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## PSO Deputy Chief:

# “If we release those detainees, they may commit terrorism”

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Sanaa, Oct. 12 – Police Security Office (PSO) Deputy Chief Brigadier General Rajeh Hunaish said on Thursday that the authorities do not want radical detainees to be freed because they may attempt to commit terrorist activities of bombing, murder, etc.

When asked why are tens of detainees still imprisoned while they committed no illegal acts, Hunaish said that they are not released for fear that they could immediately plan to commit terrorist activities as they seem to be holding on tight to their radical views and beliefs taught to them by radical scholars and groups.

"We cannot release detainees in the time

being. If we release those detainees, they may commit terrorism I said before that there was a detainee who wanted to blow himself up. Those poor people have been brainwashed and may be truly dangerous if not rehabilitated." he said in the open discussion forum hosted by the Yemen Times in Sana'a and organized by the National Organization for Defending Rights and Freedoms (NODRF) in coordination with the Network for the Creative and Education in Human Rights. The event aimed at focusing on human rights violations reported in the latest Amnesty International report on Yemen, specifically concerning the illegal detention of hundreds of Yemenis thought to have radical views and ideas.

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YT Editor-in-chief, Walid Al-Saqqaf (right) speaking at NODRF forum. The forum mainly discussed AI report on human rights violations in Yemen

## Rated 3rd among nongovernmental newspapers:

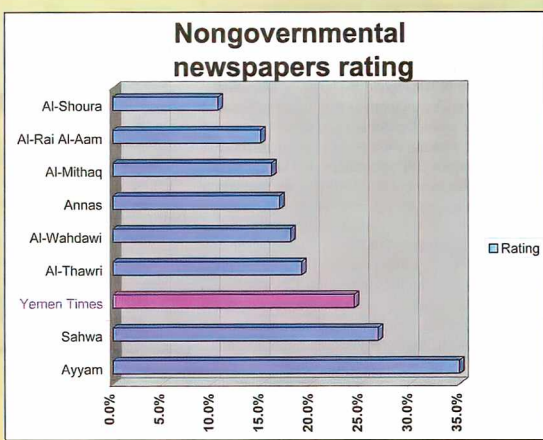
# Yemen Times ranks second among all independent Yemeni newspapers

Sana'a, Oct 12 –Yemen Times was ranked second to Al-Ayyam Daily only among all Arabic and English independent newspapers in Yemen according to a survey, whose results were announced last week. The newspaper was also ranked third in the non-governmental newspapers category just tracing Al-Sahwa by a small margin.

Survey's coverage  
The survey, which was conducted by the Ministry of Information's Study and Research Administration, said that the results were based on random samples taken from different segments of the community including academicians, university and high school students, governmental officials, labor and free market workers, students of specialized institutes.

"The results were based on the results attained from 806 samples of different segments of the community. They were carried out independently and professionally based on well-researched questions that reflect the opinion of the public on the quality, preference, and popularity of Yemeni newspapers," the report said.

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## Security arrangements made to ensure smooth celebrations in Aden:

# Aden embraces revolution festivities

BY RIDHWAN AL-SAQQAF  
YT ADEN BUREAU CHIEF

Aden, Oct 12 — Dr. Mohammed Al-Shuaibi, the governor of Aden governorate has said that after the outbreak of September 26 Revolution, 1962 and the victory achieved by the free officers over the era of tyranny, new political concepts and culture of ideology had been laid especially after Yemen had lived at times

similar to mediaeval centuries.

The Yemeni people managed to defeat the Imamate regime of Aal Hameed Addin family.

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After triumph of September revolution in the north, the revolutionaries in the British-occupied south were resisting the British colonialism by implementing and operations and using the arms struggle which lasted for 4 years till 1967, the year when the last British soldier was evacuated from southern Yemen.

Governor Al-Shaibi has pointed out that Yemen is today living a grand carnival at the dear anniversaries of the 26 September revolution and 14 October revolution.

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## New ambassadors appointed

BY YEMEN TIMES STAFF

Sana'a, 11 Oct. Ten new Yemeni ambassadors were named and sworn in last week before president Ali Abdullah Saleh.

Dr. Mohammed Abudlmajed Kubati who was running the political and foreign relations department at the ruling party (GPC) was appointed ambassador of Yemen to Lebanon. Mr. Abdullah Ali Al-Radhi who was deputy foreign minister was appointed ambassador of Yemen to the Sultanate of Oman. Mr. Abdulwahab al-Rawhani who was the minister of culture was appointed ambassador of Yemen to Russia. Mr. Ali Al-Bahiri was appointed ambassador of Yemen to the Kingdom of Bahrain. Mr.

Abdulwahid Far'e who was working at the foreign ministry was appointed ambassador of Yemen to the United Arab Emirates. Mr. Yahia al-Abyadh who was the minister of electricity was appointed ambassador of Yemen to Germany. Dr. Ali Hassan al-Ahmadi who was the minister of fish wealth was appointed ambassador of Yemen to the State of Kuwait. Mr. Ali Aidaroos Yahia al-Sakaff was appointed ambassador of Yemen to Japan. Mr. Abdulmalik al-Iryani who was the minister of environment and tourism was appointed ambassador of Yemen to the Netherlands. Dr. Abdulnaser al-Munibari who was the minister of health was appointed ambassador of Yemen to the Kingdom of Malaysia.

## Education for the poor, discussion round at Taiz University

Taiz, Yemen, 8 Oct. A discussion seminar on the role of education among the poor class of the society was organized at Taiz University last Sunday 5th of October.

The seminar was organized by Coordination Council for Combating Poverty Societies in Taiz which are working to endorsing the role of education in finding solutions for the problems of the poor so as to enable them practice a normal life especially when it comes to education.

The discussion was commenced by Mr. Mohammed Abdulmalik al-Haigim deputy governor of Taiz who confirmed in his speech that combating poverty is a national responsibility and all sectors in the society should come together to eradicate it.

Dr. Mohammed al-Sofi Chancellor of the university attended the seminar as well as a number of academic staff, concerned authorities and members of the participating societies and NGOs.

## Introduction to partners in population and development

Sana'a, 11 Oct. The National Council for Population (NCP) held on Tuesday an information meeting on the south-south countries of partnership in population and development.

Secretary general of the NCP Ameen Marouf al-Jund said in the meeting that Yemen had joined as member with the partners since March of 2002 due to the importance of such coalition in the field of population activities and for benefiting from exchange of experience of member states in population, development, reproduction health and family planning.

