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President's gesture to the press

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In an unprecedented gesture of its kind, President Ali Abdullah Saleh gave orders last week to call off all the trials of all journalists in Yemen. Official sources said last Thursday that President Saleh ordered the Minister of Justice and the General Prosecutor to stop all measures and cases filed against journalists who are standing before prosecution. The president's amnesty came on the occasion of the twenty fourth anniversary of his assumption of power in Yemen, on July 17, 2002. The orders said that journalists should avoid reporting what goes against law, established national norms or national unity. They stressed that the Yemeni Journalists Syndicate (YJS) should make journalists aware of the press and publication law and by-law.

The amnesty of the president came after an appeal letter sent to him by the Chairman of the YJS to stop the hassling campaign the authorities have recently launched against the press. The YJS letter pointed out that the attack on press went to the extreme without any legal warrant. It said this distorted the image of Yemen as a democratic country.

In a response to this attack, the Arab Journalists Union (AJU) decided to abolish its meeting that was scheduled to be held in Sana'a late September as a signal of protest against the attack on press.

In a letter by AJU chairman Salah Eddin Hafidh to the YJS chairman Mahboob Ali, he said the AJU is following with great concern the situation of the press in Yemen and the harassment journalists are going through. He condemned any sort of throttling or

harassment against the press, indicating that this harassment tarnished the image of Yemen abroad.

A number of journalists were standing trial, mainly Abbulraheem Mohsen and Ibraheem Hussein. They were tried on charges of inciting sectarianism and insulting national unity in their writings. Another three correspondents were being interrogated by the prosecution. A few other correspondents were summoned by the Ministry of Interior. A number of journalists told Yemen Times that they felt happy that President Saleh's calling off of all procedures against the press.

But, they said what they need is respect of the law rather than tolerance of rulers as such measures might happen again with them. They call upon the president to hold such people who abuse the press accountable for their actions.



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Al-Udein's atrocities yet to be investigated

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Human rights activists are still investigating the atrocities that occurred in Al-Taneba village in Al-Udain district, Ibb governorates.

According to reliable sources, at the beginning of the July 2002, eight police cars attacked Al-Taneba village. The soldiers looted and burnt three houses and horrified the innocent citizens. However, we used to hear and see like these savage acts happening in occupied Palestinian territories.

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One of the victim families left homeless following the attack (Photos by Ibrahim Addahan)

Sales Tax Bill under review

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Chairman of the Yemeni Associations of Industrialists (YAI) Mahfoudh Shammakh described the Sales Tax Bill that the government has issued as one that could easily cripple investment in the whole country. "The new Sales Tax Bill is against all investment policies and of course will lead to inevitable consequences. All countries in the world do their best to reduce taxes and custom duties and above all facilities are offered to them," he said. He further added that commodities are heavily taxed and that the bill should be reconsidered.

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Al-Ukeimi's son now hostage

By HASSAN AZZAIDY
YEMEN TIMES

The Ministry of Interior received on July 20, son of sheikh al-Ukeimi and his nephew in compliance with the government demand. That came after the Yemeni authorities demanded their being handed over as a condition for easing tension in

the region. Sheikh al-Ukeimi, agreed to the demand hoping to avert any new confrontations between Jawf's tribesmen and government forces.

Meanwhile, Yemeni aircraft made flights over the region and broke the sound barrier in a move to scare tribesmen there. After hearing a series of huge sounds of sound barrier breaking, some tribesmen left their homes seeking refuge at safer places.

This tense situation was triggered almost two weeks ago when an army helicopter boarded by the army deputy chief of staff, Ali Mohammed Saleh, came under

fire, and made a forced landing. Ali Salah was slightly injured in the incident. Culprits are believed to be from al-Marfadh village in Jawf.

Yemeni authorities have beefed up security presence in the tribal region of Jawf and Mareb as

it is believed to be a safe haven for fugitives and terrorists. Also, the authorities have suspicions that leading members of al-Qaeda network in Yemen are hiding some-



Al-Ukeimi

where in the Jawf region, especially al-Ahdal and Senyan one of the most wanted al-Qaeda leaders in Yemen. Sheikh al-Ukeimi told the Yemen Times that he had no idea about the whereabouts of Qaed Senyan or al-Ahdal. Sheikh al-Ukeimi was detained by the Yemeni authorities and then released for his alleged knowledge of the whereabouts of al-Qaeda fugitives in Yemen.

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Opposition parties threaten to boycott elections

BY MOHAMED BIN SALLAM
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Yemeni Opposition Joint Meeting Parties (JMP) have threatened on July 14 to boycott the upcoming parliamentary elections and demanded from the President of the Republic to interfere and stop the Supreme Elections Committee (SEC) from forming the field committees without the fair participation of all parties. This comes after the opposition parties failed to agree among themselves on how to proceed regarding upcoming elections.

In the meeting held at the People's General Congress (PGC) Permanent Committee building last week, PGC Secretary General Dr. Abdulkareem Al-Iriani presented a proposal of President Saleh the leader of the ruling party to end the dispute. The opposition parties' spokesman told Yemen Times that "the ruling party insists on appointing two PGC members out of three in every electoral committee and illegally aims to force the opposition parties to accept this situation by voting for the proposal and by taking advantage of the PGC's majority in the committee to get the proposal through".

It may result in an early boycott of the parliamentary election by the JMP, especially if the ruling party continues the same policy and if the president does not amend his proposal in this regard. On the other hand, the JMP drafted its own proposal including a criterion on which the opposition political parties would be given more representatives at the committees, which is at odds with the ruling party's original proposal.

Mr. Khalid al-Shareef, the chairman of the SEC said that the SEC will continue in forming the electoral committees as proposed by the ruling party without paying any attention to the opposition parties' complaints which seem to be going in vain. Mr. Khalid declared that the 5 pro-government parties handed over their lists and the SEC will continue forming the committees based on the election law which prohibit forming a committee of one party.

It is worth mentioning that the election registration period would start in September and would end in 30 days according to the election law, paving the way to hold the parliamentary elections on time in April 2003.

Disputes among land holders continue

Five people were killed and six injured in Dhamar last Thursday as a result of clashes for a piece of land. Local sources told Yemen Times clashes erupted Thursday evening between the tribes of al-Absari and al-Sabari disputing over a piece of land that contains big rocks to be cut and used for buildings.

Such disputes increase due to the unfair and injustice judiciary forcing people to take the law into their hands.

Old Sana'a appeals

Inspectors and architects revealed that the number of cracked houses of old Sana'a has increased from 6 to 47 in the last few months because of heavy rain. The threat became quite evident early this month when some citizens noticed that their houses have shown signs of possible collapse as result humidity. Residents of the Old Sanaa area appealed to the president and the relevant authorities via TV, newspapers and protests to interfere to protect their houses from collapse. On the other hand, Old Sana'a inhabitants appealed on July 15 to the UNESCO and to UAE president Sheikh Zaid Bin Sultan through the UAE Embassy in Sana'a to save their houses before it is too late. It is worth mentioning that Old Sana'a was classified by UNESCO in the world heritage list.

Yemen's human rights violations have no justification: AI

Amnesty International (AI) welcomed the UN human Rights Committee's examination results of Yemen's implementation of the International Convention of Civil Political Rights (ICCPR), which started July 17, and expressed its deep concern over the sidelining of the legal institution safeguards introduced in Yemen in recent years. According to AI, this has been a consequence of the events of 11 Sept. 2001 in the name of the "fight against terrorism."

"In the immediate aftermath of the events, the country's political leadership authorized security forces, particularly the Political Security, to arrest and detain anyone suspected in connection with Afghanistan without any reference to human rights safeguards. The rule of law has been sidelined, the role of the judiciary, human rights bodies seriously undermined," an AI press release said.

AI concluded by saying that "Thousands of people are believed to have been forcibly deported to other countries. None is known to have been given the opportunity to seek asylum or challenge the deportation decision if they faced the risk of human rights violations in the countries to which they were sent."

Student attempts to kill vice dean

Dr. Musa'ad al-Najjar, Vice Dean of Faculty of Arts, Dhamar University, was subject to a murder attempt last Thursday by an armed lunatic student. Dr. al-Najjar was along with the Students' Affairs Manager in the Control Department working on the students' results when a student came in threatening to kill him.

The student's brother had tried to cheat the university by attempted to take the exam under the name of his brother, leading to the expelling of the student from the faculty.

According to eyewitnesses, the student first pulled his Jambia out and threatened to come back. Half an hour later, he came with his machine gun. He ran directly to the vice-dean load-

ing his machine gun and threatening to kill everybody if the vice-dean did not call off the previous expelling decision. Seeing the police, the armed student became violent. However, one of the teachers pulled the gun upwards and the shot was at the air. The lecturers were able to catch the lunatic student who was taken to the criminal investigation office for investigation.

The teaching staff was very much offended and decided that this flagrant violation should not go unpunished. It is worth mentioning that carrying weapons is a common thing in many areas in Yemen, especially in rural areas where students can easily enter into university campuses with their arms.

Report on political rights in Yemen

Preparations are underway to prepare a counter report on the international commitment to promote civil and political rights in Yemen. The new report will be prepared, presented and reviewed by the Arab Sisters Forum for Human Rights (ASF). The ASF has been in consultations with many human rights and civil society organizations in Yemen and other Yemeni bodies where a number of workshops are to be supported such bodies. Yemeni report on the international commitment to civil and political rights and how to prepare the shadow report. It is worth mentioning that this report is the first of its kind to be prepared in Yemen.

Women issues highlighted

The National Population Council organized on July 16 a seminar on how to enhance the coordination mechanism between the General Secretariat Council and the concerned bodies.

The participants discussed a report on the results of the questionnaire on the situation of women form a social point of view. A working paper was presented and discussed by the National Committee for Women, con-

centrating mainly on the importance of strong coordination among the concerned authorities and its prospects.

The Secretary General of the National Population Council told Yemen Times that Yemeni women played a leading role in the extensive development of the Yemeni constitutions, which should guarantee their rights in political arena, work, and the other vital issues.

Towards GCC's access

For the first time, Yemen participated in the 12th exceptional round for the exclusive board of the Gulf States' Education Office in Sharjah, UAE during 16-17 July. Several educational issues including academic curricula and the organization structure of the Gulf States' education office have been discussed by The Yemeni delegation

headed by Dr. Abdulaziz Ben Hibtoor, the vice education minister.

Yemen has been recently joined to participate in some of the GCC's membership in an attempt to gradually integrate Yemen into the GCC.

The decision was taken during the last GCC's summit in Masqat, the capital city of Oman.

Ancient cave discovered in Taiz

The Chairman of Antiques Office in Taiz, Al-Ezi Mohammed Mosleh stated that a cave has been recently discovered in al-Araf, Maqbana dating back to thousands of years ago. Geologists are not sure of the specific period when the cave was first used. Geological studies indicate that the cave was either used as tomb in the Sabacen period in the 9th century BC or perhaps it was one of the sculptures that ancient Yemenis were famous for.

More inspections and researches are needed before the cave's history could be known.

It is worthwhile mentioning that the Antiques Office in Taiz was not informed of the new discovery of the cave until

recently. A Sheikh from the area along with a number of citizens informed the office of the discovery several months after it was discovered. It is said that valuable antiquities that belonged to the cave have disappeared completely.

Yemen Times will be publishing an in-depth report on the cave in upcoming issues.



The entrance of the Cave located in Maqbana, Taiz governorate

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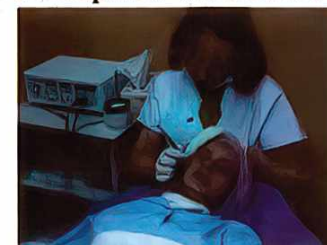
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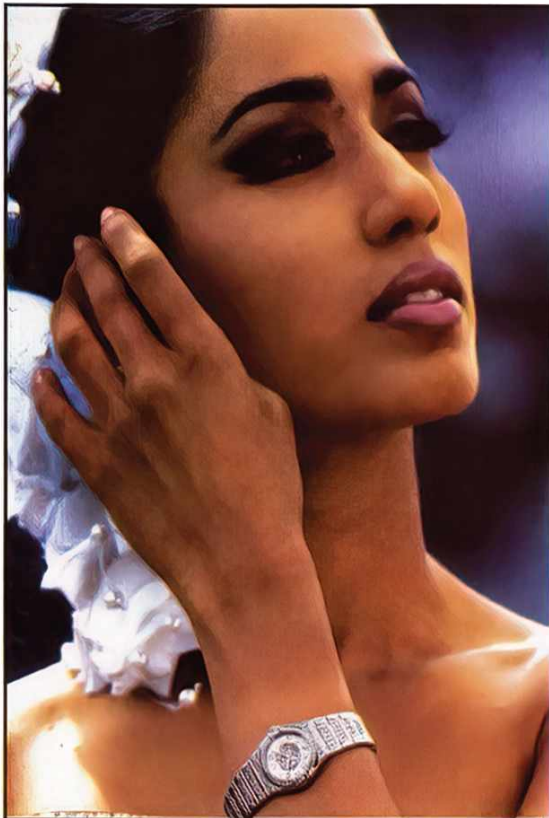
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Modern American Institute welcomed to Aden

This interview conducted with the Director of Courses, Marie Hurlburt, at the Modern American Language Institute (MALI), which has recently opened a new school in Aden. She is an American who came to Yemen as an English Teaching Fellow with a program sponsored by the US State Department.

The program sends qualified teachers around the world. She has MA degree in Education and TESL. She has been in Yemen for almost three years and is married to a Yemeni.

YT: Could you give us a brief history about the MALI English Language Institute?

A: MALI is owned and managed by Mazen Loqman, was established in 1995 and has evolved to be one of the leading ESL and Arabic centers in Yemen. Part of the proud heritage of the Loqman family and not widely known about, is that the Loqmans published the first English-language newspaper in the Arabian Peninsula called the "Aden Chronicles" in the 1930's. MALI was founded in Sana'a and there remains its head office, however, recently it has opened a new school in Aden which is currently holding classes for over 125 government-sponsored students with more classes scheduled to begin shortly. We also have recently opened to general public for enrollment with classes beginning September 27th.

YT: What benefit will the students receive from your institute?

A: Most people around the world, including Yemen population, agree that



Marie Hurlburt

the key to the future, in regard to development, employment, and international economic relationships is the ability to communicate well in English. So good English has become not only the vital tool but a good investment. It is important for students of English to have as many native speaking teachers as possible. MALI is committed to recruiting from English speaking countries, particularly from the US, as many qualified, native-born Americans as possible to teach at MALI. We expect to have more than seven new American teachers by September, which will add to the team of three American teachers we already have. The management is committed to continue recruiting from America, Canada and Britain as the schools enrollment demands increase. We will also employ well-experienced Yemeni teachers to teach the lowest levels where their

expertise in grammar will be utilized.

YT: What certificates will you issue?

A: The course offerings range from the beginning level through advanced level classes. The course will be completed after 8 consecutive weeks. We use the New Interchange Series which is one of the most popular in the field and in my opinion, one of the best series currently offered anywhere. As the students complete each book, they complete a level. This makes our program very affordable for the average Yemeni student. At each level the student receives a certificate stating he/she has successfully completed the eight - week course. Because we are an officially acknowledged institute, the certificates are accepted readily in the business and scholastic sectors.

YT: What is your opinion of English Language schools in Yemen?

A: Like anywhere else there are good and bad English institutes. I think any institute that doesn't have the best interest of the student at the core of its mandate will soon falter in its enrollment. Yemenis are pretty astute and not easily fooled, they know they are getting what they pay for and what the motives are for the school's existence. MALI is owned by a Yemeni, whose family roots are deep and long in this country, and he is committed to excellence in the program offered at Mali as well as offering affordable prices. That is one of the main reasons I chose to become affiliated with MALI.

YT: How do you evaluate the standards in the field of education particu-

larly as it relates to English, in Yemen?

A: When I was at "Fellow" in 1999-2000, in Yemen, I had the opportunity to travel to most major cities and meet with educators involved at all levels of education. I worked in affiliation with Ministry of Education as well. I met with inspectors and I can say that I was impressed with most of the people I met. They were driven with their desire to improve the quality of education in their area. They were also mindful that English was very important if the population was going to meet the demands in the future development of Yemen. I believe that good language institutes currently play a strong role in meeting the needs of population. They help strengthen the English skills of students wanting to major in English programs at the university level and can prepare students to pass required tests when they want to study abroad. As Aden continues to grow and develop, with an emphasis on the free zone, the need for good English skills will continue to be a requirement for employment. So Yemen needs good English programs to meet not today's demands but the demands of the future.

YT: Do you want to add anything to this interview?

A: I would like just to say that my time here in Yemen has been a delight. My tenure at MALI has been wonderful. Yemeni students are some of the best I have ever taught. I have recently accepted a Senior English Teaching/Training Fellowship, with the same program sponsored by the US State Department that I came here with in 1999. I will be leaving for Damascus for a one year assignment.

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I will miss all my Yemeni friends and students. I have enjoyed my time here very much and the wonderful thing is that Mazen, the owner/manager of MALI has informed me that I have a job here anytime I want to come back. He knows I

have mixed feelings about a country I have grown to love because of its wonderful, friendly, good-natured people. I feel blessed that I will take a part of Yemen with me as my Yemeni husband accompanies me in my journey.

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Al-Udein's atrocities yet to be investigated

What has happened in Al-Udein area is a real tragedy resulted in the killing of one person, wounding four others and three families rendered homeless.

The problem was between head of the committee of preparatory examination called "Al-Ta'awon Accumulator" and a student, 15 years old, no sooner that the problem took place than each one apologized and it was over. All of a sudden the problem was aroused again when five soldiers arrived at the village of Al-Taneba, and started looking for some wanted persons. Therefore, they asked a small boy, 12 years old, who denied his knowledge about any of those wanted. One of the soldiers caught the boy who began shouting out of his panic. His brother Natheer M. Abdu, 26 years old, rushed to help him. He quarreled with the soldier while another soldier shot him. The young man was seriously injured and presently under treatment in a hospital. After that incident, inhabitants of the village followed the soldiers and exchanged fire with them, killing the head of the group and injuring a soldier Mohammed Al-Saqqaf and the driver.

The next morning eight police cars from Al-Udein district moved to Al-Taneba village attempting to burn all the houses in the village in revenge for what has happened. However, some notable persons in the region have interfered to solve the problem. The soldiers gave up their decision of burning the whole village and insisted on burning four houses only. They have already set three houses ablaze and were about to burn the fourth. To their surprise they found out that all women of the village had taken refuge in the house and refused to leave it. "If you want to burn the house burn us inside it," said the women. Ibrahim Abdullah, Ibb Yemen Times correspondent, visited the area where the tragic incident took place and interviewed a number of families whose houses were burnt down.

Ramzy M. Hayal, 10 years, described how the soldiers burnt his house, "The soldiers came and ordered the women to go out claiming that they wanted to search the house, they took all valuable things from the house and put them inside their cars. After that, they set the house on fire."

Ramzy's mother said "The soldiers prevented us from taking anything from inside our house even my clothes and my children's clothes....thus I was shouting in order to enter my house, but the soldier pushed me away and aimed his weapon at me saying "Come back, I swear God, I will kill you and bring your house down if you do not come back". She continued "I will go to the

president and complain to him about what you have done with us, why you behave with us in this way!" The merciless soldier replied "go to your mother"

Ramzy's mother said "They have taken our blankets, Jambias, Jewelry, radio, TV, etc, everything they took from the house. The things they could not carry, they burnt."

The wife of Hayal Shanen expressed her great sorrow on the catastrophe that took place in her house saying "Even Israel did not do these savage acts"

Khadiga M. Najji, 13 years old, said "The soldiers came and said "go out from the house, we want to search the house." "They beat us with their weapons and kicked us out by force, after that they took our furniture to their cars," she added"

For the wife of Hammed Najji, she could not complete her story with us due her bad mood, but she pointed to remains of her house which was completely destroyed. "Why to talk, you can see the house yourselves, what can we say to you my sons, they have burnt everything even the grain stores," she could not complete her talking to us as she burst into tears.

In my discussion with the homeless families I felt sorry and pity for these poor people. Who is responsible for what has happened to these poor people?

Who is the beneficiary of these savage acts. Why do some people exploit trivial problems and make them so big to serve their desires and extend their influence over the poor people who refuse to follow them? Why to use force against defenceless people?

Sales Tax Bill under review

In a statement issued by YAI, participants emphasized that the Sales Tax Bill and the Consumption and Production Tax Law are both entirely based on unpractical realities. "Enacting such laws will harm the economic growth and will discourage investors from investing in the country," the statement added.

