed in decades of simmering conflict between the government and the rebels in the staunchly Muslim province.

Philippines' Arroyo orders fresh attacks on rebels

MANILA, May 17 (Reuters) - Philippine President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo ordered "selective aerial and artillery attacks" on what she called "terrorist cells" on Saturday, hours before she was to due leave for a state visit to the United States.

Without giving details of the operations, she said the move was to support an offensive against Muslim rebels on the main southern island of Mindanao where at least 80 people have been killed in attacks since the beginning of March. "I authorise the Armed Forces of the Philippines to employ selective aerial and artillery attacks to dislodge embedded terrorist cells that have attacked hapless civilian communities and murdered scores of innocent Filipinos in Mindanao," Arroyo said in an address to the nation.

"We've decided to use extraordinary punitive forces not merely in view of tactical necessity, but to signify the determination of the government to bring terrorists to justice."

Mindanao — a region rich in corn, rice and coconuts — has seen three decades of Muslim separatist violence

in the mainly Roman Catholic country of about 80 million people.

The United States has linked some

Philippine Muslim rebels to the al Qaeda network of Osama bin Laden and U.S. forces have been training

Philippine troops in recent months.

Arroyo is making a week-long visit to the United States. She said also said

hoped to bolster the former U.S. colony's strategic relationship in the fight against terrorism during her visit.



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Bush says al-Qaeda weakened but 'not idle'

BY ADAM ENTOUS

WASHINGTON (Reuters) - On alert after bombings in Morocco and Saudi Arabia, President Bush warned on Saturday of the threat still posed by al Qaeda, which he said was weakened but "not idle" despite U.S. military campaigns in Afghanistan and Iraq.

Two weeks after declaring aboard a U.S. aircraft carrier that "we have seen the turning of the tide" in the war against terrorism, Bush called the deadly bombings in Saudi Arabia "a stark reminder" of the dangers ahead.

His remarks were recorded hours before suicide bomb attacks in Morocco's biggest city, Casablanca, killed 41 people and injured scores. A Jewish community center and Spanish club were among the targets and U.S. officials said the bombings could have been the work of Osama bin Laden's al Qaeda network.

In a statement late Saturday, Bush condemned the attacks. "These acts of murder show, once again that terrorism respects no boundaries nor borders," Bush said. "These acts demonstrate that the war against terror goes on."

Bush said the United States was offering assistance to the government of Morocco to help "track down and bring to justice those responsible."



President George W. Bush prepared Americans in his weekly radio address on May 17, 2003, for a prolonged war on terror and the possibility of new attacks from al Qaeda, which he said was weakened but "not idle" after U.S. military campaigns in Afghanistan and Iraq. Bush is recording the radio address at the White House May 16. Photo by Kevin Lamarque/Reuters

Unprecedented measures

Bush said the United States was taking "unprecedented measures to defend the homeland," and was hunting al Qaeda operatives from Pakistan to the Philippines to the Horn of Africa. Despite a global manhunt, bin Laden remains at large.

"The enemies of freedom are not idle and neither are we," Bush said in his weekly radio address, paying tribute to U.S. soldiers on Armed Forces Day. Eight troops injured in Iraq joined Bush in the Oval Office to tape the address on Friday. The president was at the Camp David presidential retreat in Maryland for the weekend.

Before the Morocco bombings, U.S. intelligence agencies had warned that al Qaeda may be poised to strike again. Officials cited potential threats to Western interests in countries including Saudi Arabia, Iraq, Kenya, Indonesia and Malaysia.

The U.S. government has asked Americans to be on watch for suspicious activity involving trucks, though the Department of Homeland Security said it had no specific information to indicate that a truck bombing of any kind was being planned in the United States.

Some Democrats have said Bush's focus on removing President Saddam Hussein in Iraq may have strengthened al Qaeda, which was blamed for the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon.

Bush has claimed several successes in his subsequent global war on terrorism, including the ouster of the

Taliban, al Qaeda's protectors, from power in Afghanistan.

Captured or killed

He estimated that nearly one-half of al Qaeda's senior operatives had been captured or killed.

He also asserted the war in Iraq had "removed allies of al Qaeda, cut off sources of terrorist funding, and made certain that no terrorist network will gain weapons of mass destruction from Saddam Hussein's regime."

The United States has yet to account for Saddam's alleged cache of chemical and biological weapons.

"Yet the terrorist attacks this week in Saudi Arabia, which killed innocent civilians from more than half a dozen countries, including our own, provide a stark reminder that the war on terror continues," said Bush said.

Suicide bombers attacked Riyadh compounds housing mainly foreigners, killing at least 34 people, including eight Americans. The United States believes al Qaeda was behind those attacks and is assisting Saudi Arabia in the investigation.

The FBI has already sent about 60 investigators, forensic experts and others to Saudi Arabia.

Slovaks approve EU entry despite turnout worries

BY ALAN CROSBY

BRATISLAVA (Reuters) - Slovakia overwhelmingly approved European Union entry in a referendum on Saturday, but victory celebrations were tempered by poor voter turnout that nearly invalidated the result.

After polls in the two-day plebiscite closed on Saturday afternoon, politicians could only sit and nervously watch as results trickled in.

There was little question that the country was strongly in favor of joining the bloc next May, with opinion polls showing nearly 80 percent wanted accession.

Voters had been expected to be apathetic, and they were, with turnout lurking just below the 50 percent threshold needed to make the result stand with less than an hour left in the voting.

Official results were not released, but Prime Minister Mikulas Dzurinda said in a speech that the country had given a resounding yes to accession, and more importantly, that the referendum was valid.

"The referendum is valid, and an overwhelming majority of our citizens said 'yes' for Slovakia to enter the EU. Good luck to you all in the EU," Dzurinda said in a speech to the nation.

He did not give exact numbers for either the percentage of votes cast in favor of EU entry, or for the turnout.

The SITA news agency, quoting a source at the Central Electoral Committee, said turnout was 52.15 percent with accession approval at 92.46 percent. Official results are expected to be released on Sunday.

"We were sweating it out a bit in the morning and afternoon because it looked touch and go, but at the end of day, it turned out fine," European Commission ambassador to Slovakia Eric Van der Linden told Reuters.

"Out of all countries that have had referenda, the percentage of 'yes' votes appears to be the highest."

Turnout embarrassing

The low turnout comes barely a month after only 46 percent of voters cast their ballots in neighboring Hungary's referendum that voted in favor of accession. Poland and the Czech Republic vote on the issue in June.

Malta, Lithuania, and Slovenia have also held referendums that gave the green light to joining the group of wealthier European nations in May 2004.

Analysts blamed the poor turnout on several factors.

They said some stayed away as a protest of Dzurinda's pro-Western government which has implemented harsh, but badly needed reforms as Slovakia clawed its way back from the political and economic isolation it endured in the mid-1990s under the reign of autocratic Prime Minister Vladimir Meciar.

The government's promotional campaign has also been criticized for failing to answer key questions on what EU membership means for ordinary Slovaks.

The apathy shown by the electorate is an embarrassment to both the government and the EU, which spent millions of euros on a campaign to inform the country's five million citizens on the benefits of joining an enlarged European Union.

"People didn't realize that this vote was about themselves. They were given useless general information about issues such as the European parliament and other bureaucratic issues that are basically irrelevant to their daily lives," said political commentator Peter Javurek.

"They just did not connect the vote with their own futures."

Ford leaves California hospital

LOS ANGELES (Reuters) - Former President Gerald Ford went home on Saturday afternoon after spending the night in a hospital with a "non life-threatening" condition, officials said on Saturday.

Ford, 89, had gone to the Eisenhower Medical Center in Rancho Mirage, near the southern California resort city of Palm Springs, after experiencing light-headedness for several days that increased during a game of golf in hot weather on Friday.

Doctors there said they kept Ford there overnight as they were "fine tuning" several medications. A hospital spokesman later said he was released to go home on Saturday afternoon.

"The causes are multiple, complex and interactive but at this point none appears to be life threatening," Dr. Alan Kiselstein told a press conference. "Rather they are more related to

the aging process."

Kiselstein said there was no evidence of any damage to any of Ford's organs from the illness but that doctors had advised him not to play golf in the heat of the California desert, where temperatures reached nearly 100 F (38 Celsius) before noon on Friday.

Ford initially went to the hospital's emergency room for dizziness on Friday, Kiselstein said, then went home that afternoon. His family brought him back that evening because they thought he was "less vigorous" than usual.

Ford, who became president in 1974 with the resignation of Richard Nixon amid the Watergate scandal and lost his re-election bid to Jimmy Carter, turns 90 on July 14.

The former congressman from Michigan suffered two strokes in 2000.

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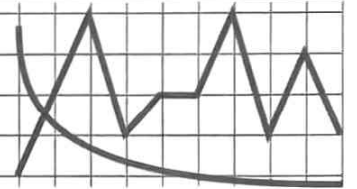
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The aim is to support women and children:

Food security in Yemen

By: MAHYOUB AL-KAMALI
YEMEN TIMES STAFF

The project concerned with offering support for women and a child suffering from malnutrition and serious diseases, such as tuberculosis and leprosy, is vital and expressive of the interest directed towards the poor and the sick. The projects aim at improving nutrition of women during periods of pregnancy and breast-feeding their children under the age of five years, especially in the regions where there is no food security. The project does so through offering food and raising health awareness among the targeted segment. According to program of the project the goal is the improvement of the rate of care for leprosy disease by offering support for them. The parties concerned with implementing the project aim

at improving nutrition of mothers and upgrading the children's health that are affected with malnutrition. The targeted groups of the society are divided into five categories: - pregnant women, - suckling mother women, children under five years and children affected with tuberculosis and leprosy.

The total number of beneficiaries from the project in the coming five years is 130 thousand persons. The project allocates granting those groups an assistance in a year including 4206 tons of wheat, mixed substances of 241 tons, 55 tons of cooking oil and 155 tons of sugar. The amount of aid in the coming five years is estimated at 21032 tons of wheat, mixed substances 1205 tons, 777 tons of oil, 777 tons of sugar. The total amount is estimated at 33791 tons. The estimated cost of the project in the coming five years is \$ 9 million and 500 thousand.

The project is to be implemented in four districts and expected to score positive results for improving conditions of the targeted groups regarding food security, raising the level of their health awareness and upgrading their health conditions. In order to support this project, the ministry of planning and development signed an executive plan agreement with the ministry of health and population and the World Food Program to help women and children and combat diseases of malnutrition. The cost of the project in the coming five years is at \$ five million, including materials in kind offered to the targeted groups. The agreement was signed by health minister Dr Abdulnasser al-Munibari, Dr Abdulrahman Tarmoum, deputy minister of planning and Ms Na'ila Abdulla Sabra, resident representative of World Food Program.



Locally grown agricultural products have competed strongly with its distinct features and are very much preferred in Yemen and the region.

The GPC's economic file till 2009 should...

Curb poverty, reduce inflation, increase non-oil exports

By YEMEN TIMES STAFF

The rate population growth and its impact on all walks of life constitutes one of the most important files the new government of the GPC has to deal with, particularly after the party's sweeping majority win it has achieved in the recent parliamentary elections on April 27, 2003. The file in question contains mainly continuation of poverty growth, illiteracy, low rates of joining education, weakness of covering public services, realizing a growth rate by six percent, along with indicators on retreat in oil production.

Pursuant to the new legislative period 2003-2009, the GPC's government would find a speeding up of population growth expected to reach at the end of the mentioned period at around 25 million people compared to 18.3 million at present. Economic experts say the population growth is out of proportion to amount of available economic resources and that would consequently limit possibilities of economic growth and social development during the mentioned period. Building on indicators of high rate of fertility and rising population growth, the work force at the age of fifteen years would redouble from more than 5 millions to about 10 millions. Added to that the increase in number of university graduates and those enrolled at the system of education and training and the rise in proportion of those leaking from education in quest of work. All these factors constitute a challenge to capability of the Yemeni economy and the private sector of providing opportunities enough to accommodate the new

work forces. In the coming period the government would find itself encountered with challenges of population growth, ecological deterioration, emergence of some negative aspects regarding waters and air, expansion of desertification, and danger of pollution on marine life because of sewage system waters and oil pollutants in the seas.

According to financial statements the new government would have to control inflation in a way preventing it from going beyond its annual average of %6, compared to living expenditures and at an average of %4.9. It has to prevent the rate of inflation in the gross domestic product of non-oil economy from exceeding the percentage of %7 per year, provided that it should follow a regressive course to reach at about %5.6, at the end of the present legislative period.

Among the heated files awaiting the new GPC's government is to increase the total work force in the national economy by 876 thousand workers till the year 2005 and to the double of this number till the year 2009, as it had pledged in its second five-year plan ending in the next two years.

The government has to seek for improving the Yemeni current account at a surplus to the gross domestic product reaching %8.3. It must work for continuing the support for and enhancing the economic stability and achieving a real growth and sustainable development as well as the improvement of the state's financial situation. This is to be done via diversification of the economic productive basis and improvement of the entire competitive capability of the economy, added to that is the improvement of the current

balance and the balance of payments and activation of private local and foreign investments.

It is expected that the human development would occupy the priority of expenditure on education at an annual rate of %13.2 of the gross expenditure and about %11 of the gross domestic product. The other priority is predicted to be spending on improvement of health and social services by %6 and %7 respectively.

Citing the program published for voters by the GPC the government would have to increase government revenues by %6.7 per year and rising public spending by %12 to cover the reform of wages and salaries system and increase investment spending for the development of infrastructure and basic services.

With regard to oil the estimates indicate to regression in production of Yemeni oil during the coming six years by %2.5, despite that the preliminary estimations of explorations in the present fields and the new areas of concession indicate to possibilities of increase in oil production by 10 to 15 percent. This retreat in oil production forces the new government to intensify its efforts towards digging for other mineral riches and increasing agricultural and industrial production. The aim is to diversify non-oil exports and attracting other revenues.

These indicators, in addition to implementation of the remainder parts of its economic and financial reform program, as well as privatization of some state establishments, constitute the outstanding files awaiting the government of the new GPC's government till the year 2009.

Arab funds to Yemen,

More than \$1 billion in loans

By YEMEN TIMES STAFF

Yemen's government headed by Mr. Abdulqader Bajamal is facing the problem of funding development plans that have been moved from last year or those floundering projects owing to the state budget deficit. This situation would force the government to resort to continue borrowing policy from Arab and Gulf Funds, donor countries and the World Bank. While the opposition parties criticize fiercely this policy, saying it is flooding the market with loans interests, government sources confirm it is necessary to meet needs of local development and operating projects that have been idle for long time. A government report mentioned that Yemen obtained last year about \$ 200 million in loans from the Arab fund for economic and social development and the Saudi fund for development and the Kuwaiti fund. The report has made it clear that those funds would offer Yemen in the years 2003-2005 around \$ one billion and 127 million for the implementation of the ongoing five-year plan that ends in 2005.

The Arab Fund for Economic Development (AFED) contributes to financing a number of projects covering transport, communications, ports, power, water, sewage, and sectors of agricultural production and irrigation. This fund is considered of the most important Arab funds that fund development projects in Yemen and it has offered around 64 loans amounting to \$ 1.044 billion out of which only \$682.6 million has been spent.

One of the gigantic projects the AFED is funding is the construction of power carrying lines from Marib to Sana'a at a cost of 30 million KD and also assisting the Social Fund project with 15 million KD. The AFED had during Paris conference of donor countries held at the end of last year pledged to grant loans to Yemen worth \$200 million during the period of 2003-

2005. On its part Yemen has presented proposals to the fund for financing projects of roads, health, electricity, sewage and those for alleviating poverty. An official report mentioned that the Saudi Fund for Development, since resuming its activity in Yemen in 2001 and after rescheduling Yemen's loans, offered three loans totaling 375 million SR, also in 2002 it offered two loans to Yemen, one of 187.5 million SR to support a project of building technical institutes and vocational training centre and the second 22.5 million SR worth for a project of road engineering services. At the donors conference the Saudi fund promised to offer \$ 300 million for the implementation of development projects at \$100 million a year during the period 2003-2005.

