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## President Saleh to CNN:

### "There is no solid evidence that bin Laden was behind the Cole incident"

SANA'A — President Ali Abdullah Saleh told CNN Saturday that both Yemeni and American investigations into the USS Cole attack show no evidence that Osama bin Laden was behind the 2000 attack on the USS Cole.

Saleh also told CNN that it's believed some of the attackers have been to Afghanistan or fled to it.

The president re-iterated there was no clear evidence bin Laden or al-Qaeda were behind the attacks on the USA, its embassies or The Cole.

He confirmed in CNN's "Insight" that Yemen opposes any military acts in the war against terrorism, and that intelligence measures should be enough.

He said that US warships can refuel in Aden port without concern, and that the agreement between Yemen and the USA in this respect is still valid from Yemen's end, even if

it's been put on hold by the USA. He said security measures can be taken to ensure ship safety.

He also pointed out that the government is using all means to convince tribesmen not to harbor terrorists, and that some of them have started cooperating with the government in this regards. He said if security methods fail to bring Al-Ahdal and Al-Harethi, military action can be taken.

President Saleh also said that Yemen is faced by some difficulties in hunting down and arresting two suspected al-Qaeda fugitives, Qaid Ali Al-Harethi and Mohammed Hamdi Al-Ahdal.

In an interview with the New York Times last week, Saleh said, "We face some difficulties just like the difficulties faced by the Americans and the alliance."

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## 1st photos of detained Yemenis



Al-Bara' Al-Abi Al-Sanaani Abu Mundhir Al-Yamani Ghareeb Al-Sanaani

The Yemen Times has obtained exclusive photos of dozens of detainees thought to be in Guantánamo last week. The photos include a number of Yemenis captured at the defeat of the Taliban forces at the end of last year.

The sources of the photos revealed that the detainees were arrested while they were attempting to enter Pakistani borders through the Najarhar province of Afghanistan.

According to sources, there

were several Yemenis among those captured by Pakistani authorities, who were later given to the USA.

The detainees were then flown to Guantánamo base in Cuba where they are now being held.

Four photos given to YT are of three Yemenis with their associated nicknames. Their original names were not provided.

The Yemenis are: Al-Bara' Al-Abi Al-Sanaani, Huthaifa Al-Sanaani, Abu Mundhir Al-Yamani, and Ghareeb Al-Sanaani.

## Government expresses commitment to ban firearms in main cities

In a draft law, the Yemeni cabinet banned firearms in the capital and main cities, as well as the government offices in main cities and religious places, Tuesday.

The cabinet authorized the Ministry of Interior to exercise all measures to enact this decision. The government urged parliament to prioritize its debate on the issue as soon as possible. The draft law that was presented to parliament, is being crippled by influential tribal sheikhs in the parliament who oppose the idea of disarming the people or putting an end to the spread of firearms in the main cities. The government implicitly condemned a recent attack against the Minister of Agriculture, Mr. Ahmed Al-Jabali, who was beaten by a tribal Sheikh called Abdul Qawi Al-Shuwa'e.

The cabinet called for stiff punishment against those who don't abide by the law, and those who perpetrated terrorist and lawless acts against citizens and government officials. Political observers have doubted the government's seriousness and ability to put an end to the possession of firearms, even in the main cities or its ability to pressure the parliament to swiftly debate the draft law that organizes the carrying of firearms and firearms ownership.

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## 21 Indonesian students released

The Indonesian Embassy in Sana'a issued a statement February 2 2002 notifying that 21 Indonesian students were released following the recent meeting of the Indonesian Ambassador with the Vice Interior Minister, Motahar Al-Masri.

The Indonesian Ambassador said he felt regret for the arrests without the Embassy's notification, considering such procedures as against international law. Meanwhile, the Vice-Interior Minister stated that the Yemeni government has been exerting efforts to consolidate stability and safety, particularly after the September 11 terrorist attacks in the US.

He added that the arrests were a mere equivocation, and that they had no links with political affairs or terrorist acts. Cont'd on P6

## Saudi authorities release Bandar Al-Uteibi

Saudi authorities have released Bandar Al-Uteibi, who had been handed over by Yemeni tribesmen 10 months ago to Saudi Arabia. The release came after there was no evidence of charges made against him by the Saudi authorities.

On Feb. 3 Prince Salman bin Abdulaziz gave Bandar al-Uteibi to Sheikh Abdullah Mohammed Tuaeiman of Jahm tribe, who will bring him back to Yemen.

Bandar Al-Uteibi has been in Yemen since 1989, and got married to 3 women from Khawlan tribe. He has 9 children.

## Yemen seizes four Egyptian fishing ships

ADEN - The Yemeni Marine Authority in Aden seized four Egyptian fishing ships for entering the Yemeni waters in an illegal way, last Thursday. The ships were fishing 3 miles off the Yemeni Coast, an area singled out for local fishermen using traditional devices. Sources at the Yemeni marine authority said the Egyptian fishermen were using advanced devices in fishing at distance less than six miles from the Yemeni Coast, which is not allowed according to marine treaties between countries.

## Zinni and Franks in Sana'a

Official sources say General Antony Zinni, former Commander-in-Chief of the US Military Central Command and US envoy to the Middle East, is expected to visit Yemen soon.

Zinni is to discuss with Yemeni officials bilateral relations and cooperation in fighting terrorism. He is also to highlight the US efforts to restore peace to the Middle East, bringing back both the Israelis and Palestinians to negotiations.

Meanwhile, General Tommy Franks, Commander in-Chief of the US Military Central Command, arrived in Sana'a yesterday. He's to discuss military cooperation between Yemen and the USA, and a coast



General Anthony Zinni

General Tommy Franks

guard to stop terrorists flowing into Yemen. A US team visited Yemen last week for this reason. The team toured different coastal areas to see what Yemen needs to do to patrol its long coast.

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## يمن تايمز - مسابقة الملايين الكبرى

نظراً لإلحاح القراء المتزايد فقد تم تمديد فترة قبول المشاركات لمسابقة الملايين الكبرى إلى ١٨ فبراير. وسيتم السحب في الساعة الثالثة عصراً يوم الأربعاء - العشرين من فبراير ٢٠٠٢ في مقر الصحيفة بصنعاء.

## Basurra awarded medal

Aden University celebrated on February 2 the selection of Dr. Saleh Basurra, Rector of Aden University, as the cultural personality of the year 2001, by an opinion poll conducted by Alnahar newspaper. Leading social and political personalities in Aden attended the celebration, including Aden Governor and Chairman of Aden Local Councils.

Basurra thanked the people who honored him, stressing that the success achieved by the University reflected Aden University staff's efforts to enhance the educational level of the university.

At the end of the celebration, Shihab Al-Ahdal, editor-in-chief of Alnahar newspaper, delivered the cultural personality's medal to Dr. Basurra. Many medals were also delivered to several cultural and scientific personalities. YT also received a medal at the celebration.

## 8 killed and 13 injured in tribal clashes

Eight people were killed and 13 injured in two separate tribal clashes in Sa'dah and Ibb last week.

Tribal sources in Sa'dah told Yemen Times that fighting between Adham and Wa'elah tribes resumed last Thursday, claiming the lives of six persons and injuring 12 others, over a dispute on a piece of land on their borders.

The sources said local authorities kept mute and never did anything to stop the conflict that dates back to several years.

The two tribes are using various

sorts of weapons, including heavy artilleries which might increase the number of casualties.

On the other hand, two people were killed and a woman was wounded in a clash between al-Bahm and al-Tuwaiti tribes in Yareem, Ibb 130 km to the south of Sana'a. They are disputing over the ownership of a water well.

A fighting between the same tribes erupted ten days ago after the local authorities released two prisoners from al-Tuwaiti tribe, accused of fueling conflicts between the two tribes.

## Al-Shumou's Al-Saqqaf with 5 more released

The president of the Republic, the Field Marshal, Ali Abdullah Saleh gave his orders to set the Acting Editor-in-Chief of Al-Shomou Newspaper free together with five staff employees of the newspaper. They were detained by the Criminal Investigation and remained there for five days when a disagreement arose between the Information Minister and Al-Shomou Editor-in-Chief, Saif Mohammed Al-Hadheri due to the

writings at the newspaper which were greatly opposed by the Information Minister and a number of ministers at the government.

In the same context, Al-Shomou Newspaper staff has issued a press release highly thanking the president for setting the newspaper's employees free. The newspaper has highly appreciated the president's attitudes towards press freedom and respecting the others' opinions.

## Yemeni organization calls for boycotting US products

In a press statement last week, the Yemeni Organization for Defense of Human's Rights & Democratic Freedoms called the Arab governments for issuing a postage stamp to support the Palestinian uprising.

The statement proposed the Arab Nations break off their relations with the US if the latter ventures to close the Palestinian Authority Office in Washington.

## Netherlands grants USD 5 million to human rights ministry

The Government of the Netherlands donated USD 5 million to the Ministry of Human Rights to be used for finalizing the database of prisons, reformatories and sanitariums across the country.

Dutch Ambassador to Yemen conveyed his government's approval of this aid package to the State Minister of Human Rights, Dr. Waheeba Fare'a last week.

The grant will be delivered in a period extending for 5 years, as of the current year.

## 8 killed & 7 injured in traffic accident

Eight people were killed and seven were seriously injured in a horrible accident last Saturday in Al-Kafawes area, at Hodeidah-Haradh highway when a Hino lorry crushed a Hilux car as a result of the breakneck speed of the two vehicles. It is worthwhile mentioning that traffic accidents mostly take place in this area.

## Authorities pursue 3 Iraqis convicted of smuggling

Yemeni authorities pursued three Iraqis convicted of smuggling materials last Thursday. The three convicted have cooperated with a Yemeni citizen to smuggle unpermitted materials in an illegal way. The security bodies in Aden arrested a Yemeni agent working for a national navigational company for being involved in smuggling 200 packets of unknown materials in addition to 94 oxygen cylinders and a wireless radio set.

## Military personnel protest their retirement

Hundreds of Yemeni Military personnel staged demonstration last Wednesday to the Ministry of Defense protesting their retirement.

The protestors said they went to receive their salaries but surprisingly they found themselves among the listed personnel who were retired. Officials at the Ministry of Defense Promised they would check their problem individually and would consider any injustice. President Saleh last November abolished a similar decree of retiring 16,000 military civil servants, most of them are from the southern and eastern governorates. Yemen said it retired over 17,000 employees during 200-2001 and is planning to retire 15,251 civil servants in 2002. This procedure is a part of the economic reform package Yemen started in 1995. There are around 30,000 phantom and repeated names in the government payrolls Yemeni government is trying to correct.

## 14-day Indian embassy school's English course for teachers comes to a close

The valedictory function of the 14-Day In-Service Course in English for the teachers of the Indian Embassy School, Sana'a took place at 6:00 pm on 4 February 2002 at the School Auditorium, with Prof Dr. Thakur of Faculty of Arts, Sana'a University as the chief guest. The course had started on 20 January 2002 with 25 participating teachers.

Welcoming the guests, Principal Mrs. H. Jayaraman stressed the need for the benefit of the course so to be ultimately passed on to the students through the participating teachers.

The function was also marked by the report by one of the participants, Arabic and Hindi cultural songs, and an excellent dinner.



## IN BRIEF

• Prince Abdulaziz bin Ahmed bin Abdulaziz al-Sua'ood of Saudi Arabia arrived in Yemen on Feb. 9, 2002 in a visit during which he will inaugurate blindness combating project. The project is to be funded by prince Abdulaziz himself.

• Al-Miyhdhar Center for Studies & Research based in Shaheer, Hadhramaut commemorated the death of the leading Yemeni poet Abu Bakr al-Mihadhar on Feb. 2.

• Dr. Abu Bakr al-Qirbi will head the delegation of the Republic of Yemen to the Islamic Conference Organization's joint meeting with European Union (EU) scheduled for 12 to 13 Feb.

• Training course for the child care wrapped up on Feb. 2, 2002 at the Ministry of Public Health & Population.

The training course was organized by the ministry in cooperation with UNICEF, World Health Organization, Egyptian Ministry of Health, Cairo-

based Al-Azhar University and Cairo University. Twenty yemeni doctors took part in the course.

• "Taj al-Arus" book written by Mohammed al-Murtadha al-Zabidi, died in 1205 Hijri, was made publicly in Kuwait on Feb. 9. Kuwait National Council for Culture and Arts first printed this book in 1965.

• Egypt Airways will resume its flights to Yemen on the Cairo Sana'a Aden route as of April.

• The Pro-president's Supreme Committee for Fighting Corruption in Shabwa started its activities in the governorate at the end of January.

• Yemen's Students Union, Faculty of Languages, published the first issue of the monthly "Languages Newspaper" in Arabic, English, French and German. The paper includes many topics and news about the Faculty of Languages, and presents key issues related to the faculty as well.



## Culture Ministry receives Wadi Hadhramaut atlas

The Ministry of Culture received on Wednesday January 6, 2002 a 12-volume cultural Atlas mapping all interesting places in the Wadi Hadhramaut.

The Atlas was prepared and published by the Italian-based MEMAR organization in collaboration with the World Bank following the archaeological surveys supervised by the Ministry of Culture and the General Authority of



Antiquities. The event was attended by the Minister of Culture, head of the General Authority of Antiquities, Ambassador of Italy to Sana'a, representative of the World Bank in Sana'a and a number of dignitaries and media people.

## 'Internet for Journalists' workshop concluded

The Information Resource Center (IRC), US Embassy, held a three-day workshop titled 'Internet for Journalists' on 4 February, 2002. The workshop was conducted by Mr. Helmi Noman, IRC Director, and Miss Dalia Al-Dali, IRC Assistant. Eleven journalists with various Newspapers/agencies attended the workshop. Mr. Noman demonstrated how the internet could be a useful source of information for journalists, and how to get specific information on the internet.

On the last day a debate was raised



about the future of the conventional press and the internet publishing.

It's worth mentioning that the IRC regularly organizes many similar events for journalists and other sectors. Certificates of completion were given to the participants at the end of the workshop

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| Single | \$45        | YER 4.551 |
| Double | \$60        | YER 6.661 |
| Triple | \$78        | YER 8.772 |

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| Single | YER 4.394             |
| Double | YER 6.957             |
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## Violence in Jerusalem after Bush-Sharon talks

JERUSALEM (Reuters) - Knife-wielding Arab youths killed a woman in an attack on Israelis in a popular Jerusalem tourist spot on Friday as 16 months of Middle East bloodshed spread to the city's Forest of Peace.

Violence also flared in the West Bank, where protesters battled police near Yasser Arafat's headquarters, one day after the United States renewed criticism of the Palestinian president but ignored Israeli appeals to sever ties with him.

Several attackers stabbed a 24-year-old Israeli woman in the Forest of Peace in south Jerusalem before police rushed in and shot at the attackers, officials said. Hospital officials said the victim later died from her wounds.

One suspect collapsed and died at the scene. A police spokesman said

there were no signs of wounds on his body, although a witness told Reuters he collapsed after Israeli police shot him in his leg and shoulder as he tried to escape. Family members identified the assailant as 14-year-old Arab youth from Jerusalem. A second suspect was lightly wounded.

There was no immediate claim of responsibility for the assault, near the Haas Promenade, a tourist site famous for its view of Jerusalem's Old City.

Jerusalem has seen frequent gun, knife and bomb attacks by Palestinian militants during a Palestinian uprising against Israeli occupation of the West



Bank and Gaza Strip.

In the West Bank, Palestinian witnesses said five stone-throwing protesters were wounded by rubber bullets in clashes with Israeli troops ringing Arafat's headquarters in the city of Ramallah. Israeli forces also raided several Palestinian-ruled West Bank areas, arresting three suspected militants.

## Princess Margaret dies at 71

LONDON (Reuters) - Britain's Princess Margaret, Queen Elizabeth's younger sister whose life was torn between royal convention and rebellion, died Saturday at the age of 71 after the latest in a series of strokes.

Margaret died in the week her older sister celebrated 50 years on the throne and after a string of illnesses that reduced a woman of glamour to a frail wheelchair-bound figure.

The queen announced the death "with great sadness" in a statement issued by Buckingham Palace.

"Her beloved sister, Princess Margaret, died peacefully in her sleep this morning at 6.30 a.m. in the King Edward VII Hospital. Her children, Lord Linley and Lady Sarah Chatto, were at her side," it said.

The palace said Princess Margaret suffered the latest in a line of strokes



Friday afternoon, developed heart problems overnight and was then taken from her home at Kensington Palace in central London to hospital.

"I am deeply saddened to learn of the death of Princess Margaret. My thoughts at this time are with The Queen, The Queen Mother and The Royal Family," Prime Minister Tony Blair said in a statement.

The death comes as the royal family embarks on a year of jubilee celebrations for the queen's 50-year reign. Plans have got off to a bad start, with widespread apathy about the festivities and fresh scandal surrounding the younger royals.

## U.S. resumes flights of Afghan captives to Cuba

WASHINGTON (Reuters) - The U.S. military on Wednesday resumed controversial flights of heavily guarded al Qaeda and Taliban captives from Afghanistan to a naval base at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, a senior U.S. official said.

The official, who asked not to be identified, told Reuters that the first flight of captives in more than two weeks had left Afghanistan late Wednesday and was to arrive at the isolated prison camp late Thursday. The official did not say how many prisoners were on the flight.

Flights carrying up to 30 of what the Pentagon calls "detainees" were

suspended on Jan. 23 by Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld pending expansion of outdoor jail facilities at the American base.

A total of 158 captives, whom the Pentagon has refused to classify as prisoners of war, are already being held and interrogated at Guantanamo amid criticism they have not been treated properly under the Geneva Convention.

None has yet been charged with a crime, but Washington has maintained that the prisoners are being treated humanely.

The shackled and blindfolded captives are being flown to Cuba from

Kandahar in southern Afghanistan under tight guard and are being housed at the base in 8-by-8-foot (2.5 meter-by- 2.5 meter) cage-like outdoor cells. A total of 324 captives are in U.S. military custody in Afghanistan, and defense officials said the number of outdoor cells had been expanded to more than 300 at the Guantanamo base since the flights were suspended.

President Bush and Rumsfeld have rejected the accusations from human rights groups and some Western governments that the captives are not being treated properly and should be declared prisoners of war under the Geneva Convention.

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# Yemenia Launches a New Flight to Kuala Lumpur & Jakarta

**Y**emenia Airways launched its new flight on January 14, to Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia and Jakarta, Indonesia. The launch was attended by a host of government and Yemenia officials plus media representatives who were invited to take part in this flight which lasted from January 14 to 17. The trip aboard Yemenia flight first took off to Dubai and then continued its trip directly to Kuala Lumpur where passengers were warmly welcomed. Officials of the Malaysian airliner and Yemen's Ambassador to Malaysia were among the large number of people who came to greet guests of Malaysia amid the original Malaysian folklore music. His Excellency, Mohammed Taha Mustafa, Yemen's Ambassador to Malaysia, told Yemen Times, "The inauguration of this new flight made me feel so happy because the need for such a service was so urgent." I am also happy that when I am back to Yemen I will fly

Yemenia," he added. Mustafa highlighted the tourist attractions the Federation of Malaysia enjoys. It is an "exemplary" country since it has set a pioneer experience mostly in all domains of life. Malaysia is also known as "Real Asia" for its fantastic diversity as it contains the attractions of all South East Asia.

