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Incident may help track down terror network Explosion kills two in Sana'a

Sana'a, Aug 9, (YT)—Two men were killed in an explosion that rocked al-Qadisiya building south-east Sana'a on Friday morning. The two men are thought to be bomb makers who were preparing explosive device when it blasted. The explosive material was triggered causing a strong blast that resulted in the instant death of one of the two men, Abdulkhaliq Naji whose face was unrecognizable as his body became totally charred. The other man in the same room Mohammed Abdulkhaleq Saeed al-Jaberi al-Berhi, who is said to be one of the Islamists returned from Chechnya, seemed to be somewhat further away from the blast but could not escape death as he died of his injury on way to the hospital. There were no reports of any injuries.

An identification card of a third person was found in the apartment and its holder was tracked down and detained. Security forces hope that this person could provide important information that could help in tracking down the rest of the group and bring them to justice.

According to an Interior Ministry source, preliminary investigation revealed that the two persons were preparing an explosive device when it blew up.

Security officials said that they found several weapons and explosives including an RPG launcher in the apartment, drawing speculations that the two men may be part of a larger terrorist network.

This comes at a time when members of a group identifying themselves as al-Qaeda sympathizers are being chased throughout the country for being behind a number of explosions incidents that caused damage to a number of government buildings during the past few months. The group threatened to continue its attacks against the Political Security Office unless hundreds of Islamist members are released from prison. The Yemeni government had committed itself to working hard to find those terrorists and bring them to justice. This comes as part of a campaign waged against Osama bin Laden's al-Qaeda network and other Islamic groups to enhance Yemen's reputation as an anti-terrorist country.

The right to respond: NODRF denies news on the release of the 104 detainees

BY THE EDITOR
Sana'a, Aug 10, (YT)—In a press release sent to Yemen Times, the National Organization for Defending Rights and Freedoms (NODRF) denied the news that came in Yemen Times in issue 31/2001 on the release of 104 detainees and insisted that all detainees are still in captivity. The pro-human rights organization asserted that families of some of the detainees learned that those imprisoned in the PSO jails are still in jail and are currently undergoing mental and physical torture.

The press release said that all the 104 detainees mentioned in YT are still in prison and that sources mentioning otherwise perhaps wanted to distract the readers from the facts on the ground and from the miseries of those in detention.

However, when contacted by the Yemen Times, the sources of the original item insisted on the correctness of their information and reconfirmed the release of the 104 persons, whose names—according to him—will be revealed within the coming days.

Yemen Times will be following up this particular case with great persistence to bring the truth to its readers and will publish any names of detainees that may have indeed been released in future issues. The conflicting reports about the release of the 104 persons have resulted in greater insistence by the newspaper's staff to research the facts and approach the original sources for a complete list of all detainees claimed to have been released.

YT had already noted in last issue that Basheer Ashedadi, Ahmed al-Baidani and Esam al-Mekhlafi are still in detention and an error led to mentioning otherwise.

Yemen Times would like to confirm that its message is to bring the facts crystal clear and will follow up the issue with perseverance but at the same time would like to extend its gratitude to NODRF for its intervention for the sake of bringing the truth to the readers and its concern of the factuality of information published in our newspaper. YT would also like to offer a helping hand in revealing the truth about the torture cases of those in prison and about the possibility of the release of any of those detained.

New political party emerges

Sana'a, Aug 10, (YT)—A new party with the name National Congregation for Democracy and Justice (NCDJ) is currently under establishment according to its founder and General Secretary prominent politician Mr. Sultan Al-Sami'i.



Sultan Al-Sami'i

In an exclusive interview to Yemen Times, Al-Sami'i, who is currently in Egypt said on Saturday, "Time has come to bring an alternative party to the country, which is suffering from a downturn in its democracy. We believe it is about time for a strong party with moderate views to be born in order to fill the gap all the other parties have left."

When asked whether his trip to Egypt had to do with this step he said, "My visit to Egypt is for consultation. But I can frankly tell you that this party has very strong, honest, sincere individuals behind it. The party's vision is to promote justice and democracy in a country that has suffered for too long. The efforts behind founding this party are purely sincere and honest. I believe that our party could possibly be the party preferred by the public for its national and sincere stance."

Even though the party is still not officially registered Al-Sami'i believes that there is no reason for the party to

be registered and dealt with as any other party. "The constitution and laws give us the right to establish the party, which we will put great efforts for it to become widely known throughout the country."

In a press release sent to the local press, al-Sami'i said, "In the framework of the constitution of the Republic of Yemen, and amid the current deteriorating conditions of democracy and the dreadful situation of political parties in the country, and in response to many politicians and intellectuals and countrymen in the country and abroad, the formation of a new party entitled "National Congregation for Democracy and Justice" has been discussed and approved to close the gap made by the weakening of some parties and the disappearance and stagnancy of others."

The press release continued, "Knowing the importance of pushing the wheel of democracy which is on the verge of stopping, we the founders of the party, have decided amid this difficult situation and critical point that our country and the whole Arab world is going through to carry the responsibility to raise our country and people's place high and defend our country and people's dignity."

It is worth mentioning that several intellectuals are waiting to see how serious the founders are in founding a party that could be as broad-based and competitive as the GPC and Islah. They speculate that if the party has enough funding, efficient management, wide public relations, media coverage, and a strong infrastructure it may well be stand a change in gaining a good share in the 2008 elections.

Explosion sets ship ablaze

Hodiedah, Aug 10, (YT)—Fire continued raging till Friday evening in a ship anchored at Assaleef Harbor of Hodiedah port. Fire was caused by an explosion that took place in the ship at 8:30 p.m. last Thursday. The incident resulted in burning of two engineers of the ship whose bodies were found completely charred. While another five of the crewmen had received serious burns

and were taken to Hodiedah Hospital for treatment.

Yemen Times has learned that the ship belongs to the Yemen Economic Corporation and that a technical failure has happened in the cooling system before the explosion. One of the ship's engineers said that explosion took place while the cooling system under preparation by technicians of the ship.

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Two earthquakes rock Aden

Aden, Aug. 10, (YT) - An earthquake jolted the Yemeni southern city port of Aden at 1:30 a.m. Saturday and lasted for several seconds, while another quake was felt by Aden coastal areas residents on Saturday at noon.

Yemen Times has gotten confirmation on the two quakes from Aden air-

port meteorology department but due to shortage in observation equipment the department could not detect exactly power and epicenter of the two quakes.

On the other hand no information was available on casualties or damage caused by the two quakes and no official statement was issued yet.

Opposition parties reject SEC's ultimatum

The Yemeni Joint Meeting Opposition Parties responded on Saturday to the Supreme Elections Committee's (SEC) ultimatum dated August 3 to submit the lists of participants in the electoral committees. The SEC called upon the opposition parties, earlier in this month, to send their lists of the nominees to be part of the electoral committees according to their own percentages based on last election. In its letter, the opposition parties said the SEC had undertaken a baseless

criterion for the parties' participation in the elections and ignored the opposition's views entirely.

The letter confirmed the opposition parties' disapproval of SEC's request and called for the continuation of political dialogue between parties. This disagreement between the opposition parties and SEC resulted in delaying the registration phase for the upcoming parliamentary elections scheduled for April 2002 to October instead of September.

It is worth mentioning that the elections registration phase will be carried out in an entirely different way compared to last year. The new lists of voters will be prepared from scratch and will not depend on old lists which will be totally abolished. The ruling party was accused of including more than 500,000 false names in the last elections, while Islah was accused of having around 250,000 false names as well.

Flagrant act at Taiz University continues

TAIZ-On his way to work, Jameel Assarafi, an employee at Taiz University was attacked last week by two security men belonging to Taiz University. He was taken aback when students were frisked down at the gate of the university by two security men using cudgels.

In a press release issued by the General Yemeni Students Union (GUSU), the employee was attacked intentionally without any altercation with the university's security men. Assarafi then filed a complaint to the University Students' Affairs Dean informing him of this attack.

Last week, Taiz University campus turned to what could be called a battlefield between security men and students of the university. A number of students were illegally incarcerated at the Criminal Investigation Jail.

YJS and Yemen's journalists in solidarity with Ibrahim Nafi'

The Yemeni Journalist Syndicate (YJS) has strongly condemned the sending for Ibrahim Nafi', the Editor-in-Chief of Al-Ahram Daily and the Chairman of the Arab Journalists Union to stand trial in a French Court. He was summoned last week to appear before the court under the pretext of publishing articles two years ago on *A Talk of Jewish Pastry of the Arab Blood* written by Adel Hammouda, a freelance journalist at al-Ahram Daily.

The Chairman of the YJC and the Deputy Chairman of the Arab Journalists Union, Mahboob Ali along with Yemeni journalists have expressed their absolute solidarity with Nafi'. According to what the Chief Justice, Nafi' was accused of having instigated hatred against Jews and diffusing discriminatory ideas.

Upon hearing about this development, the Chairman of the YJS stressed that the Egyptian media in general and al-Ahram Newspaper in particular

made honorable attempts to reveal to the public the truth about the Zionist acts of terrorism and injustice. As a result, the Zionist lobby found no other way but to file a lawsuit against this national Arab voice resembled in al-Ahram. Mahboob added that Israel realized that the media war had started and that al-Ahram Daily was winning its first round. "As a result, Israel has been seeking to establish a new satellite network under the pretext of spreading democratic values. This is done in a time the Arab media left not stone unturned in support of the Palestinian people," he said.

The Chairman of the YJC called upon journalists, intellectuals and supporters of freedom of press to support Nafi' in his cause considering this trial against him a trial against all the Arab media members. He added that this step may have long-term implications on the whole Arab world.

Decree effecting Yemen National Security Organization

Sana'a, Aug. 7 - A presidential decree on Tuesday had established a National Security Organization of the Republic of Yemen directly affiliated with the president of the republic.

Some of the organization's tasks are focused on watching, gathering and analyzing intelligence information on hostile activities oriented from abroad that pose threat to the country's security, sovereignty and political system, and economic and military position. The organization would against that offer ideas and suggestions on the way of facing and dealing with them.

The apparatus would also study and analyze political, economic, social, security and cultural researches and studies issued by foreign associations to get informed on the extent of their effect on the country's national security. It also takes the task of disclosing

and combating sabotage activities hostile to the national security in addition to providing protection for Yemen's borders and islands against any inroads on part of enemy elements coming from abroad.

National Security Organization would undertake gathering information on spying activities and work on exposing and confronting them.

The Organization is also entrusted with securing protection for the armed forces, security and other state establishments, and Yemeni diplomatic missions abroad against any hostile inroads as well as preserving the state's political, military and economic secrets. It also undertakes adoption of arrangements ensuring protection of Yemen's interests abroad in coordination with the foreign ministry.

\$130 million credit to Yemen approved by World Bank

On Thursday August first, the World Bank approved USD 130 million in the form of credit to Yemen to upgrade the urban water supply and sanitation services. The first phase of the Urban Water Supply and Sanitation Project (UWSSP) aims to increase water supplies in densely populated urban areas through improving operation and reduction of the water scarcity.

The UWSSP is also funding projects to enable the use of recycled waste water for agricultural purposes.

The proposed project falls in line with the bank's country assistance strategy for Yemen whose objectives include prompting environmental sustainability with a strong focus on water management.

The urban water and waste water sectors in Yemen are confronted with major challenges in the face of increasing water shortage in the country. The sector has been unable to cover expenses and cost of new investments. In addition, the National Water and Sanitation Authority and its branches are in need of more effective managerial and technical capabilities.

As services from local corporations improve, it is expected that low-income households will rely less on higher-priced water supplied by private vendors. This will ease the burden on the household budget and relieve women and children, in particular, from the time-consuming task of fetching and carrying water.

The International Development Agency (IDA), an arm of the World Bank Group, which provides interest-free development assistance to the poorest countries, will issue the credit. The overall project cost is USD 150 million. The World Bank credit of USD 130 million will be disbursed on standard IDA terms with a 10-year

grace period and a maturity of 40 years, and the Government of Yemen will contribute USD 20 million.

On the other hand, the World Bank's Board of Executive Directors reviewed and discussed the Poverty Reduction Strategy Paper (PRSP) drafted by the Government of Yemen with extensive consultation among agencies and with civil society, including parliamentarians, academia, female groups, media as well as community based groups representing the poor.

The PRSP reveals that poverty in Yemen is predominantly a rural phenomenon, with 83 percent of the poor and 87 percent of those under the food poverty line living in rural areas. It concluded that Yemen's current public expenditures in sectors such as health and education do target the poor, but the services fall short of addressing the magnitude of the urban-rural gap and the gender gaps.

In response to these challenges, the PRSP was designed around four major pillars aimed at raising the living standards of the poor. They include achieving a high and sustained rate of economic growth, enhancing human resource development, upgrading the basic infrastructure, expanding access to basic services, and strengthening the social safety nets.

"The overall sense of the board meeting was that the PRSP prepared by the Yemeni authorities and civil society marks the end of the beginning. Now the real process begins in putting the poverty reduction strategy into practice," said Mohammed Ayub, Country Director for Yemen, following the Board meeting. "I am confident that the commitment and ownership demonstrated by the government of Yemen in this first phase will continue in the implementation phase."

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Ashameri released

BY FAROUK AL-KAMALI
TAIZ BUREAU

Abdulaleem Ashameri, the Chairman of the Ambition Society for the Deaf and Blind Rehabilitation and Care was released last Tuesday by the security authorities in Taiz. Ashameri was arrested on August 4 and forced to leave his job as the chairman of the society to be replaced by a member of the People's General Congress (PGC). The majority of the society's members and staff are either the blind or deaf.

Ashameri has recently lodged a complaint to the prosecuting attorney of the Taiz governorate against the General Manager of Labor and Social Affairs

for abusing the power entrusted to him. Ashameri told the Yemen Times that he wouldn't abandon the society, whose members have the right to elect the person whom they trust. In this regard, the society passed through difficult times as it was unable to pay the rent and train and rehabilitate the blind and blind.

Since its establishment, the Ambition Society for the Deaf and Blind Rehabilitation and Care has been badly in need of financial assistance. Ashameri called upon human rights organizations to support the society to help the handicapped have a better and promising future.

Scenario writing & TV programs training course winds up

The Mass Media Training and Qualifying Institute started last week a training course in the field of TV program preparation and presentation. More than 57 trainees including new employees of the Public Corporation for Radio and Television participated in the training course. The media administration in both Interior and Agriculture Ministries and some university graduates of the Information College of Sana'a University also attended the course.

The course primarily focused on training students on the basics of scenario writing and TV drama that could tackle social and economic issues in Yemen.

Dr. Abdullah Ali Azzalab, the Dean of the Mass Media Training and Qualifying Institute said that the training course, which will come to a con-



Trainees during the training course of preparing TV programs and scenario writing

clusion during the second half of 2002, primarily aims at training new employees. Dr. Azzalab said, "Holding such a training course has been approved by the Information Minister, Dr. Hussein Daif Allah al-Awadhi in order to enhance local expertise in the nature of work in TV and radio programs."

Apollo honors JITCOM 2002 participants

After the success of Apollo's Jazeera Information Technology Exhibition (JITCOM 2002) and the Information Industry Forum in Yemen, Apollo held on August 8 a certificate honoring ceremony for participants and supporters of the exhibition. More than 46 local companies and 91 representatives of different governmental organizations participated in JITCOM 2002.

The exhibition witnessed a high level of attendance and was visited by agents and representatives of international companies that were represented in the exhibition. Participating companies expressed eagerness to participate



in next year's exhibition JITCOM 2003 due to the great value they sensed in this year's event.

The honoring certificates were distributed by Deputy Minister of Industry and Apollo's Marketing Manager.

Note

On page 4 of last week's issue, the caption below the photo of H.E., the Chinese Ambassador was mistakenly put as Mr. Teng Hong, due to a pure technical error. While it should have been Gao Yusheng.

Our apologies to the Ambassador, Chinese Embassy and readers for the inconvenience.



H.E. the Chinese Ambassador to Yemen, Gao Yusheng

Action taken against car thieves and bandits

ISMAEL AL-GHABERI
YEMEN TIMES STAFF

Mohammed Saleh Meyad, the General Manager of the Capital Secretariat Security said that the year 2002 has witnessed an excellent record with regard to reducing the number of car thefts and other similar crimes. In comparison to last year during the same period, the recent security measures have resulted in a 9% improvement in preventing car thefts, 16% improvement in arresting bandits and 8% increase in the number of cars returned to their owners. This indicates that there is improvement in the number of seized thieves and criminals compared to last year.

Due to the alarming rate of car theft attempts during the first half of 2002 in the capital secretariat, which reached more than 6713 cases, the Capital Secretariat Security committed itself to intensifying its efforts to bring those accountable to justice. More than 8,522 convicts have already been seized, while the number of cars stolen reached 256 and the loss resulting from stolen cars totaled to around YR 60 million. The authorities were able to seize more than 391 gun machines, 123 pistols, and 22 grenades during the same period.

This has been successfully accomplished following the security campaign launched by security forces during the first half of 2002.

Accidents claim 891 lives

Sana'a-The overall number of traffic accidents during the first half of 2002 have reached 5,164 in all governorates of the republic. More than 891 persons have been killed and 5,918 have been injured. The financial losses and damages caused by those accidents were estimated at more than YR 563 million. Car crash incidents were

ranked first among other traffic accidents, which reached 2,622. These incidents can be attributed to the breakneck speed, punctures, traffic violations, bad weather, lack of continuous technical check ups, bad conditions of roads, and in many cases the carelessness of pedestrians, especially children.

UK grants \$38 million for Aden's Jumhori Hospital

An agreement was signed between Yemen and the UK in London on Friday in which the UK will grant Yemen a total exceeding \$38 to finance a project to expand and rehabilitate the Jumhori Hospital in Aden. The new capacity of

the hospital will rise to 410 beds and the services will be modernized and enhanced. The agreement was signed by the Yemeni Minister of Planning and Development Ahmed Sufan and Mr. Alan Bieni of the UK government.

Al-Gabal Restaurant inaugurated

ADEN-AL-Gabal Restaurant at Sheraton Gold Mohur Hotel-Aden was inaugurated last Saturday at the presence of social and political dignitaries. Aidroos Obeid, the Sales Manager at Sheraton Gold Mohur Hotel said that holding the inauguration ceremony aimed primarily at keeping in touch with hotel's customers.

In addition to this, it will pave the way for propagating for the al-Gabal Restaurant at the hotel. He indicated that the al-Gabal Restaurant aims at offering different types of food at reasonable and competitive prices. On the other hand, the invitees at the inauguration ceremony expressed their delight in the services offered by the Sheraton Gold Mohur Hotel and its fantastic reputation all over the country.

Al-Baihani Charitable Society seeks protection

Aden-The administrative staff of al-Baihani Charitable Society for Education and Culture welcomed last Friday the Parliamentary Committee's report related to the fact-finding committee on the recent attack against al-Baihani Charitable Society. Following the attack, the students' certificates were canceled and an attempt to close the al-Baihani religious institute was made.

In a letter dispatched by the al-Baihani Society to the Yemen Times,

the society trusted that the Parliamentary Committee report would give a clear picture of the recent attacks on the society.

On the other hand, the society has strongly condemned the prolongation of postponing the decision by Sera Court of First Instances against the attackers.

Members at al-Baihani Charitable Society demanded legal protection of its members by the security authorities in the Aden governorate.

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Deputy Education Minister:

“al-Baihani Institute has been shifted from private education to partisan education”

The Yemen Times Bureau staff member Nabeel Mustafa Mahdi has recently interviewed the Deputy Education Minister, Abdulaziz Saleh bin Habtoor, discussing with him various aspects on the Local Governance and its relationship to education, in addition to tackling some problems dealing with scientific institutes.

Q: How do you assess the previous round of local councils elections and what about the upcoming parliamentary elections?

A: Adhering to democratic principles; is a unique experience to practice your political freedoms freely. All setbacks accompanied the local council election process are considered to be a good step and experience which is a

clear indication of the growing awareness of the Yemeni people. These elections have been widely welcomed in a logical and open-minded acceptance. This new experience has to be preserved and the responsibility of keeping it forever should be shouldered by all. We have to make every effort to protect it from those who cast the responsibility on the local councils in an attempt to get back to and reminisce the central past and fanaticism.

In the test of the local councils we have made well-thought steps, one of which is the election process and its continuity so far. Now we are in need of much time to firmly establish the democratic experience for these councils.

Q: What are the positive reflections that may affect the educational process as well?



A: We may not have enough time to talk about the educational process all over Yemen but what we have to do is to have one curriculum system and one central orientation and our policies should be based on centralization. And what is going on in the provinces and governorates is to supervise the on-

going executive aspects of the educational process. So, education is an important issue that should not be subject to independent judgments as it is an issue representing the responsibility for building an entire generation.

We, along with the local authorities at the ministry of education are about to establish a joint positive work.

The idea which says that the local councils have been entrusted with mapping out local educational policies and strategies needs to be thoroughly studied to pursue closely the educational processes. That is because it is a public issue, which is not restricted to any governorate or the other.

Q: How do you link the latest incidents that have occurred at al-Baihani institute and the educational reality of the private education?

A: In order to establish private institutes, the ministry of education has adopted certain terms that should be fulfilled when establishing private schools. The eye-catching thing is that there are some schools that have been opened with a view of investing education.

The ministry of education is always ready to cooperate with those who want to open new private schools starting from the kindergartens to the basic education and the secondary schools.

As for the al-Baihani institute, we have made clear that education is no longer related to partisanship and therefore it is not totally allowed to be practiced in educational establishments. The crystal-clear thing is that al-Baihani religious institute has been shifted from private education to partisan education. This is clearly seen when the Islah party insisted on taking over the building to be changed to a private institute. This has been totally rejected by the ministry of education and under the supervision of the local authority.

In this case, the educational problems faced by our students at the institute will be wisely dealt with and tackled. Students will be transferred to public schools in accordance with the educational conditions

Girls' World: Summer Camp's Open Ceremony

On Thursday August 8, Girls World Communication Center celebrated its fourth summer camp open ceremony in the premises of the center in Sanaa. The ceremony was attended by the students' families and a number of guests. The students displayed creative works impressing the attending crowd. The Administrative Director of the center, Ms. Entelak al-Mutawakel expressed her hope in that every educational institution would take the center as an example to follow as this attempt is considered the first in its kind and has been implemented by the center itself with no involvement of second parties in its organization.

