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Yemeni deportees from Saudi Arabia: A new repetition of past disasters

By : Amel Al-Ariqi

SANA'A, Dec. 9 — The plight of Yemenis living along the Saudi Arabia-Yemeni borders, compounded dramatically during the ongoing war across northern Yemen, which entered a new phase with the beginning of Saudi Arabia involvement this November.

Saudi Arabia military operations to drive back the Al Houthi insurgents into Yemen, have stressed the security measures, as well as exacerbated the humanitarian situation and forced thousands of Yemenis living in Saudi Arabia to return back home.

When Al Houthi rebels took up positions on Al Dukhan, a peak across the border, on November 3, Saudi Arabia authorities ordered all civilians residing along the border areas to leave for safer areas as they drew up plans to drive out the insurgents.

Saudi Arabias citizens have been accommodated by the Saudi Arabia authorities, while the orders to clear out left Yemenis in the area with no option but to leave their properties, and return to Yemen.

Mousa Hussein, 45, is one of thousands of Yemenis who was born and grew up in Saudi Arabia Arabia. He was born in Khamis-Mushid, one of the border towns, where he got married and had eight kids. He has worked as an electrical technician, building contactor, sheep trader, shepherd, as well as in a variety of other jobs. Barely earning enough to survive, he couldn't send his kids to school, nor get his residency as, "it will cost me at least 12,000 Saudi Arabia Rials (about \$3000) to get the residency, and without it I can't send my kids to school or even go to hospitals in Saudi Arabia," he said.

"If I had to send my wife or one of my kids to a hospital, I would have to rent a car to Haja(a Yemeni city) four hours



Hussein left Saudi Arabia with empty hands. He had no choice but to go with his wife and eight children to one of the over-crowded Al-Mazrak refugee camps, in north-western Yemen.

from here, and in that case I could use the ID I got two years ago saying that I'm Yemeni and was born in Yemen," he added, confirming that the majority of the population of his town are Yemenis originally, and have no residency nor IDs, which means they are always at risk of being arrested and expulsion from the country.

According to Hussien, many Yemenis are stuck on the Saudi Arabia-Yemeni borders, unable to come back to Yemen where they may face poverty and unemployment, leaving behind their property. Additionally, they are at risk of "oppression

from the Saudi Arabia authorities, or of being caught up in the middle of military confrontations," he confirmed.

Mistreatment and humiliation

Hussien said that many male "Yemeni villagers" had been detained by Saudi Arabia authorities to ascertain whether or not they had any links to the rebels.

Hussien was one of them. "I was arrested along with another thirteen Yemenis that day. We were beaten on our faces, legs, stomachs, and backs for several hours. Our hands and legs were tied and our eyes were blind-folded. They

forced us to stand up for such a long time that the exhaustion became a form of torture," he recalled.

"But the worst part was when they cornered us in a small police vehicle in the middle of the desert and closed any air outlets and left us suffering in the scorching heat, all tied up with our eyes covered. No water... no food. We heard each other's cries and prayers, while drowning in sweat, tears, and darkness for several hours. At that time I thought I would die and never see my kids again," he added.

Hussein was released and deported after ten days of detention, and after they insured that he had no link with the Houthies. None of his family knew a thing about it. "We were so worried that he may have been shot by the rebels as we had no idea where he was," said Hussein's wife, who seemed so exhausted as evidenced by the wrinkles and the swelling around her eyes, indicating the poor medical condition she was in.

"The next day of my husband disappearance, we heard that the Saudi Arabia military was evacuating the villages. My brother came with his five kids and wife to take me, and we left behind Mohammed, Hussein's brother, who is mentally unstable. We walked 20 kilometers until we arrived at a plantation, where we remained under the sun's heat and the rain for about two weeks, until Hussein showed up."

Hussein's journey back from Sa'ada in Yemen to look for his family in Saudi Arabia wasn't easy. "I decided to sneak in and find my family in order to take

them out. I was hiding with Yemeni friends who were smuggling qat and other goods. I read that my brother Mohammed had been arrested and accused of being a warlock working with the rebels," he said.

When Hussein finally found his family, he was surrounded by the Saudi Arabia authorities, who deported him and his children to Yemen. "My brother-in law preferred to hide in Saudi Arabia, hoping to get back his home," he added.

Often during political crises, Yemenis living in Saudi Arabia, legally or illegally, face the threat of expulsion.

In 1990, during the first Gulf war, around 1 million Yemenis returned home, causing extra economic hardship on Yemen, and causing the poverty rate to rise sharply to 47 percent, according to the Yemeni government.

Miserable Camp Life

Hussein left Saudi Arabia with empty hands. He had very little money, had lost his house, and his sheep which cost \$4000. He had no choice but to go to one of the over-crowded Al Mazrak refugee camps, in north-western Yemen.

As he arrived, he had to wait for five hours to register and get blankets.

The United Nations Children's Fund

(UNICEF) reported on November 15, that 240 Saudi Arabia villages had been evacuated when fighting between Houthi rebels and Saudi Arabia forces spilled over the border from Yemen.

Since August in the mountainous Malahizh and Razih districts on the Saudi Arabia-Yemeni border, fighting has already caused over 20,000 people to flee to safer areas, according to Human Right's Watch (HRW).

According to United Nations' humanitarian agencies, thousands more arrived in Mazrak camp within five days after Saudi Arabia Arabia entered the war.

UNICEF, reported that 600 children were being treated for acute malnutrition in Mazrak camp, which has "exceeded its capacity," according to the UN refugee agency, UNHCR.

The World Food Program reports that 15,000 Yemeni civilians are "trapped near the border" with Saudi Arabia.

"I'm not going to send my family back to Saudi Arabia, after all this humiliation. If cannot find job here, and that is what I assume will happen, then I may become a qat smuggler on the borders," Hussien said.

"I may die from a bullet fired by a border guard's gun, but I have no choice," he added.

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Activists demand women in government

By: Heather Murdock

SANA'A, Dec. 9 – Political activists, angered by the near-absence of women in the Yemeni government, demanded an election quota system on Tuesday, at a conference aimed at promoting gender equality in politics.

A constitutional amendment, they said, would be necessary to ensure women positions in the government. As candidates prepare for the 2011 elections, political parties, officials and activists said that unless government bodies are legally required to involve a minimum number of women, the gender inequality in Yemen will persist.

"We are part of this community that is falling apart," said Wahiba Ahmed Sabra, the head of the Women's Circuit in Yemeni Socialist Party.

Currently, one woman sits in

Yemen's 301-member Parliament, and two are members of the 111-member Shoura Council. About 99 percent of local elected officials across Yemen are men, according to a Women's National Committee report issued this week.

"[Yemeni Women] have the passion," said Jacqueline K. Weatherspoon, advisor to American President Barack Obama to about 100 attendees at the conference. "They want to lead. They want to contribute."

But according to some conference participants, what Yemeni women do not have is the support of the male-dominated political world.

According to Emtinah Al-Medhawi, if 20 percent of parliament members were women, they could form a strong voice for positive reform. But, she said, political parties have not pushed to promote more female candidates. "No

action has been taken," she said.

Al-Medhawi said that groups disagree about how to implement the quota system, and even what the quota should be. Some groups, she said want a law that requires 15 percent of parliament members to be women. Others want the number to be 25 percent.

But the first step towards facilitating women's participation in politics is hiring more female employees in election offices, according to Ilham Abdullah, the head of the Women's Department in the Supreme Election and Referendum. Abdullah said that women who try to run for public office are often sabotaged by election offices.

Women are told their applications are late, or not filled out properly in order to prevent them from running for office. And although candidates can

challenge election officials in court, the process can take a long time. By the time the case is settled, the elections could be over. "So, she doesn't run," Abdullah said.

Women are also kept out of public office because of the conservative and patriarchal nature of Yemeni culture, participants said. But cultural change, according to former president of Sri Lanka, Chandrika Kumaratunga, does not necessarily need to precede the political development of women.

Kumaratunga said her mother always wore a Sari, the traditional Sri Lankan dress. But as Kumaratunga's career developed, she started working long hours and traveling extensively. The draped dress became inconvenient, so she switched to trousers. Later, as president and commander in chief of an army at war, she also wore battle

fatigues.

"I had to work with thousands of men," she said. "I had to lead them."