In Kuala Lumpur there are hundreds of Yemeni students who are doing their bachelor, master and doctorate degrees. Adel as-Sunwi, who is doing his doctorate thesis, said, "Of course, my next flight will be aboard Yemenia airways due to its safety and high quality services and safety. The happiness of Yemeni students in Malaysia was indescribable for this new service operated by their national carrier. Similarly, officials of Yemeni were proud of services rendered to their dear customers in the Far East. Eng. Nabeel al-Faqeh, Marketing Director of Yemenia, told Yemen Times that Yemenia has always been concerned with operating new flights and providing quality services, especially to the Far-East. We are actually



planning to have new flights to other parts of the world.

Senior Malaysian officials including Minister of Tourism & Culture and Minister of Communication delivered speeches in which they appreciated the success achieved by Yemenia Airways. The trip organized by Yemenia then continued its flight to Jakarta, Indonesia, where a number of Yemenis and Indonesians intimately received them by performing Hadrami folklore dances. All people there were happy that Yemenia operated a flight to that part of the world. Many Yemeni immigrants and businessmen also attended the celebration organized to this end.

The trip organized by Yemenia for people of media, MPs, government officials and members of civil society organizations was a real pleasure for all participants.



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## New Destination Reached

# Sharon not engaged in terrorism: Powell

Secretary of State Colin Powell says Israelis and Palestinians must find a way to create conditions for a cease-fire so that they can move forward with the Mitchell peace plan toward the goal of establishing a Palestinian state existing in peace alongside Israel.

In an interview with Moroccan television January 30 in his State Department office in Washington, Powell said the U.S. government does not hold one side or the other responsible for the violence.

"It is not a matter of holding one side or the other responsible. Both sides must find a way to come together and to create a cease-fire condition so that both sides can move forward into the Mitchell Plan which both sides have agreed to and said they would comply with," Powell said.

Powell said Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat needs to take stronger action against terrorism and to provide an explanation for the attempt to smuggle weapons into the region aboard the

Karine A ship that Israeli forces intercepted in the Red Sea in early January.

Powell described the Palestinian strugglers as terrorists saying that "They are not helping the Palestinian cause," and that "they are not only threatening Israelis and killing Israelis, they are threatening the hopes of the Palestinians by thinking they can prevail military over Israel through bombings and suicide attacks, and killing young people....."



# Canada warship seizes tanker in Arabian Sea

TORONTO (Reuters) - A Canadian warship deployed as part of the U.S.-led war in Afghanistan seized a tanker in the Arabian Sea suspected of smuggling oil from Iraq in violation of United Nations sanctions, Canadian television reported on Friday.

HMCS Vancouver began tracking the suspect vessel in the Persian Gulf

on Jan. 31, and its crew boarded it three days later in international waters near the Iran-Pakistan border, CTV news reported.

The report could not be independently confirmed.

The size of the tanker or the volume of crude oil on board was not immediately known, but the television network quoted Cmdr. Jim Heath

of the Canadian frigate as saying it was registered in Africa.

"There's certainly evidence on board of her having several names in the past, some of which we're familiar with, and clearly there's evidence on board as well that she acted in the capacity of a command-and-control ship of sorts for the other ships in the area," Heath was quoted as saying.

Iraq is only allowed to export oil in exchange for food and medicine under an amendment to U.N. sanctions that were put in place after Iraq's 1990 invasion of Kuwait, which sparked the Gulf War.

The Vancouver is one of four Canadian warships that have been in the region since October.

# Sudanese president calls for U.S. to be responsible for peace

Al-Khartoum, Feb 9 (KUNA) - The President of Sudan Omar Hassan Al-Bashir on Saturday called on the United States to shoulder its responsibilities immediately and adopt international legitimate resolutions to stop Israel from practicing illegal acts that harmed international co-existence and peace initiatives.

Al-Bashir called, in a Statement by which he inaugurated the 10th Arab Parliamentary Conference, on the international community especially the United States to take a responsible and a sensitive stand towards the Israeli violations of the international law and legitimacy, through its constant aggression on holy lands in Palestine.

Al-Khartoum is currently hosting the meetings of the 40th session and 10th conference for the Arab parliamentary union (APU), with the participation of Arab parliaments including Kuwait which is represented by speaker of the parliament Jassem Mohammed al-Khorafi

# While hosting the OIC-EU Joint Forum Turkey contributes to reconstruction of Afghanistan

In addition to her contribution to the reconstruction process of Afghanistan, Turkey will also maintain her humanitarian aid projects in Afghanistan which has been carried out for a long time.

Within this framework, as a consequence of the visit to Kabul in January by Prof. Ihsan Dogramaci, the Chairman of the International Children Health Center and officials from the Hacettepe University (Ankara) along with Ambassador Aydemir Erman, coordinator for Afghanistan, it was decided to provide training to Afghan doctors and health personnel at Hacettepe University in Turkey; Afghan Podiatry Society was established and the Society was supported to

apply for membership to the International Podiatry Society.

It has been decided to establish a central laboratory which will meet the needs of all the hospitals in Kabul. This laboratory will be situated at the Kabul Ataturk Hospital's premises and training will be provided to the hospital personnel.

Moreover, a group of health personnel that will serve on rotational basis at the clinic which was built by the Turkish government in the year 2001 in Hoca Nahauddin Town in Northeast of Afghanistan, went to the region on 1st February 2002. This group of health personnel, composed of 5 doctors and Foreign Ministry officials with the sponsorship of Istanbul University

Faculty of Medicine will serve to the local people for a period of one month and during their tenure the group will also carry out a health scan in the region.

In the meantime, the issue of Afghanistan is expected to be given priority at the "OIC-EU Joint Forum" which will be held in Istanbul on 12-13 February 2002.



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# Iraq says more than 15,000 people died in December due to American sanctions

BAGHDAD, February 5 (Xinhua) - The Iraqi Health Ministry said on Tuesday that a total of 15,346 Iraqi people died in last December due to the stringent United Nations sanctions imposed on the country for its 1990 invasion of Kuwait. In a statement to the official Iraqi News Agency (INA), the Health Ministry said in last December, 7,007 children under five years old died because of malnutrition and respiratory diseases, while 8,339 elderly people died as a result of diseases such as hypertension and malignancy. Iraq says the decade-old sanctions have claimed lives of over 1.6 million people.

As an exception to the sanctions, the U.N. oil-for-food program since 1996 allows Iraq to sell oil and use part of the revenues to buy food, medicine and other essentials to offset the impact of the sanctions.

# Egypt pledges comprehensive economic reforms

SHARM EL-SHEIKH, Egypt, February 6 (Xinhua) -- Egypt on Wednesday pledged that it will pursue comprehensive economic reforms to reactivate its sluggish economy.

The Egyptian government has made a pledge to international donors that it will carry out a comprehensive economic reform plan and form a framework for economic performances, an Egyptian source, who attended the ongoing international donors' meeting on Egypt, told the press.

The plan includes legislations, measures to safeguard the independence of the Central Bank as well as ways to offer favorable investment environment and enhance economic competitiveness, the source added.

During the two-day gathering being held at Egypt's Red Sea resort of Sharm el-Sheikh, representatives of international donors discussed an Egyptian request for an aid of 2.5 billion U.S. dollars in loans and grant, with a view to assisting the Egyptian economy.

Addressing the opening ceremony of the meeting on Tuesday, Egyptian Prime Minister Atef Mohammed Obeid said that Egypt will pursue sound macro-economic policies and structural reform to overcome the current economic difficulties.

Egypt, who has already been mired in an economic slowdown over the past two years, has been further hit by the September 11 terror attacks on the United States.

The total sum of an international aid to Egypt will be announced later in the day.

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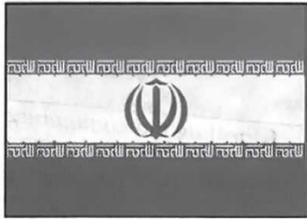


CONSULTATIVE GROUP MEETING CONCLUDED IN SHARM EL-SHEIKH SHARM EL-SHEIKH, February 6, 2002 (XINHUA)- Egyptian Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Fayza Abu Al-nagaa responds to questions at the press conference following a Consultative Group Meeting organized by Egypt and the World Bank in Red Sea resort Sharm El-Sheikh on February 6, 2002. Members of the Consultative Group pledged on Wednesday to commit to Egypt an amount of \$ 10.3 billion for the period of 2002-2004, of which roughly \$2.1 billion is in the form of quick-disbursing assistance for this year requiring a credible macroeconomic framework. (Xinhua Photo/Wang Jianhua) (why/prr)

## Saudi Minister: Bush's threats won't affect Iran-Saudi relations

Tehran, Feb 7, IRNA — Visiting Saudi Commerce Minister Usama Ibn Jafaar Ibn Ibrahim Faqih said here on Thursday that the recent threats made by President Bush against the Islamic Republic of Iran leaves no effect on Saudi relation with Iran as well as with the other Islamic states.

Speaking in a press conference at the end of the fourth Tehran-Riyadh joint Economic Commission session in Tehran, he said the existing relation between Saudi Arabia, Iran and all other Islamic states totally based on principled and consolidated religious believes, mutual respect, good neighboring as well as Islamic thoughts.



The Saudi minister also called the results of the Forth joint economic commission as "positive" and described the prospects of the two sides relation as hopeful and promising.

Besides the agreements made on



expansion of economic and commercial cooperation between Iran and Saudi Arabia, the two sides will broaden their cooperation in the area of light and heavy industries for car manufacturing and its auto parts accordingly, he said.

## Over 30 Saudis still missing in Afghanistan

RIYADH, Feb 7: Over 30 Saudis are still missing in Afghanistan, unaccounted as yet, the Saudi ambassador in Pakistan Ali Bin Awad Asiri told the local Saudi daily Al-Jazirah.

Speaking on phone from Islamabad the Saudi envoy in Islamabad said that so far he has received reports from 34 Saudi families complaining that their sons were missing in Afghanistan.

He added that nobody could tell, for certain, if these missing Saudis were dead or alive.

The Saudi interior minister has categorically said there was no evidence of Osama Bin Laden's Al Qaeda network operations in Saudi Arabia. He promised to take tough action against any Al Qaeda member found active in the Kingdom.

The Saudi Interior Minister Prince Naif also acknowledged for the first time publicly that 15 of the 19 hijackers involved in the Sept 11 attacks were Saudis. The Saudi authorities until recently have been questioning the

reports that 15 of the hijackers were Saudis despite the US insistence to it.

The Saudi ambassador in Islamabad during the course of his telephonic interview with daily Al-Jazirah described the security situation in Pakistan as "extremely excellent". He added there are Saudi students, journalists, and relief employees from the Red Crescent besides government officials on Hajj related assignments in Pakistan.

Asiri further clarified that the Saudi embassy has no information about any Saudi national detained in Pakistan. He said the Pakistani interior minister has categorically denied the presence of any Saudi in Pakistani jails.

He added that the Saudi embassy in Islamabad was now giving greater attention to the issue of missing Saudis in Afghanistan.

He said several embassy officials have been assigned the task of listing the missing Saudis.

They have also been made respon-

sible for answering the enquiries of the parents and relatives of the missing people through phones and fax.

He said many of these (missing) people do not carry any identification papers and most of them have changed their names, making the job of their identification almost impossible.

Even the security authorities in Afghanistan refer to these people only as "Arab Afghans" as nobody is able to distinguish among the Saudis, the Egyptians, the Yemenis and the Algerians.

"Naturally some Saudi nationals are still alive in Afghanistan and we are now working hard to locate and find out their current situation," he clarified.

The ambassador added that arrangements are also under way at the Saudi embassy in Islamabad to receive Hajj applications from 15,000 Afghan pilgrims. "We are in constant touch with the Afghan Hajj minister for the purpose of coordination in this regard," the Saudi envoy added.

ACCOUNTS FROZEN: Saudi Arabia has frozen four bank accounts suspected of financing terrorism, the kingdom's central bank said on Thursday while denying reports that it has been monitoring accounts in all commercial banks, AFP adds.

## Kuwait: German forces to arrive to inspect mass-destruction weapons

The Kuwaiti defense minister on Thursday stressed the arrival of specialized German units in monitoring nuclear and chemical weapons shortly into Kuwait to hold training with American forces.

The Kuwaiti minister Sheikh Jaber Mubarak al-Sabah said that "arrangements have been approved to conduct joint exercises in which these "German" forces will take part. These forces will stay in Kuwait for one month.

On Wednesday, the spokesman for

the German defense ministry said that the German army will send 250 troopers of the specialized unit in monitoring nuclear and chemical weapons in the Gulf area in the framework of the campaign to fighting terrorism.

Meantime, an official source said that an oil establishment in al-Sabereyah area to the north of Kuwait has restored activities on Thursday as the electricity current supplies was cut because of an explosion in it that destroyed a center for collecting oil in the same area on January 31st.

## Oman, Saudi Border Meeting Concludes

Muscat, Feb 6 (ONA)—The 6th meeting of border authorities between the Sultanate and Saudi Arabia concluded here today.

The three-day meeting discussed, among other topics, what has been achieved of the 5th meeting's recommendations and other relevant issues.

The Omani side to the meeting was headed by Major-General Mohammed bin Abdullah al-Riyami, Assistant Inspector-General of Police and Customs for Operations, while Rear-Admiral Mohammed bin Abdullah al-Saif, Deputy Director-General of Border Guard in Saudi Arabia led his country's side.

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### President Saleh to CNN

He pointed out that "the tribes know the places where they hide better than the security".

The photos of the two fugitives have been distributed in the country so that people can identify them and help police arrest them.

President Saleh denied that there are difficulties and differences between Yemeni and US investigators who are probing the Cole suicide bombing attack. "I have not been informed officially about any difficulties in security issues from the Americans," he said.

"We are dealing with the United States to confront and fight terrorists", he added. "Yemen is chasing down so-called Qaeda members and any extremist elements that cause security problems for us or for anyplace in the world."

He also pointed out that he had requested America help in building a reliable coast guard, and would like assistance with additional military equipment.

Yemen bought F-5 military planes at the end of the 1970s for \$400 mil-

lion from the USA. But since then the US refused to provide Yemen with spare parts for the planes. The US is against a military bargain-sale of 16 planes Yemen intends to buy from Russia at \$360 million.

### Government expresses commitment to ban firearms in main cities

Government efforts to this end have failed previously because of the license that has been granted to everybody. The government's campaign to stop the flow of armed tribesmen to the main cities has also failed, as it is occasional.

Several high-ranking officials and tribal shieks at the power center have expressed dissatisfaction with such seasonal measures.

They still hold the opinion that firearms are a symbol of tribal dignity and manliness. Observers believe this attitude of carrying weapons can be blamed on the absence of security.

The country has been embroiled into the tumult of tribal revenge and other sorts of disputes, something, which boosted the zest for obtaining the weapons for personal protection.

On the other hand, religious preachers have previously told people that they should be armed so that the government or political regimes cannot force non-Islamic laws into their lives.

They have claimed that armed people can defend their religion better than the ones without arms. These elements have encouraged flooding the country with weapons of different colors and hues.

It is estimated that there are almost 60 million pieces of weapons in the hands of the civilian population, yet no serious steps could be taken by the government to rid the country of this negative phenomenon.

### 21 Indonesian Students Released

In this regard, the Yemeni government has allowed 21 students to continue their studies in Tareem.

He added that others totaling 20 students who study at Dar al-Hadeeth in Marib and Sada'a are going to be set free after they get their tickets back home.

The Vice-Interior Minister has showed his readiness to inform the Prime Minister and Foreign Minister about the possibility of moving the students who study in Marib and Sada'a to recognized educational institutions.

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## Captured Taliban minister may hold key information

By Andrew Marshall

KANDAHAR, Afghanistan (Reuters) - The surrender of one of the Taliban's most senior figures is a breakthrough in tracking down other fugitive leaders, Kandahar officials said Saturday, but they were tight-lipped on how he had been found.

Khalid Pashtoon, spokesman for Kandahar governor Gul Agha, told Reuters that if former Taliban Foreign Minister Wakil Ahmed Muttawakil had indeed been handed over to U.S. troops he could provide valuable intelligence on the whereabouts of other senior Taliban — including supreme leader Mullah Mohammad Omar. "Of course he will have important information. He was the foreign minister," Pashtoon said in the battered building that serves as Kandahar's government office. "But the news was a surprise. We still have to make sure it is correct."

The United States announced Friday that Muttawakil had surrendered and been taken into the custody of

American forces at their base at the southern Afghan city's airport.

Muttawakil is the most senior member of the Taliban in U.S. custody. He is a key prize for the Afghan and U.S. forces trying to track down Taliban still on the run and find the world's two most wanted men — Osama bin Laden and Mullah Omar.

Afghan Foreign Minister Abdullah Abdullah said in Kabul Muttawakil had been living in the southwestern Pakistani city of Quetta. "Some of the Taliban leaders have fled outside Afghanistan including Muttawakil. He was in Quetta. I don't know how it happened that he finally gave himself up. This might have been with the aid of the Pakistani authorities," Abdullah told reporters. Pakistani authorities in Quetta denied any knowledge of Muttawakil's surrender or handover to U.S. forces.

**Mullah Omar's Right Hand Man**  
Muttawakil was considered Mullah Omar's right hand man.



Originally a student taught by Mullah Omar, he won the Taliban leader's trust and became his driver, food taster and translator.

He quickly progressed to being the regime's spokesman, the main point of contact for journalists, diplomats and other foreign officials, and was later appointed foreign minister.

Pakistani journalist Ahmed Rashid, an expert on Afghanistan, has written that Muttawakil was "Omar's ears and eyes and...also his doorkeeper." Anybody who wanted access to Mullah Omar had to go through Wakil.

But security sources in Kandahar say Muttawakil, considered one of the Taliban's more moderate members, broke with Mullah Omar in late 2001 because of disagreement on the Taliban's refusal to hand over bin Laden, prime suspect in the September 11 hijacked airliner attacks in the United States.

## Pakistan hopes suspect's family will lead to Pearl



KARACHI (Reuters) - Pakistani investigators said on Saturday they were putting pressure on the family of leading suspect Ahmed Omar Saeed Sheikh in the hope this would lead them to kidnapped U.S. reporter Daniel Pearl.

At the same time they were continuing to interrogate suspects and raid houses in the search for Wall Street Journal reporter Pearl, who vanished in the southern city of Karachi on January 23 as he tried to make contact with Islamic radical groups.

On Friday, three men were placed under formal arrest in Karachi and charged with involvement in the kidnapping. Police have named British-born Islamic militant Sheikh Omar as a key suspect, and have raided his family's house in the eastern city of Lahore as well as his aunt's house in Karachi.

