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**President Saleh had said secret cells exist, but PM says...**

## 'No al-Qaeda in Yemen'

BY MOHAMMED AL-QADHI  
YEMEN TIMES STAFF

Prime Minister Abdullqader Bajamal has denied any presence of al-Qaeda network in Yemen.

There is no al-Qaeda in Yemen," he said, adding "What we have is people connected with detainees who came from Afghanistan."

However, president Ali Saleh

said last week in an interview that "there are small secret cells of al-Qaeda operating in Yemen".

The prime minister disclosed many shortcomings in the military and security authorities. He said they faced a lot of problems due to lack of training.

"We welcome the US trainers in Yemen if that will serve the national interest," said Bajamal. "The government is responsible

for security and it chooses whom to deal with according to our national interest".

He pointed out that Yemen will seek the help of some countries other than the US to build up the marine patrol police in addition to the demining program.

'Extremists'  
When asked about the people behind the latest explosions in

Sana'a, he accused "some Satanic forces or right or left extremists."

He showed resentment at journalists for taking their sources from the websites, including the statements of al-Qaeda Sympathizers which were distributed through email.

The PM said "websites cannot be trusted as sources of information."

President says

## Yemen happy to get help against terror

BY YEMEN TIMES STAFF

President Ali Abdullah has reiterated Yemen's support to international help with cracking down on terrorism.

He said in his speech in the 12th anniversary of Yemen's unification, "We condemn all terrorists acts regardless of their spring, mainly Israel terror against Palestinians."

He stressed that "there should be a clear definition for terrorism, differentiating between people's struggle for freedom and independence and terrorism."

He pointed out that justice and putting an end to conflict, particularly the Arab-Israeli conflict, plus curbing poverty and encouraging dialogue between civilizations, all will put an end to terror-

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Daylight kidnapping

## Outrageous!

BY YEMEN TIMES STAFF

Officials are investigating a bizarre case of kidnapping and beating of a 29-year-old Sana'a man.

Rami Zakaria Bazara'a was kidnapped from his house in the Faj Attan neighborhood in the afternoon of Friday May 24.

According to Rami, at about 1 p.m, a group of armed men led by Mohammed Abdulrahman Mohammed Ali Othman and Rami Abdulwahhab Mahmoud abducted Bazara'a after persuading him to come out of his house by claiming that a person he knew was waiting for him outside.

He was then driven to Sofan City North of Sanaa, where he was tortured and beaten up brutally.

According to a medical report and Ali Al-Darawani, the criminal investigation authority representative at Azal Hospital, the kidnapped man was harshly beaten up by the kidnapers by various tools including a knife and electrical shockers.

The medical report confirms that a wound that is 1-cm long and 2-cm deep was left in the top of Rami's head, along with several scars on his neck.

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Rami Zakaria Bazara'a shows some wounds received from his kidnapping May 24.

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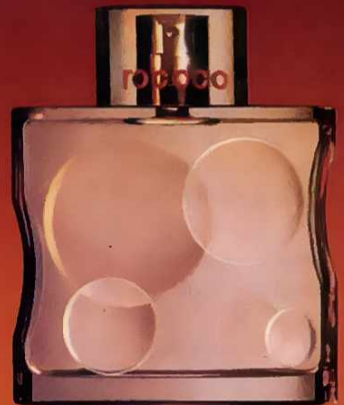
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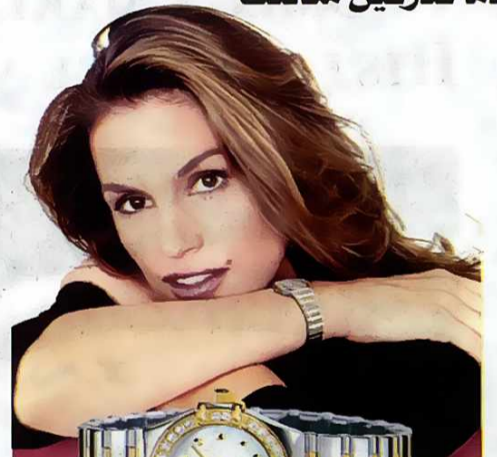
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Al-Qirbi in the USA to discuss war against terror

## Yemen seeking US aid

Yemeni Foreign Minister, Dr. Abu Bakr Al-Qirbi flew to Washington DC on Saturday in an official visit to the USA.

US Vice President Dick Cheney and State Secretary, Colen Powell were among the dignitaries he was to meet.

The visit was expected to focus on Yemen's role in the US-led war against terror along with other security-related issues in Yemen.

Al-Qirbi said he would discuss with the US officials bilateral relations and

economic aspects with the aim of creating joint projects to be carried out by Yemeni and US businessmen in Yemen.

He added that he would also discuss the US economic aid to Yemen as well as the on-going security cooperation between the two countries in the war against terrorism.

Al-Qirbi was also to raise the issue of the Mideast crisis including the Arab peace initiative in the region and Yemen's vision of this initiative.

## Tribal clashes continue

Five people were killed and seven seriously injured in tribal revenge clashes strategy in al-Baida province.

Tribal sources in the area told Yemen Times that four persons including a woman were killed last Saturday in a clashes between Bani Wahb and al-Absi tribes. The Bani Wahb attacked Absi to take revenge for one of their members who was killed last Friday by a person from Abbsi tribes.

The village of Absi was seriously damaged due to use of artileries and other heavy weapons.

The sources predicted further destruction if the authorities in the area don't interfere to stop the fight.

Tribal revenge has been an issue for decades, a major headache which the government has not been able to stop. It claims the lives mostly innocent people.

## Journalist disappear

Abduraheem Mohsen, a well-known writer and a political analyst has disappeared.

His friends and workmates don't know where he is.

Abdurahman Mohsen is a famous writer and deals with tremendous views and opinions against authorities, especially during in recent times.

He has been entrusted to be in charge of the employees of the presidential office.

At this moment, he hasn't been working in his office.

He occupied the position of general manager of the media residential office.



Abdurahman Mohsen

## Prime says book has "bad smell"

The press and publication prosecution has completed interrogative the novelist Wajjdi Al-Ahadal. The culture ministry has accused him of insulting conventions and religion in his novel "Qwarib Jaballiah" or "Mountainous Boats".

The ministry already ordered the confiscation of the novel and closure of the Ubadi publication center. It was accused of using obscene sexual language.

The publication center owner, Nabeel Ubadi was interrogated by the prosecution last Saturday for publishing the book.

Prime minister Abdulqader Bajamal lashed out against the novel and its writer. He said it was anti-morality, tradition and artistic creation. "A bad smell comes out the book," he said.

Al-Ahadal protested the charge and said there were sectarian motives

behind it.

It was because of using Sana'a as a setting for the novel. He pointed out that they misinterpreted his book.

The Yemeni writers union (YWU) strongly condemned the harassment of Al-Ahadal and publisher. In a statement last week they called for an end of harassment of creative people.

The statement denied that the novel insults conventions or religion, as it is a creative work that cannot be subject to specific interpretation.

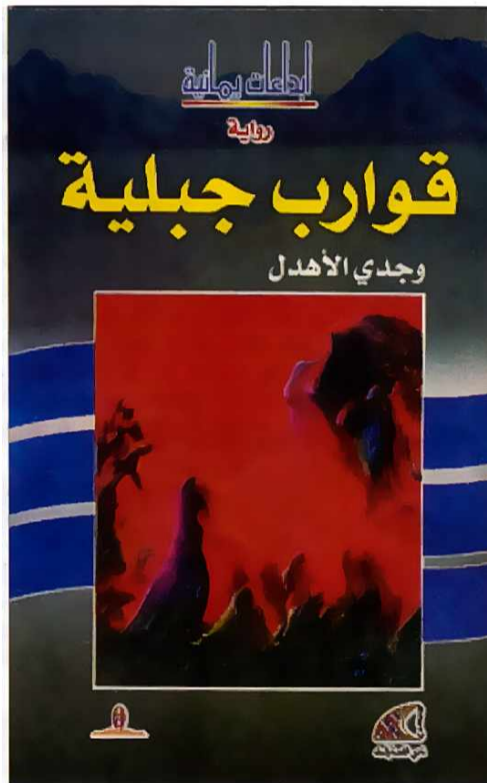
Moreover, the Deputy Minister of Culture, Mr. Hashim Ali Bin Ali, is still out of his office. Bin Ali refused to sign the decision of confiscating the novel and closing down the publication center. The minister gave him two choices, either to sign the decision or stay at home and not attend the ministry.

Bin Ali, who is himself an outstanding man of letters, decided to stand by creation and preferred to stay at home.

In addition to this, a good number of intellectuals appealed in a letter to president Ali Saleh and PM Bajamal to dismiss the Culture Minister, Abdulwahab al-Rawhani. They accused the minister of working against creative people and talents, and misusing his power to gag intellectuals.

They said there was no legal reason to confiscate the book and close down the publishing center.

Al-Ahadal said that Riyadh Al-Rais, an outstanding Lebanese publisher, offered to print and publish the book when he heard about the ongoing controversy. He added that the book is already in Lebanon to be printed and distributed all over Arab



## Administrative unit's budget amended

The cabinet has approved last Tuesday a note presented by the finance ministry concerning the amending of the administrative unit's budgets to ensure the establishment of the centralized authority to complete the projects. The estimated approbation of projects have reached YR 8,853,460,000.

## Correction

In a page 14 story in the May 20 issue of The Yemen Times, Rev. Monsignor Giuseppe De Andrea, the Vatican's ambassador to Kuwait, Bahrain, and now Yemen was incorrectly identified in a photo outline. The Times regrets any confusion caused by the error.

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## Yemen exports million barrel of crude oil

Ashehr port has witnessed the exporting of first shipment of Yemeni crude oil to the USA which will be carried by a great tanker belongs to the British BP company.

This shipment is considered the first to shipped for the interest of American refinery after signing a contract between Canadian Nexen and BP for importing about 1 million barrel of Yemeni crude oil, \$25 for barrel. Yemen is making every effort to increase its oil production from 475.000 to 500.000 per day by the end of 2002.

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# Mystery of Queen Sheba revived

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From 9 June to the 13 October this year, the British Museum has reserved the recently opened Grand Court for the "Queen of Sheba: Treasures from Ancient Yemen" exhibition which will be similar in content to the exhibition held at the Institut du Monde Arabe in Paris in 1997-1998 and which has since toured other European cities.

Items from the British Museum's own collection will be included. A number of side events and activities are being organized to coincide with the exhibition. The Arabian Studies Seminar will be held at the British Museum this year from 18-20 July.

An extensive education program will accompany the exhibition. This will include an academic conference in July, a series of study days in June and September, a film program and a week of events related to the Ancient Near East in Early October.

The exhibition will begin with an examination of the Queen of Sheba in art, looking modern, 19th century and Renaissance representations. She is variously viewed as a figure of beauty and seduction, the propounder of riddles to King Solomon, (the Old Testament) a convert to Islam (the



1st century BC South Arabian alabaster stela \* British museum

(Qura'an), and precursor of the Magi (Western Christian artistic tradition)

As a result of this, A dinner party was held at the H.E. Francis Guy's residence, the British Ambassador to Yemen, on May 22. The party was attended by the Culture Minister, Abdulwahab Arrowhani, who is expected to fly to London to participate in inaugurating the Queen Sheba Museum in London. The Chairman of the British-Yemeni Society, Abdullah Abulwali Nasher, top officials, parliamentary figures, journalists and a host of others.

# Are Akhdams part of us?

The Yemeni female researcher and writer, Ebtisam al-Motawakel confirmed that the black people known as Akhdam haven't received any due attention by their societies. "They have maltreated and marginalized. They have to be integrated and must become an integral part of our societies, education opportunities must be provided and made easily accessible to them." Ebtisam said.

Mr. Ezzadeen al-Assbahi, the Manager of the Information Center said that the governmental and non-governmental organizations should be held accountable for turning a blind eye to such wretched marginalized classes.

# Yemen-UAE protocols signed

A protocol between Yemen and the United Arab Emirates (UAE) was signed last week in the field of higher education and scientific research. The protocol includes establishing relations between Yemeni UAE universities and higher education institutions.

The protocol centers around holding conferences, seminars, delivering lectures and exchanging visiting scholars, researchers, experts and technicians in all scientific fields. It also dealt with the level of efficiency, assessing educational outcomes, developing teaching methodology.

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# More achievements for the unification



The YUBCO vice president and the well-known businessman, Mr. Mohammed Ali Derhim had highly praised the achievements and developments in

industry, trade and investment which the country witnessed during the last 12 years of the unification. in a statement to Yemen Times, Mr. Derhim said these developments were a result of the president's strong will and his support for investors and investment as well as the political stability, security, human rights and democratic experience.

"We are so confident that future would be better and great developments in different fields have been really developed," Derhim added.

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**Touching story of a boy returned home**

# Youth lost ... and found

NASSRI AL-SAQQA  
YEMEN TIMES STAFF

The beginning was when Abdu got lost in February 2002. His relatives searched for him and left no stone unturned. They were told that he left with a taxi driver to Sana'a, namely to the livestock market in Khawlan street. The search continued for long time, but to no avail.

The misery of this young man started, according to the director general of Aden's Care House, when the police found the boy wandering in Aden streets. Being blind and dumb, the police couldn't identify who or where from he is. So, the police took him later to the delinquents Care House. The house, on its part, tried to contact his family through running his photo at the local newspapers, but no body was responding.

The house made it its own responsibility to embrace the boy and provide him with all material and emotional support.

Then the State Minister of Human Rights, Dr. Waheeba Fari' visited him May 11, along with some prisons and delinquency homes in Aden, Lahaj and Aden with a view to inspect the situation of these facilities.

On her visit to Aden's



Abdu hugged by his mother is happy to arrive his home

Delinquencies Home, she was attracted to an innocent young boy. And she promised to follow his case.

Upon her return to Sana'a, the state minister took the boy from Aden's Procedural Court to search for his family. She also ran his photo in several newspapers again.

On May 19, the Human Rights Ministry got a call from a person named Nabeel who informed the ministry that he knew Abdu.

Nabeel came accompanied by Haza'a, a cousin of Abdu, to the ministry to take the boy. There was an emotional meeting for all present.

The state minister checked the truth

of the relation between the boy and the person who came to take him, as well as the reasons for his fleeing home.

Abdu was given back to his family with the presence of an officer of the criminal police, the office director of deputy minister of interior, and Abdulbasit As-Samawi, an MP for constituency No.231 to which the boy belongs.

Still one has to question why it the minister, not the Aden police who found the boy and connected him with his family. Isn't it a police responsibility?

## New head quarters opened

Prime Minister Mr. Abdulqader Bajammal on Saturday open the new head quarters of Yemen International Bank located on the Zuberi Street, Sana'a.

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The Yemeni share in it amounts to 75 percent, while the Saudi share is 25 percent.



## Valuing the work of a volunteer

BY MOHAMMED BIN SALLAM  
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Volunteer work occupies a highly prestigious status since time immemorial. In acknowledgment of noble human values, the volunteer work represent, the UN general assembly created in 1971 a program affiliate to the UN called program of UN volunteer. The objective of the program is to mobilize those human potentials for renewing world peoples. Since that date, the program has playing a remarkable role in volunteering contributions.

More than 5,000 volunteers from 140 countries, including Yemen, work in this field adopted by the UN. Seventeen volunteers are now employed with many international organization, governmental and non-governmental institutions, two of whom are local volunteers. More than 600 volunteers from various world countries work in Yemen in vital areas and their work does have effective role at all local levels.

Yemen Times has interviewed Ms. Kalthoum Mohammed Adem, officer programs volunteers administration of the UN and Coordinator of the program activities in Yemen. Ms. Kalthoum assumed several posts for the UN volunteers program in Tanzania and Mozambique before being employed in Yemen.

### International year for volunteers

Ms. Kalthoum began her talk on the idea of volunteers' international year by saying that the UN and the international community observe the occasion of volunteers' international year at a time there is an increasing need for volunteer work in economic, social, cultural and humanitarian areas. The idea of this occasion is the product of proposals offered during deliberations between many international and non-governmental organization in the early 1990s of last century. The UN adopted a proposal presented by the Japanese government to the UN Secretary General, Kofi Annan February 1997, which later was approved by the General Assembly in its 52nd session on 20 November 1997.

Ms. Kalthoum has further said that objectives of volunteers international year could be summarized as:

- It aims at enhancing the recognition by governments and local authorities of the role played by volunteering bodies



Kalthoum Mohammed Adem

in development working out mechanisms for integrating volunteer work with development.

- The second goal is to encourage volunteering work at various sector of society by raising the level of volunteers qualifications, legally recognition of volunteering bodies and providing them with protection through allocating some resources.

- The third purpose is to establish a network of communication among societies and among themselves, as well as getting highest benefit from their experiences.

- It also aims at promoting the principal of voluntary work, mustering the biggest number of volunteers, making publicity of the most successful volunteering experiments and shedding light on benefits for the society gained from volunteering work, such as blood donation campaigns, combating illiteracy and protection of environment.

UN volunteers program work under supervision of UN Development Program Offices based in concerned countries. It acts as the central coordinator of the international year. The program aims to engage societies, at the largest scale, in the efforts for founding a new field of international cooperation in volunteering work. This objective is achieved through developing more support and resources for propagating to volunteers international year. The years established an important international year. The years establishes out working plan and prepares a climate for the realization of strategic accomplishments and contributions.

### Local Volunteers in Yemen

On the international year of Volunteers, Ms Kalthoum said the basic targeted a achievements is the set up of local Volunteer team. Four local volunteers had joined the program in May 2001, assuming their job at the Refugees commission. Then essence of recruiting local volunteers is meant for adding values to development cooperation and charity work.

Local volunteers usually possess skills suitable for local needs and are acquainted with countries social, cultural and political situations. This characteristics would facilitate their being integrated with the program and local environment. It also help, their integration with their local and international counterparts. Recruiting local volunteers would as well enhance possibilities of building national potentials and development of human wealth through strengthening the remaining expertise and knowledge inside the country. It would also employ more volunteers to work in Yemen and would undoubtedly expand the volunteering program. Among activities including in making the international year, the UN program in Yemen had honored local and international volunteers in late of last year April. The honoring ceremony was attended by the deputy minister of planning and development, employees at the UN Agencies in Yemen, and representatives for Universities, volunteer organizations and media men.

Volunteers program has been working in Yemen for more than thirty years. The program aims to offer a technical help and support to all word nations by the employment of will-trained field practitioners.

She also reviewed benefits of volunteering process and it's economic and social contribution. She also has pointed out that Yemen was among the first countries to receive international volunteers in 1971, when the program inaugurated the volunteering program to serve the development and expansion of technical cooperation. Yemeni volunteers in areas of productive health to improve women health and prosperity of their families. They also work in fields the best assessment and planning, implementation of development programs, assisting refugees, improving people opportunities to obtain food and help Yemen improve water resources and human rights.

# Army can't nab terrorist suspect during siege

BY YEMEN TIMES STAFF

A suspected terrorist remains free after Yemeni military couldn't take him in during a attempted siege of his home.

The heavy clashes took place in Sarwah area, 150 km east of Sana'a on May 20 between soldiers from Yemen's Army Brigade 25 and Mohammed Ali al-Zaidi who is suspected to be a member of al-Qaeda network and who is believed to have masterminded the kidnapping of a German diplomat in September 2001.

The armed confrontation began at 10 a.m. when the brigade's men tried to storm al-Zaidi's house using tanks and armored vehicles. Al-Zaidi was supported by his family members and some tribesmen armed with anti-tank bazooka rockets during the two-hour clash.

While the army failed to capture al-Zaidi, he and his men captured the commander of the army brigade.

Tribal sources said that the military forces did, however, seize two relatives of al-Zaidi before they were released.

"The incentives behind such detention is that my house and a petrol station is under threat of an attack," the commander of the army brigade stated.

In a statement to the Yemen Times, al-Zaidi said that the brigade tried to

surround his house before a shower of bullets came down.

Al-Zaidi denied that he has links with the latest bombing incidents involving al-Qaeda sympathizers.

Army Brigade 25 detained Ali Mobarak Feras last month.

The authorities say that Ali Mobarak is an al-Qaeda suspect, and he remains in jail.

### New plans for security

Meanwhile, Interior Minister Dr. Rashed Al-Alimi said last week that Yemen is undertaking a comprehensive security and military plan.

That includes a plan over four years for the building up of marine patrol police (MPP), and also beefing up security in Marib, Shabwa, and al-Jawf, where suspected al-Qaeda elements are believed to be hiding

The minister said an central command room, based on highly technological devices like computers and monitoring camera is being built now.

Al-Alimi said in press statement that such a central facility in Sana'a and other main governorates will make it easier to monitor safety in the country.

Yemen has a long open coastline stretching 2,400km that has to be monitored so to prevent the flow of criminals, drugs and goods.

President Saleh issued a republican

decree last Tuesday appointing Ali Ahmed Rasie chief of MPP and Saleh Ali Mujali as his deputy.

Yemen will need about 200 boats with night watch cameras.

The USA is supporting this initiative to stop the flow of al-Qaeda members to Yemen.

Holland, Germany, Britain and Saudi Arabia will also help in the effort.

He pointed out the plan has been approved by the supreme national council and will be implemented during the next six months.

The minister said "al-Qaeda sympathizers" group which claimed responsibility for last explosions in Sana'a and other places, might be phantom. The explosions targeted intelligence officials and building offices.

He said the group's statement might aim to give the impression of poor security in Yemen. However, he said the threats are being dealt with very seriously as "there are people who want to sabotage security".

The "Sympathizers of al-Qaeda" are demanding the release of 173 elements of al-Qaeda being detained the intelligence prison. In their last statement, they pledged that Yemen should expect a "surprise" and a "big slap for agents of the USA" meaning intelligence officials.

