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I'll be coming home

After welcoming President Saleh's amnesty, Al-Jefri confirms

YEMEN TIMES STAFF

Mr. Abdurahman al-Jefri, leader of the Yemen's Sons League Party (RAY) told Yemen Times that sooner or later, he will be coming home. Al-Jifri is among 16 Yemenis who have been pardoned by a presidential decree after they received sentences ranging between imprisonment to death penalty issued against them for their role in the secessionist movement prior to the 1994 civil war.

However, Al-Jifri added he is not aware of any decisions taken by the other 15 who were pardoned.

"Contacts between me and other political independent leaders inside and outside the country have been made to find a unified vision in response to the president's amnesty," al-Jifri said.

Mr. al-Jifri has welcomed the president's general amnesty decree and confirmed that he will be coming back home as a



Abdurahman Al-Jefri

step taken to quash the decision issued against him and the others.

He described such decisions as, "politically complicated" and that the president's general amnesty is a way to enhance the democratic experience in Yemen.

Al-Jifri is among a few of the 17 mentioned Yemenis who are expected to return to Yemen. So far, observers believe that former vice president Ali Salem Al-Biedh will not be one of them.

He was found by mere chance

Saddam Hussein found in Bani Matar

MOHAMMED AL-QADHI
YEMEN TIMES STAFF

It was by accident that security men were able to release Saddam Hussein al-Nusari (10 years old) who was kidnapped at Bani Matar area to the west of Sana'a for five months. The reason of the kidnapping was a machine-gun. The brother of Saddam was given a gun by Mohammed Ali al-Suwari (35 years old) to go and buy him some qat. But, he took it and ran away.

Al-Suwari kidnapped Saddam and put him at his house in a cow stable as a hostage. Saddam told Yemen Times after his release last Friday that al-Suwari, wanted by authorities



Torture tools used against Saddam

for several crimes, used to torture him and beat him with an electric wire. He also chained him, giving him only one meal a day which is bread and water. "He used to ask me for the telephone number of my family in the village of al-Saddah in Ibb province and used to tell that he would mutilate my hand and write on my forehead that I ma a thiefe" Saddam said while his face looked very pale. He says that the kidnapper first put him in one of the rooms of his house but when he found out that he could communicate with the people of the village to feed him, he took him to the dark stable where there was no difference between day and night for the kidnapped child.

In tribute to Prof. Abdulaziz Al-Saqqaf's 4th death anniversary

Yemen Times publishes twice a week

YEMEN TIMES STAFF

Sanaa - Sunday, June 1 (YT) — In a press statement released last Saturday, Yemen Times announced that on the occasion of the fourth death anniversary of the newspaper's founder Prof. Abdulaziz Al-Saqqaf, it will be coming out twice a week every Monday and Thursday.

The decision of coming out

twice a week was made after extensive research and after a year-long feasibility study was carried out to accurately evaluate the situation and take the final decision of going ahead with a semiweekly Yemen Times.

"We have taken the decision to

publish our newspaper twice a week as a tribute to the founder Prof. Dr. Abdulaziz Al-Saqqaf —may his soul rest in peace— on his fourth death anniversary on June 2nd. This step comes as a normal consequence

of the growth and increasing

popularity that the newspaper has been gaining in the last few years locally and abroad. Readers and clients alike have been calling upon us to publish twice a week for some time, and today we are pleased to inform them that the second edition in every week will be out every Thursday." Mr. Al-Saqqaf said in the statement.

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Amid major changes taking place in the PSO

Stiff security measures in Sana'a

YEMEN TIMES STAFF

The Yemeni government tightened security measures last week at the border outlets as well as in Sana'a and other main cities in anticipation of a possible terrorist operation. The Interior Ministry found out that a terrorist act was likely to take place in Sana'a as heavy explosives were found in an area to the south of the capital. Reliable sources told the Yemen Times that heavy explosives were found in the area close to Shahrhan Hotel and it is expected that when some terrorist groups failed to carry out their plan, they left the explosives. The same sources also said that the security officers in al-Mahra governorate seized a car with over 150 sacks of TNT. The driver of the car said he got that amount of explosives from another vehicle outside al-Mukalla City.

The security tightening coincided with the extradition of four Yemeni al-Qaeda suspects who were captured in Saudi Arabia. Yemeni official sources said that the extradition of the suspects has been carried out according to the security treaty signed between Yemen and Saudi Arabia three years ago. The sources said that eight other suspects, including two suspected Limburg bombers, are to be handed over by the Saudi authorities to Yemen soon.

Meanwhile, high level intelligence

officers have been removed from their posts last week. The change has targeted prominent officials in the Political Security Office (PSO) as Mohammed al-Surmai, first deputy director was replaced by Ahmad al-Astta. Similarly, Abdullah Moharam, second deputy director was replaced by Rajeh Hunaish.

Other changes in the PSO are expected to take place soon. Among those who were changed also is the officer of Aden Hussein al-Anisi as he was replaced by Yahya al-Ahrami. PSO directors of Hajjah and Hadramaut were also changed. Well-informed sources told the Yemen Times that these changes aim at activating the job of this important organization in the light of the new plan to fight terrorism which still represents a major threat to the Yemeni government.

It was an embarrassment to the government that ten al-Qaeda suspects involved in the operation against the USS Cole escaped from Aden prison last April. Among those are two people wanted by the US, Jamal al-Badwi and Fahd al-Qas'e. The Ministry of Interior already assigned a reward of YR 10 million to the person who would disclose their whereabouts. Some of these fugitives are believed to still hide in Aden. Security officers are seriously hunting down for them. They have arrested over ten people who are believed to have an idea about their hideouts.

Globalization and gender discussed

Organized by the Supreme Council for Woman Affairs and Center of Arab Woman for Training and Research (CAWTAR) along with United Nations Population Fund (UNPF) a three-day workshop entitled "Globalization, gender and fighting poverty" was held on 25-27 May.

The workshop mainly aimed at introducing and enriching CAWTAR's report "Globalization and Gender: Economic Participation of Arab women" and studying the Yemeni woman situation as well. In addition, it aimed to study policies, ways and means to improve the Yemeni woman abilities and support her economic role and its effect on the family and society.

The workshop, moreover, was intended at formulating collective programs

between "CAWTAR" center and the Yemeni associations interested in "Training, promoting abilities and supporting the productive and development loan projects to fight poverty."

Mr. Abdulkareem al-Arhabi, Labor and Social Affairs Minister, Ms. Raheeda al-Hamadani, the head of Woman of National Committee, Sokaina Borowi, CAWTAR Manager, Ms. Betna Mass, the residential representative of UNFPA were the distinguished guests among the attendance that represented international and local and governmental and non-governmental organizations.

A number of studies and practical projects related to the supporting women and poverty alleviation were displayed in the six sessions held during the workshop.

In a step to help reduce poverty in Taiz,

DIA organizes workshop for journalists

BY TAIZ BUREAU STAFF
YEMEN TIMES

In Taiz, and within the objectives of the program for integrating poor people into the society, DIA, an international NGO working in Yemen, organized a workshop during 26-28 May in Taiz.

Twenty journalists from various media establishments participated in the workshop.

The workshop concentrated on the problem of finding an active role for journalists in promoting social integration.

Journalists were informed of how to make Yemeni people aware of the importance of the integration of the marginalized classes of the community into the Yemeni society for better development and to improve relations between the different sectors in Yemen.

For DIA, the question of integration was a priority, as it complements its previous work in the field of helping the youth understand the value of tolerance.

Abyoub al-Qasemi, the workshop coordinator, told YT that "the workshop aimed to activate journalists' role in supporting the social incorporating programs targeting the poor and the marginalized classes of the society and getting them acquainted with their problems and the obstacles facing social



integration."

Swasan al-Adeemi, the head of social integration project said, "The project works in two aspects. The first with the marginalized sectors so as to improve their educational and health levels and let them acquire new skills, and the second is related to the society that includes organizing workshops and training journalists, teachers and students on how to deal with the marginalized classes."

"For DIA, it is important to work with the local authorities. As far as DIA is concerned about social programs and try to assist the poorest people in order to help them recover their dignity and

hope, Cecili Conilleau, DIA's Program Coordinator said

"DIA would like to develop programs which deal with "food security and gender" and agricultural programs in the governorate of Taiz," she said.

DIA is currently working on a project to produce cheese locally in Taiz and on projects to develop emergency water supply for 25 villages in one district of Taiz.

"DIA is a French NGO which has worked in Yemen since 1999. From 1999, it has run 4 programs," Cecili Conilleau, DIA Program Coordinator said.

In Marib after recent clash with some police security men

Al-Qaeda suspect flees unharmed

YEMEN TIMES STAFF

Tribal sources told the Yemen Times that confrontations took place between an al-Qaeda suspect and the police forces last Wednesday in one of the traditional markets of the Marib City located about 16 km east of Sana'a.

The clashes started when a group of police forces tried to arrest a man named Ali Mubarak Firas, one of the Arab Afghans who returned from Afghanistan and who belongs to one of the prominent tribes of Ma'rib.