Sheikh Omar's father, Saeed Sheikh, a clothes merchant from Wanstead in east London, has also flown out from Britain "out of concern" for the family, police sources told Reuters. After visiting the family in the eastern city of Lahore he had now traveled to Karachi, police said. "If there is going to be any negotiation, it will be with his family," said a senior investigative source. "The family can only tell him 'you stupid fool, now it is over'." The kidnapers have not been in contact since sending two emails in the week after Pearl's capture, and Sheikh Omar seems to have disappeared. Both emails included photographs of the 38-year-old reporter in captivity, threatening to kill him if the United States did not release its prisoners from the Afghan war.

## Disaster toll reaches 124 in Indonesia

JAKARTA, February 7 (Xinhua) — Disastrous floods and landslides continued to devastate cities across Java Island and other parts in Indonesia, bringing the death toll to 124 and destroying around 120,000 hectares of rice fields, according to the Jakarta Post Thursday.

The resort island of Bali, Nusa Tenggara islands and some part of Java island have been swept by Cyclone Chris producing high waves and turbulent weather conditions. At least 76 persons have been killed since floods and landslides hit East Java province late last month. At least 42 deaths were recorded in Bondowoso regency, about 210 kilometers east of the provincial capital of Surabaya, 12 in the neighboring town of Situbondo, 14 in Sampang in Madura island, and other areas. Landslides and floods have killed at least 15 villagers in Bali.

In Jakarta alone, devastating floods have claimed at least 33 lives and left five people missing. Officials in Jakarta were quoted as saying that the widespread floods in the country had destroyed more than 120,000 hectares of rice fields and ruined almost 300,000 tons of unhusked rice. "As of

Wednesday, at least 120,991 hectares of paddy fields in seven main rice producing provinces have been inundated by floods," said Sarsito Wahono, a senior official at the agriculture ministry. However, Minister of Agriculture Bungaran Saragih said the floods would not significantly cut the country's food production. Rising water also affected plantation crops, with cocoa in Sulawesi island and rubber in Sumatra island the worst hit.

Apart from the widespread floods, threats of danger from Cyclone Chris haunted people, particularly fishermen, and ships off the eastern parts of the country.

In Banjarmasin, capital of South Kalimantan province, two motor boats capsized on Sunday and their 12 crew members are still missing amid storms. However, local Navy personnel suspended the search for the victims due to bad weather conditions on Wednesday.

The paper said that the calamities forced local authorities to prepare emergency measures nationwide as further flooding is likely to plague many regions across Indonesia, which could cause much worst devastation.



## Abu Sayyaf tops list of threats in Philippines

MANILA (Reuters) - The Abu Sayyaf, a Muslim rebel group of a few hundred men which has been linked to Osama bin Laden's al Qaeda network, is the biggest security threat to the Philippines, National Security Adviser Roilo Golez said.

Communist guerrillas and kidnap-for-ransom criminal gangs formed the next most potent security problem, he told Reuters in an interview late on Friday.

Businessmen have said an overall perception that crime was rampant and the threat posed by the Abu Sayyaf and by other criminal gangs were the main reasons for dwindling investment.

President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo has said the top priority is to restore law and order and remove that perception.

"The Abu Sayyaf is the biggest threat that we are looking at because of their impact on the economy. That is the reason why now we have this joint exercise with the U.S. military in order to enhance the capability of the military," Golez said.

The Philippines has begun a six-month joint military exercise with the United States in the southern Philippines where the Abu Sayyaf operates, with the aim of training and equipping Filipino soldiers to fight the rebels more effectively.

The Abu Sayyaf, which has intricate knowledge of the terrain where it operates, mostly jungle-clad mountains and steep ravines, has proved difficult to wipe out. The rebel group has been holding an American missionary couple and a local nurse hostage on Basilan island, 900 km (560 miles) south of Manila, for more than eight months.

In 2000, the Abu Sayyaf received about \$20 million in ransom after they kidnapped a group of Western tourists and workers from a resort in neighboring Malaysia.

Muslim separatist groups including the Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF) and sections of the Moro National Liberation Front (MNLF), both of which are much larger than the Abu Sayyaf, were less of a threat, Golez added.

MNLF chief Nur Misuari, now in custody on charges of rebellion, turned his back on the peace deal last November. His followers then launched a failed uprising on the southern island of Jolo and in the nearby city of Zamboanga in which up to 200 people were killed. Golez said there was no recent evidence to link the Abu Sayyaf to al Qaeda.

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### Vacancy for "Executive Secretary"

The Republic of Yemen has received a grant from the Japanese Government to fund the preparation phase of Sana'a Basin Management Project. Portion of the aid will be for the recruiting of its staff; including an Executive Secretary. Applicant shall meet the following requirements:

**Qualifications:**

- Must hold a Secondary School diploma or an equivalent diploma in Secretarial work.
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## 45,000 Nigerians trafficked to Europe annually

LAGOS, February 5 (Xinhua) -- Nigerian Minister of State for Justice Musa Elayo Abdullahi has said about 45,000 Nigerians, mostly women, are trafficked to Europe every year. This Day newspaper reported on Tuesday.

Many of these people die in the course of being trafficked across the Atlantic while some others have been killed in the Sahara, Abdullahi was quoted as saying.

"Most of these girls are not prostitutes as they are often tagged.

They are actually victims of human trafficking. People arrange to take them abroad for one job or the other but only to abuse them," he noted.

To enhance the combat against human trafficking, the government has submitted a bill to parliament to make it a punishable offense for those involved in the business, he added.

Due to high unemployment rate arising from economic recession, many Nigerians seek good jobs overseas so that human trafficking has become a serious social problem in the most populous country in the African continent.



Residents of Lagos' volatile Mushin suburb leave the area carrying their possessions February 3, 2002 after clashes between northern Hausas and ethnic Yorubas, members of President Olusegun Obasanjo's tribe from the south-west. Dozens of people have been killed in two days of ethnic rioting in Nigeria's biggest city just one week after an ammunition dump fire caused more than 1,000 deaths there, residents of Lagos said. Tens of thousands of young Nigerians apply for immigration to Europe and the USA annually. REUTERS TV

## Ethiopian prime minister leaves for Germany on official visit

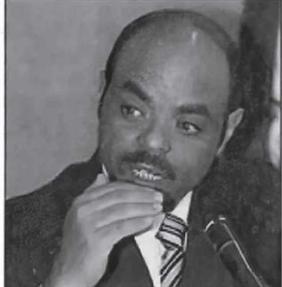
ADDIS ABABA, February 5 (Xinhua) -- Ethiopian Prime Minister Meles Zenawi left here Tuesday for Germany, kicking off his official visit to three European nations including Ireland and France.

During his five-day visit to the three countries, Meles will hold talks with senior government officials on further strengthening bilateral cooperation and friendly relations existing between Ethiopia and the three countries, said a

spokesperson of the Ethiopian Foreign Ministry, citing by the Ethiopian News Agency.

It is for the first time that a high-level Ethiopian delegation to visit Germany at the prime minister level.

During his visit to the Republic of France, Meles will attend a day-long summit on New Partnership for African Development, which would attract leaders from 16 African countries to present.



## Liberia declares emergency as war nears capital

MONROVIA (Reuters) - Liberian President Charles Taylor declared a state of emergency on Friday, hours after shooting near the capital suggested an armed rebellion was gaining ground.

The government said its forces had driven rebels from Kley junction, just 22 miles from Monrovia, the closest they have come to the city since the West African country's latest war erupted in mid-2000.

Rebels told Reuters in Abidjan by telephone they were poised to strike the capital, which was ruined by a seven-year civil war in the 1990s that left up to 200,000 Liberians dead.

"I hereby declare a state of emergency in the republic," Taylor said in a live radio address, explaining that it was in line with the constitution.

"The very existence of our country is threatened by barbaric attacks of unimaginable proportions," he said.

Liberia was founded by freed American slaves as a haven of liberty in the 19th century but has since become a byword for anarchy in a troubled region.

The state of emergency is the clearest acknowledgement of the threat Taylor faces, but otherwise appears largely symbolic.

A parliament dominated by Taylor's deputies will continue to sit. The forces of the suave former warlord with a penchant for dark glasses already have a free rein in the war against rebels who have sworn to oust him.

Refugees arriving in Monrovia from Kley said they had fled the sound of gunshots. Tens of thousands of refugees have been camped at the junction since fleeing earlier fighting in remote forest regions of the impoverished state.

Taylor's forces and the rebel Liberians United for Reconciliation and Democracy (LURD) draw heavily on fighters from the former war. Both sides are accused of atrocities by

human rights groups.

Trucks full of heavily armed soldiers sped toward Kley on Friday. Diplomatic sources said Monrovia was awash with reports of rebel activity, but it was unclear who was involved.

"Indeed there was fighting in Kley, but government troops have flushed them back," Information Minister Reginald Goodridge told reporters at the Executive Mansion, Liberia's seat of government.

Rebel spokesman William Hanson told Reuters in Abidjan by telephone that LURD held Kley and expected to be in Monrovia in a week. The group, which launched its war from bases in Guinea, says it aims to overthrow Taylor so free elections can be held.

"We have thousands of soldiers who have the capacity to take Monrovia in 72 hours," he said. "But we want to offer Charles Taylor the opportunity to resign and leave."

On Saturday, British Prime



Liberian President Charles Taylor Reuters

Minister Tony Blair is to visit Sierra Leone, where forces from the former colonial power were instrumental in beating back the Liberian-supported rebels and training a new army.

### تهانينا «للخطيب» ..

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**في إطار التعاون بين اللجنة الوطنية للطاقة الذرية والوكالة الدولية للطاقة الذرية وبالتنسيق مع وزارة الصحة العامة والسكان**

**تعلم اللجنة الوطنية للطاقة الذرية للمستشفيات والمستوصفات الحكومية والخاصة والمراكز الصحية ومراكز الأشعة بأنه تقرر انعقاد الدورتين التدريبيتين - اللتين سبق تأجيلهما - في مجال الوقاية من الإشعاع الأولى في مدينة صنعاء خلال الفترة «9-13» مارس 2002م والثانية في مدينة عدن خلال الفترة «16-20» مارس 2002م، علماً بأن اللجنة ستعتمد الترشيحات السابقة وتهيب اللجنة وللمرة الأخيرة بالمؤسسات المعنية بإستمرار ترقية تدرجاتهم إلى اللجنة،**

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# YT Business

## Population-growth plan needed to avert disaster



**Mayoob Al-Kamali**  
Economic Editor

**Y**emen needs to take immediate steps to curb its population growth before total disaster, economic experts warned last week.

According to recent studies conducted by the government, the country must seek help from the international community to deal with this threat to the country's very future.

Officials admit that there is dire need to promote birth control, and utilize the expertise of women if they are going to dismantle what is a ticking time of future health-care challenges.

However, NGOs working in the field of education have revealed that the majority of Yemenis are still unaware of the growing threat, and government policies still seem in their infancy.

Yemeni women are birthing, on average, more than six children.

Studies have indicated that the population in Yemen has increased at the rate of one million people every 18 months, a dangerously high level without better services in place.

The birth rate reached eight newborns for every woman at the beginning of 1990s.

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At the same time, children younger than five and their mothers are also needlessly dying due to a lack of proper health care services.

Because women are pregnant so frequently, Yemen's maternal death rate is also one of the highest rates in the world.

This is illustrated at the following table, with statistics from 1997 and 1998.

**Mothers' mortality (scaled)**

**Yemen - 351**  
Oman - 19  
Jordan - 41  
Switzerland - 5

**Average number of children**

**Yemen - 6.5**  
Oman - 5.9  
Jordan - 4.9  
Switzerland - 1.6  
Developing world - 3.0

**Infant mortality (scaled)**

**Yemen - 75.5**  
Oman - 15  
Jordan - 30  
Switzerland - 4  
Developing world - 64

**Children mortality younger than 5 (scaled)**

**Yemen - 105**  
Oman - 18

Jordan - 36  
Switzerland - 4  
Developing world - 93

**Life expectancy (in years)**

**Yemen - 58**  
Oman - 70.9  
Jordan - 70.2  
Switzerland - 78.6  
Developing world - 64.4

**% of malnourished children, under 5**

**Yemen - 46**  
Oman - 23  
Jordan - 5  
Switzerland - 0  
Developing world - 31

The Yemeni constitution has ensured equal opportunities for both men and women, yet in many ways women are still second-class citizens here. We need to promote women's status in the context of family and society.

In order to deal with the crises, women's participation in the field of development is also indispensable. As a first step, women need to be included in all aspects of Yemeni life, whether social, economical, or political.

The Yemeni government has allocated awareness programs and service projects, and according to its population policies from 2001 to 2005, efforts are under full swing to avert the population crises by attempting to do the following:

- Decreasing the rate of mother's dying to 75 for every 100,000 newborns in 2015 and to 65 in 2025. This can be achieved through providing the necessary information, such as, hygienic nurturing, medical care and reducing the rapid delivery along with providing malnutrition.
- Reducing the rate of children dying, to 35 for every 100,000 newborns in 2015 though using the preventive procedures.
- Improving health conditions and life expectancy in order to reach 70 years in 2015 and more than that in 2025.

Without additional steps, one wonders how the above will be achieved. Here are some related issues that need to be improved:

- Living standards for the majority of Yemeni citizens, through better job opportunities, is a must for both men and women.
- Educational conditions and opportu-



nities for education to the lower classes, particularly in rural Yemen.

- Health services networks, to ensure that pure water and a clean environment is available for healthy nutrition.
- The natural resources of the country.

Implementing new population-growth policies in Yemen need proper and fresh studies. The government, non-government organizations and the

private sector all need to work in collaboration.

The authorities should be aware of the negative consequences of not planning ahead to deal with this problem. Building awareness of the danger of population growth should be the responsibility of both the authorities and the local communities.

### Gas tankers stopped in Mareb

Gas tankers transporting gas from Safir refineries in Mareb to Sana'a were forced to stop in Mareb because of security related reasons last Friday.

More than 200 gas tankers parked at road intersection leading to Jawf and Mareb, as drivers refused to move but after providing them with necessary security protection.

The suspension of tankers passage to main cities from Mareb has led to a

critical shortage of gas supplies in Sana'a.

Gas and oil tankers passing through Mareb usually come under fire when tribesmen and authorities have differences.

The government has been unable to secure the passage of those tankers, which usually pass through rural and tribal areas in Mareb and Jawf governorates.



### Spanish olive oil ordered off Yemeni markets



By Mujahed al-Musabi

**T**here is no cancer threat in Spanish olive oil exported to Yemen and other parts of the Middle East, say Spanish officials.

Still, Spain's government has requested that Yemen remove Spanish olive oil from its markets until further notice.

In co-operation with the Spanish foreign commercial center, officials from the Spanish Olive Oil Exporter's Association held a press conference at the Taj Sheba Hotel last week in order to alleviate fears that their oil is cancer-causing.

Speaking during the Arabian Food Cuisine Festival, a festival promoting the virtues of Arabian food, spokesman Santiago Botas noted that Middle East markets are important for the association, and consumers need to be aware of the health benefits of olive oil from Spain.

"This festival is an ideal chance to speak about benefits of the olive oil which has been proven by scientific research. Yemen is neither the first nor the last stop in our promotion," said Botas, a consultant to the Olive Oil Exports Association of Spain.

Before its promotional tour is over, the Spanish oil association will go to 12 different hotels in the GGC and Egypt.

Regarding the cancer issue, Botas said there are many kinds of the Spanish olive oil such as, virgin olive oil, extra-virgin olive oil and lampante

oil. The olive oil that may cause cancer, however, is very different, he said. Known as Thomas olive oil, its extracts are different, and under high temperature of refining, they produce an element called pensio vorine.

It's believed a large amount of this element may cause cancer.

"When we discovered that there is high percentage of this pensio in some Spanish markets, the concerned Spanish authorities decided to withdraw all the remaining Spanish oil from the markets to check the percentage of pensio vorine, said Botas.

At this time there are no international limitations of the permitted percentage of pensio vorine.

Alwan Shebani, honoree council for Spain, confirmed the Spanish government has asked Yemen to remove the Spanish olive oil from the Yemeni markets until further notice.

"Spanish olive oil consumers should know that our product is subject to very strict restrictions, to guarantee that our product is maintaining the highest international standards," added Botas.

Spain has 250 million olive trees covering more than two million hectares. Average annual production is about 800,000 tones, a third of the world's total production. The Arabic food festival runs to Feb. 11.

Abdu alrahman Terkawi, vice chairman of the commercial office in the Spanish Embassy in Riad, launched the conference, thanking the Taj Sheba staff for their support for the food festival.

### Irish Bank calls in FBI in suspected fraud

**DUBLIN/BALTIMORE (Reuters)** - Ireland's largest bank Allied Irish said on Wednesday a suspected rogue U.S. trader had defrauded it of up to \$750 million in one of the world's biggest trading scandals since Nick Leeson brought down Britain's Barings Bank.

Allied Irish Banks Plc said a middle-ranking dealer, John Rusnak — known as a family man and a pillar of his community -- tried to disguise huge foreign exchange losses at its U.S. Allfirst Financial Inc unit of Baltimore with fictitious trades.

The Dublin-based bank said it had contacted the FBI to help find Rusnak who it said had disappeared after a review by the bank raised questions about his trades.

But Rusnak's lawyers said late on Wednesday that he had never been missing, that he had been at home with his family and that he had met with federal authorities in Baltimore.

"They're (Rusnak and attorney David Irwin) still at the U.S. Attorney's office in downtown Baltimore talking," lawyer Bruce Lamdin told Reuters by telephone. "He's been home with his family, quite frankly."

The U.S. Attorney's office was not available to comment.

Irwin earlier said that his client did not steal from Allied Irish. "If they're claiming that he stole money, that won't pan out. I'd be surprised if they ever came up with evidence that he stole money," he said.

The FBI told Reuters it had not issued a warrant for Rusnak, who lives with his wife, Linda, and two children in an affluent Baltimore community.

Peter Gulotta, special agent for the FBI's office in Baltimore, said the FBI was conducting a bank fraud and embezzlement probe.

Allied Irish said it suspected "internal and external collusion," but it stressed the bank was in no danger of

collapse. "This trader isn't bringing down this bank," Allied Irish Group Treasurer Pat Ryan, who was sent to the United States to take over the treasury functions at Allfirst, told a Baltimore news conference.

**MANAGEMENT DOUBTS**

Investors, already shaken by the fall of U.S. energy trader Enron and an accounting cloud over Irish drugmaker Elan, sold Allied Irish shares down as much as 23 percent, wiping some 2.8 billion euros (\$2.44 billion) from its market value.

Experts said banking controls would again come under the spotlight. The industry had hoped it had closed the gaps laid bare by Barings' collapse in 1995, when Singapore-based trader Leeson lost more than \$1.0 billion in unauthorized trades.

"We don't know whether (Rusnak) got away with anything," said Allied Chief Executive Michael Buckley. "It's conceivable he got away with something, it's possible he may have had accomplices who got away with something."

Credit rating agency Fitch said the scale of the suspected fraud cast doubt on management and supervision, while Standard & Poor's said it was considering a downgrade. The Irish Central Bank said it was satisfied that Allied Irish was financially sound.