## German parliamentary delegation wraps visit

BY FAHMIA AL-FOTIH  
YEMEN TIMES STAFF

The German parliamentary delegation headed by member of the German Social Democratic Party Gunter Gloser left Sana'a Saturday wrapping up a week-long visit to Yemen.

Upon departure the head of the German delegation expressed to Sabaa news agency his and the accompanying delegation satisfaction over the visit and the positive results reached. The results would contribute to consolidate contacts between the Yemeni and German parliaments and the Yemeni-German Friendship Association. Head of the delegation also praised the development the Yemeni democratic experiment is leading. The delegation was seen off at the airport by member of the Shoura Council Mohammed al-Taieb.

The German parliamentary delegation visit coincided with a visit by the German-Yemeni friendship association.

Frederish Ebert Shiftung, GTZ, Homer forum and so forth are German associations that no one can deny the big role that they have played to support Yemen's health, education, business and economy for curbing poverty.

A seminar that was held in Yemeni-German hospital, attended by many intellectuals and senior officials from both sides. Both Yemeni and German friendship associations have played remarkable roles for strengthening these relations between Yemen and Germany.

"The Yemeni-German relations have known a love story for a long time," that is how ex-minister of health Mr. Abudallah Abdulwali Nasher described the close relations between the two countries. More than 500 children, who have lost hope in being taken care of in the country, are sent by the Homer forum to Germany and they were treated there successfully

Through the seminar Yemeni partici-

pants talked about their experience in German as well as friendliness of the German people.

The minister of development and planning Mr. Ahmed Sofan shed light on various aspects of cooperation between Yemen and Germany at all levels.

Germany has broken Yemen's internal isolation by constructing most of the roads linking the governorates as well as the external isolation by establishing and building Sana'a Airport, he said.

It was a good opportunity for the first founders of two associations to praise the performance and stage of collaboration between Yemen and German.

Finally, doctors of the Yemeni German hospital expressed their acknowledgment to Germany and German people as they consider this hospital a unique sign and step forward in cooperation between the two countries.

## Wireless equipment featured in workshop

Focusing on the latest wireless means of telecommunications, Alfa Company held a workshop in collaboration with Biodata Middle East at the Sheraton Sana'a Hotel on May 21.

The latest telecommunication apparatus was shown and explained.

The organizers of the workshop included Alfa Company General Manager Hussien M. Alrasheedi, Mr. Albrecht, chairman of the Swiss Albrecht Technology and Mahmoud Namer and Adnan Alawna, both of the German Biodata Company, Middle East branch



in Dubai.

Products of the companies were shown and explained by Mr. Albrecht. He explained how effectively they can

be used in maintaining the absolute security for government and personal telecommunications.

The latest telecommunications equipment includes voice ciphering units, Ripol police information systems and observation transceivers designed for crime-fighting.

The workshop was attended by military-men, pressmen and those interested in wire and wireless telecommunications, and representatives of telecommunications institutions like High Institute for Telecommunications.

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# Questions about Islamic prisoners

A group of 12 parliamentarians have asked interior minister Dr. Rashad al-Alimi about the Islamists detained due to suspicion of having links to al-Qaeda.

Sources in the parliament said 12 members of the parliament called the parliament president to summon al-Alimi to answer their question on legal situation of these prisoners.

They have spent several months in the intelligence prisons without having been charged.

The minister will also be ques-

tioned about 40 prisoners detained for two years in connection with the suicide bombing attack on the USS Cole on October 12, 2000. Seventeen US sailors were killed and other 39 injured in the blast.

The government of security detained a good number of suspected people; some were released. After the September 11 attacks in the U.S.A, over 500 people were arrested and interrogated. Some are still in detention without any charges. Some of them are relatives of suspected fugi-

tives.

Advocates believed it is against law to detain people without warrants or trials.

An anonymous group calling itself "al-Qaeda sympathizers" has claimed responsibility for bombings in Sana'a during the last two months and have demanded the release of 173 detainees on charges of having links to al-Qaeda. The group pledged more suicide attacks against some government officials if the detainees are not released.

## VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

### National Reproductive Health Projects Officer

The Ministry of Public Health and Population (Directorate of RH/FP), together with the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), Sana'a Country Office are announcing the vacant position of the Post of national Reproductive health Projects Officer.

The position is open to all qualified and interested Yemeni nationals only. Qualified women are encouraged to apply. Interested candidates are requested to apply with detailed curriculum vita to:

#### UNFPA Representative

#### United Nations Population Fund

P. O. Box 7272 Sana'a, Republic of Yemen

Application should be received not later than 1<sup>st</sup> of June 2002. Only those candidates strictly meeting the requirements should apply. An acknowledgment will be sent to short-listed candidates only. No personal inquiries or phone calls please.

This is a demanding position with overall UNFPA/Government supported projects responsibility that include: Monitoring the implementation of RH projects; Review of the IEC projects in support of RH/FP; Assist in conducting operation research; Prepare and Present of position papers; Develop a computerize system to monitor and coordinate the implementation of relevant projects are major aspects of the job.

#### Qualification and Requirements

- Post graduate degree in Public Health or related Social Science with specialized knowledge or long experience in the field of Reproductive Health and Family Planning.
- At least 7 years of experience in management, planning and evaluation of National health Policies and programmers. Previous work with UN and international organizations in this regard is an asset.
- Academic background to support research and training activities.
- Flexibility for frequent in-country travel.
- Excellent professional knowledge of Arabic and English with ability to clearly communicate and report in both languages.
- Adequate computer skills.
- Good interpersonal communication and team building skills.

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## Outrageous!

A number of people found Rami and took him to the Azal Hospital, where the medical report was written.

One suspect Mohamed Abdulrahman Mohamed was arrested while another suspect Rami Abdulwahhab Mohmoud is still at large.

The case is currently at the criminal investigation authority of the Capital Secretariat, where the abducted identified the attackers and explained the horrific torture he went through.

## Yemen happy to get help against terror

He ordered his government to not levy taxes on Palestinian products being exported to Yemen as well as granting 500 scholarships in Yemeni universities for sons and daughters of Palestinian martyrs.

Saleh ordered the Supreme Elections Committee (SEC) to prepare for the parliamentary elections due in April 2003.

He said all political parties should be given room to take part during all election preparation

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steps. He called all political parties to deal with this issue objectively and fairly.

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## Fourth YITE towards unified Arab trade market

BY: MOHAMMED AL-MASANI  
YEMEN TIMES STAFF

Sana'a witnessed last week the inauguration ceremony of the 4th Yemen Trade Int. Exhibition (4th YITE) held on 20-26 May at the Sana'a Int. Exhibition Center.

It was inaugurated by the Prime Minister, Mr. Abdulqader Bajammal.

Around 21 countries and more than 300 companies participated in the exhibition.

During the inauguration ceremony, Mohammed Jasem, the deputy minister of commerce and industry in the UAE highly expressed his admiration for making a success for 4th YITE. "We look forward to promote bilateral relations in all aspects," he said.

He further pointed out that the UAE's participation in the exhibition was considered to be a stepping-stone to the made-in-UAE exhibition series.

The UAE pavilion is one of the largest exhibitions which conveys that the UAE has been progressing by leaps and pounds not only in the field of oil resources but also in other non-oil resources.

"Made-in-UAE exhibition represents a true transition of the UAE pioneering industries in all fields," he noted further.

He indicated that the economic reforms managed by Yemen would prepare the way for promoting a trade exchange between Yemen and other adjacent countries and the world.

Made-in-UAE exhibition would broaden the horizons for establishing deep relations between Yemen and UAE in order to reactivate trade exchange.

The UAE Ambassador to Yemen, Khaleefa Bin Mojren al-Kindi said that the 4th YITE constitutes a significant trade transition where the made-in-UAE exhibition had been shown in Yemen. "Such exhibition will pave the way for an Arab joint market and the UAE's participation is a good opportunity to encourage investment between the UAE and Yemen," al-Kindi added.

Hussien Hussien Shomaila, the General



Manager of the Sana'a Int. Exhibition Center said that the success of the exhibition is attributed to the leading role played by the Ministry of Industry and Commerce and Industry Commerce Chamber.

The Manager of the SA pavilion, Mohammed al-Qasem said that the pavilion comprises electrical industries, utensils, carpets and steel industries.

He added further that Jeddah Company for the Int. Exhibitions intends to organize an exhibition for the Arab Industries.

The Vice Chairman of the Qatar pavilion said that Qatar participated for the first time in this exhibition. "Qatar produces a lot of light and heavy industries including steel, petrochemicals and other important products," he said.

The Yemen pavilion is of great importance in comparison with other Arab pavilions.

The Hael Saeed Ana'am (HSA) Group of Companies was ranked first among other local companies.

Tareq Hael Saeed, a businessman, said that organizing such exhibition had prepared the way for businessmen and others interested in trade field to know much of the Yemeni products.

Galal Gameel, an export specialist at Genpack expressed his admiration of the domestic products and the high quality that have reached in comparison with other local and Arab products.

"We have participated in the 4th YITE to stress the strong desire of the HSA group to show to other countries the

highest technology Yemen has reached," he noted.

"Moreover, we are surprised to find that other countries have got astounded to know that our products are Yemeni made," enthusiastically Mr. Galal stated.

The pavilion of the Kingdom of Jordan participated in the exhibition, including the Royal Jordanian Airways. Jordanian products include, food products, plastics, paints, papers sacks, metal industries, steel, and kitchen wares.

It is worth mentioning that a seminar entitled "Advertising in the Republic of Yemen" was held on Saturday morning at the Shumaila Exhibition Center. The seminar included speeches and presentations by Mr. Walid Al-Saqaf, Editor-in-Chief of Yemen Times representing the printed press, Mr. Ahmed Taher Al-Shey'ani General Manager of the General Establishment of Television and Radio, along with the head of the establishment's economic sector, Mr. Alawi Mohamed, who represented the electronic media.

The discussion concentrated on the importance of advertising and how it could serve as a step stone to improve trade and business within the country and at the same time attract investors from abroad. The organizers of the exhibition, who also organized the seminar emphasized on the need to have better coverage of such exhibitions in all media in Yemen.

## New mechanisms to support Palestinian students

In a meeting held at the Kana'an Association for Palestine (KAP) last week, Palestinian students' concerns



and problems at Yemeni universities were discussed.

Meanwhile Mr. Yahya Mohammed Abdullah Saleh, the Chairman of the KAP and Dr. Sa'adi AL-Kurunz, the Minister of Industry and Commerce had met up with Palestinian Embassy Counselor and Mr. Gammal Abdalwassi' Hayel Saeed, a prominent businessman and member of parliament.

At the end of the meeting, a media committee to boycott Israeli products was formed.

The Palestinian Industry Minister highly praised the leading role played by President Ali Abdullallah Saleh with a view of supporting the Palestinians which was clearly seen in his brave attitudes. A meeting between the Yemeni-Palestinian businessmen was primarily focused on the supporting the Palestinian products.

## A new board for Aden shipping conference elected

A new board for Aden shipping conference was elected last week. It was presided by Mr. Abdulkareem .A.Shibani while Mr. Hussinn Atef and Mr. Aidaroos Al Essa were elected as vice president and Mr. Sameer Alqassim as general secretary. Marine field workers are looking for ward for a nice future within the new staff.

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## Incredibly prices for RJA tickets

Those who have tried it, couldn't believe what they saw. Royal Jordanian had started an auction for tickets to several cities of the world, just starting with one US dollar each. The airline sold 100 tickets in the auction, which started on the 21st of April with incredibly cheap prices. At the end of each session, most lucky winners would get prices incomparable to what they would get otherwise. Here are some examples of prices for tickets won in the auction:

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- Amman-Paris-Amman: \$260
- Amman-Kuala Lumpur- Amman: \$290
- Cairo-Bangkok-Cairo: \$160
- Riyadh-Athens-Riyadh: \$190
- Abu Dhabi-Paris-Abu Dhabi: \$240
- Dammam-London-Dammam: \$260
- Dubai-Geneva-Dubai: \$275;

- plus other incredibly low prices.

Visitors to the site where the auction is taking place ([www.mazadmaktoob.com](http://www.mazadmaktoob.com)) have realized that this was serious, and they could indeed get prices much cheaper than those provided by agencies.

Anyone can participate in the auction by visiting our site at [www.rja.com.jo](http://www.rja.com.jo) or maktoob's site at [www.mazadmaktoob.com](http://www.mazadmaktoob.com) to fill personal information and the amount to use in the auction. The seriousness of the person participating is confirmed by calling him directly to ensure that the auction goes smoothly," he added.

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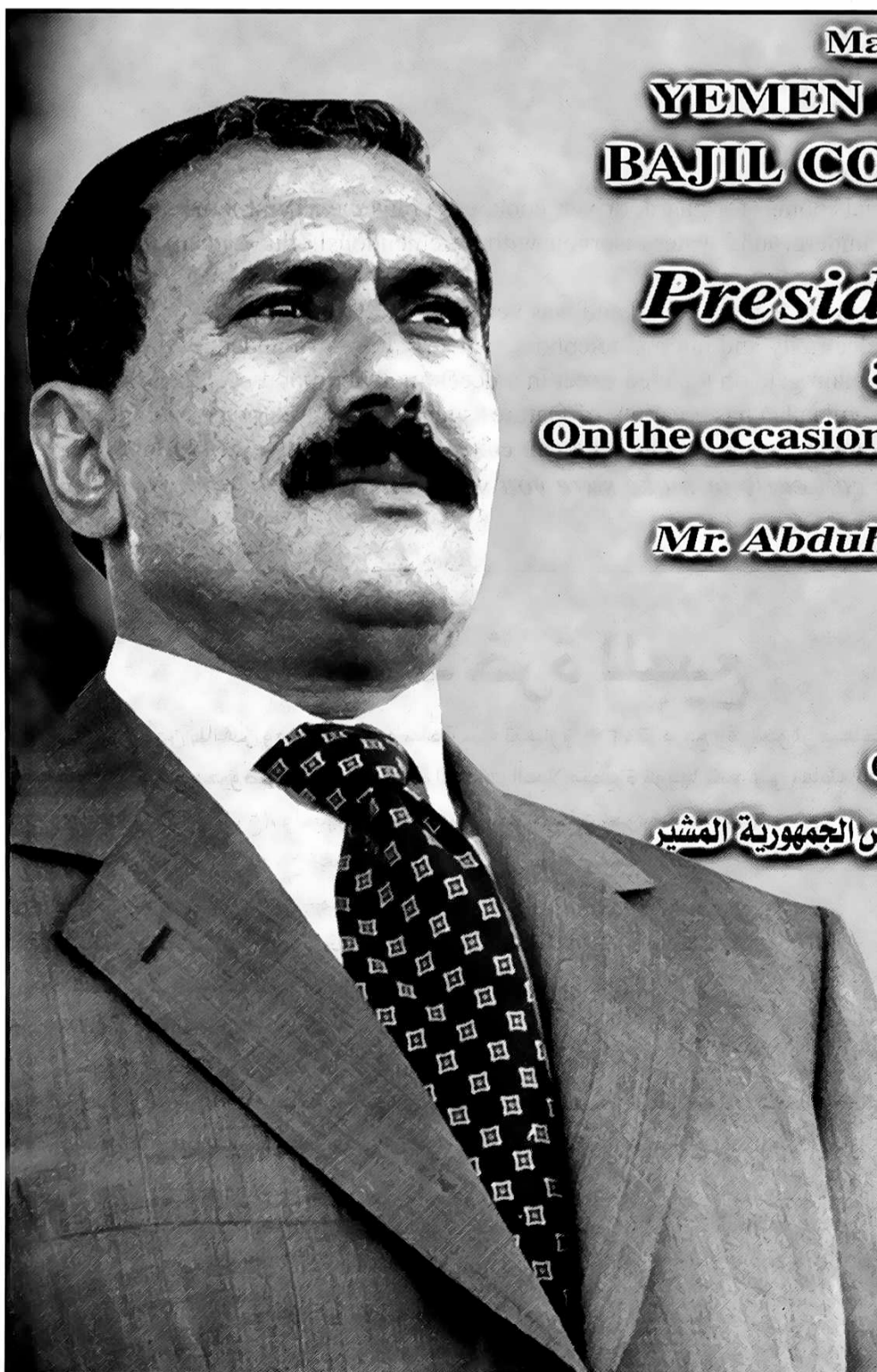
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## U.S. military bids to postpone war on Iraq

WASHINGTON, May 24 (Xinhua) — The U.S. Joint Chiefs of Staff have waged a determined behind-the-scenes campaign to persuade the Bush administration to reconsider its aggressive posture designed to pave the way for military actions against Iraq, The Washington Post reported Friday.

The uniformed leaders of the U.S. military believe that they have at least persuaded the Pentagon's civilian leadership to put off an invasion of Iraq until next year at the earliest and perhaps not to do it at all, the newspaper quoted senior Pentagon officials as saying.

The campaign included a secret briefing at the White House earlier this month for President George W. Bush by Tommy Franks, commander of the Central Command which oversees U.S. military operations in the Gulf region.

During the briefing, Franks told Bush that invading Iraq to oust

Saddam Hussein would require at least 200,000 troops, far more than some other military experts have calculated.

This was in line with views of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, who have repeatedly emphasized the lengthy buildup that would be required, concerns about Iraq's possible use of biological and chemical weapons and the possible casualties, Pentagon officials said.

The Bush administration still appears dedicated to the goal of removing Saddam from power. But partly in response to the military's advice, it is focusing more on undermining him through covert intelligence operations, the officials added.

"There are many ways in which that (regime change) could come about, only one of which is a military campaign in Iraq," one well-informed official was quoted as saying on Thursday.

However, any final decision would be up to President Bush, who is currently on a week-long visit to Europe.

# Turkey PM says reforms above politics

ISTANBUL, May 25 (Reuters) - Turkey's ageing prime minister, Bulent Ecevit, recuperating from illness, was quoted as saying on Saturday his health was improving quickly and called on his rightist coalition partners to back stalled EU reforms.

Financial markets were shocked when the 76-year-old leader was admitted to hospital eight-days-ago and there was talk of an early election in the crisis-hit EU candidate country, which is grappling with an IMF review and sensitive reforms it must pass to begin EU membership talks.

But Ecevit said intense physiotherapy at the Ankara hospital meant he would most likely attend a military-civilian National Security Council meeting on Friday expected to discuss lifting the death penalty and increasing democrat-



Turkish Prime Minister Bulent Ecevit

ic rights for Turkey's Kurdish minority. "I am much better and feel well. I

think I'll attend the meeting. My current state of health presents no obstruction."

Ecevit was quoted as saying in the Turkish daily Milliyet. It was the first statement from the prime minister since he entered hospital. He has been suffering from a blood clotting condition in his left leg.

Turkish President Ahmet Necdet Sezer said on Friday EU reforms were above politics and called a summit of the leaders of all Turkey's political parties to discuss the measures, which the government coalition Nationalist Action Party (MHP) opposes.

Ecevit, often at odds with the reformist president who has vetoed a swathe of government reforms on democratic grounds, said the impasse over the EU must come to an end and approved the summit, due to be con-

vened shortly.

Bahceli's MHP party committed itself to the EU criteria after Brussels declared Muslim Turkey a candidate in 1999 but the fractious three-party government has dragged its feet on several measures amid worries they will threaten Turkey's unity.

Deputy Prime Minister Mesut Yilmaz, head of Turkey's third coalition Motherland Party (ANAP), said on Saturday his party backed the measures in statements carried by local news channels.

The decades-long division on the divided island of Cyprus has also sparked tensions as Brussels pushes for a solution between Greek and Turkish Cypriots ahead of the island's accession to the union in the next wave of admissions.

## Israeli troops maintain grip on West Bank city

TULKARM, West Bank, May 25 (Reuters) - Israeli forces kept a tight grip on the West Bank city of Tulkarm on Saturday, combing houses for Palestinian militants after losing one soldier dead and two wounded in fighting the day before, witnesses said.

Eight Palestinians were wounded at the start of the Israeli incursion on Friday, but there were no reports of fresh clashes.

The Israeli army said troops had detained four Palestinians in Tulkarm and defused a bomb found in one house.

Israel has been sending troops in and out of what are officially Palestinian-ruled areas at will since declaring this month that its West Bank military

offensive was over.

It said the sweep unleashed on March 29 was aimed at routing militants behind Palestinian suicide attacks that killed scores of Israelis. The offensive resulted in scores of civilian deaths and widespread damage to Palestinian cities and institutions.

Palestinians have vowed to pursue their 20-month-old uprising against occupation, though President Yasser Arafat has demanded an end to what he now calls terrorist attacks inside Israel, saying they harm prospects for independence.

An Israeli army spokesman said the Tulkarm raid was needed to "strike at a broad terrorist infrastructure based on warnings that terrorists are still active there".

Palestinians have carried out four suicide attacks this week. In the latest strike, a Palestinian tried to crash a car bomb into a packed Tel Aviv nightclub on Friday, but was shot dead by a guard.

The al-Aqsa Martyrs Brigades, linked to Arafat's Fatah faction, claimed responsibility for the attack, which followed an Israeli missile strike in a Nablus refugee camp that killed one of its commanders, two fighters and a civilian.

The group also said its fighters had inflicted the Israeli losses in Tulkarm in revenge for Wednesday's missile strike.

At least 1,368 Palestinians and 480



An Israeli soldier aims his weapon in Tulkarm. Reuters

Israelis have been killed since a Palestinian revolt began in September 2000.

Peace negotiations collapsed in January 2001, shortly before Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon swept to power.

The United States, Russia, the European Union and the United Nations called this month for an international conference to seek a political settlement of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

U.S. President George W. Bush and Russian President Vladimir Putin affirmed their commitment to international talks on Middle East peace during a Moscow summit on Friday.