Since 2001 the Kuwaiti fund resumed its activity in Yemen and in 2002 an agreement was signed between the two countries for amending the previously loans and to begin signing new agreements. The Kuwaiti Fund promised offering \$227 million to contribute to financing a number of development projects in Yemen at an annual rate of \$67 million in the period 2003-2005. According to the government report the International Body for Development tops the list of the creditors that in 2002 gave Yemen \$ 4.9 million while the development body offered \$176 million.

Opposition parties make large-scale political criticism against the borrowing policy saying the government can make money from local sources and follow an austerity policy for implementing floundering projects instead of sinking the country in debts. The government says, however, that it could not implement development projects without the help of borrowing, especially in building vital projects such as water takes about %37.5 of total loans and power sector that consumes %24.5 of them. So the government seems to be insisting on following this way but the critics have to understand the necessity of depending on loans to finish the floundering projects.

The Road Ahead

Branding & the Publicity advantage

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In Business, branding is the essence of the marketing process. A brand name is any sign, logo, symbol, tune, word or statement that when added to a product, it creates a unique identity and qualities that distinguish certain product from others, and also helps customers in formulating a perception about this product.

Branding can be a very tricky business; it requires a superior understanding and knowledge of the targeted customers and the competition. This understanding should lead to a better, fresher, more innovative and creative brands, which is the trump card in the advertising and marketing business if the product is to have a chance for survival in the market.

Nowadays, the world is becoming more of an over-communicated global village, with too much noise and 'creepy elements' trying to sell anything and everything to customers, this has also reduced the level of confidence in advertisements and impelled customers to adopt a "they-all-say-the-same" attitude. This problem forced marketers to change the way they brand their products, in order to stand out against competition. And for that, they need to have an enhanced understanding and knowledge of the market in order to formulate better advertising and marketing strategies.

As a result of this change, advertising agencies have also spread out their focus from mostly advertising to publicity services and Public Relations, because what others have to say about a particular brand is much more powerful than what the company has to say. In other words when customers become aware of the product, they evaluate it in the light of the perceptions and information they receive about the product, hence publicity and media can greatly increase a customer's confidence in the brand because here an independent third party is providing a statement of opinion.

In fact, modern brands are built with publicity and maintained with advertising, because when a new brand is launched, the more noise it makes the more publicity it gains, the more people come aware of it and evaluate it, look at the internet, for example, no internet service provider I know of has placed a single advertisement, yet it is very popular because it has made a lot of noise and publicity that it is the best source of information gathering and a very effective communication means.

The same thing applies to any other product, but to ensure that customers perceive it positively, advertising agencies have to initiate a dedicated public relations program that exposes more positive characteristics about the brand in order to help in creating the required positive impact on customers. This is why publicity is becoming of increasing importance to marketers and advertising agencies nowadays.

Nevertheless, advertising is still a very important tool critical for the prosperity of any product, but the point is that advertising strategies should be developed from the publicity point of view, because if publicity helps you gain market share, advertising helps you keep it, and otherwise you will be run over by your competition.

Endnote: Today brands are built with publicity and maintained with advertising; unless they are built on a strong foundation of publicity, advertising cannot do much to you because advertising is most effective when used to sustain brands, not build them.

Words of Wisdom



There is no doubt that the media plays an important role in our lives. The influence of the media is greater among societies that are less advanced culturally and educationally because they are not equipped to assess the information passed on to them. In this sense, the Yemeni media has a much larger influence on the public than media in advanced countries where the public is more knowledgeable. This fact adds to the responsibility of the media in Yemen.

Prof. Abdulaziz Al-Saqqaf, (1951-1999)
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OUR OPINION

Your people should come first

The priority of the new Yemeni government and that of any other new government in the world should be to know what people want, and to act on achieving them. Just as governments are set up in a way to meet people's needs, they are also there to ensure that they meet those needs.

There are some obvious things that people want, such as quality education, basic infrastructure services, health services, good income, security, stability, freedom, law enforcement, plus a range of other issues.

The people in Sanaa delivered a strong message to the ruling party that they are fed up with the same old individuals that the party puts as candidates and who have proven their incapability to continue serving the public. The new cabinet ministers should seize this opportunity to demonstrate that it is the people that they care about and want to serve and not their own interest.

Looking at the tough conditions that most Yemenis are going through today, and looking at the statistics that are sometimes frightening when analyzing them adequately, we can only sense the huge task that the government has ahead of it. We can only wish the government luck in tackling so many problems and difficulties.

Nevertheless, the government could lead to a catastrophe of the change of heart in dealing with Yemen's problems is not demonstrated. People have reached a degree of saturation and cannot handle more miseries. Awareness of the ability to bring change through elections is on the rise. Yes, the ruling party may have gathered a greater majority in this parliament, but if that coincides with more miseries and sufferings by the role, then they will probably figure out that more members of the ruling party in the parliament would lead to greater suffering, so next elections will be decisive for them.

This is a change, a genuine change for the Yemeni leadership to get closer to the people. The President should start to build a strong bridge between him and the people. There are several ways that this bridge can be built, but there should at least be an intention to have it built.

The government should also work on knowing what people want and how they can be served. They should study the issues the people think are the priorities, and look into other less important things later. Being in the government is not always a good thing. Sometimes, one wishes to stay out because he/she would know that he cannot withstand the stress or obligations of the post. I would rather have those not accept their posts or resign if they cannot serve the people the way they want. Contrary to what some may think, those ministers will not be seen as weak individuals, but they will be seen as honest men and women who wanted to secure the job for the ones who are better fit for the job.

People are looking to the new government with hope and great expectations.

I hope the new government will not let them down.

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Being far away from homeland Yemen, I look at my Arab world with great agony. I watch the Arab world in disbelief, and what is even worse, hearing that the Western world think of us Arabs is further disheartening.

How did we Arabs get to this dreaded stage? I doubt many can offer coherent explanation without blaming the world or subscribing to conspiracy theories and getting emotional. Hungry empires have played a terrible role, no denying there, but we provided these empires the greatest excuses to ravage us.

The Arab world never fails to point out to it's past as if it guarantees a solid lead in the world. We keep calling our long dead heroes to save us from the doomed future. Meanwhile, the world is taking giant leaps towards education, health, and progress. Here are few pit falls in dire need for answers.

I can see misguided intentions and unjustified superiority. For some reason, we Arabs have this baseless belief that we are better than many in the

world such as China for example, neglecting the fact that China is poised to be the next superpower in the world stage. Yet, no ones seem to pay attention or learn how they managed to overcome so many hurdles.

We view our leaders as if they have an inherent right to rule as they please, steal and point their sons and family to further steal what is ours. Where did that come from? Islam for sure has nothing to do with that. We have been trained to not question our shackles for that is a foolish quest. We have forgotten our rights guaranteed by basic human laws and above all, guaranteed by our religion.

We have neglected Islam's call for genuine education to a point that we only accept what we are told as being the truth. Isn't education based on one's need to find the truth? We have numbed our brains and accepted the least educated among us as the Devin source of wisdom. We have successfully killed our inquisitive minds and substituted it with great appetite to appease morons.

Lets at Iraq, the land of ancient civilizations where people now are killed either by their leaders or by foreign powers. But like many things around us Arabs, we will not learn lessons from

this or any in our shameful recent history. We will go worshipping our incompetent leaders and complement their devastating leadership and call them national heroes. What is even worse is that Arabic leaders start to really believe that they are as bright as they come and why not? Look at the herd of Arabs behind their leaders praising every idiotic move by the "leader".

There is no solution to the problem but one, education. We should focus on nothing else but to educate ourselves first. We need to learn from our past our truthful history, and not allow every leader to throw out the former leader's accomplishments and cast it as corrupt and devastating without learning from what was really useful. We need to know that we have rights, and leaders have our momentarily trust to lead. A Yemeni or an American in Saudi Arabia should be treated the same. If you're from Egypt or Dubai, it should not make a difference as well, it's what you actually do that matters not your country of origin. So as long as we're not ready to answer hard questions and face certain truths, we will be an easy target for the willing, or their coalition. Educate is my message, at least for now.

One for all, and all for Yemen

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It was a depressing feeling which we felt when we saw our helplessness in supporting the female candidates in the Parliamentary elections last month. Although we represent the Women's National Committee, which is a government organization, we felt powerless against the malicious direct and indirect attacks women who were interested in the parliament were facing.

Yet it was ironic how women were massively encouraged to vote, where 48% of voters were females. It seemed that it was good for them to vote but to want to take part in the decision-making positions, that was unheard of. According to the Supreme Committee of elections in more than 40 election centers the number of women exceeded that of men! True there are claims that this would not have happened if not for the aggressive campaigning and some-

times blackmailing that made women feel its their duty to vote for their tribal man or group, and that their voice is merely a follower to that of a husband's or father ...etc. But still it was an indicator that women can and will participate. It wasn't right the way they were pushed into it without sufficient education and awareness. They should have been given enough information and freedom to choose the right candidate whom is seen as beneficial for the area and the country as a whole regardless of his/her orientation and affiliations.

We were hoping that the number of candidates would be relative to the number of participants but were utterly disappointed. There were only 15 candidates and out of whom many were subjected to family or even political pressure to back off and leave the scene. A few brave-hearted struggled and resisted and we at the WNC tried to support them as much as we could. We tried to push them further and open doors for them. But we were faced by our helplessness, especially when you are talking to a man-dominating community. What was more painful is that

the massive numbers of female participants could have made a difference. If women had merely realized that they form a strong weapon they would not have allowed themselves to be used in such a manner.

This is a call for all Yemeni women: Don't allow your voice to be manipulated by others. This is a call especially to the leading women in our society and our pioneers: Get together and unite in order to turn the tables. Change the scene and educate other women about their rights and abilities. We should get together in order to support women to assume decision-making positions. If we wanted a real democracy we should work for it. The previous Parliament elections should be a lesson, which we have to learn from. We should start now if we want to reach better results in the coming elections in 2009, something to make us proud of and enhance the status of women in our country.

This is an invitation from the heart to all those who care to make our country a better place for all, men, women and children. Let's get together and make it one for all and all for Yemen!

Letters to the Editor

Why this war?

I am an eleven year girl living in Portland, Oregon - USA. Although I don't know exactly what is going on in this war, I do have my opinions. First, I don't want my mom to leave me. She is in the reserve military and can be called away at any time. She does not want to go, and I don't want her to either.

Most of my opinions are based on my mom's views. I have watched her cry over some of the pictures of the war. The one that made her the saddest was of the little boy with no arms and burns on his body. I agree with her that there is no right or wrong in a war, only ugliness.

Saddam treated his people badly, and that was wrong. I think any person who treats people like that should be sent to prison, so they can't hurt people anymore.

There are many deaths and injuries on both sides of this war. Why do the world leaders let it come to that? Why can't there be more peace in the world? Why must we kill each other? These are questions that my mom says she can't answer. Is there anyone who can?

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Arabs need change

In reply to Mr. Hussein Al-Haifi's article titled "Who Said it was over and do with?"

Although I agree with 15% of what Mr. Al-Haifi wrote; however I find the remaining 85% on par with the rhetoric of Al-Sahafi (Iraqi Information Minister).

Can we as Arabs be a little more objective in our commentary. Do we have solutions to our region's problems or are we destined to criticize and play catch-up to American initiative and policies. Why is it that we as Arabs never acknowledged American assistance to Muslims in Bosnia, Somalia, and Chechnya. Do we stand up and protect our Arab brothers from injustices at the hand of other Arabs or do we prefer the regional status quo - so we shut up. Why did we lose our voice when it came to criticizing Iraq for its treatment of the Kurds and Shia for the last 25 years yet we soundly found in us to paint a doom and gloom future for Iraq under a US administration?

As Arabs we need to change. We need to take the lead in changing ourselves and our destiny for when our accomplishments are judged by our children we may be given an "F" for FAIL.

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To Haifi: Jews cannot be behind everything

After reading the whole text of your anti-coalition column "Who said that

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this is over and done with?", I thought, gee whiz, this writer is suffering from depression. Go get yourself a drink and a trip to a bawdy house. Most Americans haven't lost a bit of sleep about matters in Iraq since the collapse of Saddam's statue in central Baghdad. Who do you think pays the bills on CNN? The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia? Guess again, I'm a dyed in wool Christian (on the eve of Easter), but not naive to believe that anyone but the Jewish people are pulling the strings on this one. So live with it, Israel has been a nation since 1948, and it is unlikely to change in the foreseeable future, I'm not beating a Jewish drum, so you just get drunk and laid and stop suffering from such a repressive lifestyle (or is this forbidden by your REGIME) and enjoy yourself!

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To editor: Our leaders are our product
This is in response to the editors of the YT who responded to the letter saying that most of the Arab leaders were propped up by the West in the first place and hence the Arab people should not be blamed for their pathetic situation today. All I have to say is that is the most pathetic excuse of all (with all due respect). We keep hearing

that the so called "elite" in our government do not represent us. How come, I ask? I am a Yemeni (of mixed heritage) living in the West (and very much integrated with the Yemeni population here). Trust me, the problem is in us. Our leader is a Yemeni, all our ministers are Yemenis, each and every one of those corrupt government officials are Yemenis, each and every one of those people responsible for our sorry situation in Yemen are Yemenis (in other words, each of the million of culprits for our sad situation is a Yemeni). No matter how much the West may have helped in bringing the top leaders to power, the real culprits (the millions at the bottom of the food chain) are all ordinary Yemenis. So, we have no one to blame for our pathetic situation but ourselves.

Trust me, when a people really believe in change and justice, they can do miracles. The problem with our Arab society is that we have lost all our honor and sense of justice and equality. To make things worse, we pathetically use our religion to excuse ourselves of any responsibility. We keep saying, it is Allah's Will. As the saying goes here in the West, if anyone beats the heck out of a Muslim, they say, "it is Allah's Will!" as well.

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COMMON SENSE



By Hassan Al-Haifi

The Islamic Republic of Iran: Myth and reality

Most open-minded observers of the regional scene are not convinced by the misconceptions that are being projected of the Islamic Republic of Iran in the Western media. It is really surprising that the American position on one of the most progressive states, politically and socially, in the region should find reason to continue its blind hatred of Iran (after all, is not Iran the real reason for their presence in Iraq, as further reinforcement of their presence in Afghanistan? Just ask any broadminded strategic expert). About the only thing that seems to be obvious is that there are some obvious misgivings against Iran for the first part of the name, although Iran's name is the closest thing that has come to real social and political doctrine in Islam that the Moslem World has ever seen since the time of Omar Bin Abdul-Asia (Over thirteen centuries ago), the pious Umayyad Caliph, whose rule was the closest thing to that of the Four Orthodox Caliphs that ruled the Moslem World after the death of the Prophet Mohammed (Peace and blessings of Allah be upon him). In an age of mundane drives and secular inclinations, many people, especially in the West, have come to view any religious regime (especially Islamic regimes) as anathema to life itself. Yet, these diehard opponents of Iran (although they really have no inkling of what Iran is really like), will not hesitate to be the first to defend and advocate for Israel on every media channel and political theater. They forget that Israel has proven to be one of the most chauvinistic religious societies existing in the world today, owing its existence to the thousands of Palestinians that have been and continue to be slaughtered - not to mention the millions that are homeless, with the conscience of these die hard advocates sound asleep.