But according to the World Economic Forum, Yemeni women are far from achieving the level of equality that Sri Lankan women enjoy. In a recent study that measured the level of equality between men and women in 136 countries, Sri Lanka ranked 16, between Spain and the United Kingdom. Yemen ranked 136, the country with the highest level of inequality.

And at the conference, participants debated how Yemen could improve its gender equality score.

Abdullah Abdulwahed Abu Ghanm, a consultant for the political sector of the ruling political party, the General People's Congress, urged caution. "We need to pave the way for the community to accept this idea," he

said.

A speaker from the Joint Meetings Party, Belqis Al-Hathrani, urged radical change. "Why all this backwardness?" she asked. "We need a revolution."

Sri Lanka's former president, however, urged Yemenis who want to see more women participate in government to settle their differences. "If they remain divided," said Kumaratunga, "they are going to be weak."

And as organizers closed the conference, a woman made an impassioned demand for immediate action. Visibly upset, Amal Basha stood up, at first with out a microphone, and plead her case. She said that Yemeni women can no longer bear to be shut out of government. "We, as women, are begging for a quota," she said. "We have no rights."

Al-Qaeda changes its strategy in Yemen

By: Ali Saeed

SANA'A, Dec. 9 – The US administration seems serious about the potential growth of Al-Qaeda in Yemen as Obama specifically mentioned Yemen during his speech on the new policy of the war on terrorism in Afghanistan.

"Where Al Qaeda and its allies attempt to establish a foothold, whether in Somalia or Yemen or elsewhere – they must be confronted by growing pressure and strong partnerships," said Obama in his speech this week.

In his speech, Obama indicated that there must be a global partnership between countries in confronting Al-Qaeda, whereas many countries have already joined the war against terror.

The Obama administration is arguing that it anticipates an Al Qaeda buildup in Yemen and Somalia as it expects the militants to seek refuge in these countries since they are being targeted in Afghanistan and Pakistan.

Following the September 11th attack in 2001, the US announced the war on terrorism and many countries established special security units

tasked with fighting Al-Qaeda. One of these countries, Yemen, which established the Anti-Terrorism Department in 2003, has received a great deal of support from the American Administration.

This year, Al-Qaeda's wing in Yemen merged with Al-Qaeda's wing in Saudi Arabia and formed the Al-Qaeda Organization in the Arabian Peninsula.

Before the new formation, Al-Qaeda was targeting foreign interests in Yemen, such as oil companies and embassies.

In 2000, Al-Qaeda carried out a major attack against the US naval destroyer, USS Cole, while it was harbored in Aden's port. Seventeen American sailors were killed as a result.

Despite continuous development of this department and training of its personnel in the most advanced military techniques, Al-Qaeda targeted the US Embassy in Sana'a last September, and 16 Yemeni civilians were killed.

It would appear however, that the new formation of Al-Qaeda in Yemen under the name of the Al-Qaeda Organization in the Arabian Peninsula



The Yemeni Anti-Terrorism Unit was created in 2003 in response to terrorist activities in Yemen. But now, officials working in this unit have become a direct target of terrorist attacks.

shifted its strategy from targeting western interests in the country to targeting security leaders of the Anti-Terrorism

Department in Yemen, according to Abdlelah Haydr, a researcher and expert on Al-Qaeda in Yemen.

Ruling party wins 80 percent of complementary Parliament seats

By: Mahmoud Al-Harazi
For the Yemen Times

SANA'A, Dec. 6 – The ruling General People's Congress party did not have a problem winning the majority of the eleven seats which were open in the complementary parliamentary elections that took place earlier this month, as opposition parties chose not to participate in the elections.

More than 360,000 men and women participated in the recent complementary parliamentary elections held on Dec. 3, 2009. The voters elected candidates for the eleven parliamentary seats that became vacant due to death or resignation of members of parliament across the country.

GPC won hands down nine out of eleven parliamentary seats in the recent

elections. The remaining two seats went to independent candidates as the opposition coalition, represented by the Joint Meeting Parties, boycotted this election round.

"We accommodated voters in more than 3,000 ballot boxes in the eleven constituencies," said Abdu Al-Junaid, media representative for the Supreme Commission for Elections and Referendum.

According to Al-Junaid, one of the two parliament seats in the Sa'ada governorate remains vacant because no election could take place there due to the war. This is the constituency for Munabih and Qataber districts whose locals fled the area, many of whom have become displaced people in camps.

Most of the voting process went smoothly except for Al-Dhale

governorate where a group of armed protesters opened fire at voting center number 296. No civilians were injured however five military men from the center's security force were hurt in the attack. The attackers were captured and are currently being interrogated.

The GPC candidate won this constituency with 18,100 votes and with a great lead over the independent candidate whose votes did not exceed several thousands. Along with Al-Dhale, GPC secured seats in Aden, Taiz, Hadramout, Hodiedah, Riama, Sana'a, Sadaa, and Al-Jawf. Independent candidates won the seats in Dhamar and Amran governorates.

In Dhamar governorate, an argument that led to a physical fight between supporters of competing candidates took place, but no one was seriously

injured.

The most populated electoral constituency was No. 37 in Taiz governorate, which hosted more than around 33,000 voters, compared to only 2,000 voters in constituency No. 223 in Raima governorate, which witnessed the lowest turnout.

"We welcomed observers, whether local or international, to be present during the whole electoral process and we had more than 800 men and women from civil society and political parties observing the elections across the eleven constituencies," explained Al-Junaid.

He added that international organizations did not participate directly; however, they coordinated with local civil society organizations to observe the electoral process.

Ethiopian refugees face deportation again

By: Khaled Al-Hilaly

SANA'A, Dec. 9 – The Yemeni Ministry of Interior voiced last week its concerns about the escalating flow of migrants from Ethiopia, saying that Yemen is suffering from the brunt of the Somali refugee crisis with the estimated population of 1.8 million living in the country.

The Ministry of Interior ordered security authorities in coastal provinces to close inlets Ethiopians use to enter the country.

More than 1000 Ethiopians, including 100 women have illegally entered the country by smuggling boats in November. They arrived on the coast of Ahwar in Abyan, Thubab in Taiz, Ruddum in Shabwa and Broom in Hadramout, according to Yemen's Ministry of Interior.

United Nations refugee agency

(UNHCR) statistics show that about one third of the new arrivals to the Yemen are Ethiopians. However, Ethiopians are considered illegal and subject to deportation by the Yemeni authorities. They often do not even get a chance to explain why they came to Yemen and apply for asylum, said the UNHCR.

Late last month, Saudi Arabia announced that it arrested nearly 75 Ethiopians during military operations on its border with Yemen. The Saudis didn't declare whether they were accused of fighting with the Houthis, or were civilians trying to sneak into the country to look for jobs.

Ethiopian migrants have no choice but to use the services of smugglers to cross the Gulf of Aden to seek refuge from conflict, persecution and poverty in their country or to look for economic opportunities in the Gulf States.

In 2008, more than 50,000 refugees crossed the Gulf of Aden to Yemen, a 70 percent increase on the previous year. So far this year, more than 62,000 have arrived "with a marked increase of non-Somalis placing increasing strain on the government's already limited resources," said the UNHCR in its latest update. "The UNHCR remains very concerned about the continuing arrests and deportation of non-Somalis."

In a response to similar declaration by the Yemen's Ministry of Interior last year, the UNHCR sought an explanation from the Yemeni Government on statements that indicated Ethiopians would be denied access to the country.

Four years ago, the government of Yemen started implementing stricter measures to control the influx of non-Somalis, including Ethiopians. The Yemeni Coast Guards is ordered

to arrest no-Somali refugees. Upon arriving, Ethiopians leave shore to avoid being arrested and deported.

"When boats arrive on the coast, and the new arrivals are detected by the military, Ethiopians are usually separated from the Somalis, detained and then brought to the immigration detention center to await deportation," according to the 2008 report from Médecins Sans Frontières.

The population of Ethiopian refugees in Yemen according to the UNHCR is more than 3,000. Since the beginning of this year 4 Ethiopians were voluntarily repatriated.

Yemen is party to the 1951 Convention Relating to the Status of Refugees and its 1967 Protocol, the only country on the area to be party to these treaties. However, implementation at the national level is lacking, according to international humanitarian agencies.

