



# More than 2000 swine flu cases: Schools fear the worst

### By: Khaled Al-Hilaly

SANA'A, Nov. 4 — With the increase of the number of H1N1 cases in Yemen since the beginning of winter, people, especially school students, are turning to disinfectants and masks to protect themselves from infection

Since the beginning of school year, swine flu has been circulating throughout the country's schools. Last month, 13 swine flu cases were detected among school students in Sana'a, Hajjah, Aden, and Ibb, according to media reports.

Last week, the Education Ministry closed three schools in Baidha'a after detecting swine flu cases. This week seven swine flu cases were detected in five different schools in Ibb.

About 5 million students enrolled in October for the school year 2009-2010 all around the country after school year was postponed twice in September.

Both public and private schools are paying their extreme attention to cleanliness. Even in some schools are forcing students to keep a bottle of disinfectant and put on a mask

"I disinfect my hand before and after coming to school," said Abdulkarim Al-Waqdi, a 10-year-old fifth graders at Al-Dailami school, while presenting a cloth napkin and a 50 ml of disinfectant gel he brought to school "to kill germs."

Minister of Information Hassan Al-Lawzi, said that they believe there are 2070 cases of H1N1, including 1441 who have displayed symptoms as a result of mixing with infected people. Laboratory diagnosed cased have reached 629 cases and 17 deaths from the disease as of Tuesday of this week

He added that 25 cases had been discovered in schools and four cases at Sana'a University.

useful to prevent H1N1 if used with other safety measures, like hand washing, covering coughs, avoiding crowds and staying at home if ill.

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"The use of a facemask is likely to be of most benefit if used as early as possible when exposed to an ill person and when the facemask is used consistently, "according the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Mohammad Awadh, deputy school principal in Sana'a, said that students are requested to keep a cloth napkin, a disinfectant gel and a mask to avoid H1N1 infection. "We asked students to report to us if anyone of them has high temperature, so we check with a thermometer, and if it is more than 38 degrees Celsius, we ask him to go home," he said. "Prevention is better than cure- up to now we don't have any single case."

Huge demands for disinfectant gels have caused many markets to run out. Last weekend stationary store owners located near school were seen looking for these disinfectants at the Sana'a medical appliances market in Tahreer.

Nabil Saleh, an owner of a stationary store in Sana'a, said that he ran out of disinfectants and the demand from students is huge. This year he began selling disinfectants and masks to students in schools in the neighborhood.

Margaret Chan, Director General of the World Health Organization (WHO) told journalists in Havana last week that the organization is promoting measures to combat the virus beyond pharmaceutical methods, from simple hand washing to education about respiratory diseases.

Chan noted that 25 manufacturers around the world were producing the vaccine, although not all clinical tests were complete yet.

She added that the WHO has sent to 121 developing nations doses of the antiviral drug Tamiflu, which is widely used to treat H1N1 patients

first swine flu case in June. It was a Yemeni student coming from the United States of America.



Health experts say that face masks can be useful to prevent H1N1 if used with other safety measures, like hand washing, covering coughs, avoiding crowds and staying at home if ill.

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## **Around the Nation**



## Children seek equal access to schools

### **By: Heather Murdock** Also reported by Ali Saeed

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SANA'A, Nov. 4 - In the southern corner of the city, in the Dar Salm area, there is a small shantytown, known to locals as a 'mahwa.'

In Sana'a mahwas, houses are fashioned together with found items, like stones, blue tarps, tires and cardboard boxes. Sometimes walls are plastered with mud for insulation. There is no running water and toilets are-at bestholes in the ground.

Most of the inhabitants are part of group known as the 'akhdam.' The group is a remnant of an ancient class system that in many ways has faded from daily life in Yemen. But for residents of the Dar Salm mahwa, the class system is very much alive as they struggle to survive at the bottom. They are not, however, content to stav there.

In Dar Salm, families, led by the Bab Al-Amel (Door of Hope) charity organization, are fighting to send their children to public schools.

And it is a fight, according to Lorraine Kisch of Bab Al-Amel. The public schools systematically deny entry to the children from the mahwa, she said. When they cannot justify denying registration, they accept the children only to throw them out later.

"They are very sly about pushing the



To prepare them for the school semester, students from the Dar Salm mahwa attended a summer program provided by Bab Al-Amel, a charity organization. Besides, academics, they studied school etiquette and personal hygiene, according to the organization.

### kids from this neighborhood out of the school," she said.

According to Kisch, schools regularly refuse to register children from the mahwa. Officials make excuses not to accept the children, like telling parents that registration is closed. And parents, accustomed to the disadvantages of the class system, are quick to believe that their children will not get an education.

"It doesn't take much to discourage people who are already excluded," said Kisch. School officials also said that many children in the Dar Salm mahwa are not getting educations. But Arwa Al-Absi, the head of the Maria School located near the mahwa, said the school does not deny registration to eligible students.

Children from the mahwa, she said,

get thrown out of school for bad behavior, or drop out because they don't want to study.

"Some of them stay in school a month," said Al-Absi, "and then they drop out."

But for the members of Bab Al-Amel, just getting the children in the door is a challenge. Since August, members have shuttled paper work from government offices to school registration offices to find a place for about 40 students.

Most of the children are now registered, according to Bab Al-Amel member Khamisa Issa.

Some of boys, however, are still not registered for school. They started school late and are now too old to get into the first grade.

The children who are registered started school on Saturday, but Issa said she expects many will not finish the school year.

"I am frightened for the next generation," said Issa.

Last year, about half of the 40 or 50 children from the mahwa who were registered through Bab Al-Amel were expelled from the public school, according to Kisch. And after they were expelled, she said, the children and their parents were discouraged.

"Fathers say, 'You don't have to study because no-one will accept you," she said.

Kisch also said she expects children from the mahwa will be expelled from the local public schools one by one in the coming months for offenses that would go unnoticed if committed by other children.

But discrimination against children trapped at the low end of what Kisch called a "rigid caste system" is not unusual in Sana'a. Families in mahwas all over the city say they are looked down on, and their children are mistreated.

In a mahwa near the Old City, 18-year-old Rashad Hassan Al-Zabeedi said he dropped out of school after the fourth grade because of discrimination. He said akhdam children received lower grades than other children, regardless of the quality of their work.

"Whatever we do there," he said, "we are, in their opinion, just akhdam."

But it is not just discrimination that keeps the children out of schools. It is also crushing poverty.

For some families, even the most cost of fees, pens, notebooks and uniforms is prohibitive. Every year, parents need about YR 3,000 (USD 15) per child for children under 10 years old.

"All the money goes to feeding them," said Mohammad Sharrif, pointing to his three small children outside their home in the Dar Salm mahwa. Schools sometimes reject children

from the mahwas because of the lack of sanitation in their homes, according to Yasser Mubarak, the Oxfam Campaigns & Policy Coordinator. Without running water, teachers say the un-bathed children pose a health risk to their classmates, he said.

Many children also don't go to school because they work to support their families. In a house on the edge of the Dar Salm mahwa with a roof made of cardboard and old blankets, Amina Amir said two of her four children don't go to school because they work on the street, fixing shoes. It is the only family income, she said.

"I'm not accustomed to begging," she said, "and we are suffering."

And in the large mahwa in the western part of the city, Nassra Mohamad sat in her single room stone home surrounded by about nine of her small grandchildren.

She said she tried to educate their parents, but discrimination and poverty drove them all out of school at a young

In family where each person lives on less than YR 150 (75 cents) a day, even buying shoes for the children for school is an impossible burden.

She looked sadly at the excited crowd, jostling for her attention. "Everybody here is 5 or 6 years old," she said. "They want to go to school."

## Yemen submits proof of Iranian groups' support for Houthis

### By: Mohammed Bin Sallam

SANA'A, Nov. 4 – Yemen provided the Islamic Republic of Iran with evidence proving involvement of Iranian religious groups in supporting Houthi followers during their fight with the Yemeni army. Information Minister Hassan Al-Lawzi, who is also Spokesperson for the government said. He didn't reveal what the nature or content of this evidence is.

The Yemeni authorities said they caught an Iranian ship two weeks ago on Yemen's western shore. "The relevant authorities are currently investigating five crew members, who were aboard the ship, which crossed via ports of some Arab states through contacts with officials of these states," Al-Lawzi said. He confirmed that the ship is still caught up in Yemen and its crew is being investigated.

During a weekly meeting on Tuesday, the official denied the presence of any government directions warning Houthis in Sa'ada city to surrender themselves and lay down their arms within 10 days.

He pointed out that local and security

authorities in the volatile governorate will hunt for those involved in securitysensitive issues and refer them to competent courts for trial.

### **Ongoing clashes**

what he called a heavy loss.

Regarding ongoing confrontations between government troops and Houthis, a security source said Tuesday evening that "Security forces arrested 39 Houthi followers in Sa'ada," adding that the forces clashed with many other Houthis as they were distributing brochures inciting people against the government and army. The Yemeni army-affiliated 26september.net quoted the same source as saying the army took control of the Dukhan Mountain and other areas near Mawqad valley, plus other strategic mountaintop positions overlooking the valley. He went on to say that the troops seized large quantities of light and medium weapons, several cars, tapes and ID documents belonging to Houthi fighters, pointing out that military units thwarted a Houthis' attempt to sneak into the Hajarah area and inflicted on whom

The same source continued that military and security units launched an offensive on Houthi strongholds surrounding Al Uqab area, leaving several of them killed or injured and taking control of their arms and ammunition. He said that military engineering units defused landmines planted by Houthis around their strongholds.

From their side, Houthis said they thwarted plots of advancing troops south of Sa'ada city this week, as well as other similar plots in the southwest part of the city, killing several troops and capturing others in clashes that lasted hours. This came in a statement published by Office of Abdulmalik Al-Houthi, their field leader, on Tuesday, of which a copy was obtained by the Yemen Times.