"However, we can not deny that some organizations did cooperate in sponsoring the event including Shell, Total, Canadian Nexen, British Council and Amideast, which we thank very much" Ms. Entelak commented.

The center has guaranteed especial active summer vacation packages for girls to encourage them to practice new skills and exploit their hidden talents. "We work here to help girls coming from low-income families work and study. Through this center, some hard working and intelligent girls managed to get scholarships" she added.

"We are going to design an integral curriculum through which we can raise

awareness about a lot of issues that concern the society including social, environmental and health issues. The center has a magnificent library established with collaboration of British Council, and which contains language books and references" she said.

The center adopted a diploma program to rehabilitate the secondary school graduate girls, who have to wait for one full year before enrolling into the university. The center ensures that this year is spent on useful activities including learning English, computer, internet and other various activities.

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Seminar on the Egyptian Women's experience in politics

By MOHAMMAD AL-MASANI
YEMEN TIMES STAFF

Within the framework of human rights program of the Sisters Arabic Forum (SAF) to enhance Yemeni women's political participation, a seminar on the Egyptian woman's experience in politics was held in Sana'a last Friday. The seminar was organized by SAF in coloration with Oxfam-Britain and other partners in order to benefit from the Egyptian women's political experience. The seminar focused on how to benefit from participating in the upcoming elections.

During the seminar, Dr. Amal M. Faed, an expert in women's political affairs and a member of the Political Office of the Egyptian Nasserite Party delivered a speech revolving around effective means of the Egyptian women's experience in the political and parliamentary arenas and how Yemeni women could benefit from such experience.

The seminar was attended by Mr. Izzeddin al-Asbahi, the Chairman of the Human Rights Information and Training Center along with representa-



tives of several NGOs as well as party representatives and journalists.

Mrs. Amal al-Basha, the Chairwoman of SAF told YT that the seminar aimed at promoting Yemeni woman's participation in the upcoming elections as a nominee and voter.

Within a program that started 7 months ago, the SAF demanded separate constituencies for women and called upon the authorities to allow women representatives to take part in the Supreme Election Committee. "We are seeking to learn from the Egyptian women's

political experience. We also want to avoid the difficulties and problems to guarantee strong presence and good performance of the Yemeni women in the upcoming election" Mrs. Amal said.

Yemeni coasts receive Gulf tourists

Several Yemeni coastal cities and regions are currently receiving a significant number of tourists from Gulf States especially Saudi Arabia. Sources in the Ministry of Tourism said that the current summer is witnessing the highest number in decades of tourists coming from Gulf countries.

Aden, Hadramout, and Hodeidah were the main destinations of those

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Training course for police officers

By MOHAMMAD ABDURAHMAN
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A human rights training course for police officers is expected to start today August 12 in Sana'a. The course has been organized by the Human Rights Information and Training Center (HRITC) under the patronage of the Interior Minister Dr. Rashad al-Alimi will last two days.

It will focus on training police officers to handle cases and treat citizens in a manner that guarantees their digni-

ty and human rights.

More than 32 participants representing different governorates in Sana'a, Aden, Lahj, Taiz, Hadramout, Ibb, Abyan, Hodieda, Dhamar, and Jawf will take part in this course. Participants will be receiving lectures on human rights, international treaties, and local legislation.

The course has been held in collaboration with the Danish Embassy and with the participation of a number of law professors in the field of human rights and law.

Lecture on future of culture

Bakatheer Establishment for Literature and Arts organized on Saturday August 4, a cultural evening hosting Mr. Abdulkareem Al Khamisi, who gave a lecture on the future of culture.

The lecture was initiated to identify culture as knowledge, charity and thought. Khamisi said that culture should be of good values and morals in compliance with our religion's instructions.

The lecturer also referred to the types of culture including self-interested, opportunism, and rational cultures and confirmed that the future of any

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He concluded his speech by saying, "the future of culture is still unpredictable as its present is rocking between ebb and tide."

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CIA to hold security talks with Palestinians



Palestinian top negotiator Saeb Erekat (C) addresses journalist with Economy, Industry and Trade Minister Maher al-Masri (L) after a meeting with U.S. Secretary of State Colin Powell (R) at the State Department in Washington, August 8, 2002. REUTERS

JERUSALEM, Aug 10 (Reuters) - Central Intelligence Agency Director George Tenet was expected to meet Palestinian officials on Saturday to discuss a U.S. plan to reshape their security services.

The CIA declined to comment on comments by a source close to the Palestinian delegation that Tenet would hold talks with Palestinian Interior Minister Abdel Razzak al-Yahya.

Among the reforms suggested are proposals to merge different branches of the security services run by Yasser Arafat's Palestinian Authority, to make them more accountable and able to rein in Palestinian groups responsible for suicide bombings and other attacks on Israelis.

Palestinian officials began high-level talks with Washington on Thursday on ending the violence — the first such contacts since President George W. Bush sidelined Arafat in a June 24 speech and called for Palestinian reforms and democratization.

Security reforms and elections have been promised by Arafat, under U.S. and Israeli pressure, as preliminary steps towards reviving the talks with Israel on creating a Palestinian state which stalled in 2000.

In his first public acceptance of foreign involvement in reforming his security apparatus, Arafat said on Friday U.S., Egyptian and Jordanian officials would oversee the changes.

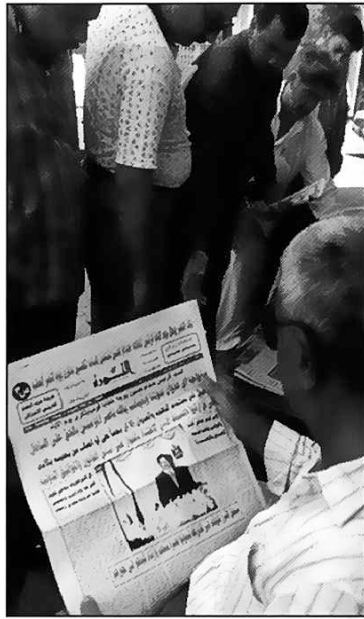
"There is an agreement that Americans, Egyptians and Jordanians will come and administer the training of our security branches," Arafat told Arab satellite channel al-Jazeera in an interview on Friday.

Palestinians say the Israeli offensives in Palestinian areas this year have wrecked the infrastructure of their security services and hobbled their ability to function. The Palestinian source in Washington, speaking to Reuters on condition of anonymity, said it was unclear what role, if any, the CIA would play in any training and rebuilding of a security service. CIA teams have been in Israel helping to train and reorganise Palestinian security forces in the hope that they could gradually resume control over areas Israel has reoccupied.

In an interview with Reuters on Friday, Usama Hamdan, leader of Hamas in Lebanon, said the group would attack Israeli leaders to avenge Israel's tracking and killing of militants from Hamas and other groups.

Iraq's Saddam says not frightened by U.S. threats

BAGHDAD, Aug 8 (Reuters) - Iraqi President Saddam Hussein said on Thursday he was not frightened by U.S. threats to topple his administration and his country was ready to repel any attack. Speaking on the anniversary of the end of the 1980-88 Iran-Iraq war, Saddam also called on the United Nations Security Council to answer a series of questions recently posed by Baghdad.



Arab League chief warns against strike against Iraq

"There is no other choice for those who use threat and aggression but to be repelled even if they were to bring harm to their targets," Saddam said in a 22-minute taped televised speech to the nation.

"I say it in such clear terms so that no weakling should imagine that when we ignore responding to ill talk, then this means that we are frightened by the impudent threats...and so that no greedy tyrant should be misled into an action the consequences of which are beyond their calculations," he said. Saddam, dressed in civilian clothes, added the United Nations should honour its obligations over trade sanctions imposed on Iraq in 1990 after its invasion of neighbouring Kuwait.

"The right way is that the Security Council should reply to the questions raised by Iraq, and should honour its obligations under its own resolutions," Saddam said.

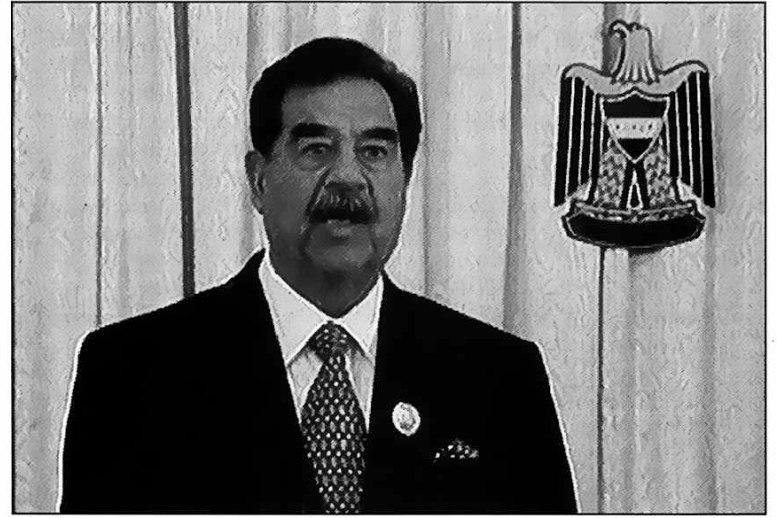
Saddam's address came a day after U.S. President George W. Bush said that while Baghdad posed "real threats", he would consult with Congress and U.S. allies on how to proceed.

Bush and Vice President Dick Cheney made clear on Wednesday that no decision had been made to go to war to oust Saddam. But Cheney also said a

CAIRO, Aug. 9 (Xinhua) — Arab League chief Amr Moussa on Friday warned against any possible strike against Iraq.

"Waging a military action against Iraq could cause a mess in international relations," Moussa, who is visiting Austria, told the Cairo-based Voice of Arabs radio over phone.

"Accusation leveled against Iraq is relevant to its production of weapons



Iraqi President Saddam Hussein is seen delivering an address to the nation in this frame grab from Iraqi TV broadcast August 8, 2002. REUTERS

return of U.N. weapons inspectors to Iraq may not resolve concerns over Baghdad's ability to develop weapons of mass destruction.

Bush, committed to removing Saddam from power, has accused the Iraqi leader of being a menace to the region.

"These are real threats and we owe it to our children to deal with these threats," Bush said in a speech at a high school in Madison, Mississippi.

of mass destruction, which can be verified by weapons inspectors," he said.

Moussa, who left here on Wednesday for visits to Austria and Morocco, said he held talks with Austrian officials on the issues of Iraq and Sudan.

The United States has accused Iraq of developing weapons of mass destruction to pose a threat to security

"I promise you that I will be patient and deliberate, that we will continue to consult with Congress, and of course we'll consult with our friends and allies. We'll discuss these threats in real terms." Bush added: "And I will explore all options and all tools at my disposal: diplomacy, international pressure, perhaps the military. But it's important for my fellow citizens to know that as we see threats evolving, we will deal with them."

of its neighboring countries, an allegation denied by Iraq.

US President George W. Bush has recently insisted that he will use all tools in his power to topple Iraqi President Saddam Hussein.

Arab countries and some European allies of the United States have warned of severe consequences in the Mideast region and the world at large if the United States attacks Iraq.

Ethiopian Goes All Boeing

In order to modernize its fleet and cater for its growth requirements, Ethiopian Airlines has decided to acquire a total of twelve Boeing airplanes over the coming four years, with purchase rights for additional five B737 New Generation aircraft & three B777 aircraft.

The Airline plans to introduce six New Generation B737-700s and six B767-300ERs into its fleet, to replace its older B737-200s and B767-200s. Phase-in of the airplanes will start within six to nine months from now.

Both Airbus and Boeing have been campaigning hard over the last few years for this deal, with Airbus proposing its A319-100 and A330-200 airplanes.

Although the Airline's decision to acquire the Boeing airplanes was made based on integrated and rigorous assessment of technical,

performance, economic and financial parameters, the main factors that influenced the final decision are operational, commercial and financing considerations.

Six airplanes will be acquired through export credit guaranteed finance lease arrangement and the remaining six will be on operating lease. All the airplanes will be configured into two classes and will be equipped with state of the art interior and passenger friendly in-flight entertainment systems.

The new B767 offers the ultra modern B777 interior, which includes a passenger cabin with contoured walls and ceilings, creating spaciousness and increased stowage capacity. There are more than 800 B767 airplanes in service with 80 operators around the world. The B767 has accumulated more than nine million flights and has carried millions of passengers.

All new models of the B737 family feature exceptional flexibility in size and mission, as well as high reliability and maintainability. The Next-Generation models provide passengers with all-new, more spacious interiors and more accessible overhead luggage bins. The airplanes are one of the most technologically advanced family in the single-aisle market. They are designed to fly higher, faster, farther, quieter and with greater fuel efficiency than previous B737 models. In addition, flight deck displays and the spacious new interiors are also patterned after the Boeing 777.

While it is obvious that the B737-700s will be powered with CFM56 engines, the Airline plans to announce its engine selection on the B767-300ERs shortly.

This investment for the future is in line with the Airline's Strategic plan and will further enhance the

Airline's competitiveness in the areas of customer service, market development & profitability.

In related developments the airline has finalized preparations to commence construction of a state of the art cargo terminal and maintenance hangar, at its hub in Addis Ababa, within this fiscal year.

Implementation of the fleet renewal program and the above facility development projects, coupled with the opening of the new passenger terminal at the Addis Ababa Bole International Airport, will greatly enhance Ethiopian Airlines' services to/from Ethiopia, Africa and key regions of the rest of the world.



Death toll at least 75 in eastern Congo clashes

KINSHASA, Aug 10 (Reuters) - At least 75 people, many of them women and children who were hacked to death, have been killed in fighting this week in northeastern Congo, the United Nations said on Saturday.

The clashes involving tribal militias, a rebel group and the Ugandan army flared in a local turf war within a messy four-year conflict that has left an estimated two million people dead in the mineral-rich heart of Africa.

A pit containing 38 hacked up bodies — including 13 women and four children — was found on Friday in a northern district of the town of Bunia, U.N. officials said. Some 37 bodies were discovered in the south after fighting on Thursday.

"Our observers have counted 75 bodies so far, but there are bound to be more dead," Colonel Tim Watts, chief of staff of the U.N. force, told Reuters in the Congolese capital Kinshasa on Saturday.

"The situation in Bunia is still pretty tense and our observers are unarmed, so it's difficult for them to go out and check," he said.

As an observer mission, the U.N. force has not the mandate, the weapons or the troops to stop eruptions of killing of a type that has become all too common in Congo's lawless east.

There was no confirmation of reports received by the United Nations that 11 Ugandan soldiers were also killed.

The fighting at Bunia pits rebels of the Congolese Rally for Democracy-Liberation Movement (RCD-ML) and militias from the Lendu ethnic group against ethnic Hema and the Ugandan army, which at one time backed the RCD-ML. The RCD-ML is a group that broke away from the main RCD, Congo's biggest rebel faction backed by Rwanda.

Thousands have been killed in fighting between Hema and Lendu in recent years.

Congo's war erupted in 1998 when Rwanda and Uganda invaded to support rebels fighting the Kinshasa government. Zimbabwe, Angola and Namibia sent troops to back the Congolese army in what has been dubbed "Africa's World War".

Last week the presidents of Congo and Rwanda signed a peace agreement aimed at ending the devastating war, but the number of other factions involved has increased doubts over whether it will succeed.

Uganda said last year it had pulled out most of its troops from northeastern Congo, leaving a power vacuum which helped trigger local violence, but now the troops are back in Bunia — less than 50 km (30 miles) from the border.

"The Ugandan army has started to regain control of Bunia and intends to reinforce security by sending in up to 100 of its troops," said Watts, adding that using the Ugandan army for security was not ideal, but "all we've got at the moment".

Sudan's Bashir says ready to halt military actions

KHARTOUM, Aug 10 (Reuters) - Sudanese President Omar Hassan al-Bashir said in remarks published on Saturday that the government was ready to stop military operations, except those in self-defence, to help reach peace in the war-torn country.

The comments, carried in the pro-government Akhbar al-Youm newspaper, were made before a second round of peace talks in Kenya with southern rebels start on Monday and as both sides have traded charges that the other has mounted attacks.

The newspaper said that Bashir "has declared the government's total commitment to ending military operations on all fronts, as the beginning of goodwill, to create a stable and conducive climate for achieving peace."

"The armed forces will not use the gun except in self-defence, responding to an attack and securing areas," the president was quoted as saying.

The government said on Friday the Sudan People's Liberation Army had shelled its forces in the Lafon area, north of Torit in southeastern Sudan,

and accused the rebel movement of undermining the atmosphere before upcoming talks.

The SPLA, in turn, said government forces had attacked Lafon in the previous two days, accusing the government of engaging in war and saying the SPLA was determined to make peace.

A breakthrough peace accord reached in July that could pave the way for a ceasefire included agreement on two key issues — religion and self-determination for the south.

The next round of talks will discuss

issues such as power-sharing, wealth-sharing and an end to hostilities.

In nearly two decades of fighting, two million people have been killed as one peace initiative after another has failed.

Broadly, the war pits rebels fighting for more autonomy in the mainly animist or Christian south against the Islamic government in the north. Oil, ethnicity and ideology have complicated that conflict that erupted in 1983.

Zimbabwe white farmers face anxious eviction wait

HARARE, Aug 10 (Reuters) - Thousands of white Zimbabwean farmers threatened with eviction from their land faced an anxious weekend in limbo as they looked to a keynote speech by President Robert Mugabe to determine their future.

Many of the farmers ordered to leave their properties by midnight Thursday without compensation clung to the hope that a last-minute High Court action may give them extra time and ward off black resettlement.

But Mugabe, expected to expound the government's standpoint in a speech early next week, has consistently argued the land seizures right the wrongs of British colonialism, which left 70 percent of the best farmland in white hands.

Independent analysts say the state-backed farm invasions have crippled the country's agriculture sector — once known as southern Africa's bread-basket — compounding severe food shortages nationally and accelerating a growing famine.

Vice-President Simon Muzenda warned farmers in an interview on state television on Friday night not to defy the government and resist orders to leave.

"The country belongs to us, to the people here," Muzenda said. "You are told by government what we want done...and you simply do that."

Vice-President Joseph Msika, who chairs the cabinet committee on land acquisition, told state television those who refused to obey the orders would live to regret it. "Those who are not going to work within the laws of Zimbabwe have nobody to blame but themselves. The law will take its own course. It's simple and straightforward," he said.

LANDMARK RULING

But in a landmark ruling on Wednesday, a High Court judge ruled that a mortgaged farm could not be taken for resettlement by blacks if the state had not properly informed the mortgage lender. Farmers said they were waiting to see how Mugabe would react to the decision.

The Zimbabwe Broadcasting Corporation (ZBC) reported on Friday that more than 400 farmers had already left their properties and a further 1,200 were expected to follow suit.

It did not give the source of its information, but the ZBC also quoted Local Government Minister Ignatius Chombo as saying Mugabe's government was determined to press on with seizures.

Chombo is chairman of the land resettlement audit committee.

"The commercial farmers are a racist bunch, which want privileges for themselves only," he was reported as saying.

"We have told them in no uncertain terms that we are going to redistribute land, and that the land reform is irreversible and this (evictions) is going to be the proof that it is irreversible."

Hundreds of farmers withdrew to

urban areas before the Thursday deadline, but farmers' representatives said it was impossible to tell how many had left for good and how many were just biding their time in the relative safety of towns.

Calm before the storm

There have been no reports of action by authorities, violence or evictions since the midnight deadline expired. Commercial Farmers Union (CFU) President Colin Cloete told Reuters on Friday the CFU remained in talks with the government on the issue

but that it was advising its members to avoid confrontation. He said the situation appeared calm.

Vernon Nicolle, a farmer who has decided to stay put in the belief that the government orders can be overturned, agreed. "It is very quiet here today," he told Reuters from his farm.


He was confident the situation was starting to turn in favour of the farmers, who have avoided open confrontation with the government and the bands of pro-Mugabe liberation war veterans who have occupied hundreds of farms.

Mugabe is expected to clarify the

government's position on the farms in a speech marking Heroes Day, which mainly commemorates those who fought in the 1970s independence war against white rule in the former Rhodesia.

It was unclear whether he would make the address on Sunday, the actual anniversary, or Monday, the national holiday.

Last year's commemoration was marked by violent looting of farms around the northern town of Chinhoyi by pro-government militants and some farmers fear a repeat.



Embassy of India
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INDEPENDENCE DAY 2002

The Embassy of India, Sana'a, cordially invites all Indian nationals in the Republic of Yemen, along with their families to join in the celebrations of 56th Independence Day of India on Thursday, the 15th August, 2002 at the Embassy premises (Building No. 12, Djibouti Street, Off-Haddah Street, Sana'a). They are requested to assemble at the Embassy at 0820 hours.

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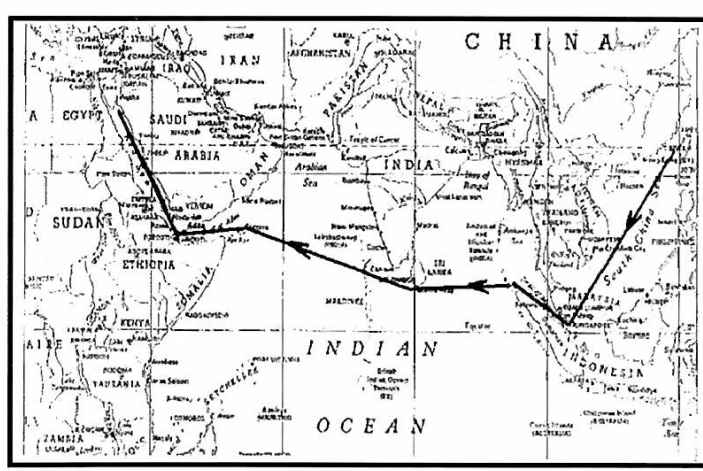
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Afghan blast seen most likely an accident

JALALABAD, Afghanistan, Aug 10 (Reuters) - Police investigating a huge warehouse explosion that killed at least 26 people on the outskirts of the eastern Afghan city of Jalalabad said on Saturday it was most likely an accident.

But they immediately added sabotage could not be ruled out.