The sources mentioned that the confrontations took place using fire arms and white weapons and lead to the injury of three of the police forces, one critically injured and might not make it.

Ali Mubarak fled the scene leaving

his car in the hands of the forces.

Another tribal source said that this confrontation started suddenly especially that the security forces arrested him earlier in 2002 in Marib and sent him to Sana'a where he remained for approximately three months and was released due to lack of evidence and then came back home to Mareb.

A source close to the security forces told the Yemen Times that this operation has come according to information stating that Ali Mubarak Firas might lead the security men to hunt down of Abu Asem, the first wanted man in Yemen, and know his whereabouts.

In addition, the source pointed out that Ali Mubarak Firas might be one of persons who transmitted information to Abu Asem to convince him to surrender himself to the authorities on condi-

tion that he would not be handed to the USA.

This has been done according to negotiations made one month ago between people who know Abu Asem, a key al-Qaeda mastermind and officials at the government to convince Abu Asem to hand himself over.

On another front, sources relating to those people connected with Abu Asem stated that they do have links with Al-Qaida but they did not promise any of the security authorities to convince Abu Asem to surrender and that they would tell him about this proposition and it would be up to him to decide.

The sources say that Abu Asem refused the proposal saying that he does not trust the state and does not believe it would not hand him to the USA. It is believed that Abu Asem lost

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- He would not come at all 30.6%
- He would only come if President Saleh is not in power any more 30.2%
- He would not come immediately, but in a few months 29.4%
- He will return to Yemen as soon as possible. 9.6%

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touch with his former colleague as they have no connections with him any longer because he disappeared two months ago from in Ma'rib.

Another source confirmed the negotiations taking place between similar elements and high rank officials in the state in the hunt down of Abu Asem and in effort to convince him to surrender to the police.

In a statement last week, the USA warned its citizens from traveling to Yemen and called upon Americans living in Yemen to return home if possible.

The USA had started more than a week ago minimizing its diplomatic staff in the embassy referring this act to the increasing level of danger especially with the news that new terrorist acts are yet to take place in Yemen soon.

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Two air freights to assist Algerians

Mr. Abdullah Abdulwali Nasher, the Chairman of the Yemen Red Crescent Society has confirmed that the 2nd shipment assistance estimated at 70 tons of succors, blankets, and other medical and foodstuff supplies for the afflicted people in Algeria has been reached the Algerians.

Mr. Nasher emphasized that Yemenis have been positively responded to assist their brothers in Algeria.

Tradesmen, businessmen and other philanthropists have taken part in the assistance. It is to be mentioned that two cargoes have been flown to Algeria full of shipment to the afflicted.

The Algerian earthquake was one of the worst catastrophes of the century.

Farewell bidding to former Health Minister

The Public Health and Population Ministry held an honoring ceremony to bid farewell to Dr. Abdulnasir al-Munibari, the Former Health Minister in appreciation for his distinguished and pioneer role in improving and developing the health sector in Yemen during his leadership of the ministry as well as his participation in elevating health situations in various sectors by implementing the public health strategies and programs.

A number of ministers, including new Health Minister Dr. Yahya al-Na'mi, along with officials, diplomats and representatives of some international organizations in Yemen attended the ceremony.

On his part, Dr. Munibari expressed his gratitude for all those who attended the party, wishing the new Health Minister the best to achieve tangible development to enhance Yemen's health conditions. "Dr. al-Na'mi is a skilled doctor and a good administrator and I believe he will do well." Dr. Al-Munibari said.

German friends project

BY TOWFEEQ AL-ABSI FOR YEMEN TIMES STAFF

Al-Hazm hospital was launched last week in al-Jawf governorate, rebuilt and equipped under financing of the GTZ at a cost amounting to YR57 million.

The hospital contains about 150 beds and equipped with devices, medical equipment, operation and delivery room, laboratories and another specialized sections.

Mr. Mansour Ahmed Saif, al-Jawf governor, along with Health and Population Ministry representatives and officials of GTZ office in Sana'a attended the inauguration ceremony. In statement the governor said "al-

Hazm hospital was in miserable situation and now as you see it is rebuilt with the latest medical equipment. The hospital is now is capable of receiving different cases accurately. We invite German friends also to repair the old hospital which is part of this hospital, besides completing the needs of hospital with medical equipment, building the wall, furnishing doctors residence."

The governor concluded "The governorate is in need of aid of GTZ in the health field and should be expanded and move to the other governorates deprived parts that have never received the services before to guarantee a repairing of deteriorated clinics and medical centers."

Yemeni-Italian relations 3rd Italian week marked

The third "Italian Week" activities have started yesterday and will last until the 6th of June in Sana'a and, for the first time, also in Aden.

Initiatives and events have been underlined and further promoted the existing strong cooperation between Italy and Yemen in different fields.

High-ranking representatives of the Tuscany Region and of the Salerno Chamber of Commerce have come to Yemen specifically for this occasion and have demonstrated their leading role in this event.

The Tuscany region has been represented by the speaker of the Regional Assembly, Hon Ricardo Nencini and by the President of the Florence Industrialist Association, Dr. Ranieri Pontello, while a delegation of industrialists from the Salerno Chamber of Commerce are led by Dr. Augusto

Strianese, chairman of the chamber.

The main event of the "Italian Week" is the official meeting, jointly organized between the Federation of the Italian and Yemeni Chambers of Commerce. The event aims at establishing new business contacts between the Delegation of Italian industrialists, from the Tuscany Region and from the Salerno Chamber of Commerce, with their Yemeni counterparts. The chairman of the Salerno Chamber of Commerce, Dr. Augusto Strianese presented the activities of the industrial area of Salerno, one of the most active of South Italy with a global export of 1.5 billion Euros in 2002. "I strongly hope that this initiative could constitute an important step in order to start stable institutional and economic relationships between Salerno and the Republic of Yemen." he said.

Flights inaugurates in Yemen

The Qatar Airways inaugurated its flights in Yemen for the first time. In a ceremony held last week, the company expressed its hope in having strong presence in Yemen and would gain the confidence of passengers throughout the country, just as it did in the GCC and the world.

On the other hand, Yasser al-Mayasi, a journalist working for the

Yemen Times won the Qatar Airways award in a draw that took place last week in Sana'a. The event took place on the occasion of the inauguration of Qatar Airways flights to and from Yemen. The prize won by Yasser resembled a two-way ticket for two persons to Haidarabad in India including a 3-day stay in the city, all expenses paid.

Tennis due to in Haddah courts

On the occasion of the 13th anniversary of the unification day, the first tennis championship is to be held in the coming week at Haddah courts.

Organized by Mr. Nail Mohammed

Mazwad, the Professional Tennis Coach, the championship is sponsored by the Sabaphone Company, the Apollo, and the Yemen Airways.

The championship is to be performed one-to-one and two-to-two player.

This championship which is to be held at Haddah courts is the first championship after its rehabilitation and the strenuous efforts made by Captain, Nabil Mohammed Mazwad, the Professional Tennis Coach and the Tennis Republican Championship.



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Broadening Educational Horizons Through Application

On Thursday the 22nd of May, The Sana'a Turkish school held its third and biggest ever Educational Fair, which included projects related to various fields of science and arts; company stalls, performances by the students; interesting competitions; Turkish, Indonesian and Arabic cuisine and games stalls.

The activities of the day started off at 10.30 a.m. with a colourful performance by the students of various classes. This included songs, skits and a vibrant fashion show, followed by the closing ceremony of the school in which outstanding students and teachers were awarded certificates of excellence as well as prizes.

The Educational Fair was officially opened at 12.00 noon. Among the dignitaries visiting the Fair was his Excellency, the Minister of Water and Environment Mr. Mohammed Lutf Al-Eryani, His Excellency Deputy Minister of Planning and Development Mr Hisham Sharaf Abdalla, His Excellency The Ambassador of Turkey Mr. Ahmet Demirbag, His Excellency The Ambassador of Pakistan Mr. Asghar Afrid, Director of the Department of Private Education Mr. Hamood Mohamed Sharafaddin as well as Deans, Heads of



Deputy Minister of Planning and Development Mr Hisham Sharaf Abdalla and guests inaugurating the science fair

Departments and Doctors from several Universities. The educational fair included projects from all the fields of studies currently being taught at the school. Students of various ages along with their teachers put in weeks of hard work and application to transform the exhibition into a reality.

Science projects related to physics included a 'Momentum Machine' to show the conservation of angular momentum, creation of colours by using black and white patterned disc as well as electricity and reflection projects. 'The Robot Arm 2003' was the highlight of the Science Fair, created entirely by

using recycled computer parts and simple electronic devices. The robot was fitted with an electronic brain and was able to perform simple tasks.

The chemistry and biology projects included a chemical bomb using everyday chemicals, live eruption of a volcano, manufacturing of soap, recycling of waste materials such as paper and used metals, the adverse affects of acid rain on plants and aquatic life, colour blindness test and demonstration of basic first aid.

On the arts side was a website created by the students of class six, literary works including poems, essays and short stories written by students and a colourful stall giving useful information about the two brotherly countries Turkey and Yemen.