The office announced that their fighters took control of strategic military positions, arms and equipment in mountains along the Yemeni -Saudi border.

According to the statement, the government aircrafts struck Amran governorate's Harf Sufyan district in a single raid Tuesday. Other areas in the district experience calm except for rocket firing

and mortar shelling.

Arabia against allowing the Yemeni army to use its territory for launching offensives against their fighters. This came after Houthis released another statement indicating that Saudi Arabia allowed Yemen to establish a military base in the Dukhan Mountain, part of Saudi soil, to carry out offensives against Houthis.

"We advise the Saudi regime to remain neutral and not to allow Yemeni troops to use its soil as such may foment hostility between us and the party used by the Yemeni army," the statement said.

An official Saudi source told his government's news agency that anonymous gunmen snuck into a position in the Dukhan Mountain in their soil, and opened fire at their border guards in Jaizan region. He added that a guard was killed and another 11 injured in the gunfire.

Eritrean position

Eritrean authorities confirmed that they will not allow any party to use its soil as a ground for operations which threaten the security of neighboring states, particularly those states having historical relations with Eritrea, such as Yemen.

The Saudi Watan Newspaper quoted the Eritrean Embassy in Riyadh as saying earlier this week that "Eritrea has no interest in destabilizing Yemen, given that the Gulf of Aden and Horn of Africa constitute an international route for commercial ships, and its government cares about boosting movement of ships on this route."

The Eritrean Embassy in Riyadh released a statement saying "There are no camps in Eritrea for training Houthis or helping receive arms from Iranian Revolutionary Guards."

The statement confirmed that Eritrean-Yemeni relations will remain strong despite malicious attempts to harm them.According to Bashir Isaac, an external relation officer at Eritrean Opposition Alliance, a camp was established in the Eritrean Dangello Region for training Houthi supporters with support and supervision from Iran.

### War generates revenge killings

The phenomenon of revenge killing has grown over the past few days, particularly between those tribes backing the government in its war against Houthis and supporters of Abdulmalik Al-Houthi.

On Tuesday, a Houthi supporter killed citizen Hassan Bedaih, a member of the Al Shenan Dhu Hussein Duhm Tribe, in front of his wife while she was attending her wounded husband in the Sana'abased Military Hospital. "The victim was killed in his Hospital bed," eyewitnesses said.

Security authorities said they captured the killer immediately inside the hospital. According to media sources, the murder was revenge killing in nature because the victim and other members of his tribe were involved in the killing of three Houthi supporters five days ago as they were passing by a checkpoint set up by the tribe to prevent Houthis from sneaking into their area.



### By: Ali Saeed

SANA'A, Nov 4 - The General Corporation for Social security which is a public institution for social insurance launched on Monday Nov 3rd, an insuring awareness campaign which targets laborers in the private sector.

### insurance program, as up to the end of 2008, around 4,000 families had gained from this service.

In addition to that, the campaign will also target laborers' unions, employers, entrepreneurs, civil society organizations, Yemeni expatriates and all the society entities.

more promotion of the social insurance in the countries where big number populations of Yemeni expatriates are," Al-Nomi said.

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Aden to host investment conference

Ali Mujawar, the Prime Minister, who attended the launch of the campaign ceremony said that his cabinet has directed the General Investment Authority and Company, Saudi-German Hospital, and Yemeni-Libyan holding company, and the Yemen and Gulf Bank and Sugar plant which is under implementation in the Hodiedah governorate.

"The success of the campaign will expand the umbrella of insured persons, which will increase the corporation rev-

### Warning The Houthis on Monday warned Saudi

## **Vacancy for Translator**

Yemen Times is looking to hire a full time translator from Arabic to English to join its editorial department.

Candidates must be fluent in English and have previous experience in translating from Arabic to English. Computer experience, especially typing in English and the ability to use the internet, is essential.

### Experience with media is an advantage.

Interested applicants must email their CVs before November 12 to: heathermurdock.yt@gmail.com

Shortlisted candidates will be contacted to conduct a translation test.

"The campaign, which began this month, will continue until the end of 2010 to promote the importance of social insurance in facing future risks of old age, disability, and death," said Awadh Al-Nomi, Deputy Chairman of the corporation and Director of the campaign.

The number of insured people who registered with the corporation by the end of 2008 reached almost 266,000, according to corporation statistics. Families who have an employee with

salary insurance also benefit from the

Last July, the cabinet approved the decree project that stipulates the inclusion of Yemeni expatriates under the umbrella of social insurance, and now the law is in progress to be passed by the parliament.

However, the corporation still faces difficulty in attracting Yemeni expatriates to join the social insurance in their country as the number of insured persons from the expatriates until now doesn't exceed than 200 insured persons, according to Al-Nomi.

"We will get over that obstacle with

the Administration of the Free Zones to give priority for the corporation to invest in the most lucrative sectors.

The General Corporation for Social Security is a partner investor in many companies so that they are able to pay back the premiums of insured persons or to their families.

"The size of the corporation investment has gone up to YR 63 billion until the middle of the current year," said Al-Nomi.

The cooperation shares the investment with companies of Yemen Mobile enues, which will enhance the corporation ability to fulfill its commitments for customers," said Al-Nomi.

"By realizing the campaign goals in insuring as Yemenis as possible, we contribute to poverty eradication and securing the future of our families," he added.

The General Corporation for Social Security was created in 1987 in response to the law No .17 for 1987 of social insurance. It is a state corporation and it is run as an independent organization in its budget and management.

### By: Mahmoud Assamiee

SANA'A, Nov. 4 - Government officials, Yemeni businessmen, and investors focus on improving Aden city and promoting investment in this economic governorate known internationally through the ages.

For this reason, Aden is hosting Investment and Economic Conference Aden- Yemen Gate to the World (IECAYGW) on November 11-12. The conference will work on promotion for investment in the governorate in particular, and in the country in general.

The conference is an additional bounce for promoting the investment environment and a chance for promoting investment in promising fields in governorates of Aden, Abyan and Lahj, said Head of General Investment Authority (GIA) Salah al-Attar.

In the preparatory meeting for the IECAYGW, held in GIA's building on Sunday, al-Attar talked about Aden 's strategic location and the Aden port

which has been used for hundreds of years for its important location on the world marine map.

"It is important to let investors know the investment advantages in Aden," he said, hailing this good initiative (holding the conference in Aden) adopted by the private sector that has a basic role in promoting investment in Yemen.

Meanwhile, the head of the Aden Chamber of Industry and Commerce, Mohammad Bamashmous, talked about the improvement Aden city has been undertaking since the announcement of the Republic of Yemen in 1990. He also talked about establishing a free zone in the governorate, making it a center for international trade.

But he said, the Aden Free Zone is still facing great challenges under globalization and limited capabilities of local management saying, "for this reason, the idea of holding the conference has evolved."

The Aden conference aims at defining the most important challenges and obstacles facing investment in Aden and the Aden Free Zone (AFZ), and means of overcoming them and finding strate-

gic vision to improve Aden and the AFZ. It also aims at focusing on bases of investment in the AFZ and means of enhancing them, promoting for investment opportunities in Aden and the AFZ and making use of successful international experiences in managing and developing Aden ports and free zones.

### Piracy in the Gulf of Aden

The conference, which is organized by GIA, Aden Local Authority, AFZ's authority and the House of Expertise for Studies and Consultations, will discuss piracy in the Gulf of Aden and solutions suggested for the issue.

Responding to a comment about issues of land, which investors face, Mohammad Abdu Saeed the Chairman of Yemeni Union for Chambers of Industries and Commerce said the issue of land is overdrawn and that lands are available to investors. Saeed, who is

also an investor, said there are vast lands in the Lahj governorate and there are no problems in this regard.

Saeed revealed that the conference will come out with establishing two big real estate projects (for housing and business).

Over a problem of Dubai Ports Company which is not doing well in the project of improving Aden port, Sheikh Abdullah Arramah, Deputy Head of Aden Industrial and Commerce Chamber, said the company is not doing much to improve the project.

"This issue must be given great attention. Improving the port has been delayed so much and that it became neglected to the degree that ships left the port and chose to use other ports," said Arramah. But al-Attar and Bamashmous defended the company and described it as one of the best companies in this field and one which possess 50 percent of ports in the world. They said also that it is premature to judge the performance of the company.



## **Around the Nation**

In Brief

### SANA'A

### PM inaugurates Al Ravyan Hills project 1st phase

Prime Minister Ali Mujawar inaugurated on Monday the first phase of the implementation of Al Rayyan Hills project in Faj Attan area of the capital Sana'a.

The Premier was briefed on the project nature as well as its implementation phases from the chairman of the General Holding Corporation for Real Estate and Investment Development (Shibam) Saad Sabrah.

Mujawar pointed out that the government would present all support and facilities to Qatari investments.

The government works at the highest levels to implement the national strategy for investment and development in order to create a distinctive investment climate ensure realizing a comprehensive economic development.

Al Rayyan Hills project's first phase includes building 172 villas and 60 apartments.

Al Rayyan Hills project, with a total value of \$ 600 million, is a joint project between Shibam and Qatari Diar Real Estate Investment Company,

The two companies have created the Yemeni-Qatari Investment and Real Estate Company to undertake the implementation of the project.

### Parliament accepts cabinet's request of delay for submitting 2010 state budget

The Parliament agreed on Sunday a request of the Cabinet to delay the date of presenting the 2010 state facial budget to the parliament as the constitution stated that the cabinet should submit the budget before the end of year with two months.

The Cabinet justified its request to technical reasons, saying that the Cabinet adopted a new technique to planning and preparing the budgets for three coming years coming (2010 to 2012).

Such technique delayed most of the government units to prepare their budgets for coming year, the cabinet added.

The Cabinet promised the Parliament that it would submit the budget as soon as possible.