Meanwhile, members of Industry and Commerce Chamber have strongly reacted against the Sales Tax Bill which, according to them, constitutes a disaster not only on the commercial and industrial sector but also on all other sectors.

During their meeting held in Sana'a during 14-17 July at the headquarters of the Industry and Commerce Chamber, participants have expressed their clear resentment over the Sales Tax Bill.

As for the new developments, Abdulwahab Abu Lohoom, the Chairman of the Capital Secretariat Chamber made clear that the president had positively responded to this critical issue and as a result, he gave his orders to postpone the Sales Tax Bill for only one year.

"But the government in this respect has been interested only in increasing revenues and doesn't show any interest in over-taxation," he said.

As for the legal procedure in case of amending or postponing the law, Mustafa al-Asbahi, a law professor at Sana'a University commented on the issuance of the Sales Tax Bill by

saying, "Any law that has been issued in accordance with constitutional measures has to be respected. The president in this regard is not authorized to cancel or freeze the law." "In case of amending any law, a proposal has to be presented to the parliament for discussion." He added.

In this respect, Yemen Times phoned Abdullah Ashawaiter, General

Accounting Manager at the Tax Administration, who outlined three types of taxes including the Consumption and Production Tax, Income Tax, and Vehicle Tax.

In a letter dispatched to the president, participants at the Industry and Commerce Chamber meeting expressed their resentment of the Sales Tax Bill. According to their letter, the new bill will result in inevitable consequences summed up as follows:

- 1- The industrial and commercial activity will be easily crippled.
 - 2- When overburdened, investors will not show any interest to invest their capitals in the country.
 - 3- It will create dishonest practices.
 - 4- It will lead to a slowdown of economic activity.
 - 5- It will pave the way for smuggling operations.
 - 6- May lead to declarations of bankruptcy.
- Participants have concluded their letter by calling for at least a 10-year additional postponement of the law.

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Documentation and archiving spotlighted

By MOHAMMED BIN SALLAM
YEMEN TIME STAFF

The Ministry of Civil Service & Pensions organized a symposium on "the importance of documents for developing administrative & scientific research," during 20-21 July in cooperation with the National Center for Documentation and the Supreme Documentation of the Institute of Tunisia.

Dr. Abdulwahab Raweh, minister of civil service & pensions, commended the solid bilateral relations between Yemen and Tunisia and thanked Tunisian institutions for their support in training Yemeni personnel in implementing Yemen's administrative reforms.

Raweh stressed on the importance of

documentation and keeping archives, which he described as one of the most important components of good governance. He also expressed his regret over the delay in starting a proper archiving system of documents until recently.

The symposium is meant to highlight the importance of keeping and organizing the medium-size archives of ministries and other government agencies in compliance to the



international technical standards. Computerized documentation was also highlighted in the symposium along with indexing, categorization and references.

Reforming judicial system is instrumental for development: Dr. al-Hamdani

The ministry of justice has recently taken a couple of decisions to develop commercial courts to protect capitals and investors and facilitate the judicial proceedings.

Informed sources said that judge Ahmad Abdulah Aqbat, minister of justice gave instructions following his meeting with directors of banks and businessmen to change the arbitration panel at the commercial courts. The

new system provides that only one judge is to proceed over a commercial court instead of three. This is to expedite the settlement of cases filed at law courts as well as for rehabilitating bank checks and credit bills.

Dr. Ahmed al-Hamadani, Watani Bank's chairman, commended the steps taken by the ministry of justice in this respect. He told the Yemen Times that this initiative is a practical move to

implement the president's orders to develop Yemen's judicial system.

Dr. al-Hamadani added that reforming Yemen's judicial system will lead to more economic development and the flow of investments. "Paying attention to this issue is the entry point for achieving a comprehensive development and stability in the country," he commented.

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Al-Ukeimi's son now hostage

In a recent statement to the Yemen Times sheikh al-Ukeimi warned against punishing tribesmen of Jawf merely in response to foreign pressure, adding that tribesmen will not accept to be a scapegoat for enhancing international relations or solving other internal political problems.

Tribes of Jawf expressed their readiness to cooperate with the authorities to hunt down on terrorists in the region and hand them over to the authorities. "I don't know why the authorities want me to surrender my children as hostages," al-Ukeimi wondered. Al-Ukeimi further pointed out that the mediation he brokered between the authorities and the sympathizers with al-Qaeda aimed to stop the bombings in Sana'a aimed to put pressure on the government to release their remaining kinsmen held prisoner by authorities.

In memory of Ghazi Alwan Al-Saqqaf, Llb, Esq.

We are saddened by the sudden death of Ghazi Abdul Aziz Alwan Al-Saqqaf, LLB, Esq. of Alhadharem Al-Hujariya, Chairman of the Board of Balqis Development and Industry Corporation who was one of the prominent industrial and construction leaders in Yemen on July 13, 2002. Ghazi was a pioneer who established modern poultry production and ceramic industry in Yemen. After his graduation from Damascus University in Syria in international laws, he became the youngest Deputy Minister of the

Ministry of Justice in Aden in 1970s. He then migrated to Dubai to practice law and international relations and eventually attracted Gulf investments in business and development into Yemen. His Al-Areesh Housing Project in Aden caps his greatest achievements. He was caring, compassionate and philanthropist who affected the lives of many Yemenis. He was survived by his three sons and wife. The nation mourns his loss and we express our condolences to his relatives and friends.

Amid great success for the Syrian Pavilion

AICCE inaugurated



The Aden International Commercial Consumer Exhibition (AICCE) was inaugurated on July 17 by Aden Governor Taha Ahmed Ghanem in Aden. The AICCE was organized by the Yemeni Economic Corporation, (YEC) at the Consumer Complex at al-Moalla.



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The AICCE comprises of 60 pavilions and more than 80 Arab companies including companies from Egypt, Syria, Saudi Arabia, Pakistan and Yemen and will last for 10 days.

The Governor of Aden has highly appreciated the efforts exerted to make of the AICCE a great success. "The AICCE is an outcome of the strong commercial and economic relations Yemen enjoys with all other Arab countries," he said.

Staff Brigadier Ali Mohammed al-Quhlani, the General Manager of YEC said that the AICCE's inauguration day (July 17) coincides with the 24th anniversary of President Ali Abdullah Saleh as President of Yemen.

Among the pavilions that were prominently represented at the exhibition was the Syrian pavilion in

which several prominent Syrian companies were exhibiting their products. The Syrian pavilion has witnessed keen interest and high attendance by visitors due to its competitive prices and good quality. The pavilion comprises of eastern garments, handicrafts, household appliances, garments for women, men, and children, underwear, towels, socks, textile goods, makeup accessories, carpets and other goods.

In this respect, the Commercial Manager of the Syrian Pavilion, Mostafa Nezam said that the participation of the Syrian companies in the exhibition is within the framework of enhancing trade exchange between the two countries. "Our participation in this exhibition is an indication of the success of the second Syrian Products Exhibition held in June 2002," he said.



Response to US report 30 VIII

The report says "Jamal Ahmed Amer was detained and held incommunicado for six days for writing an article critical of Yemeni-Saudi relations. Editor Abdulaziz Sultan was called in for questioning."

- We clarify that the journalist (Jamal Ahmed Amer) wrote an article in which he criticized the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia rulers without depending on documents, a matter condemned by the law and deemed an offense against others. Such irresponsible behaviour has been clarified directly in the previous paragraph and there is no necessity for repeating it. It is worthwhile to mention that this journalist was not detained for more than two days for legally interrogation, and his case was then referred to judiciary.

In another part the report mentions that "In May 2000, Hisham Ba Sharahil, the editor of al-Ayyam, was charged with 'insulting the use of force and terrorism' and 'publishing false information' for publishing an interview with Islamist militant Abu Hamza al-Masri. He also was charged with 'insulting public institutions' for publishing an article critical of the Director of Aden Security."

- Clarification of this point needs to be dealt with from two aspects. First of all there is a misunderstanding as one subject has been tackled as two different topics. It is in fact one subject because the reason for charging Ba Sharahil was that he had published the offense as stated by Abu al-Hamza who had through that assailed Aden's security with publish insulting without depending on facts and realities. That had forced the security administration to file a lawsuit against he newspaper that is responsible for publishing such allegations.

One the other hand the one called Abu al-Hamza was among those who intentionally acted aggressively against

security and safety of Yemen, whether by planning or perpetrating some acts of sabotage or crimes, or through material assistance or instigating sedition and call for carrying out terrorist acts and destabilizing security of the public. He did not stop at that but had publicly, and on many occasions, called for killing all foreigners in the Arab countries under pretext of their being as infidels, using the press in this regard. This makes all those cooperating or facilitating and serving his hostile criminal schemes accountable by law.

The report mentions that "In August 2000, Saif al-Hadhiri, the editor in chief of al-Shumu newspaper, was convicted of libel in connection with series of articles reporting high-level corruption in the ministries of electricity, agriculture, education and finance."

- Judiciary has undertaken considering the case filed by the minister of education and his deputy, and the ministries of electricity, agriculture and finance have nothing to do with it. Judiciary issued a sentence that has been appealed and that is very normal question. He who had committed a mistake and affronted others without bringing evidence should not expect to get away with that without accountability for his irresponsible conduct. As for the journalist being exposed to kidnap, it is purely groundless.

The report mentions that "In May the PSO detained journalist Hassan al-Zaidi and held him incommunicado for 16 days in the detention centre under PSO headquarters in Sana'a as he belongs to al-Zaidi tribe in Ma'reb, which has been responsible for kidnapping of foreigners and other destabilising activity."

- To make it clear we say that al-Zaidi was conniving with his tribe in kidnappings of foreigners. He had been carrying out dubious activities supporting his tribe in that direction. The other allega-

tions are merely groundless claims.

The report also mentions that "In February 1999, the ministry of information closed al-Shoura newspaper affiliate of Islamist opposition party Union of Popular Forces as well as a new competing version of the same newspaper."

- This point has been mentioned in former reports but the same allegation has been repeated several times as if the one who prepared the report refuses to be convinced with the previous responses. Substance of the those responses is that it was a surprise for information bodies that two newspapers are issued with the same name and sharing the same trend. That had caused a state of confusion. No doubt, one of them was the permitted one and legally issued, as for the other it had impersonated a newspaper still being published. The two newspapers complained against the other. Each had denied legitimacy of the other and judiciary decided to close both of the newspapers till the truth was revealed. Finally a legal decision was issued and decided the dispute.

The report says "In August 1999, journalist and lawyer Nabil al-Amoudi was brought before the Abyan preliminary court for writing an article critical of the government and the human rights situation in the country. The case remained pending at year's end."

- Mr Nabil al-Amoudi is not a journalist but a lawyer and he was not brought before court for any case pertaining to writing an article. This claim is untrue lock, stock and barrel.

- The report mentions that "In 1999, several independent and opposition party journalists formed a rival union, the committee for the defence of journalists."

- We confirm that this committee was never formed on the ground but rather there were altercations in the press between the journalists and Yemeni

journalists union and a few number of journalists against the union. Things had been settled and no committee rival to the union was formed afterwards.

The report has also said that "Customs officials confiscate foreign publications regarded as pornographic or objectionable because of religious or political contents."

- As for foreign publications of political or religious content they none of them has been confiscated under any justification whatsoever. The report has not brought forward certain incidents to prove credibility of this assumption. Pornographic publications are legally banned. Judiciary is the authority that instructs confiscation and banning. Other bodies are merely vehicles for carrying out judiciary orders.

The report says "In April 2001 PSO officials in Taiz detained Faysal Said Frara'a, the director of a private cultural centre, for a day of questioning following his alleged receipt of banned books dealing with the opposition."

- This is a groundless allegation and the PSO had not carried out any kind of detention of the said person on the mentioned charge.

The report says "In 2000, the owner of a Sana'a bookstore was arrested by the PSO for selling banned copies of an edition of the London-based Arabic magazine al-Magalah, which featured a cover story on President Saleh's son Ahmed, the commander of the Republican Guard."

- We would like to make it clear that the PSO had not carried out any action of this kind. This statement is untrue and further, no edition of the said magazine was banned.

b- Freedom of peaceful assembly and association

Under this point the report mentions that "The constitution provides for

freedom of peaceful assembly; however, the government limited this right in practice. The government requires a permit for demonstrations, but it issues them routinely."

- This phrase has been literally repeated in previous reports. We do repeat that the constitution does not limit organisation of peaceful assemblies. Organizing the holding of peaceful assemblies is not considered a limitation of practicing this right, which the constitution guarantees for the Yemeni citizen. This proves seriousness of he government in activating the role of these assemblies and it is a clear evidence that the government is interested in role of such assemblies in development in all fields. The report contradicts general allegations in the same paragraph, specifically on page 27 in that the 'government held 19 opposition activists' is a groundless allegation, as in a previous reply. The question of giving permits for demonstrations is no more than routinely measures aimed at organizing traffic or diverting traffic to other streets, or for intensifying security measures to ensure safety and property of the citizens in case riot acts erupted during the demonstrations.

c- Freedom of Religion

Under this point the report mentions "Official government policy does not prohibit or prescribe punishment for the possession of non-Islamic religious literature. However, there are unconfirmed reports that foreigners, on occasion, have been harassed by police for possessing such literature."

- These allegations have been mentioned in the general form and unconfirmed statements and do not depend on certain incidents.

d- Freedom of movement within the country, foreign travel, emigration and repatriation

Under this paragraph the report mentions "The government places some limits on freedom of movement. In general the government does not obstruct domestic travel."

- Refutation of this phrase is stated in the report itself and in the same line. We wonder what wisdom is behind this contradiction? For after a general allegation, without being supported by a proof or probability, is mentioned, the report refutes its allegation. It would be better for compiler of the report to avoid falling in such apparent failure by omitting the paragraph (d), for it is irrelevant to reality. This has been made clear in the course of responding to "General Allegations". Regarding the refugees, there is no connection between them and title of this paragraph, therefore the title should be reconsidered under which the subject of refugees is listed. Yemen's record in relation to refugees is well-known and its humanitarian stands towards refugee is a tangible fact felt up till our present days.

The report has also mentioned that "The law does not include provisions for granting refugee or asylee status in accordance with the provisions of the 1951 U.N. convention Relating to the Status of Refugee and its 1967 protocol."

- This statement is not true because the article No. 46 of the Yemeni constitution stipulates that "repatriation of political asylees is prohibited", and that means that the right of political asylum in the Yemeni republic is guaranteed according to the constitution and in adoption of the U.N. convention related to refugees conditions for the year 1951 which our country had endorsed on 18 January 1980. A proof of that is that Yemen had an is still receiving many refugees coming from Somalia, Eritrea and Ethiopia. The report in question has referred to that.

To be continued next week

Israel sets terms for possible exile of detainees

BY MICHELE GERSHBERG

JERUSALEM, (Reuters) - Israel's attorney general has set terms for the possible deportation of relatives of Palestinian militants, a step aimed at deterring suicide bombers which drew U.S. criticism and Palestinian outrage.

Israeli security sources said Attorney General Elyakim Rubinstein and military officials agreed on Friday that exile — from the West Bank to the Gaza Strip — would be an option only for family members with a proven link to the plans for attacks.

The discussion of deportation followed Israel's demolition of the family homes of two Palestinian militants accused of planning attacks which killed 11 people in Israel and near a West Bank Jewish settlement this week.

Israeli forces also arrested 22 relatives of the wanted men as it weighed the option of exile, seeking a new deterrent as suicide bombings resumed despite the Israeli army's reoccupation of seven



A Palestinian woman cries as she inspects her husband's damaged workshop after it was demolished by Israeli tanks early July 20, 2002 in the Rafah refugee camp, Southern Gaza Strip. U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan warned Israel that destroying Palestinian homes and deporting relatives of suicide bombers amounted to collective punishment of the Palestinian people. REUTERS

Palestinian cities in the West Bank last month.

The U.S. State Department warned Israel against punishing relatives of militants purely based on their family status and not on evidence of wrongdoing.

Spokesman Richard Boucher said "taking punitive actions against innocent people will not solve Israel's security problems and we will be raising that issue with the Israelis".

Palestinian cabinet minister Saeb Erekat branded the proposed exile, which Israel once used against suspected militants in the first Palestinian uprising of 1987-93, as a "crime against humanity". On Friday, the Israeli army destroyed the family homes of two wanted men, Nasser al-Din Assidi and Ali Ahmad al-Ajouri, near the West Bank city of Nablus. Witnesses said 22 people were made homeless in the overnight operation and that soldiers took 22 male relatives of the two militants into custody.

Iran's Khamenei blasts U.S. for "war and death"

TEHRAN, (Reuters) - Iran's Supreme leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei accused the United States on Saturday of double standards, saying it spread "war and death" while pressuring others on human rights and elections. U.S. criticism of Iran, branded by President George W. Bush as part of an "axis of evil", has enraged Iranian conservatives, wary of U.S. troops in Afghanistan to the east and nervously eyeing a possible U.S. attack on Iraq to the west.

"America on one hand, has spread the shadow of war and death in the region, threatening officially to overthrow the people and government of Iran and cries out democracy and people's right to elections, freedoms and progress on the other," said Khamenei, the most powerful figure in Iran.

Tens of thousands of Iranians, chanting "Death to America, death to George Bush", took to the streets on Friday to condemn a July 12 statement by Bush in support of Iranian students calling for

reform. "Your unsparing presence in the rallies in millions, under the burning sun, proved to the world that the great Iranian nation will not retreat from the path along which it has gone," state television quoted Khamenei as saying.

He also dismissed talk among Iranian reformists that Tehran had missed a chance to open talks while former U.S. President Bill Clinton was in office. While Clinton made a number of overtures to Iran, his successor Bush has taken a hardline.

"All factions ruling the United States in the past 10 years have shared the common goal of dominating Iran though they have been following up on their objective by genocide at one time and peace-seeking and human rights at other times," he said. The Bush administration has accused Iran of developing weapons of mass destruction, supporting international terrorism and harboring al Qaeda and Taliban fighters fleeing neighboring Afghanistan - all charges Iran denies.

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JITCOM 2002 showcases IT technologies in town

"The Yemeni government has been paying increasing attention to the IT sector as it turned to be the prime mover of progress in the modern world. The establishment of the IT City in Sana'a by the Ministry of Telecommunication is a case in point," Tawfiq al-Nihmi, GM of Apollo said. Yemen is also a big market for IT and telecom products, as many big international brands seek to enter the Yemeni market.

Local software developers and hardware assembling workshops want to avail this great opportunity to introduce their products to the public. With the same pace, leading international IT and telecom companies are also very interested in showcasing their different new technological innovations. This is because Yemen's IT and telecom market is a promising one.

A symposium on IT industry in Yemen will also be organized at this

exhibition. The organizers have invited specialists, computer science graduates, students and programmers to this event. Among the issues to be discussed within the symposium are: role in gaining knowledge, towards the electronic government and its requirements, role of government agencies and civil society organizations in computer illiteracy eradication, government promotion for the IT private sector developers, and requirements for transferring and domesticating technologies.

Many Visitors, diplomats and specialists are expected to come from the Arab Gulf region and Africa as organizers have sent them invitations through the Sana'a Chamber of Commerce & Industry.

As for local market, Apollo's dedicated personnel have done their best to invite government agencies, specialists and private sector companies to attend this exhibition.

Ecevit says opposes early elections decision

ANKARA, July 20 (Reuters) - Turkish Prime Minister Bulent Ecevit said on Saturday he still opposed the early election decision taken by his coalition and hoped to work to persuade deputies against the plan.

The 77-year-old leader gave in to pressure from his coalition allies and defectors from his own party on Tuesday and agreed to hold elections on November 3.

Financial markets saw the decision as a relief, ending weeks of instability as more than 60 defections eroded

Ecevit's government majority.

"Our preference is to hold early elections not this year but some time next year. Best would be staying on until (the government's term ends in) April 2004," Anatolian news agency quoted Ecevit as saying after a meeting of his Democratic Left Party (DSP).

"Today we have decided that our group chiefs will talk to officials of other parties in parliament and find out the details of their wishes in terms of elections. That way we think we will reach a more appropriate decision from

a democratic perspective," Ecevit said.

Parliament is due to reconvene in the coming weeks to ratify the coalition decision to go to polls but wrangling between the rival parties in the assembly means a final date for recall has yet to be set.

Ecevit said on Friday that he felt early elections would be "dangerous" both for the governing parties and for the country, running a \$16 billion IMF programme to drag the economy out of a deep crisis.



Turkish Prime Minister Bulent Ecevit talks to media outside his party headquarters in Ankara July 20, 2002. elections on November 3. REUTERS



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- English language skills.