The goals of partners organisation focus on developing cooperation in population policies, awareness about

reproduction health and improvement of family planning services. The organisation consists of 19 countries from the south that depend on funding sources in financial support offered as contributions by member states, the UN Fund for Population, the WB and donations of some institutions and individuals.

The meeting was permeated with extensive discussions on role of donor countries in cooperation with partners for population and development.

The meeting was attended by representatives from civil society organisations, government, donor states and organisations and other parties interested in population issues.

## Maintaining security, a must in Yemen

BY MOHAMMED BIN SALLAM  
YEMEN TIMES STAFF

Sana'a, Oct. 11\_ The Phase II of the Security Plan was officially inaugurated by the president of the republic Ali Abdullah Saleh last Wednesday at the Central Security Forces Camp.

The Phase II will include 126 out of 332 districts in the republic of Yemen. Those districts are to be fully equipped with a number of security military vehicles, ambulances, telecommunication means, and criminal investigation labs.

In the ceremony held for that occasion, the president in his speech put an

emphasis on keeping and maintaining security in the country.

"In order to achieve development, security and stability are imperative for the society and in the absence of security and stability, only chaos prevails," the president said.

In order to complete a nationwide security deployment, the Phase III is to start at the beginning of the 2004 and the number of the security forces deployed during this phase is to reach 11,000 soldiers.

The Phase I started last July where 13 security zones were established in three eastern governorates of al-Jawf, Marib, and Shabwa.

## Oman's elections, important event in expanding people's partnership

BY YASSER AL-MAYYASSI  
YEMEN TIMES STAFF

Sana'a, 12 Oct. The Omani ambassador to Yemen Abdulla Ahmed al-Badi confirmed in a statement to Yemen Times on Sunday that elections of the Omani 5th Shoura Council had been held in calm and safe atmospheres and were highly organised. He added the elections were honest and fair and characterized by participation of all Omani citizens at eligible age of 21 years.

Mr Al-Badi also said the Omani elections represented a significant stage in the activation of large-scale people's participation as it is the basis for realisation of national goals, stressing the elections also were characterized by large participation of the Omani woman who receive special care from the Sultan Qaboos of Oman. The Omani woman was given in those elections full opportunity for taking part in the event without restricting them to certain percentage and that is in appreciation of her role in construction and development in Oman.

The Omani ambassador also affirmed that the Omani 5th Shoura Council that would begin its session beginning of the year 2004, would take Oman into a new stage of democracy where opportunities are available to all of the Omanis.

The number of voters who took part in the latest elections was 821,969 out of the Omani people of one million and 960 thousand people.

## Vacant local councils seats elections

Sana'a, 11 Oct. Mr. Abdu al-Janadi head of the information and awareness sector at the supreme committee for elections confirmed last Sunday that the committee was preparing for holding by-elections for local councils vacant seats. The elections will include the vacant seats due to the death or resignation of local councils members.

Names of the primary committee members who will run the election process will be announced mid of this month and they will be called to the training centers at the capital secretariat on the 27th of this month for instructions.

Al-Janadi in a press statement pointed

## Call for unity

Sana'a, Oct. 12\_ The society of Yemeni religious leaders called in a statement distributed on Thursday the Iraqi religious scholars and the people of Iraq for joining forces and unifying the he Iraqi ranks in order to surmount the extraordinary circumstances that Iraq is experiencing at present.

The statement also urged the Iraqi people to safeguard their rights and protect honor, property and mosques as well as keeping the national unity of the country and people, proceeding from the Islamic principles.

Yemen's leading clerics also appealed to their brothers in Iraq to help each other and spread fraternal relationship among themselves and to be a good example for others. They also called on the Iraqis to give priority to the supreme interest of the society and the homeland and discard any differences.

## Readers' Voice

### THIS WEEK'S QUESTION:

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- Yes, as it did always.
- No
- I don't know

### LAST WEEK'S

#### QUESTION:

**Will Israel strike Syria again in the near future?**

- Of course, and it could begin another war 52%
- No, this is probably the last attack for time to come 28%
- Yes, but it will be limited and Syria will practice self-restrain 20%

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## Palestinian folklore held in Sana'a

Sana'a, Oct. 11\_ On the occasion of the 3rd anniversary of the Palestinian Intifadah, (Uprising) as well as the Yemeni anniversaries, September and October revolutions, a folklore festival was organized by the Kana'an Association for Palestine, KAP, last Saturday in Sana'a at the Youth Palace Hall.

The Al-Aseel Palestinian Folklore Band took part in the festival where several Palestinian folklore songs and dances were performed.

Since its establishment on 17 April 2002, KAP has proven to be an active association in support for the Palestinian people and using all peaceful means.

"We have always committed ourselves to help our Palestinian brothers in the ways we can and with the means we have. It is a duty of all Yemenis and Arabs and Muslims and peace-lovers all over the world to help them as well." Mr. Yahya Mohamed Abdullah Saleh said.

KAP called upon all Arabs to boycott all kinds of Israeli products and services to exert enough pressure on Israel to stop its war against the defenseless Palestinian people.



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## “If we release those detainees, they may commit terrorism”

### Mistakes not denied

Hunaish added that there may have been some mistakes made by the government, but those mistakes are innocent. “All those who belong to the PSO do respect the law and during this era, no detainee is ever tortured” he stressed.

Hunaish, who headed the parliamentary committee to investigate the cases of detained Yemenis in the former parliament, said that the Amnesty International report does include objective criticism to the way the government dealt with the issue of detainees. However, he also defended the government's actions in not releasing the detainees so that “nothing like that, which happened last week, would be repeated” hinting to the recent discoveries of a number of detonated car bombs set up for terrorist attacks somewhere in the country.

“There are efforts to bring those detainees back to reality and divert them from the radical thoughts they have been brainwashed with” he said.

### Al-Harethi's killing justified

As for the case of Al-Harethi's murder that took place on November 3, 2003 by a CIA predator drone, Hunaish rejected the claim that this was done despite the agreement established by the government and Al-Harethi to secure the lat-

ter's life. “Al-Harethi breached the agreement when he attacked the Limburg ship, which resulted in negative consequences on our country and economy,” he said.

The forum, which included many governmental, opposition, and independent figures focused on the AI report, which many believed was accurate. However, a pro-government perspective was given by some speakers including prominent journalist Ali Al-Jaradi, who said that there are currently more than 200 religious groups, who are mostly “encouraging terrorism and implanting discrimination and infidelity attacks throughout the country” and called to have all those groups monitored and their influence narrowed down.