### Marib gas-powered plant to be operated next Saturday

In its meeting on Sunday chaired by

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Prime Minister Ali Mujawar, the Ministerial Committee in charge of following up operating Marib gas-powered plant approved the executive plane for operating the plant.

According to the plan, presented by the joint technical team from Ministers of Electricity and Oil and Minerals, the plant's experimental operation is scheduled to start next Saturday.

The plan included a set of measures accompanying the operation to avail from the periods of plant's experimental operation in installing the strategic line with valves and the strategic line of 12 inches in the liquefied natural gas project currently existed.

Furthermore, the plan also included a number of technical works related to the generating units operation at the station which will continue till delivering the plant to the Electricity Corporation and achieving the full utilization from its total capacity of 341 MW through the national grid before completion the aptitude test of the third generation unit.

The premier stressed the full commitment by the corporation and Safer Company to the steps stated in the executive plans and the specific periods, affirming that the cabinet and the ministerial committee would follow up constantly the level of implementation for the first steps.

Marib gas-powered station operating has been delayed several times.

An experimental operation of the Marib gas-powered plant was supposed to start on August 29th, but it was delayed.

In 2005, an agreement was signed between the Yemeni government and companies to implement the first phase of the station in order to begin the operation in January 2009.

### Traffic accidents kill 225 people

in October Over 225 people were killed and 1593 others injured in different traffic accidents during the last month, Interior Ministry reported on Sunday.

According to the ministry's statistic. the traffic accidents have amounted, during October, to 1253 incidents distributed among cars crashes with 898 accidents, run-over with 701 accidents and vehicles overturning with 273 incidents.

The statistic made it clear that the

reasons beyond these accidents are over speed, carelessness of drivers and pedestrians, the vehicles' wrong overtaking on the long roads, mobile use while driving, chewing Qat, and technical faults in vehicles as well as the heavy rains on the roads and other reasons.

### More than 100 Africans arrested as sneaking to Saudi Arabia

Securities authorities have arrested 102 African migrants were attempting to sneak to Saudi Arabia territories, Interior Ministry has reported.

The migrants, including Sudanese, Nigerians and Chadian, were captured in Jabal Ras district of Hodeidah province, while they were in two cars driven by two Yemeni persons.

The authorities said that they have arrested about 1000 Africans were trying to sneak to Saudi Arabia through Yemeni borders.

The 102 arrested are held in the custody of the police and they are currently under investigation.

### OIC Ihsanoglu leaves Sana'a Secretary General of the Organization of the Islamic Conference (OIC) Ekmeleddin Ihsanoglu left on Saturday evening Sana'a after an official visit in which he met President Saleh and governmental officials.

During his visit, Ihsanoglu held a press conference in which he confirmed the OIC's concern on unity and stability of Yemen and its sovereignty on all its territories, considering Yemen's security important for the region, the Arabian Peninsula and the Horn of Africa and has effectiveness on world peace.

### Strategy to boost girls education to be implemented

Education and Training Girls Sector in the Ministry of Technical Education and Vocational Training is currently to complete plans, programs and activities aiming at boosting girls education and training.

Deputy of Education and Training Girls Sector Lamia al-Eryani said that the sector seeks to develop an integral strategy for education sector.

She indicated that the strategy will gain the girls several skills and knowledge which help them enroll in labor market and participate in the society for economic development.

The program includes establishing new institutions for female students in particular and creating specialties suitable for their desires and skills in different technical and vocational fields according to the labor markets' needs, she said.

The study, which contains more that 26 technical and vocational specialties of women, pointed out that the vocational specialties as computer works, electronic maintenance, fine arts, sewing, public relation, accountancy, make-up and fashions are the most domains tendency of girls in the secondary stage.

### **ADEN**

### SEMC, WB launch economic press

course Studies and Economic Media Center (SEMC) in collaboration with World Bank organized on Monday a training course on economic press for 25 information collage students in Aden governorate.

At the opening of the course, Dean of Arts Faculty Hussein Ba-Salam pointed out to the importance of the economic press in Yemen, particularly after the increase of newspapers, magazines and electronic media websites .

For his part, Chairman of SEMCMostafa Nasr demanded a free zone for the media in Aden and the inclusion of economic press in the curricula of information collage.

It is worth mentioning that this course comes within the framework of the program of SEMC in collaboration with World Bank aiming to train 60 female journalists in the field of economic press, women issues and media means.

Access students decided to compete

among themselves to take action and

engage in a long term commitment

towards making their country, Yemen,

cleaner, greener, and more beautiful.

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calling for action and strong leadership

regarding the threats of global warming

The Access Microscholarship Pro-

gram, a U.S. State Department funded

Program, currently funds eight hundred English Access students in Sana'a,

Aden, Taiz Mukalla, and al-Shihr. The

program equips Access students with

the educational, social, and cultural

global environment. The program helps

them develop their personal and profes-

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with the climate. The aim

of this activity was to raise

awareness amongst the Access

interference

students about the environment and to

encourage them to be more responsible

As a result of the Sabaeen Park activ-

ity and a pre-cleanup workshop, many

and helpful towards their community.

"dangerous"

## **Together We Can Make Our Country Cleaner and Greener!**

By Ibrahim Nagi, Access Coordinator AMIDEAST, Sana'a

Two hundred Access Microscholarship Program students participated in a clean-up and tree-planting activity at the Sabaeen park on Thursday 22, 2009. Sponsored by the U.S. Department of State, the Access program funds two years of English language study for underserved youth; the program also includes cultural and community service activities such as this cleanup.

After spending two hours cleaning the park, the Access students proceeded to the park's nursery to learn about



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The United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) invites applications from qualified Yemeni Nationals for the following position:

**Title: Communication Officer** Type of contract: Fixed-Term

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Under the overall guidance and supervision of the Information Technology Officer (NOB), the incumbent shall perform the following main responsibilities:

- Assist in administering the office multi-user network and other data and telecommunication facilities including messaging applications. This involves administering user access to the network, data security of the network, and troubleshooting ad-hoc hardware or software problems experienced on the network. Provide complete documentation of configurations and settings for major LAN components (severs, workstations, switches), and access rights to applications. Maintaining installed network throughput on a continuous basis and recommending enhancement proposals including hardware, cabling standards and software upgrade taking full advantage of current technology
- 2. Assist with the introduction and technical operation of organisational computer applications. This involves overall understanding of the functioning of the system and the interaction of data between sections within the office and with HQ divisions. Assist to install new versions of systems (ProMS, Cognos, Lotus Notes etc), and troubleshoot ad-hoc user problems in its functioning. Keep a software inventory, ensuring copyright compliance for all installed software. Harmonise software versions to eliminate unnecessary conversions.
- 3. Assist in Developing and implementing local office computer applications (e.g. BB, TA Db, Resource Db, access applications). This involves analysis, design, programming, testing and documentation processes. Interface existing systems with locally developed systems where such requirements are established. Undertake conversion of application systems and data consequent on new hardware, operating system changes.
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- 5. Assist with the introduction of specific computer hardware and software. This involves assisting in interpretation of NYHQ guidelines for local office relevance and preparation of PO with vendor interaction on specifications. Installation of new hardware is scheduled with users. Advise users on appropriate use of software packages.
- Assist in Administering and maintaining of computer equipment. This involves interaction with vendors to prepare and administer equipment maintenance agreements and to co-ordinate the arrangements within the office for reporting problems and placing service calls for repairs as necessary.

### Qualifications:

- A university degree in Computer Science, Information Systems and Telecommunications supplemented by Windows (NT/Win2003/XP/2000/98), and Cisco training.
- Five years progressively responsible experience in Computer Information Management work, including data processing applications, use and evaluation of programme packages, database management, multi-user network and telecommunications, network analysis and design, hardware/software installation and management, user assistance, end-user documentation and local office computer applications programming, in support of office computerization
- Fluency in English and Arabic language is required.
- Ability to research analyze, evaluate and synthesize information

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Under the overall guidance and supervision of the Chief communications Officer (L-4), the incumbent shall perform the following main responsibilities:

- Contributes to the development of advocacy and communication strategy by coordinating appropriate audience research and scanning the national media (Arabic and English) and assists in launching Advocacy and social mobilization initiatives
- Assists in developing and maintaining close collaboration with mass media, as well as with groups and 2. organizations (including private sector) whose support is essential to the achievement of results for children as envisaged in the countries programme of cooperation and advocacy and communication objectives and awareness creation among families and communities
- 3. Assists in drafting and editing advocacy articles, press releases, human interest stories and other advocacy/ information materials for both web-based and traditional media, as appropriate.
- Prepares background communication and promotional materials for briefings and visits of media, goodwill 4. ambassadors, donors, national committee representatives and other special interest groups. Assists in the planning, logistic and administrative arrangements for them at the national and governorate level (in close collaboration with field offices)
- Helps organize and generate public support for special events and activities to promote country programme goals 5. and corporate advocacy objectives and assists with inter-agency collaboration in the area of information, education and communication (IEC)
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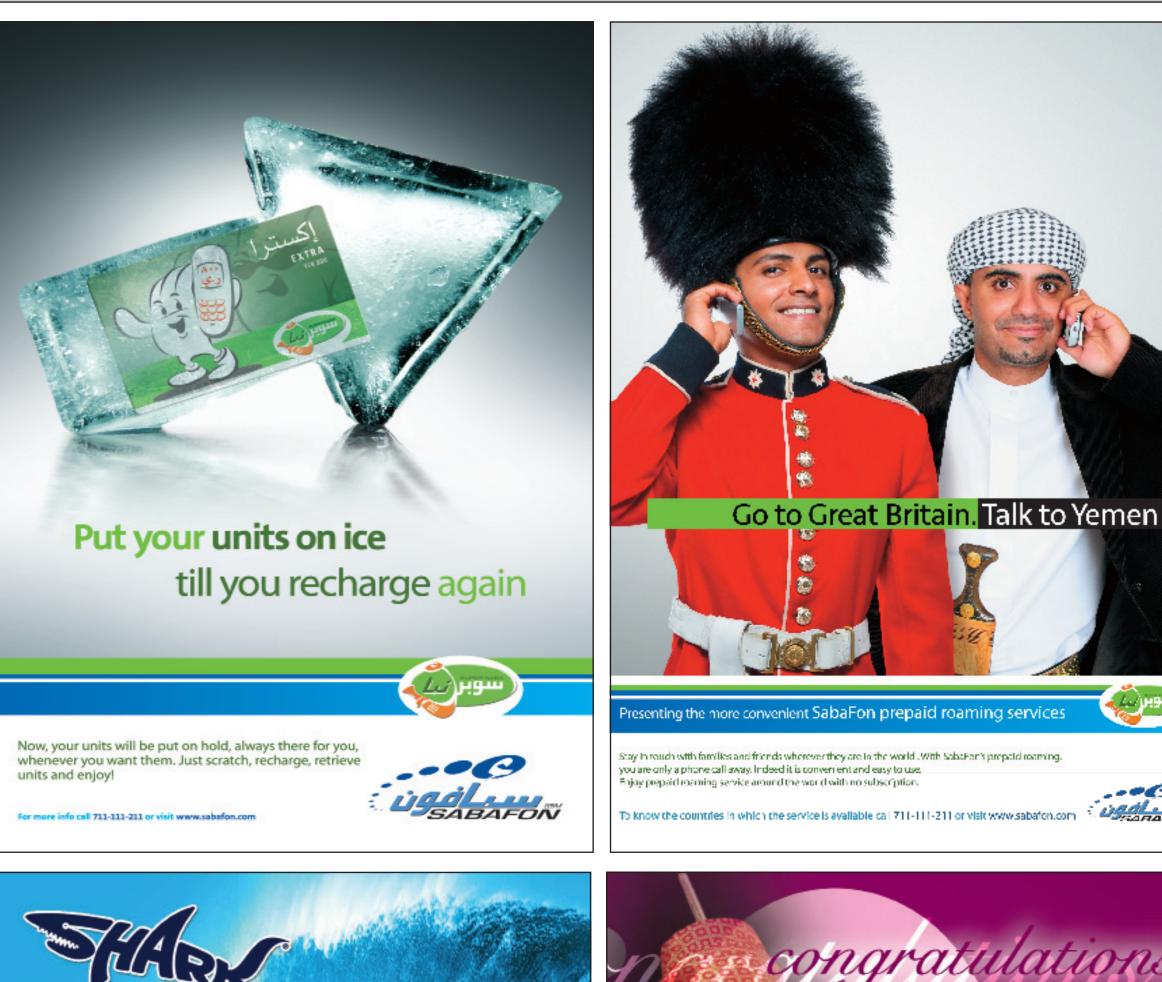
### Qualifications:

- Master degree in Communication, Journalism, Public relations or equivalent professional work experience in the communication area; combined with a university degree in a related field
- At least three years of professional work experience in communication, print and broadcast media or interactive digital media, at either the national or international level including NGO's
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## New window to curb unemployment in Yemen

buy a car. So my advice to others is to

get computer skills training and

YEEF was established in May 2008

with the mission of helping new bach-

elor's and diploma holders to get a

decent work and minimize the unem-

ployment rate in the country, which is

the big factor of poverty, according to

Mueen Al-Eryani, the Chief Executive

The unemployment rate among

Yemeni youth is now almost 30 per-

cent according to the Arab Human

Each year more than 30,000 stu-

dents graduate from universities,

whereas the recruiting capacity of the

state does not exceed 11,000 jobs for

college and high school graduates,

according to Dr. Ali Qasim, Deputy

Minister of the Ministry of Higher

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Moreover, the Deputy Minister indi-

cated that the private sector in Yemen

can not accommodate the Yemeni

laborers and the universities gradu-

"The Yemeni state should try to

boost the economic development by

searching for job opportunities for its

graduates in neighboring countries and

international market of labor," he said. However, educational programs in

Yemeni universities are outdated and

underdeveloped and Yemeni graduates

often can't meet international market

"Universities should not teach and

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improve their English," he added.



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### By: Ali Saeed

YEMEN

asser graduated from the university in 2007. He searched for a job in many places, but he could not find a position because all the employers wanted experience.

"I searched for a job in over 70 percent of the private sector without success. This means that my studies did not prepare me enough for the job market. I realized that experience was what I lacked and urgently needed," Nasser said

Therefore, he decided to start developing himself in the areas that he thought would help him to acquire a decent job.

However, he still did not have the sufficient money to enroll a training institute to get the training he lacked.

A friend of his suggested joining the Yemen Education for Employment Foundation program, which is a free program for Yemeni postgraduates and serves as a link between idle youth and jobs opportunities.

So, Nasser joined the YEEF program, and through this window, he was able to get a job with a company in Sana'a.

"I was extremely confident that the Yemen Education for Employment was the key to gaining the necessary skills needed to improve my employment prospects" Nasser said.

"Since I now have a job, I'm planning to study my master's degree and qualify for only the local market, our local market needs are limited and we should have competitive graduates who can compete in the international level," said Qasim.

"Updating and developing the curricula and educational programs needs funds and in the fiscal year of 2010, we requested from the ministry of finance to fund YR 140 million (USD 700,000) as fund for educational programs and curricula upgrading, but they refused to accredit that," he said.

"The human element is the main element for development that the government and the private sector should invest in," he pointed out.

"All the countries in the world that have great economies started with the human investment as a base for good moving," he said.

"So, the state should think serious in the human resources development and create competitive laborers who can apply for any vacant in the world," he said.

"No doubt that training graduate students in computer skills, English language, and how to fill an application form would be helpful for Yemeni students to get a decent job," he added.

"Since the establishment of the YEEF, the foundation has trained 180 graduated students, and 115 of them got a job with the help of the foundation's program," Al-Eryani said.

"Our goal is not only education, but it is to give youth, whose prospects are limited either by socio-economic constraints or by inadequate education, cutting-edge professional training that leads directly to job opportunities," he said.

"Now, almost 60 percent of the youth who enrolled our training program became employees and that is an indicator of success and challenges at the same time," he added.

"Our head office is in Sana'a and we recently launched our branch in Taiz and we have the dream to expand, as the number of youths who are willing to join our program is huge," said the officer.

"Now, we accept only 10 percent of the applicants due to our limited capacity," he added.

"We can't accept more than that due



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to the financial challenge, as the training program requires funds for curricula and trainers fees," he said.

"The program period is between three to six months and in each month one trainee costs around USD 250 for English language course in addition to associated courses in communication skills and human capacity development," he said.

Although, the YEEF is making progress through its three to six months training program, there are still some challenges, according to Al-Eryani.

"We at the foundation face many difficulties. The top challenge, as a non-governmental organization, is the funding difficulty," he said.

"The number of applicants is more than our capabilities, since we accept only 75 trainees in every course," explained Al-Eryani.

"In the period of the training program, we give trainees around one to two months training in the workplace to apply what they had learned, but we have the obstacle with some bodies in the private sector, as some of them are uncooperative with workplace training," he added.

"As we are searching for jobs for our trainees, we also have some problems with employers, since some of them promise to recruit, but later do not abide their words," he said.

### **Future strategy**

"We are now training the Yemeni youth for the local market with limited capacity, but we have plan for five years to have more offices in the governorates of Taiz, Syoun, Aden, Al-Mukkla, Hodiedah, and Sa'ada to accept more applicants from many

cussed with the Ministry of Social Affairs the potential of training Yemeni laborers for the Gulf labor market as the local market will not accommodate all the Yemeni laborers," he added.

"To achieve that, we need funding. We have collected part of the required funding and we still seek for the rest," he said.

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areas," stated Al-Eryani.



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DRC is currently looking to fill ONE position as Administrator (Male or Female) for its country office based in Aden and invites qualified candidates to submit their applications.

Duty Station: Aden 1 year, depending on the availability of Duration: funds Approx. 300,000 YER gross per month Salary:

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Vacancy Announcement **Security Officer** 

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DRC is currently looking to fill ONE position as Security Officer (Male or Female) for its humanitarian programme in Yemen and invites qualified candidates to submit their applica-

> Aden, with frequent travel to the field 2 months as consultant with possibility of becoming DRC staff (pending on availability of funding)

### Vacancy Announcement COUNCIL Reporting & Information Officer for the Mixed Migration Task Force (MMTF) in Yemen

DRC is a non-profit, non-partisan, independent, international non-governmental organisation working with refugees, asylum seekers and other migrants in Yemen.

DRC currently holds the secretariat of the MMTF in Yemen, a group of organizations that work together with the Government of Yemen to improve the situation of migrants, asylum-seekers and refugees arriving to Yemen.

DRC is currently looking to fill ONE position as Reporting and Information Officer for the MMTF (Male or Female) to act as coordinator for the MMTF based in Aden.

Aden, with some travel to Sana'a Duty Station:



Vacancy Announcement **IT** assistant

DRC is a non-profit, non-partisan, independent, international non-governmental organisation working with refugees, asylum seekers and other migrants in Yemen.

DRC is currently looking to fill ONE position as IT Assistant (Male or Female) for its UNHCR-funded programme in Yemen and invites qualified candidates to submit their applications.

Duty Station:	Aden, with frequent travel to field offices
Duration:	2 months as consultant with possibility of
	becoming DRC staff depending on
	availability of funds;
Salary:	Approx. 220,000 YER gross per month

### **Overall Objectives:**

- All issues related to human resource are dealt with in an efficient and effective manner in accordance to Yemeni laws and DRC's HR manual.
- Ensure DRC's Administration manual is up to date, making changes when necessary.
- Ensure DRC's contractual obligations with third parties are fulfilled and up to date:
- · Effective and efficient record keeping of all administrative issues in Aden and the field offices;
- · Ensure proper and effective management of offices, assets and valuables of DRC:
- Proper and effective management of staff working in your team;
- As member of the Senior Management team, look for the best interest of DRC at all times, providing advice and information to ensure the best decisions are taken by DRC.