The company defended its controls. "There was a breakdown in what is a very valid and a very legitimate controls system," said Allfirst president Susan Keating at the Baltimore news conference.

Ryan said the trades took place over more than a year and that they did not number in the hundreds.

The bank said that Rusnak was part of a two-person foreign exchange trading operation at Allfirst that had



Suspected Frauder, John Rusnak - © Reuters

annual revenues of less than \$10 million. It did not identify the other person from that operation, but said he had not been suspended.

Allied Irish said it had halted foreign exchange trading at Allfirst and suspended several executives. It warned that its attributable profit for 2001 will slump to 401 million euros (\$349 million) from 997 million a year before.

Finance Director Gary Kennedy said the bank's research pointed to an orchestrated effort to circumvent internal security. Rusnak had cooperated with an internal investigation up to the weekend, he said.

Allfirst president Keating said that Rusnak had been considered a solid performer. "He was an employee, at least until Monday, of good standing and was someone who has performed well in his years at Allfirst," she said.

**SOPHISTICATED FRAUD**

Allied Irish officials assured investors the financial exposure was limited to Allfirst and that Allied itself would remain profitable. Kennedy rejected comparisons with Barings, where derivatives trader Leeson brought down one of Britain's most venerable investment banks.

"I know people will draw the relationship to Barings but there are significant differences," he told Reuters.

Rusnak is suspected of booking fictitious option trades to make it appear he was using these to offset other foreign exchange transactions.

The bank said it had taken action to "hedge out" or cover the residual exposures on the options so the loss would not get any bigger. The case would lead to a one-off reduction in group 2001 earnings of 596 million euros after tax. Before this charge, pre-tax earnings would total 1.4 billion euros.

### World Bank assessing work

**W**ork projects totaling \$45 million in rural Yemen are being assessed by the World Bank.

The work in Lahj, Abyan, Shabwa and Hadhramaut is financed 54 % by the World Bank, 25 per cent by the World Fund for Agricultural Development, 10% by the Yemen government and 11 per cent by the beneficiaries.

It aims to improve lands and fish industries, and aid handicrafts and veterinary activities.

The WB has financed other projects to alleviate poverty, such as small enterprises, and it has also conducted surveys to development other projects, particularly in the four aforementioned areas.

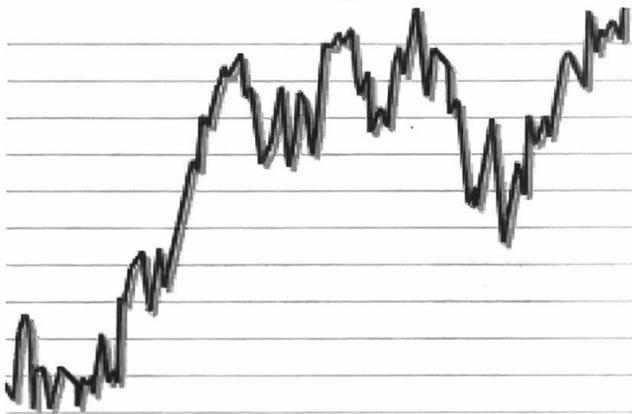
The WB has allocated a total of \$1 billion to finance its current list of projects, from 2001-2005.

Two millions dollars will be distributed annually to implement projects in road construction, dam building, establishing technical institutes, job opportunities and small enterprises.

The WB's participation in supporting projects has gained a great significance in light of a \$500 million reduction of Yemeni oil revenues due to price reductions, and other related economic reforms in Yemen.

The World Bank has been among Yemen's main helpers, to deal with economic challenges.

## Stocks snap 5-day losing streak



By Chelsea Emery

NEW YORK (Reuters) - A late-day rally pushed stocks higher on Friday, as investors picked through the rubble of a 5-day losing streak caused by jitters about Corporate America's accounting practices.

"After a week of emotional selling people are seeing values," said Eric Teal, a fund manager for Evergreen Asset Management. "Those gut-wrenching moments, when investors give in, is where you can make significant gains in your portfolio. And with the economy recovering, stocks are offering a good opportunity here."

Stocks of firms that had been battered by accounting questions, like conglomerate Tyco International TYC.N and AOL Time Warner Inc. AOL.N jumped, and telecommunications and financial shares climbed after being slammed in previous sessions.

The blue-chip Dow Jones industrial average .DJI clambered up 118.80 points, or 1.23 percent, to 9,744.24. The broad Standard & Poor's 500 index .SPX was up 16.05 points, or 1.49 percent, to 1,096.22.

The tech-laced Nasdaq Composite Index .IXIC rose 36.77 points, or 2.06 percent, to 1,818.88.

For the week, the Dow was down 1.6 percent, the Nasdaq slumped 4.8 percent and the S&P 500 declined 2.3 percent.

Tyco was the most active stock on

the New York Stock Exchange for the 10th-straight session, and added \$1.83 to \$29.88. The stock has lost almost half its market value this year as it got caught up in a sell-off sparked by fears it improperly accounted for its acquisitions, something Tyco has denied.

"It looks like the accounting concerns, with regard to the biggest-cap companies like GE, Tyco, are subsiding, and as such, the bears are going to be hard-pressed to keep this issue rolling," said Robert Robbins, chief investment strategist at SunTrust Robinson Humphrey.

AOL shares, which recently had been falling partly because investors find it tough to assess its financial books after a slew of acquisitions, rose \$1.91 to \$27.36. AOL Chairman Stephen Case earlier this week bought 1 million common shares in his firm, the world's largest Internet and media company, according to a U.S. regulatory filing made public late on Friday.

Irish drugmaker Elan Corp. ELN.N ELN.I, also a recent casualty, rose \$1.31 to \$14.80, after losing 51 percent of its market value in the past five sessions. Elan said late on Thursday the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission is probing allegations the company engaged in deceptive accounting practices.

Financial stocks, which had been battered on worries their profits would be hurt from charges resulting from Enron Corp.'s ENRNQ.PK bankruptcy,

also advanced. Citigroup C.N, for one, rose \$1.35 to \$45.49 and helped boost the Dow average. Stocks had dropped for five sessions amid a slew of bad news, including a tepid forecast from Cisco Systems Inc. CSCO.O. The S&P 500 suffered its longest losing streak since the market reopened after a four-day shutdown caused by the Sept. 11 attacks on the United States.

Part of the recent sell-off had stemmed from accounting irregularities at Enron which led to its collapse. Investors had honed in on shares of companies with complex financial structures like Tyco.

At least for now, Wall Streeters are saying jitters are receding into the rear-view mirror.

Not all worries have passed, though. Wireless technology firm Qualcomm Inc. QCOM.O fell \$1.65 to \$37.46 after a research firm raised concerns about accounting issues in the company's fourth-quarter and full-year financial reports.

In other news, Corning Inc. GLW.N climbed \$1.08 to \$7.52. The world's No. 1 maker of fiber-optic cable said it sees first-quarter results largely in line with Wall Street's expectations and added the quarter will mark the bottom for its businesses.

Shares of companies with asbestos exposure sold off after a New York State court jury ruled against a unit of diversified manufacturer Honeywell International Inc. HON.N to award \$53.5 million to the family of Stephen Brown, a 51-year-old man who died of asbestos exposure, the plaintiff's attorney said. The verdict was against Bendix, a former unit of AlliedSignal which has since merged with Honeywell.

Honeywell tumbled \$1.21 to \$32.71, but Dow Chemical Co. DOW.N and Georgia-Pacific GP.N erased early declines as the broader market surged. Dow rose 57 cents to \$29.92 and Georgia-Pacific gained 54 cents to \$23.50.

Investors have said both Dow Chemical and Georgia-Pacific also have some exposure to asbestos liabilities.

## Asia Crude-March Gulf weak, pressure mounts on April

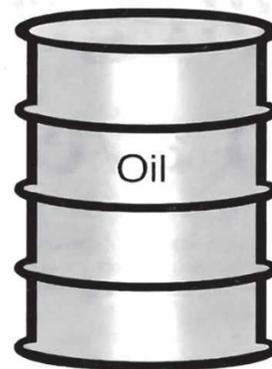
TOKYO, Feb 7 (Reuters) - March Gulf crudes weakened on Thursday after reports that key Oman crude had traded at a steep discount, prompting some traders to say that weakness might rub off on the budding April market. Traders said on Wednesday that two March Oman cargoes were sold to a South Korean refiner at a discount of 12 cents per barrel to MOG.

It was the steepest discount reported for the crude since early November, when Oman traded at a discount of over 14 cents.

"I must admit I'm a little surprised that Oman has fallen that heavily...but now that it has, I don't think the April market can remain unaffected," one Japanese trader said. A handful of April Oman crudes have already traded, although there were no reports of fresh deals after a cargo was traded at MOG minus five cents earlier this week. Lower crude runs and slackening requirements as winter draws to a close have both weighed on the market.

Traders said there were still two or three more Oman cargoes and a handful of Abu Dhabi crude grades seeking buyers for the March market.

March Abu Dhabi grades were notionally assessed at about ADNOC



minus 10 cents to ADNOC minus 15 cents.

In other market-related news, the second part of a tender issued by state-owned Indian Oil Corp IOC.BO to sell Middle East sour benchmark Dubai crude was set to close on Thursday.

The closely watched tender is valid until Friday. IOC, traditionally a key buyer of Dubai crude, caught the market by surprise earlier this week when it issued its first tender, offering two cargoes of 500,000 barrels each for lifting in March or April.

IOC usually buys 1.0-1.5 million barrels of Dubai crude per month.

### Exchange Rate as for the Yemenia Rial as of February 9

| Curr. | Buying | Selling |
|-------|--------|---------|
| USD   | 173.16 | 173.34  |
| GBP   | 244.99 | 245.24  |
| EUR   | 149.89 | 150.04  |
| SAR   | 46.17  | 46.22   |
| KWD   | 562.13 | 262.72  |
| AED   | 47.14  | 47.19   |
| EGP   | 37.38  | 37.42   |
| BHD   | 458.09 | 458.57  |
| QAR   | 47.57  | 47.62   |
| JOD   | 244.23 | 244.49  |
| OMR   | 449.83 | 450.30  |
| DEM   | 76.64  | 76.72   |
| CHF   | 102.01 | 102.12  |
| FRF   | 22.85  | 22.88   |
| ITL   | .0774  | .0775   |
| NLG   | 68.02  | 68.09   |
| SEK   | 16.20  | 16.22   |
| BEF   | 3.72   | 3.72    |
| JPY   | 1.305  | 1.306   |

Source: Central Bank of Yemen

### Middle East Stock Exchange Indicators

|          |        |       |
|----------|--------|-------|
| CSE      | +0.45% | 08/02 |
| BSI      | -1.9%  | 09/02 |
| BSE      | -0.84% | 07/02 |
| TUNINDEX | +0.12% | 08/02 |
| HFI      | +2.98% | 07/02 |
| IGB      | -1.05% | 31/12 |
| ISE100   | -4.92% | 08/02 |
| KSE      | +1.16% | 05/02 |
| MSM      | +1.55% | 09/12 |
| Al-Quds  | +3.15% | 06/02 |
| TEPIX    | +0.15% | 06/02 |
| AMMAN SE | -0.04% | 07/02 |

### International Stock Exchange Indicators

|           |        |       |
|-----------|--------|-------|
| NASDAQ    | +2.06% | 08/02 |
| DOW JONES | +1.23% | 08/02 |
| NIKKEI    | +1.07% | 08/02 |
| EURO      | -0.12% | 08/02 |
| FTSE      | +0.02% | 08/02 |
| CAC       | +0.08% | 08/02 |
| S&P       | +1.49% | 08/02 |

### SUMMARY Economic Indicators for Yemen for January 2002

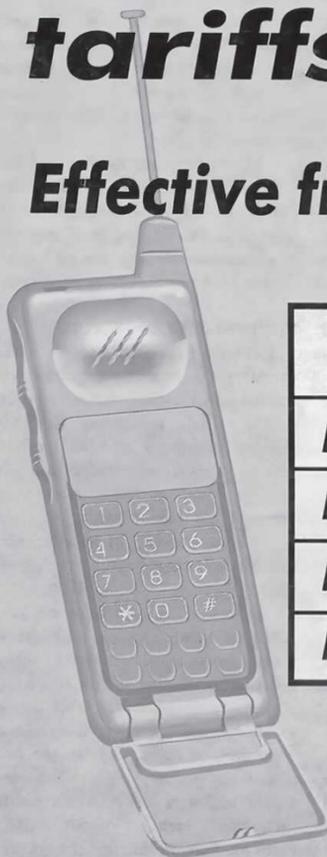
- The average exchange rate for the month of Dec-01 was YR 171.86
- The average exchange rate for the month of Nov-2001 was YR 170.21
- Change in broad money supply during the period 2001 was 18.7%
- Budget financing by Central Bank Of Yemen during the period 2001 Fell by YR 41.6 bn
- The weighted average yield on 3 month treasury bills in auctions held in Dec-01 was 2.87%
- The weighted average yield on 6 month treasury bills in auctions held in Dec-01 was 2.46%
- The weighted average yield on 1 year treasury bills in auctions held in Dec-01 was 2.08%
- The consumer price index (cpi) for the period 2001 rose by 11.9%
- The consumer price index (cpi) for the year 2000 rose by 10.9%

Source: Central Bank of Yemen

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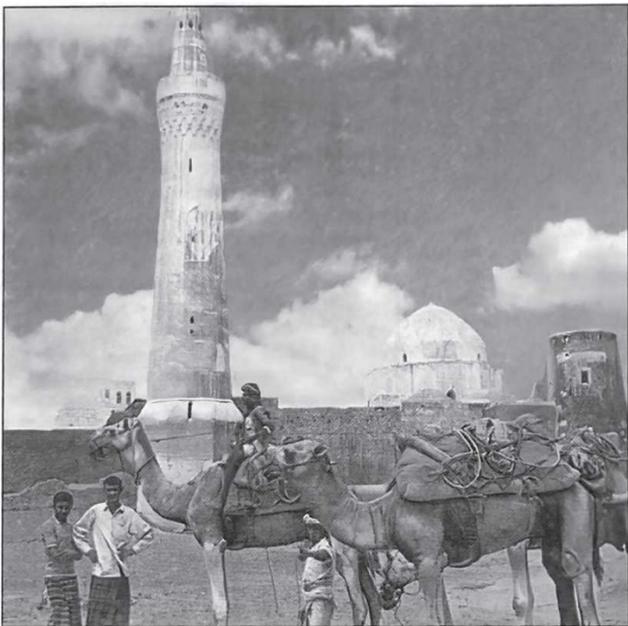


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# City of Zabeed: Shattered heritage and the need for renewal



By Abdul Darweesh Zabeed

**T**ourists and native Yemeni alike would enjoy taking a step back in time by visiting Zabeed's Castle. During a recent trip I made to this museum of antiquities, I learned many interesting things about the proud heritage of Zabeed, and how this reflects the contribution that Yemen has historically made to Arabian culture.

### Naming Zabeed

The city of Zabeed is located in an average height between two valleys:

Zabeed Valley from the south and Roba Valley from the north. It is 100 km south of Hodeidah City.

In his book *Tihama though History*, Abdurahman Al-Hadhrami said that the city was called Zabeed because it lies in the middle of a valley named Zabeed. It was also said that the name was applied to a tribe dwelling in this part of the valley.

It is told of Mohammed Bin Abdullah, that when he left Mecca for Yemen, he used to take sand with his hand and smell it every time he visited a new place. When he came across the valley Zabeed, he took some of its sand, smelled it, and said to his fol-

lowers that they should reside in this spot, and that it was an endowed land. Others said that a woman lived in a valley of Zabeed called Zabeeda.

### History

In his book, Abdurahman Al-Hadhrami notes that a Canadian expedition in Zabeed worked from 1982 and 1984. The expedition explored some valuable antiquities of the city and found clear evidence that it originally consisted of scattered villages of the Al-Ashaera tribe.

The Valley of Zabeed was one of the fertile valleys in Zabeed. This helped Ibn Ziad to found his city near Al-Ashaera Mosque in 819.

In addition, a number of ancient black potteries was discovered by the Canadian expedition in scattered parts, particularly in the north of the city, which dates back to the third century of Hijra. This is before the arrival of Ibn Ziad.

Some of these antiquities belong to the reign of the Himarids and some of these to the Stone Age.

Historical evidences also indicate that the city was comprised of scattered villages, full of green trees in an area called Al-Khaseeb, an area settled by the Al-Ashaera tribe before and after the Islamic period.

The city became a base for the consequent Yemeni states, which lasted for 841 years. Peoples included the Ziyadids, Najahids, Tahirids, Sulaymanids, Rasulids, Mahdids, and Ayyubids.

During its long history, Zabeed was a famous city, as it was considered to be one of the first major centers of learning in the world. Scholars visited

the city from different parts of the world and it became a center of enlightenment and learning.

Bin Al-Rabee rightly described the Zabeed as "the city of the learning, scholars, jurisprudence, Islam, goodness, and purity". This was reflected on all the aspects of civilized renaissance in the field of arts, architecture manufacturing, trade, agriculture and the building invincible forts.

The city has some of its wonderful architecture preserved. Houses have beautiful decorations on their doors, while minarets, prayer niches, ceilings, and historical palaces are also a clear indication of Zabeed's great history.

In addition to the castle, it has historical palaces such as the Great Al-Naser House. Some towers narrate stories of the consequent states that ruled Yemen in different eras.

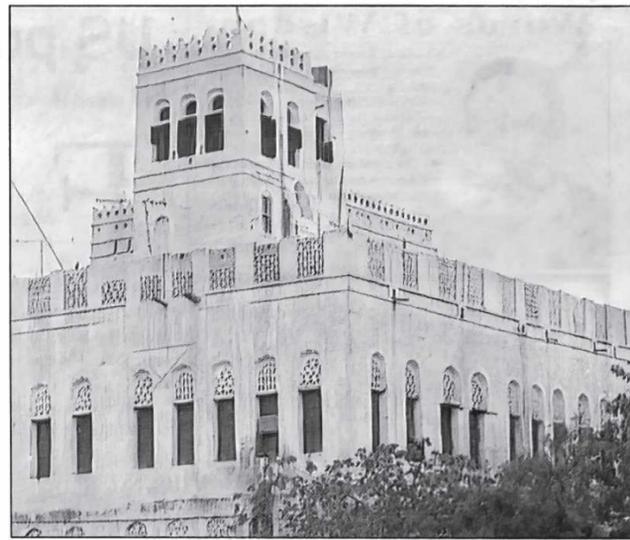
The city was also larger in the past. Its houses were built with mud, plaster and bricks. It was characterized by the narrow lanes and quarters, which reminds visitors of the great history of the Yemeni ancestors.

One of the monuments of Zabeed is the Old Zabeed Market which is open every Sunday.

Zabeed was famous for handicraft industries such as, weaving, fiber-forming, spinning, sugar making, soap, silver making, and mats. The city is also famous for its folkloric heritage such as, dances and songs.

### Zabeed's walls and gates

The ancient city was enclosed with a wall, which, in part, is still existing today. It has four main gates, which were locked in time of danger. The



Historically, Zabeed is a city that most adventurers from Europe and the world would not miss during their tours of Yemen.

walls of the city were rebuilt in different eras through the history of the city.