What is true about Iran is that it is a full Islamic democracy, which has rulers that truly look after the interests of their constituents and with mature institutions operating to maximum capacity and to a high level of efficiency, both in government and in civil society. The fact is that the Iranian people are proud of their Islamic democracy, and one is safe in saying that Iran represents the closest thing to a modern democracy that any Moslem country has reached. Moreover, the Iranian people are enjoying the fruits of economic development and cultural enhancement in all fronts. Which Moslem country can produce an airplane from a - z? Iran can now manufacture aircraft and many other heavy machinery and equipment. If one compares the economic and development indicators of Iran, especially the human development side, from the time of the last year of the Shah's US supported oppressive rule, to the present, one will find that Iran has jumped leaps and bounds in every indicator. If one looks at the cultural front, Iran is producing commendable award winning output in all the fine arts, in music, in cinema, etc. During the autocratic rule of the Shah, the only output was an ugly skin trade and drugs (both of which Iran has now cleaned up). Even in the areas of gender and the environment exemplary strides have been made. Moreover, there is political vibrancy in Iran, that could never have been imagined in the Shah's time, and transition of power is more peaceful there than the passing of the guards at Buckingham Palace.

In the political/diplomatic front the enlightened religious overseers (I do not like to say clerics, because there is no clerical order in Islam), have delicately maneuvered Iran from the world's most isolated country to a serious rational role player in the shape of things to come in the regional front. Furthermore, it is clear that Iran has wisely steered away from projecting any evil designs or intentions, and struggled to come out from a war torn nation to a nation that is humming with dynamic inertia, and proper international conduct. Over time, the Iranian people have clearly shown that they are able to overcome all obstacles that prevent them from making maximum use of their available resources for the betterment of their lives and for the enhancement of regional cohesion. Their well organized charities have been valuable to helping many Moslem countries support their social services. In addition, the Iranian government operates with a high level of transparency and accountability, so that efficiency can be seen manifested in reasonably well-functioning social services, and continuously improving economic and social indicators. Anyone who really wishes to judge Iran's progress can see the World Development Reports of the World Bank and the other Human Development annual records for the years from 1989 to the present. One will find that the progress that Iran witnessed leaves no room for doubt that somebody is doing something right down there, in the former home of the Persian Empire, which once rivaled Greece and Rome as a center of world culture.

We as Moslems throughout the world, should applaud the Islamic Republic of Iran, for first of all showing that those who sacrifice to gain their freedom, will very soon reap the rewards of their struggle. Moreover, we should commend the Iranians for their strong support to all the causes that touch at the heart of Moslem conscientiousness, especially against the demagogic Zionist cancer that lies in our midst, which seeks to bring down the whole West against the Moslem World, just so they can carry out their evil designs of an Eretz Israel stretching from the Euphrates to the Nile. Seeing President Mohammed Khatemi with his humble entourage, in their modest low profile image, in Sana'a last week, was a clear indication that our government is playing the regional balancing act with astute insight as to who really makes sense and matters in this region after all.

A roadmap that leads to... Nowhere

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The "roadmap" to peace between Israel and the Palestinians, finally released with little fanfare or enthusiasm on May 1 after almost a year of aimless wandering, is surely doomed. Near fatal internal flaws and severe political constraints on its implementation render it a roadmap to nowhere, destined for the same junk yard where the Mitchell Plan, the Tenet Plan, and the Zinni Plan have rusted for the two years of the Bush-Sharon stewardship over the so-called "peace process."

Joint efforts

The roadmap, first drafted in the fall of 2002, is the joint product of the Quartet, the informal diplomatic combo made up of Colin Powell for the U.S., Kofi Annan for the UN, Javier Solana for the EU, and Foreign Minister Igor Ivanov for Russia. Further refined last December, the roadmap calls for a first phase, to last through May this year, in which Palestinians unconditionally cease all violence and institute political reforms, appoint a prime minister, draft a constitution, and hold elections, while Israel withdraws from areas occupied since the beginning of the intifada in September 2000, dismantles settlements built since March 2001 (since Ariel Sharon took office), and freezes all other settlement activity. Needless to say, even if the deadline for this phase were not now a mere three weeks away, there would be little hope of accomplishing these substantial goals in the near future.

In the second phase, from June through December 2003, the Quartet is to call an international conference to launch a negotiating process leading to establishment of an "independent Palestinian state with provisional borders and attributes of sovereignty." The third and final phase, involving a second international conference, envisions an end to Israel's occupation and establishment of an "independent, democratic and viable Palestine" at some undefined point in 2005. The final peace agreement will resolve all outstanding final issues, including borders, settlements, the status of Jerusalem, and the disposition of refugees. The plan also calls for "Arab state acceptance of full, normal relations with Israel" at the end of the negotiating process but lays out no specifics.

Although the roadmap is the joint product of the Quartet, the United

States essentially controls its content and timing and will be the final arbiter, in cooperation with a very reluctant Israel, of its implementation. This would seem to be the kiss of death. Israel has made it known that it has one hundred proposed changes to the roadmap and is already interpreting the plan according to its own lights, particularly on whether it calls for parallel or sequential implementation of its demands on each side. Although the plan clearly states that in each phase "the parties are expected to perform their obligations in parallel, unless otherwise indicated," it later conditions Israeli action on prior Palestinian action, calling on Israel to withdraw from areas occupied since September 2000 but only "progressively" and only "as comprehensive [Palestinian] security performance moves forward." Colin Powell has offered the unhelpful view that the roadmap's steps "will be parallel, but they will not exactly be in synchronization with one another."

A Palestinian suicide bomber has already given Israel an excuse for delay by launching a terrorist attack on the day the new Palestinian prime minister, Mahmoud Abbas, was installed. Sharon then guaranteed further Palestinian terrorism, and thus the failure of "comprehensive security performance" by Abbas, when Israel launched attacks in Gaza the very day after the roadmap's release. This particular attack killed 13 Palestinians, mostly civilians and including a two-year-old, a couple of young teenagers, a mentally retarded man, a woman, and a 75-year-old man.

This tactic is standard operating procedure for Sharon. By well-timed assassination operations that directly provoked suicide bombings; preempted the Saudi/Arab League peace initiative in March 2002 with a major incursion into Palestinian refugee camps that also led to a suicide bombing; overturned a pending cease-fire agreement involving Hamas by bombing a Gaza apartment building and killing 14 sleeping civilians, half of them children, in July 2002; and undermined every attempt by Yasir Arafat to impose a cease-fire by launching multiple incursions into Palestinian areas while Palestinians were maintaining quiet. Most observers except those in the Bush administration have accurately labeled these actions as

the provocations that they are, but Bush and his team persist in viewing Sharon as a "man of peace" and will undoubtedly continue to do so when he successfully provokes enough terrorism to derail the roadmap.

The U.S. did not accede to Sharon's demand for changes in the plan before releasing it, but Bush has made it clear that both sides can negotiate over the plan's provisions, a certain ticket to endless crippling delays. Bush himself and the administration are clearly unenthusiastic about the plan and apparently only released it at all, after a six-month delay, in order to accommodate Tony Blair's need to show his domestic opponents some sign of movement toward peace in the Middle East after his unpopular participation in Bush's war in Iraq.

Colin Powell is evidently the roadmap's only champion inside the administration, which probably further dooms it. Most Bush policymakers and senior advisers do not even acknowledge that the territories under discussion are "occupied territories" and actively oppose any requirement for Israeli withdrawal. Donald Rumsfeld famously referred to the territories as "so-called occupied territories" last year; Richard Cheney has not put himself on record so explicitly but, as a long-time board member of such stridently pro-Israeli right-wing organizations as JINSA, clearly is not a fan of the concept of Israeli territorial compromise; other administration heavyweights such as Douglas Feith and Richard Perle at the Defense Department or on its periphery and Elliott Abrams on the National Security Council staff have long openly advertised their belief that Israel owns the West Bank, Gaza, and East Jerusalem with biblical right and must always retain control. No roadmap to peace there.

Pressures against the roadmap

Having caved in so easily in the internecine battle over the Iraq war, Powell would seem to be totally incapable of withstanding, and perhaps not even willing to put up a fight against, the internal pressures against the roadmap.

The pressures on Bush and company from outside the administration are even more intense. Israel is launching a heavy lobbying effort against the roadmap, at least as it stands, in conjunction with AIPAC, other major Jewish organizations, and the large Christian fundamentalist community. Israel's tourism minister, one of several strong advocates of "transfer" (i.e.,



expulsion of Palestinians) in Sharon's cabinet, is now in the U.S. for the specific purpose of generating an anti-roadmap campaign outside the administration. Much of the groundwork has already been laid for him: 88 senators and 316 congressmen have already sent letters to Bush. Instigated by AIPAC, such letters express serious reservations about the roadmap because of the pressure it puts on Israel, and several Christian fundamentalist leaders have spoken out stridently against the roadmap. Many among the Christian right, including both evangelical preachers and congressmen and other politicians, have been quite clear about their support for Israel's retention of the territories and for Palestinian expulsion.

On the other side, a group of 100 American rabbis and a separate group of 14 major Jewish philanthropists have also sent letters to Bush supporting the roadmap and urging that he implement it immediately. But these are voices in the wilderness in comparison with the forces arrayed against the plan. Nor are the other Quartet members likely to be strong enough to press the U.S. to follow through. The bottom line is that Bush will be extremely reluctant to confront Sharon, whom he apparently likes and with whom he feels great rapport. And, perhaps most significant, even were he inclined to press ahead with a genuine peace effort, he would also be extremely reluctant, as the next election looms, to confront the pro-Israel/Christian fundamentalist lobby.

Flawed document

Even without the virtually insurmountable opposition the roadmap faces, it is a badly flawed document. On paper the roadmap says many of the right things. It recognizes that there is an occupation and calls for an end to it. It demands an Israeli settlement freeze. It appears to demand simultaneity in implementation by both sides, basing a

future peace agreement on UN Security Resolution 242 and the principle of land for peace. It recognizes the need for viability for a Palestinian state.

Nonetheless, overall it's a non-starter.

The long time frame and the phased approach are major shortcomings. Palestinians are rightly fearful of any phased approach because Oslo gave them the clear message that, without strong U.S. pressure, Israel will turn any interim (and therefore from the Palestinian standpoint unsatisfactory) phase into a permanent arrangement. This is a particular danger with phase two of the roadmap, which calls for an "independent Palestinian state with provisional borders and attributes of sovereignty." Apart from the obvious fact that, if borders are provisional, there can be no true state, no independence, and no sovereignty or even attributes thereof, the real danger here is that having accomplished what Israel, the U.S., and the rest of the world will surely call "independent statehood," no matter what the reality, the powerless Palestinians will have no possible way to exert pressure to move on to the next stage.

A peace agreement and Palestinian statehood scheduled no sooner than 2005, in a situation in which the plan at its inception is already six months behind? This leaden pace itself guarantees a death warrant for the plan. Unless Israeli settlement-building, road-building, and confiscation of Palestinian land are stopped now, there will be nowhere to put either a provisional state this year or a real state two years hence. Israeli land seizures are proceeding at such a relentless pace and the West Bank is being paved over with huge settlement blocs and limited access highways to such an extent that the West Bank is likely to be totally absorbed into Israel before the roadmap can ever find a route to genuine peace.

Settlements project

Philip Wilcox, a former consul in Jerusalem and now head of the Washington-based Foundation for Middle East Peace, recently observed that it is impossible to get a proper idea of the scale of the settlements project and the speed with which it is going forward without being there to see what is happening. Few Americans, including policymakers, even read texts and see maps; fewer still, again including policymakers, have ever seen the situation on the ground.

The lack of enforcement provisions, and the likelihood that no U.S. government will ever exert enough pressure on Israel to implement the steps it must take to move the process along, are also severe impediments. Despite the call for parallelism, the roadmap is vague enough on timing and unspecific enough on sequencing that in practice all the burden is placed on the Palestinians. Palestinians have already been required to reform their administration, and Israel is explicitly demanding Palestinian compliance on stopping all violence before it takes any steps. The Bush administration will almost certainly not object to this, and will no doubt also wink at the kind of provocations that Israel launched last week.

According to the Israeli commentator Akiva Eldar, the U.S. ambassador to Israel, Daniel Kurtzer, gave a talk in Israel last year about the roadmap and, in a near-criticism of Bush and the administration, quoted one of Yogi Berra's aphorisms: "You've got to be careful if you don't know where you're going, because you might not get there." Yogi had it right; the roadmap seems clearly headed for a massive pile-up on the superhighway of the U.S.-Israeli relationship. All available evidence indicates that the Bush administration will accept that pile-up rather than damage the relationship.

After a month: U.S. losing credibility in Iraq

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When Lt. Gen. David McKiernan declared last week that U.S.-led forces were the "absolute authority within Iraq," and that Iraqis should return to work, hardly anybody heard.

Most Baghdadis did not have electricity for television and printed leaflets of the speech were not distributed.

Hanna Kamal, 36, and her colleagues were already trying to return to jobs at the Ministry of Trade. Her workplace had been burned and looted repeatedly since American troops captured Baghdad. She kept going to the charred building, dragging her children along, hoping for American aid or instructions that never came.

"We went for two weeks, standing in the street, and no one paid any attention," said Kamal, who said she owes two months back rent and has no income. She called McKiernan's order "just ink on paper."

Friday marks one month since U.S. Marines and a crowd of Iraqis in downtown Firdos Square triumphantly toppled the statue of Saddam Hussein, signaling the end of the war.

Since then, at least by the measure of Iraqi sentiments, America is losing the peace.

Goodwill toward U.S. troops is eroding quickly. Iraqis look in disap-

pointment at the collapse of law and order and the continued lack of basic services such as electricity, water and telephones.

A month might seem like a short time to rebuild a country and Iraqis still usually greet American troops warmly and with gratitude for toppling Saddam. But they are increasingly angry — living conditions are improving too slowly in some areas and are worsening every day in many others.

"We like the American troops because they got rid of Saddam, but if it keeps going from bad to worse, we will resist them," said Hussein Abd Zayyed, 22, who confronted U.S. troops guarding the Palestine Hotel in a quest for a job. "Our patience is limited."

Like hundreds of others, Abd Zayyed had filled out a job application a week earlier. Troops accepted it dutifully, apparently unaware that the applications were for jobs with a self-proclaimed mayor who would soon be arrested by the Army for trying to form an illegitimate government.

U.S. officials have admitted to instances of disorganization and that they did not expect the rampant looting and other postwar problems. The force of 12,000 U.S. troops in the capital has failed to provide security and order, so U.S. commanders are calling in 4,000 extra troops.

The spasm of looting that plagued the capital immediately after Saddam's statue fell has settled into a routine.

Looters now work with job-like regularity, disassembling buildings often in full view of U.S. troops. Worse, crime is getting more violent each day.

Reliable electricity is still lacking for most in Baghdad. Those who have it get it for just a few hours every few days. As summertime temperatures approach, air conditioners are not running and refrigerating food is difficult.

Public water systems are faltering and health officials said Wednesday that they had found 17 cases of cholera in southern Iraq — not uncommon for the season, but enough to have doctors worried about the potential for an epidemic amid shortages at hospitals.

There are other problems that could get worse. Many Iraqis saved money and food before the war but are running low on both. They hoarded gasoline but are out now and, with a shortage in production, gas lines of hundreds of cars are now clogging up wide city freeways.

Complaining that they are running out of money and food, looters set out each day in small groups to any of the hundreds of burned buildings in the capital. They dismantle anything that is left — air conditioning ducts, metal wall and ceiling supports and, if they're lucky, some leftover furniture.

On Wednesday, looters worked doggedly on a police station across an intersection from a post manned by American troops. In another part of the city, troops in Humvees rolled past looters piling their booty onto donkey

carts.

Car-jackings — so unprecedented here that they don't have a word for it yet — are now so frequent on Palestine Street that some of the few Iraqis who have jobs are walking to work to avoid risking their cars. There are increasing accounts of shootings and robberies. Markets for stolen weapons and cars now operate in plain view.