### Qualifications:

- · Good command of Arabic and English, written and spoken:
- · University degree in Law, Business Administration, Accounting or related field.
- At least five years of professional experience with NGOs and UN.
- · Advanced computer skills, very good knowledge of MS Word and MS Excel compulsory;
- Ability to lead and motivate a team;
- Excellent interpersonal skills and demonstrated ability to establish effective and working relations with local and international staff and other stakeholders:
- Initiative, sound judgment and dedication.

Interested and qualified candidates should send their application letter along with their CV to drcjobsyemen@gmail.com

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Salary: Approx. 300,000 YER gross per month

### **Overall Objectives:**

- · Advise the Country Director on all matters relating to staff security
- · Undertake regular site assessments of DRC physical properties and project areas, report on findings and design necessary improvements
- Monitor closely the evolving security situation in Yemen in coordination with other security actors.
- · Lead the process of review and revision of security planning, involving staff to ensure understanding and buy-in;
- Draft and submit security incident reports for all security incidents. Maintain an incident map, in collaboration with other organizations where possible;
- · Liaise with local communities, authorities, NGOs and international organizations to ensure maximum understanding and acceptance of DRC activities in its areas of work.

### Qualifications:

- · Good command of Arabic and English, written and spoken;
- University degree in Law, Sociology, Political Science or related field;
- · At least 5 years of professional experience in the field of Security Management with NGOs or UN.
- Advanced user skills with MS Word and Excel;
- · Able to work under pressure;
- · Ability to lead and motivate a team;
- · Excellent interpersonal skills and demonstrated ability to establish effective and working relations with local and international staff and other stakeholders;
- Initiative, sound judgment ad dedication;
- · Experience and willingness to work in the field

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Duration:	2 months with possibility of extension		
	depending on availability of funds and		
the	capacity of candidate.		
Type of contract:	Consultant, later to be changed to		
normal	DRC staff contract.		
Salary:	Approx. 350,000 YER gross per month.		

### **Overall Objectives:**

- Ensure proper coordination of MMTF activities in Yemen, coming up with new initiatives to ensure MMTF remains a creative and relevant forum of discussion on migration issues:
- Organize, call and sometimes Chair MMTF coordination meetings in Aden and Sana'a, taking minutes in English and sharing them with partners;
- Developing materials for the MMTF in Yemen in English, in collaboration with the MMTF members;
- Acting as a focal point for MMTF in Yemen, responding to enquiries and to any requests for information concerning mixed-migration;

### Qualifications:

- Excellent command of Arabic and English, written and spoken;
- University degree on Political Science, Law, Sociology or Journalism.
- At least 5 years of professional experience with international NGOs or UN.
- Excellent drafting skills in English;
- Advanced computer skills in MS Word, Excel and Access;
- Excellent interpersonal skills and demonstrated ability to establish effective and working relations with local and international stakeholders;

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### **Overall Objectives:**

- Ensure all DRC IT equipment is in perfect working order at all times:
- Under the supervision of DRC's IT and Database Manager, maintaining and ensuring that the existing registration database is in good working order;
- Ensuring all DRC equipments are protected against viruses. troyans, other malicious software and improper use by employees:
- Ensuring that all DRC software is well stored, legal and upto-date:
- Ensuring that existing computer networks are in proper working order, installing, when needed, additional ones.

### Qualifications:

- Good command of Arabic and English (written and spoken);
- · University degree on IT Management, programming, networking or related field:
- At least 3 years of professional experience with NGOs or UN
- Advanced user skills in MS Word, MS Excel and MS Access:
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## Opinion





Sa'ada Thoughts is a series of reflections on life and people in Sa'ada from an independent perspective, written by a nurse from the Philippines who had been working in Sa'ada for two years. He could be reached at levy9ph2000@yahoo.com.

## Who's Next?

f we were still in the wild, I would agree with the concept of 'survival of the fittest'. For those who are laid back, they believe that if your time comes, it is your time. Those people who believe in second chances and fix their mistakes from the last time, they live their lives in a different way. There are those who ate dinner with us in ER. The next day they met their creator without saying goodbye to their love ones, dying in a violent manner. I haven't met Houthis and I wouldn't be able to distinguish them from the soldiers we met, unless they were captured in handcuffs and the soldiers introduced them as members of the notorious rebel group. Being in a war is a sad experience. Those you think would survive for a while because they are young or are too nice; they usually end up in body bags. Bullets and bombs don't choose who they hit. As long as you wear the military personnel's uniform or you look suspicious, you don't get to choose when to live and die. One soldier came to the Emergency Room with multiple gun shot wounds. He was gasping when he was brought to the hospital and his wounds were all fatal: He was shot in the neck, chest and lower limbs. He was bleeding to death, and several of his vital organs were hit. His colleagues were crying, and he told us he was in the hospital the night before; he ate dinner with us in the ER. He was a hopeless case. Even if we tried to give him the medications, we didn't have the technology to bring him back to life. Or if we did, we knew he wouldn't last in the operating table. If he was pushed into the ward, he would be attached to a ventilator and his body would eventually give up. When he was about to die, I came to his side and checked to see if I knew him. I could not recognize his face because of the blood coming out of his mouth and the oxygen mask covering most of his features. I prayed for his soul and turned to the nurse who knew him. I told her that this is the fate of those people who participate in the war.

For us nurses, we have always been in the background. But instead of participating directly, we are there to treat their wounds. When our patients feel better, they go back to the battlefield. You cannot blame our profession for doing so, and we don't choose which party to support, because we are in the city; protected by the government. We have also protected the rights of prisoners. Some of them were brought to our hospital and be treated. If their guards decided to take them without finishing their IV fluids or medications, we were there to remind them they are also people with needs. There were a few instances when I have witnessed patients being interrogated while in their sick beds. I was there to shoo the soldiers away to leave the rebel to recuperate. The company has never instructed us to leave our patients to other people's hands. If doctors are entitled to their opinions, nurses were there to protect the patient's interests. Nurses are no longer handmaidens; they also have a voice in their patients care.

Sometimes we also get too tired, and being proactive in Yemen can get you fired. Some of us arrive in Yemen with hopes of blooming in the nursing field. We eventually learned there was no place for the ambitious and independent thinkers. Introducing change means stepping out of line. In some ways, we are all dying in Yemen especially in Sa'ada: No means of communication, our meat stocks are soaring and we can no longer eat fresh vegetables and fruits, and most of our foodstuffs are processed and canned. This is suicide to those who believe in healthy living. Who will die next? Who will be the next to resign? Who will they terminate?

## Freedom's Assassination in Yemen

By: Abdulhakim Hilal a.hakeem72@gmail.com

ost of the press in Yemen self-censors for fear of being prevented from printing or being withdrawn from the market. Over the past few years, al-Thwrah, the official printing press, declined to print some of the newspapers, demanding that they delete some of the articles and words from its pages. On Saturday, the al-Thawrah institution refused to print the National Civil newspaper of Aden.

The Yemeni media is facing abuses, censorship, trials, and arrests today more than ever. To be more explicit, we wouldn't be in this unfortunate situation if the Press Syndicate had fulfilled its duty as it should have. But the Syndicate is not the only one to blame. The journalists should have fulfilled their duty to their rights as well.

However, the weakness that has characterized the present council of the syndicate only confirms what was reflected by the press, advocacy aspects of the withdraw, and group interaction, in spite of the multitude of issues that emerged in the last six months, after the midterm elections last March that produced the current configuration of the Council.

It is necessary to recall that the Fourth General Conference of the syndicate (held last March) used the slogan, "Defend the rights of journalists and press freedom." Today - after nearly seven months - the rights of journalists and freedom of the press no longer exist as they were before the adoption of that slogan. Today, we long for our former freedom, before this Conference.

What has been done by our Council except for the production of a database? According to a source of leadership in the union - who preferred to remain anonymous in order to avoid the blame that can come upon him from some members of the Council - the process of the union was extremely frustrating, and it is now necessary to evaluate their performance. In the beginning of his speech, he tried to make some reforms to that role, by arguing that the Council continue with the official bodies on these issues. However, he acknowledged the seriousness of the deteriorating conditions that the press faces, and the lack of freedom of expression rights these days.

Some of these transgressions in our freedoms include: the sentence against our colleague, Naif Hassan, which

forced him from the position of his newspaper "Ashare". It passed easily, with an unprecedented silence from the Union. Also, the disappearance of journalist al-Maqaleh from his family wouldn't have gone on for more than a few days, if the union had mobilized its members, and formed public opinion as it did in past activities and events that were held at the Union.

To make it more clear, it is worth pointing out that the majority of data concerning the detentions and abuses, and the protectionist measures applied by the authorities towards the press and journalists during the last few years has not made a formal collective (on behalf of the Association Council). Through a quick perusal of the data, it is clear that most of them were issued in the name of the rights and freedoms.

The previous observation, made by the journalist Ali al-Jaradi - editor of the Independent Civil newspaper and former member of the Board - was that the Council affirms that the current union did not meet in order to issue a statement of one official on behalf of the Council on any human rights issue. Of course, that statement was made on behalf of the Council, a few days before the fierce campaign by the government during the confiscation and censorship of eight private newspapers in early May.

This statement was considered by some to be a cover used by the Ministry of Information in the campaign, because it included a collective condemnation of the press, journalists covering the events that began at the time in the southern regions.

It is sad to say that, while in the past the union was the refuge of journalists, through the defense of their cases in many ways, now there are just these messages and data as if it is the most that it can offer to its members today! What has the Association done about the arrest of its member and colleague

Fouad Rashid? What about the abduction of our colleague al-Maqaleh?