The first man who built walls around Zabeed was Alhussein Bin Salama. Then, they were rebuilt by Najahids and after him, the city enclosure was rebuilt by the Taghateen Bin Ayoob. He established four gates. Among these are the following two gates:

The first was known as Ghalafeka Gate, which was located in the east of the city. The second gate was known as Seham Gate, which is the most important one and located in the north.

After 26 September Revolution the city was exposed to several attacks which led to the damage of the walls, however, the four main gates of the city are still existing till today. These gates need only repair and renewal.

The main thing that should be taken into consideration is the main wall itself, which is about to deteriorate. It needs an immediate repair and recondition.

Some other historical monuments

in the area also need repair, and explorations need to be conducted to discover the remains of the wall so it can be rebuilt properly.

### Zabeed Today

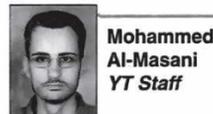
For those who value the proud history of Zabeed City and what it means for Yemen, it is sad to see its deteriorating conditions these days. It has the potential to be a fine tourist attraction, yet now, in its present state, there is little that interests the sightseer.

This was verified when during his visit to Yemen, Kunishero Matsuura, chairman of UNESCO, said that the city is being threatened with drastic deterioration.

Zabeed is one of the three Yemeni cities which are designated by the UN as international heritage sites. But its historic features such as its walls are in dire need of rebuilding.

One can only hope that somehow the resources will be found to ensure this vital part world history and Yemeni culture is not lost.

# Investigating the condition of one of Sana'a's schools: Cry education in Yemen!



**A** recent visit to a school near Sana'a shows clearly our centers for learning need more attention, drastically.

Look at Al-Wahda School in Sanhan District, about one kilometer away from Sana'a. A short visit to this school shows the dire educational reality in our country.

The number of students here reaches 1420, and many are crammed into classrooms that need to be much larger.

The school's ceiling is covered with a very weak roof, which leaks during heavy rains.

There are not enough chairs for students to sit on, and not even windows or doors.

Students in the winter season are chilled to the bone due to the open cold weather.

Both students and teachers are exposed to infectious diseases such as,



A sad fact is that the Ministry of Education gets a very low share of the national annual budget, yet Yemeni students are willing to sit on the floor to learn.

pneumonia due to the dusty atmosphere.

### Rented

While the building is in such need of repair, amazingly, it is rented to the students.

The Schoolmaster, Khaled Mosaed Mohammed talked to YT about the catastrophic condition of the school and noted the Parents' Council has rented the school on behalf of the students.

"Each student pays YR 500 every year. For about 12 years the school comprises 12 classes without bathrooms or even doors. Many officials visited the school but of no avail," he said.

Teachers complain bitterly about deteriorating conditions.

Among those is Bushra Ahmed Al-Nesri, who points out the majority of teachers and students are getting sick due to the dusty atmosphere.

This has of course created a number of difficulties with regard to teaching students in an appropriate manner.

deprived of the simplest pedagogical and educational means, and these schools are like slums.

Where does a boy or girl, or a man or woman with a drive for a proper learning find good books in this country?

The contemptible conditions of schools of all levels have saddened many of us in our hearts. We need bet-



The most decent room of all is this, the office of the general manager of the Al-Wahdah school

ter facilities and libraries, and then attract well-qualified and experienced teachers.

Our eyes are focused on the Yemeni officials. They are supposed to act seriously and try to improve education.

Yet, what on earth is being done? So far, the answer is "nothing!"



The rent contract. Al-Wahda may be among the few schools in the world that pay monthly rent for the building



Overcrowded classrooms are the norm for boys and girls alike

## Human Rights Project Fund activity launched at the British Council in Sana'a

On Saturday 2nd February 2002 the British Council Sana'a launched the second training session under the Human Rights Project Fund (HRPF).

This is a scheme funded by the British government represented by its Embassies- to support Human Rights awareness and activities worldwide.

The first training course tackled the phenomenon of Street Children and was performed in the period October-November 2002.

The on-going 3-week training workshop is addressing public and non-public institutions working with the children category of delinquents.

The first two weeks of the training is dealing with topics of

Managerial and Administrative Skills and is directed to the admin staff in the targeted organizations.

Week 3 is directed to the technical staff to provide them with professional communication skills necessary for communicating and interacting with the targeted group of children, i.e. the delinquents.

An approximate number of 40 participants is attending the training which is conducted by the Egyptian Center for Development Services.

The project is managed by the British Council in co-ordination with the Higher Council for Motherhood and childhood and the Ministry of Social affairs and Labor.

Words of Wisdom



Change is basic to life. Every thing has to change. Without change, there is stagnation and decay. It is the job of human beings to push for positive change. The possibility of change in the wrong direction exists and we have seen it in many places. We have to guard against that. Slow and gradual change is better than abrupt jolts. In other word, evolution is the key word.

Prof. Abdulaziz Al-Saqqaf, (1951-1999) Founder of Yemen Times



OUR OPINION

What it takes to be number one

Ever since I took charge of this newspaper after the unexpected and tragic death of its founder, my father Dr. Abdulaziz Al-Saqqaf, in 1999, I have focused on one thing: to be up to the challenge. Today, more than two years since Dr. Saqqaf's death, I believe he would be very proud of the level The Yemen Times has reached.

This newspaper now sells, on average, at least three times as many copies as our closest competitor. It is sold-out in most newsstands and bookshops throughout the country. The hardcopy edition is distributed, in fact, throughout most of the Arabian Peninsula, and it is expected to reach more markets in the near future. The website of Yemen Times has also become the leading source of information on events happening in Yemen.

YT readers in Yemen and worldwide have continued to follow the news from the source they trust and know as a credible, balanced, and unbiased source of information.

But while we are showing strength and leadership, we continue to look for ways to reach higher horizons. We'll never say, 'We've arrived.' We may be far ahead of our local competitors, but now we are comparing our newspaper to English-language regional and international newspapers. In today's globalizing world, we need to see the world as our market, not only Yemen.

This is why you see the new improvements and changes in this issue of The Times. We're pushing the limits to see how much we can accomplish. We're now subscribing to worldwide news-wires and will have other services. This costs time and money. But we see this as a wise investment in the future.

The changes that you see in this issue are a result of extensive surveys to find out what our readers and advertisers want. The changes also come with many days and late nights of hard work and dedication.

So, we're pleased with the results, and believe you, our readers, will also enjoy this new beginning. Thank you for your input and support. It takes a lot to be the best. And we know, it takes even more to stay that way.

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US policies going the wrong direction

By Ahmed Mohiaddin

From the latest visits of Antony Zinni to some Mideast regions, to statements of George W. Bush demanding Yasser Arafat stop so-called 'terrorism,' it appears that the US policies towards the region are moving in the wrong direction.

It is strange that instead of condemning the daily killing of Palestinians, and the destruction of their properties, the US administration is encouraging the Israeli government to go on with its aggression.

Some officials of the US administration don't seem to realize that their unfair policy towards the Palestinian cause and Ariel Sharon's brutal crimes adds insult to injury.

It's hard to know the reasons for such criminal acts. No one knows what the US administration intends to do either.



The US has been putting pressure on the Palestinian national authority to prevent and stop more 'violent attacks' against the Israelis. However,

the whole world has heard, and, of course, realized that it is Sharon who commits these aggressive acts: killings, assassinations, kidnappings and destruction of houses. Meanwhile the US goes on condemning the targeting of Israeli soldiers. And settlers are turning a deaf ear to crimes and savage acts launched by the Zionists against the Palestinians.

The US position is hardly new. Still, the majority of Arabs and Muslims consider it unacceptable. They also don't accept the American stand towards the peace process, which lately has become more ambiguous.

The Arabs and Muslims are not asking for the impossible. Justice between the dominating and the dominated, between the perpetrators and their victims is all they desire.

The US is in a position to pressure the Israelis to stop their daily attacks against the powerless Palestinians.

But, it seems, the strong Israeli lobby in the US ministries of Defense and Interior and the US Intelligence, which in-turn greatly affects American presidents' attitudes towards Israel, has prevented George W. Bush from performing his duties in relation to the conflict in the Mideast.

The US Administration's role in the Mideast should be that of a mediator.

It needs to realize the danger of Israeli military schemes. If it doesn't, it should then be held accountable. Otherwise, the stability of not only the region, but the world may be threatened.

Some Arabs do not know much about Yemen!

I would just like to say that I am quite pleased to see The Yemen Times is doing well and reporting "freely" issues that are happening in Yemen. I enjoy reading it and hope that YT continues to maintain its strong position. However, I would like to see more issues regarding local people, society, tourism and human rights.

Also, I am always sad to read about the kidnapping problems that have plagued Yemen. It breaks my heart and unfortunately means that potential investors and tourists will avoid coming to the country. Yemen without doubt is a beautiful country rich in agriculture and its kind people, at the same time, poor and continues to adopt ancient traditional tribal cultures which Yemen needs to eliminate in order to develop and catch up with the rest of the Arab world.

By the same token, would you believe that not much is known about Yemen in the Arab world?

Isn't that shocking?!

Speaking to a number of Arabs I got to know, they all ask, "What is Yemen like?" and "Are Yemeni culture like Egyptian culture?" stupid but innocent questions being asked by Arabs in the West. I just hope Yemen does the following:

1. Develop the country and eliminate tribal tensions or at least control them.
2. Enforce Law and order
3. Promote human rights and freedom of speech
4. Prevent sexual discrimination act, i.e., to give women same rights as a man
5. Promote education standards to the level of most other Arab countries
6. Keep the country CLEAN like the rest of gulf regions. This could perhaps be done by educating local communities through a governmental strategy group.

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Jews, Christians, Muslims and tolerance

Tolerance is the buzz word ricocheting around politically correct circles over the past few years. What that really means is that all political, philosophical and theological-correct viewpoints must be tolerated, and any other viewpoints must be mercilessly squelched. The bottom line of this whole rhetoric is that the monotheists, such as Jews, Christians and Muslims have certain viewpoints that are hateful and must be silenced.

Throughout the US and throughout the world a new world religion is being drummed into our thoughts by countless organizations yelling that hate and intolerance originate with monotheists and that there has to be a better way to promote love, peace, and environmentalism. That way boils down to global pantheism, where god is in everything, especially nature, and everything is god.

The only people who can't join the converging streams toward universal oneness are the devout monotheists, such as Jews, Christians and Muslims, who base their faith on the Bible or the Koran. Their religions preach one God, one sacred Book, and one door to eternal life. They can accept no other and must refuse to model their beliefs to fit an all-inclusive global spirituality. As such, groups refusing to go along with the new global ethic of universal "tolerance" will not be tolerated in the name of tolerance. This means that monotheists are on a collision course with the new paradigms of thought that are emerging and taking root in this new global alliance. We as members of this alliance will stop all Jews, Christians, Muslims, and anyone who threatens this world peace.

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Letters to the Editor

**Security and qat should be the focus**

I thank and support you on your request to the Yemen authorities (in your editorials) to stop acts of destabilization of the country. The time has come for Yemen to stand up and fight for a better life for its people.

It is very sad to see how a few people have such a big impact on the economy of the country. Acts of terrorism, mainly kidnappings, keep many tourists away from your beautiful country. There aren't many countries in the world that have such a nice and diverse landscape, wonderful architecture and very friendly people.

But many tourists are afraid of coming to Yemen. This means of course great economic losses in hard currency that could help many Yemenis have better lives.

There's also another big problem in Yemen which nobody wants to talk about. That is qat. I understand Yemeni people like to chew qat. But this plant has a significant negative impact on the economy and the lives of Yemenis. There are virtually no exported goods from Yemen and people spend most of their salaries on qat. So I think that the Yemeni people are partially to blame for the current deteriorating situation in Yemen.

But it's never too late for change.

I hope that the government will hear your brave request for better enforcement of the law to

help bring a better future for your country.

While others may stay away, still, I know, no matter how tough things are, they won't keep me away from Yemen. It's a country that I love very much.

Jan Beyers  
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Belgium

**Dear Al-Najjar: Give Women a Chance**

I want to respectfully reply to the article "Short Answers..." by Mr. Anees Al-Najjar from the 28th January edition.

I do not see the world in such black-and-white terms as Mr. Najjar, and I would like to make the following comments. To quote from Mr. Najjar's letter: "They (women) seem not to be satisfied with being women". More like: They (women) seem not to be satisfied with being Mr. Najjar's idea of what women should be!

I believe that God blessed us, both men AND women, with potential and talent to develop, and that it really is our God-given right to have the chance to develop them.

My wife is a professional woman with two university degrees. She has been working for the last ten years in the field of agricultural development in the developing world.

Because of her work, she is away from home, sometimes for months at a time.

How do I feel about

Letters to the Editor

this? I miss her quite a lot. But at the same time I know that her work brings her a lot of pleasure, challenge and satisfaction.

And I support her when she is frustrated by barriers put in her way by male counterparts who feel jealous, threatened, self-righteous or, even, well-meaning (as I believe is Mr. Najjar).

I know if my wife had to live the life of a 'bird in the gilded cage' she would be unhappy and, our marriage would suffer.

If we love and respect our women, then that love and respect should go as far as to accept that they may wish to take different paths than those we think they should. Mr. Najjar should realize that many women do not want a "sweet and secure life".

They want a life of challenge and exploration just like many men. They want a chance to help to make the world a better, safer and more

peaceful place.

And, quite honestly, seeing what death, destruction and unhappiness some of us men have caused over the last thousands of years, I believe they could do no worse than we.

Given the chance, they could probably do better.

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# Desperate need for a re-assessment of Palestinian strategy



By Dr. James J. Zogby  
Gulf News Daily

There is a desperate need for a new Palestinian strategy. What is now being done is clearly not working. More of the same will only produce more suffering, more tension and ever deepening disaster.

A reassessment is long overdue. To begin such an effort, it is important to outline some of the constants that define the parameters of the current situation.

The first of these, I believe, is the simple fact that the Sharon government is unwilling to make peace on terms that provide the Palestinians with their basic rights. This government's current objectives appear to be:

- the military defeat of the Palestinians;
- the dismantling of the Palestinian Authority and the delegitimation of its leadership; and
- the end of the Oslo process and the imposition of "peace" on Israel's terms.

Secondly, it is clear that given the reality of U.S. politics, the Administration will not intervene to restrain Israel's aggressive behaviour. They are not pleased with Israel's actions and would like to see a negotiated settlement to the conflict on the terms outlined in Secretary Powell's Louisville speech. But they will not act in a public or decisive manner to pressure Israel. Therefore, despite the fanciful hopes or the insistence of some Arabs, there will be no U.S.-led Kosovo-style rescue, or Kuwait-style liberation - nor will there be a U.S.-imposed, or even U.S.-supported peacekeeping or protection force sent into the occupied lands.

In fact, there will not even be a U.S.-supported UN resolution that calls for the formation of any of the above. Given the absence of any possibility of any outside rescue effort-it is important to look elsewhere.

Thirdly, not only are Palestinians losing on the ground, but they are losing the information battle in the U.S. There is no organised Palestinian information effort in the U.S. Israel and its well-funded supporters, therefore, have a clear playing field which they use to their advantage. They have succeeded in defining the terms of the current debate and in demonising the Palestinian Authority, its president, Yasser Arafat, and in portraying themselves as the victims and the Palestinians as the aggressors.

Fourthly, there will be no European rescue. The EU, as well as other international players: the Russians, Chinese, the non-aligned, OIC, etc., - will express concern or condemnation and pass an occasional resolution, but they will not act. They have no real leverage - or better, no interest in using whatever leverage they do have, since they do not wish

to force an open confrontation with the U.S.

Fifthly, even the Arab states, though deeply distressed and even angered at the unraveling situation, will not be able to be the external force that can rescue the situation.

Finally, back to the Israeli context, it is important to recognise that the collapse of the peace process and the resumption of violence has hardened Israeli opinion. As a result, Sharon's hand has been strengthened and the Labor party has been weakened to the point of collapse.

I am eager to debate any or all of these six observations. Not whether they are "just" - clearly they are not "just" - but whether they are correct in describing the set of circumstances we face, as I believe they are.

Complaining about what is unjust is not a strategy. Politics is not a whine. What is needed is to identify what can be changed and to lay out a path to produce that change - that is what politics is all about.

If these observations are correct, then:

- going to the UN with yet one more proposed resolution will not produce change;
- making more appeals for international solidarity will not make real change;
- and more violence against Israelis (whether soldiers, settlers or innocent civilians) will not make change.

I can hear someone complaining right now, about the right to "armed struggle against occupation". And it reminds me of a story. In 1979, while I was running the Palestine Human Rights Campaign, here in Washington, DC, I had the pleasure of hosting the late Tawfiq Zayyad, mayor of Nazareth. At one town meeting we organised for him, he received a hostile question from a young man who challenged Zayyad's criticism of PLO-led guerrilla attacks from Lebanon. The questioner ended his remarks, reminding the mayor of the "inalienable" right of an occupied people to use armed struggle to resist occupation. Zayyad responded "it is correct that you have the right to armed struggle. But when you use that right as badly as you have used it - then you forfeit the right - and have to find a better way to liberation".

I believe that is where we are today. The suicide bombings in Israel and this bizarre effort to turn the West Bank into South Lebanon by introducing new weapons systems are destructive and, I might add, stupid. They have resulted in increased suffering and done great damage to the Palestinian cause.

Violence, in any form, at this point, only begets more violence. As one Palestinian leader noted a short while ago, "When we use stones, they use guns. When we use guns, they use tanks", and so it goes. If this is the case,

and it is, then what possible good would rockets be?

And with Israel's domination in information control, they have been able to transform the reality of every event to meet their political needs. The stonethrowers become violent criminals and assassinated young men become "ticking bombs" - with no evidence presented or needed to make their case.

It is, therefore, critical to find a new way. To begin, however, it is vital that the violence must end. This will be hard to do. Anger is deep and real, and passions are high. Furthermore, Israel's brutally aggressive behaviour continues and only seems to deepen this anger and heighten the passion. But it must, nonetheless, be stopped - even if it is done at great cost to the Palestinian Authority.

It must be stopped because this violence is totally counterproductive. What good has it brought? What has it yielded other than death - for Israelis and, in retaliation, for even more Palestinians?

Not only has it not produced any good and only brought increased repression and more suffering for Palestinians - but this violence has repeatedly sabotaged the efforts of the Palestinian Authority to negotiate and create more favourable conditions on the ground.

It has been politically disastrous as well. The bombings and killings have damaged the Palestinian cause, and have allowed the likes of Sharon and Netanyahu to transform their public personas in the West from the brutal bullies that they are into defenders of a beleaguered people.

With the violence ended, the Palestinian people can then begin a full-scale campaign designed to change the political dynamics in their favour. The two arenas most in need of change and potentially most responsive to change are the public's and their opinions both in the U.S. and Israel.

There is currently at work in the occupied territories a small and courageous group of young people engaged in civil disobedience against the occupation forces.