An American-backed court system began operating this week with Iraqi judges. Though Iraqi police have reported to work, few besides the occasional traffic cop can be seen on the streets. The Iraqi handpicked by the military to run the police quit abruptly.

U.S. officials are trying to regroup. Former State Department official L. Paul Bremer III was appointed Wednesday to outrank Ret. Gen. Jay Garner, who has been heading up the reconstruction effort. Bremer's appointment was apparently meant to smooth over conflicts between the State Department and the Pentagon over the country's political and physical reconstruction.

Garner acknowledged this week that American planners were taken by surprise by the scale of the looting.

Military officials say electric service has been restored to pre-war levels in only nine of 27 main cities. The military also said that water is back to pre-war levels in 14 of 27 cities but as the heat increases, people have been seen cutting open underground water pipes

for easy access — essentially looting water.

Reconstruction planners have acknowledged they came shorthanded and under-equipped. A senior official in Garner's office was not aware that U.S. troops had killed about 13 Iraqis in the town of Fallujah — front-page news in most of America — until almost two days later when informed by reporters.

Getting news out is also a problem. Garner has openly lamented his inability

to get information to the Iraqi people amid what he said were insufficient American attempts to start up radio and television broadcasts.

"We haven't done a good job," he said. "I want TV going to the people ... programs they want to see."

But Iraqis have found ways to get their message to the Americans. On the base of the statue that troops pulled down on their entry to the city a month ago, a graffiti in broken English states: "All donne(sic). Go home."

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Reasonable boundaries or confining barriers?

Tough dilemma

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Society, for as long as can be remembered, has played a key role in history and human behavior. Whether it is a lenient or restrictive society, it has determined, in many cases, the boundaries of nearly everything, from dress to music to literature. It has been argued that society plays a negative role in that it restricts free thought and does not allow for anything seemingly rebellious to survive which may be a threat to the current society. On the other hand, if there was no society, wouldn't humans be granted the right to do whatever they please—such as immoral acts—without the threat of public opinion?

Society, no doubt, breeds conformity. For if a society wishes and strongly encourages humans to become what they consider their deal members, and sets standards for those members, would it not leave everybody striving to become part of that homogenous mold they have created? Those who do not try to fit this mold, along with their ideas, are ridiculed and sometimes even shunned from the society. In other words, if members of this society do not show support, agreement, and conformity to the aspects of their society, they become considered the enemy of society.

History has taught us that drastic change within a well-established

society is nearly impossible. However, many of those who have tried to incite this change are regarded today as truly great and unique individuals, even though during their time they were ridiculed and treated as enemies of the people. A prime example of this is Galileo. When he proposed the idea of the earth revolving around the sun it was considered to be complete flagrant hearsay. Today of course, we label him as a genius of science and the man who recognized that the earth revolved around the sun. Perhaps society is doing the same to the geniuses of today, subjecting them to hostility because their thoughts and beliefs happen to not go along with those of society.

The rejection by society of new and unique ideas creates a cycle of "rebels" of today becoming the great men of tomorrow. Through this cycle, society has been proven wrong time and time again because the people it so strongly disapproved of during its time are the people we so fondly approve of during our time. We must remember that nearly all great men were at one time controversial, and to present new ideas, they must be.

Of course, I am not saying that society should be done away with and anarchy should be let to rule; society is a strong force that keeps people in order. People limit their immoral behavior because they have the plugging eye of society and public opinion peering over their shoulder constantly. I do not

mean it to sound so intimidating, but if this constantly watching public eye was not there people would probably do many of the things they do not do because of its absence, and because the image they trying to protect within that society is invalid.


We mustn't forget that a society's origins are based on moral and virtuous ideals, and if those simple morals and virtues were followed, it would result in a utopia. But, rather unfortunately, these ideals are distorted and used by many groups of people for their own benefit.

In Yemen, where society holds undeniably strong place with its people, it is difficult not to feel the prevalence of the deep-rooted society; it creates a pressure to conform and to stay behaved, but can in some cases are too extreme. As young people, we feel the overwhelming power of the society most because it is a time of rebellion and experimentation; but as we become order and rebellion and ideals wear down, we find ourselves to be conformist; no matter how much we like to think of ourselves as not. This reoccurring conformity is what allows society to keep its prodigious grip on its members.


Society, if its ideals are properly and moderately followed, can be a positive force— in some cases more powerful than the law. However, as it is human tendency to exaggerate most things, society will continue to be a prison and source of ridicule for some and a weapon for others.

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Translated by Janet Watson

Women's literacy

Ma: Whoever said, 'Reading endows you with knowledge,' hit the nail on head!

M: Quite! And whoever said, 'I am indebted to him who teaches me,' and 'Knowledge is light and ignorance is darkness,' also hit the nail on the head. People who are educated aren't the same as people who aren't. As the Prophet, peace be upon him, said, 'The search for knowledge is a duty for every Muslim man and woman.' He also told us to, 'Seek knowledge, even if you have to travel to China!'

Ma: You don't need to say that, it's obvious! I only wish that I could read and write properly!

M: Yes! If you could read and write you'd really be able to hold your head up high! Then you could write to me in your own fair hand when I went away. 'I'll send you a letter sealed with a kiss!'

Ma: Oh aren't you clever! Let's just say that I'm completely helpless when I go to the souk and they sell me a carton of juice which has gone off. God knows how long it had sat with the wholesaler and then with the grocer! And they told me it had been produced this year! If only I could read, they wouldn't cheat

me and laugh at poor Mus'ida.

M: Why didn't you learn how to read and write when you were a young girl?

Ma: Did your mother and aunts learn to read and write when they were young girls?

M: No. They used to say that reading and writing was only for chanters and singers.

Ma: Exactly! So why all the smart questions!?

M: Come on, don't get so cross.

Ma: And just why shouldn't I get cross! The juice seller knew I couldn't read or write and saw me coming a mile off. He deliberately sold me juice that had gone off. Isn't that a problem?

M: Of course! It's a big problem. You can't stop being cheated, and you can't get away from the fact that you can't read or write.

Ma: Exactly! And you can't teach an old dog new tricks. Life has gone on, Mus'id. Everything has its own time.

M: What on earth gave you that idea!?! The Prophet, peace be upon him, said, 'Seek knowledge from the cradle to the grave!'

Ma: So now what! I wouldn't actually object to getting up in the morning, putting on my

balto, making sandwiches and juice, picking up my bag, taking money for sweets and crisps and going to learn with my daughter who just started school this year.

M: Go on, then, Mus'ida. And I'll put on a party for you at the end of each year!

Ma: The party's not a problem, but I do wish I'd taken you at your word and gone to learn to read and write at the literacy centre. If only I could read the date of production and the 'best before end' date before I bought things, and before the shopkeeper cheated me! But it's my own fault I can't read or write, and I'm at the mercy of the shopkeepers whenever I go out to buy food or drink!

M: You're right! The problem you have with not being able to read or write is simple. The solution is for you to join a literacy centre, and the children and I will cope while you're away. The problem of cheating, on the other hand, is different, and won't go away so easily. That's to do with people being weak-willed and having no conscience. As the Prophet, peace be upon him, said, 'Don't have anything to do with people who cheat!'

ITALIAN WEEK IN YEMEN

(Sana'a 1-6 June 2003)

ITALIA & YEMEN TOGETHER FROM THE 1st TO THE 6th JUNE 2003

I&Y THIRD ITALIAN WEEK of commercial - cultural humanitarian events

The Embassy of Italy has the pleasure to announce that, on the occasion of the celebration of their National Day on 2nd June 2003, the third "Italian Week" in Yemen will take place this year in Sana'a and, for the first time, also in Aden. In this framework, a number of initiatives and events will underline and further promote the existing cooperation between Italy and Yemen in various fields of trade, culture and commerce.

A leading role in this third edition of the "Italian Week" in Yemen will be played by some of the pre-eminent Italian public and private regional entities from Tuscany, Campania and Lombardy, as a demonstration both of the interest that Yemen gives rise to in Italy, as well as of the dynamism of the Italian regional system.

The Tuscany Region will be

represented by the Speaker of the regional Assembly, Hon. Riccardo Nencini, and by the President of the Florence Industrialist Association, Dr. Ranieri Pontello. The visit will not only allow the attentive consideration of possible joint initiatives in the economic field, but it will also study the further strengthening of ties between the Tuscany Region and the Sana'a Region in the medical field. In addition to that, a "twining" agreement between the Tuscany Region and the Region of Sana'a will be signed, in support of several common initiatives of artistic, cultural and commercial nature.

On the occasion of the visit to Sana'a of the Speaker of the regional Assembly of Tuscany, attentive consideration will be given in particular to the enlargement of the existing links between respective

Hospitals. The model of this very fruitful cooperation will be that between the "Pasquonucci" Hospital in Massa and the "Al Thawra" Hospital in Sana'a, in operation for over four years, in which a highly specialized Italian surgical team visits Sana'a every four months to undertake sophisticated surgical operations on Yemeni children affected by serious cardiopathies. In this same perspective, a discussion will take place on the agreement, to be concluded in the coming month of October, between the Paediatric Hospital "Meyer" in Florence – which hosts young Yemeni victims of mine explosions for specific medical treatment – and the Yemeni "Mine Action Plan", to whom, on that occasion, wheelchairs for the handicapped will be donated.

Also this year, renewing a tra-

dition already well established by the previous editions of the "Italian Week" in Yemen, the Italian Embassy will organize a commercial presentation of the activities and products of the industrial area of Salerno, one of the most active of South Italy with a global output of 1.5 billion euro, in 2002, to be held in Sana'a.

A large delegation of industrialists, members of the Salerno Chamber of Commerce, headed by its Chairman, Dr. Augusto Strianese, will participate in view of developing business contacts with Yemeni traders and industrialists of the small and medium industrial sector.

The main sectors concerned will be: machinery for the agri-food industry, electrical products, pharmaceutical products, hotel equipment and agricultural machinery.

In addition of the commercial

exposition, to take place in the Taj Sheba Hotel in Sana'a, a show of Italian regional music will be performed every evening by an Italian musical group, while some of the best dishes of the cuisine of the Campania region will be offered to the participating guests.

After the celebration of the Italian National Day, on 2nd of June, at the Italian Ambassador's Residence in Sana'a, the "Italian Week" in Yemen will move to Aden.

Also in Aden, a commercial presentation of the main industrial activities of the Salerno industrial area will take place in the Hotel Aden, together with a series of initiatives aimed at establishing a veritable "twining" of several public and private entities of the Cities of Salerno and Aden, through the signature of some important cooperation agreements.

A first agreement will be signed by the Chancellor of the Salerno University, Prof. Raimondo Pasquino, with the Chancellor of the University of Aden with a view to promoting exchanges of professors, and other initiatives

between the two universities. A second agreement will be concluded between the port authorities of the two cities, with the aim of promoting exchanges of expertise in the management of port structures and of other maritime related activities. A third important agreement will see cooperation between the health and medical resources of the City of Sondrio, of the Lombardy Region, with the Medicine Faculty of the University of Aden.

In this context, a donation will be made to the Faculty of some medical apparatus, which will include two incubators.

In summation, the third "Italian Week" in Yemen will encourage economic and trade promotion initiatives together with the signature of a series of cooperation agreements between Italian and Yemeni economic, university, medical regional entities. In this way, the third "Italian Week" will considerably strengthen the already very solid relationship between the institutions representative of the social society of Italy and Yemen, in a framework of reinforced solidarity and mutual comprehension.

Yemen Red Crescent Society's five-year strategy unveiled

BY YEMEN TIMES STAFF

In a report released recently, the Yemen Red Crescent Society (YRCS) has unveiled its strategy for the period of 2001-2005. The new initiative taken by the new head of the society, Former Minister of Public Health Dr. Abdullah Abdulwali Nasher, aims to project activities and plans based on the needs and ambitions of the society and also based on the 2000-2010 strategy of the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRCRC).

The YRCS report contained goals and policies it has been working for and would be implementing during the above specified period.

According to the strategy, the society's administrative structure would establish as soon as possible new branches in governorates where none currently exist. Local priorities will dictate the order in which these branches are to be opened. The YRCS will also increase the number of the society's members and volunteers to 10,000 by the year 2010. The society also plans to update the society's technical, administrative and financial programs and regulations and to restructure the society's executive council and branches.

According to the new strategy, the

Secretary General of the Society will be responsible for human resources, finance, and administration of archive and records, information, and the library.

On the other hand, the Assistant Secretary General will carry out his responsibilities in disaster coordination, international relations, information, education, youth, training, planning, research, and development.

In addition, a prototype structure will be designed with the aim of decentralizing administration and thus granting the Society's branches enhanced powers to implement plans and programs.

The report mentions that the society's partnership base will be extended at both local and international levels. Relations with all partners will be sustained and strengthened.

As for essential drugs policy, the report mentioned that the society will be committed to conforming to the National Essential Drug list and promoting awareness, among both care providers and recipients in the community, about the rational prescription and use of drugs.

For first aid policy the report says that, training in first aid for the home, factories and all public places will be expanded and improved.

The report mentions that in coordination with the Ministry of Public



Health and Population and other relevant bodies, the Society will work towards raising standards and extending coverage of health care in many fields. Among those fields are primary health care (particularly first aid, reproductive health and family planning), combating diseases (particularly HIV/AIDS), ensuring blood safety, health education, prison health, mental health, and environmental health, safety in the home, schools, workplaces, centers of recre-

ation etc.

Regarding social services policy, the report mentions that in coordination with the Ministry of Health and Population, the Ministries of Finance, Planning, Social Security and Labor, the Social Fund for Development and other relevant bodies such as the World Health Organization and the Islamic Corporation for the Development of the Private Sector, the society will adopt and expand the Basic Development Needs (BDN) Program.

The society will also prioritize and provide for, as far as possible, the needs of particular target groups such as the vulnerable and the socially marginalized minorities, e.g. Akhdam, refugees, the handicapped etc.

The society in its youth policy will work towards attracting new members, both male and female, expanding training and education programs for new members, and giving all due importance to the training of trainers in both headquarters and branches, this training to be carried out in coordination with the relevant ministries and other institutions.

On disaster preparedness and response policy, the society will increase the strategic stock of relief and shelter materials and improve the standards and abilities of disaster-

relief teams, to enable it to respond to disasters efficiently and rapidly. These improvements will be carried out in coordination with the society's national and international partners.

The Society will have an adequate emergency response policy, with particular reference to road traffic, firearms and burn accidents. In coordination with the Ministry of Health and Population, the Ministry of Interior and other relevant bodies, the society will implement training programs for ambulance crews and policy emergency response teams (Alnajda) operating in cities and on the highway. In addition, the society will promote educational programs to reduce both the number of preventable accidents and the human and economic damage resulting from them.

The society will in its gender policy work towards educating the public on the equal rights of both sexes regardless of age or class.

The report has further mentioned that the Society will audit and evaluate on a monthly basis the implementation of its plans. It will also computerize all its administrative and financial activities.

The society will employ all means available to promote the Seven Fundamental Principles (humanity, impartiality, neutrality, independence, voluntary service, unity and univer-

sality)

It will also lobby the International Federation of RCRC to include Yemen in its African Initiative (ARCI) so as to make use of the Initiative's available resources.

The society will press for the appointment of representatives to the Donor Coordination Committees in the Ministries of Planning, Health and Population, Tourism and Environment, Education, Youth and Sport, and Information.

As for its fund raising policy, the society's report mentions that funding will be sought in Yemen from membership fees, state support, a special budget, grants, a Red Crescent Society Fund to be based on nominal sums levied on the sale of every packet of cigarettes, liter of petrol, diesel and Kerosene, and liquid gas cylinder. The society will also be accepting gifts and grants from institutions, companies and individuals.