Deputy Police Chief Abdul Safa Momand told Reuters six officials of the Afghan Construction and Logistics Unit, where Friday's blast occurred, had been taken in for questioning, including the local head of the operation. Momand said he had previously warned the ACLU of the need to take proper care of the explosives it used for road construction.

"The most likely reason is that they did not take care," he said when asked about the possible cause of the explosion. He said a second possibility was that the blast was staged to cover up a fraud by destroying documents.

"A third possibility is that maybe al Qaeda gave one of the people working in that organisation money to do this," Momand said. Villagers say they saw smoke rise from inside the warehouse for a few minutes before the massive explosion sent bricks and metal crashing down on their homes.

The scene the day after was one of utter devastation for at least 50 metres (yards) around a three-metre (12-foot) - deep crater where the explosion occurred.

Before the fall of the Taliban at the end of last year, the outskirts of Jalalabad, a city about 110 km (70 miles) east of Kabul, were dotted with training camps for the al Qaeda network of Saudi dissident Osama bin Laden.

He is wanted by Washington for masterminding the September 11 attacks on the United States.

On Friday, the U.S. military quoted initial reports from U.S. officials in Jalalabad as saying a truck bomb caused the blast.

The defence ministry said on Friday it was unclear if it was caused by a truck bomb or the accidental detonation of explosives. Government investigator Mohammad Samir said at the scene on Saturday it was still too early to draw any conclusions.

MINES FOUND, HEAT MAY BE FACTOR Western sources in Kabul said mines had been found at the site by people seeking to make the area safe.

"People have spotted mines and have no idea why these mines were stored there," the sources said, while playing



An Afghan security guard walks past an overturned lorry at the site of an explosion at the Afghan Construction and Logistic Unit (ACLU) warehouse on the outskirts of Jalalabad, about 150 kilometers (93 miles) east of Kabul August 10, 2002. REUTERS

down the likelihood of sabotage.

Engineer Mohammad Karim, the director of ACLU based in the Pakistani city of Peshawar, told the independent Afghan Islamic Press news agency that explosives used for road construction had been stored at the warehouse for the past 10-12 years. "It was our main store for the entire Afghanistan," he said, adding that it was also used to store urea, a chemical compound used in plastics, fertilizers and pharmaceuticals.

Karim expressed serious regret over the incident and added: "I don't see signs of subversion in it. I think the explosion could have been caused by severe hot weather."

The defence ministry said on Friday that at least 26 people had been killed and 80 wounded.

Julian Harris, an official of the International Committee of the Red Cross, said casualty figures from the hospital were 11 dead and 53 still in hospital receiving treatment, while 30 had been treated and discharged.

However, he said, the death toll could well be higher as villagers did not

always take their dead to hospital. Rescue workers said 13 bodies had been found at the site of the blast. Rescue official Haji Nasrullah Baryalai told Reuters in Jalalabad that some car passengers, who happened to be driving by the building when the blast went off, were among the dead. There were ugly scenes at Jalalabad hospital, where angry relatives punched doctors overwhelmed by the numbers of casualties, officials there said.

The blast was another unwanted shock for the fragile government of President Hamid Karzai, who came to power after the fall of the Taliban last year.

His defence minister, Mohammad Qasim Fahim, survived an assassination attempt recently while on a visit to Jalalabad.

The Jalalabad region's most powerful warlord, Haji Abdul Qadir was murdered in Kabul last month not long after he was appointed the country's vice president.

The government in Kabul blames Taliban and al Qaeda followers for both incidents.

The lake district of Pakistan

By Alauddin Masood

(Fresh water lakes, springs, waterfalls, snow-clad mountain tops and spectacular green valleys contribute to make Pakistan's Hazara region as a popular tourist haven.)

The saenic beauty of hazara have fascinated and allured the tourists, hikers, mountaineers, hunters and anglers since times immemorial. Its lofty green and grey hills, snow-capped mountain peaks, world renowned trout fish, wild life, fragrance of wild flowers and above all captivating waterfalls and lakes have attracted one and all to enjoy the bounties of nature. Its lakes, both natural and man-made appear prominently not only on the tourist map of the world, but also as important source and reservoirs of water. In Hazara, Mansehra district alone has some 71 waterfalls and natural lake. Some of the natural lakes are more than tow kilometers long and has high as 3,658 meters. Innumerable waterfall, streams, rivults and the rivers Kunhar and Sim further add to its beauty and make the region romantic as a fairy-tale land.

it is because of these lakes that people often refer to Hozara as the "Lake District" of Pakistan, a sister region of England's Lake District and Germany Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania, as ordained by nature.

Wild flowers blossom in thousands around the area of these lakes, while the trout are plentiful in the lakes of Kaghan Valley, The moments spent around the lakes, in particular the world-renowned high altitude natural lakes in the Kaghan Valley, are so captivating that one can forget even a day-long sojourn to the area. Here the visitor himself in the lap of nature, traversing untrodden paths and passages.

The status of Hazara was raised from a district to a division in 1979 when it was bifurcated into tree districts, viz Huripur, Abbottabad and Mansehra with Abbottabad as divisional headquarter. Abbottabad is about 120 kilometres from Islamabad and about 190 Kilometers from Peshawar, the provincial metropolis of NWFP.

The greatest treasure of Hazara region is its untouched nature and innumerable lakes. The important branches of its economy are farming and goat/sheep breeding. tourism remains the most promising industry of Hazara, in particular that of its Kaghan Valley.

The region is also a gateway to the ancient

Silk Route, the Kashmir Highway, which branch off from Mansehra. The Mughal emperors of India had a great liking for the area and preferred the route leading from Hazara for their journeys to Kashmir.

Hazara can be approached by four routes: Islamabad - hasan Abdal - Haripur - Abbottabad, Islamabad - Murree-Nathigali - Abbottabad, Peshawar-NowAbdal - Abbottabad, and Muzaffarabad - Garhi Habibullah - Mansehra - Abbottabad. Public transport - buses, wagons and air-conditioned coaches - operates several services daily upto Abbottabad and Mansehra.

A brief account of some famous, popular big lakes is given below, aimed at making the readers familiar with this picturesque region.

Saiful Malook

Lake Saiful Mulook, named after a legendary prince Saiful Malook, is a world-famous tourist spot. This high altitude fresh water natural lake is 3,353 meters above level it is surrounded by snow-capped high mountains and lies about 180 kilometers from Abbottabad and 10 kilometers to the east of another favorite tourist resort, Naran.. The lake is about 805 meters long and about 458 meters wide. Torrential Naran Katha, renowned for its icecold waters, sprouts from it and meanders down to Naran village where it joins the river Kunhar.

According to the legend, the lake and its surroundings enchanted Prince Saiful Malook. One day, the prince happened to see a beautiful fairy, Badiuzzaman strolling by the banks of the lake. Both felt attracted to each other and started meeting there regularly. their longing for each other kept increasing with the passage of time. They would feel some void in their life and remain restless unless they had a glimpse of each other. Over a period of time, stories about their meeting - spread far and wide.... Suddenly, the fair stopped coming to the lake. The Prince became restless and could not bear the pangs of separation. One day, the prince spotted a group of fairies at the lake and begged them to inform him about Badiuzzaman's whereabouts. A kind-hearted fairy told the prince that Badiuzzaman's movements have been confined to the precincts of her palace in the Caucasus. Saiful Malook left for the far away mountainous area in search of his love, braving all odds, and finally succeeded in his mission-getting married to fairy Badiuzzaman. The old residents of the area believe that fairies still visit the lake in the evening to have a bath in its unpolluted water and to play along its banks.



Amir Gul, a victim of an explosion at the Afghan Construction and Logistic Unit (ACLU) recuperates at the hospital in Jalalabad, 150 kilometres east of Kabul August 10, 2002. REUTERS

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HUMAN RESOURCES SUPERVISOR

Canadian Nexen Petroleum Yemen requires a Human Resources Supervisor to work in its Sana'a office. The focus of this position is recruitment but applicants must have strong skills in the areas of labour relations, compensation and benefits. The Human Resources Supervisor reports to the Human Resource manager, Sana'a, which is an expatriate position.

Duties and Responsibilities

- Supervises the activities of assigned personnel in the Human Resources Department, Sana'a.
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- Liaises with the Company's union representatives on labour relations issues.
- Provides coaching and advice to line manager regarding human resources policies and procedures.
- Provides coaching and advice to expatriate managers concerning business and cultural practices in Yemen.
- Coordinates the annual Employee of the Year selection and the May 1 Labour Day celebrations.
- Participates in the development of Human Resources policy and interprets policy as it applies to national employees
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Requirements

- bachelors degree in Business Administration or equivalent
- 7 - 10 years Human Resources experience, including labour relations, compensation and benefits
- Proficiency in Word and Excel
- High proficiency with written and spoken English

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HUMAN RESOURCES ASSISTANT

Canadian Next Petroleum Yemen requires a Human Resources Assistant to work in its Sana'a office. The focus of this position is support of our recruitment and records management process.

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Requirements

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Cheney to spearhead Iraqi opposition talks

WASHINGTON, Aug 10 (Reuters) - U.S. Vice President Dick Cheney will spearhead talks with Iraqi opposition figures on Saturday, reinforcing Washington's message to President Saddam Hussein that his days in office are numbered.

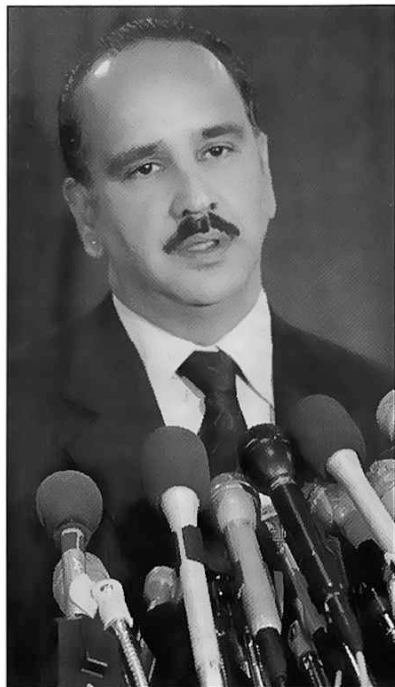
Cheney will speak via video link from his vacation in Wyoming a day after the six groups based in London and Tehran won encouragement from Secretary of State Colin Powell in their pledge to work together to overthrow Saddam.

"The videoconference is part of our effort to strengthen the Iraqi opposition to the regime in Baghdad," said Sean McCormack, spokesman for the White House National Security Council.

McCormack said other senior officials from the NSC, the Department of Defense and the State Department would also participate in the conversation.

The opposition, once belittled by a U.S. general as "silk-suited, Rolex-wearing guys in London," announced after talks at the State Department that they would hold a conference in Europe to consolidate unity among themselves.

"Our shared goal is that the Iraqi people should be free," a senior U.S.



Sharif Ali Bin Al Hussein, spokesperson for the Iraqi National Congress (INC), speaks at the National Press Club in Washington on August 8, 2002. REUTERS

official quoted Powell as telling the Iraqis as he dropped in on their talks with senior U.S. officials.

"He (Powell) wished us well and

encouraged us," commented Ahmed Chalabi, visiting head of the U.S.-backed Iraqi National Congress umbrella group, which has had troubled ties with Washington due to alleged mismanagement of its funds.

The session with Cheney is a measure of the importance Washington now attaches to the opposition after years of dismissing it as divided and ineffective.

Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld said he would also like to meet the visitors, if he could find time.

The visiting opposition includes two rival Kurdish groups who have run northern Iraq since they took control of the Kurdish enclave after the 1991 Gulf War. They command most of an estimated 40,000-member anti-Saddam force between them.

Apart from the Patriotic Union of Kurdistan and the Kurdish Democratic Party, the other invitees were the Iraqi National Accord and the Iranian-based Shiite Muslim opposition group called the Supreme Council for the Islamic Revolution in Iraq, which has 3,000 fighters near Iraq's border with Iran.

AMERICAN TROOPS Analysts say it could take up to a quarter of a million American troops to overthrow the Iraqi leader.

A White House official said on Friday that Bush has no timetable for deciding whether to take military action against Iraq and he may not make any decision this year.

The Iraqis said their hosts, Undersecretary of State Marc Grossman and Undersecretary of Defense Douglas Feith, seemed more committed than ever to removing Saddam.

"We sense more seriousness and (the) commitment from U.S. government to overthrow (the) Saddam regime and to work with the opposition," said Hamid al-Bayati, a senior

member of the Iran-based organization, who spoke to reporters on behalf of the six groups at the talks.

State Department spokesman Philip Reeker said in a statement that the meeting talked about holding a broad-based political conference "in the next few months."

The opposition's agreed goal was to end Saddam's dictatorship and set up a democratic government based on a federal structure, Bayati said.

The opposition wants Washington to bring about a democratic revolution rather than engineer a coup against Saddam — a message that seems to have gotten through to Washington.

"Our vision is for a democratic Iraq with a government that respects the rights of its citizens and the rule of law, no longer threatens its neighbors, renounces the development and possession of weapons of mass destruction and maintains the territorial integrity of the country," Reeker said.

A decade ago Chalabi was among critics of President George W. Bush's father for failing to promote democratic reform in Iraq and allowing his forces to stand by while Saddam crushed widespread rebellions, killing thousands of his opponents.

Now Bush says he is determined to bring about "regime change" in Baghdad by whatever means he deems fit.

Retired Gen. Anthony Zinni, the outspoken special envoy to the Middle East, was quoted before he left the military as describing the INC as "silk-suited, Rolex-wearing guys in London." He said helping them to "gin up an expedition" against Saddam would be a disaster.

Comparing it to the CIA-backed Cuban-exile invasion that Fidel Castro crushed at the Bay of Pigs in 1961, he said such an attempt in Iraq would cause "a Bay of Goats, most likely."

Bush: Iraq is an "enemy until proven otherwise"

WACO, Texas, Aug. 10 (Reuters) - President George W. Bush on Saturday described Iraq as an "enemy until proven otherwise" but that he has no timetable for making a decision on using military force to topple Iraqi President Saddam Hussein.

Bush, on a four-week working vacation, was asked if Americans were prepared for casualties in a war with Iraq. "That presumes there is some kind of imminent war plan. As I said, I have no timetable," he replied.

Under increasing pressure from some members of Congress and many key allies not to launch an unprovoked attack on the longtime Gulf foe, Bush said he was consulting with the U.S.

legislature and foreign governments. "I have no timetable for any of our policies with regards to Iraq," he said,

after teeing off at the first hole at the Ridgewood Country Club golf course.

Asked if he was surprised he had not built more support for action against Saddam, Bush said, "Most people understand he is a danger, but as I have said in speech after speech I have a lot of tools at my disposal. I have also said I am a deliberate person."

Bush, whose announced policy is to seek Saddam's ouster, said Iraq's pursuit of weapons of mass destruction made it an "enemy until proven otherwise."

Against a backdrop of Baghdad's consistent refusal to readmit international weapons inspectors, he added, "They obviously desire weapons of mass destruction. I presume that he still views us as an enemy."

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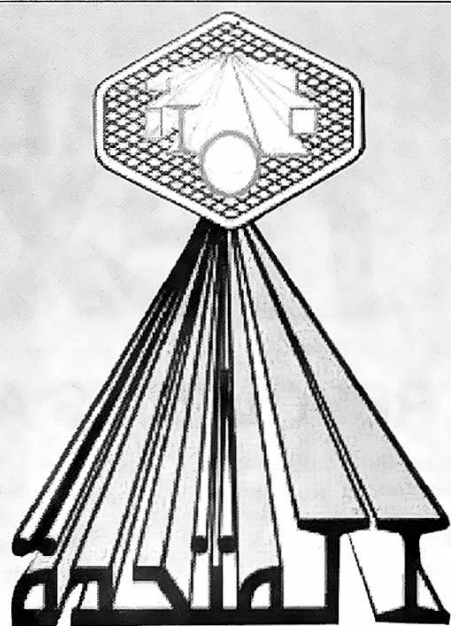
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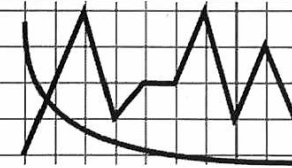
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Red Sea Region: Economic Interests Will Determine Cooperation



BY IRENA KNEHTL
FOR THE YEMEN TIMES

The Red Sea means many different things to different people, a divider of continents, or Tanker alley as it is known for its mercantile profession has played a central role in the history of navigation, communications, and trade between the Arabian peninsula, Asia, and Europe for at least four thousand years. It is a history full of adventure, excitement and discovery. It has been a crucial waterway ever since Man first took to the sea in boats: "that's how civilizations grew - by sea - they got contacts, raw materials and inspiration..."

The Red Sea remains a major shipping lane and its importance has been increased. Surrounding countries have all established strong links with the Red Sea weather for fishing, navigation and commerce - or as a source of sea - salt commerce. In the recent years these have been added in an increase in leisure activities, and tourism and industrial projects such as desalinated fresh water.

The central portion of the Red Sea is unique in that the medium rift has created rich deposits of heavy metals.

The Red Sea region is nevertheless relatively poorly explored. The great

variety of its natural habitat and the tremendous beauty of its remote uninhabited islands, intricate coral-reefs and desert coast line together with its abundant wild life and rich cultural heritage, create an over changing kaleidoscope of color, form and movements. Within its boundaries there remains some of the richest coral-reef systems in the world, and modern science has revealed many of the secrets of this submarine realms. The role here is to further develop our understanding of the Red Sea region.

A mere glance at a map of the Middle East gives an indication of the paramount strategic importance of the Red Sea region. Lying at it does between two continents, Africa, and Asia, between the Middle East and Far East, as well as between Europe and Asia, the Red Sea is at the heart of an area which has seen the birth of civilizations and religions, and which constitutes a link between two worlds and two civilizations. Ever before the Suez canal came into being the Sea had been of importance over the centuries as an international waterway which favored long distance trade. The Red Sea served as abridge between the richest areas of Europe and the Far East, but never managed to attract to its shores any significant portion of the wealth which flowed through the waterway. More recently, a stream of oil begun to flow through the Red Sea. The Red Sea is a long and narrow body of water which provides a line of communication from the Far East to the

Mediterranean and hence to the North Atlantic. The Red Sea is only moderately integrated into the regional level but it is much more deeply integrated into international level. National pride, regional development, international commerce and worldwide political events have played a part in shaping the Red Sea region as it exists today.

The geopolitical position of the Red Sea is of special importance bordering the eastern coast of Africa and the western coast of the Arabian Peninsula. It is the vital route for the transportation of oil through Bab el-Mandab and the Suez canal in the North. As much as the international strategic configuration affects the situation in the Red Sea region, the developments in that region have likewise their impact on world affairs. Issues of free navigation and nuclear disarmament, environmental pollution, in particular, will remain of paramount concerns to the states of the region. The Red Sea region faces a huge number of problems, demographic imbalance, pollution, environmental pollution, in particular, will remain of paramount concerns to the states of the region. The Red Sea region faces a huge number of problems, demographic imbalance, pollution, environmental degradation, etc., and many others. They will certainly intensify and coastal populations will increase in size. It is only through cooperation and dialogue, and in particular, mutual economic cooperation, projects of common interest, and trade, focusing their attention on the Red Sea area that they



will be able to overcome problems and difficulties and create a solid base for a strong regional and sub-regional system in the area which will contribute to the peace and stability, and increase the prosperity and welfare of the peoples of the area.

Dialogue and solidarity remain the only valid means available for transforming the Red Sea into a zone of peace and mutual economic cooperation. Exploration of offshore oil and gas potential, fisheries, sea farming, environmental protection, further exploration of metal-bearing mud, zinc, copper, silver, as well as gold, lead, and iron would be only some of such projects of mutual interest. Further creation of a common Red Sea "infrastructure" for joint marketing exploration and trade, establishing of joint transport and logistical routes, telecommunication network, distribution centers for products for trade, creation of a Red Sea free trade zone would be another contribution to awareness of opportunities leading to eventual full economic cooperation, and a balanced development to meet the challenges of 21 century which is to dismantle the "big" and develop the people. Careful management, particularly in respect of environment and pollution control will become urgent.

Fishing is important around the Arabian Peninsula and most national development plans envisage continued expansion of commercial fishing. The matter of exclusive fishing zones is of particular importance to Yemen, where import trade is headed by fish and fish products. The desire to extend territorial waters has become more pressing in recent years.

The Arabian peninsula seas contain two of the most important strategic waterways in the world, Bab al-Mandab and the Strait of Hormuz. Without them much of the geopolitics of the Horn of Africa and South West Asia would make little sense. Approx. 10 percent of Europe oil supplies passes through Bab al-Mandab which is in the territorial waters of Yemen, Djibouti and Eritrea. Of these, Yemen is well placed to exercise direct control of the shipping lanes. All of maritime trading nations which use the Suez canal have an interest that Bab al-Mandab remains open and safe for shipping. Too little attention has been given to the significance of proximity of the southern Red Sea region which includes highly volatile parts of the Horn of Africa at one end, and the Arab-Israel interface at the other.

Potential for conflicts and thus regional instability? The whole art, literature and culture lie between them.

The states bordering the Red Sea have an obvious interest in preserving peace and stability in the region. Although the Sea itself is a major cause of geographical configuration, physical resources, and global location, they could be also unifying factor in the future. The quest for regional security, problems of environmental management, and a common desire to limit outside interference could form the basis for fruitful regional cooperation, and recognition of common problems which can only be solved by regional cooperation. Thus the sea which is a potential source of disunity is also a powerful argument for cooperation. Red Sea states may yet to recognize the advantage of a unified economic and political front on matters associated with the sea while gaining the space for formulation of ideas of their own for development. It is the geostrategic significance of the Red Sea as a resource which the regional countries themselves have yet to explore to the full. If a regional grouping of states is to emerge around the Red Sea - Yemen as a member of both the Red and - the Indian Ocean states, at the hub of world and regional shipping routes, as bridge between ancient and modern, a creator of new relationships will be once again destined to play an important role.

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The Road Ahead

Business copycats

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To start a new business there should be an identified business opportunity in the form of a need to be satisfied. In market jargons this need is called demand, and the service or product you provide to satisfy this need is called supply. There is a simple established equation when it comes to business; to make a profit, the demand must be more than supply.