### Harsh criticism

Most of the forum included harsh criticism aimed at the government for the way it handled the issue of detainees. Representing NODRF, Mr. Khalid Al-Anisi clearly stated that the report signals serious human rights violations that have been documented and reported and are beyond doubt. “We have tried with our limited abilities and resources to bring to the attention of the government the serious human rights violations that are taking place in the

country, especially against those who are detained without any legal ground and are still in jail without prosecution.” He said.

Parliament member Saqr Al-Wajeeh slammed the authorities and security forces for violating human rights and holding tens of Yemeni civilians captive without presenting any case or accusation against them. He also criticized the current parliament, which he described as “incompetent and did not rise to the level that allows it to provide solutions for human rights violations that Yemeni citizens are subject to, while the whole parliament maintains total silence.”

“The number of detained Yemenis is still unknown due to the strategy of secrecy adopted by the government by not allowing any information under any circumstances.”

### Transparency needed

Furthermore, Mr. Walid Abdulaziz Al-Saqqaf, Editor-in-Chief of Yemen Times emphasized on the need to have the government abandon its secrecy methods and become more transparent in providing the facts and statistics about the detainees, what they are facing, why they are held, whether they will be prosecuted, etc.

“Holding back information from the press and the community is in itself a

human rights violation that should not be tolerated in a time transparency has become a must for development and democracy,” he said.

### Little optimism

Prominent lawyer Abdulaziz Al-Samawi on the other hand, expressed his pessimism for the future of Yemen in terms of human rights and democracy. “Due to the lack of awareness among the authorities and the public, the society is unable to know its human rights and hence cannot say ‘NO’. In my opinion, such a society does not deserve to live,” he claimed.

Well-known researcher Ali Seif also criticized the country's human rights record and said that the “most disastrous thing about all this is that both the PSO and all security apparatuses are acting beyond the law.”

Writer and political analyst Abdulraheem Muhsin has gone far beyond all that had been said during the event by requesting the kicking of Yemen out of the international organization for human rights until it improves its human rights record. “One of the main factors behind those violations is the inability of the opposition to represent the people in an effective way and rally behind people and hold the corrupt authorities accountable.”

## Yemen Times ranks second among all independent Yemeni newspapers

### Extraordinary accomplishment

What is extraordinary about the accomplishment of Yemen Times is that it achieved this rank despite the fact that it is not an Arabic-language newspaper. “It is truly a source of pride for an English-language newspaper to gain a rank higher than tens of other Arabic-language newspapers in the country based on results of a survey that did not take language into consideration at all,” an official at the Ministry of Information said.

The survey also showed that Yemen Times preceded all other English language newspapers by an unprecedented huge margin. The survey covered only three English-language newspapers, Yemen Times, Yemen Observer, and Al-Raqeeb, which is partially in English.

Surveyed readers ranked Yemen Times third, Yemen Observer 25th, and Al-Raqeeb 26th among all non-govern-

mental newspapers in the country.

“This shows how much Yemen Times has developed and grown during the last few years. Looking at these results, which were based on a survey carried out independently by a governmental body, one can easily conclude that Yemen Times is indeed reaching out to more than anyone would have speculated and is favored more than the most widely read non-governmental Arabic-language newspapers,” said Editor-in-Chief of Yemen Times.

“We will be working hard to continue our growth and development to always be at top and live up to expectations of our faithful readers.”

### Advertisers satisfied

Advertisers in Yemen Times have expressed satisfaction and confidence in the results, and said that such a rank encourages them to concentrate their

campaigns on the most widely read and preferred newspapers. “The results of this survey demonstrate that the independent, accurate and professional reporting of Yemen Times has made it a favorable source of information as it demonstrates the freedom of expression reached in the country. Furthermore, we have always sensed that our advertisements do reach a wide variety of the public as it is read by intellectuals, businessmen, students, officials, and foreigners in the country and abroad,” said Mr. Khaleel Al-Jabal, Chairman of the Jabal Group. “We believe this survey should be another factor of encouragement for all businessmen in the country to advertise in the newspaper for its popularity, readership, and quality printing,” he added.

### Governmental newspapers at top

The survey also revealed that the first

three ranks belonged to the three governmental newspapers Al-Thawra (official), 26-September (mouthpiece of the military), and Al-Riada (Sports). Al-Ayyam was then given fourth place in the rank, followed by Al-Jumhuriya, Al-Thaqafia, Al-Sahwa, and Al-Haris, which are all, except Al-Sahwa, governmental newspapers. The tenth rank in this table was that of Yemen Times, followed by all other newspapers. Yemen Observer, which is the second most widely read English-language newspaper, achieved 39th rank based on this scale.

## Aden embraces revolution festivities

In celebration of this day, president Ali Abdullah Saleh is sharing the sons of the Aden governorate their festivities of the September and October revolutions, adding that under leadership of president, Ali Abdullah Saleh, Yemen is witnessing developments at economic and social levels as well as stabilization of the long-awaited blessed unity.

Stabilization of democracy has lifted Yemen to the level of civilized country in the world, Dr. Al-Shaibi added.

Dr. Al-Shaibi also indicated that after 4 decades, Yemen has achieved economic development and prominent status regionally and internationally.

The wise policy of President Saleh has realized more gains in economic development and raising the citizens' living standards, concluding that many projects will be opened and foundations stones will be laid for more than 45 other projects in the governorate of Aden.

On the other hand, the Aden Governorate's Security Manager Staff Brigadier General Mohamed S. Turaqi said on Saturday that Aden governorate

was ready to celebrate the 40th anniversary of the 14th of October revolution, to take place on Tuesday in Aden City.

“The 40th anniversary of the blessed 14th of October revolution has come in a time Aden governorate and Yemen as a whole enjoy unprecedented security. We have carried out all necessary procedures to ensure smooth celebrations on this occasion throughout the governorate of Aden. During the last 4 decades, several achievements have been accomplished in the local and external arenas, including the blessed unification on 22 May 1990,” Turaqi said.

Turaqi added that all security forces and units in the southern parts of the country have been prepared to ensure the best of security conditions in an organized fashion. “The security administration of Aden has prepared a complete and comprehensive plan to ensure safety and security of the governorate and its guests. We have done this by setting up a team of security soldiers who have been trained professionally to rise to the expectations of our leader-

ship and people. They are now excited and delighted to receive this important occasion with a high spirit of nationalism and pride,” he added.

“Furthermore, traffic regulations have been enhanced tremendously, and all streets in the city have been maintained properly to receive the guests of Aden City in an honorable manner.”

Turaqi called upon citizens of Aden to abide by the law and receive the guests of Aden with high spirit and hospitality as usual. “We will be honored to receive the president of the Republic H.E. Ali Abdullah Saleh to celebrate with his people in Aden this important occasion, on which we pray to God to bestow his blessings on all Yemenis.”