As for finances coming from abroad, the society will be accepting funds from the International Federation of RCRC, the International Committee of the Red Cross, and other Red Cross and Red Crescent societies throughout the world. It will also receive donations from Arab and Non-Arab states, Institutions and individuals, as well as international organizations.

WHO says China doctors still under-reporting SARS

BEIJING/TAIPEI (Reuters) - The World Health Organisation said on Saturday some confused Chinese doctors were under-reporting SARS infections, as Taiwan announced a record one-day rise in cases of the deadly virus.

Singapore may be just a day away from being declared SARS-free and the WHO expressed confidence that Hong Kong too had the virus under control, but 34 new infections in Taiwan took the global tally to at least 7,770, with 610 deaths.

The WHO said it was still too early to say if China -- the worst hit country with 282 deaths and 5,209 cases -- was past its peak of SARS cases, because doctors were not fully reporting cases because of misunderstanding about the symptoms.

The WHO criticized China in April for dramatically under-reporting cases of Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome and the world's most populous country responded by sacking its health minister and the mayor of Beijing for negligence.

After visits by WHO officials to Beijing hospitals, the U.N. health agency said it was concerned that some cases were being excluded because patients had no known contact with a SARS victim or because they had mild symptoms that cleared up.

"They fit the case definition but because they get better in a few days they are not seen as probable cases," Daniel Chin, the head of the WHO's Beijing team of SARS experts, said in a statement.

The patients were being sent home or moved out of isolation wards to general wards, where they could infect others, he said.

"Clinicians are making this decision because there's an assumption that SARS patients must be very sick. But there's a spectrum of severity for SARS," Chin said.

The WHO warned travelers to avoid China's Hebei province, extending its travel advice because of the scale of the SARS outbreak in the region. It already recommends that people con-

sider postponing all but essential travel to several areas of China, namely Beijing, Guandong, Inner Mongolia, Shanxi and Tianjin.

RECORD TALLY IN TAIWAN

Taiwan, the third worst affected area after mainland China and Hong Kong, said on Saturday its cases had jumped by 34 to 308. The death toll stood at 35.

"If the spread of SARS lasts for several more months, I don't know if we can stand it," said Wu Ah-chung, a restaurant chef. With patrons too scared to dine out, he said, sales had fallen by a third.

Such reluctance to go out has hit Asian economies hard. Airlines have been worst affected, with most ground staff and air crew at Hong Kong's Cathay Pacific agreeing to take four weeks unpaid leave as the airline grounds planes in the face of a two-thirds fall in passenger traffic.

Taiwan's health minister quit on Friday to take responsibility for the spread of the virus through hospitals. A Taipei department store closed its doors for four days of cleaning, after a staff member was hospitalized as a suspected SARS case.

Face masks are a common sight in Taipei streets. Passengers on the city's mass rail network are required to wear them, as are restaurant workers.

Singapore, where SARS has killed 28 people, is set to be taken off the World Health Organization's list of SARS-affected regions by Sunday if no new infections are reported.

The city-state has been counting down to Sunday but got a fright when there was a suspected outbreak at a mental hospital. But the government said that had turned out to common flu, not SARS.

"Singapore is in a very good position," WHO official Stephen Lambert told a news conference.

The WHO says 20 days of no new cases -- or two incubation periods -- are needed before declaring SARS under control. Canada came off the list on Thursday and Vietnam last month.



A Chinese security guard stands underneath banners urging people to fight SARS in Beijing, May 17, 2003. Photo by Wilson Chu/Reuters

UNDER CONTROL

Hong Kong reported four new cases and five more deaths on Saturday, its 14th day of single-digit new cases, but the WHO said it could be several weeks before the city got to the point of declaring no new cases.

"We think that the outbreak has come under control in Hong Kong and

that soon there will be no new cases," David Heymann, the WHO's head of communicable diseases, said.

Japan's health ministry stepped up its search for people who might have been infected with SARS by a Taiwanese doctor who visited Japan this month after treating SARS patients.

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I. What to Say

Situations and expressions (49):
Describing features of urban and rural life (I)

The din and bustle of city life and the tranquility of rural life 'far from the madding crowd's ignoble strife' present a sharp contrast. What are the distinctive marks of the urban life that distinguish them from those of the rural life? Let's look at the phrases that describe some of these contrasting features.

Urban life

- The amazing **sky-scrapers** seem to touch the sky.
- The **multistoried buildings** are a common spectacle.
- The **high rise office blocks** make the city appear like a concrete jungle.
- Spacious, metalled main roads** and **labyrinthine causeways** crisscross one another.
- Impressive supermarkets, shopping arcades** and **kiosks** make the city a **shopper's paradise**.
- The **dazzle of the city center** and the **glitter of the well decorated shops** unflinchingly entice the prospective customers.
- Well designed **public parks, amusement parks, science parks** offer a lot in terms relaxation and entertainment, especially to children.
- Cinema houses, public theatres, pubs, and restaurants** with delicious continental cuisines throw ample avenues for enjoyment.
- A city **never sleeps** at night with the **dazzling electric lamps** and the continuing **hustle bustle**.
- Opportunities** are **unlimited** for an **enterprising entrepreneur**.
- For knowledge-thirsty people, **internet café's, recreation clubs** with facilities for **computer games** and the like offer opportunities to update their knowledge and be a part of global village.
- Sprawling educational campuses** are an added attraction of the city.
- Super specialization hospitals** with **state of the art technology** help the masses lead a healthy and disease-free life.

II. How to say it correctly

Correct errors, if any, in the following sentences

- He told me that he may come today.
- According to my opinion he is right.
- He hid behind of a large tree.
- All people are not hard working.
- He has lived here since two years.

Answers to last week's questions

- I have only two or three friends.
Note: We must always insert the conjunction 'or' between numbers.
- The noise interferes with my work.
- The teacher taught us a lesson.
- He insisted on going home.
- Lessons begin at half past seven.

III. Increase your word power

A) How to express it in one word

- A long period of dry weather when there is not enough water.
- A person who drives cattle or sheep to market.
- To fall into a light sleep.
- Hard, dull, uninteresting work.
- A person not weeping, or not showing sadness.

Answers to last week's questions

- To float or be driven away by wind, waves, or currents: **drift** (vt)
- To train soldiers in military movements: **drill** (n)
- To fall or let fall in drops: **drip** (vt)
- To rain in very small drops or very lightly: **drizzle** (vi)
- To hang or bend downwards: **droop** (vi&t)

B) Foreign phrases and expressions

Use the following foreign phrases in sentences

- de trop
- durbar
- éclair
- éclat
- exempli gratia

Answers to last week's questions

- dé modé** (Fr. adj) (no longer in fashion): 'I'm afraid your ideas are a bit dé modé.'
- denouement** (Fr. n) (the end of a story when everything comes out right): The denouement of a comedy leads to reconciliation.
- de rigueur** (Fr. adj) (proper and necessary according to fashion or custom): 'That sort of clothing is de rigueur at a formal ceremony.'
- dishabille** (Fr. n) (the state of being only partly dressed): She opened the door in a state of dishabille.
- détente** (Fr. n) (a state of calmer political relations between two countries): Efforts are on for a détente between Yemen and Eritrea.

C) Words commonly confused

Bring out differences in meaning between the following pairs of words

- appraise, apprise
- appalling, appealing
- amiable, amicable
- amen, omen
- annual, annul

Answers to last week's questions

- daft** (adj) (foolish, silly): Such daft remarks show his silly attitude on a serious matter as this.
- deft** (adj) (quick and clever): The police commissioner was rewarded for his deft handling of the sensitive situation.
- debauch** (n) (a person who is known for excessive drinking and immoral behavior): He is hated for being a debauch.
- debouch** (vi) (to come out from a narrow place into a broader place): The river debouches into a wide plain.
- anode** (n) (positive electrode from which current enters): The current doesn't flow due to a problem in the anode.
- an ode** (n) (a poem expressing noble feelings): Today we were taught an English ode by Shelly.
- borrow** (vt) (get something as a loan): May I borrow your car for an hour?
- lend** (vt) (give something for a period of time): I'll lend you a hand (help) in shifting to your new house.
- climate** (n) (conditions of temperature, rain fall, wind, etc.): Sana'a has a temperate climate.
- weather** (n) (conditions over a particular area at a specific time): Today there is cloudy weather in Sana'a.

D) Idioms and phrases

Use the following phrases in sentences

- on one's back
- with one's back to the wall
- be glad to see the back of someone
- break the back of
- back to back

Answers to last week's questions

- to the back bone** (completely): He is honest to the back bone.
- to back the wrong horse** (to support the loser): In supporting the opposition candidate in the election, you were, in fact, backing the wrong horse.
- to know a place like the back of one's hand** (to know a place very well): Having lived in Hayel street for five years, I know it like the back of my hand.

- turn one's back on** (go away): You shouldn't turn your back on a sincere friend in distress.
- put someone's back up** (to annoy someone): He always puts my back up by reminding me of that humiliating incident.

IV. Grammar and Composition

A) Grammar

Complete the blanks or put the correct form of the words in brackets.

- One of the — in favor of (wear) crash helmets (be) that they reduce fatal accidents.
- Some people — that motorcyclists should not be forced to wear crash helmets.
- (Ride) motor cycle without (wear) crash helmets is (ask) for trouble.

Answers to last week's questions

- Only** by closing down one school will the council save money.
- The change in bus time table by the college is **intended** to make the service more efficient.
- The main aim behind** their proposal to organize an international seminar is to facilitate exchange of ideas and information.
- The main reason of** the company's withdrawal of this product from the market is to carry out further tests.
- Holding of the meeting at 7.30 is **intended** to enable everyone to attend.
- Only** by paying them the money you owe, will you avoid prosecution.
- The main idea** behind the Municipality's intended demolition of an old building is to erect a new supermarket.

b) Composition

Expand the idea contained in the proverb

18. THE PEN IS MIGHTIER THAN THE SWORD

Answer to last week's question

17. WORK IS WORSHIP

Most people treat work as a necessary evil. They work because they have to, because they cannot do without it and would be glad to get rid of it, if it were possible. Most of us work because we would starve if we did not. Some of us work because we would be bored if we had nothing to do. Only a few take work as a sacred duty. We should not treat work as a compulsion, nor as an imposition, but as devotion. The right attitude is to treat work not as pastime, but as prayer which has to be performed with all seriousness and sincerity. All work is noble. Work brings rewards in the world itself. Idleness is invariably followed by poverty and other undesirable consequences. It weakens the individual and saps his physical and moral strength. On the other hand nations like Japan, that have become the pride of the world and risen to the acme of progress and prosperity, have achieved this unenviable success by their hard working masses. So, as the proverb implies, perseverant work holds the key to individual and national progress. Work should be discharged with an abiding sense of devotion, dedication and single minded commitment.

V. Pearls from the Holy Quran



VI. Words of Wisdom

"Look before you leap, see before you go."

—Tusser

A LETTER TO THE TEACHERS OF ENGLISH: 19

Meaningful exposure to English enhances learning

Dear Fellow Teachers,

All of us are aware that more we expose our learners to English, the better their learning will be. That is why we try to use more and more English in the classes. Will all that we speak constitute exposure? May not be. If we repeat a sentence many times, will it be interesting to our learners? No, definitely not. Mere repetition will only increase the quantity of exposure and this does not constitute meaningful exposure. Then what is meaningful exposure?

Using English in an interesting and useful way will provide meaningful exposure. One of the ways of doing it is to make your classroom language richer with English; this does not preclude the use of Arabic, if necessary, in the beginning classes with English, but you should gradually and consciously increase the amount of English in the classroom language. The more English you use by way of classroom language, the more meaningful exposure your learners have.

Another way of providing meaning exposure is to use real-life situations for presenting language items – words and grammar items – in the classroom. A real-life situation is a classroom situation naturally available to you while teaching; for example, a student coming late to class can be a useful situation for teaching 'why....?' or 'because' or 'if....' etc. Or for teaching 'too...to', you can make use of a short student and ask him/her to touch the top of the blackboard and say 'He is too short to touch it', or to teach the words 'green leaves', you can point to the tree outside the classroom (if there is one) and so on. As I keep on saying, you need to be a bit imaginative and resourceful and

you can do wonders in the classroom! Using personal anecdotes (incidents that have happened in your or your students' lives) or useful stories or parables in Arabic or things that have happened in the schools such as the Sports Day or the Annual Day can also make the exposure meaningful. An alternative to the real-life situations is the life-like situations or simulations, which you can use as a substitute for the former; use them cleverly in such a way that they involve your learners and create interest in them. Some of the activities provided in your Pupil's Books and Workbooks are useful in this regard and you can use them.

I have seen some of my trainees being unimaginative while teaching. For example, introducing the word 'birthday', they say several times the word and sentences such as Yesterday was my birthday, but fail to ask the student 'When is your /your sister's birthday? When is the Prophet's birthday?' to make the situation more natural. Imaginative teachers use birthday cards and make the situation realistic and the classes interesting. My suggestion is that you write down the contexts or examples in a notebook, whenever they come to your mind and store them. You can use them when you need them, because creative ideas come to your mind as sudden sparks, you do not know when; some of my best ideas were born in the bathrooms!

Be imaginative and make your classes more and more interesting and alive. Do share with me whenever you get brilliant ideas for classroom teaching. Good luck.

Yours fraternally,
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Why start this IT column?



Wael A. Hashem
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As NCC Education, we have the pleasure to start, from this week onwards, a series of lessons on Information Technology (IT). Yemen Times welcomed our initiative to bring the newspaper's readers in closer touch with the IT sector. We chose Yemen Times to be the newspaper to carry our lessons because it is the only Yemeni newspaper that seems to be committed to promoting education in Yemen not only in English language, but also in other fields as well, including IT. We are truly proud to be part of this project.

Some may ask "Why are you starting this column?" This is a legitimate question that readers can and in fact need to ask before beginning to follow these lessons.

Well, to answer the question, we need to focus on the core subject of the column, which is IT. The IT industry has several major facets: computer hardware, software and services. Often, telecommunications hardware, software and services are also included in the definition. Given the comprehensiveness of this technology, including the Internet, hand held devices, intelligent machines and other equipment, IT and telecommunications are slowly emerging as highly interactive disciplines. This makes IT the most exciting and creative industry of the 21st century. It is the highly sensitive means that links people in the world with each other, and links them intelligently using the largest web on the planet, and the biggest library on earth, i.e., the Internet.

In the fitness of things, Yemeni young men and women need to realize the potentials of this fastest growing sector for decades to come, and consequently avail themselves of the opportunities to learn about it. After all, why shouldn't Yemenis be part of this new revolution?

This column, undoubtedly, represents a powerful initiative to open readers' eyes to the unlimited opportunities of this rapidly growing industry that has become an integral part of our lives. Incidentally some of those enthusiastic readers maybe inclined to pursue an academic career in this vital sector.

This column is intended to be a source of knowledge and information

for a vast majority of such young readers of Yemen Times. It will give them an insight into the main aspects of this technology including many fields that they may have heard about, but never got an exposure to. These aspects include computers and the related software, their hardware, the Internet, telecommunications, software management, programming, databases, and other allied fields.

Dr. David Moursund, a prominent American professor specialized in IT, once said, "Information technology is everywhere, and it is certainly changing our world. Some of the change is well summarized by the expression "Global Village" coined by Marshall McLuhan. The technology is connecting people from throughout the world. The technology has provided a new and powerful tool, and people throughout the world face the task of learning to use this tool."

Yes indeed, learning about IT will soon be considered an indispensable imperative, rather than an option. The proposed column would include lessons and articles that involve basic and, in later stages, advanced information on the meanings and use of IT in daily applications, and help the readers grapple with the new and fascinating world of IT.