The Fine Arts Stall and The Junior School students pavilion were also the favourite among the visitors. The Fine Arts stall was a garish and colourful display of students' works in pot painting, clay works and abstract images. The efforts made by the young scholars of the junior school were highly commendable and included a model castle, puppets, a splendid seed collection, a model zoo, a frog tank, bones collection and the life cycle of a butterfly.

The Fair was attended by an estimated number of 2000 people, old and young, students and teachers.



(L-R) H.E. Ambassador of Pakistan Mr. Asghar Afrid, STS GM Mr. Faruk Yanik, and H.E. Ambassador of Turkey Mr. Ahmet Demirbag,

dignitaries and laymen alike. The guests generously praised the efforts of the students and the teachers. In the afternoon the audience was entertained with shows, music and various competitions with valuable prizes. The activities of the day came to an end with the Raffle draw in which 32 eye catching prizes were distributed among the ticket holders including TV sets, ovens, international travel tickets and various house hold equipment.

The Science fair conducted by the School was in keeping with the tireless efforts made by the Sana'a Turkish School family over the years in providing the people of Sana'a with an ideal educational institute with an excellent academic ambience for their children.



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Burns meets Palestinian PM ahead of Bush summit

RAMALLAH, West Bank, May 31 (Reuters) - An envoy of U.S. President George W. Bush on Saturday met with Palestinian leaders to prepare the ground for a Middle East peace summit, as violence claimed three more Palestinian lives.

U.S. Assistant Secretary of State William Burns met with Palestinian Prime Minister Mahmoud Abbas ahead of Bush's June 4 summit with Abbas and Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon to push forward a U.S.-backed "road map" to peace.

Palestinian Foreign Minister Nabil Shaath, who attended Saturday's meeting, said Burns was helping the two sides hammer out a statement that would conclude the summit in Aqaba, Jordan.

"Our responsibility (under the road map) is to reach as soon as possible, hopefully before the Aqaba summit, a full compliance with the hudna," he said, using the Arabic term for truce. Shaath said Israel was expected in return to stop violence against Palestinians and release prisoners.

Abbas on Friday told Israeli television he expected militants spearheading the 32-month-old Palestinian uprising to agree to halt attacks on Israelis within three weeks.

Shaath said the goal was to achieve a deal even sooner.

Bush, on a visit to Poland, called Abbas's commitment to ending violence a "hopeful sign for peace in the Middle East".



A Palestinian climbs over a concrete wall which separates east Jerusalem from the West Bank May 30. Israelis and Palestinians saw only a glimmer of hope for peace on Friday after talks between their prime ministers, despite a looming summit with U.S. President George W. Bush. REUTERS

However, it was not immediately clear if the truce deal would satisfy Israel, which wants Abbas to crush militants.

Palestinians fear a harsh crackdown could spark a civil war. They also argue that their security forces have been weakened by Israeli army

sweeps, making the task more difficult.

Abdel-Aziz Rantisi, a top leader of the Islamic militant Hamas group behind many bombings that has killed scores of Israelis since the start of the uprising, said Hamas was still discussing the ceasefire proposal. Hamas wants Israel to agree to stop attacks on Palestinians in return.

Abbas also told Israel television on Friday that Palestinian security forces would be ready within three weeks to take Israel up on its offer to hand over parts of the West Bank and Gaza to Palestinian control.

Israel has offered to withdraw from some of the Palestinian areas it reoccupied in the summer of 2002 after a spate of suicide attacks, turning them into a proving ground for a Palestinian crackdown on militants.

No concrete moves towards peace are expected before the June 4 summit, although Israel radio said strict restrictions on Palestinian entry into Israel could be lifted to allow some 20,000 Palestinian labourers into Israel by Sunday.

In new violence, Israeli troops shot dead a Palestinian near the West Bank town of Jenin. The army said he was killed as he laid an explosive charge. Palestinian witnesses said soldiers fired on two students on their way to college, killing one.

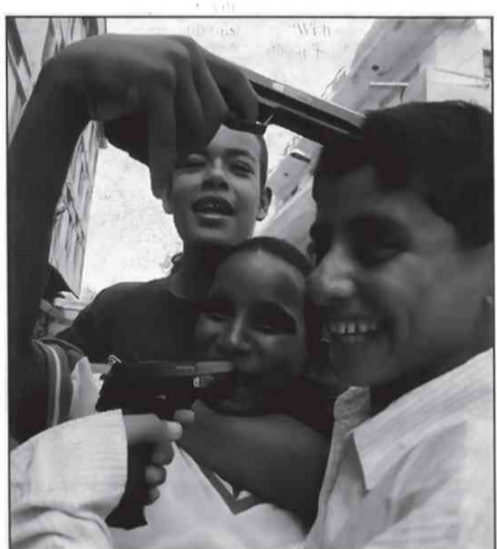
Two other Palestinians died on Saturday of wounds sustained in clashes over the past week, Palestinian medics said.

US, British troops to launch arms amnesty in Iraq

BAGHDAD, May 31 (Reuters) - U.S. and British troops in Iraq launch a weapons amnesty on Sunday to clamp down on firearms which have flooded the country since the fall of Saddam Hussein.

A spokesman for the U.S. military told a news conference Iraqis would be encouraged to put their guns in plastic bags and drop them off at police stations during the two-week amnesty. He said the bags would help prevent misunderstandings as people with guns approached police stations. Iraqis will be allowed to keep weapons such as AK-47 assault rifles at home, but they will not be allowed to carry them on the streets. They will be able to carry licensed handguns on the street, however. The arms crackdown will be broadcast on radio stations and on loudspeakers. Leaflets will also be distributed.

The spokesman said that after two weeks, anyone with unlicensed or heavy weapons on the streets would be prosecuted. It could be a daunting task. The AK-47 assault rifle business has been booming. Arms traders stand in vegetable markets offering guns to Iraqis, who inspect the weapons often by firing them, before



Iraqi boys play with toy guns in a Baghdad alley May 31. REUTERS

Iraqi dinars change hands. So many AK-47s have been sold that the price has plummeted from pre-war levels, according to arms traders. A rifle now sells for about 50,000 dinars (\$40) compared to 400,000 dinars before the conflict. Everybody is interested in buying, from men who want to protect their families to Iraqi teenagers roaming the streets of slums with AK-47s slung over their shoulders. Iraqis had AK-47 rifles in their houses before the war. But the weapons are now found on many streets as Iraqis fearful of looters and other armed Iraqis purchase guns.

Rocket-propelled grenades and hand grenades are not as widely sold as AK-47s, but they still pose a security problem for both Iraqis and U.S. and British troops. Iraqis complain that the failure of U.S. and British troops to restore order following the war has endangered ordinary people who crave a normal life free of the crackle of gunfire.

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Saddam Hussein found at Bani Matar

He used to bring him food or the girl of the kidnapper who used to live with her father only in the house.

The people of the village did not dare to inform the police as they are frightened by al-Suwari who is accused of several crimes. Saddam used to hear the conversation of the kidnapper with his fellow friends who used to visit him at nights. Security officers said he is smart and has important information to them about the criminal.

The family of the hostage did not know about him for all this time as the child is orphan and he was brought to the Orphans Care House in Sana'a by his grandfather who lives in Ibb. He once went to see his brother who works in Bani Matar in the field of coffee farming. His brother came to know the kidnapper and used to work at day and goes to sleep at his house. Once he told him to take the gun and go to bring him qat but he took the gun and ran away. Therefore, he kidnapped the child and put in the stable. Nobody asked about him; his brother knew about the kidnapping but he did not inform police. His whereabouts is still unknown so far. It is not clear also whether he was indulged in the criminal gang of the kidnapper. Saddam's family thought he was in the orphan house.

As the kidnapper is charged with robbing the factory of the well-known Hussein al-Suwari, he was wanted by the security. Officer Najeeb Bagash who followed up the case told Yemen Times that

a group of security people went to monitor the house of al-Suwari so as to arrest him for robbing the factory. When they approached the house, they heard the voice of the child singing. He used to sing to let people hear him as he was beaten up whenever he cried or shouted. The officer took a warrant from the prosecution to storm the house. They found the child chained and in a very miserable situation. He could not believe that he was free, thinking that the kidnapper will bring him back to the stable. When I asked what he wants, he said he wanted to go back to his village. He does not want to go to school which did not even inform his family about his disappearance. He was shown to the doctor and it was found that his stomach is no more used to any sort of food except bread and water. He was given some rice and meat but he vomited.

One of his relatives, Officer Nasr al-Nusari, described the act as a heinous crime that Yemen has never seen before. He warned that if no stiff action is taken against the criminal and his gang, it will lead to further similar crimes. "We do not know how to deal with this issue which might bring tribal problems."

Security people are still hunting down to arrest the kidnapper.

The state of lawlessness has encouraged similar people in different areas in Yemen to show their muscles and bring fear into the life of their people.

Yemen Times publishes twice a week

The statement added that the Thursday edition of YT will include all the topics and categories of the Monday edition, but may also include other sections as well. It will be distributed in the same way as the Monday edition, and will be appealing to those who would relax in their homes to read the news of the week or for those who would come back to their offices on Saturday to look at the events of the earlier week.