Their efforts should be supported and become massive. Large scale and completely peaceful demonstrations and sit-ins and disruptions of traffic can occur in Jerusalem, on West Bank roads and at check points. Only if they are preceded by a period of peace, and are themselves completely peaceful, can these actions have their desired impact.

As Martin Luther King and other practitioners of such tactics have taught, the genesis of this approach is that it is like "jui-jitsu". When facing a more powerful foe, never play into his power, but attempt to turn his power into his weakness.

A peaceful march of tens of thousands of unarmed Palestinians converging on the city of Jerusalem from all

SKETCHED OPINION

Towards the Gulf Corporation Council



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## Objectives of the U.S. War against Terror

(Part 9 of 10)



Ahmad M. Abdulghani

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The region between Afghanistan to the west of the Turkish border is referred to as the "heart of the world". This region has been also the center of conflict between many nations, particularly within the past five centuries. This part of the world has also gained more importance with the discovery of huge amounts of oil resources near the Caspian Sea, also called the 'second Arab Gulf.'

It seems like the US's desire to dominate the Caspian Sea's resources started long ago, when it increased its military presence in the Gulf in the beginning of 1980s. Formerly, the USSR could feel the risks of that presence, as Soviet foreign minister Andre Gromiko objected to then president Jimmy Carter's request to Congress to consider the Arab Gulf as an area of US interest.

Gromiko pointed out that American claims to have interests in the Gulf region, and in every part of the world where oil fields exist, are baseless. These are mere expansionist policies and pretexts.

However, the USSR which had been sunk in the Afghan swab, failed to stop this expansion. With the breakup of the USSR in 1991, many superpower

countries started to compete to have the upperhand in the breakaway republics of the former USSR, especially middle-Asia republics.

Indeed, both the United States and its European allies have been trying to have a hold on these newly-created states for their rich natural resources, as well as to contain the Turkish and Iranian influence in the region. For the most part, the ethnic and cultural composition of the populations of this region helped countries like Turkey and Iran to have stronger ties with them.

Yet Turkey seems to be in a better position than its rivals, and this is what bothers the USA and European countries alike. A stronger Turkey which dominates the oil-rich region of middle-Asia may make the Turks think again of a strong empire similar to the Ottoman Empire. For the West, this is a danger and will negatively impact their strategies in one of the most important regions of the world.

Consequently, the death of the Turkish president Turgut Ozal was a clear message to the Turks, to know their role in the region. Based on US strategies, Turkey's relations with the new breakaway republics should principally serve the Western interests.

The US-led war against terror is undoubtedly the most important step for strengthening America's grip over this oil-rich region, along with a set of other objectives, including approaching China and precluding it from playing any significant role in middle-Asia. The US military presence there will help to prevent stronger ties between China, Iran, India, Pakistan and the breakaway republics of the USSR.

### Responding to:

### "Objectives of the U.S. War against Terror" (8/10)

I take issue with the eighth part of Ahmad M. Abdulghani's commentary entitled "Objectives of the U.S. War against Terror." In all fairness, I have not read parts 1-7, but I assume that the author's comments are in line with what he states in part 8. What does Mr. Abdulghani actually think happened on September 11? He basically states that the US retaliated to cover something up. I find such comments to be offensive. First there were the rumors that all Jews working in the World Trade Center were notified before 9/11 and were told not to show up to work that day. The obvious goal of this misinformation was to claim

that Israel was behind the attacks. Now allegations that the US government is covering something up? His article seems to allude that the US government is covering up not only lax security, but something else. What that is the reader can only guess. Of course, I am sure that this is Mr. Abdulghani's goal - leave it up to the reader to infer some sinister and creative Western plot to defame Islam and the Arab world.

I find this to be a disgrace, not only to me as an American who had family in the Trade Center, but to the rest of the Islamic world. Like him or hate him, George W. Bush has made a sincere effort to posture the US as a

points in the West Bank, carrying banners that read "Let my people pray" or "Let my people go home" would tie the hands of the Israeli military. If they use violence - they would lose. If they allowed the march the Palestinians would find new power and win.

A key point here is to empower the Palestinian people and to enable them to regain their victim status and to strip the Israelis of their mantle of self-defence. There are hundreds of similar little tactics that could be developed into a comprehensive campaign. They should be explored. All of this must be complemented by a political peace initiative launched by the leadership and proposed

The direct US military presence in the region will also prevent political and economic cooperation amongst these nations and countries like Russia, Germany, France, Iran and Turkey. Indeed, a grouping that include these countries will deal a fatal blow to the US expansionist policy there.

The good experience of Turkey, Russia and Iran in dealing with middle-Asia countries, and the good experience of Russia and Germany in containing the US, British and Israeli strategies in the region will inevitably put a limit to such expansionist strategies. Similarly, building an Islamic coalition led by Iran, Pakistan or Turkey in the region will also be impossible with the US military presence, as it will alter the political situation in Afghanistan and the breakaway republics in ways that end ethnic barriers among these nations.

This will ultimately serve the US strategy in the regions, for it will create a new culture in the region that favors openness towards the USA. Later, the United States and European countries will demand that the region allow the presence of their forces, with the view of protecting them from Islamic extremism.

The direct US military presence in Afghanistan and neighboring countries will protect the gas and oil pipelines running through either Afghanistan-Pakistan-Red Sea, or Iran-Arabia and the Gulf, or Iran-Iraq-Saudi Arabia-Red Sea, or Iran-Iraq-Syria-Mediterranean Sea. This will indeed require rearranging the situation in Iraq and establishing good relations with Iran.

Rearranging the balance of power in India, Pakistan and Iran, will need a strict monitoring of any kind of military cooperation between any one of these countries and China, Russia and North Korea.

As it is, it seems the US is determined to be the only inheritor of the former Soviet empire, as it was previ-

friend to Islam (and every other religion in the world). Certainly there are Americans who will pound their chest and proclaim that all Arabs in the US should be 'rounded up,' but that is the extreme minority here. The American people, as a whole, understand that what happened on 9/11 was the act of extreme elements, and not the work of the Arab world as a whole. I do not understand (or support) the few Americans who want all Arabs 'rounded up,' but at the same time, I do not understand people like Mr. Abdulghani, who treat every move of the American government to be anti-Arab/Islam. There is no basis for either position, as they are both founded upon ignorance.

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would weaken his hold. These are but some ideas, borne out of my frustration with the current situation. I realise that the anger in Palestine, today, is so great and the pain is so deep, that it may be hard to find a new way. But we must discuss a new approach. Vengeance is destructive and counterproductive. And the current path has led to a dead end. I look forward to a debate.

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# Introducing one of Sanaa's greatest attractions: The National Archaeological Museum

The National Archaeological Museum is located in downtown of Sana'a, near Al-Tahrir Square. It's a landmark of Yemeni historical architecture built in 1921. It was one of the places of Imam Yahya Hameed ad-Deen.

Since 1987 it's been converted into the building of the National Archaeological Museum, as an alternative of its former building at Al-Shokr Palace on 26th September Street.

And now a museum reorganization is being carried out within the framework of a Dutch-Yemeni project.

A new and improved national museum should be officially inaugurated during 2003.

## What's inside

The museum is divided into several departments where antiquities and artifacts representing various periods of Yemeni history are exhibited. They cover pre-Islamic periods, in addition Islam's and Yemen's recent history.

In the future it will gain importance when it will house artifacts covering all periods of the Yemeni civilizations.

Presently, antiquities displayed in the museum's halls have been gathered and carefully collected from various parts of Yemen, including Sirwah, Marib, Al-Hazm, Maean, baraqish, Al-Sawda, Al-Bayda, Dhofar, Yarim, Ghayman, Boynoun, Naet, Anakhlah Al-Hamra, Hajjah, Hamdan, Sana'a, Dofar-Dhibin, Zabeed, Taiz, Jiblah, Al-Jowbah.

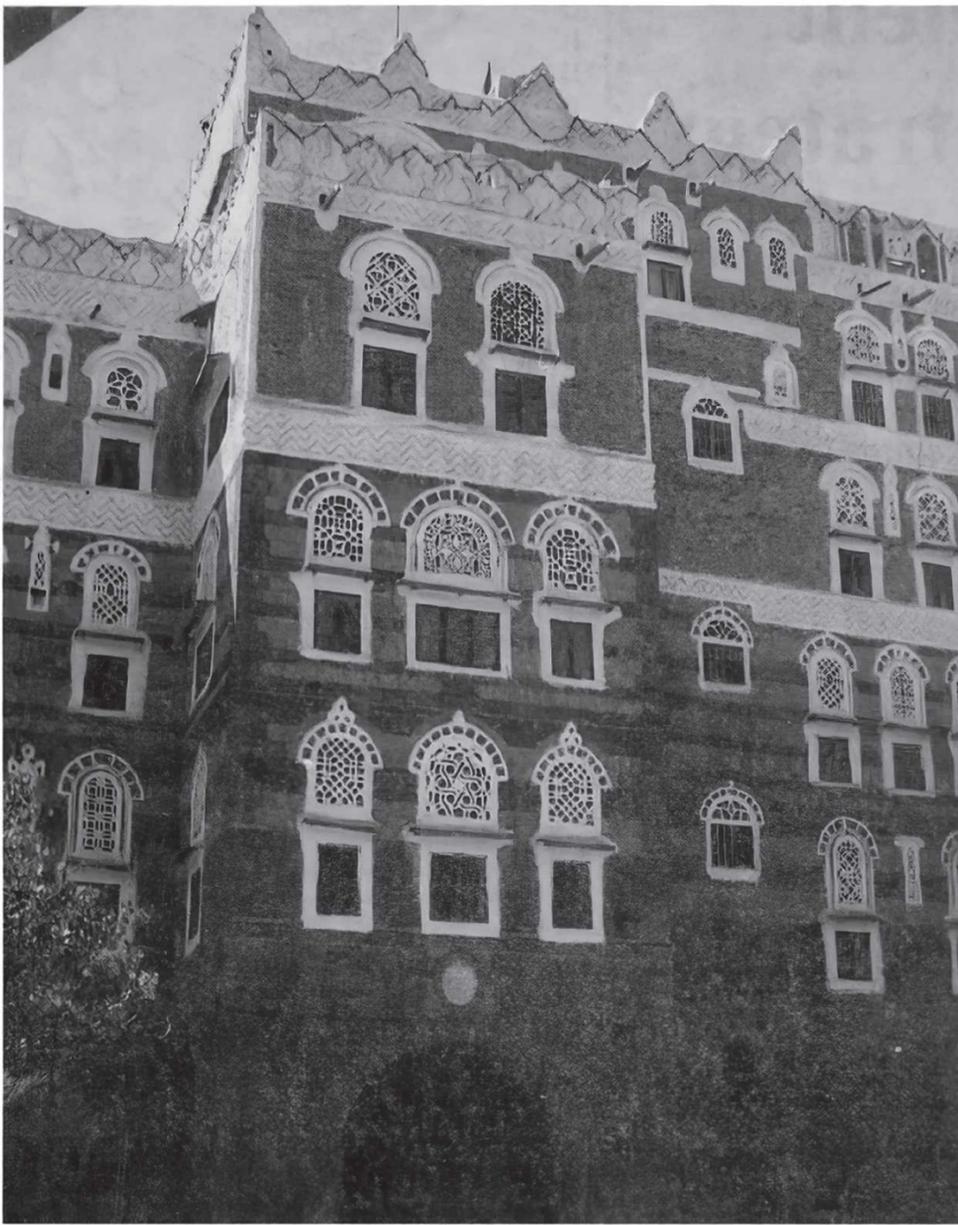
The museum contains about 18,000 artifacts, witnesses to the great Yemeni ancient civilization that existed in various historical epochs, says Dr. Abdulhaleem Nureldeen, professor of archaeology and former head of Archaeology Dept. Faculty of Arts at Sana'a University.

Artifacts include statues in stone and alabaster, a mixture of different styles and rich and realistic details, bronze plaques, stone pillars, wooden sticks with texts, blocks of rock with perfect inscriptions, other sculptures, funerary utensils, jewelry, costumes, ornaments, weapons, and coins.

## The Ancient Archeology Dept.

The most important artifacts in this department are the funeral tableaux. Among them is one made of alabaster depicting a bull's head. It may have meant simply to draw attention to body.

Aesthetically beautiful is an engraving showing a woman with a rose in her right hand as if she is making herself beautiful. Another tableau shows vine leaves, under whose shadow are sitting two musicians, one play-



spreading its wings with two stars or roses on the top.

## Ancient altars

The archaeological exhibition also contains many sacrifice altars. They were used as places for worshipping ancient Yemeni gods.

One altar ends with a bullhead at the end of a canal for blood from sacrificed animals. The bull's head most likely refers to Almaqah god, the most



Valuable monuments at the museum attract thousands of foreigners yearly from all over the world.

ing a guitar, while the other is playing on another musical instrument.

Yet another tableau is beautifully decorated with engravings, showing a man riding on a camel and holding a spear.

There is also an engraving representing a man pulling a hunting dog. The most enchanting and eye-catcher engraving is a one portraying some kind of a creature, half of its body as horse, the other half of some kind of sea creature. It may be meant to symbolize fertility.

The museum stalls also exhibit an alabaster tableau showing an eagle attacking two serpents. It may have symbolized the traditional conflict between good and evil.

Another engraving shows an eagle

important god of the Sabean.

Also on display at the exhibition are traditional incense burners, made of stone and are most beautifully decorated with engravings. Some of decorations are very unusual, showing garlands, trees, and palm trees.

Even today, many Yemeni homes keep incense burners. Incense used to be a much priced luxury commodity, which Southern Arabia supplied to Rome and Byzantium.

Just see how decorative are bunches of grapes on some of the exhibited artifacts on display at museum. They were grown in gardens here since ancient times.

Ibex heads, likely important symbol for decoration of stone friezes, are also to be seen at the exhibition at the

museum.

## The wonder of engraving

"We are taking you only on a brief tour of the Museum, through various stalls and display halls," says Mr. Abdulaziz Hamood Al-Jindari, director general of the museum, while on a recent tour.

"At present the museum is undergoing reorganization and improvement to have more space, to house and exhibit more artifacts. Utmost care is taken to preserve them. We plan to have specialized exhibitions in the future to show the development phases of writing."

Engravings depicting various designs are cut and etched on stone, or more frequently on alabaster. There is for example an inscription on a bronze plate found in Marib, which is an outstanding artifact. It tells the story of a man who presented his horse as an offering to Almaqah god".

Besides the archaeological exhibition, the Islamic archaeological area documents a varied and rich heritage. Items such as silver pendants, bracelets, armors, coins, arms in their full variety, shapes, colors and splendor. This section displays silver jewelry, belts, daggers, textiles, and there is a wedding room. Also other traditional crafts, baskets, doors are on display.

## The 'new' National Museum

The director general has been personally supervising all the ongoing development at the building.

All spaces will be utilized in best possible manner. A reception room, rest rooms, a library and souvenirs shop will also be added to its facilities, he says.

Mr. Jindari will gladly explain to visitors how archaeological collections are being preserved, how computerized system for artifacts registration and identification has been introduced, and how the reorganization of departments is proceeding.

The museum has been also sponsoring different activities, such as training courses and further training of the staff.

Source: Yemen Tourism Magazine

## Lutfi Ja'afar Aman: A poet in a mind

Lutfi Ja'afar Aman was a Yemeni poet born in Aden in 1928. He was brought up in Aden but completed his secondary and university education in Khartoum, Sudan where he got the diploma in Arabic. He joined the teaching profession and was promoted as a vice-minister for education. He was considered one of the great romantic poets in modern Yemeni verse.

Some of his works were "Remains of a Tone", "The Green Way", "Night, How Long Will You Stay?" and "To Fedayeen in Palestine".

In colloquial Yemeni dialect he wrote, "I live for you". He died in 1971.

One of his mortal poems is a "A begging child" which says:

"O my little child, in your sad face  
Is my big homeland?  
My homeland with its wideness  
My suffering homeland in all its territories  
The throbbing homeland on remains  
of life  
My big homeland  
Is in your sad face; my little child  
You are a wound of a sad song  
Bleached by bowels of the city  
Shrunk by houses  
Even tired darkness  
Which lies in the bottom of the wall  
Imprisoned the shadow  
And the faint lantern regarded it great  
To put up the hand of light  
To your road ways  
And you put on emaciated hand  
To beg "for the sake of God"  
By which you squeeze my heart and  
melt my soul  
And humiliated lisp  
"For God's sake". [Teiyidi] (Sir)  
My wounded bleed  
No, my little child  
My land's gifts have never been little



But we are a poor people it is said.  
People of Shreds, ruins and mean bread

A people passed by processions while  
it is tied to march wandering in all  
lanes as a child like you

Ragged and mean  
To let them say we are a poor people  
No my little boy  
My country was a rich pastureland for  
beggars

It was and we were chewed, weakened  
and frightened by imperialists  
Seeking for inspiration of the dark  
invisible world  
While processions of the free pass  
madly

Folding sorrows,  
Breaking high mountains into crumbs,  
Storming in the castles  
But you, tribes, tribal branches and I  
Seek for inspiration of the dark invis-  
ble world

Forsaken satisfied  
And beggars  
No, my little by...no, my little boy  
I don't want you to be  
A symbol for our cursed past  
Because you, my little child, are  
My big homeland  
With its wide territories  
The holy land  
With its honor, pride and self-esteem

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# Yemen's drug system: Need for change



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**T**he time has come for Yemen to adopt the same type of system for regulating drugs as developed countries.

Among the greatest needs is to separate the administration of common over-the-counter drugs from those which are prescribed by doctors.

This will take commitment from the organizations that govern drug administration.

Without a new system, however, consumers will continue to be frustrated by unnecessary regulations when needing to buy the most basic of medicines. And doctors will continue to spend time on administrative duties, when they could spend more time on patient care.

The good news is that there is a good foundation on which to make the changes possible.

Following is an overview of the present system, its history, and how the necessary changes can be made. This review looks at:

- The current situation of import regulations of medicines.
- The pricing system of medicines (from supplier to the public.)
- The supply of medicines to the public through government hospitals, through an evaluation of the performance of Drug Fund for Medical Supply.

The supply of medicines from abroad to the private market must pass through the "Supreme Board for Drugs and Medical Appliances". Before we analyze the registration system for medicines which is adopted by SBDMA, let's look at the OTC (over-the-counter) drugs and the need to separately classify and regulate them.

## The problem

In all government documents dealing with primary healthcare, the emphasis is on those services provided by health professionals: GPs (General Practitioners i.e. doctors), dentists, community pharmacists and opticians.

Granted, the public needs to have these qualified professionals in many situations.

But we know that nearly 90% of people with minor health problems,

handle it themselves, and only 10% seek the advice of a professional such as GP. There are at least 80 specified common ailments that can be treated without a doctor's prescription.

A person can approach the pharmacy and purchase them from *Over The Counter*. This is why they are called OTC medicines.

The Supreme Board for Drugs and Medical Appliances (SBDMA), however has not yet classified this group of medicines separately, nor a clear policy for how to regulate them: which documents are required for their registration and what registration fees should be paid.