Aden is planned to celebrate this occasion to be patronized by President Saleh and attended by prominent officials of the government and guests from other countries. The celebration ceremony to be held on the morning of Tuesday at the 22 May Square of Aden City with military parades and fascinating carnival with the participation of thousands of youths from Aden.

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## Graduation ceremony in Taiz held

Taiz, Oct. 11\_ A graduation ceremony for the 4th batch of the Science and Technology University students was held at the Al-Saeed Foundation for Sciences & Culture on 8 October 2003.

The 4th batch graduates has amounted to 601 students from different academic fields of study such as, science, engineering, technology, administrative sciences, arts, Islamic law, medicine, and pharmacology.

During the graduation ceremony, speeches that were delivered by Mr. Tareq Senan Abu Luhoon, and Mr. Abduljabbar Hael Saeed stressed that the universities have achieved a number of goals in the field of science and technology.

Those universities have entirely

depended upon the state-of-the-art technology and specialized cadres. The Science and Technology University is one of the forerunners in the university academic education in Yemen which has paid a special attention to the university education as well as promoting the students' educational outcomes in different fields of study.

The graduation ceremony was attended by number senior professors at the university, social and political dignitaries, university graduates, media representatives and a host of others.

At the end of the graduation ceremony, certificate of appreciation and prizes were presented to the male and female students affiliated to the university.

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<b>Financing:</b>	Kreditanstalt für Wiederaufbau (KfW)/Germany and the Republic of Yemen
<b>Consultant:</b>	KOCKS CONSULT GmbH (Germany) in association with AL-MOHANDESEIN Co. Ltd. (Yemen) and DAR AL-Omran (Jordan)
<b>Location of Construction Site:</b>	Ibb / Republic of Yemen
<b>Envisaged Date of Invitation to Tender:</b>	December 2003
<b>Envisaged Period of Implementation:</b>	App. April 2004 to app. September 2005 (without defects liability period)
<b>Scope of works:</b>	Extension of the Ibb sewage treatment plant (STP) in one lot on the basis of the FIDIC regulations for "Plant and Design-Build" contracts and with design, construction and equipment conforming to German DIN Standards and the metric system: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Min Design date</li> <li>- Average daily flow: 10,000 m3/d</li> <li>- population equivalents: 200,000</li> <li>- Detailed design on the basis of an existing outline design</li> <li>- Civil construction of new concrete structures including inlet works, Imhoff tanks, trickling filters, aeration tank, final sedimentation tank, sludge thickener and mechanical sludge dewatering facilities.</li> <li>- Supply and installation of related mechanical and electrical equipment.</li> <li>- Commissioning of the complete extended STP</li> <li>- Training of the Employer's STP staff.</li> </ul>
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# Spacetel Yemen with new administration

**S**pacetel Yemen hosted on September 28, a dinner party held at the Taj Sheba Hotel on the occasion of the handing over of the General Management post from of the company from Mr. Yannick Bordue to Mr. Raed Ahmed.

The ceremony was attended by the General Staff of the Central Security Colonel Yahya Mohammed Abdullah Saleh, a number of ambassadors, foreign and Arab diplomats, businessmen, main distributors and a host of media representatives.

The ceremony coincided with the consequent achievements and considerable advancements witnessed by the company in different aspects.

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At the end of year 2003, the number of branches will reach 20 branches.

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The company also plans new strategies for improving and promoting the efficiency of the network of Spacetel Yemen in the near future.

It is to be mentioned here that the newly appointed G.M. Mr. Raed Ahmed has occupied several significant posts for more than 13 years in promoting business matters and sales administrations at the Motorola company and Spacetel Syria.

He has worked as an executive manager in the past and has experience in



Mr. Yannick Bordue former GM (left) shaking hands with Mr. Raed Ahmed, the newly appointed GM of Spacetel Yemen



Mr. Yahya Mohammed Abdullah Saleh between Mr. Walid Akkaoui (right) and Mr. Hussam Sa'ad (left)

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# So this is where the madmen stay in Taiz! Taiz Sanatorium, a dreadful home for the unfortunate

By SALAH SALEH AHMED  
YEMEN TIMES, TAIZ

“Together towards life”, this was the poster on the interior gate of the psychiatric hospital affiliated to the central prison in al-Noor city, Taiz. Perhaps those who put it there wanted to inspire some hope in hearts of the patients but the poster was one thing and reality is completely something different. Seventy-five inmates of that place are people who have been termed as out of brain service and coded by madness. Various circumstances of cruel life transformed them to what they are today. And instead of receiving due care from the competent authorities, at least to compensate for the misery they live, instead of that they are treated and live in totally different circumstances. To unveil all that and more, this is what this report is all about;

## Background

The psychiatric hospital in Taiz prison was established in the seventies and contains two wards each accommodating 30 patients. There is a library, a TV and entertainment hall but both are still closed. The psychiatry receives patients from one of three ways; through the central prison, the security administration and patients' families.

Crowded with patients and missing cadre

More like a prison than a care

house, the place is simply a building where a number of unfortunate people are packed in small spaces. With not sufficient staff and very little budget this is how the hospital is operating. In addition to the fact that there are no representatives of the health ministry or prisons to monitor and check on the situation, they rarely come and when they do it is a routine operation that is done for the namesake only.

Security wise there is only one guard surviving to keep the place under control especially that some of the inmates were sent by central prisons for murder cases.

Cleanliness and hygiene? Those are unidentified terms in the hospital's vocabulary. An issue that leads to spread of rotten odors and diseases such as skin problems among patients. The clothes of the inmates are terribly dirty and the place to sleep on at the end of the day is a worn out mattress that could barely protect the patient's body against the cold floor. A depressing situation that would lead to more depression; no wonder they are losing their minds the more.

## No medicines, no budget, no food

Mohammed Taha Sa'ad, assistant doctor complained to the Yemen Times about the situation saying: “The sanatorium complains from insufficient cadre. Before this volunteers used to help and authorities from the Red Cross used to provide them with basic incentives now they all have gone. We have qualified staff but there are needs for a proper budget. Is it really believable that the state can

not truly provide salaries for them? Another thing is the nutrition part, for most of the patients are under medication and therefore they need proper and sufficient food and nutrition even more than the normal healthy people. Sometimes the use of medications without proper nutrition makes things worse and not better.”

## Hunger and Fights

Amin Abdulrahman Ali Ridha, an inmate of the sanatorium, who was referred from the central prison for murdering his wife. He says: “There aren't any medicines! Where are the medicines, we want medications or good food, we don't have vegetables, fruit, but all this is not there and we get worse and get into fights and hit each other. No one can sleep because of the fights. Before this they said the ministry provided medicines but now the ministry wants medicines from the sanatorium!”