"We have not taken this decision until we completed an overall feasibility study, that lasted for several months, about this project. We believe that coming out twice a week will serve the readership community as well as hundreds of companies that requested more space on our newspaper's pages." YT advertising Department Manager Rasheed said.

An official approval letter was also sent to the Yemen Times, the Ministry of Information represented by Deputy Minister Mr. Mohamed Shahir congratulated Yemen Times on this development. "We congratulate you on this good step that resembles the popularity of the newspaper among its readers" Mr. Shahir said. He then wished the newspaper and its management the very best for the future.

On the other hand, companies that learned about this new development have expressed delight and congratulated the YT on taking this step. Mr. Jamal Al-Mutareb, a prominent Yemeni businessman and owner of Al-Mutareb companies said, "We are truly delighted that Yemen Times is now coming out twice a week. This will provide us with alternative dates for publishing advertising material for companies throughout the country in Yemen's most widely read English-language newspaper and by advertising their products and services twice a week, will enable them to handle their marketing affairs more adequately and intensively." He said.

On this same issue, many diplomats have expressed their happiness for this step as it will allow them to get up-to-date

news about happenings in Yemen in impartial, independent, truthful, and accurate reporting that readers have known Yemen Times with during weekdays on Monday and on Thursday at the end of the week. "Your credibility and popularity among local readers and the expatriate community makes you a preferred source of news, and by coming out twice, you will even broaden your readership base." Mr. Engin Arkan of the Turkish Embassy said.

The YT has been in continuous growth ever since Dr. Abdulaziz Al-Saqqaf passed away on June 2nd 1999. The newspaper grew in size from tabloid to broadsheet at the end of 1999, and then in 2001, the newspaper increased the number of pages by 50% to include regional and international illustrated wire news after subscribing to the world's largest news agency Reuters.

Today, Yemen Times is the only English-language newspaper in Yemen that comes out more than once a week, and -after taking this important step- the newspaper is expected to double its impact and readership in the local market and abroad.

"We have been calling for professionalism in journalism, in management, and in marketing. We are working hard to resemble an example for others to follow suit in this regard. We are a newspaper open for new ideas, initiatives, and change... change for the better. We will continue to depend on our young staffers who have shown how hard working, enthusiastic and creative they are while working in the Yemen Times," said Editor-in-Chief Walid Al-Saqqaf.

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Sweden rebuffs Indonesian demands on Aceh rebels

STOCKHOLM, May 31 (Reuters) - Sweden said on Saturday it had rejected a request by Indonesia to take action against the Stockholm-based leadership of a separatist rebellion in the province of Aceh.

Indonesia, which has stepped up a military offensive to crush the rebels who have fought for independence since 1976, sent a letter to the Swedish government in mid-May demanding steps be taken against the rebel leaders.

"The Indonesian letter asked Sweden to take measures to stop the activities of the GAM (Free Aceh Movement) people," Foreign Ministry spokesman Lars-Olof Lundberg told Reuters, without elaborating on the nature of the measures being sought by Jakarta.

"The latest position is that we will follow Swedish law which does not allow us to expel Swedish citizens," he said.

Sweden's reply, written by Foreign Minister Anna Lindh, was received by her Indonesian counterpart on Saturday, he added.

Sweden is home to 50 Acehnese, including the movement's top commanders and Sultan Hasan Tiro, considered by GAM to be Aceh's head of state.

Jakarta has exerted increasing pressure on Stockholm to take firm action against the GAM leadership, which a Swedish Foreign Ministry source linked to the military offensive in Aceh that has killed dozens and made up to



Indonesian marines fire shots at Aceh separatist rebels (GAM) who were defending a base in Jambo Aye district on the border between East Aceh and North Aceh, May 30. The marines overran the rebel base after three hours of fighting. REUTERS

23,000 people homeless.

"If Sweden does not pay full attention (to the request), the conflict in Aceh will continue," Indonesian Vice President Hamzah Haz was quoted as saying by Indonesia's Antara news agency on Friday.

Haz called on Sweden to surrender Tiro to the Indonesian authorities, Antara said.

Lindh said on Friday that while her government accepted Indonesia's "full territorial rights" over Aceh, which lies on the northern tip of the island of Sumatra, no action would be taken

against the GAM leaders.

"Of course it is very sensitive for us and a difficult situation," she said. "At the same time, we have Swedish laws which say as long as you don't commit any crime against Swedish law the government can't interfere."

Resources-rich Aceh has been the scene of a simmering decades-long rebellion which has killed at least 10,000 people.

Talks to resolve the conflict, scheduled for late last month in Geneva, broke off with each side blaming the other.

Geldof says West is neglecting Ethiopia's hungry

ADDIS ABABA, May 31 (Reuters) - Live Aid founder Bob Geldof accused western donors on Saturday of "criminal negligence" in drought-afflicted Ethiopia, saying a lack of aid had already killed tens of thousands of people.

Aid agencies estimate 14 million Ethiopians are at risk of starvation after the worst drought in almost two decades. There is no official figure of how many people have already died from drought-related causes.

On the last day of a visit to the Horn of Africa country, Geldof said the situation in some areas was worse than he had witnessed in 1985, when famine in the region prompted him to organise the

world's biggest rock concert to help the starving.

"It is criminal negligence that tens of thousands of Ethiopians have died due to lack of food during the current drought affecting the country," he told a news conference in the capital Addis Ababa.

"When millions died as a result of famine in 1985, the western world had said not again. But I came back 18 years later and I found the situation no different, it is in fact worse in some places.

"It is clear that the current drought situation in Ethiopia will develop into a famine unless enough assistance is provided," he said.


The Irish musician and activist

praised the United States, which he said has provided around 60 percent of the 1.5 million tonnes required to feed more than 14 million drought-affected people.

He criticised the European Union (EU), saying its donation of about 28 percent of the aid needed was insufficient.

"Europe has got the food, if they are not capable of providing it to the needy in Ethiopia, give it to those who are capable so that the food can save lives," he said.

"Ethiopia is faced with a food crisis. If the EU and other donors fail to deliver the required food on time and death occurs as a result, do not say you are not warned."



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French police teargas anarchists in G8 eve clash

ANNEMASSE, France, May 31 (Reuters) - French police fired teargas on Saturday to disperse several hundred anarchists in the first major disturbance ahead of a summit of the "Group of Eight" leading industrialised countries.

Eyewitnesses said the incident came after the protesters marched from an anti-G8 campsite near the French town of Annemasse on the Swiss border to blockade a building where French Socialist Party activists were meeting.

It was the first clash in what both protest leaders and police had said would be a series of peaceful marches and sit-ins during the three-day summit in the nearby French spa town of Evian, which opens on Sunday.

Authorities on both sides of the border, fearful of a repetition of violence that rocked a G8 summit in Genoa, Italy, two years ago, have mounted a massive security operation involving some 25,000 police and security officials.

It was not immediately clear why the anarchists, carrying their traditional black-and-red flags, decided to march against the socialists — although hard-left movements generally regard social democratic parties as "hiredlings of capitalism".

Marchers said they threw stones at the building where the socialists were meeting to discuss the G8 summit after guards inside fired a spray at them. There was no immediate comment from the socialists.

The anarchists began setting up barricades but French riot police moved in, firing volleys of teargas to push them back to the campsite at Annemasse air-

field, where earlier in the day protesters were instructed in passive resistance techniques.

Police barricades were going up on both sides of the French-Swiss border around Lake Geneva to halt protesters

trying to move off permitted routes. Army helicopters circled overhead.

In Lausanne, across Lake Geneva from Evian, various groups denouncing the G8 leaders, who include U.S. President George W. Bush and Russian President

Vladimir Putin, were considering ways to try to block water traffic.

While most G8 leaders are staying around Evian, about a dozen prime ministers and presidents who are summit guests, including China's Hu Jintao, will

stay in Lausanne and travel across Lake Geneva from the Swiss to the French side.

Protesters accuse the G8 chiefs of acting like "Masters of the Universe" and say the poorer nation leaders — who

include Brazil's new left-wing President Luis Inacio Lula da Silva — will get nothing more than crumbs from them.

The G8 include Britain, Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Russia and the United States.



A demonstrator sits on a giant mask representing U.S. President George W. Bush during a small protest on the eve of the G8 Summit at the French alpine resort of Evian May 31. REUTERS

No deterrents in US war on terror-Cheney

WEST POINT, N.Y., May 31 (Reuters) - The United States will not pursue deterrence or containment policies in its so-called war on terrorism but would instead seek to utterly destroy its enemies, Vice President Dick Cheney said on Saturday.

In a speech to the 2003 graduating class of the U.S. Military Academy, Cheney also warned that the United States remained willing to use its military might against any nation supporting terrorists.

"The battle of Iraq was a major victory in the war on terror but the war itself is far from over," Cheney told the more than 840 graduating cadets, most of whom will pursue careers as officers in the U.S. Army.

"We cannot allow ourselves to grow complacent, we cannot forget that the terrorists remain determined to kill as many Americans as possible both abroad and here at home, and they are still seeking weapons of mass destruction to use

against," he said.