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In Brief

SANA'A

Yemen to participate in Arab police meeting in Tunisia

Yemen is to participate in the 33rd conference for Arab Police and Security Leaders to be held in Tunisia on December 9 - 10.

For this purpose, Undersecretary of Interior Ministry for Security Sector Fadhl al-Qawsi headed on Monday for Tunisia.

Al-Qawsi said that the conference would discuss the recommendations of the 32nd conference on human rights and the requirements of the field security work in addition to the image of the police man in the various media outlets.

He said that the conference would display the distinctive police experiences in Arab countries and an Arab strategic project to encounter cyber crimes.

On the sidelines of the conference, Al-Qawsi will held talks with a number of the Arab police and security leaders over security issues of common concerns.

Sri Lankan Former President in Yemen soon

The Sri Lankan Former President Chandrika Bandaranaike Kumarathunga is to arrive in Yemen soon, the state-run

26 September said on Saturday.

Sources in the Yemeni Women Union (YWU) said that the Sri Lankan Former President would take part in a conference to increase Yemeni women empowerment politically to be held in Sana'a on December 7 - 9.

It is said that Ms. Jacqueline Witherspoon, advisor of the US President Barack Obama, will attend also the conference.

About 40 Yemeni women from partisan and independent bodies will be gathered for the conference that will be held in the presence of Minister of Human Rights Huda Alban, Minister of Social Affairs Amat al-Razaq Hummad and YWU chairwoman Ramziah al-Eryani.

Yemeni-Polish trade ties discussed

Director General of Commercial and Industrial Chamber of Sana'a City Jamal al-Hadrami held a meeting with commercial attaché at the Polish embassy in Riyadh over means of enhancing the trade ties between Yemen and Poland in fields of agriculture, industry and electricity.

They also discussed possibilities of coordination and cooperation between the chamber and the embassy to facilitate measures of transportation of businessmen between the two countries.

The Polish diplomat voiced desire of the Polish businessmen to invest in Yemen in different areas.

Over 1000 Ethiopians sneak into Yemen

Over 1000 Ethiopians sneaked by several smuggling boats into Yemeni coasts last November, Interior Ministry has reported.

The security authorities in the coastal provinces said the number of Ethiopians who sneaked into the Yemeni lands last month reached 1,048 persons, including 100 women.

Interior ministry voiced its concerns from the escalating flow from Ethiopia, ordering the security authorities in the coastal provinces to close of coastal inlets the Ethiopians interred Yemen from.

ADEN

Malaysian military ship arrives in Aden port

A Malaysian military ship arrived on Monday to Aden seaport.

The ship's visit to Aden aims to support cooperation relations between the two countries in the field of fighting against terrorism and piracy in addition to insuring the international marine routes in Gulf of Aden and Arabian Sea.

Aden governor welcomes new Egyptian consul

Governor of Aden Adnan al-Jeffrey met on Monday the newly appointed Egyptian consul in Aden Hadad al-Jawhari.

During the meeting, al-Jeffrey welcomed the Egyptian diplomat, affirming the importance of developing the cooperation aspects between the two countries in different fields, particularly in economy, investment, tourism and commercial exchange.

For his part, al-Jawhari emphasized the importance of increasing the cooperation between the two countries in various areas, especially in the academic side between Yemeni and Egyptian universities.

WFRT discusses violation against woman

In the framework of continuing the campaign to criminalize violence against woman, the Women Forum for Research and Training (WFRT) in Aden, in cooperation with Arab Women Association, to organize a discussion circle on December 8, under the title "United to end Violation against Woman".

A number of researchers and civil society, democratic, human and youth leaders will participate in the forum.

It is expected that the participants will review a number of related subjects such as criminalizing violence against woman, relation of extremism, violation hate crimes, demands of women and leadership of Yemen, importance

of setting up a network comprising of effective male personalities to combat violation against woman phenomenon.

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Their News

A New Success of the Yemeni Private Sector in the Middle East Region

Abdulwahed M. Noman and Sons Estb. (The Agent of Canon Products in Yemen) wins Canon's Presidency Award

During the Canon's Partners conference in the Middle East and North Africa region held between 17 and 19 Nov. 2009 in Dubai, at the New Atlantis Palm Jumeirah Hotel, Messrs. Abdulwahed Mohammed Noman and Sons Establishment was given the "Canon President's Award in recognition for its achievements in the last years.

AWMN Establishment has achieved exceedingly high sales despite the economic downturns in the country and worldwide. The content of the A Ward is:

"AWMN & Sons deserves this award in recognition for delivering very strong sales results, well above budget and sales targets during a year of economic downturn. Also for being a long term high quality partner of Canon in the region meeting consistently targets and operational excellence in the Yemen market."

Managing Director of Canon Middle East Bertil Widmark addressing the Winner Eng. Khaled Abdulwahed, the



Director General of AWMN & Sons Establishment, said:

"It was truly a pleasure for me and Mr. Shuichi Shionoya (The head of Emerging Markets in Canon Europe) to present this Presidents Award to our esteemed partner in Yemen market during the Middle Eastern Partner Conference. You and your management and staff members have indeed earned the Award. This you have done not only by great advances in the High end solutions

oriented area with the latest successful installation with the Al Sana'a University, but through the full year of 2009 by continuous strong achievements. Over the many years leading up to this you have been a solid and strong partner for Canon in Yemen market, which we highly appreciate. Consistent efforts, advances, results and reporting throughout the years I would like to especially point out and express my appreciation for."

"I am pleased to announce this award to you and I am sure that this award could further enhance our business in Yemen market. I am certain we will have a prosperous partnership also for the years to come. Please extend my congratulations to this achievement to your managers and staff as well," he said.

The award was received by Eng. Khaled A. Wahed from the Head of emerging markets business in Canon Europe Shuichi Shionoya and Mr. Ber-

til Widmark the Managing Director of Canon Middle East in a ceremony held in the Atlantis Palm Hotel and attended by all the Canon Partners (The Chairmen & CEOs of Canon Agents and Companies in the Middle East & North Africa - MENA Region)

During the Partner Conference, the Director General of the company Eng Khaled Abdulwahed Noman delivered a presentation in which he summarized the Business environment in Yemen, in few words: " In spite of all the Political, Economical, Security and Social challenges in Yemen, and all what are circulated in the internal and external media, but the Economic Wheel is still turning and the Private sector in Yemen still exist and trying to play a good role to stabilize the situations in all it's aspects."

The company has been the sole agent for Canon products for more than 51 years and during this time it created a credible reputation and appreciated brand name in the Yemeni market as well as regionally.

Saba Islamic Bank launches new strategies

Saba Islamic Bank is continuing with its banking and investing success in estate investment, from the onset, the bank prioritized to exploit its resources in the way that serve the economic and social development in the country.

Jameel Al-Ansi, the General Manager of Saba Islamic Bank said in this

regard:

"The bank now launched more five new cities in Sana'a that were designed to be consistent with the highest art and engineering standards."

There will be also around 4,000 residential units to be constructed in Aden, according to Al-Ansi.

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Schools only for the talented



President Saleh visits Al-Baihani School for talented youth in Aden.



Girls learning about mechanics in Zaid Al-Mushiki school for talented students in Taiz.

By: Nadia Al-Sakkaf

In September 2003, according to Minister of Education Decree number 423, a department for talented students was created. Minister of education, Abdulsalam Al-Jawfi, took interest in talented and creative Yemeni youth while he was a professor at Sana'a University even before he became a minister. Establishing this section was one of the first objectives he wanted to achieve.

The department identifies creative and talented students in schools and then provides them with education in a specific environment that enriches their skills and allows them to compete with each other. So far there are six schools for gifted students around the republic. These schools are under the supervision of the talents department, which is led by Waleed Mukrid. Yemen Times interviewed Mukrid to talk more about what the ministry of education is doing to nurture the talents of gifted Yemenis.

Talented students department

The department has a policy for identifying talented students across the schools in the republic. It finds them through focal points in the schools and then they are invited to study in the special schools for talented youth. The department is responsible for creating a special syllabus and extracurricular activities through which the students grow. This is very challenging because they are quite smart and we need to keep them interested. The department has to also work with the teachers who deliver in these schools. This means continuous refreshment courses, educational tools and field visits inside and outside the country. And finally the department draws strategies to expand those institutions in order to accommodate more students, as well as make this education accessible to students in remote areas without the need for them to come to the main cities.