However, it is not just a matter of quantity, because if it were so, to start with, there will be no innovation in businesses, as a successful business would attract fortune seekers who will simply copy the successful business opportunity. And secondly, there will be overloading of the same supply in the market, which will cause stagnation and eventually loss. It is obvious though, that the higher the supply is the less price consumers have to pay for the service or the product and vice versa. For example, when Internet Cafés first started in Yemen, the browsing rate was 9 YR per minute, but after the big growth in the number of Internet cafés, the rate slashed down to 2 YR per minute.

The idea here is that a business opportunity cannot simply be copied because demand is not constant. The problem with adopting a "me-too" strategy in business is that copying does not give enough attention to the essence of the market which is the demand and supply formula. In other words, the objective of the business is to create a market for its product then earn profits out of it, not do whatever others do to make money, it just doesn't work that way, unless you are satisfied with being a copycat.

The main challenge that faces copying a successful business is how to adjust the existing idea to the current or changing circumstances of the market. Sometimes just making simple variations in the supply could create a new business. Sometimes demand can grow through educating the marketeers about their need for the product / service through advertising and publicity. This is the reason that multibillion companies spend millions on market research; to find out what the demand is, and what the market circumstances are before starting a new business and even whilst having a business in the market.

Human beings are never satisfied, and needs keeps on arising; and this makes the development of unlimited business opportunities possible. It's time to innovate instead of copying.

Endnote: A business opportunity suggests itself from a need not another business opportunity. It is to innovate, not copy.

Republic of Yemen Invitation for Bids Education Sector Investment Project (Credit No. 2570-Yem) Procurement, Delivery and Installation of Equipment for Aden Community College

1. This invitation for bids follows the general procurement notice for this project that appeared in UN *Development Business*, issue no. 553 of February 28, 2001.
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Prof. Abdulaziz Al-Sagqaf, (1951-1999) Founder of Yemen Times



OUR OPINION

Humans first

Almost every foreigner working in the field of development I met during the last 10 years believes that the top priority the Yemeni government should consider is human resource development.

One of those individuals told me, "You can have money, wealth, and resources, but without humans to use them efficiently, then you have absolutely nothing."

In other words, Yemen's priority should be focused on humans. We should educate, train, and rehabilitate humans before we move on to step two.

The West realized this fact a very long time ago, and started focusing on humans before anything else. The persons with a sign of extra intelligence were taken good care of. Inventors, scientists, educators, trainers, and others with a sense of human contribution were always given special attention.

What is happening here in Yemen in particular is the opposite. The ones with good skills are neglected and ignored. Professors and teachers are treated less respectfully than soldiers and tribesmen. This started a long brain drain process that caused slower development and in some cases deterioration.

We have forgotten that our religion Islam promotes human development in all fields. It encourages education, knowledge, science, skill development, innovation, and other contributions to humanity.

What our governments have done is import foreign expertise, ideas, inventions, and products while overlooking the possibility of developing our own. We have fallen prey to a foolish misconception that says, "as long as we have what we want, we need not to worry about where it comes from." This is indirect suicide. We as Arab nation are indeed dying slowly because we are giving away the lively and creative and keeping the dull and unproductive. We have given up hope in our ability to produce and develop perhaps because we have a chronic presumption that we are less intelligent than the West.

But wait a minute. Don't we know that many of the current scientific researches and studies in the USA are done by Arabs and Muslims? Don't we realize that the USA was able to reach this level of development by not only sufficing itself in depending only on its own talents but extended that by seeking the encouragement and employment of foreign brains and ideas?

Globalization is working on attracting the best brains to the developed world while leaving the uneducated and unproductive to the developing world. We need to understand the game that is being played and we need to play it right.

We are missing the most important point of all. This point is humans. Humans create civilizations, progress, prosperity and development, and unless we take care of those humans, we will continue to fall deeper and deeper into the trashcan of civilizations.

The Editor

The Husband's House, still a controversy?



BY DR ABDULRAHMAN BA FADEL CHAIRMAN OF HUMAN DIALOGUE ASSOCIATION

There has been much talk about the procedure termed the "Husband's House" and many have talked and brought forward mistaken concepts particularly after it had been approved by the Committee of Islamic Law (Sharia') Codification. Many have ascribed quotes to that committee, which it did not state, and lashed out at it in an unjust campaign without bothering themselves to be certain about reality of the whole issue.

Legally, reasonably and logically, we are unanimous that it is absolutely incorrect to have the woman compelled to live with a man whom she does not want and vice versa a man is not forced to live with a woman who he does not like or want, as is the case now in the West, and Islam has approved that for more than 14 centuries. Although divorce is acknowledged in Islam, one of Prophet Mohammed's sayings is that, "The divorce is the most detested to God.", an indication how divorce is hated. The West had used to launch an unjust campaign on Islam for permitting divorce. But finally they followed suit of the Islamic Law and approved and acknowledged divorce in the West.

In Islam, both man and woman can exercise the right to divorce on the same footing because Islam adopts justice regarding entertaining rights by both men and women. Islam does not approve of forcing a woman to live with a man she does not want, nor does it accept forcing a man to live with a woman he does not like and is not in harmony with. The right of divorce is in hand of the husband, while seeking divorce on part of the woman "Khul'" is in hand of woman. IN

the latter form of divorce, the wife, seeking divorce, offers giving the divorced husband certain compensation or returning the dowry which he had given her.

The husband can announce the divorce decision even by pronounced words and thus becomes responsible and accountable for all consequences ensued upon that decision. He has thus to provide for expenses of feeding and lodging of his children and their divorced mother. He has no right whatsoever to take back anything he had given to the wife according to their marriage contract because all that belongs to her. To the opposite effect, when the wife declares her intention to divorce the husband before the Qadhi (Judge), she would have to give back to the divorced husband all the dowry she had received upon concluding the marriage.

Unfortunately, granting the right to divorce in the West through courts and lawyers can take ten-year time and may not get an act of divorce. She would spend very large amounts of money in order to get divorced. Also, she cannot marry again until procedure of divorce is terminated.

As regards the issue of "Husband's House", the

Committee of Islamic Law Codification" at the parliament, has proceeded from the principle of "no coercion in religion" in dealing with the question of the "Husband's house" and thus it perceived that coercion should not be applied to forcing a woman or a man to live with her/his spouse as long as she/he does not like. The legislation approved by the committee was for the interest of woman in particular.

In Yemen, and in most Islamic countries as well as in the West, parents of the wife and husband are used to intervene in their daughter's affairs, sometimes by giving advice and at other times by giving orders, particularly when misunderstanding takes place with her husband, or when their relationship is strained. The

"Husband's House" is in the hand of the court where the judge discusses it with the wife separately to be sure of her will and what exactly she wants. If the judge comes to know that the wife wants to live with her husband but her parents do not want that, he would interfere with the "Husband's House" arrangement and give his orders to her to go back to her husband. The decision is announced in presence of parents to maintain good relationship between both the wife and her husband and the parents. If the judge gets certain that the wife does not want to go back to live with her husband, he would not rule by ordering her to the "Husband's House" even though her parents wanted that. The West is still lagging behind in this regard as it does not grant the woman the right to divorce. In the West a woman has no right to get the same wages as man even if she has the same qualifications and experience, whereas in Yemen and other developing countries women get the same salary for the same job as men do. A woman, after her marriage, has not the right to keep her name but should carry her husband's name. She would then be unable to make transactions in her name as everything is in the name of her husband. If she is remarried she has to change her identity card and passport to the name of the new husband. Woman in Islam maintains her father's name till death.

Western woman is deprived of heritage if she has a brother at any age. Western rights that Bush brags of and carries to the UN that a woman can marry another woman, to go naked to sea beaches or the right to free sex, are in fact against women's rights. They lead to exploitation and humiliation of women. The only argument the West repeats against Islam is that it allows polygamy, but speaker of the Belgian parliament put an end to that when he visited Yemen by saying that polygamy exists all over the world. The only difference is whether it is official or non-official.

New style of colonialism

BY MOHAMMED. A. NASSER ADEN GOVERNORATE

The last decade of the last century has seen the collapse of the former Soviet Union. The former Soviet union, before that event, had been militarily defeated in Afghanistan as a result of the steady struggle of the Afghan people supported by various forces of national liberation.

The Soviets were already stationed in the Southern part of Yemen and in the Horn of Africa where they were able to establish military presence and got some acceptance of their Marxist ideology, but the war in Afghanistan accelerated the demise of their empire, leaving the world to a uni-polar superpower, that is the United States of America.

Nowadays we are witnessing events reminiscent of the colonial past to occur similar to those that took place in the 19th and 20th century when many lands were occupied and colonized to serve the interests of certain western powers. However, later on those countries gained their independence after wars of liberation began to emerge here and there by getting training on the use of arms and political support from the then Eastern bloc countries, chief of which was the Soviet Union and thereafter adopted a policy which was inclined towards that bloc.

The existence of the Soviet Union at that time represented an equilibrium in the world arena and each of the two superpowers was very careful and cautious in tackling points of contention, except for the Cuban missiles crisis when they seemed to be on a collision course but later the explosive situation was calmed down with the wisdom of the Soviets' retreat and the dismantling of the missiles and their subsequent return to the Soviet Union.

The disappearance of the Soviet Union as a superpower from the world arena created a political vacuum and the balance tilted in favor of the other superpower; the USA which now holds the military might and economic power unchallenged and thus influencing the course of events everywhere in the world.

The ongoing policy of dictatings on part of the only remaining superpower to changing some countries' leaders and imposing its will on their nations, either politically or the under the threat of using

force, are phenomena prevalent during the past colonial period. Such phenomena are becoming more clear and apparent in our region particularly with the collusion of the former experienced colonialist power of Britain, that with collaboration of France and Israel, launched an aggression and invaded the Arab Republic of Egypt in 1956, then under the reign of the immortal Arab leader the late Gamal Abdul Nasser in retaliation of his nationalization of the Suez Canal to bolster his country's economy. The current policy pursued by some Western powers goes in this direction and solely serves the interests of Israel and its strategic ally the US.

Even the Arab world's most friendly European state "Spain" which occupies two coastal cities on the Moroccan main land recently used its superior power against its neighbor Morocco to forcibly evacuate a small contingent of Moroccan troops from a tiny rocky island which is 200 meters away from this Arab state shores, whilst this European country stands helpless to recover its southern tip stretch of a rocky land from another ally. So, the Arab world territories are becoming vulnerable to foreign invasion in different forms and its national security is now facing dangers from various directions unless it wakes up from its hibernation and unites its stances against these covetous foreigners.

All these reasons and the looming use of force against the Arab countries in the region under whatever pretense, lead one to lament the lost days of the past when the Soviet Union was a matching power in spite of its oppressive system and abhorrent ideology, as yet it kept the scale balanced and the dignity and sovereignty of states respected.

To us as Arabs, we all know that the United Nations resolutions and sanctions are applied against our countries only as has been noticed throughout the past and the present, last of which the report issued by a UN committee charged with investigation into the tragic events that happened in the city of Jenin, which is casting doubt on the credibility of this international organization that is supposed to be an impartial judge whereby it has equated between the gladiator and the prey. The fact is that the UN was not allowed to make a field visit to the area but based its conclusion on information presented to it from known quarters including those who wield the influence at the organization.

Freedom of expression a must

BY NABEEL MUSTAFA MAHDI

Every day, the whole world is undergoing to considerable changes. Continual change and development has included all walks and aspects of life and contemporary life has become spread all over our spacious country. Despite all that our culture is still suffering from limitedness of change and development because of restrictions imposed by some officials upon the educated and talented people. Even the mass media have been suffering from burdens of the past heritage characterized by backward mentality overcome by fear for the private interest and cheap biddings. Our culture has not received its share of change and development that affected some aspects of our economic life. Some backward mentalities are still in control of our culture, imposing their will and ideas on our intellectuals and culture. Those conducts and practices are still prevalent despite the rights the constitution and the political democratic policy in our country have guaranteed to us.

Unquestionably, every Yemeni knows well that his duty is to preserve his country and take part in efforts for its development and progress besides his right to honorable and dignified life, such as living, secure lodging, freedom of work, travel and freedom of election and expression and thought.

The freedom of expression is one of the human rights not the right of authority. Some societies have experienced the freedom of expression even before they were aware that it was one of their rights, such as the Greeks and Romans at the beginning of their states. Also the Arabs in some periods of their state had experienced the freedom of expression before they did comprehend it was one of the human rights.

It is a fact to say that there is no meaning of democracy without respect to the freedom of opinion and expression. Being deprived of both there is no presence or recognition of human rights.

COMMON SENSE



Hassan Al-Haifi

What is next?

The Arab World is probably the slowest developing region in terms of political culture and cultural finesse. In fact, the Middle East and North Africa region is probably the only area in the world where a trend can not be projected for the future, whether as a collective entity or individual countries. Part of the problem stems from the fact the affairs in the region have become directed from outside the region, either directly or through the various interests and puppets of foreign interests that reign in the region as the "great liberators" of their people, etc. Notwithstanding the immense wealth that abounds in the region in terms of natural resources and historical and cultural heritage, most of the countries in the region remain at the bottom of the Least Developed Countries of the world in just about every indicator of economic, social and human development. Even those that have moved slightly up the list, have still to go much further before reflecting the true potentials of their capacities and available resources. Where does the problem for this failure really lie?

It lies in the drawing room of long term planners of Western and Zionist interests, who find in a stagnant Middle East region the sources of their continued growth and development and supremacy in the world. Yes, that would be an easy way out of the problem and ironically this has been suggested to the Arab public at large by our infallible leaders to be the one and only cause for our debacle in every one of the development fronts. But our leaders have forgotten that quite a lot of their constituents realize that these very same planners helped these leaders get to the helms of authority in our helpless countries stretching at the crossroads of the world from the Atlantic Ocean to the Indian Ocean and from the Mediterranean to the depths of the African rain forests. They also forget that just as they have put them in power, these same interests can have them removed anytime their interests are no longer served by these heroes of "revolution and liberation", whose photos hang in every street corner and every lighter and carton of cigarette sold in the country they rule. This removal can easily be speeded up, if these rulers ever get out of line and forget to obey the dictates of their masters in the drawing rooms cited above. In this respect, then it would seem obvious that the criteria for accountability and responsibility become transformed into a pull and shove type of game between the foreign power brokers and these puppets, with the ultimate finale decided upon by sheer power and nothing more. In the meantime, the poor Arab people are so much immersed in oppression and economic demise, there is just no way they can worry about the political fate of the tyrants that step on their necks, or their own future. After all, minds are bogged down contemplating their fate for the next twenty-four hours, because they have received their salaries today and found that it itary industrial complex in the United States becomes immersed in corruption and fraud. Ironically, those who are arguing for this side or that among the general population, are the very same ones, who raised their voices for this side or that and who made a fortune speaking out loudly but failing to convey anything worth remembering. Now that they hear the war drums beating again, have let their voices be heard again. This is in anticipation that they will be written down on the under the table handout lists that are made here and there by the political operators and agents. These people can be seen all over, walking around with their briefcase full of US Dollars or any of the negotiable currencies that are asked for by these walking loudspeakers who are ready to uphold the viewpoints of this side or that, depending on who pays the most. All of a sudden, the fate of the Palestine issue is shoved aside and might even get a tranquilizer for a while, because the stage is now being set for something more important and more dramatic. This leader must go or this leader should rise, or whatever the justifications for immediate intervention are made. Even the old allies have shifted now into enemies as the roots of terrorism, once nurtured by the CIA so joyfully, have been found to rest in the deserts of the Arabian Peninsula. What is next?

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Missing the point about Jenin, everything else

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In late July, conservative American commentator Ben Shapiro wrote in his syndicated column deploring what he saw as American and Israeli squeamishness in the "war on terror."

"I am getting really sick of people who whine about 'civilian casualties,'" he wrote. "Maybe I'm a hard-hearted guy, but when I see in the newspapers that civilians in Afghanistan or the West Bank were killed by American or Israeli troops, I don't really care. In fact, I would rather that the good guys use the air force to kill the bad guys, even if that means some civilians get killed along the way. One American soldier is worth far more than an Afghan civilian."

Americans and Israelis are so keen to avoid civilian enemy casualties that they put their own soldiers in danger, he added, writing: "The Israeli government is so afraid of world condemnation that it put its soldiers in the line of fire to gain some eternally sought-but-never-found international praise. After the Passover massacre, Ariel Sharon sent ground troops into Jenin to search, house-to-house, for Palestinian terrorists in order to bring them to justice. Bad move. Twenty-three Israeli boys, the proportional equivalent of 1,000 Americans, were killed in a vain attempt to prevent Palestinian casualties."

Twisted arguments

"What a joke. In order to save the lives of Palestinians who gladly support the murder of Israeli soldiers and civilians, the Israeli (Army) put its sol-

diers in house-to-house urban warfare. If only Israel had acted as decisively as America did in Kabul, it would have gone in with F-16s and leveled Jenin. Civilian casualties? So be it. That might have struck a note of fear into the Palestinians - putting in ground troops sure doesn't."

Shapiro is aware that this blatant advocacy of terrorism might take the edge off the hysterical anti-terrorist rhetoric currently being deployed by his own government. But he quickly brushes these thoughts aside.

"Some people might cry out at this 'callousness.' They might say that Al-Qaeda thinks the same thing about American civilians. This is a twisted argument. There is a difference between casualties from collateral damage and casualties from deliberate slaughter... In the end, this is a war to save humanity from the barbarity of fundamentalist Islam. It is inevitable for enemy civilians to be killed in war."

Shapiro's logic

By his own logic, Shapiro is actually advocating the deliberate slaughter of civilians and reproducing the same arguments we heard from Osama bin Laden.

The dispute with Hamas or Al-Qaeda is not that their cause is just. The whole world is an agreement that the Israeli occupation of the West Bank and Gaza is illegal, and that Israel is guilty of serious war crimes in stealing Palestinians' land and subjecting the occupied population to numerous injustices. In fact, were Hamas activists to target only Israeli soldiers, they would be perfectly within their rights under international law, and the United Nations would be under obliga-

tion to support their legitimate struggle, as happened in Lebanon where even the United States was forced to grudgingly admit Hizbullah's right to resist Israeli occupation by becoming a party to the April 1996 understanding to spare civilians on both sides.

Fighting against invaders

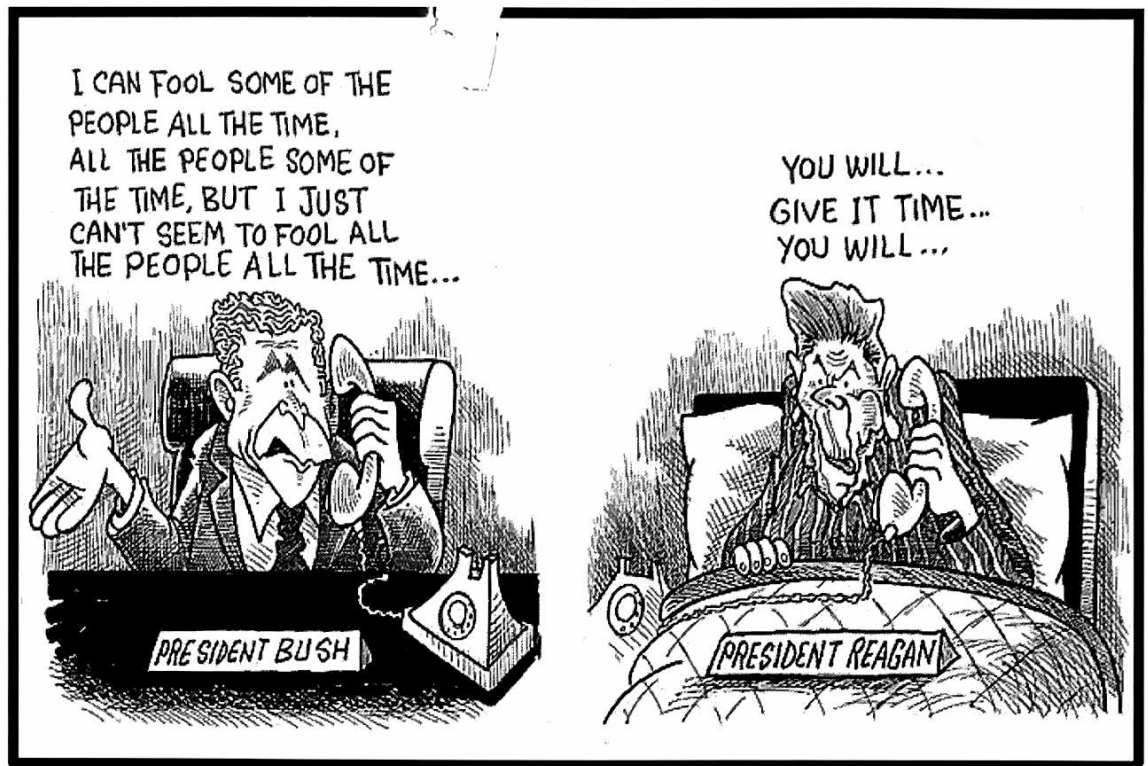
The crux of the argument against Hamas and other Palestinian groups is that they do target civilians. However, if we take Shapiro's advice and modify international norms to make targeting civilians perfectly kosher, then Hamas would instantly become blameless. After all, Hamas activists are fighting in their own homeland against predatory invaders. They have not gone to New York or Afghanistan to commit aggression against perfectly law-abiding individuals.

And this is precisely where the Aug. 1 United Nations report on the events in Jenin misses the point. It was hailed by Israel as exoneration from the charges that it had committed a massacre. Given that Israel has done its utmost to obstruct the search for truth in Jenin, this perverse celebration of "innocence" reminds one of a mob trial where all the material witnesses are "mysteriously" gunned down and the accused don then throws a party to celebrate the resulting "not guilty" verdict.

It's a refugee camp

Innocence here is not the right word, though. To be accused of massacring 50 civilians instead of 500 is not exactly exoneration.

To understand the central point, however, one has only to imagine how the same sides would react if it had



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been a Palestinian army besieging Tel Aviv or another Israeli city, and faced with armed resistance not only decided to kill all the reservists who bore arms to defend their city, but bulldozed homes on the heads of civilians and used women and the elderly as human shields. Would that be acceptable for Sharon and his friend George W. Bush? And for Shapiro?

Let us remember that the people of Jenin, all innocent civilians, were thrice victims of Israeli war crimes.