"With such an enemy, no peace treaty is possible, no policy of containment or deterrent will prove effective — the only way to deal with this threat is to destroy it completely and utterly, and President Bush is absolutely determined to do just that."

Cheney noted that the attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, when hijacked planes destroyed the twin towers of New York's World Trade Center and damaged the Pentagon, marked the birth of the "Bush doctrine" that any nation supporting or harboring terrorists was as guilty as the terrorists themselves. Without naming nations, Cheney warned that policy remains in effect.

"If there is anyone in the world today who doubts the seriousness of the Bush doctrine, I would urge that person to consider the fate of the Taliban in Afghanistan and Saddam Hussein's regime," he said.

Cheney hailed the U.S. victory in Iraq, which

quickly toppled Saddam's government in Baghdad, as proof that the American military is the best in the world.

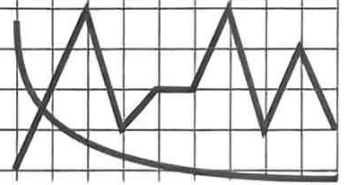
"With our victory in Iraq we have removed a threat to our country and to our friends in the region," Cheney said.

While making no direct mention of Iran, a nation along with Iraq and North Korea that President Bush has called part of an "axis of evil", Cheney's latest comments came as the White House is turning its attention to Tehran.

With military victories in Afghanistan and Iraq already in hand, administration hawks have begun portraying Iran as an imminent threat.

The Bush administration has complained repeatedly about Iran's nuclear programs, and Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld has accused Tehran of not doing enough against al Qaeda members allegedly in Iran. The network led by Saudi-born Osama bin Laden has been blamed for the Sept. 11 attacks.

YT Business



Creating a ministry of water & environment to...

Solve water crisis

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The new Yemeni government has placed itself at a decisive confrontation with water crisis and regulation of water resources in addition to its re-distribution according to plans supposed to be implemented by the first ministry of water created for this purpose.

The establishment of a new ministry for water and environment came to face an aggravating crisis of water in Yemen. Before the creation of water ministry, water wealth management was the responsibility of many authorities, i.e. the ministry of irrigation and agriculture, the ministry of electricity and the state establishment for water.

Pursuant to world bank and donor countries remarks on significance of preparing a water strategy to put an end to depletion of subterranean water basins, the ministry would be responsible for solving the problem of excessive pumping of water in mountains, mountainsides and littoral plains where more than 90% of the population lives. The World Bank report excludes the governorate of Hadramout from excessive use of water. For the modern evaluative studies on water resources revealed the existence a water resource in that governorate that can amount to 280 cubic meters of annual feeding, in addition to a reserve that can be enough for several thousands of years under the present rate of consumption in the region. Thus the establishment of the new ministry is meant to encounter the hyper-usage of subterranean water at rates that could lead to exhaustion of a great amount of countryside water reserve within one generation. Yemen is expecting from the new ministry of waters to explore resources of pure water many of the poor citizens are lacking in. Moreover the ministry is expected to work for utilizing rainwater by building new water dams and barriers.



Uncontrolled water wells drain Sana'a water aquifers

The government's association of environment with the ministry of waters is aimed at preventing the environmental deterioration that caused aggravation of water problems, especially with removing trees, discarding terraces and scraping of soil by the act of water torrents and diminished feeding to subterranean

reservoirs.

The ministry would set up a legal and planning work frame allowing flow of water from the countryside to towns at sustainable amounts meeting the needs of urban areas inhabitants. The purpose is to raise averages of covering pure water and sewage serves.

The Yemeni government's policy on providing the citizens with waters is categorized under the strategy on reducing poverty and decreasing its rates in a way the ministry of waters would bear a percentage of the cost of transfer and distribution of water resources. Experts confirm that success of the new ministry is

dependent on allocation of ample funds for running the water sector and allotment of big investments for providing pure drinking water in towns and the countryside. It is also depending on coordination of the state policies in preserving water wealth and its distribution among citizens in a fair way.

Undeveloped overland transportation impedes,

Trade exchange movement with Saudi Arabia

YEMEN TIMES STAFF

The recent visit by a Saudi businessmen delegation to Yemen headed by Mr. Abdurrahman al-Zamil resulted in agreement with Yemeni chambers of commerce and businessmen, the agricultural cooperative union and the state organization for investment on working together towards expanding horizons of cooperation and trade exchange and developing common interests, as well as removing challenges impeding the two countries' mutual exports.

The two sides have agreed to set up a joint committee to solve problems, activation of Yemeni-Saudi businessmen council and chambers of commerce and industry and also activation of agreements concluded between the two countries for expanding the scope of exporting agricultural and industrial products of the two sides. Both sides have held seminars at the Sana'a forum where they studied and discussed the more important issues facing streamline movement of the two countries' products and encountering difficulties they are experiencing. The meeting reached an emphasis that the international situation and circumstances of globalization dictate it as imperative to move bilateral relations from the status of neighborly to an economic partnership between Yemen and Saudi Arabia. They emphasized on exchange of joint benefits and interests in vital areas for the purpose of increasing the volume of trade exchange which now does not exceed YR 38 bil-

lion.

One of the most prominent impediments and difficulties the Yemeni and Saudi businessmen complain of is the weakness of overland means of transport that hinder trade movement between the two countries. They recommended the necessity of activating the agreement on facilitating traffic of goods and vehicle movement between the two sides.

The Saudi delegation paid a visit to the free zone area in Aden and expressed readiness for expanding the Saudi investments in the free zone due to the strategic and economic situation it entertains.

Yemen's Prime Minister Abdulqader Bajammal affirmed during a meeting with the Saudi delegation that Yemen encourages the private sector in the two countries to contribute to establishment of an industrial zone in Aden and Hudeida in the manner achieving more joint integration and work.

Deputy Premier, the minister of planning and international cooperation Ahmed Soufan stressed the possibility of raising the level of trade cooperation of the two countries while head of the Saudi delegation Abdurrahman al-Zamil said there was possibility for cooperation especially in areas of meats processing and building factories for food stuffs in Yemeni industrial zones. Yemeni trade sources expected that the visit of the Saudi delegation of businessmen to develop trade and investment relations, development of exports and improvement of transport means between the two countries.

Yemen, India consolidate, Areas of trade and investment cooperation

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An Indian delegation led by foreign undersecretary for Asia and Africa affairs made recently a visit to Yemen to explore possibility of enhancing cooperation within the Indian Ocean league and to exchange trade benefits especially in investment field.

The Indian official concluded an agreement with Yemeni president of the state authority for investment Abdul Kareem Mutair stipulating that the competent sides in the two countries would conduct a follow-up for finalizing legal procedures on final endorsement of the agreement on encouragement and protection of investment signed by the two parties in December 2002.

The Indian delegation and deputy premier, the minister of planning and international cooperation Ahmed Soufan means and ways of enhancing and developing cooperation of Yemen and India and finishing and continuing what had been agreed upon during the talks at the fourth session of the Yemeni-Indian

joint commission held in October 2002. Both sides also discussed and agreed on holding the 5th session of the joint commission that going to be coinciding with the Indian products trade fair to be held in Sana'a in September 2003. The two sides had also agreed to send a number of Yemeni trainees to India to get training in small and medium industries and also to send a number of Indian experts working in this field to Yemen for benefiting from their expertise and to work for raising efficiency of Yemeni workers in this field of industry. Discussion and agreement was also completed for marketing Yemeni liquefied gas and non-oil exports in addition to encouragement of investments in all fields for the mutual interest of both countries. The agreement allows Yemen to begin marketing liquefied gas to India and get big financial proceeds.

In a meeting grouping the Indian delegation and oil minister Saleh Barabba' discussion tackled facets of cooperation. In this regard the Yemeni side welcomed the Indian companies willing to invest in oil and gas industry in both aspects of

exploration and services. The Indian delegation displayed its country's interest in consolidation of cooperation with Yemen in both oil and liquefied gas fields which are considered a true beginning for establishment of effective trade partnership between the two countries that are both members of the Indian Ocean League.

The Indian delegation had also held a meeting with Prime Minister Abdulqader Bajammal reviewed with the Indian delegation the possibility of consolidating the two countries cooperation in oil and diversified industries in addition to expertise in the fields of education and common history. Emphasis centered on significance of Indian-Yemeni cooperation for enhancing opportunities of stability, security and peace in Asia and the Indian Ocean.

Thus the Indian delegation had during its visit to Yemen come out with positive results and expected to give a strong push for the bilateral relations and enhancement of trade exchange fields plus establishment of investment partnership in oil and liquefied gas, an aim Yemen has been seeking for many years.

The Road Ahead

Intellectual capital

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They say, money is the lifeblood of any business, and by money, they mean capital, liquid cash, and anything that can be transformed into money. However, as times change, money is no longer the biggest problem businesses face, in fact, people are.

It is generally acknowledged that good people are the prime source of any sustainable advantage in any company, especially in this increasingly knowledge intensive and fast-changing business world, yet organizations continue to struggle with how to retain key people and best utilize their expertise, innovativeness and strategic agility, because they know how much they really need this kind of people.