Other activities include issuing a publication by the department, although this has been suspended at the moment because of a lack of funding. "We carry out a number of programs to promote this department's work among Yemenis and donors, as well as through various media and also through conferences and workshops. We are coordinating with the educational channel to insure the success of the "Knowledge Knights" program, which will be running for two years," said Mukrid.

The department is preparing for the first meeting of its kind for scientific innovations, whereby Yemeni students from all schools and not just the talented ones are encouraged to exhibit their scientific innovations.

The department also invite several experts from outside the country to visit the special schools and meet the teachers and students in order to facilitate exchange of information and learning. For example this year the department hosted Dr. Shaker Abd Al-Hamid, the vice president of the arts academy in Egypt, and Dr. Fathi Jarawan, the president of the Arab council for the talented and the excellent in Jordan.

Attention beyond the "chosen ones"

The department is also responsible for creating activities for youth in public

schools around the country. Recently the department had just organized the educational robotics forum whereby students from various schools participated in learning and operating robots. Soon the department will also launch the computer talents school competition whereby students compete for first position by demonstrating their creative software applications which they designed personally.

"We are working with all schools through coordinating with other



Waleed Mukrid.

departments at the Ministry of education to establish what we call the "creativity hour" program. This is a free hour whereby students are encouraged to get involved in extracurricular activities that require imagination and creativity. This project will be a reality soon."

As it is, students from all around the country with high degrees get scholarships from the Yemeni government, as well as from other countries, for their higher education. Excellent students from the talented schools get direct scholarships

to study abroad. For example, the Malaysian embassy and the Malaysian company, Petro Ns, have provided seven scholarships for the top students in the scientific section.

"Since 2004, we started the National Program for talented Yemenis in coordination with the Social Fund for Development. Through this program we train teachers to nurture young talents and how to deal with gifted students generally," said Mukrid.

There are currently six schools for talented youth: one in Sana'a, two in Aden and two in Hadramout and one in Taiz. Admission starts from the seventh or the ninth grades.

The schools together host around 2000 students 30 percent of which are girls. These students are taught by at least 200 teachers mostly Yemenis but also from other Arab countries such as Iraq and Egypt.

Challenges

The department faces many challenges. Mainly because of financial constraints as the department does not have an operational budget. All of the projects created by the department are funded externally and hence there is no fixed regular activity program.

Other challenges lie in the legislations in terms of the authorities this department has. There are many overlapping areas with other departments in the Ministry of education, and once the students graduate from the talents schools the department loses track of them and this according to Mukrid is a problem.

"We don't know how many of them got scholarships and what they studied in university and whether upon reflection they have feedback on their schooling. If

we keep track of them they can help with the education of the younger generation through giving lectures or participating in activities. They are role models for the younger ones but we lost them," exclaimed Mukrid.

Selection process for the talented ones

At the end of every school year, an announcement by the Ministry of education to all public and private schools is made as well as advertised in the local newspapers.

The schools suggest excellent students according to their marks; they have to have an average of more than 90 percent in their sixth or eighth grades.

Accepted applicants take an evaluation test which examines their knowledge. If they pass this test they are short listed for interviews.

A committee composed of teachers and experts from the Ministry of Education and the Social Fund for Development conducts the interviews in order to select the students to study in those schools.

SA'ADA THOUGHTS

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.

On our way

I don't know where our driver turned: Left or right? We were on an unfamiliar territory. We were still in Sa'ada. The whole place seems to be surrounded by military compounds. We went through 2 to 3 checkpoints. There were towers with heavy artillery. All we saw were rock, mountains and desert bush. Signs of life were soldiers discreetly looking out of their barracks to check what entered their camp. I would be in a big problem if they saw me taking pictures of their camp; I didn't. I am afraid they would throw my camera and because it was my entire fault, I won't have it replaced.

Upon entering the camp, it was almost lifeless. The silence was damning and the rocks that hit our van made our journey creepy and scary. I thought it was over when we passed the last checkpoint. It was hilly but then I saw a narrow path.

On both sides, it was full of large volcanic stones. Between the crevices, plants were crawling out. Upon entering the narrow man-made path, at the side of it was remnants of flowing water during the last rainy season. The sands were fine and plants grew in abundance. It was a rare site in Sa'ada. It was really beautiful. On our way to the top, the volcanic formations were astonishing. It wasn't abstract and the pictures it made were purely from nature. My camera's battery was about to lose its juice. I have to reserve it for what's waiting for me on top of the mountain.

While our van was having difficulty trekking, I was enjoying the rock formations and the rare desert plants. When we reached the top everything in front of you looked flat, the peak of the mountains converged and it made an illusion of being in a new place. I can't take pictures because the military personnel were a few meters from us. When we reached the landing site of the helicopter, it was far from the helipad we see in movies, it was the flat part of the mountain covered with sand to accommodate the helicopter with a soft landing.

The helicopter was not there when we came. They said it is on its way from Sana'a. While we were waiting, I took an opportunity to have my pictures taken together with the soldiers. I was supposed to take pictures of them for my portfolio but I was afraid I would look suspicious than a foreigner who hasn't seen guns and soldiers poised for war. A doctor going for good took our pictures. After a few minutes, we heard a sound.

It sounded like motor pumping water when people from Sa'ada irrigate their lands for planting. We tried to look for the source, the children of the doctors I was with grasp into my hands and shirt looking at the space on top of us; there was nothing there except clouds. From the same direction, we saw a tiny object shaped like a dragonfly coming towards us. Coming nearer, its appearance was huge but not something to be scared of. We walked a distance away from the landing site and observed how the huge machine floated in the air. The children jumped in excitement and I took my luggage.

When the helicopter landed and stopped its engines, the pilot and crew went out to eat. The other crew member who was left behind gathered our permits. I held my belongings and brought it inside. I was with the other passengers: Injured soldiers and us - nurses and doctors going for vacation and for good.

I expected an argument between the one's who were left behind and that crew member - in every situation, there was never a day Yemeni's would argue and fight. It was so ordinary which could actually lead to one of them grabbing their guns or rifles and shoot one another. I was afraid I might be a victim of recklessness. My imagination of death soared; I hid between my luggage and another soldier sitting in front of me.

The crew member got tired from the bantering of the soldier; he opened the door while the engines were already on to accommodate another passenger. I knew something would happen. I ignored the tension between the soldier with a rank and the crew member. I didn't have time to observe whether they were faking their greetings and the time when they looked each other in a bad way. I had to brace myself for my first helicopter ride. The trip was nauseating; I had to sit down and rest my head on top of my hands and close my eyes to forget the feeling.

I slept for 30 minutes. Every now and then, I would wake up and take a glimpse outside of the window. The view was breathtaking. It would be my last time to see all of these. I whispered my silent prayers to ward off bad thoughts about our journey and continued to sleep; enveloped in my own world.

By: Jauda Lhmady
A student of Hadhramout University

On December 4th of this year, a magnificent funeral was held in Hadhramout- Seiyun City to bury the body of Brigadier General, Ali Salim Al-Amery, who was head of security in the valley and desert of Hadhramout, and who was treacherously assassinated along with four of his companions on the 3rd of November, 2009.

Al-Amery, aged 46, was well-known for serving his religion, country and people. He was born in Seiyun City, where he completed his primary and secondary education. He received his bachelor's degree at Aden University

"Martyr Al-Amery": A man for all occasions

in 1989. He was appointed to different positions in security in Seiyun. He was the head of traffic administration in the Hadhramout- wadi and desert area. He spent many years in this position and did his best to promote road safety and protect people from the dangers of traffic accidents.

The many good and charitable deeds of Al-Amery were not limited to his work, but were spread out over many areas of his life. He was always vigilant, always searching for ways to console those in need and comfort those in pain. For example, he aided volunteers and guided them in building mosques and schools that the people were in need of. He also shared the costs for and coordinated collective weddings, which were sometimes held in Hadhramout. He did

his best to overcome unemployment and find jobs for young people. He was an educated person who knew the value of knowledge and education in improving societies. As a result, he strongly encouraged female education, built schools for girls and attended many courses aimed at improving the position of girls' education in the valley of Hadhramout. These are only a few of the great deeds of this, wise and modest person and a drop in the sweet river he brought to his society.