Applicants must also be Yemeni citizens currently residing and working in Yemen.

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Spain sees Perejil deal close as US-led talks continue

ADDITIONAL REPORTING BY SOUHAIL KARAM IN RABAT

MADRID, July 20 (Reuters) - Talks to resolve a row between Spain and Morocco over a disputed islet were set to continue on Saturday, with Madrid hopeful of a deal after the involvement of the United States gave the process a new lease of life.

But regardless of the active telephone diplomacy between the two countries brokered by the United States on Friday night, the official word from Morocco was still that no agreement could be made until Spain withdrew its troops from the islet of Perejil.

Spanish Foreign Minister Ana Palacio has not spoken directly with her Moroccan counterpart, but Madrid said earlier that the situation was near resolution.

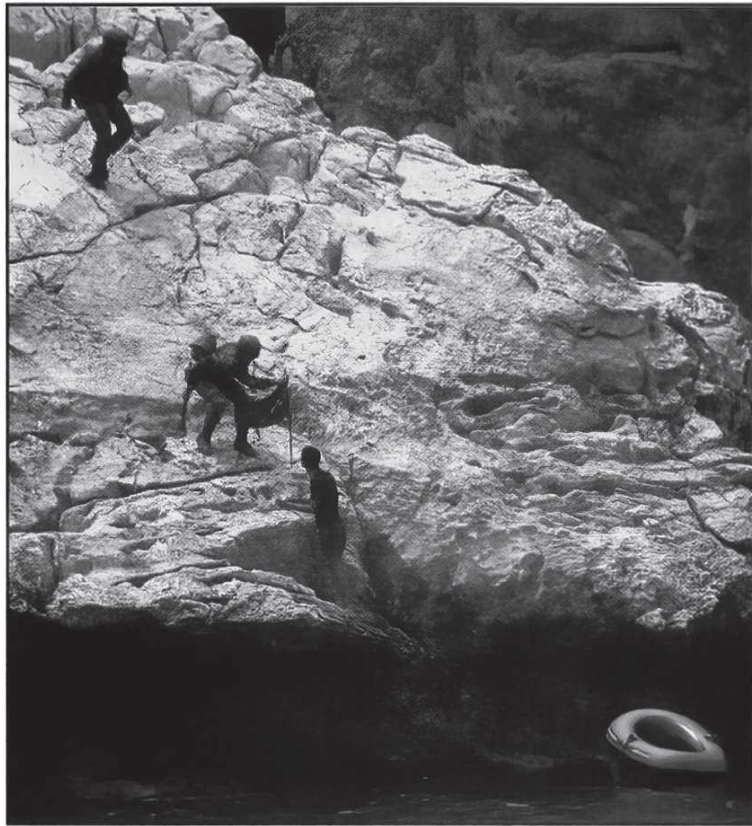
"Although there is no agreement, we are close to getting one after the latest contacts," a Spanish government source said, declining to provide further details.

But comments from a Moroccan official made clear just how frosty the relationship between the two countries is.

"King Mohammed has ordered the Foreign Ministry not to get in touch, or respond to calls from their Spanish counterparts before Madrid withdraws its troops from the islet and its warships from Moroccan waters," a Moroccan government official in Rabat told Reuters. He declined to elaborate.

Spanish media have reported a deal and a withdrawal of troops from Perejil is possible even as quickly as this weekend, although government officials have declined to comment.

Spain's military presence in the Canary Islands, off west Africa, has



Spanish soldiers take a flag from a Moroccan who reached the disputed Perejil Islet in an inflatable dingy off Morocco's Mediterranean coast on July 20, 2002. REUTERS

been stepped up in recent days in the wake of the crisis over the tiny uninhabited islet.

On Perejil itself, witnesses said there had been no change, with several hundred Moroccans watching the nearby outcrop from the mainland.

International efforts to broker a peace between them were spearheaded by U.S. Secretary of State Colin Powell, who has spoken to King Mohammed of Morocco twice and to the Spanish Foreign Minister four

times in the last 24 hours.

U.S. officials were also hopeful of a deal. Washington is seeking a solution which would restore the peaceful, unoccupied status quo as it was on July 10, before Moroccan troops landed on the island.

That is also Spain's stated aim. Spanish media welcomed Powell's intervention as the situation had looked increasingly like moving towards deadlock.

"Washington has dedicated itself

totally to resolving this absurd dispute, as the last thing it wants is a conflict between two of its allies on this side of the Medi terranean when the east flank is erupting amid widespread tension between the Muslim world and the West in the wake of September 11," left-leaning daily El Pais said in an editorial comment.

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Morocco claims sovereignty over Perejil, which it calls Leila, and sent troops there last week only to be ousted without a shot being fired by Spanish troops, who remain on the island.

Although the two countries' proximity and trade ties mean they are key partners, the dispute is the latest in a long series. They have squabbled over immigration, fishing rights, oil exploration and the future of the Western Sahara.

Many political commentators understand Morocco's occupation of the island as a bid to bring the thorny subject of nearby Spanish enclaves Ceuta and Melilla under discussion.

On Friday evening Moroccan Foreign Minister Mohamed Benaissa acknowledged as much, saying Spain's withdrawal from the islet should be a prelude to talks on a series of contentious issues, including Ceuta, six km (four miles) from Perejil, and Melilla.

Palacio said earlier this week that Spain had no intention of entering a joint sovereignty agreement in Perejil and that Ceuta and Melilla were not up for discussion.

Morocco may have been encouraged by current negotiations between Spain and Britain over the sovereignty of the British colony of Gibraltar, to which Spain also has claims.

Pilot error causes Gulf Air crash in 2000 - report

MANAMA, July 16 (Reuters) - The final report on the August 2000 crash of a Gulf Air flight, which killed all 143 people on board, has mainly blamed the aircraft's Bahraini pilot for the accident. The Bahrain Civil Aviation Affairs report, which was released this week on their Web site, said pilot Ihsan Shakeep was so confused in the final seconds of the Cairo-to-Manama flight that he pitched the plane into the shallow waters off Bahrain International Airport.

This report marks the end of a two-year investigation into the accident and follows a string of initial reports by Bahraini investigators and the civil aviation authorities which had also blamed the crash on pilot error.

"The captain did not adhere to a number of SOPs (standard operating procedures)... It appears that the flight crew experienced spatial disorientation, which could have caused the captain to perceive (falsely) that the aircraft was pitching up," the report explained.

"He responded by making a 'nose-down' input, and as a result, the aircraft descended and flew into the shallow sea," it said, adding that the crew did not respond to any warnings.

The report also blamed the Bahrain-based, heavily indebted airline for failing to provide adequate training for its staff. Gulf Air's recently-appointed president and chief executive James Hogan said that passenger security and safe operation of the company's aircraft remained the airline's main priorities.

"Gulf Air continues to lead the region in the training of its pilots and there will be no let-up in our commitment to ensure that this remains the case," Hogan said.

Gulf Air, which operates around 26 aircraft, is currently owned by the governments of Bahrain, Oman and the Abu Dhabi emirate in the United Arab Emirates. Qatar has pulled out of the company earlier this year.

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Philippines re-opens airstrip in rebel-torn south

ISABELA, Philippines, July 20 (Reuters) - The Philippines on Saturday re-opened a once-dilapidated airfield after restoration work by U.S. army engineers, bringing hope to southern Basilan island after years of fighting between Muslim guerrillas and the military.

The formal re-opening of the airfield took place as more than 1,000 U.S. troops, including special forces, prepared to leave southern Philippines by the end of July after a six-month joint anti-terror exercise.

Officials said that, although the airfield was categorised only as a secondary airport because of its 1,100-metre (3,600-foot) length and 35-metre (115-foot) width, it would

be key to the development of Basilan, the remote island stronghold of the Abu Sayyaf Muslim guerrillas.

The United States has linked the Abu Sayyaf to Saudi-born dissident Osama bin Laden and his al Qaeda network, prime suspects in the September 11 attacks on New York and Washington.

"We can now easily bring troops and supplies for security operations and now we can easily bring in personnel, goods and medicines for humanitarian assistance to the people of Basilan, particularly in terms of calamity and disaster," said Major General Glicerio Sua, Basilan area commander, during formal ceremonies at the airfield.



Filipino soldiers march in front of the Philippine Air Force C-130 plane that was the first to land at the new air strip built by the US Navy's Seabees and US marines on Basilan island in southern Philippines July 20, 2002. REUTERS

Jakarta plane crash kills one, injures three

JAKARTA, July 20 (Reuters) - The Indonesian pilot of a light plane was killed and three foreign passengers were injured when the aircraft crashed onto a busy toll road in East Jakarta on Saturday morning, a hospital official said.

The official Antara news agency reported the single engine plane struck a tree near the toll road when it was attempting to make an emergency landing.

"The three foreigners are still in the emergency room, we believe one is an Australian, the other two we are not sure,"

Madi, a spokesman at Indonesia's Christian University Hospital, said, adding they mainly suffered broken bones. The plane took off from Jakarta's Halim military airbase around 9 a.m. (0200 GMT).

Antara said the tail of the plane hit a taxi which caused a series of collisions on the road and caused long queues.



Two Indonesian air force personnel stand in front of the light plane which crashed on a busy toll road in East Jakarta early July 20, 2002. REUTERS

Koreas hold trial flight for KEDO reactor project

SEOUL, July 20 (Reuters) - A North Korean passenger jet with 14 crew members flew to South Korea on Saturday in a trial flight conducted by a Western-led consortium which is building nuclear reactors in the isolated communist state, a Seoul official said.

The test flight by the Korean Peninsula Energy Development Organisation (KEDO) came amid tensions over a deadly naval battle on June 29 between the two Koreas, which have no direct transport links of any kind and are technically in a state of war.

The TU-134 operated by North Korea's state carrier Air Koryo left the North's Sundok airport before noon (0300 GMT) and made the 95-minute flight to Yangyang airport on the eastern coast of South Korea, the official said.

The jetliner then carried eight South Korean power technicians back to

North Korea in a test of its feasibility for carrying personnel and supplies to the KEDO-run nuclear reactor project in North Korea.

KEDO is building two light-water nuclear reactors in eastern North Korea under the 1994 Agreed Framework, a U.S.-brokered pact which froze Pyongyang's suspected nuclear weapons programme.

In exchange for halting a programme Washington believed was developing nuclear arms, Pyongyang was promised heating oil and nuclear reactors of a light-water type considered less of a proliferation threat than the North's old Soviet model.

The \$4.8 billion North Korean reactor project is run by the New York-based KEDO and financed mainly by the United States, South Korea, Japan and the European Union.

There are no direct transport links

between the rival Koreas, but KEDO operates a ship to carry staff and materials between Sokcho in South Korea and the light-water reactor project site at Kumho, in southeastern North Korea.

Saturday's flight took place three weeks after North Korean naval vessels fired on and sank a South Korean frigate in the Yellow Sea west of the Korean peninsula, killing four of the South's sailors and leaving one missing and presumed dead.

North Korea, which Seoul estimates suffered greater casualties when the South returned fire, has blamed South Korea and its ally the United States for the battle, the worst inter-Korean clash since 1999.

The two Koreas remain technically in a state of war because the 1950-53 Korean conflict ended in an armed truce that has yet to be replaced by a peace treaty.

Nepal cautious on rebel offer for peace talks

KATHMANDU, July 20 (Reuters) - Nepal responded cautiously on Saturday to an offer by Maoist guerrillas for peace talks to end a six-year-old bloody insurgency, saying it had been let down by the rebels in the past.

"We must be cautious and find out whether they (Maoists) sincerely want to join the mainstream through talks or simply want to use the meeting as a pretext for more violence," Physical Planning and Works Minister Chiranjibi Wagle said.

Last year Wagle held three rounds of talks with rebels who walked out of negotiations after the government

refused to abolish constitutional monarchy, a popular institution in the impoverished Hindu nation.

Nepal declared a state of emergency and deployed the army to try to crush the rebels after they launched bloody raids on the military.

Rebel commander Prachanda (eds: one name) in a statement published by Nepali newspapers on Friday said his group was open for a "positive political solution" to the problem of Maoist conflict that has raged across the Himalayan nation since 1996.

"We tried to resolve the problem through talks but they (rebels) misused

talks and resumed violence," Wagle said, adding the rebels must end violence and prove their sincerity.

The government insists the Maoists, who want to replace the constitutional monarchy with a one-party communist republic, lay down arms before any peace talks can take place.

The latest rebel offer follows an upsurge in violence in recent months. More than 4,700 people have been killed since the rebellion began in 1996 — 2,800 in the last seven months. Government officials say most of the casualties have been rebels but there has been no independent confirmation.

Sri Lankans flock to festival as truce eases fears

By LINDSAY BECK

KANDY, Sri Lanka, July 20 (Reuters) - Sri Lankans celebrated one of Asia's grandest pageants saying a truce between the government and Tamil Tiger rebels was cause for added celebration. Thousands of revelers lined the streets of the central hill city of Kandy on Friday night to celebrate Perahera, a nine-day festival to honour a sacred tooth relic pulled from Buddha nearly 2,000 years ago and smuggled to Sri Lanka in the hair of an Indian princess. "This year the crowd is much bigger and better than previous years," said Geraldine Block, guest relations officer at Kandy's fully booked Hotel Suisse. "People know they can congregate without fear of bomb blasts." Signs the predominantly

Buddhist country has been mired in a 19-year ethnic war were all but invisible, as families jostled for positions to watch the parade of robed elephants, drummers and dancers. Last year's festival coincided with a pre-dawn rebel attack on Sri Lanka's only international airport that killed 14 people and destroyed more than a dozen planes. This year, with a Norwegian-brokered ceasefire holding and face-to-face talks planned for August, police presence felt no different than at public gatherings elsewhere in the world. "The security is still there, but the people are relaxed," said Samudra Hemachandras, who watched as elephants draped in red robes and bearing gold extension on their tusks, crowded the temple grounds. "When you're in the crowd you don't feel nerv-

ous and looking over your shoulder," Hemachandras said as she stood outside the Temple of the Tooth, the country's holiest Buddhist shrine and itself the site of a Tiger attack in 1998. The sacred tooth was undamaged in the attack, which triggered a ban on the rebel group. "The traditions are the same, the war won't change that," Hemachandras said. "Even when there were the curfews, in the temple, the traditions and the poojas continue," she said referring to a Buddhist ritual. "One man, rushing home through the crowds after the procession with his son dozing on his shoulders, said the peace bid had lifted a veil of tension marking public gatherings in the past. "We are feeling very happy. We can see everything without fear," he said.

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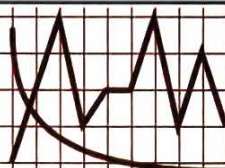
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Marketing information system in Yemen

Loud shouts wake up the last traders, which arrived late yesterday night and slept in the open air for some hours. It's 5.30 am. Every morning Yousuf Fath, the data collector from the MIS Project, asks for prices, traded quantities and origin areas of horticultural products at Al-Manssora wholesale market in Aden.

The Marketing Information System Project (MIS) shall improve market transparency for farmers, traders, co-

what market transparency means. Today he knows: Market transparency is when farmers and traders, all actors of the wholesale markets for fruits and vegetables are on an equivalent level of knowledge in marketing information. During 1995 and 1996 the MIS started and has been supported by FAO in form of technical assistance and basic equipment. During that period, the system was set up with its headquarter in Sana'a and seven field offices in major wholesale market places: Aden, Al-Hodeidah, Al-Mukalla, Ibb, Sana'a, Seyoun and Taiz. Procedures of data collection, data transmission, data processing and information dissemination have been elaborated and started. From 1997 to 2001 the MIS team worked without external support and with rather limited funds. Nevertheless, all-important functions were maintained and today the MIS disposes of a valuable time series of price and quantity data.

Two colleagues from the MIS headquarters in Sana'a and one German radio specialist arrived to visit the wholesale market. They go to all field offices of the project with the following objectives: Develop an appropriate structure of local MIS radio broadcasts and set-up, re-launch or review, with each respective field office team all necessary procedures to assure the regular and timely provision of information to the radio stations. The project's survey from February 2002 shows, that more than half of all 256 interviewed farmers do know and appreciate the ongoing market price information services via radio. These were broadcast in only two of the five survey regions. Naturally, this service is most popular among farmers within the respective regions,

Project	Unit & kg	Prices						Origin Area
		Sat.	Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wedn.	Average	
1 Potato	20 kg	650	650	700	700	650	670	Damar, Amran
2 Tomato	20 kg	625	650	600	550	550	595	Sana'a
3 White Onion	45 kg	1620	1650	1600	1500	1500	1574	Mawza'a
4 Red Onion	45 kg	1500	1550	1600	1500	1500	1530	Hudramout
5 Okra	30 kg	1450	1450	1500	1500	1600	1500	Telhamah
6 Eggplant	25 kg	1100	1200	1200	1100	1100	1140	Al-Haima
7 Squash	20 kg	500	550	550	500	500	520	Al-Aness
8 Cucumber	5 kg	450	450	450	480	480	462	Sada'a
9 Sweet paper	22 kg	950	1000	1000	1000	1000	990	Telhamah
10 Hot paper	30 kg	1150	1200	1200	1200	1200	1190	Al-Bayda
11 Banana	10 kg	550	600	600	550	550	570	Telhamah
12 Papaya	50 kg	1850	1900	1800	1800	1850	1840	Telhamah
13 Water Melon (Pepper)	50 kg	5500	6000	6000	7000	7000	6300	Al-Jawf
14 Sweet melon	20 kg	600	650	650	700	700	660	Telhamah
15 Large Mango	20 kg	3500	3600	3600	3500	3500	3540	Taiz
16 Small Mango	20 kg	1500	1600	1600	1500	1500	1540	Taiz
17 Apples	20 kg	900	1000	1000	950	950	960	Sada'a
18 Lemons (Pepper)	100 kg	300	350	350	300	300	320	Hudramout
19 Dates	35 kg	3400	3500	3500	3500	3500	3480	Telhamah

where more than 85% of the farmers are familiar with the broadcast. Today, after the MIS radio mission of June, four radio stations and four newspapers support the project.

Dissemination of marketing information benefits directly and indirectly all three groups of the market actors - farmers, traders and consumers.

In the short term by initiating spatial and temporal adjustments in supply and demand by means of transport and storage, thus reducing seasonal, regional and erratic price variations and the associated marketing risks as post harvest losses, for example.

In the long term by orientating the development of agricultural production towards meeting the preference structure of the consumers by product diversification and towards making maximum use of the different comparative location advantages of different rural areas.

Apart from the above-mentioned advantages the prices from the wholesale markets give them an orientation for consumer markets. Collecting data

on prices and quantities not only provides information for farmers and traders but also enables state authorities to monitor developments and the estimation of harvests of most important agricultural products. This information could ensure early planning and intervention measures like adequate extension services, for example.

In the future we intend to include other markets and possibly other agricultural products into MIS and extend our services to specific national market analysis and market consulting services, explains Anke Schnoor, the German EU-team leader of the project and her colleague Ali Al-Maktari, the general director of the project adds: we go step by step in our project. We don't want to import to Yemen a finished Marketing Information System. We want to develop this system here in Yemen and adapt the idea to Yemen's circumstances especially to farmers and traders requirements.

(Magnus Schmid, agricultural economist and radio specialist, German consultancy firm GFA Terra Systems).



Magnus Schmid

operatives and agricultural development agencies regarding price and price formation on markets for horticultural products. The MIS Project has been founded in 1995 as a unit within the General Directorate of Agricultural Marketing at the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation. Since June 2001 the MIS is a European Union-financed project under the umbrella the Yemeni-EU Food Security Programme. The EU provides the project with international experts, to train the project staff in many management skills and marketing data analysis, for example. Beside the EU equips the project with materials like computers, fax machines and transportation means. At the beginning of his career as data collector Yousuf Fath didn't understand

The Road Ahead

Change in people

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Most of us nowadays work hard everyday & toil in order to achieve whatever goals we have set for ourselves. Usually one of these goals' aims at adding more to our self-importance, it may even exceed that to becoming an unsatisfied need that we need to satisfy.

According to Abraham Maslow's theory of human needs, the needs of an individual are divided into 5 levels:

- 1- Instinctive needs, i.e., basic requirements such as Hunger, thirst, etc.
- 2- Safety needs: safety from crime, disasters, societal disorganization, etc...
- 3- Social needs: i.e., love, family & friends, etc.
- 4- Self-esteem: i.e. confidence, competence, adequacy, achievement etc.
- 5- Self-actualization: like Importance, fame, etc.