In turn, as an effort to enhance the intellectual capital in today's business organization, a new concept has emerged in order to increase collective knowledge, the organization is called Communities of practice (CoP). This concept is considered one of the most recent knowledge management initiatives; (Brown and Duguid, 1991 and Wenger and Snyder; 2000), CoPs are often a less structured means of creating and sharing knowledge, because CoPs crosses levels, functional distinctions and even the whole organizational structure. In short, CoPs are groups formed around a shared interest, in which discussions builds on the motivations of the group members, and hence information may flow freely in many directions. It is a dynamic process of collecting and sharing information that can be leveraged into an economic or social value.

Such free flow of information in an organization would facilitate employee empowerment and hence the creation of intellectual capital through CoPs can be the competitive advantage that other companies cannot easily imitate, because with an organization that looks like spaghetti to outsiders, every employees would know a great deal about how other employees work and how the whole organization functions, and hence the organization can utilize his experience, abilities and even suggestions in a better manner.

However, this spaghetti-like side-stepping of traditional hierarchical control and lack of specified outcomes from the group makes managers uncomfortable in a business environment based on performance matrices, deliverables and more familiar evidenced of doing real work, because even though we all would like to keep on chatting and chatting about a shared interest in a new idea, this wouldn't be the best way to contribute to the organization's prosperity, and hence value should be kept in mind.

Value is non substitutable, in fact, value should be created as a result of sharing information and creating intellectual capital. This value might come from new information exchanged between different layers of knowledge in all departments and between all departments, and also with customers, suppliers and stockholders, because not any information is of big value.

Endnote: Intellectual capital can be your competitive advantage, but to make use of it you have to adopt a good information flow systems with least restrictions, like CoPs for example.

A commentary: The peace process between Eritrea and Ethiopia

Where from and where to? (part 1 of 2)

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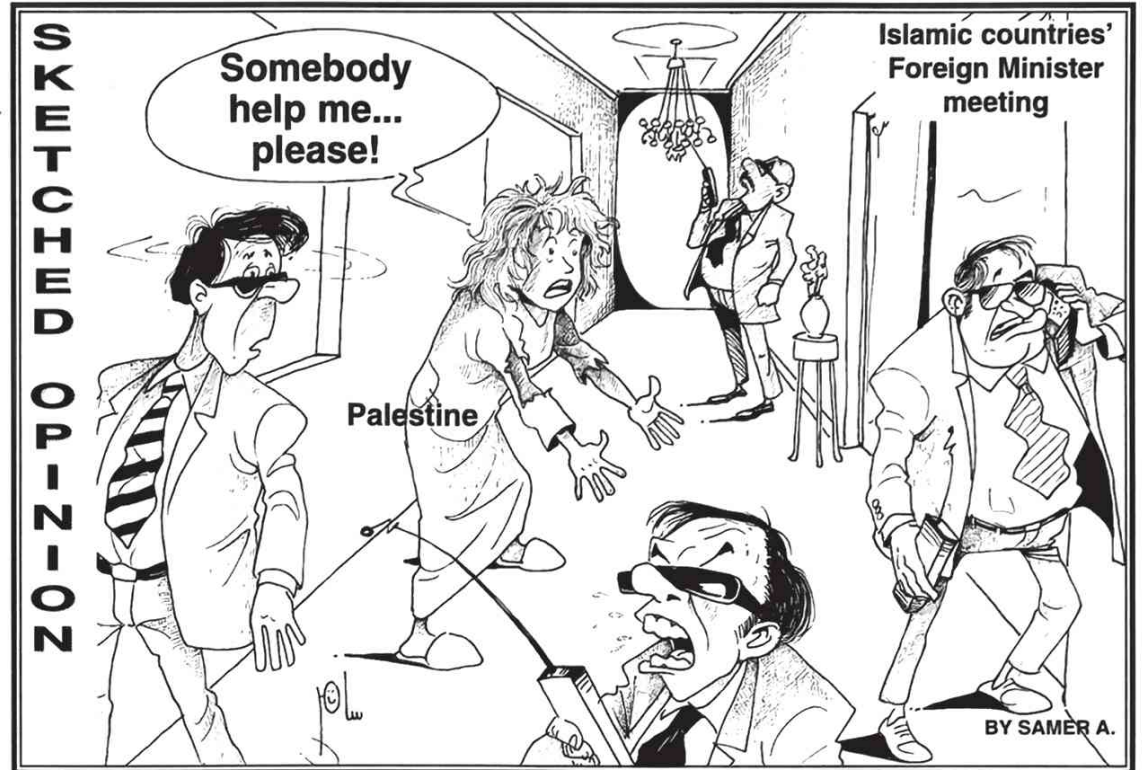
It is important to note, at the outset, that the problem between Eritrea and Ethiopia that has been brewing since the end of 1990s after an initial phase of cordial and friendly relations should be viewed basically as a political problem and not an ethnic problem. Indeed, ethnicity has been a destabilizing factor especially in the relations between these two countries. There were numerous ethnic group conflicts such as between Tigray groups and Tigrinya speaking groups and within Ethiopia the Amhara ethnic group and Tigray vying against each other for power. Although these conflicts existed thereby complicating the politics between the two countries, it is to be viewed from the political angle that this article is aimed to look at. Eritrea's assertion of independence in 1991 from its "recent colonizer" Ethiopia coincided with political changes in Ethiopia as well. In fact, it was the joint combination and close cooperation with the opposition forces in Ethiopia under the Tigray People's Liberation Front (TPLF) and the nationalist forces of Eritrea under the then Eritrean People's Liberation Front (EPLF) (now People's Front for Democracy and Justice - PFDJ) which made such simultaneous political changes in both the countries possible. The TPLF was able to wrest power from the Marxist regime of President Mengistu Haile Mariam in 1991 and the EPLF was able to proclaim independence from Ethiopia in 1993. Eritrea attained de-facto independence in 1991 but it was not proclaimed as such. The actual de-jure independence was done in 1993

only (after a referendum was conducted) and it was postponed in order to give the TPLF the chance to stabilize its regime in Addis Ababa. This showed the extent to which both TPLF and EPLF were aligned with each other at that point of time.

When Eritrea came under the British Military Administration (BMA) after Fascist Italy was defeated in the Second World War, this Trust territory of Britain was put for voting in the new United Nations which voted to incorporate Eritrea into Ethiopia as a federal state. It will not be surprising to point out here that in the British supervised elections of 1952, it was the Unionist Party - a party that campaigned not for autonomy, not for federation or independence but for unconditional union with Ethiopia that won a majority of seats in the National Assembly as against other parties which were demanding independence. And that is because; the Unionist Party was predominantly composed of Tigrinya speaking Christian supporters mainly from the highlands in Eritrea who had lots of cultural links with them. In other words, it was the lowland people in Eritrea who started the liberation struggle initially. They were joined by the Christian highlanders mainly from the 1970s and especially during the Marxist regime of Mengistu Haile Mariam. An additional factor that contributed to the change of attitude was that in subsequent years, the faith and confidence of the Eritrean people in Ethiopia was shattered when King Haile Sellassie's government took a drastic move to abrogate Eritrea's U.N. sponsored federal status, suppressed political parties, banned the trade union movement and made it a province of Ethiopia. This move of Haile Sellassie was very much expected. In fact, it was clear

from the very beginning of Eritrea's federal status with Ethiopia that he would do so. The ground reality of the situation in Ethiopia was such that although Ethiopia under Haile Sellassie called itself a democracy, in practice it was not and the political system was basically an autocratic monarchy with "God" given powers. Hence a democratic Eritrea would be a challenge to Ethiopia's already existing political system which obviously King Haile Sellassie did not want to be touched. What even more complicated the politics of Ethiopia but was in a way advantageous to Eritrea was the overthrow of Haile Sellassie government in 1974 and take over of power by the so-called Dergue regime. President Mengistu Haile Mariam a prominent leader seized power from the Dergue in 1977. The internal political squabble between Mengistu and his opposition complicated the entire scenario. By then, there were numerous regional based opposition movements such as Ethiopian People's Revolutionary Party, Ethiopian Democratic Union and Oromo Liberation Movement etc., which were trying to take over power from President Mengistu. The TPLF was more a liberation movement seeking secession from Ethiopia. It became much more organized in the late 1970s and basically sought secession and this made the EPLF to join hands with TPLF to fight against the Ethiopian government for the common cause of both of them. In that sense, it was the common understanding between both the forces, which helped serve their common interests ultimately, although it should be pointed out here that they indeed had differences of opinion in the 1980s and even went to the extent of breaking their relations.

Post independent Eritrea and post Mengistu Ethiopia provided a notable



example of the cordiality and friendship of neighboring countries in the whole of Africa. Ethiopian recognition of the sovereignty and independence was almost instant and so was from the other countries of the Horn of Africa. For a time then, even if it was a short one though, post-Cold War Horn of Africa seemed to be all the more serene and peaceful with each of them pledging peace and cooperation, emphasizing diplomacy and joint resolution of disputes. In fact, the Eritrea government went to the extent of proposing a confederal relationship with Ethiopia during this time. For various reasons, this was a non-starter. In the immediate aftermath of Eritrea's independence, the internal uprising in neighboring Somalia was dealt with lots of diplomacy that reflected statesmanship and commitment to maintain peace in the Horn. These moves in fact did not succeed. The role of OAU and the newly formed organization - the Inter-governmental Authority on Development shortly called IGAD also was very much evident in this but as pointed out earlier even these attempts failed.