Last October, 2009, Ali Salim Al-Amery became head of security of the valley and desert of Hadhramout. Almost everyone was very pleased with this development, but unfortunately, there was an unscrupulous group of men whose interests were threatened by this new position of Ali Salim Al-Amery and on

the third of November, 2009, they assassinated him along with four of his companions. This was done in an area called Khushm Al-Aeen in the valley of Hadhramout, by shooting them with guns in their car which caused it to collide with a large lorry and burn completely.

This was a heinous crime perpetrated by the worst kinds of individuals. Yemeni and Hadhrami people in particular, did not only lose five of their best sons, but their security and safety continue to be threatened by such assassinations, which sound the alarm bells of danger. Hadhrami people believe that is the day to display their unity and to stand as one and demand that the government stands with them to face any danger that threatens them and to find those criminals who are still at large.

The truth about Sa'ada's war

By: Tawfiq Al-Same'e

Palestine, Iraq and Sudan often head the international news. The crises in Yemen, however, has more recently joined the headlines, especially since Saudi Arabia has joined the Sa'ada war to protect its southern border with Yemen.

Political analysts said that the war in Sa'ada came out of two sectarian groups attempting to increase the influence of the regional giants, Iran or Saudi Arabia.

The first is a group of Shi'ites who call themselves "Houthis" and the second is a political group of Sunnis controlled by the government of Yemen. The latter has an excuse for fighting, as former is considered a mutiny against Yemen.

When looking at the current situation, no one would have predicted what was going to happen after the Saudi Arabia joined the war. Immediately after this interference, Iran, represented by its Minister of Exterior, warned neighboring countries neither to take part in the war nor to interfere in Yemen's affairs. Yemen, unfortunately, became an arena to be used by Iran and Saudi Arabia.

The Iranian Shi'ite sect has three

goals. The first is the Iranian wish hem in Saudi Arabia from its southern border with Yemen, as well as from Iraq. Their main goal is to suffocate the oil artery that provides the US with oil.

The second goal aims to control the Bab Al-Mandab, by sending ships to control, as Iran claims, piracy. It is obvious that Iran only wants another place in the south in the Arab sea in order to control the west and thus to progress successfully in its nuclear program.

Obviously, Iran wants to proceed with its nuclear projects. It seeks to strengthen its power in the south of the Arab Peninsula, as it has already a powerful entity in Lebanon. Hizbullah in Lebanon can be said to successfully fulfilling Iran's wishes to stop Israel from penetrating into the Lebanese land. Iran wants to have another "Hizbullah" in the south of the Peninsula to strengthen Iran's power.

But the situation in Yemen is different from Israel. The Arab consciousness stands with any entity that wishes to fight Israel and Zionism, but Arabs consider it extremely unjustifiable to sacrifice lives to fight other Muslims.

Iran's other ambition is to build a single powerful Shi'ite country, extending to all Muslim world. This ambition comes from its core belief that the

Wanted Imam Al-Mahdi will come when the Shi'ites build up a powerful country. Iran News Agency (Mahr) proclaimed this belief in an interview with its head on Al-Jazeera.

Hothi presence and its fight against the Yemeni government may be explained in terms of its wish to get support from Iran just as what Hizbullah did when the last was fighting against Israel. Hothi rebels want to get attention and support from everybody just like Hizbullah. Hothi rebels want to get a public support as well.

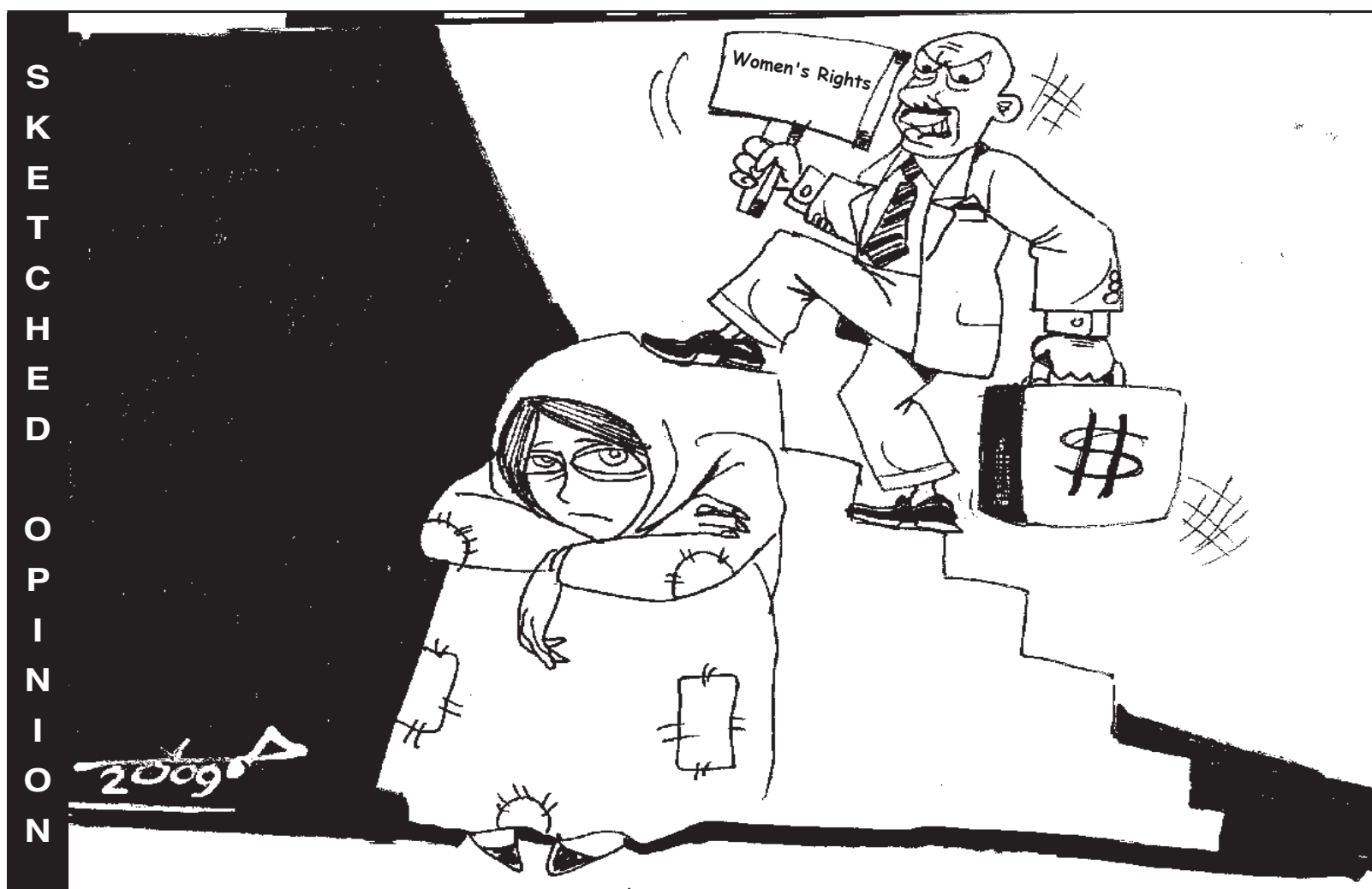
The two projects, the Shi'ite and the Sunnite, are edge-wise. While the Shi'ite projects are supported financially and are loudly notorious, the Sunnite presence is quiet and shy and does not call for war. The USA has taken the chance to get through the Arab world through the Sunnite represented by KSA, yet it stands motionlessly in front of the Shi'ite projects which fight against USA in every possible way.

Arab people condemned the situation when the Sunnite rejected the compassionate feelings by some Arab countries toward citizens in Gaza in last year's Arab Emergency Summit which was crippled during the Israeli assault against Gaza and what happened before that in the two Arab Summits in Damascus and Doha.

Depending on the fact that the Shi'ite projects are supported financially and started to get a public opinion support as well, KSA with no specific goals of its projects feels annoyed by the Iranian penetrating deeply into the southern borders as well as the eastern borders. Saudi citizens said that KSA tried to create a parallel level by sending Sunnite citizens to live along with the Shi'ite in these areas so Shi'ites get no chance to rebel.