Jenin, for those who have forgotten, is a "refugee camp." Marauding Israeli gangs illegally drove its inhabitants out of their homes in 1948. In 1967 those same gangs, now posing as an army, invaded the area again and for 35 years subjected the refugees and other inhabitants to concentration camp treatment. Last April, the same nightmare was visited on the hapless refugees again, this time with unprecedented vicious-

ness and ferocity.

Some of the inhabitants, including Palestinian policemen who would not otherwise have contemplated hostilities against Israel, were forced to defend themselves. The onslaught earned condemnation from decent human beings all over the world. The fact that Israel was resorting to new war crimes to defend old ones makes the resistance legitimate and justified.

The Israeli attack on both armed men and civilians in Jenin was illegal. To justify the vicious criminality of the onslaught on Jenin (blowing up homes on the heads of their occupants,

depriving the sick from treatment, starving children to death) by reference to Israeli casualties as Shapiro does, is to stand things on their head. The Israeli soldiers had no business being there to start with. If they suffered casualties, it is their fault, since they were the aggressors.

The right of people subjected to such viciousness to defend themselves is beyond dispute. The only reservation is that they should observe the rules of war and spare civilians. If this civilized conduct is now abandoned, then the civilized world will become defenseless against the barbarism of terrorism if and when weapons of mass destruction join the terrorists' arsenal.

Civilized people need to make clear the distinction between them and mindless terrorists. Otherwise, we will all become mindless barbarians, which many of us unfortunately already are. Far from defending humanity against barbarism, Shapiro wants us all to become barbarians like him.

It is a temptation we should resist.

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Scenarios facing Israel

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The gruesome conflict between Israel and the Palestinians has taken another turn for the worse.

Israel's decision to use a one-tonne bomb fired from an F-16 to eliminate Hamas leader Salah Shehadea, notwithstanding the potential for civilian casualties in a densely populated urban area, indicates a fateful disregard for the lives of innocent people, many of them children, who were killed in the attack.

Israel's explanation, in the face of international condemnation, attributes the outcome to "gaps" in their intelligence assessment. In effect, the Israelis are saying that their focus on getting their wanted man was so intense that, in this instance, they were blind to the "collateral" damage.

When Hamas took its revenge with a bomb in the cafeteria of the Hebrew University in Jerusalem, where Arabs, Jews and other students from around the world pursuing their studies in relative harmony were most likely to be the casualties, the perpetrators crossed a new line. Hitherto centers of learning, where tolerance is a byword, had not been targets for carnage, even if other gatherings of innocent people, in restaurants and buses, had been. The fact that Hamas has since said that it did not intend to attack Americans, who were among the fatalities, rings hollow and implies that the Palestinians and Israelis caught in the blast, who exemplify coexistence, were the intended victims.

We are witnessing the systematic erosion of the middle ground, the moderates, among Israelis and Palestinians, who hold the key to resolution of this miserable conflict. In Israel, what's left of the peace camp is looking to the international community to rein in their government and formulate a way forward that somehow circumvents Palestinian President Yasser Arafat and thereby satisfies the demands of the US administration that he be written out of the script. On the Palestinian side, those who still hold out for a "two-state

solution" by negotiation are trying desperately to instigate some reforms in the Palestinian National Authority in the hopes that Washington will keep its pledge to help them found a state provided they espouse democratic procedures and financial accountability.

As these embattled elements on either side know, however, reform cannot make much progress under occupation, segmentation of the populace and curfew. Their supporters in the international community are also conscious of the enormous constraints imposed by the Israeli military presence around and within the main Palestinian towns and villages. Under the circumstances, the PNA, however much it is reformed in structure, practices and norms, is incapable of delivering basic services within the community, let alone running an effective security apparatus. But the Israelis will not ease up their military operations unless and until they do get security cooperation. At most, the Israelis seem to be working on the assumption that they can co-opt municipal leaders and local security chiefs into operating mini fiefdoms, of limited authority, wherein militants are controlled in return for civil autonomy.

Aside from the marginalized and seemingly inconsequential peace camp in Israel, there are three schools of thought in play. One, apparently espoused by Prime Minister Ariel Sharon, calls for a new autonomy deal with pliant Palestinians, but not including Arafat, who will deliver an end to Palestinian attacks and miraculously evolve into the new leadership that Sharon and the Americans can embrace as the democratic, capitalist and peace-loving interlocutors they deem suitable to run a Palestinian state.

A second school of thought, on the fringes but capable of gaining ground with the elimination of more moderate voices, calls for the Palestinians to leave and find homes elsewhere in the Arab world and beyond, so that Israel can hang on to all of the West Bank, though probably not Gaza. The latter they might dispense with as too troublesome to rule, enabling them to claim that they had conceded to the "two-state" solution after all.

The third school of thought, espoused by Israelis who balk at either of the other two putative options, but who have given up on finding a Palestinian partner for a negotiated peace, calls for unilateral separation. This formula takes various forms, depending on whether the focus is on cordoning off the Palestinians with as little loss of land as possible, or on preserving the possibility of a viable Palestinian state on the other side of a separation line. In the latter case, the unilateral withdrawal could be from most of the West Bank, including isolated settlements. Assuming realization of a Palestinian state in the evacuated areas would not be ruled out down the line, international assistance could be sought to manage transition to such an outcome. In the interim, if not indefinitely, the Israelis would no doubt expect to continue to control the border with Jordan.

If this assessment of the types of options under consideration in Israel is correct, and if the peace camp, whose members still hope for a negotiated solution with international mediation, has no leverage, then it is time for the international community, including Arab interlocutors, to engage accordingly. Focus on reform of the PNA, as a means of keeping the United States to its promises may not be enough. Instead, it may be time to focus more specifically on the Israeli public and engage them in a debate about the full implications for their future of the three scenarios apparently in play.

An examination of the consequences of unofficial but potentially enduring apartheid, or expulsion - be it by stealth or cataclysm - or of unilateral separation - in its various permutations - might just serve to galvanize Israeli opinion and international efforts to realize a two-state solution. If it does, this would in itself help to rescue Palestinian moderates, before the dynamics of the conflict spiral still further into the abyss.

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When history became a good for sale

Baraqish cries for help



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Baraqish is one of the ancient historical towns in Yemen, located on the road which leads to Jawf governorate, 160 km to the north-west of Sana'a. It was built during the era of the Maean state in the fourth century B C and it had played a great role in the Maeni people success of their revolution on the state of Sheba in the year 400 B C.

Baraqish was a source of Yemenis

inspiration as the religious life concentrated in it, as mentioned by the historian, Halif. This town which is still full of unraveled secrets about the Maeni civilization, is nowadays exposed to acts of stealing of its historical antiquities and smuggling them for the sake of getting money at the expense of their national heritage, betraying the sense of patriotism that they should enjoy.

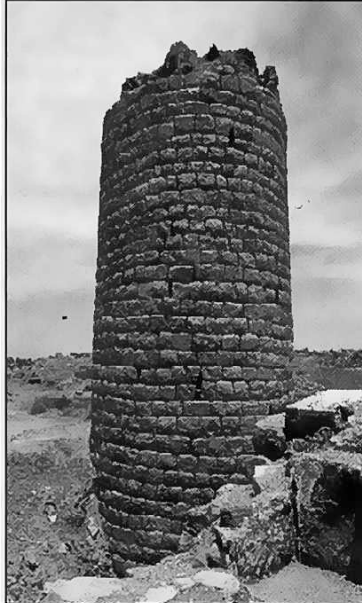
The moment I saw it, I felt that I'm in front of a great and deep-rooted historical town, reflecting the great image of an old Yemeni civilization. The person accompanying me in my visit to the town of Baraqish, one of Jawf inhabitants, told me that the historical

site of the was systematically exposed to acts of illegal digging by some citizens for the sake of searching for antiques to be smuggled and sold, causing a great loss of a national wealth. He said that people here sell the antiques they find to special brokers who smuggle them out of the country.

It is worth mentioning that Al Wahda



Baraqish was built during the era of the Maean state in the fourth century BC
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Newspaper has recently reported that security forces seized about (450) antique pieces intended to be smuggled via Sana'a airport, but did not refer to the criminals who committed that serious crime and in a bid to sell out our history to foreigners. It is a pity that we never heard about punishing such

gangs or sending them to courts for trial, authorities have rather sufficed themselves to announcing the seizure of the antiques. A man there told me that he hoped to retrieve the amount of YR 4,000,000 one of the inhabitants had received for selling an antique one year ago. I felt sorrowful when I

remembered an interview conducted by a Yemeni newspaper with a Swedish head of an agency when he said the only hope in his life ever is to see Baraqish and some other historical towns in Al Jawf if he could help. We hope that our government interferes to save our history and antiques from

Celebrating Annasri's second memorial

By SALEH ABDULBAQI

During Yemen's flourishing cultural era of the 1960s, many artists and poets emerged signaling a cultural and musical revolution that influenced many aspects of life in the country. Those talented artists enriched Yemen's musical reputation with their professional and creative works that were implemented with very high quality standards and superb styles. Many of those poets present their poems with precise expression of feelings and mystical descriptions of human thoughts. Among those fascinating individuals is poet and artist Ahmed Ali Annasri.

Annasri was one of the most widely known poets of Lahj, who enriched the Lahji songs with his distinguished poet-

ry. On the occasion of his second memorial on July 2nd 2002, the Association to Develop Culture and Literature in Aden organized a memorial ceremony in Dar Sa'ad recalling his great contributions to the Yemeni cultural movement and remembering his role in presenting the Yemeni poem in the best form.

Among the intellectuals, who delivered speeches on this occasion were poet *Gamal Mahlati*, critic *Hani Mohammed Saed Garadah* and novelist *Al-Shatiri*.

In his statement, Al Mahlati dealt with the poetic perceptions and influences in Annasri's poetry, which reflected itself deeply in his songs. Hani Garadah noted in his speech the methodical dimensions, rhetorical expressions and eloquence the late poet used to skillfully employ expressions

quoted from the Holy Koran's narrations. Al-Shatiri indicated that Annasri's poetry reflected the green villages and oases of Lahj as well as the poet's love to his land.

All participants in the event agreed on the worthy contributions of the late in lyric poetry and national songs in which he used efficiently to positively influence the political incidents inside the country and abroad.

In his poetry, Annasri supported the revolutions of many Arab countries including the revolution of the million martyrs of Algeria and Bur Saeed's revolution of Egypt in 1956.

Annasri's national songs are considered among the most famous and widely known to the public as many people know some of them by heart. Among those songs are Duk al Ka'a, Kaheel Atarf and others.

There are many singers who continue to sing Annasri's songs such as Abdulkareem Tawfeek and others who relied on his original poetry in producing their own works. Those songs and poets that relied on Annasri's poetry along plus all his own original songs were put together in one poetic collection entitled *Duk al Ka'a* and was issued in 1986 by the Ministry of Culture in Aden.

The gesture of Aden's educated intellectuals represented by the Association to Develop Culture and Literature in Dar Sa'ad was praised by all faithful Yemenis who appreciate talented and creative poets such as Annasri. It is the responsibility of the Ministry of Culture in Aden however to sponsor such events more frequently so as to remember great achievers of the past who contributed a lot to Yemen's cultural development.

Sayoun: City of scholars

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Sayoun is one of the most attractive tourist towns in Yemen. With its ancient history dating back to the sixteenth century after Hijrah and with its buildings' unique architecture, Sayoun -located in Hadhramout Valley south east Yemen- is the destination of thousands of foreign tourists who come to explore the beauty of the city and find the hidden treasures of history.

Wherever you walk in the lanes of Sayoun, you will find smiling faces, hospitable people, ancient sites, beautiful buildings and mosques, and signs of wisdom and knowledge. Once you see them, and perhaps walk into them, you will never forget those skyscrapers, which are the first of their kind on this planet, and which mark the town's rich human history.

Unlike today's skyscrapers, those of Sayoun are made of mud and mud only. The innovation and greatness of old Yemenis can be clearly seen in this spectacular town. But the town is mostly famous for the different dynasties of scholars and religious men (Ulama), who graduated from its mosques and schools and left the country to teach others thousands of miles away. The town was and still is the place where tens of scholars and poets come from.

In recent year, Sayoun just as the case with many other Yemeni historic

towns have received care and attention from the government and other concerned local and international bodies to preserve its uniqueness and natural beauty. The town had its share of development projects in all human sectors. Commercial activities and expansion in residential areas have also been taking place in the last decade, but the main concern of the people lies in the need to

preserve the town's purity and nature. There are currently certain plans to install modern infrastructure and provide the town with needed requirements to catch up with the rest of the world but without disturbing the delicate environmental balance.

Tourists have always sensed something different in Sayoun. The difference seems evident in the way people

communicate, think, and study. The city is the homeland of hundreds of thousands of Hadhrami scholars and intellectuals who traveled to South East Asia and Africa to spread Islam, knowledge, and wisdom. The city stands proud as the source of generations of inspired scholars who did not spare any effort to represent Yemen in the best way possible on a global scale.



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The Throne's Ruby

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*In a world owned by its owners,
The poor are the rich lords.
The loser is who doesn't take,
What she gives in modesty.
The heedless is who thinks,
Things are really the things.
The tyrant Sultan's Crown is an
apple,
Swinging up the yard's mast.
The Sofist's crown is shining,
Upon a straw mat.
Believe me O Throne's Ruby,
Dead are not those dead,
And Rest is not rests.*

*What kind of seas do you ask me
about?
O my beloved!
Do you ask about a whale,
Whose legs are made of rocks,
And eyes are made of ruby?
About clouds of fire,
And islands of coral?
About a dead who's carrying a
corpse,
To escape where he dies?
Don't be astonished O Ruby,
The amazing of man's fate is,
Himself the man.
.....
The judge is weaving his moustache*

*For the pub's singer.
The village's sage is hanged,
While the monkeys are playing,
In the market place.
O my darling,
The needy's gold is copper,
Your judge is tied to his Usurped
seat
Judging people and in the cemetery,
He's walking in vanity and pulling
his aba.*

*.....
You can't see us with eyes not ours,
You can't recognize us,
Unless we reward you and
It's only time to recognize us,
And we reveal to each.*

*.....
The humble of us may be the upper,
O Ruby,
Be the Humble,
To be the Upper.*

*.....
The sea waters will dry,
Migrating birds will return,
And the broken sieve is on your
shoulders.
Your grieving eyes look like moun-
tains,
And destinies and generations.
O my love,
Don't make weep,
That's enough for you and me,
For the great grief,
Can't be revealed.*

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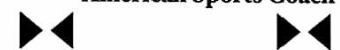
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Drugs registration system and pricing of medicine in Yemen (2-2)



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(C) Requirements for registration medical appliances:

- 1- Free on Sale certificate.
- 2- Sterilization certificate in case the product claimed to be sterilized (e.g disposable syringes).
- 3- Declaration of the prices in which the manufacturer should indicate the wholesale and public prices in the country of origin in addition to the export CIF price requested by the manufacturer for the said product and to send 6 pieces of the said product

The flaws of the current registration system and suggestions to improve it:

(A) SBDMA accepts the CIF prices submitted by suppliers without requesting them to decrease these prices according to the "categorization of manufacturers".

SBDMA should categorize the manufacturers as it used to do in the past and re-evaluate all CIF prices registered with them and demand a decrease from manufacturers. During the period 1976-1993, the technical committee of SBDMA used to obtain the company profile of each manufacturer by which they categorized the manufacturers into three main groups.

- 1) Group A - those well known manufacturers which possess a 'Research & Development Department', the number of scientists, employee, and production lines and their annual production capacity and turnover and the number of countries into which they export its products etc.
- 2) Group B - those manufacturers that have no R&D Dept. and their company profile shows that the company is less in volume than the company in group A.
- 3) Group C - those manufacturers that have no R&D Dept. and their company profile shows that it is less in volume than the company in group B.

The technical committee adopted a policy to accept the CIF price for the same medicament from manufacturers of group A to be more by 20% than the price from the same medicament from a company of group B, and by 40% more than the price for the same medicament from a company of group C. SBDMA ceased to categorize manufacturers since 1993.

(B) When an agent ceases his exclusive distributorship agreement (agency agreement) to another Yemeni importer (mutually), SBDMA requests that the foreign company and its products be re-registered. Such a procedure is not acceptable by importers and the manufacturer. It could be accepted if the previous agent stopped his import activity for at least 3 subsequent years. Otherwise, there is no need for a re-registration procedure, since the previous

agent used to import the registered drugs regularly.

(C) SBDMA approves orders for importers having 30-40% free of charge goods (bonus) for each product, which is provided by the foreign supplier. This is unjust as this percentage is added by the manufacturer in the CIF price of the product, which consequently leads to the exaggeration of the public price. Actually, the free goods go to the owner of the pharmacy to encourage the sales of the said product, but the patient doesn't get benefit out of this. The normal free goods should not exceed 20% of the original goods. However, SBDMA should allow an open quantity any time of the year for the supply of medical samples (pack of a reduced quantity with a special imprint on the pack, indicating that the pack is for doctors and prohibited for sale). These samples are for the scientific promotional work amongst doctors. Currently, SBDMA allows only 5% as free medical samples.

(D) SBDMA accepted around 90 new importers (during the past 10 years) and registered some 155 suppliers. These 90 new importers imported only 33% of the annual importation of the year 2000, though the annual import level wasn't increased.

In its statistic bulletin for the 2000, the following was mentioned:

Year	No. of Importers	Annual Import in USD	SBDMA Exchange Rate
1991	27	88 million	1\$=16.00 YER
2000	116	82 million	1\$=162.00 YER

There is a decrease of 7% in the import during the past 10 years (1991-2002), although the number of the importers tripled.

The fact is that most of these new suppliers are of Indian, Pakistani and South-East Asian origins. There is no law allowing SBDMA to stop people to register themselves as importers and to register the foreign manufacturers they represent. But SBDMA can decrease the number of importers and consequently the number of foreign suppliers by approving a new policy for registering foreign suppliers/manufacturers, as such a huge number of importers and suppliers led to the marketing of more drugs with trade marks in the market.

In its bulletin for year 2002, the following data was mentioned:

Year	No. of suppliers	No. of registered drugs
1991	approx. 80	approx. 3,000
2000	approx. 226	approx. 6,000

Note: The active therapeutic chemical substances are called generics and their number is approximately 600 generic names. Each generic name has 3 to 17 trade names. The average trade names registered for each generic is approximately 10 names. This is why the 600 generics by 10 results in 6,000 trade names. In this bulletin, it is mentioned that 10 importers imported 66% (two thirds) of the annual import from 10 different suppliers (6 Europeans and 4 Arabs), while 106 importers imported

33% (one third) from 216 different suppliers.

This was unneeded procedure, as it led the staff of SBDMA to pay less attention to such important suppliers and a significant number of medicine brands.

(E) The registration fees stipulated in the ministerial decree is exaggerated. It should be nominal and as one amount even if the medicament is mentioned in the national list or whether it will be registered in its generic name or trade name.

The following fees are suggested:

- 1- The fees for registering a new manufacturer could remain unchanged (US\$1,000).
- 2- For medicine: US\$200 for registration and US\$100 for analysis.
- 3- For OTC medicaments: The above fees.
- 4- For medical appliances: The above fees.

Note: The national list was actually meant to be a guide for MoH tenders and other government tenders. It is revised every 3 years, when some generic are deleted and others are added.

(F) (i) The current re-registration procedure takes place every three years, which is not a long enough time span. It should be every five years.

(ii) SBDMA should consider every request from suppliers to increase the registered CIF price only if the registered price was stable for five years. They should allow an increase not exceeding 20%, unless the supplier could provide very strong evidences for its request of a higher percent of increase.

(iii) The required documents for re-registration of the manufacturer and its products could be confined to one certificate which should be issued by health authorities in the country of origin and should be in the following format.

Quote
"This is to certify that (name of the company) holds a manufacturing license and is registered as a manufacturer of pharmaceutical preparations under the drug law applicable in (the name of the country) and that the manufacturers have marketing licenses and can freely sell in (name of the country). The said company conforms to Good Manufacturing Practice (GMP) as recommended by WHO in respect to products to be distributed within the country of origin or to be exported. The raw material and finished products as well as production and control records are satisfactorily inspected at regular intervals by MoH and no violation of any standard is ever noted."

Unquote
MoH should attach a schedule which forms part of this certificate indicating the preparations that are registered in Yemen. This certificate should be certi-

fied by the health authorities and legalized by the Yemeni Embassy.

(G) There is need eliminate the condition of demanding an independent GMP. Instead, SBDMA should hold the analysis of the submitted samples, which if discovered to have any variation in the analysis or suspects in some of the prepared documents, should be inspected by sending a SBDMA delegation (of two persons) to the said manufacturing company and arrange a technical report about this factory. SBDMA hires persons who are trained to handle such inspections. In addition, SBDMA should support its analytical laboratory with a new department which can carry out the bioavailability test (bioavailability is the degree to which a drug becomes available to the target tissue after administration). This is applied in Kuwait and Saudi Arabia when registering drugs. This kind of analysis will help SBDMA decide whether a manufacturer is a reputable one or not.

(H) There is need to eliminate the condition of demanding the 'Free on Sale' certificate issued by concerned authorities according to the format adopted by WHO, as such certificates are contained within the overall certificate which is called certificate of a pharmaceutical product drawn in accordance to the format of WHO.

(I) SBDMA continued fixing the export CIF prices, the wholesale and the retail prices till mid 1993. However, the exchange rate of the dollar against the Yemeni Real deviated heavily during that year. The official rate adopted by SBDMA by then was YER 18 per US dollar, while the market rate was YER 36. This led the Drug Importers Syndicate to decide not to adhere to the public prices fixed by SBDMA, because many importers suffered great losses and closed their business.

As the fluctuation of the Yemeni rial continues, SBDMA cannot fix the public price and demand suppliers to print it on the carton/pack of drugs. However, the following could be suggested for the SBDMA to do in an effort to solve this problem.

SBDMA should issue a circular to importers requesting them to add the following margins which are shown against each ranging wholesale price. SBDMA should instruct them to print the public price on a sticker (by using the price tag sticker tool usually used in grocery shops) and stick the price label on each pack in the provided space of the Arabic cliché, which indicates the name of the agent and the registration number of the specific drug.