## The world's VIP

Saeed Mohammed Nasr al-Shaibani suffers from visionary and audio hallucinations. He identifies himself as the most important man in the world and he rules over everything even the United States is under his control. He imagines people are chasing him and trying to hurt him and is still seeing visions of explosions in the world. He was sent from the central prison on a murder case also. He spent three years there and was transferred to the sanatorium. When we asked him about how he likes it in there he just blabbered that he wants to be free.

## The Antichrist

And this is another one who is connected and communicated mentally with nature and God. And according to his words he does get direct and indirect answers and feedback.

He graduated from high school, commerce section average 70% and was rejected admission to Commerce College although others with much less percentages got through. He is about to be cured and so he was promoted to be in charge of the sanatorium gate. All the circumstances and idleness outside the sanatorium lead him to imagining things and believing that he is the Antichrist.

## A poet

Ali Saleh al-Azab is a very special case in the sanatorium. Narrating a beautiful poem on the 26th Sept revolution and the principles of freedom and liberty and all the world's ideals, he proved that he is such a sensitive person. It was quite sad what he had been reduced to and it was very clear that someone like this with more help could have been in a better place.

## And more...

Strange cases, two kids with unidentified identities in bad conditions, one 11 years and has been in the place for two years now and the other 12 just got in one month ago. Is this a



Where are the humanitarian care and charity institutions?

natural situation? To put these two kids in the same place with 20 murderers? To sleep with everyone on the cold floor, to wear worn out and torn clothes and suffer from malnutrition?

Where are the humanitarian care and charity institutions?

General Mohammed Ali Sinan Central Prison general manager answered the Yemen Times questions about the sanatorium and its conditions when he said:

“As for the nutrition disbursed to the patients it comes according to a

list sent to the ministry. You can quote me on this and I am putting this issue forward to the ministry and the minister. As for the patients' files, well we have 20 prisoners sent from the central prison to the sanatorium and the files contain copies of their sentences. Those who complete their sentences terms are automatically released.”

## Letters

The Health office at the governorate has been demanded now more than any time earlier to provide medical

care especially medicines which are not available. They are also demanded to provide medical cadre and with salaries to support them in performing their duties and organize files that describe the patients' details and status and level of development and other things that should be provided by the central prison in addition to the cadre and food. All those things which are more practical and realistic than the “Together towards life” poster which is contrary the actual conditions of the patients life.

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# Syria says sanctions against it would harm U.S.

DAMASCUS, Oct 11 (Reuters) - Syria warned on Saturday that the United States had most to lose from severing trade and diplomatic ties with the Arab state if Washington passed a proposed act to impose sanctions.

Foreign Ministry spokeswoman Bushra Kanafani said Syrian-U.S. ties were at their lowest point ever because of the proposed Syria Accountability Act and Washington's backing of Israel in its attack last weekend against Syria.

"Contacts (with Washington) are not severed fully, but the state of Syrian-U.S. relations has deteriorated to a point it never reached before," she told a press briefing in Damascus.

Kanafani said the Act, which won an initial nod from a panel of the House of Representatives on Wednesday, was "a product of Israeli policy against Syria."

"The relations of the United States



Bushra Kanafani, a Syrian foreign ministry spokeswoman speaks during a news conference in Damascus, on Oct. 11. REUTERS

and the (Arab) region are becoming more tense, enmity (against the U.S.) is rising and its credibility is declining and this is an issue that is not in the interests of the United States at all," Kanafani said.

Kanafani dismissed the economic impact of the sanctions on Syria, saying trade amounted to less than \$400 million per year. She said U.S. firms would suffer more if the Arab country fell under additional U.S. sanctions.

If endorsed, the Act "is not going to be very harmful for us. The United States of America will be loser number one, maybe we will be loser number three or four," she said.

By severing ties with Damascus, Washington would bury the Arab-Israeli peace process it initiated, said Kanafani.

"Now if the dialogue with Syria is cut as this act says will be, this will have a grave effect on the peace process. It will put an end of the peace

process after all the efforts taken also by President George W. Bush."

Asked if Syria was trying to convince Washington to abandon the sanctions bill, Kanafani said.

"We are conducting our contacts with the relevant parties, but it seems that at the Congress there is an Israeli activity larger than ours. The Zionist lobby in the United States is the strongest lobby known to America and probably the strongest in the world."

Kanafani said Washington was ready to respond to "reasonable" U.S. demands. Washington wants Syria to stop backing Palestinian militant groups that it deems terrorist and to block the flow of Islamic militants to Iraq through Syria.

"Our policy follows our national interest, our principles and we expect any party to present reasonable conditions and demands to be able to meet them," she said.

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The Company's role as one of the world's leading drivers of international trade and growth will be a significant asset to Iraq and its business community as the country works towards rebuilding its infrastructure and economy. Access to the FedEx Express international network also helps facilitate the transportation of humanitarian aid into the country

including working with Water Missions International and International Aid.

"Iraq has the potential to be one of the fastest growing economies and will require integrated end-to-end transportation solutions," said Hamdi Osman, Regional Vice President, FedEx Middle East, Indian Sub-Continent and Africa. "There is no question that the country faces a tough business climate but nothing that can't be overcome by ensuring connectivity with other markets around the globe."

FedEx Express services in Iraq will be operated by Global Service Participant (GSP) Falcon Express Inc. They have a great deal of experience operating in the Middle East.

# Palestinians vow revenge as Israel kills 8 in raid

GAZA, Oct 11 (Reuters) - Israeli forces killed a Palestinian man and razed houses on the second day of a raid on a Gaza Strip refugee camp on Saturday, drawing vows of revenge from masked Palestinian militants leading a funeral march.

An Islamic militant group urged Palestinians to unite and fight the Israeli troops, who have killed eight Palestinians since launching their open-ended raid on the Rafah camp to search for arms-smuggling tunnels under the Gaza-Egypt border.

The raid, the largest in months into Rafah, a known militant stronghold, followed a suicide

bombing in Israel's port city of Haifa that killed 20 people last week.

Israel responded to the bombing by carrying out an airstrike against what it said was a training camp for "terror groups" in Syria, though Damascus said the raid hit a civilian area.

Syria said on Saturday it had the right to exercise self-defence should Israel strike its territory again. Israel said that states harbouring "terrorists" had no right to talk about self-defence.

In Rafah, medics said a 19-year-old Palestinian was shot and killed by Israeli troops. The army said the

man was carrying a rifle and an explosive charge. He was the eighth Palestinian killed in Rafah since the raid began on Thursday night.