A Palestinian woman trying to reach hospital gave birth at an Israeli army roadblock near the West Bank town of Bethlehem on Saturday after soldiers denied her passage. The baby died later, doctors said.

"We arrived at the al-Khader checkpoint but Israeli soldiers refused to let us pass even though they saw the situation," Fadia Najajra, 23, told Reuters. "I was crying and asking for them to let the car pass."

Najajra, from the village of Nahhalin, southwest of Bethlehem, said her husband, who was driving the car, had tried a different route, only to be stopped at another checkpoint near the town of Beit Jala at about 4 a.m. (0700 GMT).

"We called a Palestinian ambulance. The soldiers surrounded the car and watched me give birth," she said.

A Red Crescent ambulance reached the scene too late to assist with the birth. "We arrived but the woman had already given birth. We helped her and took her to hospital," a medic said.



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Smoke rises from a street in West Bank City of Tulkarm. Reuters

## Mubarak invited to industrialized Group Summit in Canada

CAIRO, May 25 (Xinhua) — Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak has been invited to the summit of eight industrialized countries being planned for next month in Canada, Egyptian Foreign Minister Ahmed Maher announced Saturday.

The gathering is expected to tackle the Middle East issue pending a an international peace conference this summer proposed by U.S. Secretary of State Colin Powell weeks ago.

The Group of Eight countries have rarely invited a Middle East player to a top gathering in efforts to restart the deadlocked peace process in the region.

Maher made the announcement after a meeting between Egyptian President



Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak

Hosni Mubarak and visiting Canadian

Foreign Minister Bill Graham, who issued the invitation to the summit of Britain, Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Russia and the United States. Mubarak told his guest that Israel must change its "failing political and security policies" on the Mideast issue and respond to international efforts to realize a peaceful settlement.

Graham arrived here on Friday as part of his Mideast tour, which has taken him to Jordan and will take him to Israel and the Palestinian self-rule areas. Graham said before the trip that his Mideast visits were "largely going to be a listening mission," adding that he would bring back messages to the Group of Eight summit.



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# Lesotho Kingdom votes, hopes for fresh start

MASERU (Reuters) - Huge numbers of Lesotho citizens voted Saturday under a new electoral system they hope will usher in a new era of stability and prosperity after years of political turbulence.

Crowds in the impoverished mountain kingdom queued long before dawn to take part in the election, held for the first time under a combined first-past-the-post and proportional representation system designed to give smaller parties a voice in parliament.

Lesotho, which is encircled by South Africa, has been in political limbo for the past four years after violent opposition protests and an army mutiny nearly overthrew the government.

Free and fair elections in the tiny state will boost southern Africa's democratic credentials, after elections condemned by international observers as highly flawed in Zimbabwe and Zambia in the last six months, analysts said.

Voting began at 0500 GMT, but in some areas in polling was delayed for hours by administrative glitches. Electoral officials said turnout was heavy, with up to 90 percent of eligible voters in some areas.

In the small town of Berea, just 40 km north of Maseru, voters enthusiastically waited for their turn to vote.

## DO AWAY WITH PROBLEMS

"I feel this new system will do away with some of the problems of the past. The proportional system will create a balanced parliament which will ensure that everyone gets heard," said Neo Mapeshoane, a 65-year-old pensioner.

Electoral officials said they were pleased with the overall voting process, but said late delivery of equipment and materials had been reported at a couple of polling centers. "It is a very isolated concern," said



Lesotho Kingdom Votes, Hopes for Fresh Start Blanket-clad Basotho men brave the cold as they queue to cast their ballots in Lesotho's general election.

spokesman Rethabile Pholo, who added that counting would begin soon after polling closed at 5 p.m. (11 a.m. EDT).

Most voters stood in long queues wrapped in blankets. Women stood chatting with children strapped to their backs.

"Our main problem is that the queues are long and we are having to wait for long periods. The process is extremely slow," said 40-year-old accountant Motlong Masia.

Electoral officials said they had found no time to educate voters on the system before the poll, and were having to explain how the system worked before voters could cast their ballots.

International and regional observers say that if successful, the poll model would be recommended as a solution for the conflict-ridden young democra-

cies of impoverished Africa.

"This will be one of the most transparent elections. We have a home-brewed solution. The electoral model itself is reconciliatory," said Mafole Sematlane, a commissioner of the Independent Electoral Commission (IEC).

An estimated 840,000 voters from a population of nearly two million are expected to vote in 80 constituencies. They will also be casting a second vote for the party of their choice.

## FIGUREHEAD MONARCH

Since independence from Britain in 1966, mountainous Lesotho with a figurehead monarch, has known little political stability.

Its history is checkered by coups and military rule. Moreover, its enclosure

by South Africa made it vulnerable to bullying by the former white apartheid regime, which often sponsored nuisance raids into its tiny neighbor.

The last election in 1998 was won by the ruling Lesotho Congress for Democracy (LCD), but disputed as fraudulent by opposition parties. The LCD won a landslide, scooping 79 out of the 80 parliamentary seats. Arch-rival Basotho National Party won the remaining seat.

An army mutiny several months later nearly overthrew incumbent Prime Minister Pakalitha Mosisili's government but was crushed by South African and Botswana troops who intervened under the auspices of the Southern African Development Community in September 1998.

Under the new system, the national assembly has been expanded to 120 seats, with the additional 40 seats to be allocated proportionally. Electoral officers said the model has borrowed elements from New Zealand and Germany.

"We have to leave 1998 behind us and go into elections peacefully," said Tom Thabane, Lesotho foreign minister and LCD spokesman.

Mosisili's LCD is widely expected to return to power, albeit with a reduced majority. The opposition BNP, headed by former military ruler Justin Lekhanya, 64, is his biggest rival.

Competition is also expected from the Lesotho People's Congress (LPC), whose leader Kelebone Maope, 55, was deputy prime minister until November 2001 when he broke away, accusing the ruling party of corruption and nepotism.

Constituency results are expected to begin trickling in from midnight Saturday, but IEC officials said they did not expect a final result before Wednesday.

# Train crash kills at least 117 in Mozambique

MAPUTO, May 25 (Reuters) - At least 117 people were killed and 400 hurt in a train crash in the southern African nation of Mozambique on Saturday, the transport minister said.

The accident happened on Saturday morning near the town of Tenga in Maputo province, 40 km (24 miles) from the capital Maputo, Transport and Communications Minister Tomas Salomao told reporters.

"There are at least 117 dead," Salomao said. "There are many in a serious condition and the death toll could climb."

Radio Mozambique quoted police and fire department sources as saying the train had "technical problems" with its brakes.

But Salomao said the cause of the accident was still unknown and investigators had done to the scene to investigate.

The train was described as being made up of freight cars and passenger carriages and was travelling on the Maputo-Ressano Gracia railway that

links Mozambique with South Africa. President Joaquim Chissano cancelled meetings in his home village of Malaice in southern Mozambique on hearing the news and was returning to the capital, a senior minister said.

"At this time of tragedy, I express my heartfelt condolences to the families of those who have lost their lives," Chissano said in a brief statement issued to the media in Maputo.

"The government will mobilise all means at its disposal to assist the affected families, whose who have lost loved ones and those who are injured," Chissano added.

The injured were being transferred to Maputo's main hospital as well as other health facilities. Health officials issued an urgent appeal for blood, saying it was required to save lives.

"We are appealing for blood to save lives," the ministry said in a statement. Officials at the main Maputo Central Hospital said volunteers had already begun to gather.

# Plane carrying illegal aliens lands in Kenya

NAIROBI, May 25 (Xinhua) - A plane carrying illegal aliens breached Kenya's airspace undetected on Thursday afternoon and landed at a rural air strip near Machakos, about 100 kilometers southeast of the Kenyan capital Nairobi, local media reported on Saturday.

The plane then flew out of the country without notice after off-loading 21 illegal aliens believed to be Somali immigrants.

The reports said the operation appeared to have been well coordinated because the plane was met by a convey of four mini-buses and saloon

car, which ferried the passengers towards Nairobi.

Suspicious onlookers of the mysterious plane immediately alerted the Kenyan police who threw a series of road blocks around the area and stopped one of the buses, seizing 17 passengers who were taken to a police station for interrogation.

A further four Somali passengers were arrested later, along with 40 other Somalis and seven Kenyans who were held on suspicion of having helped the plane and illegal immigrants to gain entry to Kenya.

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### Hoodoil sings a memorandum of understanding with MOU

In February 2002, Hoodoil Limited, a recently established subsidiary by the National Trading Company, **natco**, of Hayl Saeed Ana'am, **HAS**, signed a memorandum of understanding with the Ministry of Oil and Minerals to privately build, own, and operate an initial 30,000 barrels a day oil refinery at the Ras Issa Peninsula. The MOU grants Hoodoil a long-term supply contract of local crude oil off the export pipeline at Ras Issa Peninsula and as off-take contract to sell the refinery products in the local market. Hoodoil Limited is active in both upstream and stream of the oil and gas sectors.

On May 15, 2002, Hoodoil Limited signed a contract with **VECO**; a US based engineering company to carry out a feasibility study of the Ras Issa Refinery with an initial nameplate capacity of 30,000 barrels per day. The estimated cost of the 30,000 barrels a day is about \$200 to \$250 million US dollars and 18 to 20 months of construction period. A state-of-the-art refinery will be designed to initially process the Mareb Light crude oil to produce high quality and environmentally sound products of liquefied petroleum gas (LPG), regular and premium motor gasoline, jet fuel, kerosene, diesel, and fuel oil. A project-financing scheme of 30/70 equity/debt with potential public shares contribution might be utilized. Considerations of an additional capacity of 30,000 barrels per day or more to meet the domestic increasing demands for petroleum products of both quantity and quality and the East African countries' market. The refinery products are expected to flow to the market at early or midyear of 2004.



# Pakistan tests missile in midst of tension

ISLAMABAD/NEW DELHI, (Reuters) - Pakistan test fired a medium-range Ghauri missile on Saturday despite calls for restraint from the United States which said tension between nuclear-armed Pakistan and India was very dangerous.

India's Prime Minister Atal Behari Vajpayee was spending the weekend resting in the foothills of the Himalayas as the crisis between his country and rival Pakistan, sparked by bloody Muslim rebel raids in disputed Kashmir, showed no signs of easing.

Islamic Pakistan's military government chose a public holiday marking Prophet Mohammad's birthday to launch what it said earlier would be a series of routine missile tests lasting until Tuesday.

"Pakistan today carried out a successful test fire of its indigenously developed medium-range surface-to-surface ballistic missile Hatf-V (Ghauri)," the Pakistani military said in a statement.

"According to the data collected from the test all design parameters have been successfully validated."

In New Delhi, a Foreign Ministry spokeswoman declined to comment.

"We have given our point of view yesterday. We have nothing more to add," the spokeswoman told Reuters.

India on Friday played down the significance of the tests and said Pakistan had informed it the exercise would involve short- and medium-range missiles.

"The government of India is not particularly impressed by these missile antics, clearly targeted at the domestic audience in Pakistan," an Indian statement said.

India and Pakistan have fought two of their three wars since independence in 1947 over the Himalayan region of Kashmir and the potential for another war has set off alarm bells around the world.

Both sides have massed a million



Pakistan's Ghauri missile

men along their border, backed by missile batteries, tanks and fighter planes, since a deadly raid on India's parliament in December that New Delhi blamed on Pakistan-based militants fighting its rule in Kashmir.

Tension rose sharply after a bloody May 14 raid on an Indian army camp in Muslim-majority Kashmir that India blamed on the same Islamic groups it holds responsible for the parliament attack.

### "CRITICAL POINT"

The missile test plan was disclosed after Vajpayee left the capital for a break of several days in a move that helped cheer financial markets in the two countries after a battering by war fears.

The two sides have been trading regular heavy fire across their frontier in Kashmir for more than a week and dozens of civilians and soldiers on both sides have been killed and wounded. Thousands of civilians have fled the

area.

U.S. Secretary of State Colin Powell, in Moscow with President George W. Bush for a summit with Russian leader Vladimir Putin, also urged both sides to step back.

"It's very dangerous but I hope both sides realise they're at a very critical point. And we'll get them to step back," he told reporters before news of the missile tests.

The State Department urged Americans to put off travel to the region and said U.S. citizens there should consider leaving.

"Tensions between India and Pakistan have risen to serious levels, and the risk of intensified military hostilities cannot be ruled out," the State Department said in a statement.

Europe said India was running out of patience because of Pakistan's alleged support for a separatist insurgency in India's part of Muslim-majority Kashmir.

### WASHINGTON RESTRAINT

U.S. State Department spokesman Philip Reeker said Washington was disappointed that Pakistan planned missile tests and called for restraint on both sides.

"We continue to urge both sides to take steps to restrain their missile programmes and their nuclear weapons programmes, including that there be no operational deployment of nuclear-armed ballistic missiles," Reeker told a Washington news briefing.

European Union External Affairs Commissioner Chris Patten, the first of

### URGES

a string of top level envoys visiting the subcontinent in the latest international peace push, said in New Delhi on Friday the situation was on a "knife edge".

Pakistan's President Pervez Musharraf said in an interview broadcast on Friday night that he did not want war.

"Nobody — no sane person would like to go to war. But certainly the tensions are high and it's dangerous because India has massed its troops on the border — army, navy as well as air force," he told the British Broadcasting Corporation.

"We hope good sense prevails on all sides... We would like to cooperate, certainly, because we don't want war," he said.

## China tells India

# 'Do more to avoid war'

BEIJING, May 25 (Reuters) - China has called on India to do more to ease tension with Pakistan, state media reported on Saturday, as fear mounted of war between Beijing's nuclear-armed neighbours.

Foreign Minister Tang Jiaxuan told Indian counterpart Jaswant Singh that he hoped "India would play a more positive role in easing tensions in South Asia", the Communist Party-run People's Daily newspaper reported.

Tang, briefing Singh on his visit last week to Pakistan and Afghanistan, renewed China's call for both New Delhi and Islamabad to show restraint and resolve their disputes through dialogue as quickly as possible, the newspaper said.

Nuclear-armed Pakistan and India have been locked in a tense confrontation on their border since a bloody raid

on the Indian parliament in December that India blamed on Pakistan-based militants fighting its rule in Kashmir.

Tension rose sharply after a May 14 attack on an Indian army camp in Kashmir that India blamed on the same Islamic groups it held responsible for the parliament attack.

Both sides have massed a million men along their border, backed by missile batteries, tanks and fighter planes, since December.

Analysts say stand-off has caused alarm in Beijing, which has spent the last few years trying to balance ties with traditional ally Pakistan and former adversary India.

Singh told Tang he believed that poverty and starvation were the most urgent problems facing the South Asian rivals, and that peace was the only solution, the newspaper said.

## South Korea mum on North Koreans seeking asylum

BEIJING, May 25 (Reuters) - South Korean embassy officials in Beijing declined on Saturday to give any details on the fates of three North Korean asylum seekers who entered the South Korean consulate in Beijing. "I cannot tell you anything," said a South Korean consular official. The South Korean Foreign Ministry confirmed newspaper reports of the three

defectors but would not elaborate.

Seoul's leading newspaper Chosun Ilbo earlier reported a 40-year-old man entered the consulate in China on Thursday morning and a man and a woman, who appeared to be a married couple, dashed into it on Friday afternoon.

All were asking for asylum in South Korea.



Indian army soldiers next to missiles near Amritsar.

# US general defends officers in Afghan battle

TAMPA, Fla., May 24 (Reuters) - The U.S. military said on Friday that senior American officers "did a good job" and were not responsible for the deaths of seven elite U.S. special forces troops killed by al Qaeda fighters in Afghanistan in March.

Army Gen. Tommy Franks, head of the U.S. Central Command, told reporters that imperfect intelligence, winter weather, mountain terrain, spotty radio communications and the confusion of warfare contributed to the deaths southeast of Gardez near the border with Pakistan.

He was responding to questions raised by a lengthy report on the battle in The Washington Post on Friday which faulted commanders on the ground.

"My belief is that those commanders, knowing what they knew at the time they made their decisions, followed good logic and did a good job in this operation," Franks said at a briefing on the March 4 firefight that kicked off a major two-week operation against al Qaeda and Taliban fighters in the area.

The battle, in which al Qaeda raked U.S. special forces helicopters with fire and

killed the seven troops, was the deadliest for American forces in the seven-month-old Afghan War.

"This battle is like so many battles in our history where we have seen a group of wonderful people doing their job in the toughest possible terrain. It is the stuff of which heroes are made," Franks said.

The general told reporters that U.S. commanders sent reconnaissance teams into the area because they were essential to clearing al Qaeda and Taliban.

### KILLED IN RESCUE ATTEMPT

An initial helicopter came under heavy fire and a Navy SEAL (sea, air, land) trooper fell from the chopper as it was retreating. Another helicopter returned later to rescue him, but he was killed along with six comrades in withering fire from machine guns and small arms.

"The terrain was a major factor," Franks said, noting that al Qaeda fighters were dug in high on a mountain looking down on a landing zone where the helicopters landed.

"What I would say is that those we find responsible for this particular activity are al Qaeda," Franks said of the guerrilla fol-

lowers of fugitive Osama bin Laden, blamed by Washington for devastating September attacks on America.

"They (al Qaeda) were on that mountaintop — and most of them are dead," he added. "I think that any tactical situation that we find ourselves in ... we will never have that perfect intelligence. We just really won't."

Franks said that some of the radios on the helicopters might have been damaged by gunfire so that it was difficult to report the situation to headquarters. But another military official, who asked not to be identified, said that some radios used by the special forces were simple "line of sight" devices which could not be heard over mountains.

U.S. commanders said after the operation southeast of Gardez that hundreds of al Qaeda and Taliban were killed. But that was never confirmed.

Franks and Pentagon officials disputed reports from Afghan fighters that perhaps several thousand regrouping al Qaeda and Taliban were able to flee the chilly mountain region into neighboring Pakistan during the two-week operation.

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Questions remain about Russian aid to Iran while. . .

# Bush and Putin celebrate new Treaty of Moscow

Russia, (Reuters) - U.S. President George W. Bush flew to St Petersburg, Russian leader Vladimir Putin's home town, to round off a summit with sight-seeing and a boat tour in a city where the sun barely sets.

As he arrived in brilliant sunshine after a day of serious summity in Moscow that focused on disarmament and nuclear proliferation, officials were busy sprucing up the old imperial capital's avenues and elegant canals to mark its 299th birthday.

Bush and Putin on Friday celebrated the Kremlin signing of the Treaty of Moscow, a landmark accord that over 10 years will reduce U.S.-Russian arsenals of deployed nuclear warheads on long-range missiles by two-thirds.

But nagging at what was otherwise an upbeat meeting in the Kremlin was a dispute over whether Russia was assisting Iran's development of nuclear weapons by helping it build a civilian nuclear power plant.

## Wreath laying

Bush was due first to lay a wreath at the Piskaryovskoye memorial cemetery, burial site in common graves for more than a half million victims of the World War Two siege of the city then known as Leningrad.

Then, in Putin's company, he tours the vast Hermitage museum, once the Winter Palace of the tsars and whose storming by Bolsheviks in 1917 began the 70-year reign of communism.

He will only have time to see a fraction of its three million works of art. These will include works by Leonardo da Vinci, Rembrandt, Titian and the Malachite Hall dominated by columns of the deep green stone.

The two leaders visit St Petersburg State University in the afternoon to field questions from 300 students — much in the same manner as when they met schoolchildren in Bush's home town of Crawford, Texas last November.

Flags and banners appeared overnight on the bustling main thoroughfare Nevsky Prospekt — lined by hundreds



Russian President Putin and American President Bush shake hands.

of military cadets — emblazoned with the figure 300 in anticipation of next year's anniversary of the city's founding by Tsar Peter the Great on the River Neva.

"For almost 300 years our ancestors built, beautified, maintained and defended our city on the Neva," St Petersburg governor Vladimir Yakovlev said in a television address as Bush arrived. "It has become one of the most beautiful in the world." Large balloons were placed in front of the vast colonnaded Kazan Cathedral — the Museum of Atheism in Soviet times — which Bush and Putin will visit on Sunday.

Traffic police cordoned off large sections of the northern city, famous for its summer "White Nights" when the sun never sets.

## Cautious welcome

The Russian press cautiously welcomed the outcome of the summit, stressing its role in bringing the two nations closer together but remained sceptical about the ability of Moscow and Washington to become true part-

ners.

"The presidents are cutting their nuclear potential in favour of the economic one," said the daily Izvestia.

Novy Izvestia called the meeting a "fast-food summit", noting that the ceremonial glitz could not hide lingering disagreements between the two leaders.

"The protocol part was a smashing hit but the quick-cooked triumph was marred by some barbs on issues supposed to be lying at the core of the new partnership."

Skulking in the background, and taking some of the shine off declarations of a new era in U.S.-Russian relations, were differences over Iran.

The United States believes Russia is contributing to the single most important proliferation threat in the world by helping Tehran build a civilian nuclear power plant.

Bush said during the Friday news conference with Putin that Iran is "run by radical clerics", adding that if they were to get hold of weapons of mass destruction "it could be harmful to us and harmful to Russia".

Bush said he had received some assurances from Putin during their private talks about helping Iran. The Russian president did not elaborate, but instead pointed out that the United States is helping North Korea build a similar reactor.

North Korea, Iran and Iraq make up Bush's "axis of evil".

A senior U.S. official said the two presidents had had an extensive and open discussion in private about Iran, and Putin had told Bush he understood the U.S. leader's concerns.

"He wanted to reassure President Bush that not now, nor in the future, will Russia do anything to contribute to Iranian military nuclear capabilities or its ballistic missile programme, because they do not want to undermine proliferation, and they have no interest in seeing Iran acquire nuclear weapons," the official said.