Wholesale Price	Retail Margin
1- more than 1,000 YER	10%
2- between 500-1,000 YER	15%
3- between 200-500 YER	20%
4- less than 200 YER	30%

This policy could be implemented in the first instance for prescribed medicines and OTC drugs for internal use. These margins are reasonable and

affordable to the public. For drugs with wholesale price exceeding YER 1,000, this means that those drugs are quite new (under research) or lifesaving and a 10% margin is sufficient for them. If the product's price is less than YER 200, this means that the product is either an OTC or a medical appliance (cotton wool, disposable syringes etc.) and the owner of pharmacy should have a higher retail margin. Such different margins are applicable in Europe and some Arab countries (e.g United Arab Emirates).

By implementing such a procedure, the public will be satisfied to find the same retail price (printed on a stick label) on the same pack in every pharmacy. The patient who is obliged to buy expensive drugs -with wholesale prices exceeding YER 1,000- will be glad to see that the pharmacy margin is 10% instead of the current 20%.

Conclusion

We aimed from this article to review the current situation of the registration system for drugs and the pricing structure in order to assist the concerned authorities review current measures and correct the flaws where need.

We can summarize the steps to be taken according to our point of view as follows:

- 1- Exclude the request for independent GMP for the registration of a manufacturer for the reasons explained before, and exclude the separate free sale when registering the product, as it will already be included in the certificate of a pharmaceutical product.
- 2- Reduce the current fees for registration and analysis of drugs.
- 3- Make the re-registration period every five years and request one certificate for re-registering the manufacturer and its products.
- 4- Request the fees for re-registering the manufacturer, but cease taking re-registration fees for products.

4- Accept any increase in the C&F price every 5 years and within a level of 20%.

5- Adopt a new pricing policy and implement it in the first instance for the prescribed medicine and OTC drugs for internal use, as explained previously.

6- Allow no more than 20% free of charge goods with each order, but an open quantity for the supply of "reduced medical sample" should be allowed for the scientific promotional work amongst doctors.

7- SBDMA should re-activate the categorization of manufacturers and consequently: (i)reconsider the manufacturer's registered prices (decrease prices of group B and group C), (ii)request new samples of the registered medicines together with their bioavailability report.

SBDMA should make a contract with two of the available analytical laboratories situated in one of the Arab countries and two in European countries, which will carry out the bio-analysis and compare with the reports submitted by suppliers. Fees of such analyses should be paid by suppliers. The samples in question are for prescribed medicine and OTC drugs for internal use. The OTC for external use and medical appliances could be excluded. This is a temporary measure since SBDMA didn't yet establish the bioavailability section inside its laboratory, which might take up to 3 years time. The aim of such a procedure is to abandon the registration of some suppliers, products of which wouldn't conform to the requirements of the bioavailability tests.

By adopting such measures by SBDMA, the general public would be grateful to SBDMA as they would finally feel -to some extend- that the slogan "Medicine is a service, not a commodity!" is on its way to be a reality.

More efforts needed to roll back malaria

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Malaria, the main concern of the country's experts and doctors continue to get attention more than any other disease. Researchers are working around the clock to find solutions to roll back malaria through conducting researches and programs related to this field.

In this regard, a training course to roll back malaria in Yemen in general and Hodeidah in particular was held during 7-16 July in Hodeidah in collaboration with the WHO. The workshop was attended by a number of health experts, consultants, doctors and other representatives from different countries including Egypt, Oman, Saudi Arabia, and Iran. Lectures were delivered by participants centering on using different scientific practical applications to roll back malaria including the proper use of using drugs and the allowed doses prescribed by doctors.

Moreover, scientific experiments have been carried out to explore the true dimensions of dangers that mosquitoes cause to man's health.

An insect laboratory has been established in order to carry out more experiments through collecting larva of anopheles mosquitoes from different valleys and areas. More than 20 representatives have been selected for this purpose.

Field visits to different areas in Hodeidah where malaria epidemic are widely spread such as Meghlah and Dhoha, have been visited by Yemen Times. Contaminated water in these areas has become an environmental problem attracting all kinds of insects and epidemics including malaria, typhoid fever, and kidney failure. The main obstacle is that residents of

those areas are extremely poor and therefore usually cannot afford the cost of treatment. There is not even a single clean water station in the whole region and people there are entirely dependent on agriculture and husbandry for their living.

The spread of such diseases is a result of neglect by the concerned bodies in enhancing the living standards of the residents of those areas and also in launching campaigns to raise awareness of ways to avoid falling prey to such deadly diseases. Therefore the participants concluded that national priority has to be given to these areas.

Participants noted that the spread of malaria and other diseases in Hodeidah governorate will result in inescapable consequences unless there are collaborative efforts made by the concerned bodies specifically the Ministry of Health. However, efforts exerted by the program of rolling back malaria don't seem to be enough as joint efforts of other concerned national and international bodies should be exerted.

More than eighty percent of the overall population of those areas depends on water which is in fact contaminated. In addition to this, people have depended on bringing water from ditches, which are exposed to dangers of so many diseases.

What was truly surprising is that Health Director in al-Meghlah, who's the person entrusted to take responsibility in the region, is in control of everything. He has been monopolizing malaria treatment through his private clinic while preventing anyone else to open a new clinic for the public.

In conclusion, the malaria issue is gaining a lot of attention by the local and international bodies, and it is hoped that the Ministry of Health would concentrate on eliminating this disease that has been causing a lot of grief to the Yemeni public, especially to the poor and vulnerable of the society.

New scientific discovery to remove effects of insecticides

BY YEMEN TIMES STAFF

Researchers at the Chemistry Department, College of Science, Sana'a University have recently discovered new scientific ways to remove effects of insecticides used in spraying agricultural crops and plants. The research has been supervised by Dr. Mohammed Saleh al-Kuhali. Several researches and experiments have been conducted using catalysts under either alkalis or acids. It has been discovered that when mixed with water solution that contains catalysts along with insecticides in the

heat of the sun, the insecticides are gradually decomposed.

It has also been observed that the effects of insecticides are gradually reduced with the course of time under sunlight and that insecticides are decomposed to harmless compounds. When carried out in the dark, insecticides were observed to have not been decomposed.

The new discovery can be scientifically applied to all agricultural crops and plants. If utilized by farmers, this method could easily be used to remove the effects of insecticides. The catalyst can be mixed with water at a specific ratio and then be sprayed on agricultural crops. The new discovery

should be sprayed in a sunny day. When exposed to sunlight, the catalyst is decomposed purifying plants from all insecticides that may have been applied earlier. When reaped or harvested, the catalyst becomes harmless to man or environment. That is because the phosphoric substance is completely decomposed and replaced by the hydroxyl; the univalent harmless group OH, found in organic compounds. This process has been applied when the rays of the sun are in a wavelength direction at the point of UV along with the catalyst.

This simple way of the catalyst will have a positive economic impact upon the agricultural products and environ-

ment, especially as Yemen is considered among the countries with long sunny seasons when compared to other countries. The new discovery can not be applied in some European countries such as Russia, which are in need of electric wavelength lights such as UV.

Dr. Mohammed al-Kuhali and his researchers have used different catalysts that can be applied on six insecticides, which possess different chemical substances. According to Dr. Kuhali, Experiments have been carried out successfully and efficiently and the new discovery will be presented to the Science Conference 2002 which is due to be held in Taiz in the coming October.

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I. What to Say

Situations and expressions (23):
Describing children

If the world is a garden, children are the loveliest flowers in it. They fill our lives with joy by virtue of their angelic beauty and innocence. It is said that the essence of all religions is the innocence of the child. However, we are sometimes vexed with children because they make a noise when we need quietness or become insistent for something much against our wishes to the extent that we punish them. We give below some expression to give vent to our feelings of joy as well as annoyance.

Phrases expressing joy

- What a cute child!
- What a lovely child!
- My sweet little angel!
- So sweet and pretty!
- What an angelic face!
- I forget all my woes to see his innocent smile!
- Oh! The child has taken up his mother for his looks.
- Sweet, little doll that she is!
- Oh! The plumpy innocence! Chubby chubby all dimples.
- My pet child.
- What an active child! He can't sit in one place for a minute!
- She is such a lovable child, so attached to her mother.
- Such a cute child. You just can't resist carrying him up in arms.
- Lucky are the parents of such a lovely child with chubby cheeks.
- That plump kid.

Phrases expressing annoyance

- What a naughty child!
- That little imp
- That brat
- The devil of a child that he is. Always up to some mischief.
- What a menace! Always gives me a headache.
- What a dirty kid you are!
- A pampered child.
- A spoilt child.
- That raffish kid!
- That skinny boy.
- That pock marked child.
- How nasty with ape-like looks.
- Kid with a running nose.
- Kid with a tousled hair.
- Oh! That cranky kid! He spoils my books and papers.
- A real nuisance, that dirty child! He ruins my showcase whenever he comes home.
- A bull in a china shop. Breaks everything that he lays his hand on.
- A disturbing element. Never lets you work.
- Such a bother, especially at nights. Makes her bed wet every ten minutes and yells.
- Once he started crying, nobody can stop him.

II. How to Say it Correctly

Correct errors, if any, in the following sentences

1. Shall you do me a favor?
2. Death is more preferable than dishonor.
3. I prefer to swim than to walk.
4. There is no end of troubles.
5. I am busy in my work.

Solutions to last week's questions

1. Shall I turn on the light?
 2. Will he come tomorrow?
 3. I have been studying English for the last four years.
 4. I saw her go/going.
- Note: 'I saw her go' means that I saw her having finished the act of going. 'I saw her going' is used to indicate that I saw her during the act of her going.
5. I observed him limp.
- Note: In English we leave out 'to' the sign

of infinitive, after sensory verbs like 'feel', 'hear', 'see', 'observe', 'perceive', 'mark', 'behold', 'survey', 'view', 'watch'.

III. How to express it in one word

1. Timely chances in life.
2. A state of disorder in the country.
3. 'Government of the people, by the people, for the people'.
4. One who lives in a city or town.
5. Government servants not in the defense forces.

Solutions to last week's questions

1. Make a tyre, balloon etc. smaller by letting out air or gas: **Deflate** (vt)
2. Take away human characteristics: **Dehumanize** (vt)
3. Person who does wrong things or fails to perform a duty: **Delinquent** (n & adj)
4. Of high quality of comfort: **Deluxe** (adj)
5. Political leader who tries to stir up the people: **Demagogue** (n)

IV. Grammar and Composition

a) Composition

Read the following paragraphs, decide on the topic of each paragraph and write a suitable topic sentence for each one of them:

1. Some people like rainy weather because they are allergic to dust. Some people prefer dry weather because dampness is bad for their health. Other people like hot summer weather because they are uncomfortable when it is cold.
2. It is spoken by pilots and airport control operators on all the airways of the world. More than 70 percent of the world's mail is written in English. In international business, English is used more than any other language.
3. Numerous measures are being taken to discourage people from smoking. In some countries a written statement appears on each packet of cigarettes to warn people that smoking may be dangerous to their health. In spite of everything however, smoking is increasing in all countries of the world. The number of smokers and the amount of money spent on smoking continue to grow.

b) Idioms and phrases

Use the following phrases in sentences of your own:

1. adhere to; 2. adjacent to;
3. adjust to; 4. admit to;
4. advance

c) Words commonly confounded

Bring out differences in meaning of the following pairs/group of words

1. aggravate, increase
2. ago, before
3. agree, agreeable, agreement
4. alight, align

Answers to last week's questions

a) Grammar

1. **Sense** (n) (power of consciousness): The child fainted and lost sense. **Sense** (vt) (feel, realize, be vaguely aware of): He sensed danger when a group of strangers approached him.
2. **Count** (n) (act of counting): I had a pathological count of my RBC and WBC. **Count** (vt) I count him among my sincerest well wishers.
3. **Print** (n) (marks, letters in a printed form): children's books need to be in large print. **Print** (vt) (make marks on paper): I always print my lecture notes on the computer.
4. **Advance** (n) (sum of money paid before it is due): I took an advance from the college towards my fees for the lectures. **Advance** (vt) (come forward): Yemen has advanced impressively after the

Unification.

5. **Esteem** (n) (high regard): I hold my teachers in high esteem. **Esteem** (vt) (respect greatly): I esteem my teachers as my father.
6. **Name** (n) (words by which someone or something is known): I know him by name only. **Name** (vt) (give a name to): We have named the new born Ramzy.
7. **Fool** (n) (an unintelligent person): Don't talk like a fool. **Fool** (vt) (cheat): You may fool some people for some time, but you can't fool all people for all time.
8. **Turn** (n) (change of direction): The road takes a U-turn here. **Turn** (vt) (cause to move round a point): The earth turns round the sun.
9. **Rank** (n) (position in a scale): He has been promoted to the rank of a professor. **Rank** (vt) (arrange in a rank): I rank him as one of the best teachers.
10. **Fuss** (n) (unnecessary nervous excitement): Don't make so much fuss about such minor issues. **Fuss** (vt) (get into a fuss): Don't fuss over children's affairs.

b) Idioms and phrases

1. **give a good account of oneself** (justify oneself): The candidate gave a good account of himself at the interview.
2. **add upto** (amount to): All your statements add upto is that you don't want to help me.
3. **be addicted to** (devoted to): He is addicted to smoking.
4. **address oneself to** (apply oneself to): The younger generation should address themselves seriously to the task of nation building.
5. **in addition to** (as well as): In addition to being a good teacher, he is a good human being as well.

c) Words commonly confounded

1. **intelligent** (adj) (having intelligence): He gave an intelligent answer. **intelligentsia** (n) (those who are capable of serious, independent thinking): Progress of the country depends on the mass of intelligentsia.
2. **university** (n) (institution conferring degrees): Where varieties arrive with a meaning at unity - it is university. **universality** (n) (belonging to all): Shakespeare's plays have universality of appeal.
3. **sensible** (adj) (showing good sense): He is a sensible person. **sensitive** (adj) (quick to receive impressions): Photographic films are sensitive to light.
4. **definition** (n) (statement that defines): This is a simple and clear definition of science. **definitive** (adj) (decisive, final): The speaker gave a definitive answer to the question.
5. **authority** (n) (power): the Dean has the authority to expel a student. **authority** (n) (person): He is an authority on comparative literature. **authority** (right): You have no authority to block the public road.

V. Pearls from the Holy Quran

“(And) Spend of your substance
In the cause of Allah,
And make not your own hands
Contribute to your destruction;
But do good;
For Allah loveth those
Who do good”
S2. A195

V. Words of Wisdom

“Merit is worthier than fame”
—Francis Bacon

Go that Extra Mile

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There are three kinds of workers in this world. The first kind of workers do less than the work that is assigned to them. They are lazy shirkers and don't want to take the challenge. The second kind of

workers are more serious minded persons who do as much as is assigned to them meticulously. But the third kind of workers do more than the quantum of responsibility given to them. In other words, they love to walk that extra mile. Such people have creative and innovative ideas. They are the leaders in all fields. It is they who love

to light a candle and be pioneers, torch bearers and path finders for others. Let each of us be inspired by the ideals of these pioneers. Let us develop lateral thinking abilities, thinking beautiful thoughts and thinking new thoughts. By so doing we can glorify ourselves and our country, leaving behind our foot prints on the sands of time.

The More We Practice, The Faster We Learn

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Communication plays a major role in our lives. This is due to the fact that it is a process by which people exchange information and feelings among themselves. In this context, writing remains one of the major devices for effective communication with others and a valuable means of self-expression.

However, as a teacher of English, I always observe that writing in English is one of the major handicaps that cripples most Yemeni students. No doubt proficiency in writing is not an easy

task, especially when writing in a foreign or a second language. But this doesn't mean that we can not successfully achieve it. We only need sustained efforts. We shouldn't be lazy. We should try to improve ourselves again and again. In this way we may acquire the ability of good writing. It is wrong to believe that writing may come automatically by learning rules of grammar as well as acquiring a good vocabulary.

As such, a sound knowledge about writing skills is very important. If we want to improve our writing in English, we should pay attention to the following points:

1. It is necessary for students to read as widely as possible in order to be familiar with many different varieties

of written English used in letters, magazine articles, newspapers, official forms and leaflets, posters, etc, in addition to traditional essays, stories, plays and novels.

2. When writing, one should be sure about specific aims of his writing and how to achieve these. In other words, the aim of our writing must be reflected in subject-matter.

3. It is very important to know how to write correct sentences, use effective words with correct spelling, organize ideas, build coherent paragraphs, appropriate words and stylistic skills and so forth.

We should bear in mind that the more we practice, the faster we'll learn how to write correct English.

My Tryst with Swimming

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Summer in most parts of Yemen is the best season, for its rainy weather. Every person has fun and he enjoys his leisure time with family outings on picnics. Swimming, for instance, is my favorite hobby during summer. I still remember my first try at swimming and I cannot help a hearty laughter when I recall what happened.

After I had finished my high school study, I used to go swimming. I, how-

ever, wasn't able to swim all that well at that time. As soon as I made my first try, I realized that I had made a big mistake.

It all started when a friend of mine prevailed upon me to go out with him after the rains. We went to a natural pool called Ojar. The moment I reached the bank of the pool, I started trembling like a leaf. Mustering an enormous amount of courage, I gave a plunge into the water. As soon as I was some distance away from the bank, I felt dizzy. I didn't realize at that time that I was drowning.

Afterwards, I found myself surrounded by my friend and some other people giggling at me.

The funniest part of this story was in the school where I had to work as a teacher for a year after high school. In the class, two young children shouted, "We saved this teacher from real death."

Frankly speaking, my first try at swimming was the most embarrassing experience that I've ever had. Nevertheless, I never gave up and I still enjoy my free time in swimming, especially during the summer time.

Idioms in Use



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Use the following idioms appropriately in the blanks.

Double back, ferry off, fetch up, file into, fly off the handle, fritter away, know something backwards, line up, over the hump, rake in, snuff it, soft touch, swan around, tag along, tuck into

1. A team of doctors _____ the cubicle in which the patient was lying.
2. I lost my way and _____ in an unfamiliar street.

3. Death is inexorable, so one has to be ready to _____ at any time.
4. She doesn't like her friends _____ all the time.
5. They are still _____ rice and chicken.
6. These days even quacks _____ a lot of money.
7. Her husband _____ whenever breakfast is late.
8. We couldn't _____ good speakers for the concluding session of the seminar.
9. The patient was _____ from one clinic to another.
10. They _____ their savings on food and finery.
11. Writing this book was a long hard slog but I am _____ now.
12. Having taught Psychology for

- over a decade now, he should _____ the subject _____.
13. Britain is a _____ for illegal immigrants.
14. We went far along the highway but had to _____ because of traffic hold-up.
15. She likes to _____ in her new car.

Answers to the previous installment of 'Idioms in Use'

1. shrugged off 2. silly season
3. shrinking violet 4. weighed down
5. bite the dust 6. out of hat 7. bumped into 8. light up 9. light out 10. make do
11. get away from 12. at a pinch
13. pissed off 14. crack on 15. below the headline



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Ayat's Message

I've decided to go,
To leave my wild world;
The field of crime and barbarism,
The domain of suffering and pain.
Fairness becomes rare as,
Humanity is being slain,
Tears and fears.
The symphony breaks through.
Minds and hearts,
The cloud of memories obscures the eyesight
My own home is stolen,
And becomes an arena of greedy fight,
They snap my honor,
Bite dignity and the civil-rights,
They kill children,
And really 'Mohammad' has gone
But I affirm:
Many 'Mohammads' will come.

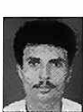
I am an Arab-but where are Arab leaders,
Have they hidden and fled?
Don't they hear the moaning
Echoes in the chill?
Don't they see the laying
Bodies stacked up as a hill?
And "Janeen" is spread out of blood,
And "Ramallah" is down and out...
Don't they see, nor they hear?
Has Islam been lost totally?
Do they fear or give way?

Questions..... questions.
No answers,

I'll leave,
But before, I'll sign
To show people
My land is precious and dear,
It is worth the blood of yours and mine
And I affirm:
If one's gone... Many, many will come
Now to the voyage
I'll kill one, two or five,
My faith I'm armed with
Come friends and aid me
With the detonators
Allah will help me,

Towards the heaven I'm leaving,
My heart and soul are dancing,
The surrounded people are blessed,
Martyrdom... Martyrdom
I taste the sweetness divine,
My only hope is there,
To burst myself one time,
And again come back to this world,
Only to repeat the saga
Once... twice... many times...

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Life without love
Life without love can't be conceived of. It



will be like a forest, where the strongest kill the youngest.
Love is the strong connection which gives life its human character.

People who haven't this feeling or who have lost it, we find them every time fighting each other. They haven't any capability to understand one another, because, they have intense hatred in their minds for others. Obviously, when you hate someone, you make him potentially an enemy.
We have numerous examples to substantiate this adage which says "There isn't life without love". To start with, in a family where one member hates the other, there can be no love and they can't stay with each other under the same roof.
Therefore, Prophet Mohammed (PBUH) emphasized the message of love. The first cardinal principle the Prophet in Al-Madina is known to have stressed is that of brotherhood which is conformed by love.
In conclusion it can be said that if people love each other, they will be happy and they will not meet any suffering or problems.
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TIMES QUIZ (35)

Answer the following questions

1. Why can't we extinguish petrol fire with water?
a) Petrol breaks water into hydrogen and oxygen and consumes oxygen for burning.
b) Water being heavier slips down and petrol comes on the surface and burns.
c) Petrol is highly inflammable and water cannot extinguish it.
d) None of these
2. Who is considered as the father of Genetics?

- a) G. Mendel b) Watson
c) Crick d) Ochoa
3. Transplantation of which of the following things is commonly practiced?
a) Heart b) Liver
c) Kidney d) Blood
4. Which of the following is not an atmospheric pollutant?
a) Hydrocarbons
b) CFCs
c) CO2
d) CO

5. What is the full form of the abbreviation ABM?

- Answers to TIMES QUIZ (34)
1. Plants which are attached to soil are known as **Lithophytes**.
 2. **One kg of lightly packed feathers** would easily be lifted by a hydrogen balloon.
 3. **BCG vaccine** is used against tuberculosis.
 4. The chief role of a flower in the life of a plant is **to attract insects for pollination**.
 5. **Abstract thought** can be called computer's limitation.

Local Press

Prepared by Mohammed Khidhr



Annas weekly, 5 Aug. 2002.