## The SBDMA's role

SBDMA main role is to organize and control the import of medicines and medical appliances into the country. This process is aimed to fix a fair retail drug prices for the public, by demanding the lowest possible export prices from foreign manufacturers.

This is an essential procedure for the sale of patents and is in line with government policy in this field. In order to achieve such a goal, the SBDMA has adopted a Registration System or the imported drugs.

They advise foreign manufacturers that, if they intend to export medicines into Yemen, these drugs must be first registered with them. They request a "Registration File" containing certificates, scientific documents and some other materials, and they require manufacturers to print the price by non-erasable ink on the outer carton/packet of the medicine.

The SBDMA, however, has also applied the registration system for over-the-counter drugs. Almost full registration system is being applied for this group of medicines, unnecessarily.

Surely, it is essential now for this board to deregulate this group of medicine, similar to what is applied in other countries. It is time to differentiate between these OTC medicines that could be dispensed without prescriptions, and the prescribed only medicines" (PoM), medicines that can only be dispensed with doctor's prescription.

## The third group: Controlled drugs

There is another group of medicines called "Controlled Drugs" (CD). These are medicines which can only be dispensed with doctor's prescription. The dispensed quantity is controlled

by health authority from wholesalers to pharmacies and from pharmacies to patients.

It is worth to mention that some 10 years ago, SBDMA already separated the Controlled Drugs and arranged separate import permits for each quantity intended to be imported into Yemen. In June 2001, SBDMA advised importers, that is agents of drugs manufactures, that SBDMA is in the process of implementing a 'Control System for Holding and Dispensing Narcotic and Psychotropic Drugs', that is these controlled drugs.

The board instructed the importers to start recording quantities they receive from the supplier and quantities sold to pharmacies, either directly or through wholesalers.

The next step need now is to control the dispensing of these medicines to the patient. It is not known yet which health authority will follow up this mission.

## The key for change: The Yemen Drug Index

In 1994, SBDMA has already edited the Yemen Drugs Index, which is an advanced step and an important guide for doctors and other health professionals. This index has adopted the Anatomio Therapeutico Chemical classification (ATC classification system). In the index, there is a chapter for the Registered Drugs (medicines) and a chapter for the Registered Medical Appliances.

The index includes 15 main groups based on ATC classification, sub-groups and five levels. Such unique classification led to the creation of a special code for each generic name.

For example, the generic name *Paracetamol* now has a scientific code: N02BE01. All trade names containing paracetamol comes under this code, so that each trade name has its own number according to the pharmaceutical for (tablet, syrup, suppository etc.)

This number was adopted by SBDMA as the *Registration Number* for that particular commercial product, and the board requested manufactures to print it on each pack, to enable SBDMA to differentiate the officially registered drugs from those smuggled ones.

Therefore, this index will ease for us to separate the registered OTC products. It is, in fact, the key to sim-



Researchers reveal an urgent need for major reform in the drug system of Yemen

plify the OTC drug system.

From my experience, I suggest that we categorize the OTC products into three main groups:

1. Products of internal use of human body.
2. Products of external use for human body.
3. Products for hospitals use (medical appliances).

## Internal drugs

The first group of products are those preparations that are administered for internal use of human body. These are preparations such as:

- (a) Antacids, laxatives, antiarrhythmics, worm treatments, analgesics, cough preparations, as well as travel sickness preparations, tonic and charcoal preparations.
- (b) Multi-vitamins with or without minerals, mineral supplements, herbal medicaments.
- (c) Sweetening agents for diabetics and Topical (oral) contraceptives etc..

## External drugs

The second group of products are those preparations that are administered for external use. These are preparations such as:

- (a) Cream / ointments for the treatment of nappy rash, skin and scalp, hemorrhoids, circulatory disorders, antiseptic creams.
- (b) Oral hygiene products such as mouthwashes, mouth gargles and throat lozenges. Dental pastes, which prevent or treat gingivitis, stomatitis, and other mouth problems.
- (c) Eardrops without antibiotics for the removal of earwax, pain in acute otitis media and externa.
- (d) Eye care solutions/drops without antibiotics for the treatment of minor eye and eyelid infections.

(e) Foot care products for the removal of hard corns and athlete's foot.

## Hospital-related products

The third groups includes:

- (a) Cotton wool, different kinds of bandages, tulle, medicated dressings and plasters.
- (b) Disposable syringes, water for injection and IV solutions for various purposes.
- (c) Enemas, topical anesthetics, intravaginal contraceptive, condoms, vaginal dush and preparations for diagnostic purpose.

## Suggested registration and fee: Internal drugs

As the first group consists of medicaments of internal use, then the registration file should be arranged similar to those registration files required for registering medicines for internal use with prescription (PoM). The registration fee could be 50% of the current stipulated fee for PoM.

## External drugs

As the second group consists of preparations for external use, then the registration file may confine to two documents, "Certificate of Good Manufacturing Practice" and "Certificate of a Pharmaceutical Product", which conforms to the format recommended by the World Health Organization (WHO). The registration fee could be 25% of the current stipulated fee for PoM.

## Hospital use

As the third group consists of products for hospital use, then the registration file may confine to two documents, a Certificate of Good Manufacturing Practice and a Certificate of Sterilization.

The registration fee could be a lump sum of USD 50/- for each product.

## The need for a guide directory for OTC products

As a completion step to the separation of OTC products, it is essential for SBDMA to arrange an *OTC Directory* for OTC products. This directory could provide a readily accessible reference to products available without prescription.

GPs and pharmacists will benefit from the directory in the management of common ailments.

It is ideal if the products would be arranged in this directory into *therapeutic categories* according to their indications, to help locate and compare products that may be used for the same conditions.

The directory should contain a table of *Drug Interactions* of OTC preparation with other drugs taken by the patient in the same time (Pharmacodynamic or Pharmacokinetic). Where interactions are possible, the OTC label should give sufficient warning.

## Our hope: More time for patients

It is our hope that the SBDMA takes this issue seriously, and takes the necessary steps to separate the OTC products, to issue a regulatory decree for the required registration files and registration fees, and to also arrange a special directory for them.

By implementing such, doctors will certainly devote more time to patient care and education, especially in the primary healthcare sector. The Yemeni public will be less frustrated and receive better care.

It would be a step to bring Yemen's health care system up to par with others in the international community.

# Tanning Beds, Lamps May Double Cancer Risk-Report

WASHINGTON (Reuters) - Tanning beds and tanning lamps may more than double the risk of cancer, and the effect is the worst in the young women most likely to use them, researchers said on Wednesday.

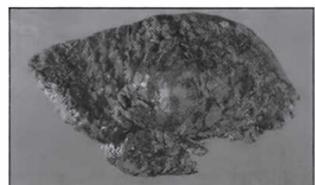
The researchers suggested use of the devices be limited to adults, and anyone who uses a tanning bed perhaps should be required to sign a consent form acknowledging the risks.

The study, published in the *Journal of the National Cancer Institute*, is one of several that strongly link the use of tanning lamps with skin cancer.

Dermatologists are not surprised by this — in order for the skin to tan it has to be damaged. Tanning is the skin's response to the ultraviolet rays given off by the sun and tanning lamps and beds.

"Tanning is a response to injury," Dr. Steven Spencer, a Dartmouth medical school dermatologist who worked on the study, said in a telephone interview. Sunlight also causes wrinkles, age spots and thinning skin, as do sun-lamps, he said.

In the United States, more than a million people develop two types of skin cancer, known as basal cell and squamous cell carcinoma, every year.



Both are easily cured if caught early.

Spencer, Margaret Karagas and colleagues interviewed 603 people who had just been diagnosed with basal cell carcinoma and 293 with squamous cell carcinoma.

They also spoke to 540 people who did not have skin cancer. Everyone they spoke with was between 25 and 74 years old and lived in New Hampshire.

All of the nearly 1,500 volunteers were asked how often they sunbathed, whether they had ever had a sunburn, if they smoked or ever had radiation treatment and whether they used tanning lamps.

## HIGHER RATES SHOWN

Those who said they had used a tanning lamp or sunbed were 2.5 times as likely to be in the squamous cell carcinoma group, and 1.5 times more likely to be in the basal cell carcinoma

group, as those who said they had never used the devices, the Dartmouth team found.

"Our findings suggest that the use of tanning devices may contribute to the incidence of nonmelanoma skin cancers," researchers wrote.

Spencer said there were not enough people in the group to check for melanoma, the most deadly form of skin cancer, but he said it is likely tanning beds increase the risk of melanoma.

His team considered the possibility that people who used tanning beds may have sunbathed as well, thus raising their risk of skin cancer from the sun. So they accounted for sunbathing in the report.

But, they said, "no other factors, including summer outdoor exposure, sunbathing or sunburns, affected our results."

The very people who are warned to stay out of the sun were the ones most likely to use the tanning devices — fair-skinned women who burned easily but who sunbathed anyway.

Spencer said those young women may mistakenly believe they are "laying down a base" that will protect them from the sun.

# Europe Grants Geron Animal Cloning Patent

LOS ANGELES (Reuters) - Geron Corp., which owns the technology that cloned Dolly the sheep, on Wednesday said the European Patent Office granted it a patent on aspects of nuclear transfer technology in the cloning of nonhumans.

Nuclear transfer is a cloning method in which researchers take a normal egg, remove the nucleus, which contains most of the genetic information, and replace it with the nucleus from the cell being cloned.

"The claims of this European patent cover the cloning of animals, including cattle, sheep, pigs, goats and birds," said David Earp, Geron vice president of intellectual property.

Geron said its nuclear transfer patent portfolio now includes two issued U.S. patents, 19 patents that have been granted or accepted in other countries and over 60 pending patent applications worldwide for cloning technology.

The Menlo Park, California-based company in 1999 purchased from Scotland's Roslin Institute the technology that in 1997 produced the world's first cloned animal, Dolly. Geron has since licensed the animal cloning technology to several livestock breeding



The first cloned animal on earth, Dolly, cloned by Geron Corp. Reuters

companies.

"This is significant given the commercial opportunities in cloning various species for agriculture, industrial applications, xenotransplantation (animal-to-human organ transplants) and biopharmaceutical production," Earp said.

Geron is currently in a patent battle with Advanced Cell Technology Inc., the company claiming to be the first to clone human embryos, over an animal

cloning patent licensed to ACT by the University of Massachusetts. Geron claims the Roslin cloning breakthrough came before the university's patent, which should be voided.

Geron last week said the U.S. Patent and Trade Office has ruled that in order to keep its patent, the University of Massachusetts must prove it invented the cloning technology before the Roslin Institute.

# Major News Items in Leading International Newspapers

## Philippine

MANILA, February 7 (Xinhua) — The following are major news items in leading Philippine newspapers Thursday.

### Manila Standard:

As police denied that a new wave of kidnapping has hit the country, a South Korean and a Filipino hotel owners were abducted while traveling together Wednesday in Sarangani province.

## S. Africa

JOHANNESBURG, February 6 (Xinhua) — The following are major news items in leading South African newspapers on Wednesday.

### The Star:

- South Africa and the region have taken their toughest stance yet against Zimbabwe in the lead-up to the presidential election, warning that if the election is not free and fair, the ensuing government would not be recognized by either the Southern African Development Community or South Africa.

## Japan

TOKYO, February 5 (Xinhua) — The following are major news items in leading Japanese newspapers Tuesday.

### Yomiuri, Mainichi, Nihon Keizai:

Japan's second H-2A rocket on Monday blasted off successfully from Kagoshima Prefecture, southwestern Japan, but one of the two attached experimental devices did not separate from the rocket as planned, the space development authorities said.

### Asahi, Yomiuri, Mainichi:

About 1,000 contracted workers of the Snow Brand Foods Co. will become the latest victims of the scandal that resulted from the firm's false labeling

## Kenya

NAIROBI, February 5 (Xinhua) — The following are major news items in leading Kenyan newspapers on Tuesday.

### Kenya Times:

Leaders of Garissa District in north-eastern Kenya on Monday condemned Somali warlord Hussin Farah Aided's ambitions of laying claims to Ethiopia's Ogaden region and Kenya's North Eastern Province.

### Today:

U.S. forces are ready to take casualties and risk possible attack from the Abu Sayyaf during the field training Philippine-U.S. exercises to be held in Basilan, the commander of the American troops said Wednesday.

### The Philippine Star:

Kidnapped Italian missionary Giuseppe Pierantoni has died in the hands of his abductors.

### Business Day:

- Gold is again the rising star of the resources world, running up to 300 U.S. dollars an ounce on Tuesday and adding to the buzz surrounding South African gold stocks and the global industry as a whole.

### The Citizen:

- The death toll in Tuesday's train crash between a Metrorail passenger train and a goods train, north of South Africa's eastern city of Durban, has risen to 18.

### Yomiuri:

Japan's three-way ruling coalition led by the Liberal Democratic Party (LDP) renewed its resolve to remain united, despite plunging approval rates, at a meeting Monday to address unresolved political issues.

### Nihon Keizai:

The Japanese government and the ruling coalition parties want to increase salaried workers' medical expense payments to 30 percent in April 2003.

### Daily Nation:

Kenyan Minister of Public Health on Monday called on western countries to write off Kenya's debts so that the country can effectively fight AIDS and other diseases.

### East African Standard:

Prof. Katama Mkangi, a sociologist, has asked the Kenyan media not to highlight sensational issues which emulate the American media trends while covering news events.

## Lebanon

### The Daily Star

#### A quest for 'the only possibility' in the Syrian desert

A community centered on an ancient monastery strives to shine light on Muslim-Christian dialogue and Middle East peace

NEBEK, Syria: The year is 1982 and in Lebanon, after seven years of civil war, Israel has besieged Beirut. Sectarian violence has thrown the region into chaos. And a young Italian Jesuit student of Arabic has wandered alone into the 1,500-year-old remains of a monastery in rural Syria, where he sits among the walls still haunted with frescoes, and wonders how he, how the countries around him, will survive. Fast forward 20 years, and you will still find Father Paolo Dall'Oglio meditating among the ghosts of the same frescoes each morning, in the same monastery, with many of the same questions about the Middle East.

#### Iran denies giving Hizbullah rockets

Israeli claim dismissed as propaganda Iran on Tuesday rejected as propaganda the latest Israeli allegations that Tehran had sent members of its Revolutionary Guards to Lebanon and armed Hizbullah with rockets. "Israel is very skilful in inventing propagandist stories. These allegations are part of the same stories, and will not be the last either," Foreign Minister Kamal Kharrazi told a news conference.

"It is natural that Israel has a lot of animosity against Hizbullah because the group expelled them from their soil through their resistance," he added. Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres on Monday accused Iran of giving Hizbullah 10,000 Katyusha rockets capable of hitting deep inside Israel, and sending Revolutionary.

## Nigeria

LAGOS, February 6 (Xinhua) — The following are major news items in leading Nigerian newspapers on Wednesday.

### This Day:

Nigerian Finance Minister Mallam Adamu Ciroma Tuesday expressed opposition to a further devaluation of the country's currency naira, warning that the devaluation will worsen current inflationary trend in the country.

## Civilizations Dialogue



Itihad newspaper, UAE

## Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, February 6 (Xinhua) — The following are major news items in leading Pakistani English newspapers on Wednesday.

### Pakistan Observer:

Making it abundantly clear that the Kashmir dispute "can neither be side-stepped nor wished away," President General Pervez Musharraf Tuesday appealed to the international community, particularly the influential countries, to play an active role in resolving the long standing issue.

### The Frontier Post:

Pakistan on Tuesday reminded India that problems between the two countries could only be solved through dialogue.

### Dawn:

Acting Secretary-General of the Pakistan People's Party Syed Raza Rabbani said on Tuesday that his party would boycott the polls in October if PPP Chairperson Benazir Bhutto was not allowed to come back.

### The News:

In a major breakthrough, the Karachi police on Tuesday arrested three kidnapers who had originally sent the first e-mail containing pictures of kidnapped U.S. journalist Daniel Pearl with pistol pointed at his head, an official said.

### The Nation:

The Bush administration has allocated 304 million U.S. dollars in aid for Pakistan for fiscal 2003 that begins on October 1 this year.

## Britain

LONDON, February 5 (Xinhua) — The following are major news items in leading British newspapers on Tuesday:

### The Times:

British Chancellor of the Exchequer Gordon Brown said on Monday that his "mission" in the coming months was to see that the health service was properly funded for the years ahead, hinting that he was prepared to put up taxes to pay for it.

### The Guardian:

The discovery of a lost civil service memo, which supports Peter Mandelson's claim that he did nothing to warrant his second cabinet sacking during the Hinduja passport affair, lies behind Tony Blair's decision to reopen the case.

## India

NEW DELHI, February 5 (Xinhua) — The following are major news items in leading Indian newspapers on Tuesday.

### The Indian Express:

- Ending a five-year freeze, U.S. army officials from the Pacific command kicked off a three-day interaction with Indian military officials in the capital on Monday to formulate a "winning combination" to combat terrorism.

### The Times of India:

- The Central Board of Investigation has arrested five Nigerians who are suspected to be involved in a large-scale racket of supply forged passports, airline tickets, stolen identities and

### The Independent:

Child protection officers had warned that a supply teacher cleared on Monday of indecently assaulting two male pupils might "pose a risk to children" before she started working at the school in question.

### Financial Times:

Imperial Chemical Industries may have to cut its dividend again and slash other costs to reduce its debt mountain, even after raising 800 million pounds from shareholders, its chairman said on Monday.

### The Daily Telegraph:

Tony Blair was facing his most bruising confrontation with the trade unions after Downing Street said Monday night that he remained critical of those who opposed reform of the public services.

other fake documents.

### Hindustan Times:

- Defense Minister George Fernandes discussed the military stand-off on the Indo-Pakistan border with Russian Foreign Minister Igor Ivanov on Monday before the latter left for Afghanistan after a two-day visit to India.

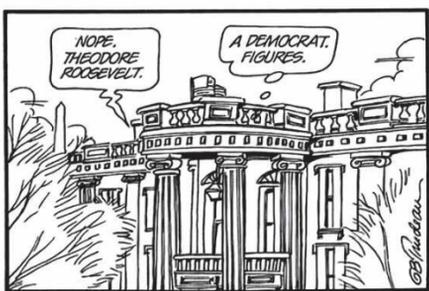
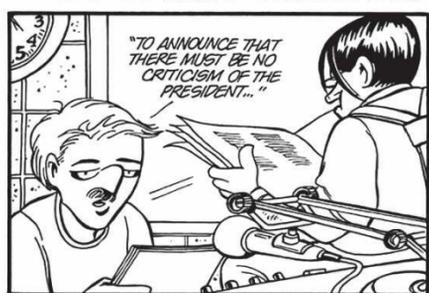
### The Hindu:

- The Indian rupee declined sharply against the U.S. dollar, ending at its record low of 48.61/62 a dollar at the close of Bombay Foreign Exchange on Monday.

## DOONESBURY



## BY GARRY TRUDEAU



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# Press Scanner

Prepared by Mohammed Khidhr



**Al-Mithaq weekly 4 Feb. 2002**

**Main headlines:**

-Yemen, Syria in the same Trench in Defense of Arab Nation.  
-President Saleh Praises Germany's support for Yemen's Democracy of Development March.  
-Plan for Judiciary Reform Implemented  
Dr. Abdulaziz Al-Maqaleh says in an article it seems that the present awareness suffers from sever backwardness, increases day by day.