## John Paul II still active

# Pope sees fount of Bulgarian freedom

SOFIA, (Reuters) - Pope John Paul travels on Saturday to the fount of Bulgarian independence, a monastery in the high Balkan mountains that inspired resistance to centuries of Ottoman rule.

The aged Pope, frail and short of breath, will be flown up to the Rila monastery on the third day of his visit to Orthodox Bulgaria to tour the frescoed halls and venerated icons that symbolise the blend of eastern and western traditions here.

It will be a day rich in history in which the Pope will reach out to Orthodoxy, the eastern rite of Christianity which split from Rome in 1054, and appeal once again for unity.

Within the fortress-like walls of the monastery 130 km (80 miles) south of Sofia, the former King and current Prime Minister Simeon Saxe-Coburg will greet the Pope and take him to see the grave of his father, King Boris III.

Simeon entered national politics last year, winning an election as the head of a newly-founded movement. He carries on his shoulders a heavy burden of expectations from a people disappointed the post-communist years have yet to bring wealth.

The former king, who came to the throne at the age of six and who fled in 1946 after communists rigged an election abolishing the monarchy, says he simply wants to serve his people and does not want his crown back.

Boris died of a mystery illness in 1943 after a trip to Berlin, with many suspecting he was poisoned by Nazis that angered he refused to send his troops to fight along with German forces. He was buried at Rila, but the communist authorities disinterred the body to prevent it becoming a focus of resistance and scattered it in parts. Only the heart was recovered to be reburied amid great ceremony in 1993.



POPE JOHN PAUL II in Sofia, Bulgaria

## HISTORICAL DIVIDE

The monastery situated around 1,100 metres (yards) above sea level was founded in the 14th century in memory of St John of Rila, a 10th century hermit who rejected feudal savagery and retreated into the mountains to pray.

Long a focal point for national pride in the five centuries of repressive Ottoman rule that ended in 1878, the rich interior pays testimony to the ardour with which Bulgarians rallied round to rebuild the monastery after an 1833 fire.

The trip to Rila is another act of homage to Bulgaria's 1,100-year-old Orthodox culture a day after the Pope helped celebrate the feast of patron saints St Cyril and St Methodius, fathers of the Cyrillic alphabet still used by many Slavs.

Throughout his 23-year papacy the Pope has campaigned to reunite eastern and western Christian rites. His efforts have been confounded in part by Orthodox suspicion that Roman Catholics want to steal their flock.

The Vatican has said the Pope is coping well with the strain of his five-day trip, which started in Azerbaijan on Wednesday and ends on Sunday in Plovdiv, Bulgaria's second city and home to most of its 80,000-strong Roman Catholic minority.

# Finland to build controversial new nuclear power plant

HELSINKI, (Reuters) - Finland decided on Friday to build the first new nuclear reactor in Western Europe in more than a decade to meet rising energy demands despite bitter opposition from environmentalists.

Parliament backed by 107 votes to 92 the coalition government's controversial proposal to construct a fifth atomic reactor to guarantee long-term energy supplies, cut its dependence on Russia and meet greenhouse gas targets.

It will be the first such plant since 1991 when France authorised the construction of a new reactor.

The Green Party said it may quit the ruling coalition following the vote, but Prime Minister Paavo Lipponen does not need its support to survive.

"This will enable us best to fulfil our climate policy objectives and secure the domestic energy supply and avoid excessive dependence on imports," Lipponen told Reuters.

The pro-nuclear lobby said it would spur other west European countries, like Britain, which are lagging behind eastern Europe and Asia in expanding nuclear power.

"Many countries around the world are already taking this path and many more are sure to follow," said John Ritch, director-general at the World Nuclear Association.

Ever since the deadly 1986 Chernobyl nuclear power station explosion many governments have moved to seek alternative energy sources like hydro-electric power or natural gas.

The vote comes almost 30 years after the last reactor was ordered in Finland, which has no oil or natural

gas of its own.

The anti-nuclear lobby said construction of the plant ignored health and security risks, which were even more relevant following the September 11 attacks on New York and Washington.

"This is a decision not only against the environment but a decision against Finland," said Tobias Muenchmeyer, nuclear expert at Greenpeace International. "It is unsafe." The European Union repeated the decision on nuclear energy was up to each member country.

"The range of choices in member states must be as wide as possible and I believe that the nuclear option must remain open," EU Energy Commissioner Loyola de Palacio in a statement.

But the bloc's top environment official said the decision did not signal the start of a new trend.

European Environment Commissioner Margot Wallstrom also said it was not necessary for EU member states to increase use of nuclear power to meet their goals under the Kyoto treaty against global warming.

"I have a personal view on nuclear (power) but this is their choice," Wallstrom, who has in the past made clear her dislike for nuclear power, told Reuters during an EU environment ministers' meeting in Spain.

## Cut reliance on Russia

The Finnish government says it needs the reactor to ensure economic growth continues, meet Kyoto targets and cut its dependence on Russia, which provides most of its imported energy.

Two thirds is imported and was worth more than 4.5 billion euros (\$4.14 billion) in 2000. Sweden and Norway are less reliant on imports.

Under the 1997 Kyoto pact, rich nations aim to cut gas emissions blamed for global warming, including carbon dioxide.

Nuclear energy produces no greenhouse gas emissions but the issue of nuclear waste disposal often worries opponents.

Parliament's decision passed largely unnoticed in Helsinki, with only around 100 demonstrators outside parliament compared to more than 5,000 during an anti-nuclear protest last month.

Environment Minister Satu Hassi, a Green, has hit out against the government for raising the Cold War spectre of the nation's need to lessen dependence on Russia.

Nuclear power producer Teollisuuden Voima Oy, controlled by Finnish industry, is expected to spend up to 2.5 billion euros to build the reactor. The plant is expected to be operational before the end of the decade.

The United States is the biggest nuclear energy producer in absolute terms with France second and Japan third, said Ritch.

No commercial nuclear power plant has been ordered in the United States since the 1979 Three Mile Island accident in Pennsylvania, where there was a partial reactor core meltdown.

"You can confidently expect a new nuclear construction in the United States within the next five years," Ritch said.

(Additional reporting by Nina Garlo, John Acher in Helsinki)

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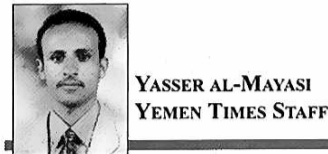


# YT Business



Media pays more attention to economic issues

## Wanted: Good business reporters



YASSER AL-MAYASI  
YEMEN TIMES STAFF

Business reporting plays a pivotal role in delivering business related information with a view of highlighting any positive or negative economic change. Until recently, Yemen's business media was totally nonexistent, though that's changing. More media are paying more and more attention to economic issues.

To this end, a meeting between economic editors and industrialists was held in Sana'a May 5 to discuss the role of media in boosting the national economy. The meeting was held under the title, "Economic Correspondent Diary." Ibrahim al-Ashmawi, former correspondent of the London-based al-Hayat al-Iqtisadiyah newspaper, talked about the knowledge that is needed for any economic editor, saying that economic editors should know every component of the economy. "Good economic editing skills as well as neutrality and being new and to the point information are the foundations

for good economic stories," he said. Mr. Ibrahim pointed to the importance of maintaining an easy-reference archive, since it constitutes the source of information and the authoritative reference for any economic editor. Hamoud Munasar, correspondent of the France-Press Agence (FPA), highlighted the significance of the press and its different forms as well as its role in building up public's awareness. Muhammed Abdu Saeed, chairman of Yemeni Industrialists Association, spoke on behalf of the business community, and pointed out to the importance of media in communicating the concerns of the business community

to the decision-makers. "Media will continue to be a forum for change, if it's employed well. Yet, economic reporting occupies a good space at the Yemeni press for its vital importance in their respect," said Iskandar al-Asbahi, foreign information officer at the Ministry of Information. Al-Asbahi commented that we can't claim that we have economic media in Yemen so far, adding that its influence is still not that strong. On the same topic, the director-general of the Yemeni Industrialists Association talked on the role of business reporting in the development of nations. He added that the difficult

economic conditions encountering our economy should be tackled through the media. "Highlighting this issue through the press would help form an overall strategic national vision for a developing economy. This role can not be carried out but with the help of the different forms of the mass media," he said. The overall conclusion of the meeting was strong and straight forward: Without accurate and professional business reporting in our media, it would be almost impossible to achieve an economically developed Yemen.

### Exchange Rate for the Yemeni Rial as of May 25

USD	174.86	175.08
GBP	254.88	255.21
EUR	161.82	162.02
SAR	46.63	46.68
KWD	-	-
AED	47.61	47.67
EGP	37.79	37.83
BHD	463.40	463.98
QAR	48.03	48.09
JOD	246.98	247.29
OMR	454.21	454.78
CHF	111.34	111.48
SEK	17.71	17.74
JPY	1.407097	1.408867

Source: Central Bank of Yemen

Yemen's handicapped have ...

## People power

BY MAHYUB AL-KAMALI

With more than 2 million handicapped in Yemen, mostly in the rural areas, Yemen is desperately in need for special training for this segment of the society. This group is an inactive part of the workforce that could be contributing to the country.

The majority of this group have disabilities originating during the different civil wars Yemen has had since the 26 September revolution in former northern Yemen, and the War of Independence in southern Yemen.

Yemen's economy is likely passing through the most difficult time ever. With a budget deficit of YR 49 million the government seems unable to tackle this issue.

So taking care of this group is a real test for the current and subsequent governments.

At the outset of the current year, a presidential decree was issued concerning the handicapped care. But, the ever-increasing population and the high rate of unemployment make the problem complicated.

Official statistics show that the rate of beneficiaries from the social care programs don't exceed 15 percent of the total handicapped.

Still, with increasing government sup-

port, through allocating more funds to the Social Care Fund, large funds are required for rendering care to the handicapped. Care for the handicapped in rural Yemen is totally absent.

The handicapped need a lot of rehabilitation centers as well as proper health care programs. One handicapped trolley, for example, can cost as much as US \$3,000. That is the size of the problem. If the Social Care Fund allocates 2000 trolleys for \$3,000, it will need \$60 million while its current general budget is only \$42 million.

Consequently, the government resorts to donor agencies which sympathizes with it upon knowing that there're two million handicapped in Yemen.

The needs of the handicapped are so varied: special training, rehabilitation centers, special healthcare programs, provision of required equipment as well as helping trained ones to find jobs. All these require considerable funds. Thus, it necessitates finding new funding sources.

Sources at the handicapped care associations say that there's a high shortage of rehabilitation centers as well as qualified staff and the equipment required for boosting their productivity.

We are hopeful that donor agencies will pay considerable attention to allocating more funds to the Social Care Fund so as to help it in carrying out its formidable mission.



According to latest statistics, a frightening 12% of the Yemeni population is actually handicapped

Silversmithing

## Turning to an ancient craft

BY MAHYUB AL-KAMALI  
YEMEN TIMES STAFF

The silver industry is still one of interest for many Yemenis as a folklore tradition handed down from one generation to another. Yemeni Jews made great strides in this trade until they left Yemen in the middle of this century.

However, Muslim Yemenis were also apt to learn this profession and really excelled in this domain. For the most part, this trade is more rampant in the northern areas, particularly the Old City of Sana'a and Sa'ada to the north of Sana'a.

Ancient Yemenis came to know silver a long time ago. It has have been used mostly for making jewelry for both men and women. Silver also used to have the name of white gold.

Silver industries in Bab al-Mel Market in the Old City of Sana'a are similar to the other markets in Yemen that are still in demand. Persons involved in this industry can make good money from their artifacts.

When asking a silver artifacts-seller at the market about the segment of the society who likes silver products, he answered, "handicrafts attract more foreign tourists due to their low price as

well as their quality craftsmanship." He added that there's a high demand for silver, especially from foreigners and old Yemeni men and women.

One kg of raw silver is sold for US \$185, while 100 kg of handicrafts may be sold for US \$290.

The Government has set up a national center for preserving this trade. The center provides training and other services to the community involved in this industry.

Yemenis handicraftsmen pay attention to spangle their silver artifacts with Yemenite onyx as well as corals which add beauty to them.

Finger rings spangled with onyx are very expensive and high in demand. These rings usually substitute the golden rings used for by couples for indicating engagement and marriage. From an Islamic perspective men are prohibited from wearing gold as it is restricted to women.

Silver is also used for making bag-like cases worn at the waste. These bags are used by men for their personal belongings.

Silversmiths also manufacture medals, buttons, statues as well as women's decorations. Still, Yemeni women have restored to purchasing silver instead of gold, especially amid the deteriorating economic situation in our country.

### In Brief

#### Aden Hotel privatized

The Aden Hotel was auctioned off on May 12 in order to raise US \$8 million.

Al-Kuthairi Investment Group that bought the hotel, could encompass the most famous international hotels in the world.

The hotel has high standards, being a 5-star facility.

It was built in 1981 and officially inaugurated in 1983. It has 82 rooms.

It is fully equipped with up-to-date facilities.

#### New electricity projects

About YR 96 million has been spent to implement new hydro projects including the al-Janad-al-Matar electricity project.

A number of hydro projects in Taiz have been successfully implemented in cities, districts and villages such as, Mashra'a a, Hadanan, Taiz and Aden, Arraheda and Attorba.

More than YR 8 billion was allocated for implementing electricity projects.

#### US \$17 million for energy projects

The third energy project has been inaugurated in Aden at the cost US \$17 million, financed by International Development Organization.

YR 500 million has also been allotted by the government to finance the energy project.

It includes installing five transferring stations in Krater City and al-Mansoura.

# Yemen & Romania to increase trade

BY ABDHU M. AL-SABRY  
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The 4th Yemen International Trade Exhibition was held May 20 to 26 as a way to establish new trade between Romanian companies and Yemeni businessmen and increase the flow of products and services already marketed.

George Epure, Commercial Counselor of the Romanian Embassy, in Sana'a said during the exhibition held at the Sana'a International Exhibition Center that the two countries could trade more.

"I consider that the actual level of the trade between the two countries is not corresponding to the economical potential of both countries," Epure said.

"A few years ago the Romanian Electromontaj Company implemented

several projects in the field of electrical lines in major Yemeni cities such as Aden, Taiz and Sana'a. Now the Ministry of Electricity and Water will issue new tenders for such work and I hope that the Romanian companies will come here to Yemen to participate in these tenders and to implement such projects," he said.

At the present the Romanian engineers work for ROMCOHSULT company work along with the Yemeni technical specialists in the field of processing of crude oil.

Both the Trade and Industry Ministry and Romanian Foreign Affairs will encourage Romanian and Yemeni companies to cooperate in such vital trade fields.

There is another field in which the Romanian companies have good experience, specifically in the field of oil exploration and production of crude oil and gas.

"I hope that the Ministry of Oil and

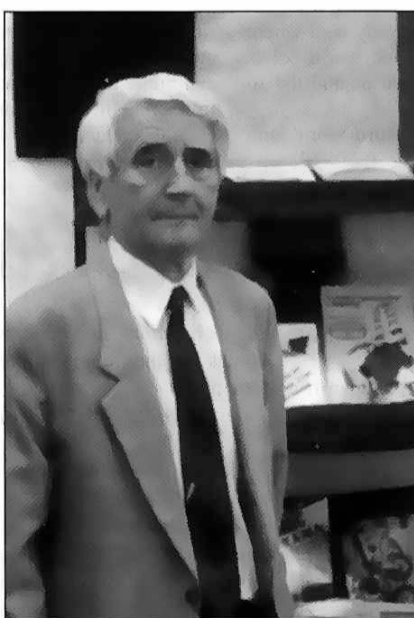
Minerals in Yemen will do its best to develop the bilateral trade relationships with the Ministry of Industry and Resources in Romania," George Epure said.

An agreement in the field of exploration and production of oil and gas was sent to the Romanian side to be negotiated.

"Of course, we wish to promote and encourage the representatives of the Romanian companies to export their goods to the Yemeni markets", he added further.

The Romanian Ministry of Foreign Affairs has to provide valuable trade information and other trade activities to be acquainted with the necessary trade and commercial activities of both countries.

Epure thanked the management of International Trade Exhibition. "This is because they have paved the way to for the Romania to participate for the first time of its INFO Desk-



The Commercial Counselor of the Romanian Embassy, George Epure

MAE Romania, of the international affairs," he said.

NFO Desk Ministry of Foreign Affairs means that the commercial office activities of the Romanian Embassy in Sana'a is totally moved to the Sana'a International Exhibition Center to participate at the 4th Yemen International Trade Exhibition.

Until now economics-related discussions with Yemeni businessmen have been held by the Romanian Commercial Counselor.

Yemeni businessmen expect that there will be an increase in capital from the government of Romania to establish trade partnerships and invest its capitals in Yemen.

The increase of the Romanian products is due to the good quality and competitive prices of Romanian commodities compared to similar products of the Asian countries like China, Malaysia, Thailand,

Singapore and India that are available in the Yemen markets.

Yemeni businessmen get information from the INFO Desk-MAE Romania, concerning the possibility to purchase Romanian products such as, cereals, wheat, flour, sugar, powder, pharmaceutical products Soya bean oil, metallurgical products, cement, lubricant, and greases.

Commodities such as papers, cartoons, vehicles, trucks, ships plastics, rubber, wooden products, stratified wood products, bearings, machinery and equipment in field of petroleum and gas are also exported from Romania.

Besides, Romania imports from Yemen different products such as, crude oil, fish, coffee, cigarettes, cotton, hide skins and others.

Epure stressed that the trade cooperation between the two countries and Romanian markets are readily accessible for Yemeni businessmen.



**Words of Wisdom**



There are newspapers that are owned and operated by the army, government, independent companies, political parties, special interest groups, etc. In other words, the written media offers a variety of views and positions. But the state enjoys full monopoly over radio and television stations.  
 Prof. Abdulaziz Al-Sagqaf,  
 (1951-1999)  
 Founder of Yemen Times



**OUR OPINION**

**Let's show true courage**

Last week I had a discussion with a number of European friends about Yemen. They expressed their disappointment and concern that officials in Yemen do not easily talk about problems in the country, but they prefer to talk about problems relating to the Middle East and the world.

"We were expecting a heated discussion on the internal problems of Yemen including the water crisis, the population explosion, and other issues," said one of my friends.

I had to reply in an honest manner. I said, "Officials and people alike tend to escape their worries and problems by focusing on other worries, perhaps because they know that they would only open a Pandora's box if they discuss our country's problems."

But we do need to confront our problems before moving to other less relevant issues. Yemen's future is at stake. Indeed, the water issue may result in a catastrophe if not dealt with now. Security flaws and problems have not been resolved. Our population could double in less than twenty years, and above all that, qat is making us all forget about our problems.

An official once told me, "We should never show that we have problems to foreigners. We should comfort them by saying that everything is okay. We must have the courage to show that we are strong and can survive."

But how will we ever solve our problems if we do not confess that they exist. A 1000-mile journey starts with a step. But the first step is to see the problems, and identify them. We are unfortunately trying to live in an illusion that things will get better. They may get better. But they cannot get better without work and dedication.

Qat 'magyals' may be helping us live in a trance. We have become submissive to the situation we are in today and would rather sit and chew qat instead of finding solutions. I know people who would sit with their filthy clothes, sick children, and uncertain future and chew qat for hours, leaning on one of the walls or rocks somewhere in the city.

We are trying to forget our miseries and pain by having this drug that is further destroying our lives. We are in a situation where foreigners are surprised that we are so relaxed and unconcerned when there are tons of issues to deal with. We want to imagine that everything is ok and they will turn out just fine. We have kept our ostrich head in the sand for far too long and it is about time now to look at where our country is heading.

Courage is not about being unconcerned, and confident telling foreigners that everything will be fine. True courage is to admit that we have problems and never deny that they exist when talking either with foreigners or locals. True courage is to show the world that we are committed to solve our problems by working hard immediately before it becomes too late.

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**Is this 'war' or just hatred?**



SAADI SALAMA  
 PALESTINIAN DIPLOMAT  
 IN SANA'A

**W**hy is the foreign media focusing on the Palestinian arena and not the Israeli arena?

The answer is simple; it is Israeli president Ariel Sharon's underestimating the situation. The entire world, not only the media, began to realize the size of Israeli crimes, upon seeing the scenes of the massacres and other atrocities and violations committed by Israeli soldiers. That included tying Palestinian youngsters' hands behind their backs, stamping them like livestock, and blindfolding them. Their only guilt is being young Palestinians.

Add to that the assassinations in the streets of Palestine. All these scenes call for international rage including the usually one-sided pro-Israel media. Furthermore many are asking why do we blame the Palestinians? Didn't this war waged against them exceed all limits of the human endurance?

One day the Jews will judge Sharon, not only for his crimes, but also because he has subjected them to another wave of international hatred. This is the first time since World War II, when Europe gas awakened from its feeling of guilt towards the Jews, because the victims of the Nazis have impersonalized their executioner and exceeded their executioner in practicing racism and war crimes.

Sharon's practices have changed the European role from protecting the Jews into condemning them, aside from piling European rage that might lead to taking severe actions against his government. Because of Israel's organized state terror, many countries are joining Europe in taking measures against it.

Some public rage is growing also in Israel, but their actions are dull and their

free writers are hiding, because Sharon threatens them with the accusation of breaking the Israeli national consensus. Yet they are not asking themselves, where does Sharon lead them? Especially when he is waging a criminal unconventional war that could never be conclusive.

After all this is not a war at all. It is merely a wide military operation, against civilians that possess some rifles at the most and much rocks: civilians that are a detrement to struggle at all costs for their freedom. Some aspects of the struggle consist of violence, and some of terror, but only to match and respond to the state organized terror.