Welcome to the world of IT

The global age has come. The use of the term "IT" will continue to grow and reach extremely high levels in foreseeable future. There is no way the new generation can afford to ignore the onrush of this new technology. Yemen, along with the rest of the world, will have to brace itself to this new technology so as not to lag behind in the digital revolution.

We believe that you will benefit greatly by following those lessons as they are supposed to be a beckon light for you to see the future the way it will be. It will allow you to get a proper perspective on the importance of IT and its deep impact on all aspects of our lives. Who knows, you could be one of the most well-known IT experts in the country in future.

Welcome to the digital era.
Welcome to the world of IT.

Next week: A curtain raiser

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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| Amber | Culture | Hats | Photographs | Tablet |
| Appendage | Curse | Heads | Pottery | Team |
| Author | Dating | History | Preserved | Temple |
| Bead | Discover | Hoax | Primitive | Theory |
| Boats | Dress | Hunter | Pyramid | Tomb |
| Body | Dwelling | India | Quest | Tool |
| Book | Essay | Inset | Rituals | Treasure |
| Burnt | Excitement | Interpret | Roads | Trench |
| Carbon | Explore | Laboratory | Rocks | Turin |
| Cave | Extinct | Latin | Ruin | Underground |
| Chemist | Features | Layers | School | Wars |
| Chronology | Fort | Migration | Sector | Water |
| Clans | Glory | Monument | Sociology | Year |
| Clay | Gold | Passage | Spiritual | |
| Clock | Graves | Past | Stories | |
| Clothes | Greek | Patience | Study | |
| Condition | Habitat | People | Surface | |

ARCHAEOLOGY

Solution: 4 letters

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ANSWER NEXT WEEK

Last Week's Answer: Subdivision

YOUTH FORUM

A letter of gratitude

Everyone in this world likes his/her country, town, and home to be clean and noticeable. Three years ago, our country, was almost deprived of this very vital aspect called sanitation. Lots of people may have asked why our country is not like other countries around us. Is it due to the negligence of our government or the carelessness of the former head of the capital?

Most children fell ill because of the pollution caused by heaps of garbage. But, now we have to thank God for sending us a dynamic person who pays more attention to the general health conditions of people in the capital. During this year, we have noticed a big change in this respect. Mending and cleaning are still continuing in every area and district. We are indeed proud of him for his efforts.

In brief, cleanliness is a very important matter in our life. Everyone should be particular about it at home, in the street, and so on. Our country is in need of administrators like him.

By Walid Ali Ahmed Al-Jadari
Faculty of Languages
Sana'a university

Never die

Some minutes of your own...
Could you please give me?
A small part of your town
Could you keep for me?
May be life's so hard
for one who has this crowd...
Of eyes and hearts
They all love you...
As well as I do
But my love, really, is something new
Something that you've never seen

It is deeper than the oceans
It is larger than the sky...
It will never, and can never, die.
I may weep, my dear,
I may cry...
But love inside me
Can never die...
Will never die.

By Ghada Mohammed Ali Al-Harazy
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Passing exam is not enough

Students do not go to school to pass exams and, as soon they leave the class, forget everything. Students should consider that 'education is what survives after you've forgotten what you memorised.' He should come to school with a clear mind and interest to study. Strong determination is needed also, as it encourages you to continue. We have to take into account the fact that education is a tool for possible social change.

By Ibrahim Ameen Alfahd
Khalid School,
Ibb

An enigma

Once I loved you I got crazy
But you've always taken it
easy.
I don't know why you are lazy
You pretend that you are busy.
Abdullah Al-Rubaidi
Aplech, Sana'a



Readers' Forum

Dear Dr. Bose,

Let me first say how poor the English department, Hodeidah university, has been for having missed a great Methodologist like you. I have read some of your Letters to the English Teachers and I particularly like the one in which you identified 3 kinds of learners and 3 kinds of teachers. I can humbly say that I belong to the first category of learners who may be termed as sponge, absorbing water very quickly. But some teachers unfortunately do not transmit to their students the best they have.

Frankly speaking, my knowledge and understanding of 'Methods' got further refined by your sweet spring of ideas embodied in 'Letters to English Teachers'. I must say there is more wisdom in those letters than I ever found in the classroom. I also benefited a lot from your maiden publication. A guide to English Teachers which definitely guides one to achieve a certain degree of professionalism.

On behalf of all English teachers and teachers-to-be, I very sincerely thank you for your valued efforts. Hope you will continue to provide us with your brilliant tips on teaching.

Sincerely,
Waleed Hamud Shams,
Level 3, English Department
Hodeidah University.

Dear Dr. Ramakanta,

I have been following your column 'Improve your English' in Yemen Times. I was wondering if the whole series of lessons could be available in one complete set. If not, I would like you to advise me if there is any good book for foreigners to learn English.

I will be glad to hear from you.
Best Regards,
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Dear Dr. Shamsan,

Thanks for your comments. We are in the process of bringing out the lessons in a book in foreseeable future. There are a few books available in the market on functional English. You can choose the one suitable for your purpose. Meanwhile please continue following the lessons and send us your comments.

—Dr. Sahu

Dear Dr. Sahu,

On behalf of the editorial board of the magazine YOUTH, I'd like to thank you for your words of encouragement for our humble publication as well as for all your praise-worthy efforts. After we read your opinion that our publication, YOUTH, is laudable, our commitment got renewed and we got more and more encouragement to spare no pains for the sake of improving our modest venture YOUTH to reach further heights of excellence. We will be grateful if you kindly grace us with a piece of advice that would help us improve our publication.

Yours sincerely,

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Dear friend,

We have a high sense of appreciation for your efforts to make the magazine YOUTH an effective outlet for creative pursuits of young writers in the Faculty of Education, Sana'a University. Kudos to your youthful spirit of innovation and creation. Keep it up. Best wishes.

—Dr. Sahu

A Note from the Editor

The encouragement we have received from readers throughout the country, and on many occasions from the region, to "Education", has convinced us that the time has come for yet another step forward. We have decided to expand the "Education" page and hence expand the target readership to include other segments of the community. This is to prove once again that our commitment to enhance Yemen's educational standards is always our top most priority.

Walid Al-Saqqaf
Editor-in-Chief

An expanded format for 'Education'

'Education' will hereafter appear in an expanded format, thanks to the imaginativeness and progressive outlook of Mr. Walid Al-Saqqaf, Chief Editor of Yemen Times.

The 'Education' page team takes this opportunity to express its sincerest gratitude to the Editorial Board of Yemen Times, in general, and to Mr. Walid, in particular for this much-needed, timely step for diffusion and dissemination of education. At the same time it pledges itself to serve the academic community in Yemen with re-doubled interest and enthusiasm.

We would also like to re-iterate our appeal to the esteemed contributors to continue patronizing us with their valued contributions as before.

Fourth Inter-College Literary Competitions, 2003

The Fourth Inter-college Literary competitions in English Short story, Poem, and Essay will be organized under the auspices of Yemen Times for the Year 2003. Competitions will be held in two categories, viz. Senior (level 3 and 4) and Junior (level 1 and 2). A bonafide student of any college in the Republic of Yemen is eligible to participate in the competition. Participants are free to choose any theme for English Short stories and Poems.

Topics for the Essay contest:

Senior group (level 3 and 4):

"Peace Hath Her Victories No less
Renowned Than War"
(2000 words)

Junior group (level 1 and 2):

"The Value of Time"
(1500 words)

A participant can participate in any or all events. Entries should be original and typed or neatly written on one side of the paper. These are to be certified to be original by the Head of English department of the respective college and sent to Dr. Ramakanta Sahu, P. o. Box 14533, Sana'a, Republic of Yemen.

Last date for submission of entries is 30 May, 2003.

Dr. Ramakanta Sahu
Coordinator

Book Review

Articulate Silence



REVIEWED BY
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The blurb on the back cover of Sanjukta Dasgupta's *Dilemma* says that it is her second book of poems after *Snapshots* (1996), her debut collection published by Writers Workshop, Calcutta. She wears different hats: teacher of English and so a professional academic, poet, critic and translator. After reading the thirty-nine poems in this anthology one can say that she is arguably one of the most notable new voices in the English-language poetry from India. She has an interestingly individual poetic sensibility and her poems stand out for impeccable articulation, fetching images and considerable thematic space. She constructs her lines around an intricate filigree of moods and perceptions.

Effusions of second-rate verse in English published in journals and magazines following the increasing penetration of the leading global language are a dime a dozen and of unequal merit. A good deal of the flourishing body of free verse is formless rubbish. Since these poets (or poetasters) do not seem to be aware of the constraints in free verse, their poetry is no better than chopped-up prose. Not only that; they are perversely impenetrable and banal to the point of somnolence. In contrast, Sanjukta's poems yield a rewarding harvest. She manages the pause, break-up of lines, internal rhyme, assonance and patterning of rhythm, as well as manipulates appropriate measure of cadence without getting high on words. With the form, ideas and images in perfect balance, the craft shows no straining after-effects.

The first poem titled "Dilemma" introduces the dominant flavour of the book. The poet is caught up in the oppositional pull between urban commotion and rural repose. The mesmerizing materiality of the city on one hand and the fecundity of the country on the other define her dilemma. She draws on micrology—the tedium of daily grind—and turns in the distillable tension in a whirl of rhythm. She uses a varied palette to savour the quirks and oddities around her, and sure enough



Sanjukta Dasgupta

her vignettes flow into an enjoyable time capsule. Poems such as "Misfit", "Loneliness", "Nihilism", "Analysis", "Alliteration", "Ceaseless", and "Estranged" articulate varying dimensions of the seize and squeeze in the relentless, leaden treadmill of daily life.

*Every yesterday pours into today
A cupful of the same dregs
The fog and moss like mucus*

*Blurs the view
Deludes with the never-will-be
But then turning away*

Misfit

Sharp and arresting images of excruciating isolation and creeping asphyxiation, mindless violence as well as endemic inequity and waning amity in the poet's world inform the stuff of these poems. The poet's control of the content in the constraining form of two playful and petite poems "Alliteration" and "Analysis" has lent unmistakable economy and elegance to them.

Sanjukta's feminist slant characterizes quite a few poems in this collection, such as "Shame", "The New Mildewed Millennium", "Empowered", "Identity", and "My Fifty Year Old Woman". The growth of feminism during the late 60's gave a powerful impetus to women's poetry, but Sanjukta is not straightjacketed into a subculture of feminist poetry. She brings great delicacy to bear on domestic themes. The theme carries over in several poems, not particularly feminist most of the time. A comparison of her poems with those of the best-known poets of the recognizable feminist school such as Michele Roberts, Alison Fell, Judith Kazantzis, and Nicki

Jakowska offers the contrast between culture-specific indigenous brand of feminism and the Western feminist agenda in terms of distinguishing gender perspectives.

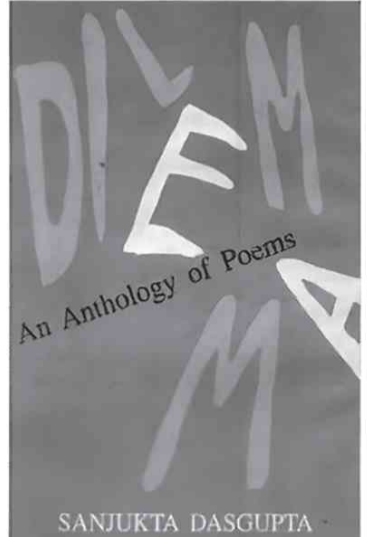
*Now enfolded, slowed, shackled in
cloth
Lifelong imprisonment of shameful
vulgar limbs
I hide and seek lifelong.
Saree shackled woman
Crippled but with limbs intact
Waits and waits and waits
For that midnight hour
Of metamorphosis—
I am now stark dark Kali
With flying tresses
Unbound*

Shame

The poet looks beyond the trammels of tradition and enlists her voice in the emancipation and empowerment of women in the liberated dispensation. She mobilizes the cultural images of women's power and energy to underline the new stirrings of women's assertion.

Sanjukta is good at defamiliarizing things—asking the readers to see familiar things in unfamiliar ways. The poems triggered by her response to India's partition, a recent terrorist attack on India's parliament and the desecration of the Bamiyan Buddha are etched with chilling images of insane frenzy. Compulsive reiteration of the Partition in literary representation on both sides of the Indo-Pak border bears out the long-lasting psychological effect of the traumatic event which is, to quote Krishna Sobti, "dangerous to remember but difficult to forget". Sanjukta's poem "Lament" is a sensitive rendering of the country's cleavage. In "Telephone" the poet makes unexpected connections and excavates filial feelings for her 'closest kin' sucked down under the maw of time, beyond call by any manner of means. Unlike Devyani Chatterjee and Sujata Bhatt, her peers, she doesn't project displacement or cultural juxtaposition. She is rooted in Indian realities and her poetry has the feel of life about their palpable ambience.

While most of the poems in the anthology are happily articulated, there are some in which the lines labour along. For instance, in "Death of a



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Calcutta: Anustup.2002.pp.42.Rs.50,
abroad \$5. ISBN 81-85479-100-1

Flower" the effect is rather sporadic and elegance a tad insipid. Again, these poems, like the mainstream English-language poetry from India, are written in, to quote late A.K. Ramanujan's phrase, "upstairs English". Linguistic innovations coming from non-standard forms of English, from slang, street language, journalese etc are few and far between. As Peter Forbes, Editor of London's *Poetry Review* once said, India is unusual in having and preserving pure English or, in a manner of speaking, "fossilized English". Sanjukta tries to pull the language from its well-worn rut but we do not see the local language colouration or the home-grown patois of English. Besides, there are some howlers too: 'snaless' (p.22) instead of 'snaless', 'rend' (p.34) instead of 'eraze', (p.20) instead of 'eraze'. But these quibbles are not going to detract from the poet's real achievement.

All in all, these poems show a talented poet at work with fertile language and appropriate measure of discipline and control. Writing free verse is, as someone has said somewhere, like playing tennis with the net down. Sanjukta's poems show her signing up for the ground rules of the game and notching up scores. These poems are a good read and this reviewer does hope that she will morph into a major voice in her succeeding productions.

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NCMI-Aden Celebrates 32nd anniversary

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شركة صناعة السجائر والكبريت الوطنية المحدودة - عدن

National Cigarettes & Matches Industries Ltd. NCMC celebrated in Sana'a last week its 32nd foundation anniversary by honoring its agents in Sana'a, Taiz, Mareb, Dhamar and a number of other governorates.

On this occasion, Mr. Abdullah Abdulkadir Bajaseer, the company's Sana'a 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 Sana'a 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 Sana'a, Taiz and Dhamar were also honored.

"This celebration marks 32 years since the company was first established, and today we are

proud to see that the company has covered most of the governorates through branches and agents." Mr. Bajaseer said.

During the event, appreciation certificates for top employees of 2002 were given away on behalf of Sheikh Saleh Bathawab, Chairman of Board of Directors, Mr. Abdullah Bajasser, the company branch Manager in Sana'a and Mr. Mahmood Hussein Abdulkader, Marketing manager.

He indicated that the company has attempted continuously to be attentive to its clients and agents in all governorates.

He also pointed out that the company has gained respect and love of all through humanitarian and charitable efforts and social as well as sport activities.

On the other hand, Mr. Mahmood Hussein Abdulkader, the Marketing Manager of the company said that the celebration is to mark the company's 32nd

anniversary in the best way possible.

"After we have celebrated in Aden, Lahj and Abian and awarded the employees there, today we are celebrating in Sana'a and honoring the top employees in Sana'a, Taiz, Marib and Thamar," he said.

He pointed out that the NCMC seeks to promote its relations and make contacts with all agents and clients in all governorates.