Apart from the much publicized and the renewed vigor with which Eritrea

especially portrayed an important regional leadership role in the affairs of Horn of Africa, what is of importance to us is the type of relationship that existed between Eritrea and Ethiopia. As was mentioned earlier, the relationship exemplified cordiality and friendliness between them to the extent that it was the Ethiopian currency "Birr" that was the medium of currency here in Eritrea as well until 1997 when Eritrea decided to have its own currency called the Eritrean Nakfa. Moreover, as Eritrea had the advantage of two ports - Massawa and Assab - a written agreement between the two countries made it possible for Ethiopia to use the port facilities of Assab. Trade and economic ties were smooth and there was an overall economic growth seen particularly in Eritrea. Although the boundary separating both the countries were clearly defined in the colonial treaties of 1896, 1902 and 1908 during the period of King Menelik with Italy which colonized Eritrea, it was never raised or never was actually demarcated after Eritrea's independence. This seemed to be the origin of the frictions that developed between these two nations although there were numerous other immediate

reasons as well. The cordiality soon deteriorated to the point of no return. It is saddening to note the unfortunate developments of 1998 since it has and to the surprise of many, brought about enmity between them. In other words, the initial euphoria that prevailed did not last long. Sudden turn of events led to serious problems between them. One among the many other background reasons was the border issue, which became the main bone of contention. The symbolic village of "Badme" which borders both the countries was the flash point which ignited the conflict on 6 May 1998 that did not stop with one round but with three rounds of conflict and which seems to be, as of now, a never ending one. Exhausted with three rounds of costly border war and loss of tens of thousands of soldiers and bearing the burden of the after effects of war on their economy and social life, these two countries went in for a peace process that were to bring about a comprehensive solution to the problem by delimiting the territorial borders once and for all which was, as mentioned above, not done until then.

To be continued next week

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- C. Computer proficiency with skills to work on latest software packages.

Experience required:

- A. A minimum of not less than 5 years experience in the similar positions.
- B. Individuals having experience in the oil field industry shall have an added advantage.
- C. Employ should be complacent with all latest/modern safety equipments and safety regulations compliant to the oil industry.

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- C. Skill in computers.

Experience required:

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26 ways to be happy

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Life is full of ups and downs. In order to experience happiness you must experience other emotions, including sadness and anger, to some degree nearly everyday. The ideals you should work toward are to accept what you have and who you are, to enjoy life whenever possible and to feel happy most of the time. I say "most of the time" because nobody is going to be happy every moment. Life is meant to be so. Happiness needs to be earned, worked at and appreciated. For those of you with no real reason to be unhappy, here are some thoughts to help you remember that life is good and worth living.

1) Change your thinking.

Live every day as if it is your last. People who have survived a terminal illness or accident, witnessed a tragedy or who have lost a loved one are said to have a different perspective on life. Many will say that they no longer leave anything until later. They travel now, learn a new skill now, contact a friend now. They know - and we should all remember - that there might not be a "later".

2) Keep a journal.

Write an ongoing list of the good things that happen to you every day. What good things that did your daughter say to you the other day? You will not remember unless you write them down. Problems can be solved and bad things cleared from your thoughts by writing them down, too. Try it - it works!

3) Get some prospective on things.

Think about how you would like to be remembered and what you might tell

your grandchildren about your life.

4) Don't let the small stuff bug you.

Wasting your energy by getting upset about life's many minor irritations is not worth it. Smile and wave to the driver who won't let you merge into his lane. If he's rude and aggressive, then it's his problem. You've missed the bus? Then just enjoy a cup of coffee while you wait for the next one.

5) Do any unpleasant or difficult chores that need doing.

Do them now. Procrastination drains your energy and burdens your mind. If you are thinking and worrying about something that needs to be done then you might as well be doing it.

6) Change your routine.

Life can begin to seem like a bit of a chore if we do the same thing day after day, week after week. We need to create interest in our lives, and to do new things. If you normally sleep in on a Sunday, the "sleep in" is no longer a treat. Why not get up early and have breakfast in the park? The day will seem much longer.

7) Don't try to keep up with the jounices.

So, they've got a swimming pool, the latest stereo system, a new car? Who cares! Look again. He works on the weekends and they never seem to see friends. Who's better off, really?

8) Have a big clean out and divest yourself of useless "stuff".

Clothes unworn for a year, kitchen utensils that are always in the way but never used, unused linen (you still have cot linen on the shelf and they "baby" is six!), toys, books, furniture-give it all to a charity and you will have helped the poor. The bonus is that your shelves and cupboards are clutter-free now. Housework is easier, your vision is

clearer and the fengshui of your home is improved.

9) Learn to say 'no'.

You don't have to do it. Your life is already too busy and you are running from one thing to another. Give yourself some space to think and time to do something for yourself.

10) In your relationship, remember to have your partner for who he or she is.

Have they really changed so much? Or (think about it!) might he/she actually be the same person that you fell in love with? The relationship might need some work -everything needs some repair work or maintenance after a few years of running- but the parts should still be in working order!

11) Don't let familiarity breed contempt. Your partner and family deserve at least the same consideration you give your friends. And you deserve the same from them.

12) Tell your partner, family and friends you love them.

Tell them what you love about them. Tell them when they do things well. A

little praise never hurts and before you know it, you might be told that you've done things well too. You never know...

13) Are you always a shoulder to lean on for troubled friends?

It might be hard, but if their problems are beginning to affect you, then you need to try not to be quite so available all the time. They need to address their problems and move on.

14) Phone, e-mail, and even write to some old friends.

You've lost touch but it needn't be forever. And how long was it since you spoke to your aunts? They'd love to hear from you.

15) Enhance your mood with greenery.

Cut some fresh flowers from your garden-or get up early and head to the markets and fill your home with loads of inexpensive flowers, fruits and vegetables, potted plants fill the house with life and vitality.

16) Go to the beach whenever possible.

The long views, the winds the waves, bare feet in the sand, sun on the back

there is nothing so good for the soul.

17) Create something.

Paint, sculpt, sew, and bake, garden-anything!

18) Breathe fresh air.

Go outside or open the windows. Breathe deeply to the bottom of your lungs and feel the stale air leave out.

19) Go for a walk.

This gentle exercise will renew and invigorate you physically and mentally in your first outing. Take it up regularly you'll feel better every day.

20) Rent a funny video and have a good laugh.

Old comedies always do it for me.

21) Move your furniture and ornaments around, change rooms, and paint walls.

It's true! A change is as good as a holiday.

22) Give yourself something to look forward to.

Book a vacation trip, a night out, a message.

23) Invite friends over for dinner.

Get everyone to dress up, and decorate the room and the table. Greet everyone with cocktail or party. Spend time thinking about and planning the menu, enjoy the shopping and cooking. People can't help but respond positively when you've gone to a lot of effort for them. The night will be good fun. And don't get stressed over cleaning the house before hand- no one will even notice.

24) Smile.

Smiling is contagious - try it and see.

25) Make someone else's day happier.

It may sound a bit corny, but why not? Start by suppressing the urge to blast your horn at the slow driver ahead. Or you could even make a positive move by volunteering your time for a charity.

26) Finally, always be spiritually with God.

Remember we are not permanently in this life, read spiritual articles and religious books - such as Quran for Muslims- and always be with God for Him to be with you.

Taj Sheba presents fitness award

The results of the fitness competition held by the Taj Sheba Hotel from May 7 to May 14, were announced on May 24 2003 at the Abu Nawas Hall of the hotel.

According to the hotel's management, this activity is an attempt to promote the importance of good health in Yemen. The hotel's Health Club Manager Mr. Prakash Shirlekar organized a series of competitions that included Stepper, Running, Cycling and Swimming. Though each of these events were only 15 minutes long, the participants were glad to learn how important it was to lead a healthy life and to exercise daily.

General Manager for the hotel Mr. Rohit Khosla kicked off the evening by delivering a power packed speech on the importance of good health. All the winners received exciting prizes that included gift vouchers from MAM International, Al Kabous Company and Shumaila Hari.

The Grand Prize for the fittest person in the competition was an air



(L-R) Mr. Khosla giving away the grand prize to Dr. Ali Anami



Mr. Khosla (3rd from left), Mr. Prakash Health Club Manager (4th from left) with Dr. Ali Anami

ticket from Sana'a-Dubai-Sana'a sponsored by Yemen Airways.

Dr. Ali Anami bagged this prize by being the fittest person in the competition. The function concluded with a special dinner for the health conscious dished out by Chef Vijay Kumar exclusively for the occasion.