When can such a war end and how? We can imagine few options while we face this criminal attack wave.

First, according to Sharon's publicly declared presumption, finishing the Intifada within 90 to 100 days, which means that he will practice horrible massacres frightening the Palestinians, forcing them to collectively flee from the country, thinking that uprooting trees, destroying houses and burning pre-harvested crops might increase the odds of massive Palestinians migration out of Palestine.

**No mass migration**

This did not happen. No mass Palestinian migration was detected. Yet another wave of migration was detected. It is the Israelis migration that recorded a new record of fleeing from the country, meaning that what Sharon has anticipated has boomeranged to his people. This is an indication that this option is doomed to fail.

Second: This option is a Palestinian one, because they have decided to struggle and stand up for their rights. They believe that this is their last resort that should be defended until the last drop of their blood, because they know it is a matter of life or death. Some Palestinians went further on to suicidal acts against the Israelis, sacrificing their lives for their believes.

Deep in the Palestinian collective

memory lays the first and the second compulsory expulsion, and the pain, agony, and suffering that goes with it: memories that have charged them with super powers to stand against any other attempt of a third one, even demolishing several thousands of houses failed to weaken them instead it raised their moral and charged them with more determination to achieve their internationally recognized rights.

This is the option that the Palestinians gambled on. When the holocaust reaches its climax proving the military option's failure, the political option will replace it. This option has turned facts upside down establishing that the military superiority is never decisive, but when the organized state terror with all its capacities is confronted with a small hidden power with all its unexpected surprises, equation could be established and goals could be achieved.

At this point, after every Palestinian suicidal operation against the Israelis and after calls of George W. Bush the USA President to the Palestinians President Yasser Arafat to stop the terror, they become shallow calls unable to understand the Palestinian transformation that now influences the whole region.

**More failures on the way**

The USA Administration has put President Arafat in a position where he has nothing, yet he possesses undetected powers to unite the whole Palestinian people in one line like trained soldiers, but does not say the magic word because there is no light in the end of the tunnel.

This Palestinian option is the most probable to materialize because it is based on the right of two nations to live in peace, security and independence side by side each in its borders, as equal partners, over this Holy Land, nothing less.

And Sharon shouldn't bother anymore because he will only harvest more failures, gaining only a growing public opinion against him, in Europe, in international communities and eventually in the USA.

**Followup to 'Slaves cannot liberate nations'**

**Why are we called the 'Third World' anyway?**

BY BASMAH AWAD  
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**E**ven though Islam terminated slavery, we, Muslims, still are judged to be slaves. The true meaning of slavery is much worse than what the editor meant. I can see Israel using the term "slavery" in practice quite more aggressively against our leaders more than that practiced on us by our leaders. Israel is enslaving our Arab leaders in the context of its fight against terrorism.

We, as Arab nations, are slaves in our countries because we are forced to be so. What the editor said is indeed true. We are not free but we are not the ones who chose most of the things that are happening to us. I cannot deny that we may as well be slaves to our own desires.

We seem to admire being called the Third World! I keep wondering who categorized us in this rude way, and where on Earth might the second world be! Is there a huge gap between us and the so called First World?

Accepting the name Third World is in

itself an acceptance of being slaves just to be on the safe side. We seem to be peaceful humans who do not want to resist! As a matter of fact, this must have encouraged us to become lazy and accept everything as it is from the very beginning. It took quite a long time for us to find out that we are indeed slaves!

Our leaders first demanded our Palestinian land. Then they demanded peace. We have now arrived to the point where we are begging for peace. At the same time, we demand our leaders to open borders for jihad, to achieve justice, and to boycott Israel. But our leaders never responded positively to their people's demands. All they did is try to strike deals with the First World to stop the killers from committing further massacres.

Where is the UN, or in other terms the USA-Israel nations? Our leaders are leading us to an imminent dead end. I am confident that if we work together to liberate ourselves and become one strong fist, we can break the wall. But our leaders need to liberate themselves from USA control. Arab leaders are the ones in continuous

fear of possible loss of power that they have been holding on tight for all those years. They want to keep themselves in their glory of the old days! We need to openly tell them: "Who cares if you were a king, president or even a minister? You may be using your power against your people, but you are still a slave to your desires."

It is not only our country, Yemen, which is suffering from slavery and deteriorating. All Arab nations are suffering too. We do not have to give up hope, however. I used to say, "I can not help others if I cannot help myself;" I still believe in this sentence. However, I can not keep on ignoring others whom I can help even with a word.

Palestinians are our brothers, who will not accept our justification of the lack of action by mentioning the weakness of our leaders. We can not deny the Palestinians' right to live in dignity and freedom. We can not accept the injustice around us. We can not hide the truth. We can change things once we let others hear our voices. We should be slaves only to Allah.

**Letters to the Editor**

**Are you afraid of religious parties?**

Imagine what would happen if a Jew killed himself along with many Arabs in a traditional market. What would be your reaction? You all will all condemn the act. As long you guys celebrate the killing of innocent civilians there will be no sympathy with the killers of kids and women.

More than seventy thousand people were killed by the Islamists in Algeria. Yet, I have not seen any

condemnation. Are you afraid of the thugs in the religious parties? It seems so.

*Hussain Ali Salah al-Zaydi*

**Suggesting an article on Yemeni Jews**

I want to suggest an idea to help the small Jewish community in Yemen which may total a few hundred. As we read in many news reports from visitors there, the Jewish community is holding tight to the "Ultra Traditional" Jewish

Religion.

In our view, these Jews are the "Original" Jews from the time of the Temple. We heard that they have elementary schools with young educated teachers.

A nice article from a local Yemeni newspaper, reporting the lifestyle of those Jews, would be a great idea to show the world how the real Jews keep their religion and live in peace with their Muslim neighbors. This seems to be very similar to the Jewish community that consisted of thousands of religious families in Jerusalem, when it was the capital of Palestine until the dark day in 1948 when the State of Israel was first founded.

In Jerusalem itself as well as across the world, there are still thousands of Ultra Orthodox Jews who wish to see a peaceful way out in the current conflict, and would like to be able to live in Old Jerusalem in the same conditions that were there during the 1930s.

*Rachel Freid  
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**Yemeni youth deserve better**

Thank you very much. You have put the medicine on the wound in your editorial of May 20. You have struck the sensitive areas and I hope that the responsible can take this opinion into consideration. It is now time for our elders, fathers, grandfa-

thers and teachers to get a rest. We call them to give the talented, qualified new generation a chance to emerge with great potential and serve Yemen. There are many talents discouraged. Why do we no give our youth get any credibility?

Yemenis youths are very ambitious. But soon their ambition changes to desparation. This is because they find all doors closed.

I call all honourable Yemenis to think of this conditional sentence: If you do not give us enough chance to stand and build the next Yemen, who will encourage and trust us?

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**COMMON SENSE**



Hassan Al-Haifi

**Lest we forget**

**W**e should not believe that just because Yasser Arafat has been given some freedom of movement within a limited area of the Palestine Authority domain that all

is well that ends well in the Holy Land. Nor should we believe that because the investigation of the Jenin Refugee Camp has been stalled and finally suspended until only God will be able to bring Ariel Sharon and his hooligans to justice, that the Israelis have become angels again and have ceased their relentless quest to obliterate the Palestinian people. Everyday now, Israeli tanks are still encroaching here and moving out of there, never subsiding from their destructive firepower, destroying Palestinian homes without fail in a systematic campaign. They make it as rough as possible to live "side by side" with their "peace loving democratic neighbors that Israel is made out to be.

It is a fact of life that the Palestinians have to live with that indeed they are only at the mercy of the Divine, who will eventually find the path to their liberation of the Palestinians from the wanton evil menace that the Zionist cancer of Israel is unabashedly proving to be.

It is also a fact of life that because of the way we - the rest of us in the peaceful areas of the Arab world - are living and governed that Israel can do what it wants in Palestine, and for that matter anywhere else in the Arab World. How can we be so meek and helpless and watch our blood brothers subjected to so much humiliation and literally do nothing, except pray that George Bush has a kind streak in his heart, to give the Palestinians one day of respite from all the agony of siege, hunger starvation, Apache missiles, American Centurion and other tanks, F-16's, deadly snipers and ... ad infinitum? Yes, we, or more expressly our leaders are the reason why Israel can do what it wants and whenever it wants to the Palestinians, to the Lebanese and even to the Egyptians.

Our leaders can do no more than say a few words pleading with Israel to make peace, because all they want is peace. Even if the enemy insists it is war, all our leaders can say is that they only want peace. They are ready to give up Jerusalem, Mecca and even Medina just so that they can have peace. Ask our leaders what are they doing with the hundreds of billions of dollars worth of weapons they are buying in the span of 10 years, and they tell you they just want peace everyone except their own people! The weapons are to protect them and to fill their pockets from the commissions they get from each weapons deal that is signed in the secret plush offices of brokers of death in London, New York and Paris. We have an enemy that is spending much less than our leaders are spending on weapons, but we see their hardware everyday working on television. But, the Arab people are beginning to really wonder, where is all the hardware that our leaders are buying, and why waste all those resources then, if they are not for facing up to the Zionist threat that does not know any bounds.

Yes, because of the way we are, we will never be able to do anything to stop the enemy of our destiny, of our children and of God until the Lord finds a way out from the predicament that we are facing, in our own turf and the ominous threat that looms from Tel Aviv, and Texas.

A knowledgeable friend of mine once pointed out to a small gathering he had in his house that the only way we will ever be able to defeat the Israelis is when we become like them. He means democracy, transparency and all the God given rights of governance that are part and parcel of what the Prophet Mohammed (Peace of Allah be upon him) came to teach us some 1500 years ago.

We are even distant from the teachings of our religion! How can we expect to face up to a Zionist threat to our being, when we have forgotten what God has blessed us with, the religion of Islam, as God truly ordained it, and as the Prophet Mohammed taught us and showed us in practice?



An American Muslim asks . . .

# Am I still welcome?

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It was in the winter of 2000 and Spring of 2001, and it was God's will that I be sent to you, the Republic of Yemen. It was a place among the places of the world, where I came to love its people, its land, and the impression which 1,400 years of Islam had left. The time I spent teaching English conversation in Sana'a, or learning the Arabic (alphabet) from those Yemeni brothers in the Mosque and the local barber near my flat, plus so many other countless experiences,

Yet today, I do not know if I can return, and fulfill a promise I made to those who tried so hard to show hospitality, kindness, and respect to a foreign Muslim. This I will never forget.

It is important for me to know from you, the reality of things in Yemen dur-

ing this time of conspiracy, as my heart still longs to return to a land that is so rich in goodness, and blessing, despite its deficiencies and short-comings; a land where the people still fear God, speak of Jihad, cover their women according to Islam, and speak truthfully.

I pray that you still understand and realize that as a people, your dignity and honor rest in no other place than Islam and that from the smallest village of Hadramaut, to the Port of Aden, you as a people are still closer to Islam as a whole, than those of your neighbors are, as a whole.

Umar bin Al-Khattab (rad.a.a.) once said: "We were a disgraced people before Allah honoured us with Islam, so if we seek honour with things other than Islam, we will be disgraced once more."

Indeed! I pray that things are not the same as they are portrayed here. That instead it is still a land, that regardless

of strife, misunderstandings, and tribalism, allows someone like myself - an American Muslim - to take an ancient stone road from the village of Najd al-Amr towards Taizz, alone, without fear, nor worry; seeing nothing but friendly faces, with greetings of 'Asalamu Alaiykum' all the while - a land of Islam.

Oh, please tell me my brothers that your country is not headed to that which has befallen others - that instead, I would once again return and receive your 'Asalamu Alaiykum' and 'Ahlau wa Sahlan where ever I might go, whether you be from North or South, East or West, native or foreign, citizen or soldier.

Please tell me my second family, that I am still welcome to your 'home', and that I should come at anytime, without fear of imprisonment because of the length of my beard, nor my open love for those whom God loves, that I will be safe, amongst you despite all things;



and that I might still have your protection and brotherhood.

With parting words I tell you, that I shall remember you always, and with the greatest sense of fondness and love. And that I pray to God that I meet with you once again, be it in the alleys of Sana'a Ghadima, to the Wadis of Hadramaut, in the land of Jihad, or in the heaven of our God.

May God make me patient; and I do

indeed miss you - Oh people of whom the Prophet of God (sws) has said: Faith is Yemeni, so is wisdom ("Al-Imani wa Yamani wa Hikma Yemenia"). May God continue to bless you and keep you steadfast in Islam during these difficult times. May God give victory to those who struggle on His Way; Amen.

"Among the Believers are men who have been true to their Covenant with

God: of them some have completed their vow, and some wait: But the have never changed (their determination) in the least. That God may reward the men of Truth for their Truth, and punish the hypocrites if that be His Will, or turn to them (in forgiveness); for God is Oft-Forgiving, Most Merciful."

I will be awaiting your reply, Ishallah.

# The strong can justify anything

By TEWFIK A. AL-RUAYNE

Why don't the United States and Great Britain support and aid the independence of the Palestinian people in the same way they have been supporting and aiding other countries?

Today, many people in the world, including Americans and Brits, are asking that.

They can see that the well-organized Israeli military is now collapsing, along with PLO legal entities, civilian's lives, infrastructures, dignity, and any moral way of life.

In Jenin alone, more than 500 Palestinians are assassinated, including innocent people, women and children, dying while they are in their homes. Mothers at every door are forced to see the death of their young kids, villagers remain with out the supply of food and water, hospitals are running with out medicines, power, and communication facilities. Ambulances are stopped and detained by military checkpoints at every 50 meters, therefore, victims pass away before they reach to the hospital.

This all is done by an exclusive decision of Israel's Ariel Sharon's Administration, a terror headed by government.

The whole world should know the fact that, suicide and homicide bombings follow the occupation of the land. Which comes first and which follows are clear to the people of the world.

Suicide is an optimum way of struggle, it is not a terror.

For the United States and Great Britain, the bullets launched from the Israeli tanks and helicopter gunshot are not considered at all. Meanwhile, the stones thrown by Palestinian young boys are stressed and get wide media coverage and are condemned as terror.

We are afraid that this unjust policy in the region will bring a great catastrophe to the whole world all of a sudden. The Bush Administration should have gotten a good lesson from the incident of the September 11 attacks. Who ever did it, did so because of American's policy to the region.

The desired security should only come by the time Israel troops withdraw, from all occupied territories, and retreat to their pre 1967 areas. This is the only way to guarantee peace and stability to the region. Withdrawal. One word.

We have seen that the Jewish occupation plan 'for security and strategy' did not rescue the collapse of the Twin Towers in NYC.

Sharon's occupation for security

could not block the 'suicide bombers' from retaliating in dozens of Jewish restaurants and marketplaces. So, what is the meaning of their security plan after all?

All the American leaders, Democrats or Republicans, believe in their foreign policy, they would pay whatever it takes, to protect the sovereign power of any country in the world from any external inventions. But then why does this mistake remain excusable for Jewish governments for more than three decades?

Didn't the British fight for the Faulkland Islands? Let us take it as justifiable attack because there is no fashion on the sovereign land.

But, while they are fighting for their colony, in the meantime, they are depriving others, not to fight for their natural and indigenous villages. Is it just?

This is all left for any average thinker, Christian, Jews or Muslim to judge not for his human pride but to God's pride.

For them, treating unequally is more just. Because treating equally would touch the value which they think 'ethnicity and blood lines' with the Jewish people they have.

On his recent visit, US Secretary of State Collin Powel has said to Sharon, the relationship, between America and Israel will not be broken forever.

Even if, there is the usual skepticism exists in our heart and mind, but this time we all thought the secretary came to the Middle East for a peace mission. Unfortunately, he assured Sharon again to proceed on violation as a mass murderer, as long as America is here for him.

For the Palestinian people, it is no more surprise. They are struggling for their independence, killing themselves, as the only way to pay with the most valuable thing they have at hand, their lives. They are not suicide bombers, but they are bombers for independence. They have also a desire to live. Killing one self, is more critical than killing the other, especially in politics.

Palestinians are not an immoral people who provide their lands to the enemies. They are not like Red Indians who are going to facilitate their own land to the invaders. They are killing invaders who are occupying their natural land for more than 35 years. No other meaning. It is short and brief.

Did not Americans fight against Great Britain for independence? Did not they acquire help and aid from France? Do any American citizens accept that their country exists under the colony of ruthless, and merciless British people in the 21 century? You say unthinkable? Why not unthinkable

for Palestinians?

The Jewish people should ask Sharon 'why are Palestinians killing us in the bus, in the cafes in the markets, etc...' He must answer that the profound mistake he and his former friends (baby killers) committed was the unforgivable mistakes against the Palestine people and their land.

So what about Palestinians? They need to have an independence state and a sovereign land.

The difference of the dispute is clear. The Palestinians are fighting for independence, for their own land, the land, the United Nations and the whole world knows, which is clear and not controversial.

The Jewish are fighting for their 'security' the kind of security they are aggressively inventing, the kind of security which they are searching deep in children's blood and bones.

Why, the Washington leaders ask themselves. How and why is this happening in the region? It is easy. Because the Jews invaded the land, which does not belong to them at all.

Is there any rational being or party, intended to search for an opponent to assure 'security'? Do you search for someone or some group to be your enemy? Do you find later that they guarantee you security because they become an opponent?

This is what Sharon and his cabinets mean by security.

Today, the whole world understands how the game goes by the USA, Britain NATO, UN, World Bank, IMF, G7. Except the European Union, all are implying USA.

From its function and the consequence, no poor country today relays on the UN for political and economic aids, unless looking for food and shelter for refugees. We can see that when USA says 'yes' UN says 'Yes!', when USA says 'no' of course it is 'no!' for the UN.

Therefore, whenever America goes into bloodshedding, it is going to be declared by the UN 'justifiable'. Is there a 'justifiable' terror? To them, reality is what the stronger party believes against the weak one. The 'fact' is what they always believe to their own interest alone.

It is justifiable when they are bombing the Iraqi children and women in the compound. It is justifiable when they bomb and destroy the resources of the poor Afghan people. It is justifiable when, with NATO, they damage the entire infrastructure of Yugoslavian people during bombing there. It is justifiable when they are interfering in regional and local politics. It is justifiable when they are changing a government they don't need with the govern-

ment they need in poor countries. Whatever they do, it remains justified.

But it is not justifiable when the Palestinian kids throw stones for independence. Why? Because it is against Israel. Much shame on to them. they are propagating themselves as rational thinkers through their political media.

We need the whole world to stop and pay attention about the destiny and fate of our kids and children in Palestine, who are dying on the street of Jerusalem, Ramalla, West bank, Jenin, and in other refugee camps and towns.

The stones that the Palestinian school children are throwing are interpreted as an act of terror, whereas the heavy bombardment they have been raining on Iraqis and Yugoslavs, Afghan children and women, is a justifiable one. It is justifiable, because they say it. We know it is only a word.

We believe people are born free to live freely, on their own land by their own resource and culture. How much more the rest world tolerate this

destructive policy against its people, against its children dignity and resources?

The CNN journalist from Baghdad, reported the Iraqi leader provides huge money to the 'suicide' bombers' family and to people who victimized during demonstrations in Palestine cities and towns. She said no one had the right to ask how the Iraqi leader spent money.

Does any American citizen or a Jewish person have access to know how his government allocates huge amounts of its budget for the CIA and Mosad? Does any ordinary citizen of the host have the right to know how these murder institutions spend money?

The truth is sour. Lessons of history show that no colonialist remains forever on the lands of others.

Mahatma Gandhi fought against British's occupation by using the mechanism of non-violation struggle. He instruct the Indian people, not to buy the British made items, to ignore

British policy as if unheard, not to respond to what every they do.

Eventually Mahatma won. It was the only alternative to fight those British settlers who are falling in love with their pride too much, and who needs others to accept their superiority. Forgetting them in a vacuum was found as a best way to kick them out.

It was the only way to resist to the British colonists who launched the policy of divide and rule. Mahatma's philosophy was found the best medicine to cure the people of India, who were sick and fed up with the land thieves.

Palestinians are using the philosophy of mercy killing (deciding to kill themselves for the next generation). 'Suicide bombing', is the only way of struggle, against the Jewish people who need to stay alive to the end of the world. It is the only way to fight the Jews who are too eager and wild to exist as a nation and a state.

Enshallah. Palestine will eventually win.

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العالم كتم أنفاسه في تلك اللحظة التاريخية، إذ وطأ نيل أرمسترونج سطح القمر في الحادي والعشرين من شهر يوليو / تموز 1969. أشار الوقت في أوميغا سبيدماستر كرونوغراف حول معصمه إلى الساعة الثانية والدقيقة السادسة والخمسين. منذ ذلك الحدث البارز، أصبحت أوميغا سبيدماستر بروفيشنال، بلا شك وجدال، جزءاً ملازماً لتلك المجموعة من الأدوات، رمزاً الإمتياز، التي راقت الإنسان خلال فترة من انتجازاته الأكثر إثارة للدهشة والإعجاب. هذه الساعة المعروفة بلقب 'ساعة الفضاء' غدت إسماً مرادفاً للإعتمادية الحقة على الإطلاق. وتخليداً لهذه المائدة والعمل الطولي الجريء، تجد العبارة

### The first watch worn on the moon

(أول ساعة لبست على القمر) محفورة على ظهر كل ساعة أوميغا سبيدماستر بروفيشنال. قصة هذه الساعة امتدت حدثاً تاريخياً مرموقاً في سجل صنع الساعات. قصة لا ينقطع سردها مادام الإنسان يغامر باكتشاف افاق جديدة. موديلات أوميغا سبيدماستر المستحدثة تخضع دائماً للتحسين والتطوير. وجميعها نماذج لأعلى مستويات الدقة والأداء، بل هي رموز للإمتياز يعتمدها جيل يعمل دائماً على النهوض بالمستقبل اليوم، وكل يوم.