At least 200 masked militants led a funeral march for three of the dead, shooting in the air and shouting "revenge, revenge is near."

The militant Islamic Jihad, which claimed responsibility for the Haifa bombing, urged Palestinians to unite and fight.

"The Islamic Jihad calls on our people and on Palestinian national and Islamic factions to declare a general deployment and be ready to face the Israeli incursion in Rafah," the group said in a leaflet.

# Islamic nations tell U.S. to quit Iraq, support Syria

PUTRAJAYA, Malaysia, Oct 11 (Reuters) - Muslim nations demanded "eviction of all foreign forces from Iraq" as they began a summit in Malaysia on Saturday, with only Turkey defending plans to deploy its troops alongside the U.S.-led alliance.

They also voiced support for Syria after an Israeli air raid last weekend stoked fears of escalating conflict in the Middle East as Damascus warned it had the right of self-defence.

Abdelouahed Belkheziz, Secretary-General of the 57-member Organisation of the Islamic Conference (OIC), said occupying forces should quickly withdraw from Iraq to give the United Nations a chance to reconstruct the country.

"Foremost of these is the eviction of foreign forces from Iraq, allowing the United Nations to administer Iraqi affairs," Belkheziz said in his opening address.

The OIC Summit, being held in Malaysia's new administrative capital of Putrajaya, began with meetings of senior officials. Foreign ministers will meet on Monday and the leaders' summit takes place on October 16-17.

Up to 35 heads of state are expected to attend the OIC summit in what will be the largest gathering of Muslim leaders since the attacks on the United States on September 11, 2001.

U.N. Secretary General Kofi Annan is also scheduled to attend, along with non-members Russian President Vladimir

Putin and Philippines President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo, who both rule over large, rebellious Muslim minorities.

Belkheziz, a Moroccan, said the summit should address concerns arising from terrorism, globalisation and "campaigns against Islam, Muslims and human rights".

He also condemned Israel for what he said was failing to live up to peace process commitments and said the OIC supported the Palestinian and Iraqi peoples and Iranian and Syrian governments against "aggression".

But veteran Malaysian Prime Minister Mahathir Mohamad, hosting the summit before his retirement on October 31, said the OIC would have little influence as long as U.S. politicians supported Israel.

"We can go to war, but we have no capacity to go to war. That's the problem. We (Muslims) have allowed ourselves to become weak. People bully us," Mahathir told a news conference.

## Turkey isolated

The opposition to the U.S.-led occupation of Iraq left neighbouring Turkey isolated.

The lead delegate from Turkey's team of senior officials said although Ankara would have liked a U.N. mandate to help restore order in neighbouring Iraq, it was more important to act.

"We decided to do something. Of course, it is better to stay away to criticise, but if the occupation should end, Turkey's interests would be served," Ankara's Foreign Minister said.

When later asked by Reuters whether troops would definitely not be deployed in the Kurdish north where Turkey is regarded with deep suspicion, Burcuoglu said: "No. We already have troops there, we will not be sending any more. They will be deployed elsewhere."

Ankara is currently negotiating terms for troop deployment with Washington, but the U.S.-backed Iraqi Governing Council is against troops from neighbouring countries being allowed in. A delegation from the Governing Council is expected at the summit.

Iraq's other northern neighbour, Iran, predictably wanted the U.S.-led forces out.

"All OIC members are urging the occupiers to leave Iraq and give the power to the Iraqi people," Ghannouchi Khoshroo, Iran's Deputy Foreign Minister, told reporters.

Other conflicts that the summit will touch upon include the situations in Afghanistan, Kashmir, Azerbaijan, the Philippines and Somalia.



A worker prepares a display welcoming delegates to the Organisation of Islamic Conference (OIC) Summit in Putrajaya, 35 km (22 miles) south of Kuala Lumpur, October 11. Putrajaya is hosting the 10th session of the 57-member OIC summit from 11 to 18 October. REUTERS

## At least 40 killed in Nepal rebel raid

KATHMANDU, Oct 11 (Reuters) - At least 40 people, including 37 Maoist rebels, were killed when the guerrillas attacked a police post in western Nepal, ending a Hindu festival truce, officials said on Saturday.

They said the Maoists, fighting to overthrow the constitutional monarchy and create a communist republic, bombed the Armed Police Force base at Kusum, 450 km (280 miles) west of Kathmandu, late on Friday, triggering a fierce exchange of fire, the deadliest since the rebels deserted peace talks in August.

Three policemen were also killed and seven others wounded in the gun battle, the Home (Interior) Ministry said.

The centrist Nepali Congress Party said suspected Maoist rebels had napped a former junior interior minister in east Nepal late on Friday.

The fresh violence marked the end of a nine-day ceasefire announced by the rebels during the Hindu festival of Dasain that concluded on Friday.

"Thirty seven bodies of the terrorists killed in the clash have been recovered from the site," a ministry statement said. State television said 45 rebel bodies had been recovered.

Police have also recovered automatic weapons and ammunition.

"I was woken up by sounds of gunshots," said 18-year-old resident Khim Bahadur Seta, who runs a public telephone call kiosk near Kusum.

"I was so frightened that I could not sleep the entire night," he told Reuters.

Local journalists said they saw half-buried rebel bodies near the site.

Unexploded bombs, improvised explosive devices, blood stains, empty alcohol bottles and rice littered the site

of the overnight gunbattle that lasted for more than six hours," said Krishna Kharel, a local photographer.

There was no immediate comment from the rebels, who in the past have said authorities exaggerate guerrilla casualties.

Security forces had sealed the area, a rebel stronghold, and extensive searches were on for the surviving guerrillas, one official said.

More than 400 people have died since the rebels walked out on peace talks in August after the government rejected their demand for a new constitution to decide the future of monarchy. The rebels have been fighting since 1996.

The conflict has claimed more than 7,600 lives, wrecked the impoverished economy, scared away investors and tourists as well as forcing thousands to flee their homes.

## Police say Bali safe even if militants have bombs

BALI, Indonesia, Oct 11 (Reuters) - Indonesia warned that Muslim militants were planning more attacks but insisted Bali was safe on the eve of the first anniversary of nightclub bombings that killed 202 people, mainly foreign tourists.

Hundreds of survivors and relatives of the dead from 20 countries, many overcome with emotion, have flown in from around the world to attend commemorative services over the weekend being guarded by more than 2,000 Indonesian police.

Bali police chief I Made Mangku Pastika, who led the investigation into the blasts, said militants — whom he did not identify — still had significant amounts of explosives and had assembled two bombs.