The shown hierarchy forms the basic structure for human needs, it is critical to satisfy the first four levels of needs to reach the last one, but until reached; people hustle to satisfy it.

In today's organizations; the responsibility of managing people is not laid only on the personnel department, it is the responsibility

of the whole management to manage their employees' affairs in such a manner that guarantees harmony with the needs of the workforce, and on top of them self-importance.

Managerial practices should always change with the change of the people, their needs, and what are their next needs to be satisfied.

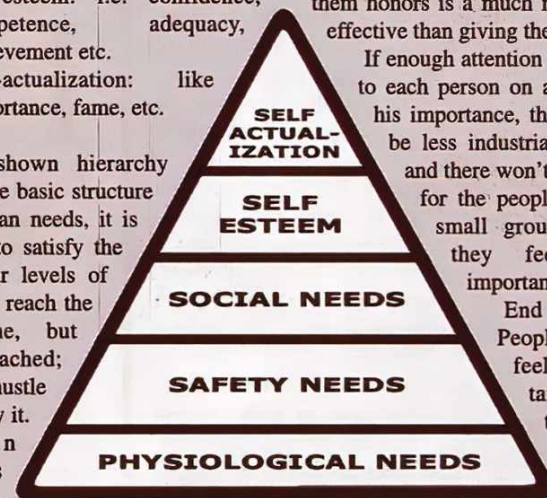
You are not the same you were five years ago, and you are not likely to be the same after other five years from now, you have different needs than you used to have, and those will probably change by time.

Unfortunately many managers do not change their management styles accordingly. They should adopt different working habits when it requires in order to keep pace with the changing working force.

Recognition is a good method of appreciating the changes in people; people like to feel important. Recognition can be done through many ways not only through money; in fact, money is just a means through which recognition is done, and giving them honors is a much more cost-effective than giving them money.

If enough attention was given to each person on a par with his importance, there would be less industrial disputes and there won't be a need for the people to form small groups where they feel more important.

End note: People like to feel important, make them feel important and they won't look for elsewhere to find their self-importance.



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Words of Wisdom



The value of time should be one of the key aspects in our way of thinking. If a society is oblivious to time, it is definitely primitive or at least backward, even if it has modern airports, and lots of machines. I believe that our political, economic, cultural and social leaders have a duty to interact on a better understanding of and interaction with time. This is a vital factor in our ability to join the 21st century.

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



OUR OPINION

A word of appreciation to our president

Despite the many problems that Yemen has today, we need to be just and somewhat objective when evaluating and consequently appreciating the leadership role of President Ali Abdullah Saleh throughout the last 24 years.

Our president may have had his shortcomings or mistakes, but that is normal and part of human nature that no one should take advantage of. On the other hand, he has also accomplished undeniable achievements including achieving unity of former south and north Yemen. He had adopted democracy, human rights, and freedom of the press and made their path irreversible.

President Saleh needs to realize that there are many positive things that he has done indeed, and those things have indeed helped the people of Yemen in many ways. But there is yet a lot that he can also do to help Yemen and its people. He should not be bothered by the accusations or critiques coming from some -and not all- opposition parties, whose role has been belittled because of their continuous attacks without suggesting any useful solutions.

At the same time, not everyone who criticizes the president is an enemy or an agent of some sort. For example, we at the Yemen Times have been very frank and open in expressing an opinion that may contradict with the president's way of seeing things. However, we only received from the president understanding and action after expressing those opinions. This also resembles a feature that President Saleh enjoys, and that is tolerance and understanding. Therefore, we get encouraged to continue presenting the different ideas and opinions without fear or hesitation because we believe that those ideas will be respected whether they conform or do not conform to the president's views.

We would like our president to be aware of those individuals around him who glorify his image by continuously praising his moves no matter what their consequences are, and who try to tell him that everything is doing fine under his leadership and there are no problems whatsoever.

This unfortunately brings the illusion that everything in the country is in perfect condition, which is not true. Those individuals do more harm to our president and country than good because their fear of any response from the president when mentioning the truth drives them to lie, which leads to dire consequences. They tempt to hide what is negative and present a rosy image of what is happening in the country perhaps thinking that it is better to keep the president uniformed about those problems.

We are delighted however, that with the level of democracy we are enjoying today, those individuals have little effect in the overall picture. They will ultimately look like idiots if they continue their theoretical acts, and the president has been very active and keen lately to know the truth for himself. Only through field visits and sitting with opinion makers and journalists will he be able to know the true picture and to correct what is incorrect and avoid accumulation of problems, which may lead to an ultimate explosion.

Mr. President,

You are on the right track. You only need to continue listening to the critics no matter how harsh their words are. Keep your tolerance level high, and please don't believe the ones who try to emulate Utopia in Yemen. Having problems is natural and is a healthy thing, but what is ever better is tackling them on time and in the appropriate manner.

We know your duties are tough, but we take the opportunity to thank you for what you have done and wish you all the best on your 24th anniversary as the President of Yemen.

The Editor

Democracy is not a luxury



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I was summoned to the Ministry of Information the week before along with other journalists and correspondents for foreign media.

We were told by officials in the Ministry we went wrong when we reported the tribal attack on a military plane in Al-Jawf. They told us it was a military business which we are prohibited to report or cover for our foreign media. They said military issues are the business of the Ministry of Interior, which is authorized to release any news in this regard.

Some correspondents quoted the governor of Al-Jawf and yet they were said to have gone wrong. That is their law. But we have considered the attack an incident everybody has known rather

than a private military business. We have not disclosed something false. We conveyed the truth of the attack on a military helicopter in which a big guy from the military was injured.

Other three correspondents were sent to prosecution for the same reason. We have been forced to confess we went wrong in covering the incident, otherwise we would be sent to court and our correspondent license cards would be withdrawn if we do it again. We felt really scared.

It seems the Information Ministry or government in general has gone crazy since the terrorist attacks in U.S.A. It is going incongruous too.

It is always shrugging its shoulders, speaking proudly of "achievements" in the field of democratization and freedoms. Yet, it feels annoyed by reporters or writers or even novelists. Democracy means giving people free room to breathe, speak and express themselves freely and without any sort of censorship. The political regime wants democ-

cracy to show up only, but it despises its essential norms. Democracy is not an ornament or decoration; it is a respect of people's rights and freedoms. Press freedom comes at the top. It shows whether a society is democratic or not. We can not claim to be democratic while journalists can not voice the voiceless and report freely. Our political regime should openly declare whether it believes truly and in heart in democracy, being ready to respect consequences of obligation to this noble norm, or it wants it only as a mere slogan.

Our experience in this field will wither away if it is not nourished and taken care of. It will not grow up unless the rulers open their hearts and ears to listen to other people's criticism. Democracy is an obligation on part of the ruler to respect the opinions of the ruled. Our problem lies in the fact that rulers in Yemen or other third world countries still consider democracy a gift or luxury they can give and usurp whenever they want. It is not like that at all.

A journalist in Cairo



By HASSAN AZZAEDI

I was one of the Yemeni journalists invited to Egypt for attending a training course for journalists. The training course was sponsored by al-Ahram newspaper Regional Institute for Media held on June 16 to 24, 2002.

My impressions about the institute in general and Egypt in particular had its moments that can not be erased from my memory.

Egypt, "the Mother of the world", as it is described by Egyptians, has been progressing by leaps and bounds in every aspect of life, social, political, cultural and economic.

Egypt has witnessed dramatic changes in the field of journalism and media. Undoubtedly, the progress of any country has to be accompanied by progress of media and journalism and free men-of-letters.

Al-Ahram tour

In this spot, al-Ahram Regional

Institute for Media, is the first place to visit. This institute was established in 1875. More than one million copies have been published. The institute embraces a number of Egyptian intelligentsia and famous men-of-letters. Lectures were delivered for the Yemeni trainees on the art of proper editing.

We were warmly welcomed by its staff. I can say that a strong base for al-Ahram has been firmly established to cope with Western challenges that encounter the Arab World.

Media City

We have paid also a short visit to the City for Media Production. It was inaugurated by the Egyptian president. It is considered to be the starting-point for limitless media in Egypt. The third world countries have been facing media flow unparallel to their capacity to cope with and that is why it has been a necessity to establish the Media City.

This vital center comprises films and series production. It is also the center for providing other Arab television channels with televised materials.

Day in Ismaelia

During our visit to Cairo, we also paid

a visit to Ismaelia. We were warmly welcomed by its Governor. The Governor had a pioneering role in defending the 26 September Revolution in Yemen.

We got acquainted with a lot of things about the struggle of both Egyptians and Yemenis to establish the republican system and the end of the Imam's rule in Yemen.

In addition to this, the city has unforgettable stances when the Egyptians destroyed and crossed the impregnable military line Barlev built by the Israeli occupation while they were occupying the Egyptian land of Sinai.

That time, the Egyptians proved to the world their strong belief in their country and its land.

The city of Ismaelia has witnessed a considerable progress in the fields of tourism, commerce and industry. We have come out with a lot of deep impressions, but there is no room for writing deep details about this marvellous experience we have had. To put it in a nutshell, we can say that the Egyptians made the history in the Arab World. We are indeed thankful for those who cooperated with us and offered us the warm hospitality, the Egyptians renowned of, during our visit and stay in Cairo.

Letters to the Editor

Rejoinder to "Trashcan of civilizations"

I thank you for this editorial of issue 29 "Trashcan of civilizations". It is a difficult subject to address, and your statement is clear and moving.

In the United States, much is said about the importance of "Self-Esteem" - the regard one has for one's own accomplishments; the pride one has in oneself. Much effort is made to ensure that children and adolescents do not come to view themselves as stupid, clumsy or failures. It has been found that such negative self images are often self-fulfilling prophecies. A child that believes he will fail *will* fail, no matter that he is just as smart as anyone else in the class.

Unfortunately, the opposite is also true. Some of the worst failures in the American system are young people that have a vastly inflated self-image, that brag about their greatness when they have accomplished nothing. American rap music is full of this pointless boasting - and sometimes describes the failure, degradation and brutality that comes from it.

These are the two conditions that Yemen, and much of the Arab world, have fallen into. On one hand intelligent, skilled people are wrongly convinced that they cannot truly be the equal of any in the world, and give into despair. At the same time, a few bullies and braggarts shout their superiority from the rooftops, but contribute nothing but pain and poverty to the world.

Yemen and the rest of the Arab world do deserve leaders that care first and last about the people, and not about enriching themselves with power or money. But these leaders will only arise when the people demand them, and settle for nothing less. An old American aphor-

ism is that people get the government they deserve. Yemen deserves better, and I hope Yemenis will demand it.

In the meantime, do not be jealous of Sudan. They have enough problems of their own. I wish you good fortune, and the strength to succeed.

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It is us who must make the change

Thank you for expressing your views on the overall ranking of Yemen in today's world in your editorial published in issue 29 under the title "Trashcan of civilizations". But it was not clear whether it was the civilization or global development that you are referring to. I would assume that it is the global development for which I am in full agreement. I also agree on how backward we still are when compared to where we are supposed to be. Judging our development by a short political visit to Sudan clearly demonstrates that we need some better skills to know the ground of comparison and country model to select. The worthy editorial comment you presented linked our development with a call of Arab Union. In my opinion, that is too far taken as far as Yemen's development is concerned. Let us not reason or justify our development position with unattainable Arab union. Let us concentrate on the issues concerning our own local development before tackling regional politics. Let us not only address the politicians' inefficiencies but change them. Let us start changing our communities and upgrade ourselves before resting the problem to politicians. Each one of us can do something to upgrade the standard of living of our families. Only then will the communities change. It is us who make

communities, which in turn form a nation. Positive steps have already been taken by presidential initiatives to unify and inter-mingle our poor but prejudice societies. Encouragement is being done to attract Yemenis born and living overseas to come and/or share their technical know-hows in order to boost our nation's development. But the president needs support and we all should bear the burden to lift ourselves up.

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Editorials about passport authority

First of all I would like to thank you for your strong editorials. However, I hope you can also include in your upcoming editions editorials focusing on our government's lack of law enforcement mechanisms especially concerning those who work at the passport and immigration authority.

I was there at the authority recently and I saw them giving away residential cards and birth certificates to foreigners with carelessness. If anyone from any country visits the authority with a Yemeni person, who knows any employee at the authority, he will be able to get all the papers he wants easily. Isn't there need to investigate this serious issue?

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Good work Yemen Times

I visit yementimes.com on a regular basis and would like to thank you and your team for delivering a high quality news website about Yemen. I depend on this site because it's the best English Yemeni newspaper on the Internet and the topics are diverse and interesting.

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COMMON SENSE



Hassan Al-Haifi

United, We Stand ... Divided, We Collapse!

As far as this observer is concerned I see absolutely no excuse or justification for the Arab World to remain in the fragmented and inexplicably divided position it is in now. Notwithstanding all the fancy talk of a united Arab nation, which many idealists have talked about for generations, but could not get to see it through we are as far away from being united as we could ever be. Surely, there is no dispute among the Arab population that the only logical and acceptable position for the Arab World is to be one nation, with one Armed Forces Command and one powerful economy. It just seems to be the only logical and rational way to confront all the calamities and tragedies faced by the Arab nation, from Somalia to the Straits of Gibraltar and from Mauritania to the Persian Gulf. Besides, we have far many more reasons to be united than to stay as pieces in a jigsaw puzzle, the edges of which have worn out thus making it difficult to put them together. In fact, one would have to state that about the only interests served by the continued break-up of the Arab World is that of the narrow minded rulers, who continue to insist that they are the only God-sent authority that should indefinitely prevail over us. In addition, the enemies of the Arab people from the outside tend to be the greatest beneficiaries of this narrow-minded approach to regional relations.

When seeing all the pathetic mishaps the Arab World is facing, within the nation and on its periphery, it is clear that the mighty Arab Nation, is no mightier than a lamb with all its four legs tied up, ready for the butcher to cleave its head, or any part of it, off. In fact, it is clear at this stage in our dismal current situation that we have lost any and all rights to deciding what our destiny will be, and where our course as a nation should be heading.

Where is the Arab League and what has it achieved so far, since its last great achievement in getting the Arabs ready for the October War of 1973? The fact of the matter is that even if the Arab League staff might seriously desire to get the Arabs closer together as much as possible, the Arab leaders are bound to stand in the way of any hopes of getting even one step closer to harmonious Arab initiatives. In fact, it is now so hard to get the Arab leaders to meet. Even if they do meet, it is so hard to get them to agree on a united firm and logical stand on any issue, let alone get them to work for the interests of their respective constituencies.

This observer believes that it is surely the tireless efforts of the Arab leadership that has kept this nation in its pathetic state, without exception, just so they can continue enjoying the absolute authority over the small segment of the Arab Nation, which they have come to dominate for one reason or another. Yet, it is not understandable, how these leaders are ready and willing to sacrifice the welfare of their people, while at the same time maintain such a fragile framework even for their own existence. One might even surmise that even their fate has now become subject to outside persuasion, which at anytime can say, well we do not want this ruler anymore to stay in power in that country. This is not a farfetched idea as one can see. Here we have Yasser Arafat, who is among the very few Arab leaders who is where he is, by a mandate of his constituency, not to mention the life-long struggle he has dedicated himself and his life to wage for his country. Nevertheless, a foreign power is now demanding that he relinquish that mandate. However all our leaders still fail to see that, with all the things going in favor of Arafat, compared to them, most of the rest would probably be surprised by the applause of their constituencies if Uncle Sam ever decided that this "leader" must go. Yet even that does not remind our leaders that disunity only adds to the fragile nature of their hegemony over their constituencies.

The fact of the matter is that the Arab nation has even lost control over its vital resources, which can command much greater weight in deciding the course of events in the region, if used properly. The fact of the matter is also that this nation is unable to defend itself against foreign invasion, even if it is an assault on uninhabitable islands like Leila or Huneish, not to mention free the existing enclaves that foreign powers hold in Arab territories, including the biggest cancer of them all, Israel. Who is responsible? Just ask any Arab in the street, and one will find consensus from the Atlantic to the Gulf that it is the 'infallible' leadership of the Arabs, who continuously insist that they are as close to heaven as anyone could get! May God have mercy on us, for all that we can do now is just pray, until God guides us out of the mess, in which these leaders have put us.



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Recognition is a two-way street

By GHASSAN KHATIB*

Last month, the Jerusalem Media and Communication Centre published a poll that set off alarm bells for many Israelis. The poll found that there has been a dramatic shift and radicalization of Palestinian public opinion and a remarkable trend away from recognition of Israel's existence.

Palestinian society is split — with 51 per cent of Palestinians now saying that the goal of the current intifada is to liberate all of historic Palestine (including Israel). That is an increase from the 43 per cent who voiced such an opinion a year ago and a dramatic about-face from 1993, when 68 per cent of Palestinians supported a plan to divide the region into two states — Palestine and Israel.

Skeptic on peace process

There is no doubt that the 20 months of fierce and bloody Palestinian-Israeli confrontations have contributed to these changes. As Palestinians have

unified over their resistance to Israel, they have simultaneously grown more skeptical of the peace process. But it is important to put these changes in context.

In Palestinian political thinking, recognition of the state of Israel, on the one hand, and ending the Israeli occupation to allow for an independent Palestinian state, on the other, are two sides of the same coin. They cannot be separated.

There are several reasons behind this. First, Palestinians have no incentives to give up their historical rights in Palestine by recognizing Israel's right to exist if they, in return, are not granted the right of self-determination and independence in the rest of Palestine. Second, one of the major arguments used by the Palestinian peace camp to convince the public to recognize Israel according to United Nations Resolution 242 was that the only way to end the occupation and achieve self-determination was to base the Palestinian position upon international norms and laws. These, among other things, include the need to recognize

Israel and its right to exist.

The collapse of the peace process and the subsequent confrontations, in addition to every Israeli government's insistence upon expanding Jewish settlements in the West Bank and Gaza Strip, have weakened the Palestinian people's hopes that the Israeli occupation will end and an independent Palestinian state be established in accordance with the June 4, 1967, borders as designated by international resolutions. As a result, the Palestinian majority is no longer convinced that it is worth recognizing Israel.

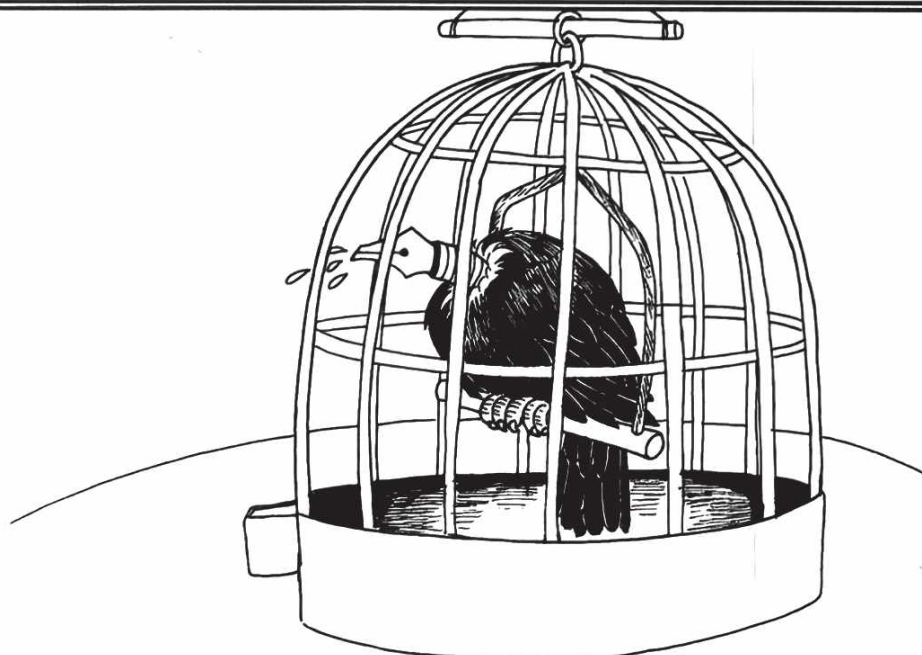
This view becomes more and more pervasive as the Israeli military and Israeli settlements become deeply entrenched in the West Bank and Gaza. With the army roaming the streets once again, Palestinian public opinion is also reverting to its earlier antagonistic attitude.

Land issue

Simultaneously, the oppressed minority of Palestinian citizens living within Israel's borders has been radicalized by the ongoing confrontations.

SKETCHED OPINION

BY: SAMER A.



(The latest insult came this week when the government of Ariel Sharon announced it would override the judgment of Israel's supreme court and bar any Arab Israeli from buying land in the 90 per cent of the country that is state-owned.)

The talk, now common in Israel, of somehow expelling or annexing these Palestinians to the West Bank to defend Israel's "Jewish character" can only further aggravate this situation.