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## A Canadian in Yemen:

## Security: It's who, not where you are

Recently my wife and I have had wishes over the email for 'peace and quiet' and 'safety and peace.' Indeed, with the Internet, one can't keep anything secret anymore. Online newspapers around the globe have reported recent activities in Yemen, specifically bombs sent by Sympathizers of al-Qaeda to warn some government officials.

When these things are reported in places like Canada, folks back home worry. But from this side of the ocean, one does learn to take these things in stride. Consider after the tragic attacks on America on Sept. 11, an embassy official in the region sent a no-nonsense email to Canadians to get out of Yemen without delay. Within 24 hours that changed to 'please disregard the previous warning.'

## Alerts

Alerts from other embassies also tend to be equally clear as mud. What's more important is to keep in mind this: most Yemeni realize Westerners among them are here to help. And it's good to also remember that life is uncertain regardless of

where one lives.

You or I might get hit by a truck while crossing the street for that matter, whether that be in Yemen, Canada, or at a penguin crossing in Antarctica. Indeed, in Yemen, with 1,300 traffic deaths a year, an accident is a far more likely way to go than a bomb.

## Accidents up in Third World

In the last 15 years, largely because of safer cars and the use of seat-belts, traffic deaths in many countries are down. Sadly, that's not the case in the developing world where in the same time period, accidents are up: 40 per cent in Asia, 36 per cent in the Middle East, 26 per cent in Africa and 16 per cent in Latin America, according to the Transportation Research Laboratory, a body which monitors global traffic trends.

I got a kick out of reading one particular consular warning about driving here. It reads, in part, "within cities, mini-vans and small buses pick up and drop off passengers with little regard for other vehicles. Despite traffic lights and traffic police, each intersection requires an act of negotiation. Yemen has no laws governing turns on red lights, maintaining lanes, merging or right-of-way. Drivers

commonly drive on the wrong side of the road."

The warning continues, "Many underage drivers are on the roads. Many vehicles are in poor repair and lack functional turn signals, headlights, taillights, and brake lights. Pedestrians, especially children, and animals,



Thomas Froese



This scene on a mountain pass outside of Sana'a shows why vehicular accidents in Yemen are so high. (Thomas Froese photo)

constitute hazards. Major inter-city roads are paved and maintained in fair condition, but rural roads generally require four-wheel drives or vehicles with high clearance."

They forgot to mention passengers hanging precariously from backs and sides of trucks, a practice that's particularly treacherous on narrow mountain roads. Overloaded

motorcycles with drivers and passengers wearing flip-flops are a precious sight. I always enjoy the windshields on cabs that are cracked like topographical maps. And let's not forget the fumes.

## No drunk drivers

The good news is that since alcohol is banned in Yemen. Unlike in North America or Europe, you'll never get hit by a drunk driver here. Also, I'm encouraged to know that kidnappings on rural roads are down. Besides, even if one gets picked up, these fellows do have a reputation for treating their so-called guests very well. Don't they?

I'm not trying to trivialize the importance of being safe. Nor am I suggesting Yemen is the most dangerous place in the world to drive. What I am saying is that short of getting around the planet on a flying carpet, life does have inherent risks. And most have nothing to do with bombs going off.

Furthermore, when people try to get through life playing it safe, they actually only create more insecurity. And that is too bad, especially for people who have never visited the developing world. There is such a large need for more skilled people

from around the world to offer their help here.

Some, of course, come regardless of what they hear. For example, as I write this, I have a friend visiting from Canada. He's looking at donating some much-needed health care equipment and training. He had read about some of Yemen's security concerns before his arrival. But he came anyway. That's because, having traveled in other parts of the developing world, he could keep things in perspective.

## You want security?

In the end, if it's security in life that people want, as former American president Dwight Eisenhower said, there are ways to get it. Staying in prison is one. There you're fed, clothed, given medical care and so on. The only thing you don't get is freedom.

Personally, I prefer life on the outside. It seems to me that it's the best way to live. After a while, in fact, it becomes quite hard to get a good night's rest anywhere else.

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## A musical interlude

BY ABDUL KADER BAGUNAD  
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So, just how good is music in Yemen? Pretty darn good, according to local experts.

The author of the book "The Songs" mentions that Yemeni people refer to their singing as Alas Bin Zaid De-Gaden. He assumed that De-Gaden was the first one who had sung about Yemen and that he was one of its kings. He was titled De-Gaden for the beauty of his voice. In Yemen De-Gaden means the nice voice.

Yemen's old singing is al-Hemyari. It means the music of the Hemyaris. Similarly, the latter means the music of the Hanafids.

"The Tunisian Songs" tells us that it is obvious that singing and music are regarded as the most important necessities.

They were always considering the Yemeni musicians and the Hadhramids singers as professional singers. The researcher Dr. Hussein Nassar says in his book "Arabic Popular Poetry" that Yemenis had provided the popular arts with an excellent immortal literature

that was sung in each place wherever they settled before and after Islam.

The capable Yemeni poet, the late Abdullah al-Baraddouni identified al-Zamel, that it is from the current dailies of life through which the face of life mixes with the voice of man and that life develops with man as man develops with life.

Dr. Samah al-Kholly mentioned in the "Heritage of the International Music" which she had translated, that the primitive nations in the prehistoric ages had planted the seeds of which the high level of music in the East and the West came from.

## Iraqi female artists bridges Arab nations through art

## Breaking artist's political barriers

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The richness of Arab heritage is something to be searched by Yemeni artists: creative people like Ms. Jenan Mohammed Jerjis, an Iraqi-born resident of Yemen who has known a love of art ever since she can remember. Since the age of 7, she had a small dream, one that has grown year after year, and now is going to see the light.

With a winning smile she received Fahmia Taha Al-Fotaih of Yemen Times was received with a smile by Ms. Jenan at her office, which she has made like a museum showcasing civilizations from Africa, Yemen, Egypt and Iraq.

Among this romantic and historic atmosphere, she talked to us.

YT: Could you introduce yourself please?

Jenan: I am Jenan Mohammed Jerjis born in Baghdad, brought up in a family with most of its members as artists. My husband is also an author and critic and has artistic taste. I have graduated from arts college artificial section. I studied paintings and I am interested in designing clothes for the theater and decoration as well. I like colors and everything that is old. I have had Qertaga prize for clothes and Al-montada prize for clothes also. Now I am MA student in Arwa university studying policy.

YT: How do you find Yemeni heritage and the its current state?

Jenan: On one hand, I consider the Yemeni culture is the mother of the other Arab cultures as Yemen is part of Arabia's origin. I believe that there is a variety everywhere, however Yemeni culture is richly variable. On the other hand, I have visited the National Yemeni Museum and I find out that most of the Yemeni legacy is either lost and buried or ignored or sometimes in the hands which cannot appreciate its historical value.

YT: Do you think that there is a contradiction between art and policy?

Jenan: I think there is a relationship between them. The artist looks differently and deeply at things and produces something useful for the public as well as the politician.

YT: Could tell us about your project please?

Jenan: In fact, it is a big project and it needs governmental support. The idea is that we want to build and open iFolklore House in which we can gather Yemen history from the Sheba and Hymenit eras to the time now, of President Ali Abdullah Saleh. In other words, join the past and the present in one place through which we can show our history in an honorable way to all people either Yemeni, Arab or foreigner.

In addition, this house is not only for show but also is considered to be respon-

sible for spreading the history and the Yemeni tradition through TV, radio, and magazines and through festivals. We also want to make a limitation for the archeology in a book.

One of the functions of this house is to contain a factory in which one can see



traditional clothes and try to recreate, renew and make them fashionable and suitable for the present. We can teach each other our history without giving any lecture. This can be done, for example, be drawing a jambia on a T-shirt, cup, or ashtray.

Actually, they're many things we can achieve through this project and I would like to make a folklore house for not only for Yemen but also for the rest of the Arabs. In that way we can represent the Arab world in any cultural occasion outside. When we achieve this, Arabs can move inside the Arab world without passports, and thus we could somehow break the political barriers and create economic unity.

YT: What are the obstacles that you have faced?

Jenan: My project has been hampered for four years. It is a huge project and it needs great capital. However, this time the Kanan association and Yemeni businesswomen have adopted the project hoping that it sees the light.

YT: Do you take others opinion in consideration?

Jenan: I take the opinions of people closest to me and I usually take my husband's. But I care so much for my opinion.



Jenan posing in front of some of her handcrafts

## VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

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The National Population Council (technical Secretarial) together with the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), Sana'a Country Office are announcing the vacant position of the Post of national Population and Development Officer.

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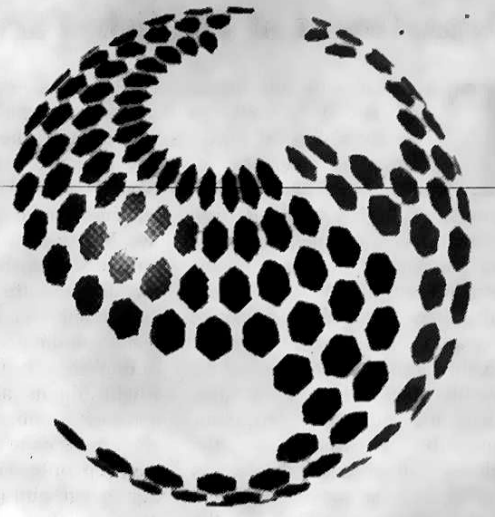
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# Unification Day

*Presents its heartfelt congratulations & felicitations to President*

## **Ali Abdullah Saleh**

*Dr. Abdul-qader Bajammal, Prime Minister, and his Government  
Sheikh Abdullah Bin Hussain Al-Ahmer, and Parliament,  
Mr. Abdulaziz Abdulghani, and Shoura Council,  
and the Yemeni people*

*On the great occasion of the 12th  
Unification anniversary of May 22.*

*Mr. Ahmed Abubaker Ba Zara'a /Chairman  
Vice-Chairmen*

*Abdurabw M. Abdurabw*

*Dr. Saeed Sa'ad Al-Martan*

*And all the staff of the bank*



## Awards ceremony

Department of English, Faculty of Arts, Sana'a University

The Faculty of Arts organized at 10 O'clock on Tuesday 30th April a prize distribution ceremony for those students in the Department of English who had given an excellent account of themselves in a writing competition organized by the Department of English. Dr. Hussein Al-Bakary, the Dean of the Faculty gave away the prizes to the winners. Dr. Khalid Tamim, the President of the University Teachers' Union also attended the function. Professor Thakur, the Chairman of the Department of English said that he was grateful to the Dean for his continued moral and financial support for the activities organized by the Department for improving students' standard of English. He expressed satisfaction at the performance of his students, but exhorted students to do much better in the future. He said that writing correctly was necessary but not enough. He wanted his students to develop the ability to write with vitality, energy and

effectiveness. Grammar helped in developing faultless mediocrity, but with the help of wide and intensive reading of judiciously selected literary texts, students could develop faultless brilliance in their writing. Dr. Hussein Al-Bakary praised the sincere efforts that Prof. Thakur and his colleagues were making to improve the standard of English in the University. Dr. Khalid Tamim also expressed his great admiration for the valuable work being done by Dr. Thakur and the members of his Department. The function ended with a note of thanks proposed by Prof. B. P. Singh. The students who were awarded prizes that day were as follows:

## First Year:

- 1st Angham Al-Shami  
2nd Lamees Yahya Al-Radhy  
3rd Sameerah Ahmed Al-Othary

## Second Year:

- 1st Sabah Jarallah Gawbah



- 2nd Ghada M. Al-Harazy  
3rd Fahd Abdullah Ahmed

## Third Year:

- 1st Omaima Ali Dawood  
2nd Muna Ali Al-Qsaimy  
3rd Hana Hussein Ali Se'adah  
3rd Amal Mahyoob Al-Sabry

## Fourth Year

- 1st Faris Abdul Khaliq Shoraif  
2nd Ahmed Mohammed Mohsin  
3rd Dalal Ali Al-Yazeedy  
3rd Afaf M. Al-Montaser

## Inter-University Debate and Recitation Contest

The Department of English, Faculty of Arts, Sana'a University is organizing an interuniversity (i) debate, and ii) competition for reciting passages from Shakespeare's plays in al-Baradouni Hall at 10 O'clock on 26 May, 2002. All are welcome

Dr. Damodar Thakur  
Professor and Chairman

## Improve Your English

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## I. What to Say

Situation and expressions (18):  
Expressing admirations  
for persons (1)

We express admiration for someone whom we love and have a high regard for. Our praise for him/her is a token of our sincere appreciation of the sterling qualities of his/her head and heart. However, our praise should be sincere and should not sound pompous. It should not betray a sense of false flattery done for its own sake. In other words, our praise for the person should be genuine and highlight the truly admirable traits of the person's character. This makes praise an artless art which should be carefully cultivated.

Unfortunately fewer and fewer people these days are coming forward to praise someone. As is rightly said, "In the modern age we have eyes to wonder, but lack tongues to praise". We shouldn't hesitate to have a few kind words for somebody who deserves them. But we should learn how to do it tastefully, with a certain degree of finesse. Here are few examples

- He is gem of a man.
- He has a spotless character.
- I hold you in highest esteem.
- We have our great regards for you.
- I haven't seen like of you/him/her.
- You have a wonderful memory.
- She (a child) is a prodigy in dance/painting...
- This is simply brilliant. Keep it up.
- He is immune from any personality problems.
- He is endowed with a unique gift of intelligence.
- She has an inimitable gift of cultivating friendship.
- A most attractive talker.
- A most agreeable companion.
- A most delightful personality.
- She is precocious.
- We have always had our highest estimation of you.
- You're a made-for-each other couple.
- He has a sterling character.
- You have a most charismatic personality that draws everyone to you.

## II. How to say it correctly

Correct errors, if any, in the following sentences:

- When is the conference scheduled to be dismantled?
- You may run into dire problem unless you take precautions.
- He feels no difficulty in setting down in the new environment.
- Let's request the teacher to clear this difficulty for us.
- Please add a dash of sugar to the drink.

Solutions to last week's questions:  
1. Hundreds of illegal immigrants

- cross the border everyday.  
2. This cut at (destroyed) all his hopes.  
3. Garlic too is extremely useful.  
4. An early reply will be greatly appreciated.  
5. The show finished rather late.

## III. How to express it in one word

- Drain that crosses under a road.
- Increasing in amount by addition of one after another.
- Official in charge of a museum or art gallery.
- Signal for people to remain indoors.
- Money in actually use in a country.

## Solutions to last week's questions:

- Support used under the arm to help a lame person: Crutch (n)
- Young lion, bear, fox, tiger: Cub (n)
- End of a shirt or coat sleeve at the wrist: Cuff (n)
- Deserving punishment: Culpable (adj)
- System of religious belief and worship: Cult (n)

## IV. Grammar and Composition

## a) Grammar

Fill in the following blanks with appropriate derivatives. The first one is done for you

Verb	Adjective	Noun
Coincide	coincident	Coincidence
differ	_____	_____
refer	_____	_____
_____	excellent	_____
_____	_____	observance
precede	_____	radiance
_____	referent	_____
resist	_____	_____
resonate	_____	reverence
tolerate	_____	perseverance

## b) Idioms and phrases

use the following phrases in sentences of your own:

- get along; 2) all along;
- hold aloof; 4) not only ... but also; 5) amaze at

## c) Words commonly confounded

Bring out the differences in meaning of the following words

- art, artifact, article
- artist, artiste, artisan
- descent, decent
- ascrbe, describe

## Answers to last week's questions:

## a) Study Skills: abbreviations

- anon. (anonymous); 2. Comp. (Compiler); 3. blog. (biography, -er, -ical); 4. Col. (column); 5. b. (born); 6. P. 25ff (Page 25 and several pages following); 7. ed. cit (edition cited); 8. d. (died); 9. ast. (asterisks); 10. n.d (no date); 11. NB (Nota Bene)

## b) Idioms and Phrases

- In alliance with (united with):

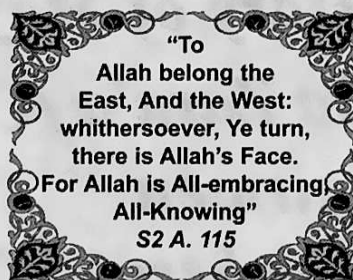
Yemen in alliance with other developing countries is determined to fight poverty and illiteracy.

- make allowance for (allow for): We must make allowance for students' mixed abilities in our teaching.
- allude to (refer to indirectly): Poets often allude to their personal experience in their poems.
- allied with (connected with): Poverty and disease are allied with each other.
- let alone (without referring to): He does not have means for two square meals a day, let alone luxury goods.

## c) Words commonly confounded

- arrogant (adj) (behaving in a proud, superior manner): No one likes him for his arrogant behavior.
- stubborn (adj) (obstinate, difficult to deal with): Don't be stubborn. Try to reconcile yourself to the realities of the situation.
- arrogate (v.t) (assert that somebody has something he has not): Please don't arrogate selfish motives to me.
- surrogate (n) (deputy): She is the child's surrogate mother.
- arson (n) (act of setting something on fire intentionally and unlawfully): The communal riot resulted in arson.
- arsenic (n.) (a poisonous chemical substance): Both the sides used arsenic weapons in the war that resulted in widespread loss of lives.
- arsenal (n.) (public buildings where weapons and ammunition are kept): There was a huge loss when the arsenal caught fire.
- artful (adj.) (cunning, deceitful): Beware of his artful behavior.
- artistic (adj.) (done with skill and good taste): She has an artistic outlook and temperament.
- articulate (adj.) (a person capable of putting thoughts and feelings into clear speech): He is very articulate on this issue.
- articulate (v.t) (say something in words directly): I cannot articulate how grateful I am to you.

## VI. Pearls from the Holy Quran



## VII. Words of Wisdom

"Life is an ecstasy"  
—Emerson

## Department of English celebrates

DR. RAMAKANTA SAHU

The 3rd Annual Day Celebrations under the auspices of the Department of English, Faculty of Education, Al-Mahweet was held with solemnity and grandeur on 13 May. Dr. Abdussalam Al-Joufy, Vice Rector, Students Affairs, Sana'a University and Mr. Walid Abdulaziz Al-Saqqaf, Chief Editor, Yemen Times graced the occasion as Chief guest and Guest of honor respectively. Dr. Mohammed Al-Kamali, Dean of the Faculty presided over the ceremony. Dr. Ramakanta Sahu, Coordinator of cultural activities, conducted the proceedings.

The function started off on an auspicious note with recitation of some verses from the Holy Quran by Ahmed Mores. The guests and members of the audience condoled the tragic and untimely demise of Tawfeek Al-Khadary, a student of Physics department, and stood for one minute in silence as a mark of respect to the departed soul. The Cub scouts of the faculty presented an anthem in chorus in which they extended a warm welcome to the guests for their visit to the picturesque environs of Mahweet. Prof. Harsharan Singh Ahluwalia, Head, in his brief speech welcomed the guests to share the thrills of the prize award ceremony.

## Address by the Dean

Dr. Mohammed Al-Kamali, Dean, expressed his joy in having the company of such august personalities as Dr. Al-Joufy and Mr. Al-Saqqaf on their visit to the historical city of Mahweet on a momentous occasion such as this. He mentioned the pivotal role the college, despite severe resource constraints, has been playing in taking the students to the educational mainstream. He lauded the sincere efforts of the English department to inculcate in the students a robust language sense and enhance their proficiency in English, the lingua franca of the global community. He appreciated the efforts of Dr. Sahu whose column 'Improve your English' and 'Youth Forum' have been a spring board for boosting young learners' creative self expression in English.

Other departments, he hoped, would take the cue from the lead provided by the English department in promoting students' latent potential. He thanked the members of the Cub scouts under the leadership of Dr. Ahmed Al-Joufy for their contributions.

## General Secretary's report

Mohammed Al-Agabi, General Secretary, Students' Council presented a report on the activities of the department and the future agenda of action of the Students' Cultural Council. The members of the choir presented a national song which added a patriotic fervor to the ambience of the celebration.

## Address by the Chief guest

The Vice Rector Dr. Abdussalam Al-Joufy, Chief guest of the function in his speech expressed his pride at bring a part of the celebrations. He said that he was keenly aware of the well deserved needs of the college and was committed to doing his best to fulfill some of them, especially in the sphere of cultural and sports activities. The audience was thrilled when he expressed his commitments for providing a Common Room for girl students of the college and announced a grant of YR400,000 to replenish the library. His announcement that the college would soon have a new building, presently occupied by the Police was also welcomed with cheers. He highlighted the progressive steps being contemplated by the Sana'a University to encourage talents. With a view to promoting academic research activities of the students, the university has introduced a 'Rector's Prize' to be awarded to the best research dissertation produced by graduate researchers in the colleges under the university. Moreover, some crash courses are being proposed for enabling students invest their leisure time during vacations for socially useful and productive work. Students securing First position in the English departments in the current academic session are being sponsored to Cairo University, Egypt for an academic orientation program. He informed the assembly of the University's decision to scrap Re-sit exams in October except for Level Four. He wrapped up his highly stimulating and informative speech by saying that the University is



Dr. Al-Kamali, Dean welcomes the guests



Address by Dr. Al-Joufy



Mr. Al-Saqqaf address the audience



Mr. Hatem, Chess champion, with the trophy



Dr. Al-Joufy releases The Spectrum



Level 3 students with the volleyball championship trophy

poised for a substantial and qualitative growth making the rich experience of the past thirty years as capital. He invited everyone to take a constructive role in this process of academic regeneration and renewal.