According to some sources, a Shi'ite citizen from Jazan city was killed by a Saudi prince. The Saudi government tried to pay generously to the relatives of the killed to prevent any rebel attempts against the kingdom. In addition to this, KSA sent many Sunnite citizens to live in Jazan to prevent Shi'ites from getting a powerful entity.

KSA was waiting for an opportunity to clean out Shi'ite who, sometimes, disrespect it. KSA entered the war to protect its borders from all rebels who might affect the Shi'ites in the kingdom and who may rebel against it. From their turn, Yemen's leaderships and tribes fine Judah Agreement and what happened in the wake of it humiliating, especially when Yemen abandon some kilometers and gave it to the KSA for the sake of helping the latter protect its borders.



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Interested applicants to submit their CV's with covering letter no later than 22 / 12 / 2009 to the address below:

The Ministry of Public Works and Highways
 The Rural Access Project – Central Management Office (RAPCMO)
 Building No.4 Hadda Office Complex, Hadda St.
 Sana'a, Republic of Yemen
 Or to:
 RAPCMO's mailing addressing:
 P.O. Box 16472
 Sana'a, Yemen
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Vacancy: Graphics designer

Yemen Times is looking to hire a professional graphics designer to work in the art section. The candidate must have experiences in Adobe In design, Illustrator, and Photoshop and has a good taste in designing advertisements and promotional materials.

Please send your CV before December 20th to: ramzy_alawi@yahoo.com or through fax to 01-268276

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Remembering the golden days, Aden faces future

By: Heather Murdock

"Aden is like the Sleeping Beauty," said Margret Arning, a principle advisor to the Aden Chamber of Commerce at a business conference last month. "It only needs a prince- or several princes- to wake it up." The now languid and under-used ports in Aden were once the second busiest in the world, she said. And one day, she hopes, the city will reclaim its former glory.



Yemen needs to take care of its people, and fight corruption in the government if it wants to see business boom, according to Ahmed Shamukh, the head of the Chamber of Commerce in Hodeida. Before Dubai became an international center for commerce, it was a desert. Shamukh said Yemen should take a lesson from past successes in the UAE, and focus on improving living conditions for the sake of the "dignity of the Yemeni people."



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While businesspeople lamented the lackluster interest foreign investors have shown in reviving the Port of Aden, a short drive inland, the qat markets were packed. Partially attributed to the popularity of qat, water shortages in Aden have crippled development. Last summer, one person was killed and three were injured in riots, after 75 percent of Aden's drinking water was redirected to other parched cities.



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One of the largest natural harbors in the world, some say the city of Aden is as old as mankind. But modernizing the city by providing visitors with fun things to do is the key to attracting international investment, according to Kalthume Mohammad Nasser, the president of businesswomen in the Aden Chamber of Commerce. "People can have a cup of tea and then things can move," she said.

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**INTERNAL / EXTERNAL VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT
(Date: 7th/12/2009)**

Title of Post: Assistant Protection Officer
Post Number: 10014383
Category / Level: NOA
Location: Sana'a

Entry on Duty: 1st January 2010
Duration: One Year
Closing Date: 21st December 2009

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

In line with the UNHCR policy of enhancing operational flexibility by having a workforce that takes full advantage of national capabilities and expertise in refugee hosting countries and countries of origin, a recruitment needs to be made of a National Professional Officer at the grade of NOA who will work under the direct supervision of the Protection Officer in the Branch Office Sana'a. The incumbent who should be a national of Yemen with substantial knowledge of local conditions, is expected to perform the following duties, guided by the humanitarian principles and values of the United Nations, and adhering to the UN Code of Conduct:

Terms of Reference

1. Assist in dealing with individual cases or groups of refugees through interviews, correspondences, etc. and handle cases by taking the necessary steps with the local authorities;
2. Assist in assessing determination of refugees status, granting of asylum, prevention of refoulement or expulsion, issuance of identity cards and travel documentation;
3. Assess internal social and economic rights of refugees;
4. Maintain close contacts with local authorities and NGOs;
5. Keeps abreast of developments in the field of jurisprudence, legislation and regulations; &
6. Undertake other duties as required.

QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

Knowledge and Skills: University Degree in Law, International Law, Political Science or related field
Experience: At least two years of previous job experience relevant to the function in an International capacity.
Others: Ability to use computer applications such as MS Word Excel.
Languages: Very good knowledge of English and Arabic.

For internal UNHCR candidates:

Staff may apply to vacant posts at their own level at any time. Staff with the required seniority may apply to posts that are one level above their grade. If no internal candidate with the required minimum seniority has applied, the post will be re-advertised internally with a reduced seniority requirement. Only qualified candidates who have completed at least half of the required seniority in grade may be considered. Candidates who do not meet the criteria as internal candidates can be considered as external candidates.

For external candidates:

While priority will be given to Internal Candidates as per UNHCR guidelines, suitable External Candidates will be considered.

IMPORTANT:

- Name of the post to be indicated under subject.
- Applications received after the above mentioned closing date will not be considered.
- All applications should be sent to:

The Administration Officer

UNHCR BO Sana'a
yemsa@UNHCR.org
P.O. Box 12093
Sana'a.
Tel. Contact: +967-1-469771/2
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Jannah Hunt Oil Company (JHOC) is currently recruiting for the position of

IT Supervisor

JOB SUMMARY:

The IT Department encompasses all IT and Telecommunication activities. The IT Supervisor will plan, coordinate, direct and design IT and Telecommunication related activities of the organization, as well as provide administrative direction and support for daily operational activities of the IT department. The IT Supervisor will work closely with decision makers in other departments to identify, recommend, develop, implement and support cost-effective technology solutions for all aspects of the organization. The IT Supervisor will also define and implement IT policies, procedures and best practices.

MAJOR RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Supervise the deployment, monitoring, maintenance, development, upgrade and support of all IT and Communications Systems. Including, but not limited to, telephones, radios, servers, PCs, operating systems, hardware, software, peripheral equipment and office automation equipment.
- Supervise financial aspects of the IT department, including purchasing, budgeting and budget review.
- Develop and implement all IT policies and procedures, including those for architecture, security, disaster recovery, standards, purchasing and service provision.
- Supervise asset management of IT hardware, software and peripheral equipment.
- Supervise IT staffing, including recruitment, supervision, scheduling, development, evaluation and disciplinary actions.
- Develop and make recommendation about purchase of new technology resources and maintain, administrate and troubleshoot server problems that may occur.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS:

Experience:

- Minimum of eight years of related work experience in a corporate environment.

Education/Skills:

- Bachelor's degree in Computer Science or Computer Engineering.
- Strong technical knowledge of computer hardware and software systems and programs including networks and network administration, installation and PC operating systems.
- It will be preferable to have CCNA and MCSE certifications.
- Strong knowledge of installation and administrating computer hardware, software and network.
- Must have good experience in computer troubleshooting.
- Knowledge of phone and radio communications systems.
- Must have leadership, motivational, organizational, planning, analytical, evaluative and problem-solving abilities.
- Candidate must have the ability to train IT staff.
- Proficient in English (Oral and Written).

IF YOU MEET THE ABOVE REQUIREMENTS PLEASE E-MAIL YOUR CV. TO THE FOLLOWING E-MAIL ADDRESS. PLEASE NOTE WE WILL ONLY ACCEPT CV'S THROUGH E-MAIL SUBMISSION:

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The Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), based in Sana'a, Republic of Yemen, has an international mandate to protect refugees and to seek durable solutions to their problems. UNHCR plays a major role in coordinating aid to refugees, returnees and displaced persons of concern.

UNHCR Branch Office in Sana'a intends to procure ten thousand (10.000) pieces of twenty (20)-liter metal jerry cans for storage of Kerosene Fuel.

UNHCR invites sealed bids from eligible suppliers with performance experience to make a firm offers.

Sealed bids must be received by UNHCR Branch Office Sana'a at the above-mentioned address on or before 15th December 2009, latest at 16:00 hours.

Bids received after the deadline or sent to another address will be rejected.