Israel can continue by virtue of force to maintain its hold on the Palestinian occupied territories. But this force will never be sufficient to achieve other Israeli objectives such as peace, security and recognition, for the simple reason that security, peace and recognition are incompatible with occupation.

And now, as Israel puts itself more and more inside what was intended to be the Palestinian state, it should not be

a surprise that Palestinians are slowly returning the favor, reviving their claims to all the Palestinian land that is now Israel.

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Life after Arafat:

Is there a regional solution?

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THE DAILY STAR

Israel and America's "get Arafat" campaign has nothing to do with corruption, the need for reform, sympathy for the Palestinian people, or an urge to impose a just peace.

The campaign against the Palestinian president is due to his failure - or lack of desire - to put an end to suicide bombings against Israelis. If he had risked civil war to prevent them, no one would now be asking for him to be replaced.

There has always been corruption in the PLO and the Palestinian Authority (PA) from the day it was set up. And President Yasser Arafat has always been willing to make political concessions and cede inalienable Palestinian rights. That was why Israel opted in the first place to do a deal with him at Oslo, and avoid the more comprehensive solution that was being discussed at the time as part of the Madrid peace process.

Israel and Washington chose to do business with the PLO chairman because they were aware not just of his popular standing, but also of his willingness to make political concessions and his convoluted ways of pushing those concessions through.

The questions that need to be asked now, must therefore include the following: What is the objective of the campaign against Arafat - to remove him, force concessions out of him, or force him to crack down on would-be suicide bombers or their sponsors? Would a halt to suicide bombings in itself lead to peace? And what steps and measures do the Israelis, Americans or Europeans propose that could make peace attainable?

Even though most of the criticisms made of the Palestinian leadership and president are justified, the unavoidable fact remains that his removal would not facilitate a political settlement.

It would trigger power struggles on the Palestinian scene, and the various forces involved would believe they could gain popularity by escalating resistance operations and taking an intransigent political line. None of the political forces would call for calm and urge people to wait and see what political solutions transpire after elections are held. They might if there were an internationally endorsed, unambiguous, detailed and fair political settlement on the table, whose implementation was conditional on Palestinian calm. But

nothing like that is on offer, either from Israel or the international community.

US President George W. Bush's recent contribution may have had positive elements, but it offered no coherent, detailed or just solution. Palestinians balk at the scope for procrastination and reinterpretation with which Bush provided Israel. And by envisaging a political settlement evolving in three years - he has hung the fate of the Palestinian people once again on the outcome of a US presidential election.

If the Palestinian people could be guaranteed a just solution that would be implemented within a specific time line, they would have no problem complying with virtually any provisos and preconditions. Indeed, if Arafat were assured of such a solution, he would not have hesitated to resume his crackdown on opposition groups in order to prevent suicide bombings and any resistance activity. But his experience in the 10 years since Oslo left him feeling that he was losing firstly popular support to the resistance fighters, and secondly any hope of a political solution that restores the West Bank, East Jerusalem and the Gaza Strip.

Arafat was confident that Israel and Washington would never be able to find another leader capable of making the concessions he could make. He thus assumed they would never abandon him or physically eliminate him. The joint Israeli-American "get Arafat" campaign hides behind slogans about reform and the interests of the Palestinian people. But it seems to be aimed at shaking Arafat's convictions, making him fear for his life and his position, and thus prompting him to take the risk of civil war.

Their incessant pressure on Arafat appears designed not to get rid of him, but to steer him in the direction they want, in accordance with their vision which, as it has now become abundantly clear - is not peace driven. At the same time, the campaign waged against Arafat by the two historic enemies of the Palestinian people bolsters his popularity among Palestinians.

Yet the achievement of peace and security in all of Palestine, and by extension in the region as a whole - was and remains contingent on a just, detailed and judiciously timed peace plan.

The Palestinians continue to demand international monitors or a temporary international mandate to protect them from the Israeli occupation, guarantee their security and enable them to build

their own institutions as part of a just solution to the Palestine question.

Israel rejects that because it wants to appropriate the land and not end the occupation - hence her failure to dismantle a single Jewish settlement to date, and her insistence that she will never withdraw to 1967 borders.

The Americans and Europeans have deferred to the Israeli position by refusing to grant the Palestinians protection or put them under a UN mandate that would have foreclosed suicide bombings - on grounds of not wanting to "interfere" directly, as if demanding a change of Palestinian leadership were not "interference." And what the Israelis and Americans are demanding are not Palestinian elections, but elections that Arafat does not win.

When election time comes we will find that Arafat wins. Israel and Washington drop their demands regard-

ing his ouster, and we end up with a solution that denies the Palestinians most of their rights - but a solution endorsed by a leader who has just been re-elected by a landslide.

That at least is the prediction of many Palestinians. They believe the aim is not to remove Arafat, but to build him up. They cite for example, the fact that no actual attempt to remove him has been made to date, and that the ostensible search for "alternatives" is being conducted within his inner circle of proteges. They also cite the absence of any clear solutions on offer to the Palestinians.

There are two ways they could be proven wrong: If the US were to propose or endorse a solution whose implementation was made conditional on a number of measures, Arafat's removal being one of them, and if Arafat were to announce that he'd be

willing to step down once the international community came up with a fair solution.

The missing element on the road to peace and security remains the absence of a just and guaranteed solution.

The Palestinian people have long been ready for fair solutions. They advocated a democratic secular state for both peoples based on equal rights and duties. But Israel wants to be exclusively Jewish. The Palestinians then agreed to the notion of two states for two peoples, at first according to the roughly even UN partition, and then accepting just one quarter of Palestine plus a just solution for the refugees. What Sharon is proposing is one-third of the quarter. And Israel's Labor Party as confirmed at its recent convention, proposes a Palestinian state on less than the quarter, with the retention of Jewish settlements within that quarter, and the

Palestinian people abandoning their repatriation right (as well as Arafat).

Keeping in mind that the Jews in Palestine have legal title to only some three percent of the land in Palestine, and that they seized the remainder by force, one can imagine the scale of the outrage that dwells in the heart of Palestinians in the refugee camps, who see Jews from Europe and America living in their homes, exploiting their lands, and above all - oppressing them additionally.

In the absence of a just American solution, what we need is a just unofficial joint Israeli-Palestinian solution that people on both sides can struggle for by peaceful means. We need to agree on a just peace package, begin implementing it on the popular level, and build support for it until either it wins elections or election winners adopt it.

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Malaria, health and drug policies

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Inter-governorates health activities have recently gained a strong momentum under the leadership of HE the Minister of Public Health and Population, Dr. Abdunnassir Munibari. This is meant for evaluating the ongoing health programs and policies and given a feedback by relevant agencies and specialists on related issues.

The Ministry of Public Health & Population (MoPHP) seeks to improve the healthcare delivery system in line with the internationally sought objective to ensure health for all. MoPHP is currently expanding the scope of health care services across the country with a view to make it easily accessible to all.

Ensuring quality health services has also been prioritized by the ministry. The ministry is particularly attentive to pro-poor-quality services. To achieve these objectives, the Ministry has been keen to get familiar with the different views of health related agencies in all governorates and districts so as to enhance and accelerate the Ministry's reform process.

To this affect the Ministry of Public Health & Population along with representatives of donor countries and agen-

cies (the Netherlands, Germany, Japan, WHO, UNICEF and EU), held an extended meeting last week in Mareb under the auspices of Dr. Munibari, Minister of Health and Population.

The meeting centered around three main topics: drug policies in general and the Drugs Fund in particular; national malaria control programs, preparations to make the general budget for health sector under the new decentralized scheme (2003).

The meeting also touched on issues pertaining to health and population. The present report will briefly discuss the issues spotlighted and the recommendations made during the meeting.

Answering a question why Mareb has been selected as a venue for this meeting, Dr. Abdunnassir Munibari, Minister of Public Health & Population, said, this is because Mareb is the origin of history and civilization. "It is a point of great interest for donors for the fact that it lacks resources. Mareb also has been paid an exclusive attention by our political leadership as well as the Ministry's plans," Munibari pointed out.

On his part, governor of Mareb, Abdullah Ali Al-Nassi said that Mareb governorate badly needs more ambulances, particularly as it is a crossing

point for oil tankers and other heavy trucks which cause many traffic accidents. "The availability of enough ambulances will undoubtedly reduce the number of traffic mortalities," the governor added.

Dr. Ernst D. Tenambergen, GTZ expert with the Ministry of Health said that his agency is assisting the MoPHP to implement the health sector reform with a particular focus on development of districts healthcare programs. The project provides technical assistance to six governorates. There are many German development agencies also working closely to assist the health sector reform along side the GTZ like the German Bank for Reconstruction (KfW) and the German Development Service (DED).

Development district health sector program provides a long range of services like training to districts health workers, health units management, malaria control, reproductive health and family planning. Then if the management improved, the KfW will come and provide them with equipment and other infrastructure facilities.

"The GTZ is now extending its services as we have included Sa'ada and Jawf because they have poorly developed infrastructure. These areas are very underdeveloped. Supporting these governorates will hope to develop a stronger feeling of loyalty to the country, strengthen social services, and feeling of equality," he added.

Abdullah Abdulaziz, Executive Director of the Drug Fund, said that the Fund was established for meeting a range of objectives, most importantly providing medicine in an easy manner and acceptable prices plus ensuring equality in distribution of drugs to medical facilities.

Abdurabu Ali Abdulfatah, DG of Mareb Health Office, said, "we appreciate the special attention paid by HE president Ali Abdullah Saleh to the governorate of Mareb." It is hoped that this meeting will be the starting point for a more active support to the health centers and units in terms of staff-training and providing equipment. Indeed, the governorate is in a dire need for well-trained health workers who are originally from this area because they will settle down here and rarely think of moving to other places.

We hope that donor countries and agencies will support in training staff and equipping health center in the governorate.

Being a residence for a large Bedouin community, Mareb also needs mobile health units to provide healthcare services to this segment of the society as well.

As for vaccinating Bedouin children, Abdurabu said "we set up teams of health workers who visit the localities used by Bedouins for vaccinating their children.

Abdunnassir Ahmed al-Kabab, DG of Taiz Health Office, said, "the governorate of Taiz has one of the largest health facilities in the republic, but unfortunately the quality of services rendered are poor. "We are currently paying more attention to activate the



Dr. Munibari giving a feedback on the issue under discussion

role of primary health care role since it is a focal point for a well functioning health care system. In addition, we are improving the other curative health services as part of our plans.

Talking about the Drug Fund, Mr. al-Kabab said that the Fund is one of the most important achievements of the Ministry of Health, and much of the irregularities happened are attributed to the non-cooperation of the other bodies concerned.

Dr. Yassin Abdulwarith, advisor to the National Malaria Control Program, indicated that this consultative meeting in Mareb has been also used for projecting the curative malaria strategy which will be implemented by governorates health offices. "Our strategy is not only for fighting malaria but all other vectors," he added. Hopefully eradicating mosquito with its different types will preclude the spread of such diseases.

The malaria strategy focuses on: the rapid diagnosis and suitable treatment of disease, monitoring closely the outbreak of epidemics and climate changes with the use of practical researches, and fighting parasites that transmit these diseases. The last component needs a lot of resources to be implemented and a strong political commitment. President Ali Abdullah Saleh has been very supportive to this issue as he ordered the allocation of YR 350 million on annual basis to the program. Yet, this amount is not enough and we expect help of donor countries and agencies like the World Bank, the European Union and the Japanese government.

An important point to be made clear

here is that from now on there should be careful studies for the environmental aspects when implementing dams and water catchment facilities. This will undoubtedly help solve the problem of malaria and other transmitted diseases.

Malaria Control Program

Malaria is one of the stubborn health problems in Yemen as the number of cases reported have totaled 1,500,000 in 1999. This is indeed a clear indication of the size of the problem.

The Ministry of Public Health & Population has spared no effort to control this endemic as many programs to control malaria are operational now.

The Ministry has an ambitious plan to eradicate the malaria endemic in the major malaria-infected regions like the coastal area and the Socotra island.

The national malaria control program has a range of activities that include:

- Eradicating malaria from Socotra island by the year 2005
- Reducing malaria mortality rates by 80 percent by 2005
- Reducing malaria morbidity rate by 50 percent

History of Malaria Control in Yemen

1940: Malaria unit was inaugurated in Abyan

1969: Malaria Control Program was inaugurated in Aden

1978: Malaria Control program was accepted in Hodaidah

1991: Malaria Control program operated in Sana'a

2000: "A Statement of Content" was issued by the Ministry of Public Health committing Yemen to "Roll Back Malaria" with its 6 elements:

- 1- Evidence-based decision
- 2- Rapid diagnosis and treatment
- 3- Multiple prevention
- 4- Focused research
- 5- Coordination for strengthening health services and policies, and providing technical support
- 6- Harmonized actions to build a dynamic global movement

April 2000: The formulation of Supreme National Malaria Control Committee by a prime ministerial decree No. 2000/18.

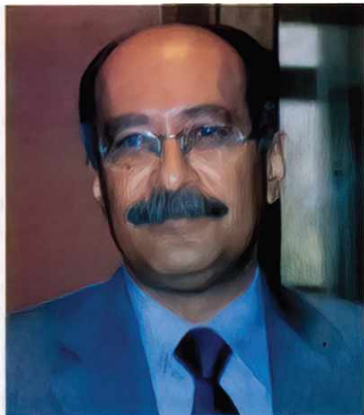
November 2000: A prime ministerial decree to establish the Headquarters of the national malaria control program in the Capital Sana'a.

December 2000: The Inception Process of the Roll Back Malaria was started by the formulation of the 5 year plan 2001- 2002 for RBM.

March 2001: The cabinet decree No. 19/2001 announced the year 2001 as the year of "Malaria Control" in Yemen.

February 2002: The ministerial decree No. 57/3 for the year 2002 made the management of malaria including the investigations and treatment free of charge in all ministry of public health institutions. The actual program activities started the first quarter of the year 2001.

Integrated vector control:
An organized integrated vector control activities have been started in the



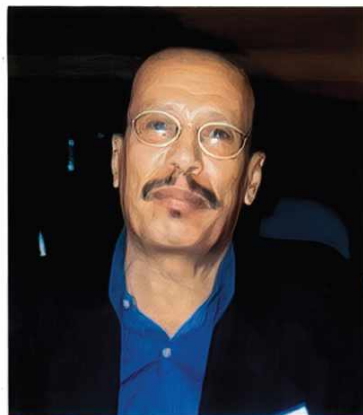
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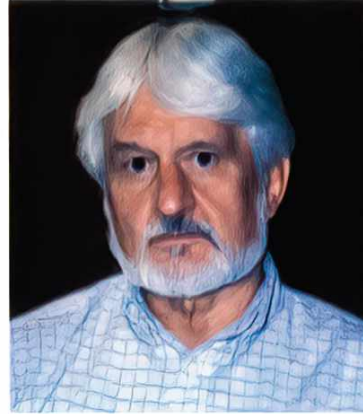
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One side of the participant at the extended meeting in Mareb

The Drug Fund

The Drug Fund was established to meet a range of needs such as provision of medicines in an easy manner and reasonable prices as well as ensuring equal distribution of drugs and medical supplies to the different medical facilities.

Objectives:

-Purchasing drugs from reliable sources in accordance with the National Drug List.

-Providing constantly medicines in an easy manner and reasonable price.

Supplying hospitals and health centers and units of the Ministry of Health and non-profit-making governmental and non-governmental institutions with drugs and medical supplies.

- Transporting and distributing drugs and medical supplies to the main health institutions and stores at the governorates' health offices according to the Fund's plans.

- The Fund takes the price of supplied drugs from the Ministry of Public Health and Population as per the drugs and medical supplies allocations which are monthly or regularly transferred to the Fund's account.

- Selling drugs on a cost-recovery basis.

Mandate and authorities:

- Outlining plans geared towards meeting health institutions needs for medical supplies;

- Selecting the technical and supplying sources based on the Essential National Drug List and the Medical Supplies List;

- Signing agreements and contacts for purchasing drugs and medical supplies as well as ensuring their implementation;

- Following up the medical bulletins of medical supplies, and taking part in seminars and events pertinent to the mission of the Fund;

- Promoting and enhancing cooperation relations with donor countries and agencies so as to best use assistance and donations based in areas of priority;

- Coordinating with the Ministry of Health in specifying and distributing drugs and medical supplies;

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Future plans:

- Evaluating the performance of the Fund, especially regarding the accomplishment of its objectives

- Studying the inflow of revenues and making economic feasibility studies

- Expanding the distribution network to the districts

- Selecting and training staff

in Mareb under microscope

field since the year 2001 in selected pilot areas, namely Socotra island, Tihama coastal belt and other districts.

The vector control operations include larviciding, residual house spraying and space spraying outbreaks or whenever extraordinary high mosquito densities take place, e.g., following heavy rainfalls. Besides, the use of impregnated mosquito bednets has been introduced.

Biological control using larvivorous fish is under study although it has been implemented on a very limited scale in Socatra island. The malaria vector is still sensitive to all the available insecticides.

Budgeting:

The strong political commitment to support the national control program has been reflected by allocating one of the highest budgets for any health program despite the difficult and critical situation the country's economy has been going through.

The government's budget for the National Malaria Control Program for the year 2002 is YR 370, 000,000 distributed as follows:

YR 210,000,000: for operational costs

YR 130,000,000: for supplies and equipment, e.g. anti malaria drugs, insecticides, sprayers, laboratory, equipment, etc.

YR30,000,000: for headquarters and regional offices' expenditures to strengthen the central monitoring, supervision and evaluation.

In the year 2000 a total of 26 laboratory technicians from different governorates, mainly Hodeidah and Ibb, were trained by a senior laboratory technicians from Oman.

The national health Education Plan, prepared by the WHO malariologist and the director of the National Malaria Control program together with the national center of information and health education and funded by the regular budget of the biennium, started to be implemented.

Two medical doctors: the Head of Malaria Epidemiology and Head of Abyan malaria center attend a 2-month WHO course on the planning of malaria control programs from September to November in Bandar Abbas, Iran.

Three technicians attended a two-month WHO in Wad Medani, Sudan on Vector Control from September to November 2001.

In September 2001, the 2nd Yemeni-Saudi border malaria meeting was held in Sana'a.



Dr. Munibari making the opening speech



Representatives of donor countries and agencies



Another side of participants



Top officials of the Ministry of Health sharing views on the topics under discussion



Participants taking part in a group discussion

The first National Day on malaria was held on August 1, 2001 under the patronage of HE the Vice President.

A new malaria head office was established in Hodeidah. It was almost fully equipped and became functional.

The first Malariometric School Survey was concluded in Hodeidah governorate in November 2001. 5370 school children between 7 - 10 years old were examined for malaria parasites (5370 blood slides). 795 blood slides were positive for malaria parasites with 14.8 percent SPR (slide positively rate).

A similar malariometric school survey was conducted by the Oman team who visited Yemen (Hodeidah governorate) in November 1998 and the SPR was 48.3 percent.

The first English newsletter on Malaria has been finalized and was released and distributed in January 2002.

More than 1000 impregnated mosquito net were distributed in Socotra island in the areas under coverage to strengthen the "Multiple Prevention" strategy. The target was mainly pregnant women and children under 5 years old. The distribution followed a training session for the malaria staff in the island first then for the community. A health education campaign were side by side as well.

The integration vector control operations in the rest of Socotra island which was not yet covered were already planned. These included residential house spraying, larviciding and impregnated mosquito bednets. These operations were planned together with a health education plan, malariometric school surveys and entomology surveys.

A partnership with one international NGOs working for the UNDP in Socotra island (Environment, Nature Resources and Poverty Alleviation for the population of Socotra islands) has been initiated. This NGO helped in the financial aspects during the distribution of the bednets and it funded training campaign for 17 technicians and spraymen in the malaria eradication program in the island in April - May 2002.

A Country Coordination Mechanism (CCM) was outlined by a ministerial decree 85/2002. The supreme national malaria control committee was formed by the prime ministerial decree No. 18/2002.

The program has organized malaria control activities especially in Tehama and Socotra island where the incidence

of malaria has shown a dramatic decline. The program is adopting the following 8 main strategic directions for the 5 year plan 2001 - 2005:

- Human resources development to have competent national staff in all the above mentioned areas of malariology to plan and implement the next components.
- Early and correct diagnostic followed by prompt and correct treatment of malaria cases including severe cases of malaria through a national anti-malaria drug policy to be standardized and adhered to in all the health institutions across the country.
- Selective Integrated Vector Control through multiple and sustainable preventive measures.
- Preventing of malaria in pregnancy to ensure safer pregnancy.
- Epidemic preparedness and response: efficient forecasting and controlling of malaria outbreaks.
- Strengthening information system and surveillance.
- Increasing the capability of community to recognize, prevent and control malaria. This includes the initiation of "home management" in electric remote areas where there is a problem with accessibility to disease management.
- Developing the capacity to plan and implement operational field research and to utilize results in program intervention.