## Address by the Guest of honor

Mr. Walid Abdulaziz Al-Saqqaf, Guest of honor expressed his gratitude to the English department for inviting him to the glittering ceremony and giving him an opportunity of interaction. He said he was overwhelmed to see the immensity of the audience and touched by the warmth of welcome accorded to him. Mr. Al-Saqqaf exhorted the young men and women to be creative in their attitude and innovative in their approach to confront the hard realities of life. They should imbibe a problem-solving outlook and abilities to relentlessly strive, seek, find and not to yield to obstacles or barriers. Citing the instance of Yemen Times after the sudden and catastrophic demise of its founder Dr. Abdulaziz Al-Saqqaf, he said that many apprehended a serious repercussion of this tragic incident forcing the pioneering newspaper to wind up. But by sheer unconquerable will, indomitable courage and exemplary team work, the institution not only survived the trauma but marched forward with unprecedented energy, vigor and vitality. It is the spirit of youth that has to provide a panacea to all the evils confronting us. He pledged the continued support and patronage of Yemen Times for the promotion of cultural and literary enterprises by the Yemeni youth. He thanked Dr. Sahu for his indefatigable energy in presenting the Education column for creating an awareness about vibrant educational issues and promotion of creative talents among the Yemeni youth.

## Students' representative speaks

Ms. Aisha Moudah of Level 4 made an impressive presentation in which she, on behalf of the outgoing students as well as other students, put on record her sense of gratitude for the loving care with which the teachers have nurtured them from the helpless state of toddlers to the promising stage of maturing professionals.

## Release of The Spectrum

Dr. Abdussalam Al-Joufy, Chief guest, released The Spectrum (Vol. II), the magazine of the department embodying creative expressions in English of the young, budding writers.

## Presentation of mementos

Members of the Cub Scouts, as a gesture of good will, presented mementos to the Chief guest Dr. Al-Joufy, Guest of honor Mr. Al-Saqqaf, Dean Dr. Al-Kamali, Head of the department Dr. Singh, Dr. Sahu, Mr. Ameer and other distinguished guests in the audience.

On behalf of the students and teachers of the department pictures of the picturesque Mahweet were presented to Dr. Al-Joufy and Mr. Al-Saqqaf as a token of their love and regards to the guests.

Awards of certificates of merit  
Dr. Al-Joufy presented academic



Level 4 students with football championship trophy



Members of Cub Scouts presenting an anthem

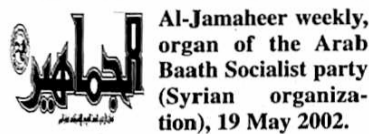


A section of the enraptured audience



# Local Press

Prepared by Mohammed Khidhr



**Al-Jamaheer weekly, organ of the Arab Baath Socialist party (Syrian organization), 19 May 2002.**

**Main headlines:**

- Yemen's embassy building in Damascus, sold
- Aden Hotel sold for US\$ 50 thousand
- Political security officer in Taiz orders demolition of a citizen's house
- American security unit arrives in Sana'a
- Gang forfeits prime minister's signature
- First goods boycotting conference wrapped up in Dubai

Editor in chief says in an article that the constitution guarantees the citizen's right to political affiliation, freedom of expression and thought. It also guarantees his right to safeguard his property and honor. It is not permissible to arrest him or storm his house or confiscate his rights without a legal warrant.

Pursuant to this concept, the authority policy must not violate this rule least it should change into a factor causing a political rift. Sit-ins implemented under various aims must not distance us from the rule of democratic practice and we should resort to the logic and reason because this would guarantee dealing with matters according to their legal data.

This means that dictated outside conditions must be subject to criteria of national and pan-Arab interest rule and that of democratic and constitutional action. It should be in a way the political decision is to be understood not as a tool easy to mould or manipulate as much as the condition of addressing institutions and interests. This is necessary to keep the political decision away from embarrassment and renders it as balanced, in addition to preserving national cohesion. Certainly that does not apply to any kind of sabotage act because such an

act would harm the homeland and violate the constitutional rule.



**As-Sahwa weekly 23 May 2002.**

**Main headlines:**

- MP's reject electricity dose, PGC's deputies accuse Islah of siding with people
- Islah headquarters in Shara'ab stormed
- Report on free zones, hampered
- Islah denounces "militarization" of universities
- Sheikh al-Ahmer foils the government's trickery regarding electricity

Columnist Zaid al-Shami confirms in an article that stable atmospheres usually serve the ruling party better than others. Therefore it has to issue directives to its official writers to write in a proper way. They have to know that none has the right to deprive anybody of his citizenship right. He who is in power does not possess the power to eliminate another, nor to force him to be a mere echo to what he wants. The rightful word would benefit an official more that harm him and serve the authority as well. The one who spells out an opinion should not be deemed a demon and the ruling party has no right to install itself an authority giving directives and orders to other parties on how to adopt stands.

We are living the present reality and well aware of the fact that the democratic margin is not enough. We are aware that the use of money and authority constitutes the basis for maintaining influence and rule in the name of democracy and freedom. We are dealing with this situation as reality that would not change in overnight.

There are very big mistakes committed and large amounts of public money are wasted as well as confiscation of the people's rights. The ruling party and its government have to

admit and recognize the existence of citizens living on this land. That they have rights they must enjoy and that the constitution allows political plurality. These citizens have the right to organise themselves in parties, having their own stands that can be in accordance or opposed to the government. These are the rules of the democratic game, so the government should not get angry for that.



**Al-Wahdawi weekly, organ of the Nasserite People's Unionist Organization 21 May 2002.**

**Main headlines:**

- Gunman retain military commander in Marib
- Government freezes investment in a gas project
- Clashes between tribes and army in Sarwah
- Countdown started for war between Yemen and Eritrea
- Palestinian resistance: No back down from martyrdom operations
- Boycott conference calls for refusing foreign funding

The newspaper's editorial is devoted to deal with the Yemeni unity anniversary, describing 22 May 1990 as a date when healthy and sound life returned to the homeland to inaugurate the Yemeni people's march towards construction and development.

All the people forces and energies join hands in compensation for the horrible past of poverty, ignorance and deprivation. That past has gone and present day and future Yemen have come back with an effective role in the face of most difficult circumstances. In order to see that role gets stronger, internally and externally, we have to warn against tendencies of individualized assessment of the course of national construction and unleashing judgments on it out of an individual angle. It should not be subjugated to an endless series of demands leading

to damaging the great accomplishments of the unity. Such demands could be listed under calls for revising and amending documents of the unity, as happened for the constitution and elections law under justification of parliamentary majority.

The national political system is still at the beginning and has long way to go. What we nowadays consider majority, may turn to be untrue according to later criterion founded on singling out forces and expression of interests. The obvious criterion of today and maybe for unpredictable span of time, dictates on us to not exaggerate in our judgments on issues still at their beginnings.



**Al-Ihya'a al-Arabi weekly, organ of the National Arab Baath Socialist party 23 May 2002.**

**Main headlines:**

- With the reunification, the nation's hopes for comprehensive unity enhanced
- On eve of 22 May, president Saleh: We renew the call for fully ending of blockade against Iraq
- Armed clashes renewed between Wa'ela and Dahm tribes
- Student movement faces intentional disintegration
- Jordanian human rights society demands pardon for former deputy Toujan al-Faisal
- First local councils conference, concluded
- People's boycott proves fruitful

The newspaper's political editor writes on Yemen's unity 12th anniversary saying that it represents the most important and dearest of the people's achievements.

The article maintains that now, after the unity has taken root, it is time that it needs leaderships translating ambitions of this accomplishment and rising by their work and loyalty to the level of this great gain. They must be as forces esteeming high the size of

sacrifices the Yemeni people have offered to realize it. They would then prepare precepts for construction and building of foundations for the aspired future this great Yemeni people deserve



**Main headlines:**

- USA normalizes its military ties with Eritrea
- One child killed, another injured in explosion in Shabwa
- Attack on commander of armored brigade in Marib
- 30 US military experts arrive in Yemen

Mr Jihad Jameel Muhsin says in an article that official statistics issued in 1994 indicated that volume of child labor in Yemen was exceeding 400 thousand children at ages ranging between 10 to 14 years. But unofficial sources confirmed that children's number working in difficult and hard jobs was much more than mentioned in government statistics.

An international humanitarian organization lashed against the state and family in Yemen and drew the attention to causes of child labor percentage increase and spread of the phenomenon in towns and countryside. The organization ascribed the phenomenon to low rates of development and deterioration of economic situation in the country during the last decade. Those situations led to the increase in proportion of poverty and deprivation and rise in prices accompanying the government's implementation of economic reforms program, ongoing since 1995. The organization requested the Yemeni government to shoulder its humanitarian responsibility towards speeding up tackling the problem of child labor. It says such an end would not be attained but through realizing an actual development at all economic levels. The government has

to curb spread of the phenomenon by accurately determining its volume, studying situations of families and their social conditions and choosing a number of children able to be professionally qualified to upgrade their standard and return them to labor market.



**Al-Balagh weekly, 24 May 2002.**

**Main headlines:**

- Binladen appears anew, threatens attacking an American city
- British prime minister denies being Bush's lapdog
- America uses stick-and-carrot policy, Yemen behaves cautiously
- Yemen challenges Guantanamo investigations

In his article, the editor in chief expressed the wish that the Palestinian authority and chairman Yasser Arafat would have voiced their intention of reforms by their own will, not in response to Zionist conditions.

Such position would not follow the reforms course as much as meeting Zionism's terms demanding termination whoever the Zionists deem as not responding to them in political or security talks. It also means kicking out those sympathizing with intifadha and resistance movements.

Reform intended by Sharon is aimed at advancing to high positions those who would easily respond to Palestinian authority orientations and would not act as tumbling stone in the Palestinian-Israeli negotiations and on the road of the so-called "peace" conference called for by terrorist Sharon. That is the type of peace wanted by Sharon.

When he was besieged inside his headquarters, Arafat announced he would prefer to be martyr. At present he describes martyrs and their operations as "acts of violence" and condemns them.

## World Press

### Major news items in leading international newspapers

Provided by Xinhua

#### Lebanon

**AN-NAHAR**

- Lebanese Prime Minister Rafik al-Hariri rules out any changes to the exchange rate, which is under increasing pressure as fears mount about Lebanon's ability to service its debt.

**AL-ANWAR**

- Syrian Foreign Minister Farouq al-Shara in Stockholm: Hizbollah is not a "terrorist" group; Arab patience with Israel is running out.

**AL-MUSTAQBAL**

- The resistance perks up, and Israel increases its attacks on it; CIA director George Tenet and Assistant Secretary

#### Egypt

**Al Ahrām**

- Egyptian Foreign Minister Ahmed Maher submits in a few hours a report to President Hosni Mubarak on the outcome of a tour of Russia, Cyprus, Lebanon, Greece and Ethiopia.

Following his return Friday from Addis Ababa, Maher said he is carrying verbal messages to President Mubarak from the presidents of Russia and Cyprus as well as African leaders he met on the sideline of the Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa summit.

**Al Akhbar**

- President Hosni Mubarak receives a message from Canadian Prime Minister Jean Chretien Saturday. The message dwells on inviting President Mubarak to attend the summit of the eight industrialized states due to be held by the end of June in Canada.

**Al Gomhuria**

- The efforts exerted by Egypt inside the UNESCO circles caused UNESCO Director Koichiro Matura to go back on his statements in which he justified Israel's destruction of a large part of the cultural heritage and educational institutions in the lands of Palestine.

**The Egyptian Mail**

- Egypt's envoy to the United States Nabil Fahmi Friday described as "untraditional" the visit of President Hosni Mubarak to the United States early next month. Mubarak will hold talks with U.S. President George W. Bush and senior U.S. administration officials on the situation in the Middle East. The visit, Mubarak's second in less than three months, would focus on means of resuming peace talks in the Middle East, Fahmi added.

#### Pakistan

**The News**

- President General Pervez Musharraf on Friday described the current standoff between India and Pakistan as "dangerous", but hoped good sense would prevail on both sides to defuse tension.

**Dawn**

- Pakistan has notified India that it will conduct missile tests from this weekend, officials said on Friday.

**The Nation**

- U.S. Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld on Friday warned India and Pakistan that war is not an option because of the risk of escalation in an armed conflict between two nuclear armed states.

#### Japan

**Mainichi, Asahi, Yomiuri, Nihon Keizai**

- U.S., Russia sign nuclear arms reduction pact

**Asahi**

- Japanese lawmaker Muneo Suzuki's defunct group drew large unreported funds from the Liberal Democratic Party's local chapter

**Nihon Keizai**

- Japan's major electronic company NEC to close PC plants in Britain, Malaysia.

#### India

**The Hindu**

- Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee Friday asked the nation to unitedly fight the war against terrorism and said nobody should have any doubt about India's victory in this mission.

**The Hindustan Times**

- At least 42 people were burnt alive and 10 sustained burn injuries in a major fire that swept through a shoe factory in the bustling Jeon Mandi market in Agra in north India Friday.

**The Times of India**

- After an eight-session losing patch, stocks Friday bounced back lifting the Sensex by 142 points at close on the Bombay Stock Exchange on hectic buying by punters and foreign institutional investors.

#### Kenya

**Daily Nation**

- A mystery plane carrying illegal Somali immigrants breached Kenya's airspace undetected and landed at a rural air strip on Friday.

**Kenya Times**

- The Kenyan government and Belgium will spend about 4 million U.S. dollars on the Integrated Natural Resources Management Projects in Kenya to revive existing forests and water structures.

**East African Standard**

- A bill aimed at curbing the excision and wanton destruction of forests will soon be presented to the Kenyan parliament.



Al-Jazeera

#### Nigeria

**The Guardian**

- In line with an ultimatum by the federal government and barring any hitches, a new voters register may be presented by the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) on July 25 which exercise will cost the parastatal 2 billion naira (about 17.09 million U.S. dollars). The ultimatum was reportedly given on April 25 to expire on July 25 and INEC would not want to exceed the deadline.

**Saturday Punch**

- Staff workers of the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) have threatened to embark on a nationwide strike and a boycott of the forthcoming voters' registration exercise.

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The workers, mainly junior and middle cadre staff, are complaining of management's refusal to promote them and non-release of their welfare packages, which have been outstanding since 1995.

**Weekend Guardian**

- Nigeria Labor Congress (NLC) on Friday in Benin City, Edo State, gave the Nigerian federal government a six-week ultimatum to commence and conclude negotiations on the implementation of 25 percent wage increase for workers or risk a nationwide industrial strike on Wednesday, July 10, if the federal government fails to take full advantage of this ultimatum.

#### Philippines

**Manila Bulletin**

- United States President George W. Bush and Russian President Vladimir Putin signed a disarmament treaty in Moscow on Friday which commits both countries to slash their nuclear arsenals by two-thirds over the next decade.

**Today**

- The Philippine energy department said Friday that the National Transmission Co. had suspended seven officials from the company's systems operations division in connection with Tuesday's massive blackout that hit the main northern island of Luzon.



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M - We've already shown that we can't hold a wedding properly. We used all the money we had, and had to apologise to lots of people we weren't able to invite.



Mohammed Al-Shaibani

Horoscope

Aries (Mar 21 - Apr 19) You have to learn a lot in order to be able to access more success, more fulfillment, and to make improvements on what already exists.

Taurus (April 20 - May 20) If you're not sure whether or not you are searching for a needle in a haystack with your current endeavors, tune into how vibrant versus worn out you feel.

Gemini (May 21 - June 20) You will experience conflict between the old and the new. The new is so fascinating and impressive.

Cancer (Jun 21 - Jul 22) Don't waste that thing called time. It does get depleted. There is more, beyond your life, but only so much within your lifetime.

Leo (Jul 23 - Aug 22) You have visions that need to be explored. You have new phases of your life, just beginning to unfold themselves.

Virgo (Aug 23 - Sept 22) If you make the mistake of interpreting good behavior as a sign to just your own standards, you will be unpleasantly surprised.

Libra (Sep 23 - Oct 22) You really can get people to listen to you. First, you must come to the conclusion that you trust yourself, for all you are.

Scorpio (Oct 23 - Nov 21) Decide to say "NO" to the things that keep trying to agitate your life. Even if it's something really big, like an illness, or something that seems out of your control.

Sagittarius (Nov 22 - Dec 21) When you seek only one avenue or one answer and keep the side-blinders on, of course you will feel stuck and doomed if it doesn't turn out as you expected.

Capricorn (Dec 22 - Jan 19) Lead your life by valuing your contribution to it, not how you will be compensated for it.

Aquarius (Jan 20 - Feb 18) Did you ever think about how uniquely different you are? That the fun of the mill stuff that's good enough for everyone else leaves you craving for more?

Pisces (Feb 19 - Mar 20) What is really important to you in life? Are you focusing on that, or are you worried about the every day little things?

The Universal Crossword

Edited by Timothy E. Parker

- ACROSS 1 Baby ferret 4 Olivier's "Wuthering Heights" co-star 10 1952 Olympics host 14 Commotion 15 Show off 16 Subject of a Debussy "afternoon" 17 Frequently contracted word 18 Music style 20 Silver and gold, e.g. 22 Loses a sunburn 23 Circle part 24 Previously cut, as lumber 26 "Fargo" Oscar nominee 29 Get knocked down 35 Defendant's defense 37 Big picture 38 Egg mass 39 Stern joints 40 Zeta follower 41 "Blood Wedding" playwright 43 Exam conclusion 44 Refill an empty flat 46 Order to go? 47 Royal flush or buyer's pride

PREVIOUS PUZZLE ANSWER grid with letters filled in.

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13x13 crossword grid with numbers 1-71.

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by DAVID OUELLET

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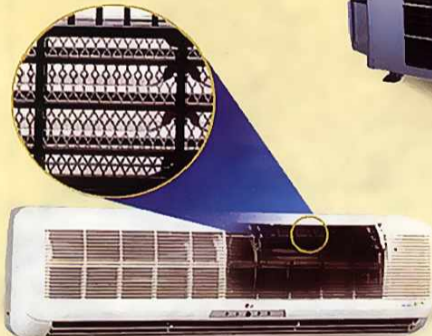
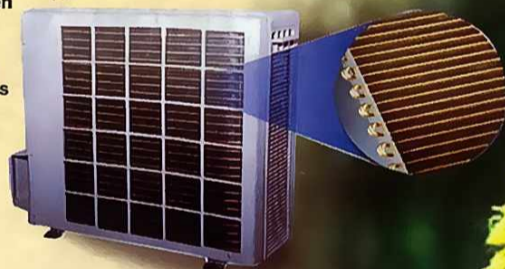
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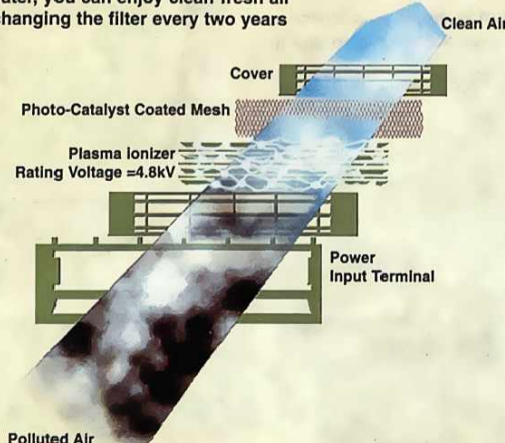
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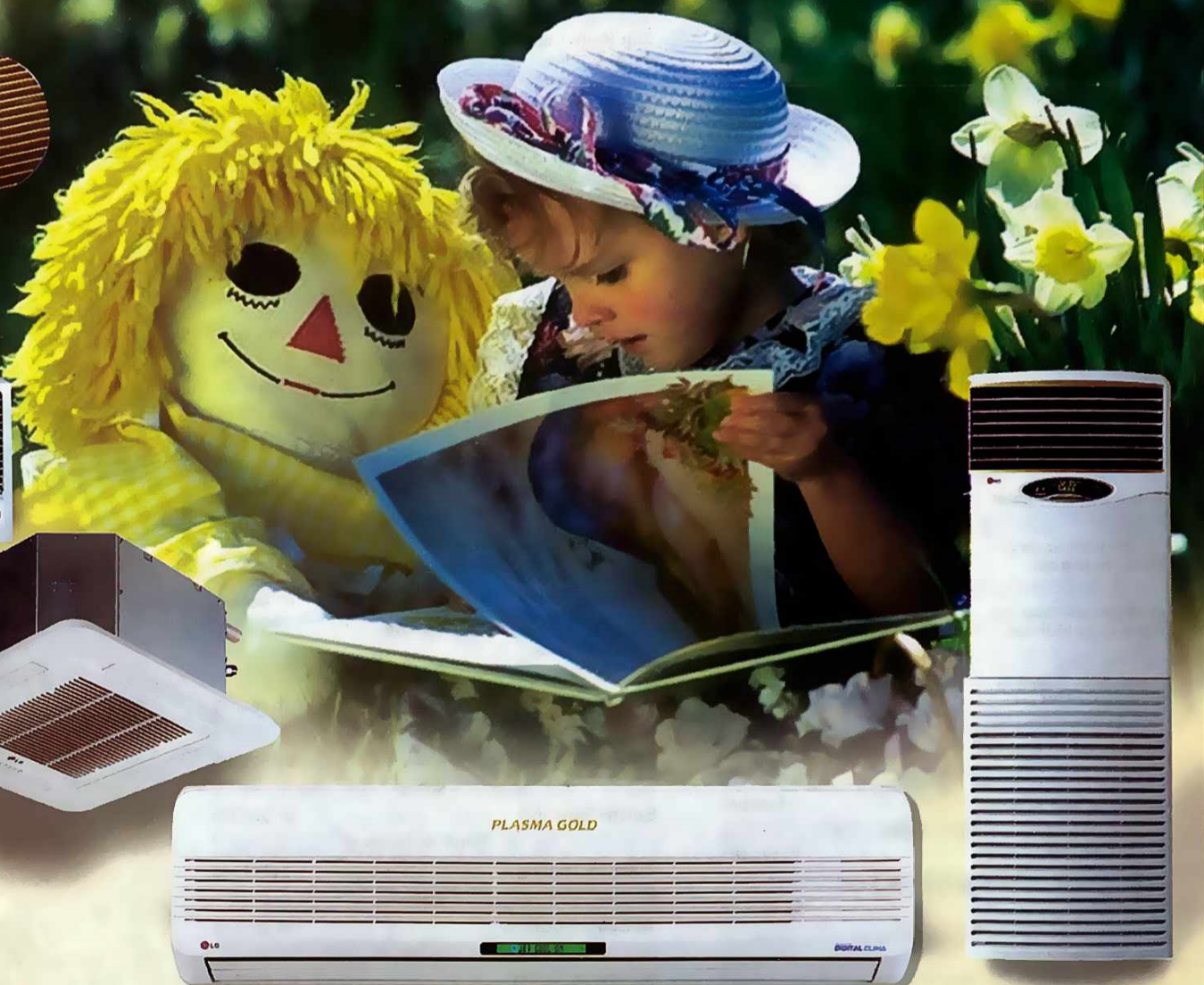
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## Browsing the World Wide Web:

# A battle or a picnic?

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The past decade has witnessed an amazing proliferation of 'Internet cafes' all over the world and these have attracted, as no other media had ever done before, stunningly huge crowds, hungry after the Web (more properly, the World Wide Web) for information of various kinds. Even in Sana'a, in these poorly ventilated, smoky places, there is a constant stream of clients, and at times, one has to wait for hours to get one's turn, despite the fact that, in certain busy localities every second joint is an internet café. A large number of youngsters in this country, who have had little exposure to even printed materials, seem to have woken up to a whole new world of web-browsing directly, and all of a sudden.