The former council managed to stop the government press law project, and the law of the right to access to information, while the present council has been unable to stand against the current establishment of a court specialized press. We used to see the Chairman and members of the Council in all the trials and events. Today, did more than two members attend the event which was held last Saturday concerning the syndicate, at the invitation of the Yemeni Observatory for Human Rights, in solidarity with our kidnapped colleague Mohammed al-Magaleh?



## Yemen's winter of uncertainties

hile separating fact from fiction is a well known feature in Yemen' socio-political life, this winter, Yemen is infested with a larger amount of uncertainties, which make the fact-fiction separation even much more difficult than before. It does not need much imagination,

however, to predict that Yemen will pass through the gate of 2010 as an exhausted and confused nation-state that is carrying multiple threats to national and international security, big political puzzles, growing inter-communal tensions, and, above all, the heavy weight of increasing poverty, underdevelopment, instability and violence. And it does not need much analysis either to reach to the conclusion that the Yemen of 2009 had strayed far from the May 1990 vision of a strong, united and democratic republic.

For western diplomats, Yemen is approaching the gate of the New Year as a political community in crisis. For political scientists, on the other hand, Yemen will meet the New Year as a leading case study of the negatives- very poor law enforcement capacity, failing urban and rural infrastructure, stagnant transition to democracy, declining economic and social indicators, and a completely broken system of taxation and revenue collection. The causes of these negatives, however, are greater than the accumulated failings or ambitions of the leaders of the post revolutionary Yemen. Yemen has been inherently weak because of internal antagonisms, external regional players, and geographical, physical and fundamental economic constraints. Would it be possible, then, for internal corrective measures and international support to alter the current state weakness and political instability in Yemen? In my view, the answer to this question can be found in the failure or success of implementing a balanced strategy that takes into consideration the halting of the downward trend in indicators of state failure, and at the same time integrates Yemen, politically and economically, into its neighborhood. Yemen is no more a trivial state in Middle East politics and security. Today, it has become very clear that the repercussions of state weakness, political instability and winters of uncertainties in Yemen are damaging to regional and international security.

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## Yemen's Unification

### By: Ali Ibrahim The Middle East

n 1990, both the Arab world and Yemen celebrated the unification of Yemen after it was divided between two republics, southern and northern. Both had their own historical experience and political alliances and their own political systems, which came as a result of the global situation prior to unification.

Despite differences in experience. the unification of Yemen was an event that was long hoped for, for many reasons, among them geography, history, culture and even mood. Although there were differences in habits among areas in the same country, Yemenis still retain a single culture that unites them. Moreover, there are regional differences among peoples everywhere in the world, and people are accustomed to it There were many factors that led both southern and northern political leaders at that time to lead the country to unification, even though the process was not completed in the first few years. In fact, a war even broke out in 1994 because of a political rift between leaders of the

and the two superpowers created an international accord, the excuses for division between the Yemens fell apart, and a gap occurred without any external support. Therefore, the south had to join the north and vice versa in order to form a new, more capable political entity.

In the current discourse, these global events are often ignored. This historical ignorance was present in the claim that was made by the former vice president, Ali Salem al-Beedh last week. Those claims seem to deviate from the historical context and reflect unrealistic nostalgia to return to a different time.

There may be some problems and claims that no one can deny or get



The previous board was able to pressure the government through various events - to recognize the abduction of our colleague Abdul Rahim Mohsen and his detention at Political Security, and then release him. Today, security agencies deny having kidnapped our colleague al-Maqaleh.

The previous board was also able to shape public opinion against some of the previous jurisprudence that would have hindered reporters from doing their work, while overruling against our colleague, Naif Hassan arresting him from the position of his newspaper.

It is a shame that 13 members let down more than 1300 members. It is a shame to make the Council vulnerable to two or three in the system, who were charged to "contain" and "break" them. Indeed, the greatest shame to be written in the history for future generations is that the cycle of deterioration of freedom of the press started with the present Council. The conflict later developed into an all-out war consisting of pitched battles that was resolved in favor of Sana'a, while some southern leaders were exiled or reached an agreement with the government.

north and the south.

That conflict could have been predicted had the geographical and historical factors been understood correctly. Both southern and northern parties were results of international polarization and the Cold War between the America and the Soviet Union. When that war ended around that led to the formation of the Southern Movement. This comes at a difficult time for Yemen, as she is also facing an armed rebellion from the Houthis in the north, about whom much concern has been raised.

Therefore the question becomes how must those claims be handled? Is it by going back in time before 1990 Discussions are held concerning these claims, and the solutions possible. Many in the country are discussing the issue of unity, taking into account the pluralism of Yemen, and the fact that unity brings us together more than it does separate us.

The responsibility is on both the central government in Sana'a and the political and national leaders of the west in order to arrange a responsible discussion whose goal is the common interests of a united country. If a party tries to take over through creating problems to divide the country, resolutions must be made to avoid falling into their traps, because everyone else will reap the losses.

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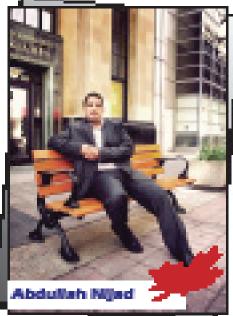
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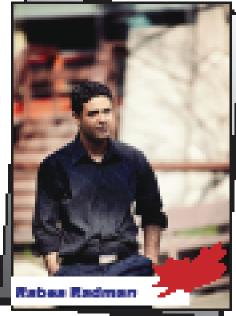
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# Children living in garbage

### By: Amel Al-Ariqi and Hussein Tanam

he scene in the municipality garbage dump two kilometers away from Al-Hodeida city was familiar. A variety of expired foodstuffs were being destroyed by the local authority in the presence of officials from the Ministry of Environment, the Consumer Protection Association, and the Customs Authority.

There were other witnesses as wellchildren between the ages of 10 and 17. They were waiting impatiently for the trucks carrying the provisions to do their work and depart.

Every Monday morning trucks loaded with a variety of expired foodstuff such as cooking oil, powdered milk, flour and wheat enter the dump-yard. The foodstuffs had been collected from different sources like supermarkets, and the Hodeida seaport. The weight of the cargo can reach 12364 tons.

The way these foodstuffs are destroyed is simple. The trucks that carried them just trample over the cans, cartoons, and bottles. Afterwards, a plow sweeps the smashed stuff into a hole, 3 meters deep and buries it. The process can take as long as a few hours, depending on the cargo.

T.V cameras and photographers have captured the destroying of the expired foodstuff, but the scene that is always missed is that of the children who jump into the holes, searching with their bare hands for any remains that they can use.

The small children keep busy, despite the repelling smells, dust, and smoke in the air. They searched amongst the empty remains of cans, bottles and tins.

The number of child laborers is increasing rapidly due to rising food prices and *declining family incomes* 

Taher, 13, comes every day to collect pieces of plastic to sell it by kilos. "A kilo fetches between YR 150 and 100," said Taher. "I come to here to find plastics and wires, to feed my family," added the boy, as he raced his friends to collect the goods.

Last week, many of the children went home carrying frozen chickens. "About 1,600 cartons, each containing 10 pieces of frozen chicken, were destroyed in the yard last week," a worker who works in the yard said. According to Salm Babrik, the director of the custom office in Al-Hodeida, these chickens came from Brazil, but got spoiled due to the poor storage

However, children, who neither knew this, nor understood the implications of



Children stay close to the tractor's wheels, other jump down into the holes, collecting the remains .

They stayed close to the tractor's wheels, and just as it stamped on cartons and buried them, they jumped down into the holes, collecting the rotten remains.

### People live on dumps

The garbage dump was established two years ago, was meant to be far from the center of Al-Hodeida city. However, it was placed only two kilometers away from a shantytown where about 200 poor families live in houses made of cardboard and plastic. Soon, the people found sustenance in the unwanted food and trash, thrown into the dump.

No schools, no medical centers, no government projects and not even a modest wall separates the dump from the hungry people of the settlement.

"We are planning to build the fence, to prevent people and stray animals from entering the dump," says Mohammed Yahia, Director of the dump. The location of the dump was identified in a comprehensive and scientific study, conducted by Social Fund for Development, to determine the best location of the dump, taking into consideration its potential impact on the environment. "The old dump was closed in response to the expanding construction and population of the city,' added Yahia

"These people are helping in recycling the garbage. Parents and children keep coming to the dump, night and the day, in search for stuff to sell or to use, and in the process they recycle the garbage,' continued Yahia. The children he referred to, however, are at the high risk of catching deadly infections and diseases and are exposed to all kinds of hazardous

It's a business

Mohammed, who works in the garbage truck that roams round the city street to collect the trash from homes and stores, refused to tell his real age. "I get YR 15,000 (USD 75) monthly. I gave 5,000 to the shift director, who is also my uncle, and in return, he wrote that I'm 19. I'm below the age of working, but my mother and sisters need the money," he said. Like many others, Mohammed, didn't finish school, and collects garbage all day long. "In my free time, I like to sleep," he said. "I'm lucky that I'm working on the vehicle. It's better than searching the garbage dumps. I can collect the cans and the bottles, while I am on the job and sell them later to the recycling factories."

It is difficult to estimate the number of children making a living only from

"Collecting garbage from dumps is one of the worst forms of child labor in Yemen, together with working in rock quarries and mines, building, painting, auto shops, welding and glass shops, factories, construction, offshore fishing, garbage collection, and begging

collecting garbage and selling it, as many of them may be involved in other work, as well. Though there is no accurate and recent data available on the existing number of child laborers in

Yemen, a government survey conducted in 2000 reported 421,000 child laborers nationwide.