Dr. Munibari having a friendly talk with some representatives of donor countries and agencies on the sidelines of the meeting

Round table meeting on psychological health

The round table meeting on the future of school healthcare in Yemen was concluded at the headquarters of the Ministry of Public Health & Population last week. Participants discussed in details the focal pilot of the seminar under the supervision of the minister of health, Dr. Abdunassir al-Munibari.

The seminar recommended the creation of a national council for psychological health in coordination with relevant agencies. Dr. Abdulkarim Sheiban, deputy minister of health made a word highlighted the recommendations of the seminar and thanked all the participants for their feedback.

Regarding the issue of establishing clinics at hospitals, Dr. Sheiban said that these clinics are already existing but unfortunately lack qualified staff. He added that the Ministry has no problem with training and qualifying these staff in this field as the Ministry is fully aware of the importance of the psychological health. "The Ministry has also included psychological health within the primary health care," Dr. Sheiban added.

Sheiban also called on primary healthcare workers to conduct a comprehensive survey for schools with a view to provide them with psychological healthcare oriented services to school children. Sheiban stressed the importance of coordination among relevant agencies, especially the ministry of interior extending a special thank-you to Mr. Ali Nassir, chairman of the Prison Authority for attending this seminar.

Dr. al-Khulaidi also made a thank-you word to all participants in this seminar and called them to cooper-

ate and be more dedicated to their works.

The Head of Mission of the International Red Cross Committee stressed in his word the importance of more cooperation among the governorates of the republic to achieve fruitful results.

Mr. Ali Nassir, chairman of the Prison Authority, said, "Within the framework of the joint work among the ministry of interior, ministry of health and the Islah Charitable Society in this field all psychological patients will be moved from prisons to mental hospitals with the financing of the ministry of interior. "This is one of the fruitful outcome of cooperation among the different agencies.

Among the most important recommendations reached by the seminar :

- Raising awareness of the population, specialists, leadership of the importance of psychological healthcare;
- Paying attention to training and human resources development of healthcare workers;
- Expediting the enactment and ratification of the psychological healthcare law;
- Conducting in-field scientific studies and researches on psychological healthcare;
- Increasing the volume of facilities for healthcare through improving the quality and quantity of healthcare services of the existing hospitals;
- Establishing new clinics and departments at hospitals in the governorates in line with priorities and population growth indicators;
- Involving local communities in solving problems related to psychological healthcare problems in association with donors, NGOs, local councils and private sector;
- Paying attention to mental rehabilitation.



From right: Dr. Wahiba Fara'e, Dr. Al-Munibari, and Dr. Al-Khulaidi at a round table meeting to discuss psychological health care



One side of the participant at the extended meeting in Mareb



Another side of the participant at the extended meeting in Mareb

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I. What to Say Situations and Expressions: (22) In Memoriam III

It's not relatives alone, but friends, colleagues and admirers of the deceased also mourn his/her loss and have newspaper insertions. Here are a few of such insertions.

This day ____ years ago you left us for your heavenly home leaving us all in deep agony. There is no moment in our lives in which you are not remembered. Your unforgettable memory remains as fresh as ever. You continue to inspire us as strongly as you used to. We miss you immensely, more so when we try to emulate your ideals and reflect those in our lives. (Relatives)

This day ____ years back you left for your heavenly abode, leaving us grief-stricken and heart broken — an irreparable loss. No words to express how much we miss your sublime presence, profound love, gracious nature, selfless devotion and sagacious disposition. (Relatives)

A sincere tribute to my dear husband and our beloved father on his birth day today, with a pledge to take forward his mission and dreams. Please be with us, always blessing and guiding us. (Wife and Children)

Dear (wife). Today would have been our very much cherished Golden Jubilee marriage Anniversary; but the destiny willed otherwise. Now, I am left with nothing except remembering our good old days together which give but little consolation. (Husband)

On her ____ death anniversary, we pay our respectful homage to our mother who was the most precious treasure of our life. You were our friend, philosopher, guide, and were always there whenever we needed you. You are always in our hearts. May God give peace to your immortal soul. (Children)

One year later it seems like the other day. Does it ever get easier. You were the kind of doctor that soothed his patients' souls, not just cured their ailments. There are no words to say how much you are missed. (Grieved by admirers)

Tides recede but leave behind bright seashells on the sand; the sun goes down, but gentle warmth still lingers on the land; Music stops, and yet it echoes on in sweet refrains; for every joy that passes away something beautiful remains. Sweet memories we live by. Fondly remembered by (friends).

In fond remembrance of ____ (date of birth — date of death). It is ____ years now that you have left us, but my heart still does not believe that you are no more with us. Your presence is still so strong with me. A friend like you comes once in a life time and I consider myself fortunate enough to have had you as a friend. You always made life easy for everyone by your sweet smile. You will always be missed. (Friend)

____, son of ____, scholarly, urbane, esteemed for spotless character, integrity and affable disposition. Uncovetous, quiet, sensitive, this innocent went back to God on _____. (Relatives)

You were an embodiment of selfless love, care, kindness and sacrifice. You were an angel on earth for all who met you even for a moment. We miss you ever since and seek your blessings. Fondly remembered by (admirers)

On this day you left us suddenly

leaving every one dazed, stunned and shattered. It is a day that will remain forever etched in our hearts. We feel orphaned without you. Life has been a hard struggle. But we have felt your loving presence, guiding us, teaching us to carry on with a positive attitude. We strive to emulate your astuteness, your solicitudes and your ever helpful nature. It will be our tribute to you. (Colleagues)

II. How to say it correctly Correct errors, if any, in the following sentences

1. He will write his homework before he will go to bed.
2. You won't know how good pudding is till you will have tasted it.
3. He already left for Taiz
4. He didn't speak to me since that incident.
5. He didn't receive any message uptill now.

Solutions to last week's questions

1. We got out of the swimming pool and dried ourselves.
- Note:** When the same person is the subject and the object, it is necessary to use the reflexive pronouns such as myself, yourself, herself, himself, itself, ourselves, themselves, oneself.

2. **You, he and I** are neighbors
- Note:** When first, second and third person singular pronouns (I, you, and he) are used together, they are placed in this order: Second person (you), third person (he) and the first person (I).

3. I have read the works of Shakespeare **who** was a great dramatist.
 4. The dog of Mofed, **who** is my friend, has died.
- Note:** Relative pronouns are placed as close to its antecedent as possible.

5. Let **him** do whatever he likes to do.
- Note:** Pronouns following 'let' must be in the objective case.

III. How to express it in one word

1. Try, by speaking against something, to make it seem less useful.
2. Devote one's time, energy, and effort to a noble purpose.
3. Arrive at a conclusion by reasoning from facts.
4. Take away an amount or a part.
5. Spoil the appearance of something by damaging its surface.

Solutions to last week's questions

1. To get the meaning of something written in code: **Decipher, Decode** (vt)
2. To make something more beautiful by placing adornments on or in: **Decorate** (vt)
3. Right and proper behavior, as required by social custom and polite society: **Decorum** (n)
4. Order given by an authority having force of the law: **Decree** (n)
5. Made weak by old age: **Decrepit** (adj)

IV. Grammar and Composition

a) Grammar

Supply appropriate question tags to the following sentences:

1. Things were not so well with them.
2. There was no chance of escape from him.
3. Livingstone balanced himself on his toes.
4. It may save the side.
5. All of them came on.

b) Idioms and phrases

Use the following phrases in sentences of your own:

1. aptitude for
2. arbitrate between

3. arrangement for
4. arrive at
5. ascribe to

c) Words commonly confounded

Bring out differences in meaning of the following pairs of words

1. adoration, adulation
2. adverse, reverse
3. acrobatics, aerobatics
4. affect, effect

Answers to last week's questions

- a) **Composition**
1. The husband is more poetic than the wife.
 2. The psychiatrist never believed that the husband was crazy.
 3. After the husband had gone to his office, his wife enjoyed her life with her friends.

b) Idioms and phrases

1. **approve of** (agree to): My father does not approve of my joining the Army.
2. **approximate to** (come near in quality or number): His account of what happened approximates to truth.
3. **at one's elbow** (too much under the control of some one): He is tied to his wife's apron strings.
4. **apropos of** (concerning, with reference to): Apropos of your viewpoint in this matter, I draw your attention to a counter evidence.

c) Words commonly confounded

1. **adduce** (vt) (put forward as evidence): He adduced reasons for his decision.
2. **deduce** (vt) (arrive at some conclusion): When I saw your frowning face, I deduced that something was wrong.
3. **adapt** (vt) (make adjustment to): You should adapt yourself to your environment.
4. **adopt** (vt): (take a child into one's family as a son or a daughter): The issueless couple adopted an orphan.
5. **adept** (n) (expert): He is an adept in painting.
6. **adjudge** (vt) (decide officially): Sumaiya was adjudged Literary Champion of the college for the current year.
7. **adjudicate** (vt) (give a judgment): The judge adjudicated upon the claim made by the two opposite parties.
8. **admissible** (adj) (that can be allowed under the law): Seven days of medical leave is admissible to all employees.
9. **permissible** (adj) (that may be permitted): Smoking is not permissible inside the college.
10. **admonish** (vt) (give a warning): The teacher admonished the boys for being inattentive in the class.
11. **scold** (vt) (blame noisily with angry words): The father scolded his son for his mischief.
12. **rebuke** (vt) (speak severely or reprove officially): The officer rebuked the subordinate for the negligence in his duty.
13. **reprimand** (vt) (official rebuke): The Speaker of the Parliament reprimanded the undisciplined member for using unparliamentarily language.

V. Pearls from the Holy Quran

"To Allah we belong,
and to Him is our return"
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VI. Words of Wisdom

"Respect the child. Be not too much his parent. Trespass not on his solitude."
—Emerson

Results of Third Inter-College Literary Competitions (2001-2002)

- ESSAY (Senior Group)**
- 1st:** Sumaiya Abdulatef Mohammed (Level 4), Faculty of Education, Mahweet
- 2nd:** Ahmed Mohammed Al-Mahfali (Level 3, Education), Faculty of Education and Arts, Khawlaan. Mohammed Ali Ahmed Al-Agabi (Level 4), Faculty of Education, Mahweet
- 3rd:** Samira Al-Snhanie (Level 4), Faculty of Education, Mahweet. Sultan Mohammed Abdullah Dijran (Level 4), Faculty of Education, Mahweet
- 4th:** Ahmed Al-Migrana (Level 3), Faculty of Education, Mahweet. Ahmed Saleh Ahmed Marfaq (Level 3), Faculty of Education, Mahweet. Fatima Al-Tawily (Level 4), Faculty of Education, Mahweet
- 2nd:** • **But not a Soldier:** Aziz Saleh Ali (Level 3), Faculty of Education, Amran
• **My Aim:** Mohammed Mohammed Saleh Al-Malahi (Level 3), Faculty of Languages, Sana'a University
• **I Never Care:** Sumaiya Abdulatef Mohammed (Level 4), Faculty of Education, Mahweet
- 3rd:** • **Enough is Enough:** Amira Ahmed Al-Agabi, (Level 4), Faculty of Education, Mahweet
• **My Dear Friend:** Fatima Al-Tawily (Level 4), Faculty of Education, Mahweet
- 4th:** Mohammad Mohsen Ali Grabi (Level 4): Faculty of Education, Mahweet
- Commendable entries**
- **The Victim, Poverty** Mohammed Mohammed Saleh Al-Malahi, Level 3, Faculty of Languages, Sana'a, University.
• **Don't Believe Them** Sumaiya Abdulatef Mohammed Gassim (Level 4), Faculty of Education, Mahweet
- ESSAY (Junior Group)**
- 1st:** Amar Ali Saleh Al-Kowbri: Faculty of Education and Arts, Khawlaan
- POEMS (Senior Groups)**
- 1st:** • **Destiny:** Samah Salman (Level 3), Faculty of Languages, Sana'a University
• **Stay for ever:** Mohammed Ali Al-Agabi (Level 4), Faculty of Education, Mahweet
- POEMS (Junior Group)**
- 1st:** • **Ayat's Message:** Hana Ali Al-Noud (Level 2, Arts), Ibb University
• **Stone's Song:** Ibrahim Abdullah Al-Radhi (Level 2),
- Faculty of Education, Mahweet**
- SHORT STORY (Senior Group)**
- 1st:** • **Prayer After Birth:** Ghaniya Noaman Kayid Al-Warafi (Level 4, Education) Ibb University
• **The Justice:** Aisha Mohammed Moudah (Level 4) Faculty of Education, Mahweet
- 2nd:** • **The Night of Freedom:** Kawthar A. Al-Nabhani (Level 4, Arts) Ibb University
• **The Ozone War:** Mohammed Mohammed al-Malahi (Level 3), Faculty of Languages, Sana'a University
• **So Long My Mistress:** Fatima Al-Tawily, (Level 4), Faculty of Education, Mahweet
- 3rd:** • **Fake Feeling:** Safwan Yehya Al-Shweier (Level 3, Arts), Ibb University.
• **The Victims:** Samira Alsnhanie (Level 4), Faculty of Education, Mahweet
• **It is our own Fault:** Sumaiya Abdulatef Mohammed Gassim (Level 4), Faculty of Education, Mahweet
• **The Hope:** Amira Ahmed Al-Agabi (Level 4) Faculty of Education, Mahweet
- SHORT STORY (Junior Group)**
- **Ahlam:** Hana Ali Al-Noud (Level 2, Arts) Ibb University

Results of Literary Competitions (2001-2002) College of Education and Arts, Khawlaan

- POEMS (Senior Group)**
- 1st:** Khalid Saleh Dahhan (Level 4, Ed.) "Where is Peace?" Ahmed Ahmed Abdullah Assabri (Level 4, Education) (The Terror's coming) Khalid Mohsen Ali Zaid Kairan (Level 4, Arts) "Bare Truth"
- 2nd:** Eshtar Fouad (Level 4, Arts): What I want Mofeed Abdullah Othman Al-Obaid (level 3, Education): Supplication
- 3rd:** Saleh Abdullah Yahya (Level 3, Ed.): The Crime Abdu Rabbu Nahbal (Level 4, Ed): A Time for Everything Naef Ahmed Hadi (Level 3, Arts): I Love You More Than Ever Sultan Ali Dahan Morit (Level 3, Arts): My Baby, My Darling
- POEMS (Junior Group)**
- 1st:** Basheer Amin Al-Selwe (Level 2, Arts): The Dark Night
- ESSAY (Senior Group)**
- 1st:** Ahmed Mohammed Al-Mahfali (Level 3, Education)
- ESSAY (Junior)**
- Amar Ali Saleh Al-Kowbri
- Short Stories**
- 1st:** • **An Occupier's Dream:** Hamid Saleh Mohammed Enam (Level 3, Ed)
• **A friend in Need:** Ahmed Mohammed Al-Mahfali (Level 3, Ed)
• **The Specter:** Mufeed Abdullah Othman Al-Obaid (Level 3, Ed.)
• **Miraculous Escape:** Khalid Saleh Dahhan (Level 4, Ed):
• **The Dog Who Could not Understand:** Saleh Abdullah Yahia (Edu): A Traveller and The Flood Khalid Saleh Jaber (Level 3, Ed):
- SHORT STORY (Junior Group)**
- 1st:** • **Souls on Sale:** Basheer Amin Yousef Al-Selwi (Level 2, Ed):
- Inter-Class English Debate Competition**
- SENIOR GROUP**
- 1st:** Mofeed Abduh Othman Al-Obaid
- 2nd:** Ali Hefdhullah Mohammed Al-Yamany. Ahmed Mohammed Abdullah Al-Mahfali
- 3rd:** Saleh Abdullah Yahya
- 4th:** Fuad Ali Ahmad Al-Fath
- SPECIAL AWARD**
- Yasmeen Ali Yahya Salah
- Junior Group**
- 1st:** Basheer Ameen Al-Selwi
- 2nd:** Sameer Salah Hussein Al-Mahbasshi
- Our Congratulations to the winners and sincere thanks to all participants. Certificates will be sent to the winners and the participants in the new academic session after the universities reopen.
- Dr. Ramakanta Sahu**
Coordinator

YOUTH FORUM

- Honesty**
What do we know about honesty? It has a wide meaning. Honesty is a word that no body can give a precise definition for. Honesty means we should be true to ourselves in everything we do. A person should be honest with his friends, wife, children, himself and with the people in the street. We should be faithful and sincere in our speech and in dealing with each other. Some people say that sometimes they have to lie. But telling lie doesn't solve any problem, sooner or later it would be discovered. The person should face his problems without telling lies. Our religion encourage us to be honest. The honest man is respected among the people. People trust him and love him. If the whole society becomes honest, they will live a perfect life. But actually, nowadays people aren't honest either in their life or in their work. In the business field, there is no honesty. And in teaching, some of the teachers are not sincere in their work. There are many other fields in which the people are not honest. People only run after money. They think that money is every thing in life. They sell themselves for money. Money comes and goes. We make money, not money makes us. People should think that God is watching them. He knows who is honest or a cheat. He will punish the one who cheats. We as citizens should stop this phenomenon in our society. This can happen when we advice them and try to show them the right way.
Dalia Mohammed Al-Sorroy
University of Science and Technology
Sana'a
- Friendship**
Friendship is crowned with the word 'love'. This is a wonderful word to express its multifaceted meaning. It is a great fortune to find a sincere friend. It is rightly said: "A friend in need is a friend indeed". A friend is with you at any time of your need. If you are in distress, she is beside you to console you. We must therefore select a good friend very carefully.
Arwa Taha Radman
University of Science and Technology
Sana'a
- Stiffness**
Nothing remains, except the fingers Holding edges of delusion And flooded sights in the mud Barren and deprived of sense, Blowing, within the dust of incapacity, The ghost's trumpets... The imprisoned ... in the depth of silence Infidel of the glowing light From the inner conviction.
Has no remains, except the thoughts
- Moving away in distant seas Scattering in noisy anarchy With empty jars all around, Adoring — notion's idols And yesterday's mirage
- Carries nothing, except a dream That slipped upon the edge Of being lost and strayed, With no grass in the hand, when stretched. Hiding nothing in the joints Except... the hissing winds. And the leaves... field with no water And a closed door, out and astray... Knows... no directions.
Mohammed Hassan Al-Qazahy
Philosophy Teacher
Mahweet
- How to be Happy**
- Keep your heart free from hatred and your mind from worry.
 - Live simply.
 - Expect little.
 - Sing often.
 - Pray always.
 - Fill your life with love.
 - Scatter sunshine.
 - Forget yourself and think of others.
 - Do as you would be done by.
- Nada Al-Mohayya**
Faculty of Education and Arts
Khawlaan

TIMES QUIZ (32)

- Questions**
1. **Energy required by human body is measured in terms of**
a) joules b) watt
c) calorie d) erg
 2. **To which of the following places do Penguins belong?**
a) Arctic b) Antarctic
c) Iceland d) None of these
 3. **In AIDS patients, the HIV virus**
a) renders the body's own defenses against transformed cells ineffective.
b) turns the immune system off against the invading microbes.
c) turns the immune system of the host against own body cells.
d) both 'a' and 'b'
 4. **It is said that a limited nuclear warfare will generate enough soot and dust, so that a substantial portion of earth would be deprived of sunlight. This phenomenon is named as**
a) Global warming
b) Green house effect
c) Nuclear winter
d) Nuclear doomsday
 5. **Which one of the following is not a high level computer language?**
a) FORTRAN b) Oracle c) COBOL d) BASIC
- Solutions to Times Quiz (31)**
1. The music played by snake charmers is not necessary for the cobra to dance because the snake is deaf and is only responding to the threatening movement of the musical instrument. Skylab is the first orbiting laboratory.
 2. The trajectory of a projectile is usually parabolic.
 3. The eye lens is able to focus near and far objects. This ability is known as Accommodation.
 4. On a clear dark night, the number of stars that can be seen with naked eye are 1500.

Local Press

Prepared by Mohammed Khidhr



Annas Weekly
15 July 2002.