"Holding this celebration and meeting together along with assessing the past year's performance, mapping out promotion plans, can be ascribed to the well-run performance led by Sheikh Saleh Bathawab, Mr. Abdullah Bathawab, the vice-chairman of the board of directors and their continuous pursuance to offer the best services and improve the quality products which could in turn gain the customers' trust." He said.



Mr. Abdullah
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Mr.
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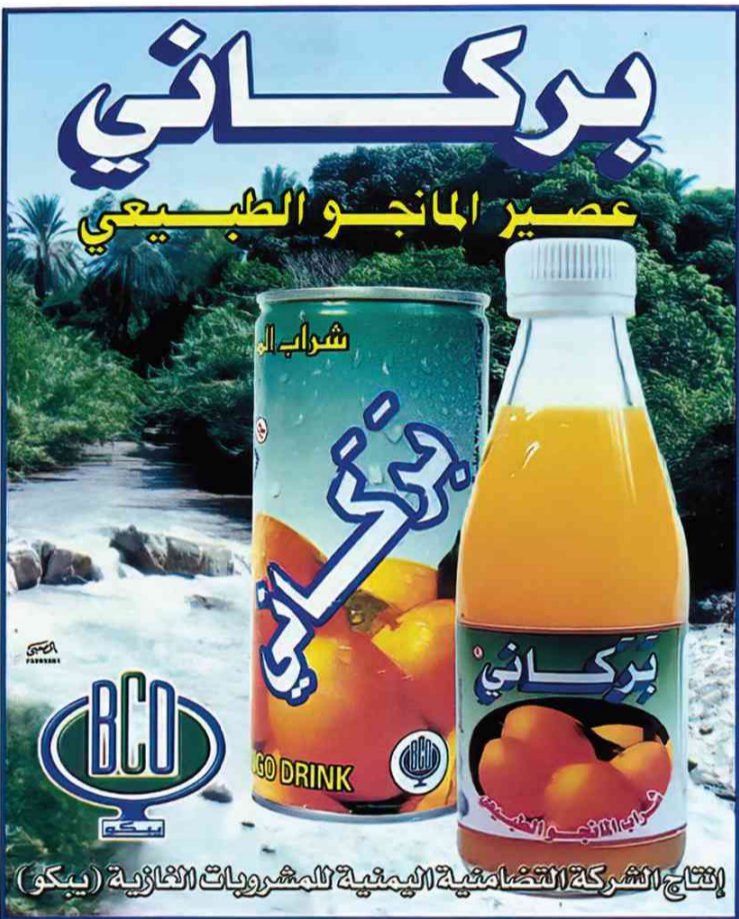
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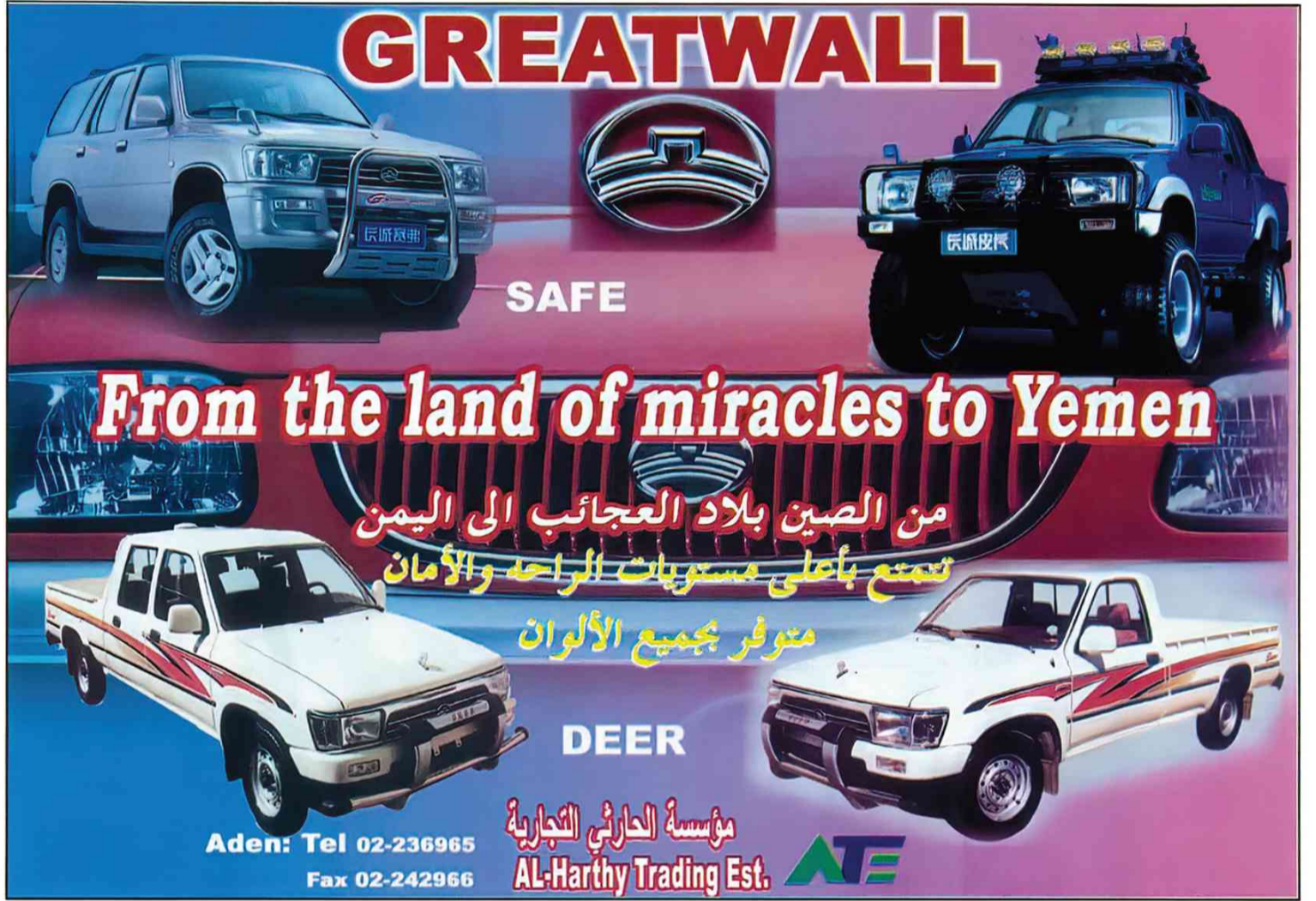
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Local Press

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Al-Mithaq weekly, organ of the General People's Congress, 11 May 2003.

Main headlines:

- The president asks Bajammal to form the new cabinet
- President: The new government should embody aspirations of our people
- Priorities of the government: Continuation of economic structure and financial, administrative and judicial reform, Combating poverty, unemployment and encouragement of investment, Paying attention for development of education and investing it for serving development, and Stabilization of security and general safety.
- Bush expresses his looking forward to cooperation continuation with Yemen
- Understanding memorandum executive program between Yemeni and Saudi foreign ministries approved
- MPs take constitutional oath, al-Ahmar speaker of the parliament, al-Ra'ie and Ba-saleh, speaker deputies
- Jibla court issues its verdict on death sentence to American doctors' killer.

Columnist Dr Abdulaziz al-Maqaleh says in his column this week that it is really a time of deformation when values, human, language and cultures are all deformed. At this time of comprehensive deformation it is not strange that the Zionist entity celebrates an "independence" anniversary. Whose independence and from whom? How could such a big lie pass to the extent that some Arab leaderships have quickly congratulated the usurper entity on its "independence" while it is the one that usurped the Arab land and played a spearhead for the British occupation of Palestine and has become the occupation itself. Has ignorance reached to the extent that the world and some Arab regimes forget how this entity was founded?

Some of the British occupying forces left Palestine and the other important some stayed behind and Palestine is still under the occupation and is still suffering from the worst

kind of occupation, colonialist occupation. This is the occupation which is nowadays being celebrated; it is a celebration marking the usurpation of the land of Palestine, with changing only the term.



Al-Wahda weekly, organ of the Nasserite Unionist Organization, 13 May, 2003

Main Headlines

- Majority violates the constitution at the first sitting of the parliament
- Five citizens arrested in Aden, candidates detained in Sana'a
- Constitutional suit on illegality of parliament chairmanship body

Columnist Ahemed al-Ashwal says in his article that the new government adoption of a new unified regulation concerning government civil servants should be the topmost of its priorities as a guarantee for creating the living and psychological balance and revival of the spirit of hegemony and realization of equal opportunities principle. The regulation should deal with installation of persons bearing degrees in various specialties and appoint them at posts compatible with their specialties. This is the proper approach if the government wanted an utmost benefit from its cadre in the manner enabling it implement its development plans.



RAY weekly, organ of the Sons of Yemen League party, 13 May, 2003

Main headlines:

- No change in the coming government
- President Khatami of Iran in Sana'a Thursday
- AL secretary-general discusses in Sana'a the question of Libya's decision to withdraw from the Arab league
- Shoura council discusses results of parliamentary elections
- FAW warns of famine in Iraq
- Terrorist act implemented by al-Qaeda-linked suicides, Ten dead, sixty wounded in Riyadh explosions

Columnist Hamdi Doubala says

though the major features of the new government are not changed much in form much and consequently does not bring something new but we have hope and ambitions that should inevitably be stated. Successive governments have repeatedly announced that their tasks are continuation of efforts for the economic building, financial, judicial, and administrative reform, combating poverty and unemployment, in addition to encouragement of investment and development of education to serve development. One of their declared priorities was also stabilization of security and safety for the society. These tasks and priorities remain the old and new ones and also renewable. We hope the new government to work hard to make the citizen feel tangibly there are sincere efforts for lifting high cost of living from their shoulders, provide job opportunities, improve the people's living standard. It should be taken into account by governments that there is an increasing growth in masses awareness in dealing with ballot boxes in accordance with governments' performance.



Al-Thawri weekly, organ of the YSP, 15 May.

Main headlines:

- Parliament inaugurates its session with a first constitutional violation
- Explosion at the appeal court in lbb
- In a letter to the president, a Hadda village inhabitants: Put-up intentions to displace the wretched people
- Military control of remaining private and public property in Aden
- Khatami visits Yemen.

Mr Rashad Ahmed Mohammed Ibrahim writes an article, saying there is no way for change in the Arab and Islamic societies unless there is a strong conviction with the members of the society and it unites in on front to be a strong power working for a change. There is no way for that unless the political and mass organization forces form a strong opposition making authorities convinced in the necessity of change.

As opposition parties in Yemen have reached to a conviction that

change could not be attained but on condition that the opposition stands abreast against authority suppression, those parties have sought to form the Joint Meeting Grouping. But this conclusion reached by the political opposition JMP leadership has not been enhanced with the citizen and the partisan bases of each party because leaderships of the parties have not yet consolidated that conviction in order to carry it to the members. That situation has convicted many that it does not met the masses aspirations and demonstrated the JMP as weak in the eyes of the authority and the citizen regardless of any violations or practices by the authority. Had the citizen acquired a conviction that the opposition has taken a unified stand he would not have sided with the ruling party. He could have known that his interest and that of his society dictates to stand by the JMP and then the difference in votes between the JMP and the GPC very big and the latter could not be able to forge the results in its favour because the citizen would disclose that. In such a case the citizen would have an insistence on standing and defending his interests represented by the opposition. The JMP has stopped at the point of agreement among the leaderships on distributing among themselves the constituencies alone.



Al-Rai Al-A'am weekly, 13 May 2003.

Main headlines:

- Bajammal forms the new government
- The legislative power violates the constitution in its first meeting
- GPC's seat at the parliament does not reflect popularity
- Yemeni political and military leaders in exile expected to return home
- Saudis receive Powell by blasting three American residential complexes in Riyadh

Mr Ayman Abdulmalik says in his article that with the approach of forming the new government and assuming its power for the coming six years, it is necessary to say that the new government has many tasks and national responsibilities to undertake. It is responsible directly for applying

the elections program of the GPC as a pledge towards the citizen who voted for the GPC. The government has the duty to work hard in the frame of its responsibility towards the homeland and to exert all efforts for protecting the citizen and his civil and political rights. It has to work for providing an economic and living life suitable to the citizen and preserves for him a free and dignified life. The writer sums up demand of the people from the new government as follows:

- We want social security and stability.
- We want a real development and economic programs on the ground not on paper.
- There must be an independent judiciary, honest and fair that does not differentiate between the high ranking person and the ordinary citizen.
- The people want freedom of speech, freedom of opinion and effective and sound democratic practice.
- The government has to establish balanced international relations based on common interests and benefits.
- We want patriotic politicians who do what they say and not the opposite.



Annas weekly, 12 May 2003.

Main headlines:

- UAE demands Yemeni political refugees to leave its territories
- Parliament convenes without candidates Abu Isba'a and al-Ukaimi
- In Kasama district, Sana'a governorate the winner candidate is arrested and those elected him arrested
- In constituency No. 37, funerals used as election propaganda

Columnist Hafidh al-Bukari says in an article that the result of the legislative elections did not come out with any thing new changing the political structure of the parliament although the result has reflected indications on the nature of the parties' turnout and political awareness of the electors in the Yemeni governorates and cities. The majority in the parliament is still comfortable for the ruling party and there would be nothing to disturb it for six years in terms of legislative

and constitutional aspect. Government of the ruling party would be able to pass any of its draft laws, economic and financial policies and agreements through parliament very easily without being affected or bothered by the minority opposition. At the personal level if the parliament has lost some of the effective personalities it has gained new and old personalities expected to prove their active presence under the dome of the new parliament.



Al-Wahda weekly, 14 May 2003.

Main headlines

- New government formation soon
- Iranian president visits Sana'a
- Yemeni Saudi border interpenetration solved
- Head of GPC bloc at the parliament: The opposition has no program
- Supreme court nulls results of two constituencies
- An American admits killing one Yemeni and wounding another in New York

Columnist Yassin al-Tammimi says in his article the results of the parliamentary elections held in Yemen on April 27 are still prevalent on interests and discussions of the people. In fact the whole question deserves all this attention and interest because essentially the elections process is an indication of the most effective will in expression within the constitutional rules in the way permitting changing the persons and convictions that would run the state affairs with the holding of every new session of elections. The more reasons attracting the interest in the third parliamentary elections and their results is attributed to what spoiled them of violations and failure reached to an extent one cannot keep silent toward them due to the results that came unlike convictions of electors in a good number of constituencies. This could be concluded from the big number of challenges the Supreme Court has studied. Those violations contributed to confirming what it could be described as bad impressions on an electoral session and on its results that defined features and nature of the state administration in the coming six years.

World Press

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

Egypt

Al Ahram

Boosting Egyptian-Japanese economic cooperation would top the upcoming talks between Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak and Japanese Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi, who is due in Cairo on May 24-25.

Al Akhbar

The Egyptian Businessmen Association will hold a meeting to discuss proposals for participation in Iraq reconstruction program.

An office for the association will be set up in Baghdad to coordinate stances with Iraqis.

Al Gomhuria

President Mubarak on Friday received a telephone call from Algerian President Abdul Aziz Bouteflika, which dealt with the current Arab situation.

The two leaders also exchanged views on the future of joint Arab action and means to revitalize it at the current state.

Egyptian Mail

An Egyptian diplomat Friday highlighted the importance of President Mubarak's upcoming visit to Italy, which will hold the rotating presidency of the European Union.

Britain

The Times

British Prime Minister Tony Blair and Chancellor of the Exchequer Gordon Brown staged an extraordinary display of public unity on Friday as they tried to prevent the euro from splitting the Cabinet and destroying their relationship.

The Financial Times

Defense Secretary Geoff Hoon is preparing to move to a new cabinet post as part of a wide-ranging summer reshuffle. His successor will be charged with reforming what one insider described as the "stuffy, conservative and far too male" Ministry

The Daily Telegraph

Charles Clarke, the education secretary, is ready to negotiate a package of concessions over university top-up fees after being told by Labor MPs that the policy will cause a crash in party support at the next election.