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In celebration of labor day YHOC and JHOC honors 41 employees

On Tuesday, May 20, 2003, Yemen Hunt Oil Company (YHOC) and Jannah Hunt Oil Company (JHOC) held an Outstanding Achievement Award Luncheon at the Sheraton Hotel in conjunction with the Yemen Labor Day. During this luncheon, YHOC and JHOC recognized 41 employees who demonstrated outstanding performance and achievement during the past year. It was attended by Mr. Shaef Al-Husseiny Deputy Minister Labor and Social Affairs, Dr.

Mohammed Muqbil Director of Yemenization at the Ministry of Oil and Minerals representing the Minister of Oil and Minerals Mr. Ahmed Abdul Jaleel Al-Shamery, Chairman of the Joint Consultative committee, Mr. Karim Abuhamad Vice President and General Manager of Yemen Hunt Oil Company, Mr. Khalid Ali Al-Khader, Deputy Manager of Yemen Hunt Oil Company, Mr. Kerry Kendrick General Manager of Jannah Hunt Oil Company, Mr. Abdullah Mohsein Shalamish Deputy General Manager of Jannah Hunt Oil Company, both

Company's Department Managers and Representatives of local Newspapers.

This special recognition program honored employees in three different categories, Outstanding Achievement Award, Special Achievement Award and General Manager's Award. Employees were nominated for the Outstanding Achievement Award by their respective department managers and selected by the General Manager and an Awards Committee.

Employees were selected for this award as per the following basis:

- Contribution to the overall success of YHOC and JHOC.
- Leadership ability
- Initiative/creativity
- Dependability/Reliability

36 Outstanding Achievement awards were presented, with each recipient receiving a cash bonus and a certificate recognizing her/his selection.



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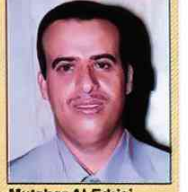
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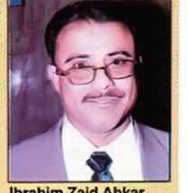
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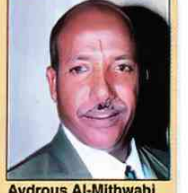
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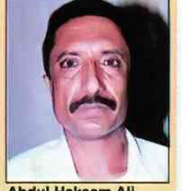
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Shafiq Al-Saqaf (middle), JHOC General Manager Special Recognition Award recipient in a memorial picture with Mr. Kerry Kendrick (right), JHOC General Manager and Abdullah Mohsein Shalamish, JHOC Deputy General Manager



Talat Ali Mohamed Al-Jabaly (middle), YHOC Special Recognition Award recipient in a memorial picture with Mr. Karim Abuhamad (right), YHOC VP and General Manager and Mr. Khalid Ali Al-Khader, YHOC Deputy General Manager

In addition to the Outstanding Achievement Award recipients, two other employees were chosen by YHOC's Vice President and General manager, Karim Abuhamad, to receive Special Achievement Award. These employees are:

Hasan Ali Sharaf Al-Kohlani Manager of Safety
Anwar Al-Maktary Maintenance Supervisor

On the other hand One employee was chosen by YHOC's vice President and General manager, Karim Abuhamad, to receive the General Manager's Special Recognition Award. This Award was given to recognize the employee who best exemplifies the performance criteria mentioned above. The recipient was given a special certificate and cash award recognizing his selection.

Recipient of 2002 YHOC General Manager's Special Recognition Award is:
Talat Ali Mohamed Al-Jabaly
Assistant Controller

In addition to the Outstanding Achievement Award recipients, one employee was chosen by JHOC's General Manager, Kerry Kendrick to receive Special Achievement Award. This employee is:

Ahmed Ali Amer Senior Engineer

On the other hand, one employee was chosen by JHOC's General Manager, Kerry Kendrick, to receive the General Manager's special Recognition Award. This Award was given to recognize the employee who best exemplifies the performance criteria mentioned above. The recipient was given a special certificate and cash award recognizing his selection.

Recipient of 2002 JHOC General Manager's Special Recognition Award is:
Safeiq Abdulwali Al-Saqaf
Construction Engineer

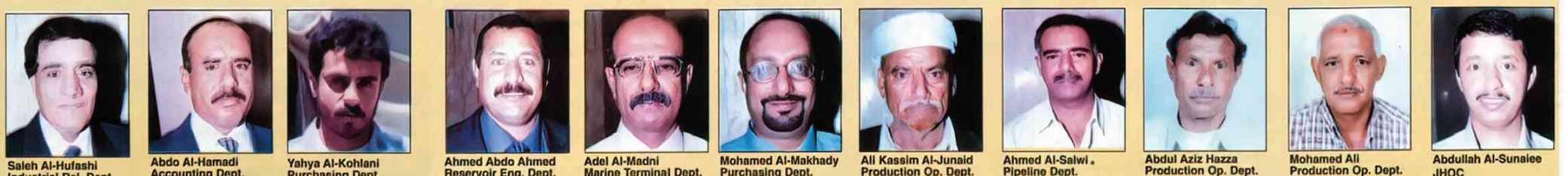
YHOC and JHOC are very pleased to recognize these exemplary employees for their outstanding performance and Contribution to the success of the Company.



Hasan Al-Kohlani (middle right) and Anwar Al-Maqtary (middle left), YHOC Special Award recipients in a memorial picture with YHOC VP and General Manager (right) and YHOC Deputy General Manager (left)



Ahmed Amer (middle), JHOC Special Award recipient in memorial picture with JHOC General Manager (right) and JHOC Deputy General Manager





Intraccs celebrates Labor Day and honors employees

On the occasion of international Labor Day, an award ceremony was held by Intraccs Company in Mareb to honor the company's distinguished employees for the year 2002.

Amid presence of the governor of Mareb and a number of prominent personalities in Mareb, Chairman of Intraccs Mr. Abdullah Al-Kharraz distributed certificates of merit along with

awards to 44 worker, employee, and technician working for the company.

Then Mr. Al-Kharraz gave a speech thanking the company's staff for their efforts and congratulated them on the occasion of Labor Day.

The governor of Mareb also gave a statement in which he thanked the company for its efforts in the governorate and for taking good care of its employees. He also indicated the governorate's efforts in facilitating the work of the

private sector and establishing a number of projects for this purpose.

Following the statements, a warm reception was held during which employees and their management had an opportunity to discuss various issues concerning their work and presented proposals for the future.

This ceremony was attended by Mr. Ja'far Al-Kharraz, General Manager, and some of the company's managers and staff.



Mr. Abdullah Al-Kharraz, Chairman



Mr. Abdullah Ali Al-Nassi, Mareb Governor



Chairman of Intraccs (left) and Mr. Abdo Abdulla Mahmoud Shaeef, the winner of Distinguished Achievement Award

Outstanding Achievement Award

Name	Location
Gamal Saleh Obadi Ali	H.O
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Abdul Wasee Othman Saleh Al-Madhagee	CPU
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Mahyoub Moh'd Ahmed Saleh	CPU
Abdulbaqi Ali Ismail Moh'd Al-Rufaid	CPU
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Abdulrahman Hizam Abdulla Al-Mawarahey	Al-Raja
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Moh'd Lutf hassan Moh'd Al-Amery	CPU
Ahmed Abdulrahman Salim Salumah Awad	CPU
Salah Mohsin Moh'd Abdulla	CPU
Basim Amin Ahmed Al-Thobhany	H.O
Naser Mubarak Magarhi	CPU
Amin Abdullah Abdo Moh'd	Halewa
Hassan Nagi Saleh Al-Gumae'e	M.B Masila
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Moh'd Abdulmalik Alwan Ali	CPU
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Gamil Ahmed Sultan Saeed	CPU

Special Achievement Award

Ahmed Abdulla Ahmed Al-Baidani	H.O
Saleh Ahmed Moh'd Nagi Al-Hudhaify	B-6
Ahmed Saeed Marbash	Mukalla
Fahmi Omar Aboud Hamdah	Mukalla
Awadh Nagi Zebnallah Al-Masree	CPU
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Amnah An-Nussiri to Yemen Times:

"Respecting the life principle will make us believe in all good morals and justice"

Plastic art is a genre of fine arts which through time demonstrates the culture of a nation as well as her customs and traditions.

The aesthetic heritage of industry and antiquities souvenirs remain in circulation for generations depicting different images of history.

Through art our forefathers' creative works remained engraved in our memories.

We as Yemenis possess a large collection of heritage from successive civilizations and bygone dynasties. History has preserved these facts through those artists who lived through those events.

In our country creative works face a lot of problems and uncountable difficulties in form of complicated routine measures and non-encouragement of artists in different fields of art. This makes many artists avoid coming up with their creative works.

The Yemen Time reporter, Mohammed bin Sallam has recently interviewed Amnah An-Nussiri, a distinguished female artist and filed the

following interview:

Q: Why the exhibition has been called Creatures, (Ka'aenat) and what is the new in it?

A: First of all, Ka'aenat is the subject my portraits are centered on. The idea of those paintings have come to my mind during the last years has come

as a result of my occupation in the mystical philosophy.

The devastating wars along with current natural catastrophes and crises have made me search for more meanings about life and the human existence.

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Dr. Amnah An-Nussiri



The artist talks about her paintings

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