Main headlines:

- In an interview to the newspaper, president Saleh, confirms detainees suspected to be affiliate to al-Qaeda organization, under investigation. Those proved innocent are to be released.
- Joint meeting parties express skepticism towards impartiality of Elections Supreme Committee

Columnist Sadiq Nashir says charges against journalists nowadays published in the press and we hear from the some who "are keen on Yemeni reputation", throw us all to fire, if they are true. Journalists, in the eyes of some, have changed into traitors agents. It is a situation as if Yemen would not entertain security and stability unless the journalists stop writing.

The columnist maintains we should be happy if conscience of those who give themselves to assess patriotism of others is still alive. It is a hope that those would ask themselves about the source of all the money and properties they possess. If anyone wants to deal legally with someone who writes a news item, it is most significant in the first place to demand implementing the law on those who plunder a country. All have to be equal before the law. Then, we would discover who stand by Yemenis interest and those who work against it.



Al-Balagh Weekly, 16 July 2002

Main Headlines:

- Aden night clubs changed to brothels
 - Explosion racks a mosque in Azariq district, Dhal'a governorate
 - Disputes between People General Congress and opposition, Islah threatens of boycott
- In his editorial, Mr. Abdulla Ibrahim al-Wazir, says on the occasion

of observing the 24th anniversary of President Ali Abdullah Saleh leadership of Yemen, an observer of political situation sees that Yemen appeals to the president to embark on fighting corruption in the forthcoming period. This corruption has weighed down the shoulders of Yemen. It has gnawed at the country's economy and moved most of the people to below the line of poverty. This is of course not an easy task, but we are confident that president Saleh is capable of making the coming years a period of reform and fighting corruption and development construction added to the great achievement particularly the unification.



Al-Wahdawi Weekly, Organ of the Nasserite People's Union Organization, 9 July 2002.

Main Headlines:

- Us, European military vessels watch movement in and around Aden seaport.
- Eritrean spy ship retained at Hudeida port
- Army fails in capturing the suspects of brigadier Saleh incident
- Saudi, Egyptian pressure on Palestinians for calm down to provide opportunity for Iraq's invasion
- "Al-Wahawi" before press of publication prosecution
- PGC insists on sticking to majority, behind failure of its latest meeting with Joint Meeting Parties
- Information ministry continues besieging journalists

Columnist Ahmed al-Fakie says in his article that under influence of 11 September criteria, all Arab and Islamic organizations, defending their usurped rights, must be destroyed under pretext of fighting terror. Probably what encouraged that is the relative success in changing the ruling system in Afghanistan. But the attempt to apply and repeat the example of "Karzai" in some Arab countries, including Palestine, is an abortive attempt and a losing betting. Given the approach of the U.S. congressional elections, it is expected

that the ferocious Israeli campaign against the Palestinian Arab people would be stepped up along with increased American support for implementing the terrorist Sharon's scheme against the Palestinian people in the occupied territories. But we place our betting on continuation of the Intifadha. Bush's present policy and Sharon's arrogance would not produce security and stability to the Zionist entity.

The columnist maintains that apart from the attempt of the American administration to divert attention to Iraq, and within proving the Arab conspiracy theory, it is expected that the coming strike would be dealt to Somalia, a country in many aspects similar to Afghanistan.

The writer concludes that it is difficult for the American administration to overthrow the Arab leader Saddam Hussein because he has emerged from inside Iraq and enjoys respect of people and the Arab nation. It is regrettable to witness the deterioration and submission of those who claim to be opposition while at the same time they are hostages to enemies of their nation.



Al-Wahdawi Weekly, 17 July 2002

Main Headlines:

- Yemeni expatriates 2nd conference discusses a strategy for expatriates welfare
- Dispute over criterion for evaluating political parties
- 981 AIDS cases in Yemen.
- YR 20 million, compensation for Interior Ministry

Columnist Ahmed Muhiddin says in his article that the world is currently following up the brutal carnages and crimes committed by the Zionist occupation against the Palestinians. The world at the same time follows up patience and steadfastness of the Palestinians. Nevertheless none is acting seriously to put an end to the crimes of Sharon, except for some faint attitudes that ultimately follow what Washington wants. This means that the Palestinian people stand alone

in their self-defense which is in its more comprehensive image the defense of Arab and Muslim nation. This is itself enhances conviction of the faithful sons of the nation that final victory would be for the Palestinian people and defeat will be the lot of the Zionist occupation.



Attariq Weekly, 16 July 2002.

Main Headlines:

- Kuwait departs Palestinians, cooperated with invasion, to Yemen
- American investigators think a Yemeni Ramzi bin Shaiba a key to solving secrets about 11 September attacks
- Changes expected among senior officials at Fish Wealth Ministry

columnist Khalid Ali Tuaiman says true democracy differs completely from nominal democracies in some Arab countries. It is fairly enough to point out the first example that it leads to founding civilized avenues to embody the process of social action and working for providing real frame for the civil society that depends in its structure on values of equal citizenship. The utmost thing the second example would permit is the presence of a humble or narrow space for freedom. It would put an end to whoever try to prove that the experiment would only represent a lie lived by this enfeebled people or that, unless it is re-formulated according to actual foundations in a way safeguard in the presence of its convenient political theatre. It is a theatre where competitors deal with each other with political and economic programs, not by using public functions in favor of our Arab ruling parties.



Al-Shoura Weekly organ of Union of Yemeni Peoples' Forces Party, 14 July 2002.

Main Headlines:

- Elections Supreme Committees'

neutrality, questioned

- Information Ministry retracts from pre-censorship
- Campaign against expatriates continues, conflicting information about Yemenis conditions in America

The writer Ali Mohammed al-Sarari says in his article there is no longer any doubt that the present hostile campaigns against press freedom have overstepped and exceeded all previous campaigns which started by the end of 1994 summer. Through the current campaign is a continuation to those former ones, it is more distinguished, and using severer means. The present campaign added more means to those used to be employed in former campaigns. It is practicing acts of kidnapping and detention, as in case of journalists Abdul Rahim Muhsin and Ibrahim Hussein. The new campaign threatens other journalists of facing the same treatment. This evident that hostility against press freedom or freedom of expression has now adopted the fiercest stand and its implementation is taking other forms surpassing the use of non-independent judiciary. The writer concludes that to face this situation there must be reactivation of factors opposing it to an extent restoring world attention and sympathy towards Yemeni affairs, to remains of democracy and human rights. There should be an accumulation of internal and external factors rendering violation of press freedom and right to expression something difficult for authorities to bear.



Ray Weekly, Organ of Sons of Yemen League Party, 16 July 2002.

Main Headlines:

- Yemen accepts to host Palestinians departed from Kuwait.
- Saudi mediation to solve disputes inside Salafia leadership in Yemen
- A lawsuit against Electricity Minister and Authority

The newspaper's editorial says on many occasions the authority declares it is keeping pace with developments

in various fields and levels and states it is concerned with future. Many times the authority has ridiculed from those still tied to the past.

It says those are incapable of dealing with issues by using the language of present and future.

In practice, the authority acts in a way making it captive to the past. It insists on making the coming elections governed by results of previous elections. It effects past criteria and balanced of power no longer existing, to render them as approaches establishing for a future experiment.

How can it be believed that an authority, claiming looking towards future horizons, while at the same time remains tied to results of elections it knows about its complications and taken as a yardstick for the future of the political action.



Al-Sahwa Weekly, 18 July 2002.

Main Headlines:

- Majority hampers dialogue among parties
- Head of information office of Islah party: Elections combat corruption
- In Udain: Authority protects chaos
- Sales tax exposes merchants, industrialists to imprisonment

Columnist Zaid al-Shami says it is supposed that with approached of the stage of registration all efforts should be mustered to prepare satisfactory atmosphere enhancing confidence in setting electoral record having no mistaken, and containing names of those owing the right to take part in the elections.

Principally, the Elections Supreme Committee should be neutral and works transparently and clearly in a way not rousing dubiety. It should exert all possible efforts to create sound and just atmosphere to carry out all stages of the elections. But measures of the committee seem to be making itself one of the mechanisms of the government and the ruling party with the aim of realizing the objective of sweeping majority at whatever price.

World Press

Major news items in leading international newspapers

Provided by Xinhua

Egypt

Al-Ahram

Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak met on Friday with Sheikh Zayed Bin Sultan Al-Nahayan, President of the United Arab Emirates, in Geneva, dealing with the escalating situation in the Middle East, Israeli attacks against the Palestinian People and underway efforts for bringing the peace process back to track.

Al-Akhbar

Mubarak Sunday morning will attend a graduation ceremonies of new batches of Police Academy and Military Academy cadets and confer the Order of Excellence on the distinguished graduates.

Al-Gomhuria

Activities of The fourth Tourism and Shopping Festival will start on Saturday in Cairo, Alexandria, Giza, Ismailia and Red Sea.

Minister of Tourism Mamdouh Ahmed Beltagui and Minister of Supply Hassan Khedr will hold a press conference at Movenpick hotel to give more details on the festival due to run through August 20.

The Egyptian Mail

Israel on Friday destroyed the homes of Palestinian resistance fighters and detained their relatives for possible exile, a new tactic meant to deter bombers but decried by Palestinians as a crime against humanity.

Japan

Yomiuri, Asahi

Japanese prosecutors will level another bribery charge against senior lawmaker Muneo Suzuki.

Nihon Keizai

Japan is to abolish regulation on minimum corporate start-up capital.

Mainichi

Japan's labor ministry is to raise unemployment insurance premiums by 0.2 percentage point in October.

Asahi

Japan's National Personnel Authority is to propose pay cuts for central government employees for the first time.

India

The Indian Express

Visiting British Foreign secretary Jack Straw Friday said that end to cross-border infiltration was the key to find a peaceful solution to problems between India and Pakistan including the Kashmir issue.

The Hindustan Times

One hundred children from a school run by Abdul Salam in Tamil Nadu would be among the privileged lot to

attend his swearing in ceremony as the 12th President of the country on July 25 in the Central Hall of Parliament.

The Times of India

India's IT major Wipro Limited Friday reported a six percent drop in net profit at 2 billion rupees (41.24 million US dollars) for the quarter ended June 30, 2002, compared to the same period of previous year.

Pakistan

Dawn

President General Pervez Musharraf on Friday urged the international community to wage a war against corruption with the same resolve which the menace of terrorism and narcotics were being addressed.

The Nation

Federal Minister for Information and Media Development Nisar A Memon said on Friday that there was no change in the Pakistani Government's policy toward the Kashmir issue, reit-

erating that Pakistan would continue to extend moral, political and diplomatic support to Kashmiris in their struggle for liberation from Indian rule.

The News

Lawyers defending Islamic militant Ahmed Omar Saeed Sheikh said that they had appealed on Friday against his conviction and death sentence for the kidnapping and murder of US reporter Daniel Pearl.

Philippines

Manila Bulletin

Police seized about 45 kg of shabu (methamphetamine hydrochloride) in raids on two houses in Quezon City in Metro Manila, and arrested six men on Friday. The value of the seized shabu was estimated at 108 million pesos (2 million US dollars).

The police said that since the start of the election period on May 31, it had confiscated 702 firearms from gun-ban violators and 17 explosives and 186 bladed weapons all over the country.

The Philippine Star

The country is "brimming with top-notch orthopedic surgeons," so if deposed President Joseph Estrada wants to undergo knee surgery, it will have to be done in the Philippines, the anti-graft court ruled Friday.

Today

The National Police said Friday there would have been more cases of election-related violence had it not been strict in implementing the Commission on Election's gun ban.

«ودى الصابرين الذين اؤوا اصابهم مصيبة فالور
إنا لله وإنا إليه راجعون» صدق الله العظيم

يتقدم الاستاذ/ وليد عبد العزيز السقاف، وموظفو «يمن تايمز» وجميع آل السقاف وجميع زملاء وأصدقاء المغفور له «يأذن الله تعالى»
رجل الاعمال

غازي علوان السقاف

بخالص تعازيهم وأصدق مواساتهم لأبنائهم وإخوانهم وجميع محبيه.

سائلين للفقيد واسع الرحمة والمغفرة وأن يسكنه فسيح جناته، وأن يلهم أسرته الصبر والسلوان (إنا لله وإنا إليه راجعون).

MUS'ID & MUS'IDA

First Ever Yemeni Radio Series published in a newspaper

Written by Abdulrahman Mutahhar

Translated by Janet Watson

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Dangers of the waterpipe

M – How does that song go, Mus'ida? 'Oh God! Oh God! How can I go to the grave alone.' What comes after that?
Ma – 'My God! My God! How can I go to the grave alone, no waterpipe, no clay bowl and no spouse.'
M – Exactly! Now sing up, and let's cheer ourselves up!
Ma – Okay, you start and I'll join in!
M – I think it would sound much nicer with your voice. I don't want to frighten people away with mine!
Ma – You're the one who asked for the song, so you should start!
M – What do you think? Which song should we sing, 'Four-and-twenty blackbirds baked in a pie...' or should we sing, 'My God! My God! How can I go to the grave alone, no waterpipe, no clay bowl and no spouse.'
Ma – Stop all this nonsense and tell me what's on your mind.
M – Nothing in the world apart from the new *mafraj*, which cost me 150,000 riyals.
Ma – Put that out of your mind. Nothing's left of it. As long as you're okay, that's the main thing.
M – Please someone listen to me! If only we'd be able to enjoy the *mafraj* properly, I wouldn't mind! But you've

just thrown away 150,000 riyals in a flash.
Ma – As I said, the *mafraj* is not more important than me and you. Don't be so distressed!
M – I'm not so being so distressed, but I am upset about the distress that befell the new *mafraj*. It was there to make the house look nice and make us proud!
Ma – You can't cry over spilt milk, nor can you undo what's already been done.
M – What should I say, then, nevermind? What happened happened, and all because of you!
Ma – Come on! It was the cat that did it and no one else! It saw a fly or something at the other end of the room and sprang on to it, upsetting the waterpipe on to the furniture with the clay bowl full of burning charcoal!
M – Tell me, Mus'ida, can you think of anyone we both know who works in journalism?
Ma – Of course! My nephew is a journalist. He's got a newspaper. He doesn't know what to write in it, and he can't find anyone to buy the paper!
M – What luck and good fortune! Come on, Mus'ida, call him this minute and give him the following

piece of urgent news: 'Single clay bowl cost Mus'id 150,000 riyals!'
Ma – Have you nothing to say apart from that, or am I just lucky enough to be the butt of your wit, like every other day!
M – For goodness sake, and exactly who is the butt of whose wit, me or you?
Ma – Can we not get away from this subject? I've already told you: I went out to stop the children fighting in the hall, and the cat leapt across upsetting the waterpipe on to the *mafraj* furniture and setting it alight. This was the fate of the *mafraj* from the moment it was still in the factory.
M – And this is exactly what I want to tell people in all the papers! 'Mus'ida welcomed the new *mafraj* with a waterpipe, had a couple of puffs and tipped the lit bowl over on to the *mafraj* furniture, aided by a cat!'
Ma – I'm telling you, I went out of the room to split the children up. They were fighting in the hall. Can't you get that into your head!
M – And I'm telling you that while the *mafraj* was burning away steadily, you were splitting up the children.
Ma – And what's wrong with that, eh? Does it contravene international law?
M – I don't know about international law, but it does contravene basic laws of health and safety which deal with the hazards of fire and smoke. The last time, you knocked it over in the hall, and your son tripped over it and took two weeks to recover. This time, you've ruined brand-new *mafraj* furniture worth 150,000 riyals. As long as you have the waterpipe, the house won't be safe from the dangers of fire or noxious fumes, and you won't be safe from the dangers of smoking including the possibility of contracting tuberculosis!

Mohammed Al-Shaibani



Horoscope

by Boadachia

Aries (Mar 21 - Apr 19)
 When was the last time you bought someone flowers just for the heck of it? When did you last make a real date with the person you've been with for years? Dear Aries, you need to declare love 'today', just because it's the right time. Be expressive with your heart and see how you can win back or rejuvenate someone's love for you.

Taurus (Apr 20 - May 20)
 Forget what you are so sure you are sure about and try knowing nothing about everything! I guarantee you that each day will unfold into a brand new space, where the strange and unusual will begin to feel comfortable. By playing stupid in life, you will actually become quite wise and enlightened. The longer you do this, the easier it becomes, and the more fulfilled you will feel.

Gemini (May 21 - Jun 20)
 When you are able to let go of your attachment to security, the kind attached to material things, that is, that is when you really experience more. I know the fear is, that by giving up a certain level of living you will lose everything. But the exact opposite is true, if you risk it. Think about the quality of life, and not the quantity. Go for simplicity and great things will follow.

Cancer (Jun 21 - Jul 22)
 You don't need to be what everyone else expects. Stay away from people who put down your goals and dream. They, themselves, suffer from their own inadequacies. You need to be who you are, not what you are perceived to be.

Leo (Jul 23 - Aug 22)
 Openings always exist, but the one you face now is huge. There will be other opportunities, but none like the one knocking at your door, offering prosperity. You will either walk completely away, or leap into action. There is a chance here, to be the most creative and passionate person you were meant to be.

Virgo (Aug 23 - Sep 22)
 So, you keep wondering, trying to plug square pegs into circular holes. It doesn't matter a damn how much you do in order to feel right by society, right by your parents, right by your spouse. It only matters that you are doing right by yourself. Then you find you are fulfilling your soul purpose.

Libra (Sep 23 - Oct 22)
 You have two issues going on. First, your life has some trash in it. It's piled up and it's not doing you any good. Clean it up and you will feel inspired about the future. The second issue relates to the first one. You are wasting time by not getting to the mess you have in your life. Don't be afraid of what it will look like afterwards. Just get it done and have faith that it will all work out for the best.

Scorpio (Oct 23 - Nov 21)
 So, you keep wandering, trying to plug square pegs into circular holes. It doesn't matter a damn how much you do in order to feel right by society, right by your parents, right by your spouse. It only matters that you are doing right by yourself. Then you find you are fulfilling your soul purpose.

Sagittarius (Nov 22 - Dec 21)
 You'll need to coordinate and integrate all facets of life in order to find success. Look at where you are, and identify any imbalances. As you formulate the future, have a plan that will bring all areas of your life into harmony. If you don't, you can expect emotional confusion for the next few months, because the discomfort will be unbearable and difficult to ignore.

Capricorn (Dec 22 - Jan 19)
 It's time to wake up. From reality, that is. What is reality anyway? Nobody really knows. What most people think is real, isn't. They just walk around inside their own imagination anyway. Sometimes though, the illusions come out. That is your true reality, not what you experience in most living moments.

Aquarius (Jan 20 - Febr 18)
 Do you sometimes feel as though you're at war with yourself? That's because you have this ideal picture of what the end of the rainbow looks like. Ideals, ideals, ideals. Give up the fight for ideals and get more realistic about what makes you feel good, not what you think will make you happy. Many signs will be looking back at this time.

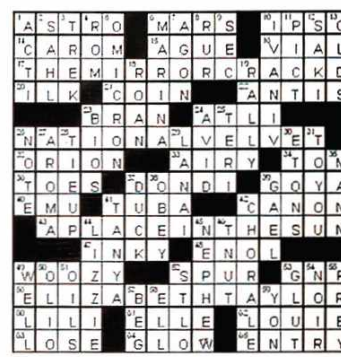
Pisces (Febr 19 - Mar 20)
 Behave out of character this week. Do the unexpected and act like someone else. Pick your idol or some movie character with whom you have always identified. It may feel like acting at first, because it's so strange and foreign to you. But, chances are, you've been acting like someone you're not, all along anyway. So, this new and unusual behavior and personality you are about to practice showing is probably the real you. You've covered up very well.