The Independent

Tony Blair faces his third Labor revolt in a fortnight on Monday when about 40 backbenchers are expected to rebel against proposals to restrict the historic right to trial by jury.

Japan

Asahi, Mainichi, Yomiuri

A doctor from China's Taiwan province has been quarantined after returning from his trip in Japan because of the SARS-like symptoms.

The Japanese government has started to look into the issue and keep watch on the Japanese travelers and crew members aboard the same flight with him.

Asahi, Mainichi, Yomiuri, Nihon Keizai

Resona Holdings Inc., one of the seven largest banking groups in Japan, decided Friday to apply for up to 1 trillion yen of governmental fund injection.

The Japanese government is expected to approve the bailout plan on Saturday. If so, the capital injection will be the first for a major Japanese bank since March 1999.

Asahi, Nihon Keizai

Takuhiko Tsuruta, chairman of Nihon Keizai Shimbun Inc., resigned on Friday.

Explaining the reason of Tsuruta's resignation, the newspaper said readers were upset with allegations that he had an extramarital affair and was involved in an interior business scandal.

Philippine

Philippine Daily Inquirer

President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo, who is expected to visit the United States, will be given a high-level treatment in Washington, including being a member of the White House staff, she said.

The Philippine Star

Officials said Friday that Asian nations are set to pledge at a regional conference on Severe

Acute Respiratory Syndrome in the northern Philippines to allow travel by people suspected to be carrying the disease if they agree to be quarantined.

The Manila Times

The governments of Australia and New Zealand have advised their citizens to avoid traveling to the southern Philippines following intelligence reports of imminent terrorist attacks in the region.

Germany

Die Welt:

The visit of US Secretary of State Colin Powell in Berlin stood in the signs of cautious new beginning of transatlantic partnership.

Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung:

The German government is for a soon lifting of sanctions against Iraq.

Sueddeutsche Zeitung:

German Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder has signaled Germany's approval for lifting sanctions against Iraq.

Pakistan

The News

Pakistani Foreign Minister Khurshid Mahmood Kasuri said at a press conference at the end of his three-day visit to the United States that Pakistan wants a long term multi-year economic relationship with Washington.

Dawn

Indian Prime Minister Atal Behari

Vajpayee on Friday said that the Kashmir dispute will be resolved but both Islamabad and New Delhi would have had "other disputes" to resolve even if the long-standing dispute did not mar the relations between the two countries.

Pakistan Observer

Slim chances appear about gov-

ernment-opposition ability to prepare a consensus draft proposal on the seven controversial clauses of the Legal Framework Order issued before the general elections in 2002 as the two sides are reported to be sticking to their respective positions over President Pervez Musharraf's uniform, his discretionary power and increase in judges' retirement age.

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Soqatra, in itself is a wildlife reservation of plant and tree rarities and a location depicting stages of human society evolution.

In that spot, the grandsons of the ancient nations of the orient are still living. Those nations had at certain stages built in the southern part of the Arab peninsula prosperous states and civilization. Very few is known about that state and less than that is known on the people of Soqatra, their language and aspects of their life style.

The study of the Soqatra people's customs and traditions and rituals will open outlandish pages in the world's history, linked to the role of the ancient Arab peninsula in the development and evolution of human civilization. Studying the Soqatra people language is a very important element for answering the question on the origin of the Semite peoples and the Semitic languages- the southern arabic language to which the Soqatra people's language was affiliated.

Soqatra is a natural and botanical museum. We can find in its natural environment approximately 200 unmatched plant species. Plants on Soqatra island can never be found in any other spot of the world.

The island of Soqatra has attention and interest of scientists and bird lovers. Geologically, the Soqatra island acquires a great significance especially because its mountainous archipelago is one of the oldest archipelagos on earth. Useful information can be obtained from the archaeological excavations and comprehensive studies. Answers about the unknown history in the island lies in scientific issues closely related to its early history.

The Soqatra island is located in the

basin of the Indian ocean between longitudes, (12-19) and (12-42) and between latitudes (43-20) and (54-30).

The island is 300 km from the nearest point of the southern coast of the peninsula and 200 km to the eastern coast of Africa, (Jafar Dafoy Cape).

The cape is the nearest land point to the island of Soqatra along with other islands nearby that cape.

Soqatra's area ranges between 4150 square km to 6100 square km. It is 120 km long and 35 km wide.

The distance from Aden to Soqatra is 800 km and from al-Mukalla, (largest harbor in the east of Yemen) is about 480 km.

On the halfway between the Jafar Dafoy Cape and the island of Soqatra is Abdulkuri island.

There are also two small islands located between Abdulkuri island and Soqatra known as, Derasa and Samha.

Those two islands are also known as, (The Two Sisters) along with other scattered islands.

Abdulkuri island is one of the densely populated islands in Soqatra.

The ocean's bottom alongside the Soqatra coasts reach 900 meters deep. The island is by no means consists of granite bottom.

Out of this basement, the Hajar mountain peaks are formed.

Those peaks are located in the middle of the island and are 1500 meters above the sea level.

Geological studies of the island indicate that volcanic eruption happened 60 million years ago. Scrutinizing and studying the island of Soqatra is not an easy task as some people may believe.

Accurately, the name of the island has been mentioned in the Old testament, legends, books and in the publications of the middle east historians and geographers.

The number of books and researches and dedication to this island in these days are inadequate.

The astonishing thing is that despite of the island's strategic location at crossroads of international navigation lines, the island has been still a mysterious puzzle for centuries.

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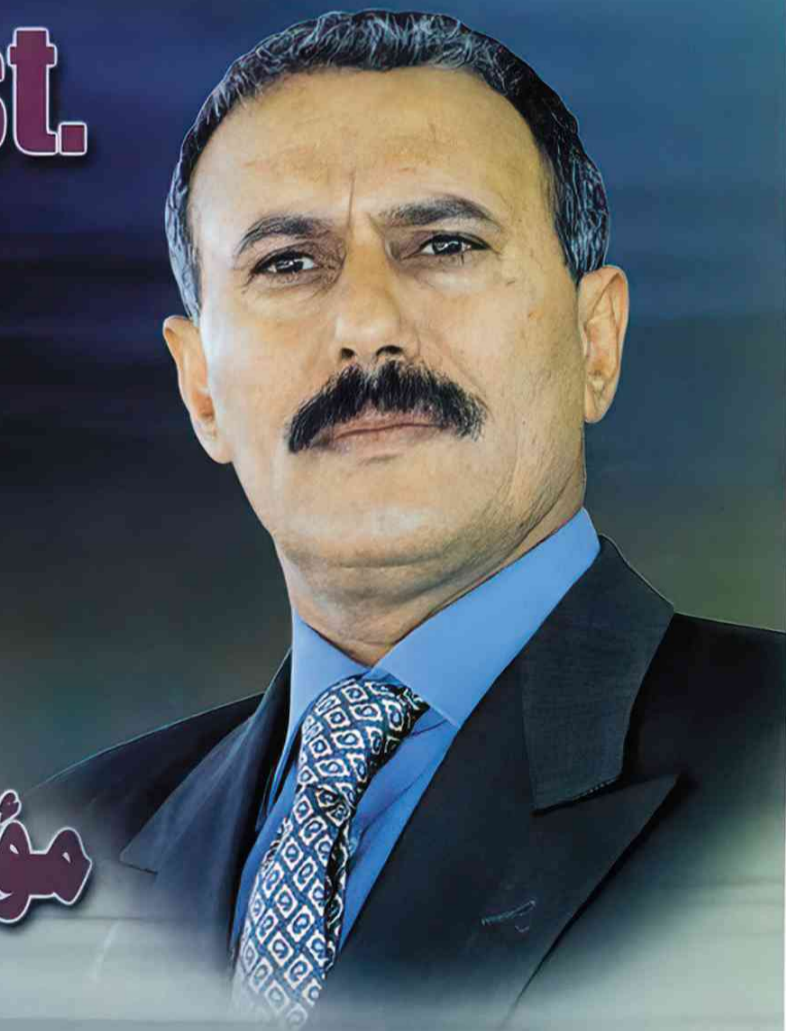
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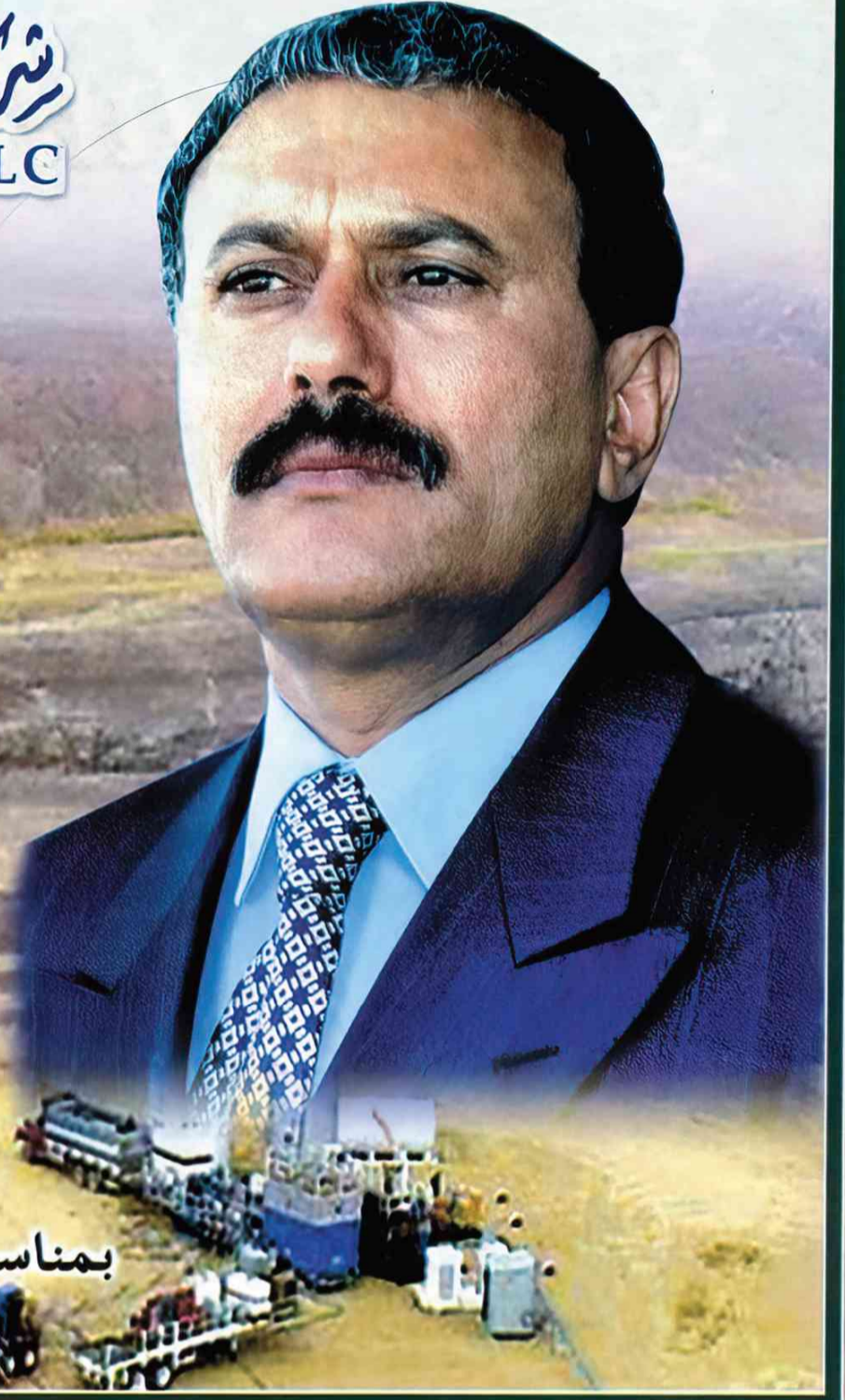
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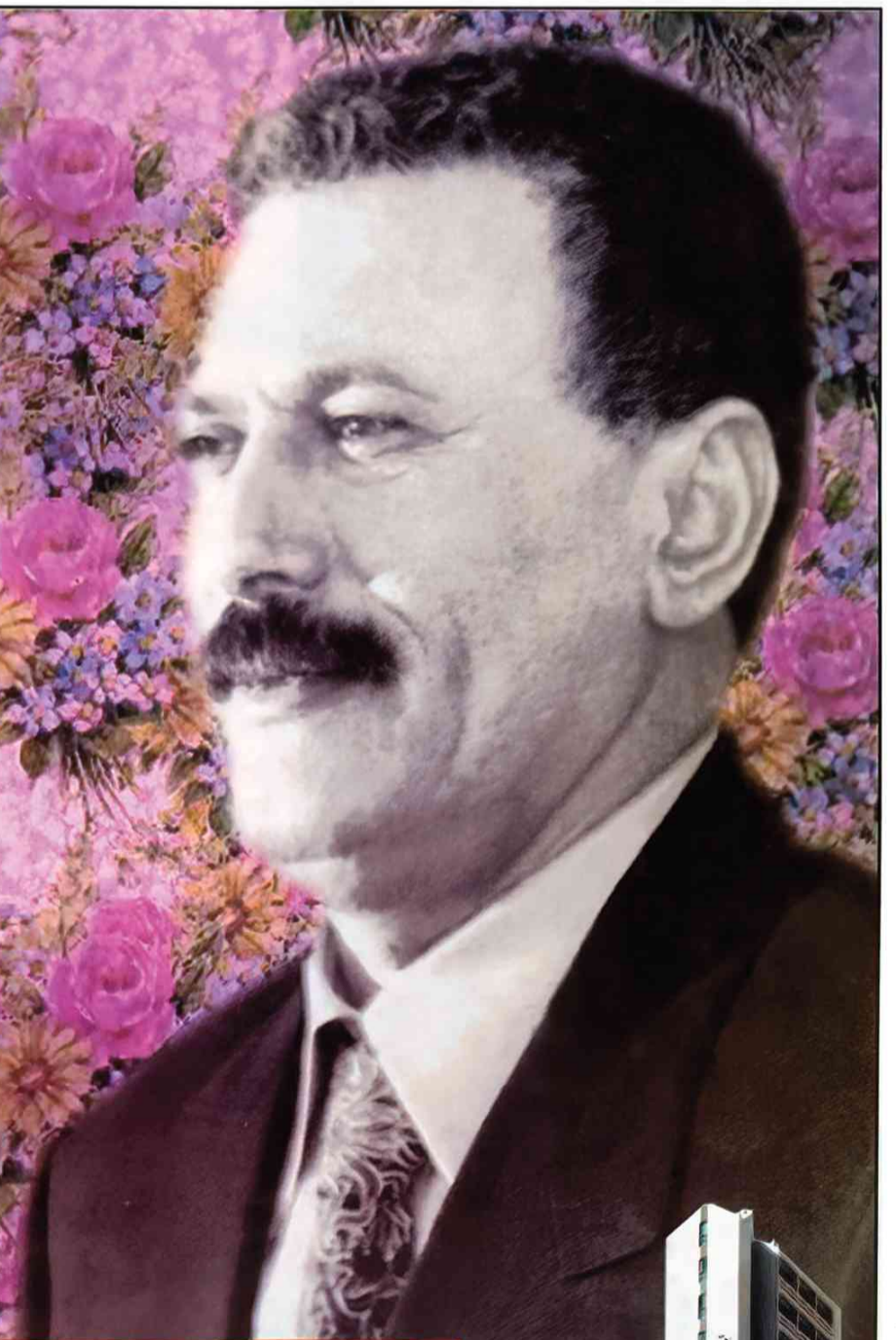
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