Destiny or punishment? Part 3

By: **Salwa Yehia Aleryani**
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We were raised that we shouldn't answer or react to any stranger but he was inside my heart and no stranger. He told me that this was his opportunity to tell me how much he loves me. He said he wanted to send his family to ask for my hand. He told me that he loves me so much. He asked me to give him 5 minutes to just explain how much he loved me. He said he can't speak freely in the street with many eyes staring at him. He told me that he will wait for me in a building under construction at the left side of the street.

All builders were out for lunch and the building was vacant. He kept repeating five minutes only. Honestly I didn't mind him taking more time. I was in love. He headed towards the empty building and after two minutes I did too. In the building there was little light entering from the openings of the windows. He stood there in the middle smiling a magical smile. I stood silent and his smile did what a spell does to a butterfly. It can no longer flutter its wings to fly. He told me that he has loved me since two years. He told me I have a beautiful face. He said that he wants to marry me so I can be beside him for the rest of his life. He came closer to me and put his hand on my white scarf and pulled it gently off...He saw my hair. Thanks God I had nice and straight hair.

He put his hand on my hair and I didn't intend to close my eyes but I just did. He came closer to me and I felt his breath on my cheeks. I was not aware of what happened after that. Then I suddenly became conscious when I felt that I was bleeding and saw my school uniform stained with blood. I bit my lips with terror and started weeping. I realized only one dreadful fact which was that I was no longer a virgin. This was a disaster and a sentence of death in our religion and society.

A single girl must not lose her virginity except with one man which must be her husband! He started comforting me, "Don't worry. My parents will visit you tomorrow and ask for your hand. I want you to be my wife." I don't know why I

didn't blame him that much. It was me who accepted and I was just as guilty. When one loves one gives excuses. When one loves one becomes a fool. I loved him.

Here Nayda was so exhausted and I saw drips of sweat shine on her forehead. I gave her my juice to drink. She said, "But it's yours." I answered, "I don't want it. Drink it all if you like." She drank it all in one mouth. She wiped her sweat with her sleeve. She then added, "I didn't know where and how I can wash the blood from my school uniform. He had left after giving me a bottle of mineral water.

I tried to wet, clean the coat but it still showed blood in the back. I was terrified and decided not to go home. I imagined my father, today or after one year, discovering that I am no longer a virgin and shooting me. I imagined that my beloved was fooling me and that he will not send his parents like I always saw on TV. So, I just decided to run away and I did. I ran away until I reached Sana'a city as we were living in the Sheraton area which was like the suburbs. I arrived to a very crowded street I thought it would be the safest as it was full of people. It was in the center. I chose a place behind a corner of a street and slept there half dead of fear and exhaustion.

In the morning I saw boys and girls begging so I covered my face with my white scarf and begged too. I bought biscuit and juice like I used to buy for my school snack. I stared at every police car waiting to be shot dead by my father in one of these cars. He was certainly looking for me. Or maybe he would be too shameful to tell anyone about his tragedy. I slept there for 3 nights. I was bothered by some men but I protected myself like a wild tiger does when a hunter tries to shoot him.

Until that forth night when a fat old lady came and put her hand on my shoulder. She told me, "It is not appropriate that a pretty girl like you should sleep in the street. Come with me, I have an apartment where many girls like you are living with me. I provide them with food and shelter and they live with me because I am a lonely old woman." I listened to her and half believed her.

The part I believed was that she was an old lady and the part I didn't believe was that all she takes from those girls was their company. I went with her after I concluded that any gutter is better than the street. At least the gutter is closed. I went there and I was told since the first night that the old lady was actually hiring the girls to men who want to have sex for a certain price per hour.

She also takes money for the room and bed. She then gives the girl the crumbs and tips of money which was not enough for any girl to escape. That night I felt scared but the number of girls with me in this trap comforted me. Who can I expect to end up being, when I am no longer a virgin, A Queen?" She laughed a very bitter laugh. She then continued, "I stayed there following the schedule for three years, until the sun of that bright day shone. The police attacked the apartment.

Allah sent me the key for my rescue. I was free that day as it wasn't my turn and I enjoyed seeing the men yelling and the girls covering their bodies with bed sheets. The police man grabbed my collar and I kissed his hand and thanked him. He was shocked. I was put in jail. That man afterwards helped me and moved me to this heaven house. In the prison many older women tried to seduce me.

I remember that I kicked and bit them and scratched them. It was disgusting what they wanted. I couldn't figure out how they can do that. It was no common sense, neither logical nor sensible that a female would have desire towards another female.

Those women were filthy. That police man chose me and other girls who were causing fuss in prison to move to this house. He was an angel and this house was a gift.

Here I am safe and sound. I am finishing my education and drawing and sewing. I rarely remember my parents. I rarely remember my beloved. I rarely remember anything other than...that one day maybe... maybe... maybe, a man would come from the "sooniseif" (like she called the UNICEF) He will be from outside Yemen to take photos or write about us and that he would fall in love with me. Then he would marry me and take me to his country. Maybe Maybe..MAYBE?

Why schools should have talent shows!

By: **Mohammed Idrees**
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Talent shows are events in which students of all ages participate in, they could either perform a theatrical act, sing, dance, do a speech and many more creative ideas the students can think of.

Usually, you would find students that can mimic other people, sometimes, students that could be promising future actors, students that are humorous and future comedians and you would find students that are good in making speeches and doing them...

Most of the time you would find that talent shows are held for people of all ages and good organizational work like helping the poor and satisfying them with supplies of food, clothing, utensils etc.

They tend to perk up peoples visual and mental views of our planet and its communities.

As next, we will discuss both ways how they help all people.

All talent shows are important because they help the groups participating in the event to understand themselves more, to open up their minds, to discover what they are capable of and establish self-confidence within them and have a deep relief.

They would even discover talents they never knew they ever had, that would make them both happy and proud that they have represented themselves and have helped a poor community, just by showing off their talents.



Lots of people would think and wonder how talent shows can help communities, well, here is how talent shows help the communities especially poor communities in the African continent, Asian, Indo-Asian, North and South America and some in the European continent and the middle-east, poor communities are helped by gathering money or donations by the audience coming to watch the talent shows, so money is made by having the audience buy tickets for entry and sometimes, food and drinks are also for money.

How are talent shows organized?

Extra technical help from the teachers like providing a stage, flyers, food and drinks would be the only things that teachers would be great help in, but the children's talents that are going to be presented are chosen by them, rehearsed by them and furthermore presented by themselves.

The teachers may help the students/members involved in the talent show by just giving them advice, hints, inspiration and motivation; this is the 1st factor that would boost up a child's brain and would guide him to a successful and

fun experience in the talent show.

Not only is this what it needs, but here is where the money comes in, tickets will be paid by the audience coming to the event, once paid the spectators will be

satisfied with food and drinks during the break between each two shows, the money raised by the event will be donated to an organization that deals with any of the following:

- Helping the poor.
- Protecting civil rights.
- And more organizations that deal with related matters.

Teachers and students alike would go around the school and post the talent shows announcement, declare the event in the school's assembly or invoice.

Letters from the school are written and sent to parents/guardians of the students, generally, the students are given a deadline two weeks after the initial announcement, to prepare and have time for both homework and the talent show.

Social is what this is event can be classified as, in which the students, teachers and spectators equally share the fun and excitement of the event.

When I was in The Netherlands, all schools and kids clubs had talent shows and many more fund raising activities for humanitarian causes.

Eid Al-Adha

By: **Lobna Idrees Ahmed Al-Shammam**

Eid Al Adha is very pleasant and so astonishing because before the Eid you go shopping you chose anything you like trousers dresses pink or blue or red anything you like.

But when Eid Al Adha comes...It is a big SURPRISE!!!!

We get ready we put on our clothes, brush our hair and maybe put some perfume on.

We go to our parents kiss them on the cheeks and say EID MUBARAK!!!!!! get money from your parents and maybe just maybe your relatives will come too to say Eid Mubarak

To you or if they didn't come you can go to their houses and celebrate Eid.

Eid is a very special event in our life at that time we see the sky it looks like it is glowing of delight and we get this feeling that we will have a delightful day.

But the sheep's won't have a delightful day because they will be killed(sacrifice) for us.

So always be happy about Eid because it is a very special day in our life.

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

Consultants' Services for Design Review and Construction Supervision of Rural Road Upgrading Sub-Projects.