The Universal Crossword

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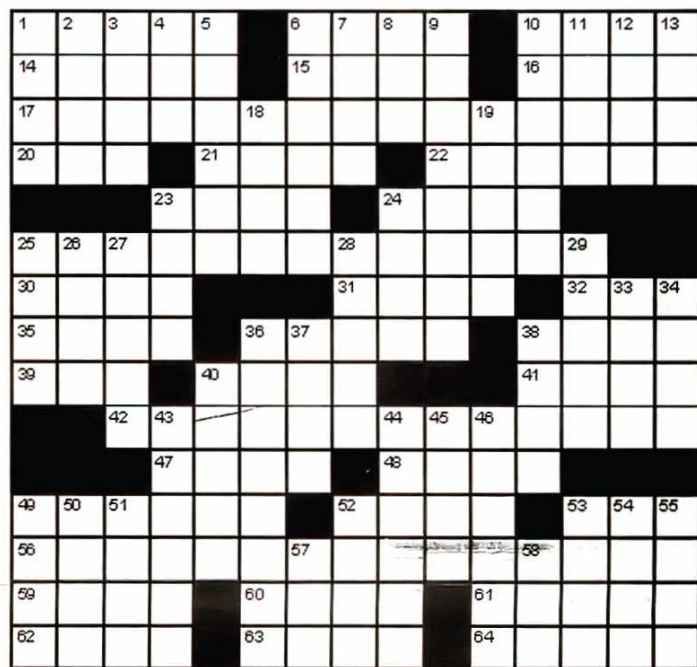
- ACROSS**
- 1 Check for a gas leak, perhaps
 - 6 Mardi _____
 - 10 Slangy assent
 - 14 Wedding vow word
 - 15 It may be square
 - 16 Beginning of a magician's incantation
 - 17 Rarely
 - 20 Beverage for two?
 - 21 Jazz great Brubeck
 - 22 Spinets
 - 23 Word with soft or table
 - 24 It's linked to mighty
 - 25 With 42-Across, optimistic statement
 - 30 A _____ pitance
 - 31 Boxing prize
 - 32 The Bard's witch
 - 35 Chow _____ (Chinese dish)
 - 36 Like an unkempt lawn
 - 38 Buddhist leader
 - 39 Looping line drive's path
 - 40 Parts of an hr.
 - 41 Ireland romantically
 - 42 See 25-Across
 - 47 "60 Minutes"
- DOWN**
- 1 Close-up, for one
 - 2 "... and then there were _____"
 - 3 Quechuan of Peru
 - 4 "Friend or _____?"
 - 5 Ice Cube film
 - 6 Material for some drive-ways
 - 7 Breakfast attire, perhaps
 - 8 Company in a major 2000 merger
 - 9 In an inane manner
 - 10 Harley competitor
 - 11 Black, in verse
 - name
 - 48 Diner sign
 - 49 Words intended to intimidate
 - 52 "Laverne & Shirley" character Babish
 - 53 Signs of comprehension
 - 56 Optimist's belief
 - 59 Prefix meaning "trillion"
 - 60 Opposite of endo
 - 61 Literary twist
 - 62 Talk back
 - 63 Practice girth control
 - 64 Social stratum
 - 12 King of old comics
 - 13 Skater Brinker
 - 18 Drug pusher's enemy
 - 19 Center field, on score-cards
 - 23 Birdhouse bird
 - 24 Tinctured
 - 25 Aurora
 - Greenway's daughter
 - 26 Tack, nautically
 - 27 "Fanny" novelist Jong
 - 28 Corpulent
 - 29 Lewis or Belafonte
 - 30 Cole Porter's "I _____ Love"
 - 34 Turf roamers
 - 36 Passionate in belief
 - 37 Coveter's sin
 - 38 It may zoom
 - 40 Capital of
 - White Russia
 - 43 Saucy dances
 - 44 More than popular
 - 45 Nathan of Broadway
 - 46 Biased, as granting?
 - 49 Giant legend Mel and family
 - 50 Animal similar to the ostrich
 - 51 Suffixes with ballad and chariot
 - 52 Luncheon follow-up?
 - 53 Book after Joel
 - 54 Allude to
 - 55 Eye annoyance
 - 57 Bio., for one
 - 58 Other Gershwin

PREVIOUS PUZZLE ANSWER



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"LOOKING UP!" By Sarah Keller



7-Day Weather Forecast

Sana'a							
Day	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
Hi	31	30	30	30	30	29	29
Lo	14	14	14	14	14	14	14
Aden							
Day	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
Hi	42	41	41	41	40	39	39
Lo	27	26	26	26	26	28	26

WONDERWORD

by DAVID OUELLET

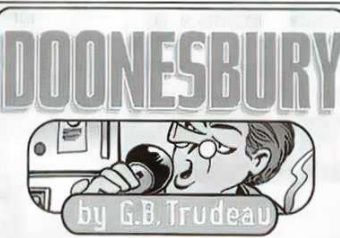
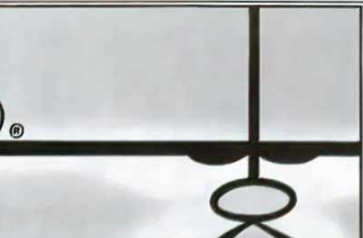
HOW TO PLAY: First read the list of words, then look at the puzzle. The words are in all directions — vertically, horizontally, diagonally, backward. Circle each letter of a word found and strike it off the list. The letters are often used more than once, so do not cross them out. It is best to find the big words first. When you find all the words listed in the clues, you'll have a number of letters left over that spell the Wonderword.

CLUES

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| Allies | Economics | Hopes | Poor | Sentries |
| Aristocrats | Fear | Ideal | Pope | Settlement |
| Assemblies | Federalism | Industry | Queen | Span |
| Attack | Fire | King | Reform | Speech |
| Bishop | Food | Land | Regime | Staff |
| Castle | Foundation | Laws | Relief | Startling |
| Change | France | Masses | Religion | Story |
| Chant | Freedom | Messy | Republic | Strategies |
| Church | Friend | Moat | Revelations | Strive |
| Class | Fuel | Mob | Revolt | Taxation |
| Creed | Future | Monarch | Rich | Terror |
| Crimes | Gold | National | Rifles | Throne |
| Crown | Govern | Nobles | Riot | Treasury |
| Crush | Greed | Officer | Sacrifice | Treaties |
| Domination | Heed | Oppression | Scale | Vote |
| Dreams | Hide | Orate | Seat | |

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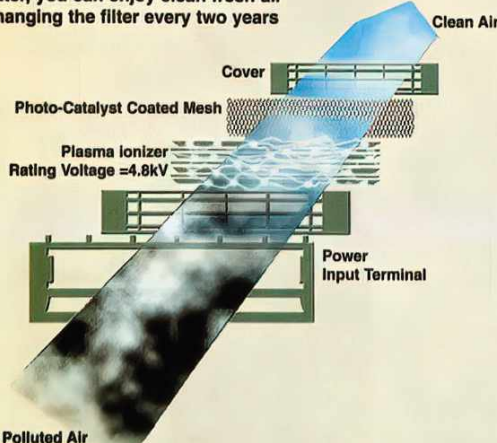
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Successful Completion of Section A of Project

The Yemen Petroleum Company (YPC) intends to upgrade the oil terminal situated at Hodeidah Port, Republic of Yemen by refurbishing and upgrading the 'new' tanker jetty in order to accommodate partly loaded upto 35,000 DWI vessels, subject to the existing draft limitation at the jetty.

YPC awarded the contract for above-mentioned works to Nassir Boyand Ind. & Const. Co. (NICC) of Tehran, Islamic Republic of Iran.

The Consulting Engineers, GIBB Ltd. had prepared the conceptual design and tender documents.

The work to be carried under the contract incorporate:

- A) The rehabilitation of the 'new' jetty at the existing marine terminal, viz:
- Concrete repairs and cathodic protection
 - Supply and installation of new fenders and piping arrangement
 - Supply and installation of new buoy moorings and anchors
- B) The detailed design, supply and installation of oil pipe work (offshore & onshore above




YPC, GIBB, NICC Site Meeting

- ground/underground), storage tanks of 15000 cubic meter capacity each and pumping facilities (foam house & pump station) viz:
- Steel pipelines and fittings on jetties - 14" Gas oil, 14" Mogas, 10" dual-purpose kerosene, 8" LPG liquid and 4" LPG vapour return lines.
- Steel submarine pipelines, steel buried pipelines and steel above-ground pipelines as above sizes.
- Cathodic protection installation

- Electrical and mechanical plant in the Transfer Pump Station and Foam House.
- C) The detail design, supply and installation of part rehabilitation, and part new fire protection system to tank farm.
- D) The detail design, supply and installation of area lighting to new tank compound
- E) The construction of a Transfer Pump Station and Foam House
- F) Associated and ancillary works

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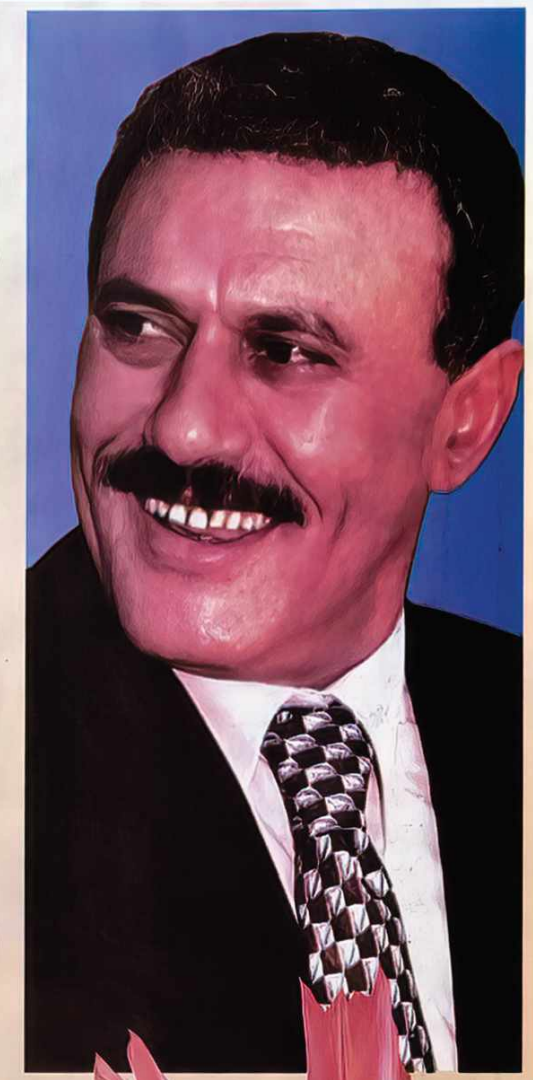



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CONCLUSION:

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With HYUNDAI Full Support, NATCO Successfully Completes HYUNDAI World Cup 2002 Festival Competition

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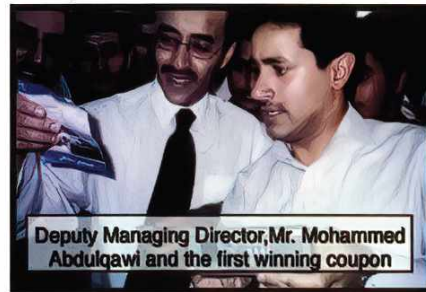
World Ranking, HYUNDAI 8th and the Korean football team 4th



Attendants waiting for the draw results



A side of attendance



Deputy Managing Director, Mr. Mohammed Abdulqawi and the first winning coupon



Jamal Abdulwasa Hayel congratulating all winners

On Thursday July 4th 2002 and 5 days after the World Cup 2002 ended, tens of thousands of participants in the HYUNDAI World Cup 2002 Competition ended their impatient wait for the final results of the prize draw. Strenuous efforts were exerted by the organizers of the event assembled in NATCO to count the correct answers accurately. It was made clear that the majority of the contestants had correct expectations which qualified them to participate in the final draw.

At 10:00 a.m. and with the presence of Mr. Jamal Abdulwasa Hayel, Mohammed Abdulqawi, the Deputy Managing Directors of NATCO, media representatives, participants in the competition and a large number of other interested individuals, the draw took place in transparent and honest approach as witnessed by attending participants.

The draw of the grand prize, an Accent 2002 HYUNDAI car took place in a fair manner to ensure that all participants get an equal chance of winning and it went to the lucky winner, Sabri Abdulkareem al-Shaibani from al-Mukalla.

Immediately, Jamal Abdulwasa Hayel phoned the winner and delivered the pleasant news. When informed, the winner seemed hesitant in believing what he heard. He even thought it was a joke made by one of his friends. The winner mentioned this clearly when he received his prize. He openly stated that he was greatly delighted and realized that the result was not a joke whatsoever. It was all for real.

Other valuable prizes were distributed to the other 30 winners. This includes refrigerators, TVs, videos and receivers. Winners were phoned and special arrangement were made for the winners, who were invited to receive their prizes on Tuesday July 9th 2002 attending by Mr. Jamal Abdulwasa. The prize handing ceremony was started by a welcoming speech presented by Mr. Amin Ba-Hammam (Sales Manager of Automotive Division). Prizes were then distributed to the winners as announced. The vehicle's ownership documents and keys were given to the grand prize winner Sabri, who expressed his deep delight and appreciation when receiving his valuable prize which he never expected. He further added that he just participated with only one coupon delivered just before the deadline. He reiterated his surprise when he was phoned with the pleasant news. "I truly thought it was a joke," he said.

The winner, Sabri Abdulkareem received a telephone call from Mr. Ali Lee, the Africa & Middle East Operations Manager of HYUNDAI Company, who congratulated the winner on winning the grand prize. All the other winners expressed their gratitude to NATCO Company for organizing such a great event and for winning those valuable prizes. Mr. Jamal Abdulwasa concluded the prize awarding ceremony by expressing his happiness for the great success of the HYUNDAI World Cup 2002 festival and congratulated all winners for receiving the various precious prizes. He in particular congratulated the grand prize winner Sabri and promised everyone to bring new surprises from HYUNDAI in the near future. He also added that HYUNDAI is a giant automobile manufacturing company that has become the 8th best automobile company in the world in 2001 and is now eager to become number 5 by the end of 2010. At the end of his speech, he said that the Korean football team surprised the world by its superb and distinguished performance in World Cup 2002 by winning the fourth position in the World Cup. He said that this development of Korean football is part of the overall progress of Korea on all levels and in all fields. He then thanked HYUNDAI Company for the continuous support to the Yemeni market, and thanked in particular Mr. Jong D. Bae, the Executive Manager of HYUNDAI Company for the Middle East and Africa and his team in Dubai.

Winner of the grand prize:
"I participated with one coupon in the last day allowable to submit competition coupons!! When I received the news by phone, I thought it was one of my friends joking. Praise to Allah and thanks to NATCO and HYUNDAI."

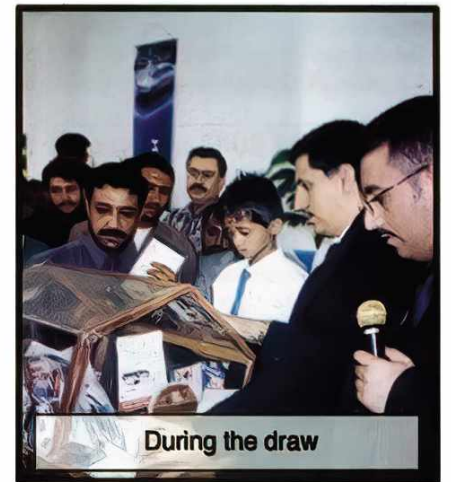


Prize winners:
The organization of the competition was splendid. We congratulate ourselves and the Korean team for achieving the fourth rank in Korea-Japan World Cup 2002.

HYUNDAI promotional campaign as a major World Cup official partner was most impressive and eye-catching which added a great excitement to the festival.

Winners and their prizes:

- 1-) Sabri Abdulkareem al-Shaibani (al-Mukalla- Accent Car)
- 2-) Rafeeq Ahmed Azzagheer (Taiz-TV set)
- 3-) Amjad Mahfoudh Abdulhameed Sinan (Aden-TV set)
- 4-) Rushdi Hameed Thabet al-Areeqi (Taiz-TV set)
- 5-) Salem Alawi Abdullah al-Habashi (al-Mokalla-refrigerator)
- 6-) Isam Ameen Abdulwasa'e al-Adeemi (Sana'a-TV set)
- 7-) Mohammed Sa'd Ahmed al-Jahrani (Taiz-receiver)
- 8-) Thabet Mohammed Thabet al-Areeqi (Sana'a-TV set)
- 9-) Abdullateef Abdulkareem (Sana'a-TV set)
- 10-) Abdulmalik M. Abduljabbar al-Maqrami (Sana'a-TV set)
- 11-) Ammar Abdullah al-Dhubhani (Sana'a-receiver)
- 12-) Ghamdan Mansour Saif Mukrid al-Areeqi (Sana'a-Video)
- 13-) Abdullah Mohammed Bawazeer (TV set)
- 14-) Sara Qassim Saeed Ghanim (Taiz-TV set)
- 15-) Khaled Juma'an Saeed bin Salman (al-Mukalla-refrigerator)
- 16-) Saleh Abdulaziz M. bin Munaif (Hadhramout-receiver)
- 17-) Adil Saif Abdu al-Warafi (Taiz-Video)
- 18-) Rifa'at Mohammed Abdullah bin Abdullah (video)
- 19-) Majed Saeed Abduh Saeed (Somalia-video)
- 20-) Aouad Abdou Hameda (Hodeidah - video)
- 21-) Abdurrahman Mohammed Ahmed al-Kuhlani (Taiz-receiver)
- 22-) Amer Ahmed Mokrid al-Maqtari (Sana'a-receiver)
- 23-) Abdulwahed Abdulkareem Ali Alama (Sana'a-receiver)
- 24-) Mohammed Yaseen A. Abdullah Ashameri (Hodeidah-receiver)
- 25-) Rabah Abdulfattah Ahmed Abdulwali (Sana'a-receiver)
- 26-) Mo'ammer Mohammed Abdulwahid al-Ameri (Sana'a-receiver)
- 27-) Adel Saeed Ahmed (Sana'a-receiver)
- 28-) Ali Abdu Ahmed (Taiz-receiver)
- 29-) Munir Qaid Hassan (Taiz-refrigerator)
- 30-) Zain Bana Muslim (Hadhramout-refrigerator)
- 31-) Hisham Ismael Salah (Sana'a-refrigerator)



During the draw



Signing vehicle's ownership documents



The winner receiving his grand prize



A female winner receiving her prize



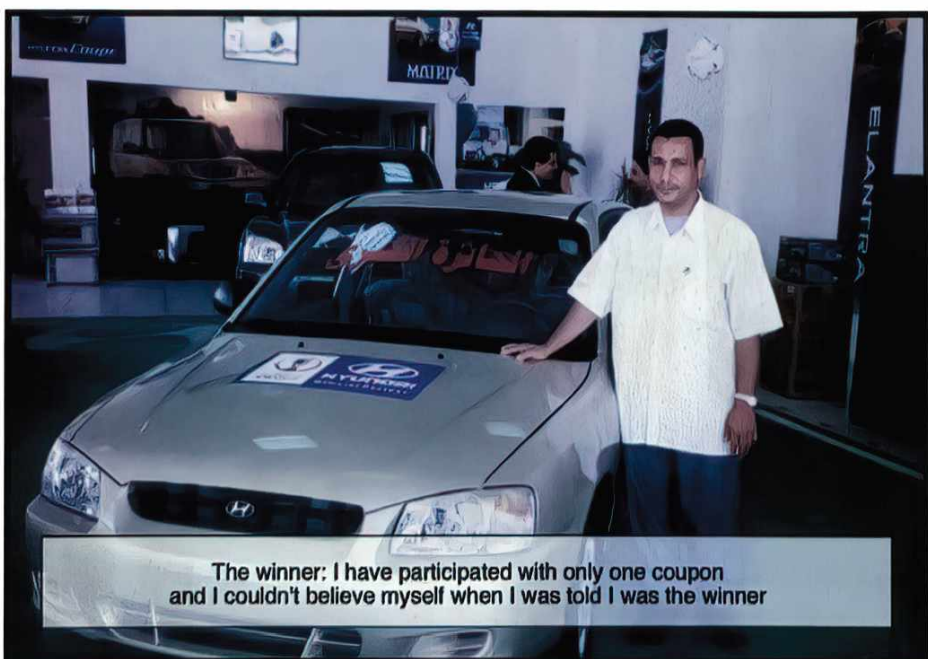
A receiver presented to a winner



Congratulating another winner



A refrigerator presented a winner



The winner: I have participated with only one coupon and I couldn't believe myself when I was told I was the winner



The grand prize winner, Sabri Abdulkareem Al-Shaibani expressing his delight

Jamal Abdulwasa Hayel:

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Al-Bayda governorate

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Arid and harsh is the Governorate but always very beautiful as this butterfly

Al-Bayda Governorate, in the course of history, has gained a certain importance during the period in which the kingdom of Sheba and Qataban flourished. Sheba kingdom flourished in the period of the 8th century B.C. until the collapse of the Marib Dam. The Kingdom of Qataban extending from

Hadramout with its famous capital Shabwa reigned over large areas including Al-Bayda area. The moun-



Old architecture Building of Al-Bayda governorate

JITCOM 2002 showcases IT technologies in town

Under the auspices of HE president Ali Abdullah Saleh, Apollo Company is to organize JITCOM 2002 on July 22-26 the IT and telecom exhibition at the Apollo center, Sana'a in coordination with the Yemeni Industrials Association. This exhibition is the fourth of its kind since 1999.

This exhibition is organized annually by Apollo for international exhibitions with the view of introducing new IT and telecom products to the public, as well as building relations between local and international companies involved in the same industry.

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