Muna Salim, head of the Combating Child Labor Unit at the Ministry of Social Affairs and Labor, said that the real number is much more than that reported and the number of child laborers is increasing rapidly due to rising food prices and declining family incomes. "We are now planning to conduct a comprehensive survey covering all governorates and children ages 5 to 18," she said.

A 2003 study by Understanding Children's Work (UCW) an international project estimated that 87 percent of working children in Yemen work within the family. According to the study, "Collecting garbage from dumps is one of the worst forms of child labor in Yemen, together with working in rock quarries and mines, building, painting, auto shops, welding and glass shops, factories, construction, offshore fishing, garbage collection, and begging. Children are also involved in drug and alcohol smuggling, serve as loan guarantees, and are engaged in prostitution. Children are employed in domestic service and restaurants where they are particularly vulnerable to sexual abuse and exploitation. Male street children sell clothes and small appliances, act as porters, collect fares on buses, or wash cars."

Since child labor in Yemen is associated with the poverty, which effects 42 percent of the 23 millions populations in Yemen, the government has a tendency to organize child labor instead preventing it.

According to the labor law,

minimum age of working, in Yemen, is 15 years. A 2004 Ministerial Decree allows children between 13 and 15 years of age to perform light work that does not interrupt their attendance at school. The decree prohibits the exploitation of children, as well as hazardous or "socially damaging" working conditions. The decree also limits the work hours of children 15 to 17 years of age to 6 hours per day between 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., with a break period of 1 hour after 4 continuous hours of work. Additionally, employers must grant 24 hours of compulsory paid rest and must also grant annual leave to every working child between 15 to 17 years of age.

The decree states that whoever breaches these laws may face penalties including fines and imprisonment up to 3 months

The Child Labor Unit of the Ministry of Labor and Social Affairs (MOSAL) is responsible for implementing and enforcing child labor laws, and has 20 child labor inspectors throughout the country.

However, these inspectors can no longer perform site visits because their travel budget has been eliminated, said Muna Salim

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### The key point

Yemen participated in a 4-year long, USD 8.4 million sub regional project, funded by USDOL and implemented by CHF International that ended in August 2008. The project aimed to combat child labor through education and withdrew 4,812 children from the labor market. It prevented 11,907 children from entering an exploitive labor, said Salem.

Now, the Government of Yemen is participating in a new USDOL-funded, USD 3.5 million project, implemented by CHF International in association with the Charitable Society for Social Welfare, to combat child labor through education in Yemen (2009-2011). The project began in August 2009 and aims to withdraw another 4,100 from the labor market and prevent 3,000 children from the worst forms of child labor.

"The key point here is education. If we convince the poor families that education can help their children to get access to a better future and break the vicious circle of poverty, and persuade them let their children work less and learn more, then we can make a difference," said Salem. "If we improve our education we will encourage more children to comeback schools and reduce the poverty rate," she concluded.

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## **Readers View**



## "Time"-A Boredom, or a Wisdom?

**By: Enas AL Radami** enasradami@gmail.com

o think about time, we need to think about ourselves. The problem is not the way one could spend his or her time, but why they spent it without thinking. In other words, there must be given at least some time for a

coming actions, which are meant for tomorrow or the present day.

It may seem that things could be done randomly and quickly, for two reasons. Either they are required, or they are made to just spend the day. Planning is vital here because when tasks are planned and prepared previously, they are done well. What makes time boring is to live

person to prepare and decide his or her life with the same routine, without creating any sort of change. Doing the same thing daily causes boredom and creates no meaning when spending time.

> We are supposed to be wise enough to live in the present; for we don't know what is coming tomorrow. if we had changed our thoughts and intentions for the future, we would not have regretted losing the past without enjoying it.

## Jasmine – part 1

### By: Marwa Abubaker Al-Maisari marwaalmaisari@gmail.com

### "Dear Diary,

I can't believe that this is actually the last week as a high school senior. I wonder how it would feel to be a university senior. Especially if it was Uppersky University. The one that I have recently got accepted in. I wonder what HE got accepted in.....

I f I could only....or maybe..... WHATEVER!!!!"

Jasmine put the pen down and went to bed. She does this every evening before going to bed.

Next morning was a sunny, cool spring day. Jasmine loved living in her small town where she knows almost everyone around. She would find Miss. Jones sipping on her cup of coffee each morning on her front porch. Mr. and Mrs. Richer the newly weds on the driveway on their BMW on their way to work. Jonny and Kim walking on the other sidewalk to school. "A quiet morning," thought jasmine "As usual."

Stepping on the school's grounds, Jasmine felt a rush. She loved her school intensely and she found it a pit hard to say good-bye especially to Daniel Bengemin. He was her classmate ever since they were in elementary school. They became more friends in high school. But to Jasmine he has become even more than a friend. She thought of him more often knowing he only sees her as a friend maybe even less than that. She didn't really try to show him anything of what she felt towards him knowing it will all go in vain.

Jasmine was from a very protective, Arabic, Muslim family that immigrated to the United States a very long time. Her parents were raised and married there too. They had all the morals and traditions of Arabs and Muslims that they have raised their children upon. Jasmine was the only child they had. So she knew that having that feeling towards him was something she had to keep for herself.

It was Yearbook day. Everyone was

signing each other and the school was noisier than any other day. Jasmine remembered the fun thing that was in the yearbook; it was that each person would write their future address and a two-line explanation of why they choose this address. There were a lot of jokes and unbelievable addresses. She quickly flipped to Daniel's comment it read,"YO Kia street in China. I want to get smarter so I guess this is the place for me (wink)."

Jasmine had a light smile when he walked to her. "Hey, what's up gal?" he asked friendly. "Oh, hi. How are you Dan?" Almost too surprise to see him.

"Would you like to sign my yearbook?"

"Only if you sign mine." They both exchanged the yearbooks.

With a hesitate smile Jasmine picked her books and walked away. She had always felt awkward around him and as soon she leaves she would wish she stayed a little while longer.....

It was prom night and a quarrel started at the Al-Mayais's house. Jasmine was demanding to go with her friends, who will be on her door-step any moment. Finally they agreed with certain obligations including to come home after two hours! Her father will be picking her up. As humiliating as that will be, she had to agree. "Better than not going at all." She thought.

The music was loud, every senior was there. But Jasmine only had one in mind, Dan! She searched for him with her dark brown wide eyes. "Uh there he is." She told herself. It was satisfying enough for her to see him from that far. In fact she never took her eyes off him.

Daniel was a charming fellow although he didn't really have a girlfriend ever since he was in elementary, which was a relief to Jasmine. She didn't really know much about him although she did manage to know that he left out of home a year ago. It was when his father asked him to work with him in his company and Dan refused. Dan's father had his own company and hoped for his son to follow in his steps. But Dan hated that thought and had to leave home and

start at his own. Only then Jasmine had become fonder of him.

Fifteen more minutes before her dad would be in the school parking lot. She said her good-byes to everyone, not moving her sight of Dan. To her surprise he looked her way waved and winked. She drew a joyful smile and left with indescribable cheerfulness.

### "Dear Diary,

I am officially a high school graduate tonight. The prom was awesome, I had a great time. But the best thing was when Dan waved and smiled at me... Wow he is great. I LOVE HIM!"

The summer was cool and Al-Mayasi were headed to a small town were Jasmine's aunt lived with her to young twines, Sara and Sami, Aunt Jomana had an older son who lived back in Yemen. His name was Samer, after his father died he had to go back and finish off what his father has started for his family. They owned a cotton industry and Samer's father trusted no body but his son. Samer had already learned a lot about his fathers' business so it wasn't a hard task for him, he easily took over. He was an intelligent young man, determined, well responsible and only twenty-two.

Jasmine remembers him; they played together when they were kids. She had always thought of him as a big brother to her. As they finally reached home, Jasmine wrapped up her memories of Samer and went in.

"You finally made it, hope it was a nice trip for you all." Jomana welcomed the family with a warm smile. "It sure was easy for these two, they weren't driving." Hassan complained to his sister. Mirth and joy filled the house.

"So Jasmine I hear you are off to college next month how does it that feel honev?'

Jasmine was overwhelmed with enthusiasm now that she remembered college. "It feels great aunt Jomana and I even got accepted in Uppersky University!"

Jomana replied with a sweet smile and a nod.

Nobody can live without such relations. This is the rule of life- since each person completes another to establish a stable lifestyle. For some people, a person who has a wide range of relations is considered to be successful in his life, because he or she was able to establish a large number of friends. This actually contradicts with my point of view, since I do believe that only relations established by the person himself can be considered an achievement and success for that person.

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tions with others.

The idea of this article may look complex. However, it can be easily understood if we deal with the matter of how we can classify our relations with others. Such a classification does not mean the names of relations- like friendship, kinship, etc, but the ways by which such relations are established. Accordingly, relations can be classified into two classes. The first class consists of relationships which are ready-made for the person, while the second class is created, established, developed by the person himself or herself.

The first class, ready-made relations, consists of relationships which were not created by the person himself or herself, but are offered to him by the surrounding environment, or social bonds. In these relations, the person does not make any efforts to achieve them, but he or she finds them obligatory and inescapable. Kinship, for example, is not a personal achievement, but rather it is one of the ready-made bonds, because the person usually finds himself or herself with such relations without making any effort. For more clarity: relatives are not selected. A person does not select his brothers, sisters, or even cousins, but he or she has to accept them as they are.

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The second class, on the other hand, consists of the personal relations which are found, established, and developed by the person himself or herself. In these relationships, the person searches for a relation, and develops it to achieve higher status than a relation of the first class.

If we take some other points to differentiate between the two classes, the second class proves to be stable and stronger than the first class. That is to say, the first class is not based on personal impressions or feelings of the person. The person takes them willy-or-nilly even if he has negative impressions or feelings. Because of this, such relations sometimes are not real and they exist only in names, or for personal benefits. If we look at society, we will find that there are many people who have relative relations with others, but they are dealing with them only occasionally and sometimes they deal as enemies.