Al-Jamaheer weekly, organ of the Arab Baath Socialist party, 4 Aug. 2002.

Main headlines:

- JMP discusses with British, American embassies democracy situation
- Al-Qaeda-linked suspects, still under arrest
- Fact-finding parliamentary committee : Al-Baihani Institute a private-sector, Aden governor's stand must be considered seriously
- In Taiz University, students rights under mercy of the military

Columnist Ali Mohammed al-Surari said in his article this week that despite the political bases of the political system stipulated in the constitution, contain the principle of multi-party system aimed at the peaceful transfer of power, the practice on ground testifies that political pluralism influence is rendered inoperative. Consequently political pluralism principle could not be deemed as a constitutional means through which the realization of peaceful transfer could be attained.

The movement concerned with constitutional amendments has missed the chance to effect amending political pluralism principle as one of the political foundations, but with an unintentional mistake, the latest non-democratic amendments of the constitution in the beginning of last year, contained a text that immunized parts of the constitution against amendments unless there is a large majority in the parliament supporting them. It has also subjugated amendment of these parts to results of popular referendum. It could be said that the amendment has placed a new restraint making it difficult to realize the hidden desires to get rid of the principle of political pluralism. Therefore, the authority measures and practices resort to create hemmings in the role and effect of the political parties and besiege them away from the arena of the transfer of power.

Main headlines:

- Due to opposition pressure, Supreme Committee for Elections backs down from its stand towards the political parties
- Canadian ship prevented from entering Yemen's regional waters
- Officials under interrogation on Reema money embezzlement
- U.S. State Department warns its nationals against travelling to the Zionist entity
- In Baihan, Gunmen storm Agriculture Bank Branch
- Gang for smuggling children, seized

In his column this week the editor in chief says the electoral systems are a group of measures and legislations and operations connected to each other to perform one function aimed at enabling the people to take part democratically in selection and defining their priorities and policies to follow.

Experiments in this regard could not be copied and applied in a mechanical way to a different place whose constituents are different because that would lead to blind imitation and leap over the movement of reality. Therefore, the electoral system in Yemen has been founded on important factors that led to its success. First is choosing the type of the system that harmony with nature of reality.

Second is the collective participation in discussing and adjusting it to the national peculiarity.

The third is experimenting it and rectifying its trends according to consequences produced by the reality.

Probably accumulation of the experiment that led to the practice of this regime has formed spacious areas of knowledge and culture by the citizens about constituents of this system. So with this it would be easy to hold elections according to this logic. Thus a return to the zero point could be an action nulling the accumulation built across an eleven-year period. It would

also add a new period for experimentation instead of benefiting from it for development and rectification leading to creating political stability.



Al-Balagh weekly, 6 Aug. 2002

Main headlines:

- Scholars, notables of Ibb: "Bohra" plan for coup against the authority, instate a new state
- Americans fail to kidnap bin Laden's wife
- Head of Auditing and Accounting Central Apparatus discloses officials embezzlement of YR 42 million and \$ 21 million
- Dubious visit of British delegation to Baihani Institute

Editor in chief of the newspaper says in his article that regardless of what Baihani institute represents, the important thing about the question of its nationalization is the legal dimensions of that and the degree of Aden governor's commitment to the laws and constitution, added to that the conduct of security men towards those whom they accused of distributing a statement issued by the society in defense of the institute.

It has been known that president Ali Abdullah Saleh has given his directives on cancelling all the measures taken against the institute and to keep it as it is a private institute under supervision of the ministry of education as is the case with private schools. Suddenly orders of the president are overlooked and the institute has been nationalized anew. In order not to be unfair towards the governor, what is wanted most is the transparency required from him to explain his behavior and to clarify on what legal or constitutional principle did he depend in ordering the nationalization. The question here is not related to political parties or electoral publicity campaign but rather pertaining to abiding by the law. If the governorate has exceeded its authorities, as is stated in the parliament report, to whom would then the institute would present its compliant?



Al-Wahda weekly, organ of the Naserite People's Unionist organization, 6 Aug. 2002.

Main headlines:

- American-Yemeni military operation for hunting down al-Qaeda elements
- Bin Laden's relatives talk about security harassments
- Security detains sheikhs opposed to borders demarcation with Saudi Arabia
- Joint Meeting Parties renew rejection of Supreme Committee proportions
- America tries to fabricate an Iraqi relation to September events

Mr Abdulbari Tahir, editor in chief of al-Hikmah magazine says in his article that Bush's administration America sees the Arab nation through Sharon's eyes that waves with war in order to impose the hegemony on the Arab nation. Talking about Yemeni American or even Syrian or Egyptian, apart from this great catastrophe, is an illusion leading to limitless dangers and a stance contradicting national thought or logic.

I think visualizing the Yemeni-American relations is dim. The American have become looking at the world in general and the Arabs in particular through a terrorism binocular and according to the yardstick of their proximity to or distance from Israel. The Arab region, including Yemen, is demanded for embarking on unconditional normalization with Israel. The Arab nation, especially Yemen and Saudi Arabia, are demanded to re-consider their education curricula and preaches at mosques. All are demanded to fight terrorism, a terms that according to the American interpretation means the total and absolute acceptance of Israel and condemnation against anyone points his finger in protest to the occupation of an entire people's land, to declare an all out war against him, in addition to effacing his religious and national identity.

To mention about the Yemeni American relations without comprehending the absolute American support

for Israel occupation, would not pinpoint the nature of this relationship and would not illuminate our future path. Future is mined with Israeli occupation and the new American vision of choosing the Arab rulers despite their people's will. True, our rulers are dictators, unsuccessful and incapable of action and even hated by their peoples, but it is unacceptable to agree with the imperialist orientations that select to our nation those who would be her sovereigns.

What happens in Palestine and to Yasser Arafat and to Saddam Hussein and Iraq, is one scene of an endless serial and would affect all including America's allies and subservients. Iraq and Palestine are the introduction and the rehearsal and others' turn would follow, if we accept the whole scenario.



Al-Sahwa weekly, 8 Aug. 2002.

Main headlines:

- Formation of National Security Organization in Yemen, decreed
- Parliament demands serious consideration against Aden governor policy, 100,000 signature protesting that policy
- Residents of Maswar Reema: Government sues victims of killing vaccines
- National Organization for Defending Rights & Freedoms (NODRF) denies news on release of suspects of September events

Mr Mansour Ahmed Baledi says in an article that local councils have been for long looked as a hope for the Yemeni citizens, particularly down-trodden by poverty and illness, and sway of the influentials. Those citizens have thought that the local councils would work for guaranteeing care rendered for them against their agencies caused by hunger and high costs of living.

The local councils have been unable to write out their own rights from the state therefore they decided to be in line with it in putting pressure on the poor citizen. As the govern-

ment imposes "doses", the local councils have imposed levying new taxes. Thus, bills of electricity, water and telephone began bearing new taxes in the name of local councils deducted from the citizen's daily sustenance.

A question is raised on whether the local councils have become a new burden on the citizens.



Al-Wahda weekly, 7 Aug. 2002.

Main headlines:

- Judges accused of killing, embezzlement, brought to justice
- Yemen to chair Arab Group to Earth Summit conference
- Islamists variant on halting violence
- Crime rate in Taiz, hikes
- Technical arrangements of border maps to be ratified in September

Under heading "contemporary Nero" the newspaper's editorial says the American Yankees are threatening to attack Iraq and using all options to topple Saddam Hussein. They insist in a very extraordinary manner on ousting Yasser Arafat from leadership of the Palestinian National Authority. They also demand liquidation of Arab organizations resisting the Zionist occupation, such as Hamas, Jihad and Hizbollah. They also waylay Arab and Islamic regimes and leaderships, among them Syria, Libya, Iran and Pakistan and in a hysterical arrogance target Saudi Arabia, alleging that it is a "shelter for terror".

Despite all the unsightly scenes of the Zionist military crimes against Palestinian children, women and elderly people, the political arrogance of the American administration increases its indefinite support to the government of Ariel Sharon.

The editorial maintains that this is the real America, regardless of who leads its administration. America's strategy is to re-colonialize the world under whatever guise. It would never get calm till it manages to re-draw the map of the world in the form that serves achievement of that strategy.

World Press

Major news items in leading international newspapers *Provided by Xinhua*

USA

The Washington Post

US Justice Department officials have decided to scale back the controversial Operation TIPS program before it even begins, saying Friday that they no longer plan to ask thousands of mail carriers, utility workers and others with access to private homes to report suspected terrorist activity.

TIPS, or the Terrorism Information and Prevention System, was billed as a way for various workers — including mail carriers, utility employees and truckers — to alert authorities to suspicious behavior they encountered on the job.

Recent attacks on Christians and Westerners in Pakistan were part of a coordinated campaign by Pakistani Islamic militant groups linked to al Qaeda and the Taliban, military and security sources said Friday.

The New York Times

The Bush administration, making use of a provision of the new antiterrorism law, warned foreign diplomats this week that their nations could lose all American military assistance if they became members of the International Criminal Court without pledging to protect Americans serving in their countries from its reach.

The Bush administration is arguing that a major environmental law does not apply to the vast majority of oceans under United States control, a move that environmentalists say could allow military maneuvers, oil and gas pipelines, commercial fishing, ocean dumping and scores of other activities to escape public environmental review.

Japan

Asahi, Yomiuri, Mainichi, Nihon Keizai:

Japanese former Foreign Minister Makiko Tanaka resigned Friday from the House of Representatives.

Nippon Meat Packers Inc. President Hiroji Okoso admitted Friday that about 1.3 tons of beef the company had incinerated were imported beef misrepresented as domestic beef to

profit under a state-run buyback scheme.

Yomiur

The Japanese government plans to set up emission trading market.

Nihon Keizai

McDonald's Japan posts 95 percent pretax fall.

UK

The Times

British police will be given new powers to arrest Internet paedophiles before they can hurt children, as part of a far-reaching overhaul of sex crimes being unveiled by the Government this autumn.

The Daily Telegraph

Tony Blair tried last night to avert a potential rift with Washington by insisting that he was not worried by

Kenya

Kenya Times

A member of parliament, Njehu Gatabaki, was jailed Friday for six months for publishing an alarming article in his Finance Magazine in 1997 headed "Moi Ordered Molo Massacre."

Daily Nation

Radical changes in election law have been announced in Kenya, demanding that a presidential hopeful must now be endorsed by at least 100 voters in five of the eight provinces in the country.

The People Daily

The leadership of Kenya's ruling party KANU is set to effect a far-reaching reshuffle perhaps as early as next week to pave the way for the forthcoming general election, The People Daily learnt.

evidence of growing British opposition to American plans for a war against Iraq.

The Independent

A revolutionary development in genetics has raised the prospect of curing cancer and treating lethal viral infections using a technique discovered by scientists in a series of pioneering experiments.

Nigeria

Saturday Punch

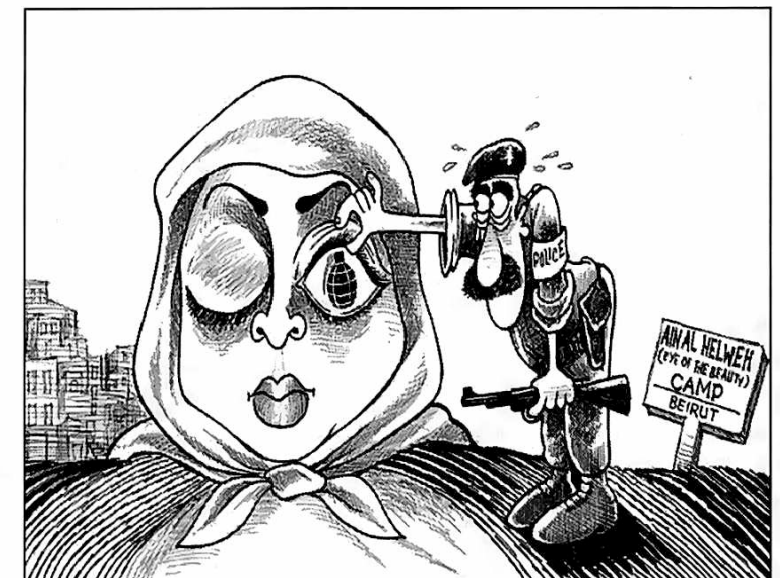
The United States government has warned its citizens against traveling to Nigeria because "conditions in Nigeria pose considerable risk to travelers."

Weekend Vanguard

Nigerian Vice President Atiku Abubakar has expressed concern over the frequent crises in some parts of the west African region, pledging Nigeria's commitment to the restoration and promotion of peace and stability in the region.

This Day

In the time of mounting opposition to President Olusegun Obasanjo's reelection bid, Nigeria's ruling Peoples Democratic Party have raised a secret panel to assess the chances of his winning the 2003 presidential elections.



Arab News - Khalil cartoon

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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 that spell the Wonderword.

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Horoscope by Boadachia

Aries (Mar 21 - Apr 19) Be ready to explore all the wonderful new opportunities, surroundings, inhabitants, etc. of this new planet. Okay, you know I'm being metaphorical. So, what this means when we bring it back to earth is, you should look around your environment(s) and see that a fresh start, a new wave, is coming in for you. It is possible to try new foods, make new friends, and get radical about what is out there that you have had your eyes closed to for so long. Try stepping out there to embrace it, rather than allowing it to bump into you, or even pass you by.

Taurus (Apr 20 - May 20) You need to evaluate the direction you have been heading in, because you will soon need to take action. It all involves being able to surrender and make compromises. You can't force your willpower on this one. When you make that choice in direction, keep in mind what will bring you the biggest returns on your investment? And I don't mean the financial kind. What, in the past, has offered you the support you are looking for? Where have you found the most rewards for what you have given of yourself? What has allowed you to let up a bit and just enjoy yourself? When you answer these questions, you will most definitely have your action plan.

Gemini (May 21 - Jun 20) You will need to wear a lot of hats this week, but you, and you alone are the person who others will want to come to for help, advice, compassion, and wisdom. There is a large calling that is being asked of you right now. If you are ready, you will find that you can truly lead and direct others in the right direction. The result will be success for everyone, and in particular, a long-standing position of recognition and enhanced reputation for yourself. Don't allow your mind to play tricks with you...yes, you can do all this. It's a time to make great strides on a larger, more public level.

Cancer (Jun 21 - Jul 22) If you've been more withdrawn lately, you don't want to be involved much, expect that to change. But, your attitude does need to change a bit as well. Your fluctuating moods need some balancing done to them...a tune-up, shall we say. As better things lie ahead and unfold quietly before you, there is something you can do to prepare. To shake off any negativity it is important that you do something healing and therapeutic for yourself. Something which makes you feel good but also provides some cleansing and purification for yourself.

Leo (Aug 23 - Aug 22) I can't accept it or you not try. There are no guarantees that you will win. Winning is nice, but no matter what turns up, what you learned in the process will last forever. Winning is not the priority, though. You aim and shoot as though you are going to win, but the real point is that you never give up, you never let up. This isn't your first or last chance at the game called life, but it is the one you are on right now. When you are in such a seriously, magnetic, and pivotal place as you are right now, you have no choice but to do your best, to put yourself out there, and take what comes.

Virgo (Sep 23 - Sep 22) What will you do to find peace in your life? Will you hold onto old habits and patterns, clinging to safety and hoping that will be enough? Or will you pierce your skin and cause some bloodshed to find that blissful place you seek. It's time to move on already. Without flinching, without batting an eyelash, or taking too long to think about it, you need to leap into a deep chasm this week. Whether it is dark and scary, or filled with light and a pool of champagne, is up to you. Try supporting yourself and allow a little wishful thinking into your life.

Libra (Sep 23 - Oct 22) Many freshmen enter college innocently, not knowing what to expect. When it comes time to choose a major focus of study, quite a few are left feeling puzzled about what course they should pursue. They haven't figured out what they want to do with their lives. So, they tend to choose aimlessly, or by process of elimination. You have been wandering around a bit aimlessly yourself, lately. You now have choices, though, and better yet, you do have the wisdom to make smart choices. If you dig deep, knowing what is good for you, you will see the answers clearly and obviously. It's choosing those right answers, that right path, that may prove to be a bit challenging for you.

Scorpio (Oct 23 - Nov 21) Your forecast brings me back to the days when the Internet was just taking off. Many people felt that it would never last; it wouldn't amount to much more than exchanging data, etc. Well, wow! Look at us now. There are some wonderful and amazing uses for the Internet. We can grow closer as a world, we can educate others, the possibilities are endless. And, as with any dynamic and powerful entity, we can see its destructive uses as well. At this time, you have a choice to do good with a current situation. You also have an opportunity to really stick it to someone. It is, of course, all about dialing in to the higher vibration versus the lower vibration of Scorpio energy.

Sagittarius (Nov 22 - Dec 21) It is so easy to get caught up in other people's energy fields. You are normally quite good at passing over everyone else's energy, but this week you will encounter stress...someone else's. But, being rewarmed you can decide now, drag you down. Or, you can move beyond it, and practically avoid it by not allowing it to get to you, because it is not yours! You are in the midst of such an expansive arena for yourself, astrologically speaking, you must find the right ball field in which to play. You will either hit a home run or strike out badly.

Capricorn (Dec 22 - Jan 19) You know those commercials that sell strange old music you've never heard of? Well, they keep reappearing on television because they actually make a lot of money. Why? Because someone loves that stuff! Yeah, you're a little quirky and different, but someone loves you for that very reason. You are special and you better start realizing that. If that special someone isn't next to you right now, that's because you haven't embraced your own weirdness. They are out there waiting for you to catch up to yourself and get real about who you are, and be happy about it! Just watch, do that for yourself, and they will appear. It's all being supported for you right now.

Aquarius (Jan 20 - Feb 18) You are so concerned with being different and unique that sometimes your fear of being found out for really being a freak of the zodiac keeps you trying to prove that you really are normal. Do you see the dilemma you create for yourself? At this time, you are exhibiting some co-dependent behavior. You are relying too much on someone or something and it's not healthy. You are avoiding your own insecurities and feelings, hence, your control has been funneled into this obsession. Pull back, check your attachment to what is literally ruling your emotions, and simply and quickly, get rid of it. It's the fastest way, like ripping a band-aid off. You'll be fine as soon as it's done.

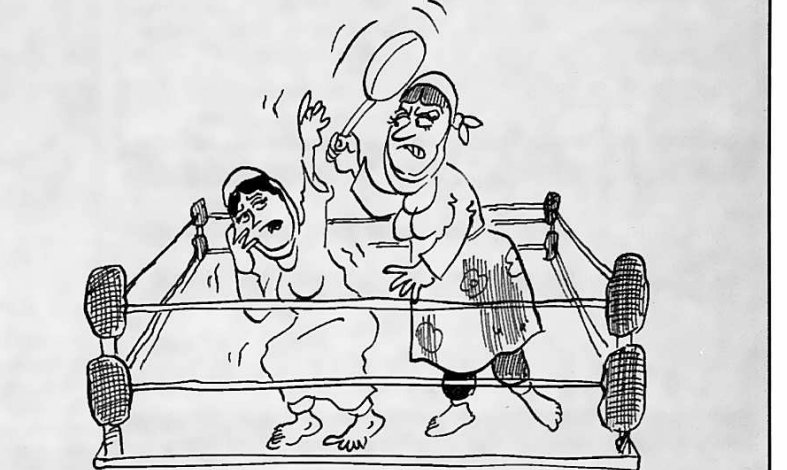
Pisces (Feb 19 - Mar 20) If you feel yourself slipping into a more self-destructive space, start thinking about the long-term consequences, now. The deeper you go, the less likely you are to come back. The longer you avoid the truth, the more you will begin to believe your own lies. Pull yourself up and out, now. If you don't, you know the fairy godmother will not wave pixy dust over you. Even she moves on to those who exhibit more promise. So, give yourself a good slap, wake up from the nightmares of your life, and start making some of those dreams a reality. You can if you think you can.

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Ma - What on earth can I do, Mus'id? Look after your grandchildren, or look after you, or do the housework, or should I just shout out for the emergency services!
M - You know best. See what'll help you out most, and do that!
Ma - How on earth I am going to find help when I'm bearing all this responsibility and you're simply sitting there looking on as if nothing was wrong!
M - What can I do? Go and hire a cannon and force my daughter-in-law to return to her children, or get the police to order her to take the children to live with her. What do you think? Which would be easier, Mus'ida?
Ma - Come on, do you want the truth? I tell you, I've never seen anything like those in-laws we've got, and I don't expect I'll see the like of them again in my lifetime!
M - They say your daughter-in-law is one of the family!
Ma - Exactly! And the fact is that this daughter-in-law of yours has not become part of the family, and no-one in her family has a beard we could pull!



M - We don't want to pull anyone's beard. Either the mother comes back to look after her children, or she takes her children to live with her and we make sure she has everything both she and the children need.
Ma - Only a proper gabili would understand that type of speech. Not everyone who has girded their loins is a good, upright person.
M - That's right. Not everyone who's girded their loins is a good, upright person. The good person is one who can prove themselves beyond reproach. But I'll tell you one thing, entirely between you and me, all the blame and criticism so far can be directed to you.
Ma - If I'm to blame for anything, or it turns out I'm in the wrong, I'll slaughter a cow for them, Mus'id!
M - It's gone beyond that stage. Your daughter-in-law told me in no uncertain terms in front of her family, 'I would rather share a cave on the mountainside with the baboons than live with Mus'ida, even if she lived in Bilgis's palace with her throne and all the crown jewels!'
Ma - So now what? The mountains are full of baboons! The only thing I'd be worried about is the baboons having a heart attack at the sight of her, and they'd be no one to resuscitate them!
M - Honestly, I could have laid down my third thing is that she told her husband to get off his butt and do a proper day's work. He said, 'Fine!' turned over, and went back to sleep. The fourth thing is that when she fled to her father's house to give birth to the two children, she had to sell half her gold for her birth celebrations and the things she needed for herself and the children, because of your miserliness, and my lack of means. The fifth thing is that she became really fed up because her husband was unable to earn enough to keep himself and his family, and he's built like an ox! And all this, Mus'ida, is due to the difficulties of married life and the problems of bringing up children. And you're at the root of it, because you're the one who got me to marry our son off before he was capable of earning his own living. Listen to me, Mus'ida. I'm going to bring our daughter-in-law back to live under our roof and look after her children. And I'll make sure she gets everything she wants. You can then get up early and pull our son out of bed, and give him an axe so he can go and chop wood and sell it. And tell him he needn't bother to show his face until he's got himself a house for his wife and children. Marriage isn't something to be taken lightly in order to please your son. Marriage is about having children, and responsibility, and providing security. It sorts out the men from the boys. As the Arab proverb goes, 'Not everyone who has ridden a horse can call himself a rider.'