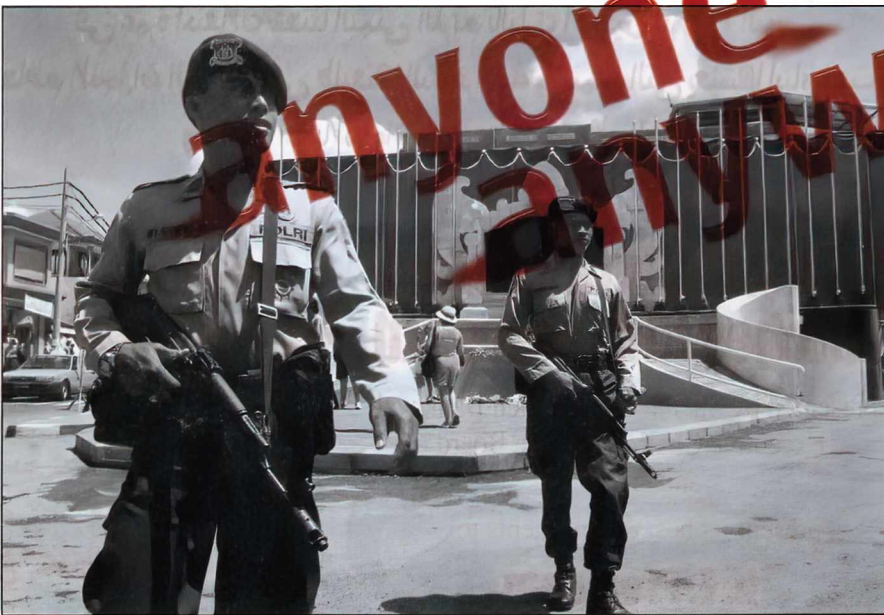
"The two bombs are not in Bali. In Indonesia, but not in Bali...These bombs do not contain much metal. So, our metal detectors are not very useful for them," he said. He gave no more details nor did he say where the information came from.

The first commemoration of last year's attack, a small service for the 23 Britons who died, was held in an open-air Protestant church overlooking the ocean and with Bali's famous Agung volcano visible in the distance.

Around 35 family members from the United Kingdom and several survivors sang Amazing Grace as the sun set. In the distance, a call to prayer echoed from a mosque, one of the few on this mainly Hindu enclave of the world's most populous Muslim nation.

Australian Prime Minister John Howard earlier flew in for the main commemorative service scheduled for Sunday, saying he hoped it would provide comfort to the hundreds of Australians who are here. Australia lost 88 citizens in the attacks.

Many families had already made the pilgrimage to Bali's Kuta Beach strip, where Muslim militants blew up two nightclubs crowded with foreign tourists a year ago in an attack that put the spotlight on Indonesia's radical Islamic fringe.



Indonesian police carry their weapons as they stand guard on October 11, 2003 in front of a memorial monument being built to honour the 202 victims of the Bali bombings. REUTERS

Fathers, mothers, siblings and friends placed photos of their loved ones or scribbled messages on a board stretching across a fence where the popular Sari Club once stood. Most sobbed and held each other, even embracing strangers.

Australian June Corteen, who lost her twin daughters Jane and Jenny, 39, said commemorating the tragedy in Bali was vital.

"I think it's terribly important for me and my family so we can move on. It's going to be very emotional. I think there will be lots of tears shed, and lots of hugs," Corteen told Reuters.

Police with automatic rifles and sniffer dogs patrolled Kuta. Armoured police cars and fire trucks were

parked nearby.

The Bali bombings were blamed on Jemaah Islamiyah, the Southeast Asian militant group with links to al Qaeda, and were the worst attacks since the September 11, 2001 strikes on the United States.

Citing security concerns, Australia has said only those families and survivors who regard visiting Bali as essential should attend its commemorative service, the main one of which is expected to draw more than 1,000 people on Sunday morning.

Pastika said Howard's visit should be proof that one of the world's top holiday destinations before the bombing was safe.

Soon after arriving, Howard watched the final of a local Australian

rules football tournament, which included some Australian players who survived the attacks.

"All of us understand the importance of gatherings like this, in the wake of what has happened here. It's a demonstration to the world, to our own people in Australia, it's a demonstration of friendship to the people of Bali and Indonesia," Howard said during a ceremony to hand out prizes.

As he spoke, a few kilometres away, hundreds of Balinese took part in a street parade along the beach front and past the bomb site. It included transvestites in traditional Balinese costumes, marching bands and schoolchildren on unicycles. The event was part of efforts to put Bali back on the holiday map.

## Up to 30 Taliban escape from Afghan jail

KABUL, Oct 11 (Reuters) - Up to 30 Taliban prisoners have escaped from jail in the volatile southern Afghan city of Kandahar, security personnel said on Saturday.

"I can confirm that 20 Taliban have escaped," said an intelligence official, who did not want to be identified.

A guard at the jail told reporters 30 prisoners had escaped. The breakout took place on Friday night. General Saleh, head of security in Kandahar, confirmed there had been an escape, but said he did not know exactly how many prisoners had got away.

"Last night, a group of Taliban and political prisoners did escape but we don't know how many," he told Reuters.

He declined to say how the prisoners had escaped and said the incident was

under investigation.

In late August, officials said the jail on the outskirts of Kandahar, an old stronghold of the Islamic militia overthrown by U.S.-led forces in late 2001, was holding 50 to 60 "political inmates". The term is usually used to describe Taliban members.

Some of that group interviewed at the time by Reuters said they came from neighbouring Pakistan, which Afghanistan blames for sheltering Taliban guerrillas and leaders.

The Taliban have been blamed for a surge in violence across Afghanistan since August in which more than 300 people have been killed, including aid workers, government soldiers and police, U.S. troops and many guerrillas.

Kandahar province has been the scene of many attacks blamed on the guerrillas.

## Indian army says rebel incursions in Kashmir go on

JAMMU, India, Oct 11 (Reuters) - Rebel infiltration into the Indian-ruled part of the disputed Jammu and Kashmir region continues despite mounting international pressure on Pakistan, the Indian army chief said on Saturday.

The nuclear armed neighbours came close to war last year over Indian charges that Pakistan supports rebels fighting New Delhi's rule in Jammu and Kashmir state. Tensions were defused by global diplomacy and a Pakistani promise to stop militant incursions.

Islamabad denies giving the rebels military support but says it gives moral backing to what it calls a Kashmiri freedom fight.

"There has been no let up in the infiltration so far. In 28 infiltration bids along the border, 78 armed intruders have been killed in September alone," Indian Army Chief General N.C. Vij told reporters in Jammu, the winter capital of the state.