This awareness does not recognize the new reality and international variables in the world during the last ten years and those after 11 September, 2001 in particular. Absence of Arab awareness can be traced through many archaic terms the Arab citizen is still using such as "International Community" and "World public opinions".

This makes us ask whether there is anything bearing such names as "International Community" and if it is there, where is it and its role?

The writer confirms that both "International Community" and "World Public Opinion" are two outdated terms to express stands used to be bright landmarks of humanitarian feeling and ideological and political purity.

They were existent when demonstrations were being staged in defense of right and justice regardless of colors, races and religions. Presently, the Zionist and American media managed to have a sway over world public opinion and succeeded in poisoning humanitarian conscience and tampering with pure feelings. Thus the interest of the Palestinian struggler lies in his complete dependence on himself and not to wait help from a world controlled over by economic and media hegemony.



**Al-Wahdawi weekly, organ of people's Nasserite Unionist Organization, 5 Feb. 2002**

**Main headlines:**

-Yemeni Team leaves for Guantanamo  
Malaria spreads among al-Qaeda prisoners  
-Return of 20 Exiled Military Men  
-Sharon refuses Arafat's peace overture  
Arab Heads of State Seek to secure Israel's Security in Beirut Coming Summit  
-Land mines kill citizens in Central Regions

Columnist Ahmed al-Fakie has this week written on return home of Yemenis in exile. The writer stresses that return of some leading officials of the Yemen socialist party does not need reasons and explanation. It is a legitimate right of any Yemeni citizen circumstances forced him to leave home. It makes no difference if he was compelled to migrate for earning a better living or due to political circumstances.

Those who look for justifications explaining the return of these political leaders who left the county after 1994 war, are mistaken.

It is specially so if their return are believed to be in response to American pressures on the ruling party under pretext of consequence of 11 September events. The returnees would surely not accept to be hostage of American decision. It is also unconceivable the ruling party to bow to the American administration's interference in our minutes internal affairs.

It is certainly a normal return that should have been made in order that both the authority and opposition contribute to build the unified Yemen.



**As-Sahawa weekly 7Feb.2002**

**Main headlines:**

-Parliament Speaker: our nation capable to encounter challenges, stop Arrogance  
-PGC's strife for Booties threaten Democracy Future  
-Merchants come under Extortion

Columnist Zaid Ash-Shami tackles problems of Yemen's educational system. Mr. Ash-Shami confirms that our educational system suffers many problems. They need a serious consideration and short and long-term treatment. To talk about problems of education should not target this party or that, or to try to accuse the government for political reasons. Dealing with education issues must be carried out in line with a nationalist spirit and vision taking into consideration the challenges to face our

sons in order to qualify then for shouldering their future responsibilities. Upon the announcement on preparation for the National conference on Education, it should be noted that the conference must not, moreover, get drowned in formalities at the expense of essential issues. What is more important is to benefit from educational talents and expertise capable of contribution to this domain. Participation in the conference should, however, not be confined to certain political segment, but rather a national not partisan meeting.

There has to be an emphasis that the Arabs of Muslims are at present exposed to a brutal western assault aimed at their ideology, identity and heritage. It is necessary that the National Conference on Education to define indicators and means to help future generations stand a solid ground. Those generations should not be left libel to loss of identity and must not be raised on defeatism and subservience.



**Ash-Shoura weekly, organ of Yemeni People's Forces Union, 3 February 2002**

**Main Headlines:**

- Random Demolition in Tawhi, Aden  
- Elections Committee Asks the President Postponement of Administrative Division  
- Dock Yards Workers Continue their Strike  
- Journalists Face Prosecution On Publication Issues  
- 17 Indonesian Students Detained, Suspected to Have Link to al-Qaeda.

Columnist Mohammed Saleh Al-Hadhiri says in an article that allotments of the state's general budget for 2002 revealed that the state's social function has disappeared, practically and theoretically. The constitutional amendments would make the talk about the Yemeni revolution seems something illogical because we cannot speak about economic development without the social development. It is also not realistic to talk about political democracy without being linked to social democracy. According to criteria of the last decade of the 20th century confirm the necessity that any government budget must include the principle of social balance.

Allotments of the general budget of 2002 regarding wages and social investments have confirmed that society is the major absent in all draft budgets in a way that the balance between income and the real financial burdens of the individual and also the housing of those of limited income has disappeared from the budget throughout all this period. Moreover there is the absence of developing the reality of services or the creation of a base for development as part of the investment side of the budget that aims at creating new jobs connected with the concept of productive national economy. Planning figures of the annual general budgets, separated from the social function of the state, means abandonment of the society towards opening the way for failures hindering its liberation from financial shackles.



**Al-Ihya'a al-Arabi weekly, organ of the Arab Baath Socialist party, 5 February 2002**

**Main headlines:**

-Yemen's political parties: There Must be a Unified Arab Stand Against the challenges  
- Clashes Between Policemen and Citizens In al-Tawahi  
- Britain Renews Its Refusal To Hand Over Or try Abu al-Hamza  
- Yemen's parliament forms al-Quds of Palestine Committee  
- Al-Shumou weekly Chief Editor Sues Information Minister

In its editorial the newspaper confirms that if America thinks, out of its arrogance and haughtiness, that its military victory over the Afghan defenseless people makes it go further in antagonizing and threatening people, it is terribly mistaken. America is also gravely mistaken to use the events of September to wave with the use of "terror" as it sees it and according to its interests and wishes. To threaten by military strikes to some Arab and Islamic countries as Iraq, Syria, Sudan or Iran or to hit the Arab resistance movements, it means it is trying to expose the Arab and Islamic region to eruption of volcanoes of these peoples wrath.

In so doing America would endanger security and peace in both Arab and Islamic worlds and itself would pay the price of that. The Arab nation and Muslim people are currently fully aware of the American, Zionist and British goals aimed at their existence, identity and civilization at present and future. The nation is completely aware that threatening Iraq, coinciding with the collective massacres perpetrated by Zionists in Palestine, is in fact a direct targeting of the entire nation. However hard some in the west tried to wave about dialogue among civilizations, it is merely a process of throwing dust in the eyes aimed at achieving what missiles and other weapons failed to do.

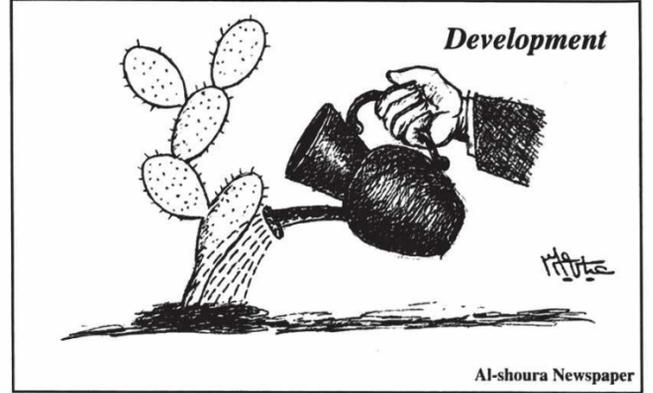


**Al-Wahda weekly 6 February 2002**

**Main headlines:**

- Experts Warn of Disaster Threatens Saba'a Historical Sites  
- Foreign Minister: Yemen Dealt with Extremism with Civilized Manner  
- Yemeni Women Harassed at U.S. Airports  
- Saudi Ambassador to Yemen: Zionist Movement Behind the Campaign Against Saudi Arabia  
- Human Rights Minister: Holland Offers US\$ 5 Million in Aid

In its editorial the newspaper says that "America should think of its interests in



Al-shoura Newspaper

the Arab region" says a statement made by the Saudi Crown in the course of criticizing the American attitude supporting the Israeli arrogance.

The Yemenis and other Arabs and Muslims have realized that it is a barbaric campaign aimed not only at the kingdom but all the Arabs and Muslims.

The Arab and Islamic nation realizes that it is experiencing the most dangerous of its periods and it should understand that the bet of life or death is its real fate. Any leniency towards the Arab and Muslim sovereignty, dignity and legitimate rights would ultimately refer them to archives of history.

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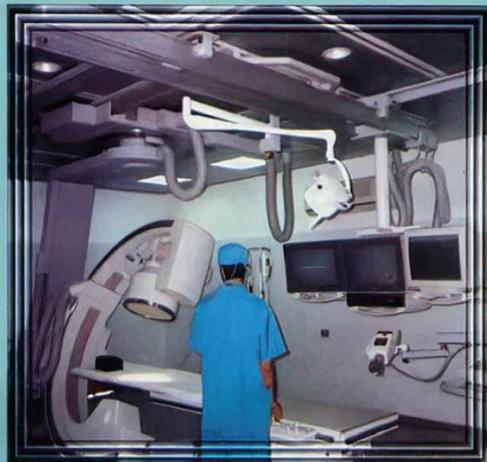
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## Yemeni-German Hospital inaugurates the first Private Cardiac Surgery Center in Yemen



The Cardiac Center is fully equipped with up-to-date medical apparatus to do cardiac surgical operations and helps the Yemeni patient in their homeland with this high sophisticated surgery and to reduce the number of patients travelling abroad.

It is necessary to establish different specialized units in the Center, the Cardiac Surgery Chiefs, Prof. Dr. E. Struck and prof. A. Raboi said to YT.

They said in a country like Yemen, where many people suffer from heart diseases, establishment of such center was a must. They added that the center, which will be officially inaugurated next week, would do all kinds of cardiac surgeries. On the services of the center Prof. Dr. Struck said we provide up-to-date and competitive medical care in cardiac surgery and to reduce the number of Yemeni patients travelling abroad for treatment. "We have noticed that many patients travel to Jordan, Egypt, Iraq and to European countries to receive medical treatment. I don't think they will venture to go to such countries, if the same treatment and services are made available here," he said. "The center is determined to save patients the trouble of traveling and spending a lot of money on it," he added.

### Open cardiac Surgery Center to be inaugurated Soon in Yemen

The Cardiac Center is going to be more competitive, providing high and scientific surgical and medical care for patients.

"The team of Cardiac Surgery Center has left no stone unturned to bring the cardiac surgery department in very high level. Highly imported medical apparatus have been placed in different sections. It has the most specialized and well-experienced staff in cardiology," Prof. Dr. Ali Raboi, a Cardiac Surgery Chief said. "An open cardiac surgery and intensive care units have been established to take care and treat heart diseases in Yemen," he added.

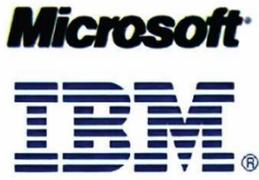
Regarding the working cadre he said that a Yemeni-German team of high qualifications will start working soon. The team will be chaired by the well-known German Cardiac Surgeon, Prof. Struck from Munich University and the Yemeni Cardiac Surgeon Prof. Dr. Ali Raboi. The latter has 15-year experience in the field of cardiac surgery in Europe. Among the team are Dr. Abulkader Abbas, Chief of Cardiology Department, Dr. Shakeeb and Dr. Abdulkareem Hajr.

We are making contacts with the politicians concerned in order to officially inaugurate the center by the president." Prof. Dr. Raboi placed great stress on that the government should take great care of such cardiac surgery which will certainly help reduce the number of heart patients seeking recovery outside the country.

**The Cardiac Surgery will reduce the number of patients travelling abroad**

## IBM, Microsoft set alliance to offer web services

NEW YORK (Reuters) - IBM, Microsoft Corp. and other fierce technology sector competitors are expected on Thursday to announce an alliance to hammer out standards to make it easier and cheaper for companies to do business over the Web, sources familiar with the project said on Tuesday. The group, to be named the Web Services Interoperability Organization, will work on standards for Web services, the new market for software that makes it easier for different computer systems to share information. This will make it easier for companies to carry out purchasing, insurance checking and other activities online. This is not the first time IBM and Microsoft have joined forces in the name of Web services. They have worked together under the auspices of certain Internet standards



groups to develop underlying technical standards for Web services. The new group will also include BEA Systems Inc., the sources said. Other likely members are leading technology giants such as Sun Microsystems Inc., Intel Corp. and Oracle Corp.. "All of these players that are typically not friendly with each other are working together," John DiFucci, an analyst with CIBC World Markets said, noting the general industry push behind Web services.

"They've all agreed on this ... and that's amazing."

Smaller companies such as integration software companies webMethods Inc., TIBCO Software and SeeBeyond Technology Corp. SBYNO are also supporting Web services. Reuters Plc owns a majority stake in TIBCO.

### .NET VS JAVA

On one side are companies supporting Microsoft's proprietary .Net Internet technology.

On the other are industry giants like International Business Machines Corp. and BEA that support the rival Java software programming language.

Java, originally developed by Sun Microsystems, is popular with developers because it can run on almost any computer system. Applications developed using Microsoft's programming language can run only on Microsoft's Windows operating system. Web services are designed to overcome these incompatibility problems by wrapping data in a way any system can understand.

## Space 'hotels' to slingshot between Earth & Mars

WEST LAFAYETTE, Ind. (Reuters) - Futuristic space "hotels" that would employ planetary gravity to rocket between Earth and Mars are on the drawing board at Purdue University, researchers at the school said on Tuesday. Edwin "Buzz" Aldrin, the second person to walk on the moon and a leading booster of space tourism, is heading a team of Purdue engineers designing spacious "cycler" spacecraft to make the six- to eight-month interplanetary trips continuously. The team envisions space "taxis" that would ferry passengers and supplies from the planetary surfaces to cycler craft speeding along at 13,000 mph as they traveled between the two planets. The cycler craft would get "gravity

assists" from the sun, the planets and their moons to "slingshot" to their destination.

"Once you put your vehicle into a cycler orbit, it continues on its own momentum, going back and forth between Earth and Mars. You may need to carry some propellant for an occasional boost, but it's pretty much a free trip after that," aeronautics professor James Longuski said in a statement.

The cycler spacecraft would be assembled in space with parts ferried aboard space shuttles. An initial model will accommodate up to 50 passengers and provide all the "creature comforts," Longuski said.

Among the potential hurdles are the varying orbits of the two planets that could make it tricky calculating the correct slingshot trajectory.

Aldrin, a 72-year-old retired astronaut and former combat fighter with a doctorate in astronautics from the



Massachusetts Institute of Technology, targeted 2018 for an inaugural flight.

"We have to look at the configuration of those taxis and how much energy will be needed to intercept the cyclers," he said.

Reliable and reusable cycler transportation would "create an entirely new economic and philosophic approach to space exploration," Purdue researchers wrote in a December report prepared for National Aeronautic and Space Administration's Jet Propulsion Laboratory.

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# SabaFon introduces a new range of useful services

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## Aden kicks off 13th Asian chess championship

Three days are left until the 13th Asian Chess Championship in Aden wraps up, and it is still difficult to predict who will win the Dubai Cup among 17 Asian countries participating in the championship.

In the opening ceremony on Wednesday February 6, 2002, Abdulqadir Bajammal, Prime Minister, said the presence of the government at this high level in the ceremony of the Chess Championship reflected the importance attached by the state to sports.

"This is a chance for the creative young to embody the spirit of friendship, peace and tolerance amongst nations for achieving progress and cooperation," he said.

Abdulrahman al-Akua'a, Minister of Youth & Sports, Chairman of the Supreme Preparatory Committee of the Championship, said that this Asian championship enhances sports partnership among the countries of the continent.



Khalid Zayed, representative of Dubai municipality, United Arab Emirates, delivered a speech in which he briefed the championship's progress since its beginning in 1990.

Prime Minister, Bajammal arrived in Aden to take part at the champi-

onship along with several ministers on last Wednesday. Top officials at Aden Governor also attended the championship.

The championship was kicked off on Wednesday February 6, 2002

## Olympics: Belmondo wins first gold despite losing pole

SALT LAKE CITY (Reuters) - Stefania Belmondo claimed the first gold medal of the Salt Lake City Olympics Saturday despite skiing without a pole for a section of the women's 15 km cross-country.

The 33-year-old Italian, who won her only other Olympic title 10 years ago in Albertville, thought her title hopes had vanished when her pole was accidentally broken by a rival competitor.

"After about 10 kms I lost my pole and I thought my race was over. I really cried and screamed," Belmondo said.

An onlooker at the side of the

course thrust another pole in to Belmondo's hand but only created another problem.

"I started to push with my right hand but the pole was too big for me and for 700 meters I had to push with just one hand," Belmondo said. "I lost six or seven seconds."

Eventually her trainer handed over a replacement pole and Belmondo fought back to beat her old rival Larisa Lazutina of Russia in 39 minutes 54.4 seconds. After gathering eight Olympic and 13 world medals, Belmondo now plans to retire and start a family.



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A 22-year-old Yemeni woman gave birth to five infants at al-Thawra Hospital in Sana'a, this week. The babies and their mother, Samia Ali, are in a good health. The babies' weights range from 1700 gm and 1900 gm. The father, Mr. Faisal Abdulah Aqlan, had just left for a Gulf state searching for work a day before the deliveries.

tasted better than what it tastes in Italy. The main course of *Lobster with Orange Sauce*, was simply out of this world. After a sumptuous main course, Inacio again took the onus and recommended tongue tingling *Mousse au Chocolate aux Noisettes* (Chocolate mousse with hazelnuts). Mr. Sushil Tandon (Food & Beverage Manager) left nothing to chance and ensured this was the best dining experience we had so far with professional, efficient and yet very friendly service. While we enjoyed our dinner, The Street Sound Band treated us to some

vintage fair of Country Classics & Romantic Melodies. They had heavy metal and rock in the offering for those who wanted to stay late in the night to revive nostalgic memories. It would be unfair to mention that The Street Sounds are a musical band in my opinion they are perfect entertainers and singing is one of their facets. I gathered while discussing with Sushil that something extravagant is under cover at Golden Oasis for Valentine's but he refused to divulge more details.

By: A staff writer

**Listing Palestine as Country Was Error, Firm Says**

CHICAGO (Reuters) - A reference to Palestine as a country in user manuals sent to some European countries by mobile telephone maker Motorola Inc. was a mistake and has been altered, the company said in an apology on Friday. The company, based in the Chicago

suburb of Schaumburg, apologized and said an employee inadvertently allowed Palestine in a list of countries with customer service centers and eliminated a reference to Israel. A number in the West Bank town of Ramallah, an area controlled by the Palestinian Authority, was listed. Israel was not listed because it does not have a Motorola service center and customers deal directly with the local telephone carriers for problems, said Motorola, which has had operations in Israel since 1964.

"Motorola acknowledges that the reference to 'Palestine' and the omission of Israel were serious but inadvertent mistakes," the company said in a statement. "Motorola immediately recognized the sensitivity of this issue and took swift corrective action."

In the new page for all new manuals and older ones still in inventory, the reference to Palestine was changed to the Palestinian Authority, while a number for Israel has been added, the company said. Motorola said it learned of the error in December after receiving hundreds of e-mail complaints.



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