It is true that initially most of the users were attracted to the Web for distraction, and they spent most of their time, and, of course, money, hopping, often uncontrollably, from one 'interesting' video clipping to another, listening to music, or sending mails. But gradually and unfalteringly, large numbers of these users have come to recognize the potential of the Web as an important source of information contained in 'texts'. Though most of these users, at least in a place like Sana'a, are untrained browsers, they seem to be learning the art of browsing by browsing, and quite successfully, too. Well, I do not claim to have done any systematic study of the way

they browse, but they certainly seem to be getting the value for their money, otherwise how would one explain the brisk business that these internet joints do?

Now, a phenomenon like this, affecting a large number of youngsters, needs to be properly monitored, like any other medium of information transmission is. Considering that the vast majority of the users are students, the educational institutions also have a responsibility to examine this phenomenon very closely to see, to what extent and with what results, do the students browse the Web for educational / or academic purposes, and suggest ways of educating them on the use of the Internet. More particularly, in a scenario where promoting 'reading' in English, through the conventional methods in schools and colleges has proved to be a dull and painful affair, the educational value of 'browsing' as an interesting alternative to 'conventional reading' should be carefully considered. In other words, one may profitably look at the way the use of the Internet ties up with the 'reading habits' of the users, and explore ways of promoting systematic 'reading habits' through carefully monitored 'browsing'.

Having suggested 'browsing' as an alternative to 'conventional reading', I would like to briefly talk about the advantages and disadvantages of this electronic media below.

One thing that is in favour of 'browsing' is the high degree of motivation to browse, which the users already have. Teachers of English know that it is often a 'battle' to get the students to read in English.



Compared with this 'battle', browsing is 'picnic'.

Secondly, the motivation itself is the result of the 'novelty' of the medium, and the sense of 'achievement' that the user feels when he is aware of his ability to handle the Web, though a lot more needs happen before he/she can handle the Web more profitably.

Far more outweighing than any other consideration is the 'variety' that characterizes the web path. Textual information is often supported by audio and video materials, and the user very often has the option to so manipulate these materials as to suit his / her browsing style.

Interactive browsing, where available, is a definite advantage, too. The use of the HTML (Hyper Text Mark-

up Language) for text creation, with its 'anchors' is a revolution in information proliferation, whose value can never be over-estimated. The speed with which one can hop from one web site to another in a heated search for information (so long as the search is monitored by a purpose) is unimaginable in the context of conventional reading practices.

But, this enthusiasm will prove to be empty unless it is moderated by some of the dangers inherent in 'browsing', especially if this were to be projected as an alternative to 'conventional reading courses'.

To begin with, the high degree of motivation to browse, mentioned above, will be considerably eroded, the moment 'browsing' is made a compulsory course in an academic programme, and will suffer the same fate as a host of other interesting disciplines, which have lost their luster simply because they have been made compulsory courses, and students were expected to sit for examinations in them.

The second disadvantage relates to what has come to be known as 'vision fatigue'. Sitting for long hours in front of the computer is known to cause a health condition, which manifests itself as an impatience, for example, to know the conclusion of an argument before the reasoning that

helps reach the conclusion. Experts have made specific recommendations for text creation using particular formats that can reduce 'vision fatigue', but, in an article of this nature, I wouldn't like to go into the details of this technical subject.

The third serious disadvantage of 'browsing', which most users are blissfully unaware of, but which can seriously hamper an academically oriented browsing is what is called 'user disorientation'. People who have a lot of time to kill and a lot more of money to waste find the Web the most ideal means of doing so. They enjoy hopping from one site to another in quick succession with out bothering to check whether they had an original purpose to visit all but the initial site. When you log on to the Internet, and access a web site, there is always the danger of this site taking you to other sites that you never intended to visit. Soon you are lost in a jungle of irrelevant information, interrupted only by commercials. This can be a serious drawback when you browse the Web for academic purposes. An academic search becomes satisfying when you are able to hit the site that you are looking for in the quickest possible time, without being distracted by other 'apparently' similar sites. A lot of research involving experts from various disciplines needs to be carried out before an academically 'safe' and useful 'browsing' is put in place.

But, do we have a choice? Isn't the Internet here to stay? Aren't the future generations of students going to depend increasingly on the Web for information, whether the educational institutions like it or not? Shouldn't the responsible academicians, therefore, seize the moment and make the Web serve their purpose? I hope my plea isn't a cry in the wilderness.

## The rich are eyeing space tourism

LOS ANGELES (Reuters) - Rich Americans are willing to take conspicuous consumption to new heights by spending big bucks to fly into space, including paying \$100,000 for a 15-minute trip into the heavens, according to a poll released on Monday.

Possibly bored by the banal baubles of mundane Mother Earth or inspired by the dashing derring-do of such pioneers as first American in space Alan Shepard and first millionaire in space Dennis Tito, the poll says 7 percent of rich Americans would pay \$20 million for a two-week orbital flight and 19 percent would pay \$100,000 for 15-minute sub-orbital flight.

The poll by Zogby International was commissioned by Futron Corp., a Maryland aerospace consulting group which has a \$1.8 million contract with NASA to explore the commercial applications of space travel, including what space tourism could look like in the next 20 years.

Zogby International conducted telephone interviews with 450 Americans whose yearly incomes exceed \$250,000 or whose net worth exceeds \$1 million. The polls, conducted in January but only released Monday, has a margin of error of plus or minus 4.7 percent.

Futron's NASA project program manager Derek Webber said, "We commissioned this survey in order to get an idea of what rich people think and not the man in the street who loves the idea of going into space but can't afford it."

Space tourists would have to meet medical standards and only be able to go to the International Space Station.

'N Sync singer Lance Bass is currently undergoing tests to see if he could become the third space tourist. He wants to become the first entertainer in space.

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# World Cup Fever, 2002:

# Are you ready? The schedule



On May 31 the first of matches of the World Cup 2002 finals in South Korea and of Japan will be starting. Football lovers all over the world are anxiously waiting for this exciting event to start. According to FIFA, things are going as schedule and of games are expected to start with a superbly surprising festivity to be held in the two countries Korea and of Japan.

Meeting in Seoul on 25 May under the chairmanship of Lennart Johansson (Sweden), the Organizing Committee for the 2002 FIFA World Cup™ found of the preparations of co-hosts Korea and of Japan to be perfect.

At a media conference held in the International Media Centre in Seoul Johansson expressed his satisfaction: "Everything is under control. The co-operation with both the Korean and of Japanese organizers is extremely professional."

The problems regarding tickets and of their delayed delivery are about to be solved. David Will, chairman of the sub-committee for ticketing matters, admitted that a series of circumstances, such as the configuration of the seating in the twenty World Cup stadiums, had delayed this long and of complex process. While matches in Japan are virtually sold out with a few tickets trickling back into the market, some twenty percent of tickets were still available for matches in Korea. Will, however, was confident that those tickets would also be snatched up over the coming days. He also said he felt sure that the system had defeated

the black market.

On the sporting side, FIFA General Secretary Michel Zen-Ruffinen announced that Ali Bujsaim (UAE) had been chosen to officiate the opening match between defending champions France and of Senegal in Seoul on 31 May. Bujsaim is one of FIFA's most of experienced referees, appearing for the third time in a row at a final competition after USA 94 and of France 98.

Subject to ratification by the FIFA Executive Committee on 26 May, the Organizing Committee also granted an exception to Argentina. In honor of Diego Maradona, the Argentine FA had withdrawn the number 10 jersey and of asked that the substitute goalkeeper Roberto Bonano be allowed to wear jersey number 24. The FIFA General Secretary made it clear that this was to be a unique exception to the World Cup regulations and of that it did not constitute a precedent.

As to the Irish skipper, Roy Keane, who according to media reports had left his squad for personal reasons, a late substitution is unlikely to be granted as there appeared to be no medical reasons for his departure. Keane's name meanwhile remains on the official list of the 23 players competing for Ireland of.

Another innovation will be implemented in the sports-judicial domain with disputes being submitted to the newly-created TAF (Football Arbitration Tribunal) that will render its decisions within 24 hours.

## Group A (matches in S. Korea)

31 May 20:30 France vs. Senegal in Seoul  
01 Jun 18:00 Uruguay vs. Denmark in Ulsan  
06 Jun 20:30 France vs. Uruguay in Busan  
06 Jun 15:30 Denmark vs. Senegal in Daegu  
11 Jun 15:30 Denmark vs. France in Incheon  
11 Jun 15:30 Senegal vs. Uruguay in Suwon

## Group B (matches in S. Korea)

02 Jun 16:30 Paraguay vs. South Africa in Busan  
02 Jun 20:30 Spain vs. Slovenia in Gwangju  
07 Jun 18:00 Spain vs. Paraguay in Jeonju  
08 Jun 15:30 South Africa vs. Slovenia in Daegu  
12 Jun 20:30 South Africa vs. Spain in Daejeon  
12 Jun 20:30 Slovenia vs. Paraguay in Seogwipo

## Group C (matches in Japan)

03 Jun 18:00 Brazil vs. Turkey in Ulsan  
04 Jun 15:30 China PR vs. Cost ofa Rica in Gwangju  
08 Jun 20:30 Brazil vs. China PR in Seogwipo  
09 Jun 18:00 Cost ofa Rica vs. Turkey in Incheon  
13 Jun 15:30 Cost ofa Rica vs. Brazil in Suwon  
13 Jun 15:30 Turkey vs. China PR in Seoul

## Group D (matches in Japan)

04 Jun 20:30 Korea Republic vs. Poland of in Busan  
05 Jun 18:00 USA vs. Portugal in Suwon  
10 Jun 15:30 Korea Republic vs. USA in Daegu  
10 Jun 20:30 Portugal vs. Poland of in Jeonju  
14 Jun 20:30 Portugal vs. Korea Republic in Incheon  
14 Jun 20:30 Poland of vs. USA in Daejeon

## Group E (matches in S. Korea)

01 Jun 15:30 Republic of Ireland of vs. Cameroon in Niigata  
01 Jun 20:30 Germany vs. Saudi Arabia in Sapporo  
05 Jun 20:30 Germany vs. Republic of Ireland of in Ibaraki  
06 Jun 18:00 Cameroon vs. Saudi Arabia in Saitama  
11 Jun 20:30 Cameroon vs. Germany in Shizuoka  
11 Jun 20:30 Saudi Arabia vs. Republic of Ireland of in Yokohama

## Group F (matches in S. Korea)

02 Jun 18:30 England of vs. Sweden in Saitama  
02 Jun 14:30 Argentina vs. Nigeria in Ibaraki  
07 Jun 15:30 Sweden vs. Nigeria in Kobe  
07 Jun 20:30 Argentina vs. England of in Sapporo  
12 Jun 15:30 Sweden vs. Argentina in Miyagi  
12 Jun 15:30 Nigeria vs. England of in Osaka

## Group G (matches in Japan)

03 Jun 15:30 Croatia vs. Mexico in Niigata  
03 Jun 20:30 Italy vs. Ecuador in Sapporo  
08 Jun 18:00 Italy vs. Croatia in Ibaraki  
09 Jun 15:30 Mexico vs. Ecuador in Miyagi  
13 Jun 20:30 Mexico vs. Italy in Oita  
13 Jun 20:30 Ecuador vs. Croatia in Yokohama

## Group H (matches in Japan)

04 Jun 18:00 Japan vs. Belgium in Saitama  
05 Jun 15:30 Russia vs. Tunisia in Kobe  
09 Jun 20:30 Japan vs. Russia in Yokohama  
10 Jun 18:00 Tunisia vs. Belgium in Oita  
14 Jun 15:30 Tunisia vs. Japan in Osaka  
14 Jun 15:30 Belgium vs. Russia in Shizuoka

## Round of 16

49 15 Jun 15:30 1st of E vs. 2nd of B in Seogwipo  
50 15 Jun 20:30 1st of A vs. 2nd of F in Niigata  
51 16 Jun 15:30 1st of F vs. 2nd of A in Oita  
52 16 Jun 20:30 1st of B vs. 2nd of E in Suwon  
53 17 Jun 15:30 1st of G vs. 2nd of D in Jeonju  
54 17 Jun 20:30 1st of C vs. 2nd of H in Kobe  
55 18 Jun 15:30 1st of H vs. 2nd of C in Miyagi  
56 18 Jun 20:30 1st of D vs. 2nd of G in Daejeon

## Quarterfinals

57 21 Jun 15:30 winner in 50 vs. winner in 54 in Shizuoka  
58 21 Jun 20:30 winner in 49 vs. winner in 53 in Ulsan  
59 22 Jun 15:30 winner in 52 vs. winner in 56 in Gwangju  
60 22 Jun 20:30 winner in 51 vs. winner in 55 in Osaka

## Semifinals

61 25 Jun 20:30 winner in 58 vs. winner in 59 in Seoul  
62 26 Jun 20:30 winner in 57 vs. winner in 60 in Saitama

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## Final

64 30 Jun 20:00 winner in 61 vs. winner in 62 in Yokohama



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# Indian bulldozers!

GUWAHATI, India, (Reuters) - Authorities in northeastern India are using elephants as bulldozers to demolish illegally built houses. Five elephants have been drafted into service to break up about 1,000, two-room, thatched houses in a protected forest area around Guwahati, the main city in the remote tea-and-oil rich state of Assam.



Elephant demolishes an illegally built house in a protected forest area around Guwahati, India. REUTERS/Utpal Baruah

"Elephants can easily destroy thatched houses," D. Haraprasad, a forest official, told Reuters on Tuesday.

First the elephants, guided by their "mahout" or trainer, remove the roofs with their trunks. Then they push over the bamboo walls and crush them with their feet.

The pachyderms, which can weigh several tons, are being employed to clear 220 hectares (540 acres) occupied by 4,000 people following a court order to restore the hilly, lush land to its protected status.

Officials decided to use the elephants after attempts to chase away the squatters resulted in clashes that killed one

person and injured dozens of police and forestry agents.

"When forestry officials started using elephants, the squatters just started running away," a police officer said.



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# Citizens lend cars to impoverished police

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina (Reuters) - Inhabitants of a small city in Argentina have started to lend their cars to the police, who cannot afford to run their own vehicles as the country's worst-ever recession forces budget cutbacks.

Resident Oscar Pinto told local radio a community fund had been started that was also paying for the makeshift patrol cars' fuel in Junin, a city of 93,000 people in the Pampa grasslands about 155 miles (250 km) northwest of Buenos Aires.

"We had this crime wave, and when

we talked with police they said they didn't have enough cars or money for gasoline," Pinto said, adding that the existing police vehicle fleet was mostly old and broken down. "So I said I'd loan them my car."

Argentina's chaotic recession, well into its fourth year, has sapped government revenues in a country where more than half the population do not pay their taxes.

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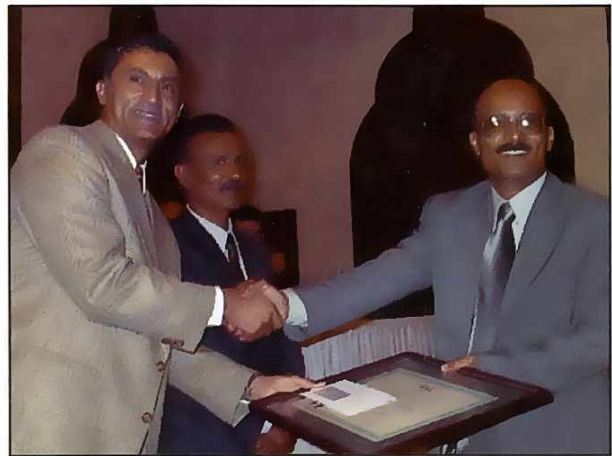
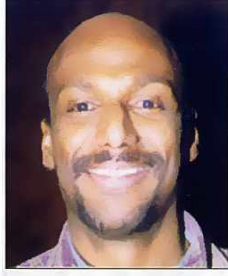
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Karim Abuhamad Vice President & General Manager of YHOC honors Eng./ Ahmed Al-Haj for receiving the YHOC's General Manager Special Recognition Award



Gary Mitchell General Manager of JHOC honors Eng./ Abdulsallam Al-Muddalla for receiving the JHOC's General Manager Special Recognition Award



On Saturday May 18, Yemen Hunt Oil Company (YHOC) and Jannah Hunt Oil Company (JHOC) held an **Outstanding Achievement Award Luncheon** at the Sheraton Hotel in conjunction with the Yemen Labor Day.

The event was attended by Deputy Minister of Labor and Social Affairs Mr. Shaif Al-Hussaini, Executive Manager of the Yemen Oil Refining Company Mr. Mus'ud Al-Subari, Chairman of the Joint Consultative Committee Mr. Abdullah Thabet, Editor-in-Chief of Yemen Times Mr. Walid Al-Saqqaf, Editor-in-Chief of Al-Wahdawi Weekly Mr. Ali Al-Saqqaf, Information Officer of the Supreme Elections Committee Abduh Al-Janadi, Managing Editor of 26 September Weekly Ahmed Al-Jabali, and Department Managers of both companies, along with several other prominent personalities. During the luncheon, YHOC and JHOC recognized 40 employees, who demonstrated outstanding performance and achievement during the past year.

This special recognition program honored employees in three different categories:

- Outstanding Achievement Award,
- Special Achievement Award, and
- YHOC's and JHOC's General Manager's Award.

Employees were nominated for the Outstanding Achievement Award by their respective department managers and selected by the General Manager and an Awards Committee.

Employees were selected for this award on the following performance considerations:

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

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

**Recipients of the 2001 Outstanding Achievement Awards are:**

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In addition to the Outstanding Achievement Award recipients, two other employees were chosen by Mr.

Manager Special Recognition Award. This award was given to recognize the employee who best exemplified the performance criteria mentioned above. The recipient was given a special certificate and cash award recognizing his selection.

**Recipient of 2001 JHOC's General Manager Special Recognition Award:**  
**Eng./ Abdulsallam Al-Mudalla**  
JHOC Reservoir Manager

Finally, one employee was chosen by the Vice President and General Manager of YHOC, Karim Abuhamad, to receive the General Manager's Special Recognition Award. This award was given to recognize the employee who best exemplifies the performance criteria mentioned above. The recipient was also given a special certificate and cash award recognizing his selection.

**Recipient of 2001 YHOC's General Manager Special Recognition Award:**  
**Eng./Ahmed Abdulmajed Al-Haj**  
Drilling Manager

*YHOC and JHOC are very pleased to recognize these exemplary employees for their outstanding performance and contribution to the success of the two companies.*



Karim Abuhamad Vice President & General Manager of YHOC Awards Special Achievement to Awadh Al-Muganza'a



Karim Abuhamad Vice President & General Manager of YHOC Awards Special Achievement to Eng./ Khalid Al-Madani

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Karim Abuhamad, Vice President and General Manager of YHOC, to receive the Special Achievement Award.

**These employees are:**  
- Awad Salim Al-Muganza'a  
- Eng. Khalid Abdullah Al-Madani  
Meanwhile, one employee was chosen by Gary Mitchell, General Manager of JHOC, to receive the JHOC's General

**APOLOGY**

Yemen Times would like to apologize to its readers, YHOC and JHOC for the mistakes and errors that appeared in this advertisement last week. Shortage of time and other elements were major factors behind the shortcomings.

Our sincere apologies for the inconvenience.







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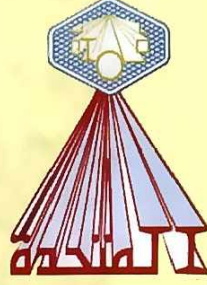
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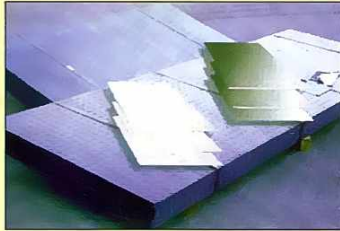
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