Country and Beneficiary: Republic of Yemen – Ministry of Public Works and Highways

Project Name: Second Rural Access Project Additional Financing

Consultants' Services: Design Review and Construction Supervision of Rural Road Upgrading Sub-Projects.

The Government of Yemen has applied for an additional financing in the form of a Grant from the International Development Association (IDA) in various currencies towards the cost of the Second Rural Access Project, and intends to apply part of the proceeds of this grant for two consultants' services contracts as follows:

- Contact No. 1, Design Review and Construction Supervision for a package of rural road sub-projects consisting of five sub-projects located in Al Baydha, Dhamar & Mareb governorates with a total length of 95km.
- Contact No. 2, Design Review and Construction Supervision for another package of rural road sub-projects consisting of four sub-projects located in Taiz, Ibb & Lahj governorates with a total length of 80km.

The required services include; (a) services during pre-construction stage (3-months) including review and update of detailed design and bidding documents, (b) services during bidding stage such as participation in pre-bid meeting, support to bids evaluation and contract negotiations, and preparation of the final contract, and (c) supervision services during construction stage (24-months).

The Ministry of Public Works and Highways - Rural Access Program Central Management Office - now invites eligible International and National consulting firms to indicate their interest in providing these services. Interested consultants must provide detailed information indicating that they are qualified to perform the services (brochures, description of similar assignments, experience in similar conditions, availability of appropriate skills among staff, etc.). International consultants are encouraged to associate with local consulting firms to facilitate knowledge transfer. Consultants shall indicate which package they are interested in. Consultants are allowed to express interest for both packages; however, no consultant will be awarded more than one contract.

A consultant will be selected in accordance with the procedures set out in the World Bank's Guidelines: *Selection and Employment of Consultants by World Bank Borrowers issued on May 2004 and revised on October 2006*

Interested consultants may obtain further information at the address below during office hours, 8:00 to 15:00, Sat-Wed at the following address: -

Ministry of Public Works and Highways (MPWH)
Rural Access Program, Central Management Office (RAPCMO)
Attn: Mr. Hakim Aghbari, Program Director
Hadah St, Hadah Complex, Building No. 4
P. O. Box: 16472, Sana'a, Republic of Yemen
Phone: 00(967-1)- 264143/246473
Fax: 00(967-1)- 246516
Email: rapcmu@y.net.ye, rapcmo@gmail.com, haghbari@gmail.com

Expressions of Interest must be delivered or sent by email to the above address by **January 6, 2010**:

Expression of Interest Secondary Education Development and Girls Access Project (SEDGAP) Credit No. 4401-Yem & Grant No. TF-94223 & KFW 2007 65 404)

These requests for expression of interest follow the General Procurement Notice for this project that appeared in the UND Business and DG Market dated Feb. 2, 2005.

The Ministry of Education (MOE), Republic of Yemen has received a credit from the International Development Association (IDA) and Multi-Donors Trust Fund towards the cost of Basic Education Development Project and intends to apply part of the proceeds of this credit & grants to payments under the contracts for the below-listed consulting services.

The Project Administration Unit now invites eligible Individual consultants, to indicate their interest for conducting the following Technical Assistances (TAs):

- i) **To Assess Capacity of the MoE's General departments (Information System & Communication, School Mapping, Planning and Statistics) and at the level of 4 (pilot) Government Education Offices (GEOs) and Identify the Related Training Needs.**
- ii) **To Review the Existing Learning and Teaching Materials and Identify Additional Requirements and Develop Learning and Teaching Materials Standard Lists and Technical Specifications.**

Interested consultants must provide information indicating that they are qualified to perform the services (description of similar assignments, experience in similar conditions, availability of appropriate skills, etc.)

The selection of the consultants will be in accordance with the procedure set out in the World Bank's Guidelines: "Selection and Employment of Consultants by World Bank Borrowers, May2004" Interested consultants may obtain further information during working days Sat.-Wed. form 8:30AM to 3:00 PM the address below to which the expression of interest must be delivered by Dec 28,2009

Basic Education Development Project
60 m Southern Rd. -Bait Meyad
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For the Yemen Times

In our time, learning a new language has taken on a great deal of importance, and can lead to many opportunities. Learning a language enables you to know more, and through which you can improve yourself. However, it requires many skills, from listening to speaking. Students should gain these skills correctly to learn the language properly. And this is where students face difficulties, especially if the teacher is not well qualified.

Most people think that the best way to learn the language right is to study country where it is spoken, or to get native speakers of the language to teach it. That's why International Community Services (ICS) opened the Language Lab at Faculty of Languages in University of Sana'a, where they bring foreign volunteers from different countries to teach students English. The lab, the room that students meet with foreign teachers, people talk in English with a few Arabic words in a friendly atmosphere that brings many people from different cultures and customs together to chat about many things from this life.

About this project that has been applied since 2003 Marius Posthumus the manager of ICS said "This project is focusing on training students where we use specialized." He added, "I think this project is helping to assist a number of students to improve their English level because by improving their level at English, they will be able to get better jobs at international companies such as oil companies or foreign companies."

And about the people who work at the lab he said, "They are volunteers from all over the world who were selected after advertising in international channels and newspapers for the ICS projects. Then these volunteers have first to be approved from the Ministry of Planning and International



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"This project is not the only project that ICS is taking care of, but there are other projects in Yemen that are being sponsored by ICS. For example, a vocational training project, health projects in Al-Mahwit and other projects with handicapped people and orphans in Taiz. This organization has been running projects in Yemen for ten years" he concluded.

About this project, one of volunteers said, "It is an incredible idea because it gives chance for college students to learn English properly and to practice their English with native speakers. And I love the idea because it gives me an opportunity to learn about the culture, and make friends with different kinds of people, and it had made my time in Yemen more enjoyable."

Another one of the volunteers said, "I think it is a great and beneficial project because students learn English from natives, also at pronunciation and developing skills." He also commented on the benefits that he gets from this project. "I get benefits because I get to learn from students more about Yemen and more about demographics through interacting with them."

Carol, another volunteer, said, "It holds a special place in our hearts. It

opened in February 2004. The first year, we had over 400 students coming weekly to both participate in the small conversation groups and use the Tell Me More computer program. It gives students an opportunity to practice both conversation and pronunciation, while building their English vocabulary. We returned to Yemen four times, each time, we had the awesome privilege of having reunions with former students. Their English language skills improved. Now, many of the graduates of the English Department at the university hold positions in large companies. They are professors and active business people in the community. We are happy for the very small role we played in their English language development and thankful for the opportunity to meet these folks from different cultures. We feel privileged to have had the opportunity to be in Yemen."

Qawther Hassan, a student at Faculty of Languages, gave her opinion about the Language Lab, saying that "it is extremely nice because it gives me the chance to improve my language through talking with native speakers. Especially that speaking during our lectures with our professors is something that I consider hard for me, a little bit, because of fear and embarrassment plus that in

the lecture we are limited to discuss certain topics that related to our curriculum and the things that we study only. But at the lab we are free to talk about whatever we want, where they gave us the permission to talk about anything and I'm free to choose any topic, especially the ones that I feel I have lack of vocabulary in and by this I can improve my vocabulary in any field I want. Moreover, being at the lab increases my confidence about myself because I feel that all the embarrassment and fear goes away. And my ability to express myself and my thoughts increases and improves, since they are giving us more freedom to speak in a lovely atmosphere which is the most important for me."

"However I would like to point out that that room itself is very small and sometimes the number of students attending at the lab is so high, and as a result, some of the students may not have a chance to speak especially if he is not that kind of person who would start talking without any embarrassment."

Ghader agreed with Qawther, saying, "The Lab is extremely helpful to raise our language capability."

Sara Abdulkarim added, "It is a good idea because it helps me to improve my listening and speaking. But more importantly, it gives us the chance to change and improve the idea about us Middle Eastern people, because the West has wrong ideas about us- that we are introverted and aggressive people and terrorists. So through the lab, we are able to change their ideas about us. One more thing that I would like to add is that there is not enough promotion for this lab at the university, so most of students do not know about it. So I really hope that the college would work more on making promotions for it."

"It is nice for me because it enables me to introduce my country Yemen to foreigners because, as you know, unfortunately not many people all over the world knows a lot about Yemen," Wafa Al Hadi, another student, said.

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