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Garfield comic strip panels showing characters in a domestic setting with dialogue bubbles.

Rivaldo and Ronaldo get different receptions in Milan

By Christian Plumb

MILAN (Reuters) - Brazil's World Cup winners Rivaldo and Ronaldo got very different receptions when they arrived in Italy this week for the start of the new season.

Rivaldo, snapped up by AC Milan after his Barcelona contract expired, was greeted by a sea of roaring fans at Milan's airport on Monday and has since been drowned in press and TV praise. "You are famous for your tendency to sacrifice yourself for your team," one starry-eyed reporter fawned at the striker's official introduction. "Do you expect to do the same at Milan?"

Fans decked out in the club's red and black stripes thronged the press conference at a hotel in an otherwise deserted Milan. The club's website has seen daily page hits surge to more than a million after talks to acquire Rivaldo began on July 22.

The 30-year-old playmaker even got a call from Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi, AC Milan's owner, welcoming him to club and country. But for Ronaldo, it was a whole different ball game.

With his agent indicating last week that the World Cup's top scorer was ready to leave Inter for Real Madrid, fans were baying for blood even before



Brazil's World Cup winners Rivaldo & Ronaldo, shown with the trophy after Brazil beat Germany 2-0 in June, have received different receptions upon their arrival in Milan. Reuters

he set foot in the country.

A police escort protected him when he landed at Milan's airport on Tuesday and he had to dodge a crowd of angry supporters, several of whom held up

banners reading "Ronaldo, Ungrateful" or "Go Away, Scum".

"I used to love him, but now I hate him," said one fan who identified himself only as Patrizio.

Soccer-Greek PAOK fans beg Libya's Gaddafi to buy team

By Karolos Grohmann

ATHENS (Reuters) - Fans of Greek premier league team PAOK, who are in talks with Libyan leader Muammar Gaddafi to buy a stake in the club, have written to Gaddafi begging him to save the troubled club.

In a letter sent to the Libyan embassy in Athens, the largest fan club of the Thessaloniki-based team said it wants Gaddafi to take over the club and oust current cash-strapped owner George Batatoudis.

"We ask you to be the saviour of our souls and the leader of the new

revolution that will originate in the north," said the 'Makedones' letter obtained by Reuters on Thursday.

"Gaddafi... buy PAOK." The northern Greek club was founded in 1926 by Greeks forced to leave Istanbul in a 1920s population exchange with the then Muslim Ottoman Empire of Turkey.

It has said it is in talks with Gaddafi, who already owns a 7.5 percent stake in Italian soccer giant Juventus, to invest money in the team.

The Juventus stake is owned by Libyan Arab Foreign Investment (LAFICO) Company, whose public

face is Gaddafi's son Al-Saadi Gaddafi, who trained with the Italian champions earlier this year.

Fans of PAOK, which has won two national championships and three Greek cups in its 76-year history, compete with Greece's most supported club - Olympiakos - Piraeus - as the country's most passionate followers.

They have repeatedly called for the resignation of PAOK president Batatoudis and even attacked the club's offices on several occasions.

Batatoudis in recent months has sold several of his top players to other Greek clubs, including rivals Panathinaikos.

World Cup win fails to revive Brazilian championship

By Brian Homewood

RIO DE JANEIRO (Reuters) - Brazil's World Cup triumph has failed to help the country's beleaguered championship which gets under way this weekend amid the usual grind of financial difficulties and administrative chaos.

If anything, Brazil's fifth world title has helped speed up the seemingly endless exodus of top players abroad.

Belletti, Dida, Luizao, Gilberto Silva, Juninho and Edilson have all joined the foreign legion since the 2-0

win over Germany in the World Cup final on June 30.

Only seven members of Brazil's World Cup squad will be taking part in the tournament, where they will join an army of lesser-known players who are all dreaming of making an impact -- and then earning a move to Europe themselves.

Brazilian football enjoyed a brief flirt with prosperity at the end of the last decade when foreign-based companies moved in to set up partnerships with some of the leading clubs -- including Flamengo, Corinthians and

Palmeiras.

Most have now departed, scared off by the chaos which dominates Brazilian domestic football to leave the clubs in an even worse state than before. Flamengo, the most popular team in the country, and Gremio, twice former winners of the South American Libertadores Cup, are among the worse hit.

Flamengo have been in a state of almost perpetual boardroom turmoil for years as various factions struggle for control of the club, which is now one of the most indebted in the country.

Bahrain bids for 2004 FIFA Futsal World Championship

Zürich, 9 August 2002 - The Bahrain Football Association declared its interest in hosting the 2004 FIFA Futsal World Championship. In a meeting today Friday, 9 August, at FIFA headquarters in Zurich, the Minister of Sports of the Kingdom of Bahrain, Sheik Fawaz al Khalifa, informed FIFA President Joseph S. Blatter on this plan and assured the government's support.

Further topics discussed were the development of football in Bahrain and Asia in general as well as the building of headquarters of the Bahrain Football Association to be completed in 2003, in the frame of the FIFA GOAL Programme.

Also today, Friday 9 August, the FIFA President received courtesy visits from the President of the Liberia Football Association, Edwin Snowe, as well as the President and the General Secretary of the Georgian Football Federation, Merab Jordania and Valeri Cholaria.

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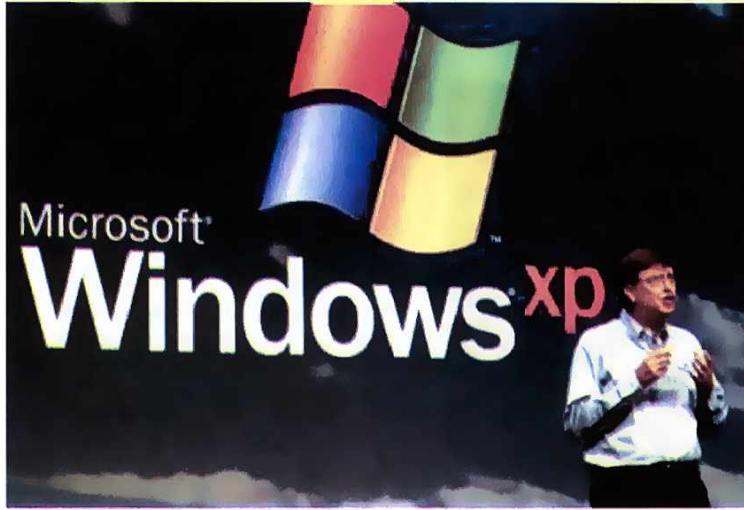
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Microsoft settles online privacy case

BY ANDY SULLIVAN

WASHINGTON (Reuters) - Microsoft has agreed to submit to 20 years of U.S. government oversight of its online identity service in order to settle charges that it misled consumers about security and privacy standards. Microsoft's Passport service, which aims to make online shopping easier by storing passwords and credit-card numbers, came under scrutiny by the U.S. Federal Trade Commission last year after privacy groups said it would give the software giant unprecedented control over users' personal information. FTC officials said they found that Microsoft did not adequately protect users' personal information, and that the service tracked users' Web-browsing habits without their knowledge. The company also falsely claimed

that it would enhance the security of Internet transactions, the FTC said. "They were saying that they had reasonable and appropriate security procedures. We thought those promises were deceptive," FTC Chairman Timothy Muris told reporters, adding that he was unaware of any breaches to the system. Microsoft agreed to stop making false claims about Passport's data-collection practices and security protections, and agreed to set up an enhanced computer-security system that must pass independent review every two years, for a period of 20 years. Microsoft paid no fines, but would face fines of \$11,000 per count if it does not maintain the security program, an amount that could add up quickly given the service's 200-plus million users.



Microsoft chairman and chief software architect Bill Gates is seen during the launch of Microsoft's most recent operating system, Microsoft XP, in New York October 25. Photo by Reuters

Take my picture, please - and buy my phone

LOS ANGELES (Reuters) - Next time a good-looking young couple asks you to take their picture, beware -- they might work for the maker of the camera. Cell phone maker Sony Ericsson has hired 120 actors and actresses across the country to play tourists and ask passers-by to take their picture with the company's new T68i cell phone and an add-on digital camera. Sony Ericsson Mobile Communic., a joint venture of Sony Corp. and Ericsson, is running the campaign in seven U.S. cities as part of what one executive called "reach out and touch the consumer advertising."



The latest Sony Ericsson T68i mobile phone with Bluetooth Chatpen CHA-30. Cell phone maker Sony Ericsson has hired 120 actors and actresses across the country to play tourists and ask passers-by to take their picture with the company's new T68i cell phone and an add-on digital camera. Reuters

"It's not a sales pitch," Jon Maron, director of marketing communications for Sony Ericsson, told Reuters. He said the company went to talent agencies looking for young, attractive people who were interested in technology and willing to have their pictures taken all day long. "They're not just actors and actresses. They're the young, cool people in the areas where they live," Maron said. Maron, who referred to the phones as "mobile multimedia devices," said the actors are visiting places like malls and nightclubs, tourist hubs where it would not seem unusual for a young couple to want their picture taken. Cell-phone cameras, either built into the phone or attached externally, have grown in popularity in Asia and Europe over the last year, where phones with color screens and high-speed Internet connections are more

prevalent than in the United States. Maron said the actors, if pressed for information on what the phone/camera is or where to buy it, would tell the inquiring photographer where it can be found or who makes it and won't make any secret of the fact they work for the company, if asked.

Roll Up for the Floppy Television



An undated handout photograph shows a Light Emitting Polymer (LEP) TV screen displayed in a wrist watch developed by Cambridge Display Technology, July 19 2002. The watch is one of a range of applications also including roll-up, flexible televisions, which have become possible thanks to a glowing plastic compound perfected in the laboratories of Britain's Cambridge Display Technologies. Photo by Reuters (Handout)

covery in 1989 of the compound p-phenylenevinylene which glows green-yellow when given an electric charge. A little tweaking over the following decade produced compounds to emit blue and red light: the roll-up TV was born. The market for light emitting screens is expected to grow from \$20-25 million in 2000 to over \$3 billion by 2005, and CDT's Light Emitting Polymer (LEP) screens are expected to grab a majority chunk of that. "I think it (commercial production) is very close now," said Fyfe, adding that the last bottleneck -- finding a flexi-screen that protects the sensitive compounds from corrosion by oxygen and water vapour -- had almost been overcome. "Realistically, you will see roll up displays around 2004 or 2005," he added. "Just four weeks ago Philips demonstrated an all plastic display -- an incredible thing -- a device only a fifty millionth of an inch thick," said Fyfe. "If you can get thin enough plastic, then you would indeed have a roll-up television."

BY PETE HARRISON

LONDON (Reuters) - First they went wider, then flatter, and now televisions are set to go floppy. Roll-up, flexible televisions, akin to the melting watches of Salvador Dali's surreal landscapes, have become possible thanks to a glowing plastic com-

pound perfected in the laboratories of Britain's Cambridge Display Technology (CDT). Roll-up televisions will allow viewers of the future to flip their sets out of sight like projector screens and will come with a similar price tag to bulkier boxes. The technology stems from the dis-

covery in 1989 of the compound p-phenylenevinylene which glows green-yellow when given an electric charge. A little tweaking over the following decade produced compounds to emit blue and red light: the roll-up TV was born. The market for light emitting screens is expected to grow from \$20-25 million in 2000 to over \$3 billion by 2005, and CDT's Light Emitting Polymer (LEP) screens are expected to grab a majority chunk of that. "I think it (commercial production) is very close now," said Fyfe, adding that the last bottleneck -- finding a flexi-screen that protects the sensitive compounds from corrosion by oxygen and water vapour -- had almost been overcome. "Realistically, you will see roll up displays around 2004 or 2005," he added. "Just four weeks ago Philips demonstrated an all plastic display -- an incredible thing -- a device only a fifty millionth of an inch thick," said Fyfe. "If you can get thin enough plastic, then you would indeed have a roll-up television."

The Japanese giants of television manufacturing, Sony, Hitachi and Toshiba, are leading the race to put the technology to use, but not far behind is the military, which envisions roll-up maps of the battlefield fed by overhead satellites. "They're interested in every

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Message of H.E. Indonesian Ambassador Yulwis Yatim on the Occasion of the National Day of Republic of Indonesia

Dear Indonesian and Yemeni brothers,
Praise and thanks go to Almighty Lord Allah for his blessings upon all of us.

The Indonesian people all over the world including those in Yemen are celebrating the 57th anniversary of the Indonesian Independence day on 17 August 2002. I am pleased to submit this statement on this special occasion.

Allow me on this happy occasion to present my warmest regards and congratulations to H.E. President Ali Abdullah Saleh on his 24th anniversary on 17 July 2002 since he became President of Yemen, which witnessed various achievements under his wise leadership.

Dear brothers,
Just about a year has past since the new Indonesian government led by H.E. President Megawati Soekarnoputri took over the leadership of Indonesia. During this time, the government has

exerted tremendous efforts to revive the country's conditions, but it still needs to exert more efforts for sustainable development.

We can indeed say that the Indonesian economic situation has witnessed constant improvement throughout the last year under the leadership of H.E. President Megawati Soekarnoputri. Among the major positive indicators is the improvement of the national Indonesian rupiah against the US dollar, the reduced inflation and bank interests, and the positive economic growth.

The Indonesian economy was affected by the current global economic recession. However, the economy is in continuous improve-

ment. Amid the global economic stagnancy in 2001, Indonesia's economy grew by 3.5% and the Indonesian government expects the growth ratio to rise to 4% by the end of 2002. In spite of all those positive signs, we need to admit that the country's current problems still need patience and hard work so as to return to our economy's earlier state and continue moving forward to overcome the current crisis.

Dear brothers,
The strong relationship between the two brotherly nations had started a long time ago when Yemenis landed in the Indonesian archipelago in the 9th century for trade and spreading Islam. This relation continued to grow significantly until today, encouraging the bilateral cooperation between the two countries. In this



H.E. Yulwis Yatim
Ambassador of the Republic of Indonesia to Yemen

regard, I would like to point out the great development witnessed in this relationship in the last few years.

Firstly, the visit of President Abdulrahman Wahid to Yemen in February 2001 in return of the visit of H.E. President Ali Abdullah Saleh in February 1998. Four agreements were signed during President Ali Abdullah Saleh's visit in the fields of trade, the forming of a joint commission, the encouragement of investment in both countries, and the cooperation between the two countries' chamber of commerce and industry. In order to consolidate bilateral relations and implement the signed agreements, the

Yemeni government approved the joint cooperation agreement in the economic, commercial, science and technology, and technical sectors in December 2001. The two countries have also agreed on the essence of following up the results of the visits of the two presidents through a meeting of the joint commission to be scheduled in the future.

Secondly, H.E. Indonesian Vice President Hamzah Haz has extended an invitation to H.E. Yemeni Vice President Abdo Rabbo Mansour Hadi to visit Indonesia. This visit resembles a step towards strengthening bilateral relations and cooperation between the two countries.

Thirdly, the commercial cooperation between Yemen and Indonesia has witnessed significant improvement in the last five years. In 2001 for example, the commercial exchange between Yemen and Indonesia reached USD 89.5 million, which resembles an increase of 19% compared to the year 2000 during which the commercial exchange volume was USD 74.96 million. In 2001,

Indonesia exported to Yemen goods totaling USD 88.58 million, while it imported from Yemen goods with the value of USD 1 million in the same year. The number of Indonesian commodities available in Yemen has risen to 150. The main commodities that Indonesia imports from Yemen are mainly oil, honey, cotton, fish products, mineral resources including granite rocks and tourism-related goods.

Fourthly, the volume of investment cooperation between Yemeni and Indonesian businessmen has also improved tremendously. Among the Indonesian companies investing in Yemen are Galo Company, which is investing in the field of oil and Hari Mart Company which is investing in cooperation with Shumaila Group in the field of retail goods, and Pangan Sari in the field of Catering. The Hayel Saeed Anam Group had also started invested in Indonesia years ago. The group currently has seven operating companies in various fields of industry.

In an effort to improve bilateral economic and trade cooperation, the Indonesian embassy in Sana'a organized a trip for Yemeni businessmen to Indonesia to visit the Indonesian Exports 2000 and 2001 Exhibitions. It is expected that a similar visit will be organized to attend the 17th Indonesian Exports Exhibition during 16-20 October 2002. This specific exhibition is considered the largest exhibition for Indonesian products on the international scale.

Fifthly, concerning the educational sector, a memorandum of understanding in the field of higher education was signed between Dr. Yahya Mohamed Al-Shuaibi Higher Education and Scientific Research Minister in the Republic of Yemen and Mr. Abdulmalik Fajr Indonesian Minister of National Education during Dr. Al-Shuaibi's visit to Indonesia in June 2002. It is worth mentioning that there are currently more than 700 Indonesian students currently involved in a number of Islamic educational institutes in Yemen. This implies that Yemen has become among the most important destinations for Indonesian students to gain Islamic



H. E. Megawati Soekarnoputri,
President of the Republic of Indonesia

knowledge and education. According to this memorandum, there will be an increase in the number of Indonesian students who would study Islam in the Republic of Yemen. On the other hand, the Indonesian government has recently presented scholarships to Yemeni students wishing to pursue their MA degree studies in Indonesia.

When looking at the achievements in the bilateral relations as mentioned above, one can realize that there are great opportunities to further enhance and develop those relations. Hence, I would like to seize this opportunity to invite Yemen's people and government to exert more efforts with the Indonesian people and government to improve relations and fruitful cooperation in all sectors to achieve prosperity for both brotherly nations.

Dear brothers,
In conclusion, we pray to Almighty Allah to strengthen the brotherly relationship between Yemen and Indonesia for the sake of the two nations, wishing them continuous progress and prosperity.

Thank you for your great attention and long live the Republic of Indonesia and the Republic of Yemen.

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US witnesses the rise of a Yemeni rap star

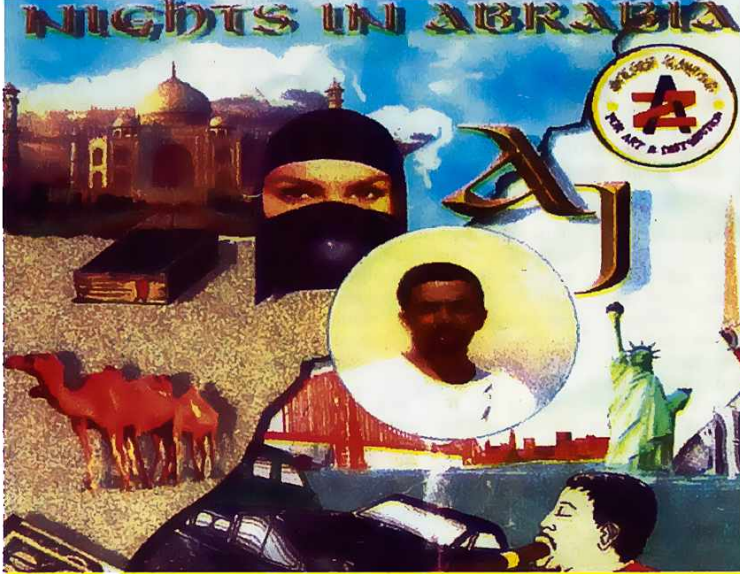
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Internationally renowned Yemeni rap star—of American nationality—Hagage Masaed, known as AJ in the music industry, is currently paying a first visit to his original village Guban in Dalae. Ever since he



Yemeni Artist Hagage Masaed

started singing in the USA, Hagage has been continuously on the rise and has become a prominent rap star widely known in the USA and elsewhere. Born in 1963 in Youngstown, Ohio, Hagage -or AJ- developed a unique and spectacularly new rap music style that combines Arab tunes and words with English rap. AJ was influenced by such artists as Cameo, Parliament Funkadelic, Zapp and Ohio plays in his high school years. He used to go to Dearborn, a city in SE Michigan, near Detroit, which is heavily populated with Middle-Easterners. During his stay in Dearborn, AJ was influenced by Yemeni and Arab culture and was inspired by artists like Abu baker Salem Balfaqeh, Ahmed Al-Sunaidar and Sameera Towfiq. AJ was encouraged to learn Arabic by his cousins who supported his efforts to form Yemeni songs in English language.



Arab nights CD, which was broke the records in Arabic countries.

Influenced by the rap music industry which emerged in 1978, AJ started writing his own rap music and songs with an Arabian touch. Through his poetry and songs, AJ attempted to introduced Islam and monotheism. However, he faced serious criticism by the Arab community that strongly rejected this attempt. Consequently, he stopped singing religious songs that he insists were "purely to help in spreading Islam and its traditions among Americans". He then shifted to songs dealing with Arab and Yemeni cultures, which were the subject of his

poetry later on. His song "Yemen, my great country", in which he describes the historical and tourist features of Yemen was warmly welcomed by the Yemeni and Arab community in the USA. Encouraged by his success in this album, he revolutionized Arab rap music in 1995 by mixing Arabic and English words and melodies using popular Yemeni musical instruments such as the 'Mizmar' -a special Yemeni flute. His first musical album was produced in 1996 by Rolar Company in California. The album was a tremendous success in both the American and expatriate markets.

AJ participated in many musical festivities which increased his popularity and paved the way for him to produce other albums by major companies in the USA. However, the September 11 attacks affected his production due to harassment caused by American authorities to Arabs resulting in the hesitation of major production companies dealing with artists of Arab origin. Those negative developments came in a time he was planning to record a new song with a Persian female artist named Suhaila but the terrorist attacks and other circumstances prevented him from implementing his plan. It is worth mentioning that AJ benefited from being at home and distributed his first album here in Yemen. The Yemeni singer also recorded in prominent broadcasting stations such as Francisco and Brooklyn Radios. In sum, we can safely assume that AJ is a Yemeni artist trying to bridge the gap between civilizations and of course expose Yemen to the West with beautiful melodies and fascinating poetry.

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