On the other hand, relationships of the second class are developed on the basis of personal impressions and feelings of the persons. If such feelings and impressions are positive, the relationship begins and gradually grows up, while it does not begin at all if the impressions and feelings are negative. Because of such real feelings, these personal ties last longer and rarely are disturbed by any external influence.

Such a comparison is actually set to make every one of you, dear readers, think of what is the class of relations which can be considered as a great achievement for the person. According to the points mentioned above, we realize that the person in the first class relations has nothing to do and that he is only a receiver of such relations as imposed by others, or society, while the relations of the second class are an outcome of personal efforts of the person. The first class relationships are only names and sometimes are superficial, while the second are real and grow up strongly. Finally, the relations of the first class do not create good feelings; while the second class are based and developed on very strong feelings. Otherwise, they would not begin at all. All this is evidence that the relations that are established by the person himself or herself are real and strong relations, and they can be considered to be great achievements of the person, while the bonds that are established by others or by the society for the person are not real, and are weak and not considered as the person's achievements.

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## **Internet addiction**

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he number of the Internet users and cyber cafes is increasing rapidly throughout the world each year. As the influence of Internet culture extends, it is critical that we differentiate between the positive aspects and negative aspects of Internet use. One popular definition of addiction involves habitual consumption, a process that whereby a user continues to use a substance in order to avoid the deleterious effects of withdrawal.

From another perspective, others define addiction as the inability to break habitual patterns, a definition that extends well beyond the realm of physical consumption. The first formal study of Internet addiction began in 1994, by American psychologist Kimberly Young. In 1996 Young defined Internet addiction as the regular use of Internet for 38 or more hours per week.

Internet addiction is one among various types of widespread addictions. Internet addicts most commonly utilize online features such as chat rooms, pornographic websites, games, forums, and political websites. Typically, Internet addicts are considered to be lonely and isolated, unable forge social relationships, and often exhibit symptoms of depression. Moreover, it is not uncommon that Internet addicts have faced other addictions in the past,

such as cigarettes, wine, or drugs. It is widely believed that such addicts lack self-confidence. And while they may be highly intelligent their lack of social ability prohibits solving tangible problems in other areas of their lives. In my opinion, the main reasons for such addiction are loneliness, boredom, social isolation, laziness, and an inability to make friends.

Although, the Internet has many merits, it also presents an array of disadvantages. Those whose usage would qualify them as addicts under Young's definition may show heightened anxiety during periods when Internet access is unavailable. The Internet addict may focus on Internet activity even when he or she is not online. The topic is a popular conversation piece among addicts and contributes to both real and perceived senses of isolation. Additionally, excessive time spent online can affect social responsibilities and lead to negligence in other parts of daily life. Many Internet addicts suffer from a variety of problems that ultimately can be traced back to their Internet usage.

Most contemporary homes contain televisions, radios, computers and other technological devices. Many people take their laptops everywhere. New Internet users generally spend one hour per day using the Internet, but when as they discover more they increase the amount of time spent online. There are five categories of Internet addiction. Pornography addicts

waste time watching sexually explicit films and browsing photos, chat room addicts spend time engaging others in online conversation, information addicts overzealously search for new and stimulating information, often without direction, game addicts play games via the internet, and finally there are consumers who are mainly interested in online shopping.

Such encompassing addiction has the potential to cause sleeping disturbance, because the addicts spend too many hours in using the Internet. Also, it may result in physical harm as well. Extended periods of time spent in front of a computer could lead to back and eye problems.

In addition, Internet addiction can lead to an increase in family crises as a result of the addict choosing to spend their time online as opposed to fulfilling their familial duties. Finally, it encourages the addicts to consider infidelity and contributes to an overall moral decay. The Internet has the potential to lead to many immoral, bad psychological, horrendous social and health troubles.

There are however some simple ways to remedy such addiction, providing that the addicts are prepared to alter their behavioral patterns. If an addict regularly uses the Internet on a daily basis, we should ask him to use it only on holidays or weekends. The most important factor in curbing addiction is that the addict decrease their hours spent online.

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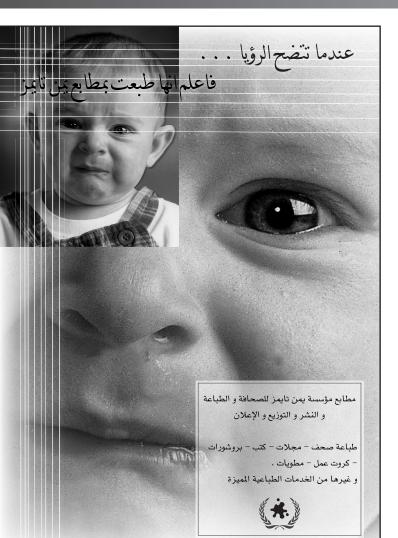
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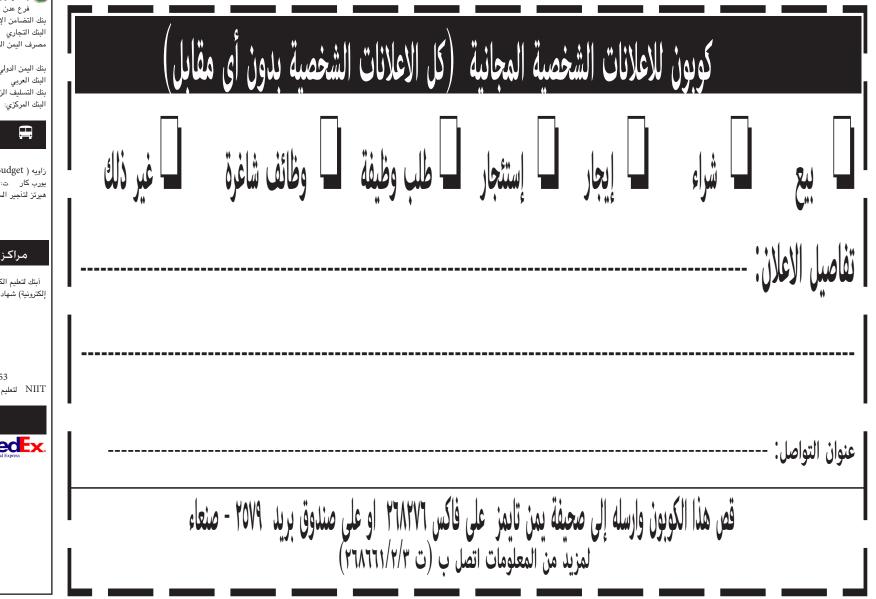
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## **Dream homes in Sana'a: A reality within four years**

### By: Nadia Al-Sakkaf

t's the latest buzz in town, and everyone is asking one question: "Can I afford it?"

Al-Rayyan Hills four year Yemeni-Qatari project has been launched and with a total cost of USD 680 million. More than 550 residential homes will be built. The compound will be designed with modern techniques and infrastructure. Water and power will be created for maximum efficiency and minimum waste.

Not only would the project mean an expansion of the capital city in a planned manner, it will also provide job opportunities for more than 4000 people through its construction course of four years.

Qatari Diar Real Estate Company is the Qatari partner and jointly with Shibam have established Al-Yemenia Al-Qataria Company which is overseeing the development of the project. Consolidated Contractors Company



This project will provide 4000 job opportunities and businesses for many Yemenis in the construction industry.

Ltd, one of the largest international engineering companies in the world and a company that has invested in Yemen since decades is carrying out the design and construction of the first phase of

the project.

"We understand that there are concerns over land disputes, sustainability of water, or even continuity of the project considering the current security

situation of Yemen. But we at Shibam Holding have been working around the clock to make this project a success. Not just for our sake, as investors, but because this project will benefit Yemen as a whole," explained Saad Sabra director of Shibam Holding, the company which is the Yemeni partner of the project. He even predicted that the site will be a tourist landmark, not just a friendly safe residential compound. The altitude of 100 meters above the city is an exceptional advantage as the viewers can enjoy the scenes overlooking Sana'a city and its surrounding mountains. Dr. Hasan Al-Fadala, Qatari Diar's

deputy operations CEO commented that the projects master plan takes into account Yemeni traditional architectural style as well as modern construction techniques, as a merger between authenticity and modernity.

"The first phase has begun today and by the end of 20100 we hope that we will have 172 luxury residential villas and a residential tower as well as ba-



A model of the luxury townhouses to be constructed in the project.



Al-Rayyan Hills project includes 239 villas, 245 high-end apartments, 72 luxury townhouses and a 200 rooms plus five star hotel.



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sic infrastructure," said Salah Al-Attar chairman of the Investments Authority. He emphasized that today there are several procedures taken by the government to ensure a better investment climate such as allowing non-Yemenis to buy Yemeni land, and shortening the paperwork needed for new projects.

### Affordable for middle income Yemenis

This project is directed towards middle to upper income residents who are interested in a modern housing within a closed community. By early 2010 there will be a sales center to provide interested buyers with details on the prices and method of payment.

"Buyers can pay directly or through an installments system which will be set up via some banks operating in Yemen. We are also studying projects in Sana'a and Aden for affordable housing compounds for lower income people. Details on these will be available soon,"

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said Maher Farouk Luqman chief investor officer in Shibam Holding.

This project is expected to help many Yemenis working in the construction business as it will create continuous demand for raw materials such as cement, wood and steel. It will also create an influx of hard currency as many Yemeni immigrants abroad have already expressed their interest in buying a home, according to Luqman. Some foreigners have also shown interest, especially because new land legislation allows them to buy properties in Yemen.

In order to ensure the comfort and sustainability of basic needs within the residential compound, two wells will be drilled in the area and the underground water will be used to provide the residents with water for domestic use. Sabri indicated that efficiency in using water, such as recycling gray water and an efficiency power generator will help greatly in making the project an environmental friendly one.

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