"Between 70 and 80 percent of the total infiltration constituted foreign elements which included al Qaeda activists also."

Rebel incursions rose between July and September when 320 militants were killed trying to cross a ceasefire line dividing Kashmir between India and Pakistan.

India accuses Muslim Pakistan of giving sanctuary to the rebels and says there is an annual surge of rebels infiltrating Indian Kashmir from the Pakistani side in September and October before winter snow blocks mountain passes.

Gen Vij said there were 85 rebel training camps and 129 launching pads operating on the other side of the border and Pakistani troops were helping them infiltrate Indian territory.

Since Indian Prime Minister Atal Behari Vajpayee urged peace in April, the neighbours have restored full diplomatic relations and resumed a cross-border bus service, but India has linked fresh talks to a drop in attacks in Kashmir by separatists.

Pakistan says it has done all it can to stop the militants and has repeatedly called for talks to resolve the dispute.

# Bush touts new Iraq currency as sign of progress

WASHINGTON, Oct 11 (Reuters) - President George W. Bush, seeking to bolster public support for his Iraq policies, on Saturday hailed the launch of the country's new currency as a sign of economic promise.

Facing doubts at home about its Iraq policies and the proposed \$87 billion cost for the country's rebuilding, the Bush administration is waging a public relations campaign aimed at highlighting successes of the postwar effort.

Bush cited as a major milestone the issuance of fresh Iraqi dinar notes that will no longer bear the image of Saddam Hussein, whom the United States ousted from power in April.

"We're helping Iraqis to rebuild their economy after a long era of corruption and misrule," Bush said in his weekly radio address. "For three decades, Iraq's economy served the interest only of its dictator and his regime."

"The new currency symbolizes Iraq's reviving economy," he said.

As Bush spoke, Iraq's central bank in Baghdad had incinerated thousands of Saddam banknotes. The destruction is to continue in the coming weeks.

Iraqis have three months from October 15 to swap an estimated four trillion dinars of old notes for new bills bearing pictures of an ancient Babylonian ruler and a 10th century Iraqi mathematician. The Iraqi dinar is worth about 2,000 to the dollar.

Bush said the new currency would help unify Iraq, which had previously used two different versions of the dinar in different areas.

In their own radio address, opposition Democrats took aim at what they called Bush's "go-it-alone" approach on Iraq.

U.S. Rep. Baron Hill of Indiana cited the difficulty the administration has had with getting pledges of troops and cash from other countries as evidence the war's aftermath has been mishandled.

"There has been little support from the international community. Our



A worker throws in a stack of old Iraqi 10,000 dinar notes bearing the portrait of toppled leader Saddam Hussein to burn in a furnace at Iraq's Central Bank Oct. 11. About one billion dinars of the old currency was destroyed to make way for new notes to be distributed Oct. 15. REUTERS

troops have been taking almost all the risks, and American taxpayers have been paying all the bills," he said. "To be successful, the president's 'go-it-alone' strategy must end."

## FOOTING THE BILL FOR ROADS AND RAILWAYS

Bush has seen his poll ratings drop recently on concerns about both the Iraq strategy and the state of the U.S. economy. In Iraq, U.S. soldiers are dying in attacks.

Even a number of Republicans are complaining about the administration's proposal to hand Iraq cash for roads, railways and other projects, without demanding eventual repayment.

The president earlier this week overhauled his management of Iraqi reconstruction. The reorganization gives more of a direct say to the White House while appearing to dilute some of the Pentagon's power.

While the management change signaled a new sense of urgency to address the postwar problems, Bush in his radio address insisted the money in Iraq was being well spent.

"With our assistance, Iraqis are building the roads and ports and railways necessary for commerce," he said.

"We have helped to establish an independent Iraqi central bank. Working with the Iraqi Governing Council, we are establishing a new

system that allows foreign investors to confidently invest capital in Iraq's future."

The country had bustling market places and stores stocked with everything from "clothing and linens to air-conditioners and satellite dishes," Bush said.

A key House of Representatives panel this week approved Bush's \$87 billion spending request for Iraq and left out a proposal — which Bush opposed — that would have forced Iraq to repay funds given to it for reconstruction.

The move allows the bill to be considered by the full House and the Senate next week but the debate is sure to be contentious.

## Finnish farm subsidies have to drop-EU's Fischler

HELSINKI, Oct 11 (Reuters) - Europe's farm chief gave Finland some leeway on Saturday in a dispute over farm subsidies, but warned the country had to compromise if it wanted to go on giving top-up payments to farmers after a special provision expires.

As part of its EU accession treaty in 1995, Finland was allowed to give extra subsidies to its farmers only until the end of 2003, but now wants to continue doing so.

The European Commission says the subsidies have to stop or be cut as a result of the Common Agricultural Policy reform.

Farmers across the country lit bonfires to hail the arrival of EU Agriculture Commissioner Franz Fischler — an old Finnish method of warning neighbours of approaching enemies.

The issue of farming subsidies is sensitive for the government, a coalition led by the rurally based Centre Party. Northern Finland suffers from a short

growing season due to the long winters and high rural unemployment is another factor.

Fischler said he would be prepared to accept extra subsidies for more environmentally friendly forms of farming of up to a 100 percent for some farmers, which compares to the normal EU rate of 20 percent.

"When you compare the EU figure with the Finnish one, I think it becomes clear that this concession is already a very generous offer on our part," said Fischler, in the text of a speech to farmers in the town of Seinäjoki, some 360 km (225 miles) north of Helsinki.

"Now it is up to you to show some flexibility and compromise if you would like to see this support prolonged, albeit under restricted circumstances."

Fischler and Agriculture Minister Juha Korte, who held talks on Saturday, are due to meet again on Monday during a one-day meeting of EU farm ministers, where the topic will be discussed formally.

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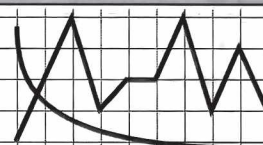
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# YT Business



## Opinion poll reveals, Yemenis prefer national products

By YT TAIZ BUREAU  
YEMEN TIMES STAFF

Yemen Establishment for Press and Publication and Consumer Protection Society in the governorate of Taiz, have lately co-sponsored a questionnaire, sounding out the public opinion on domestic and imported consumer goods. The goal is to use obtained information in the Quality Guide, the Yemen Times and the State Authority for Standardizations and Specifications intend to publish soon.

The questionnaire targeted 12813 citizens from both sexes in the republic of Yemen selected from four major regions, namely, Sana'a, Aden, Taiz, and Hodeidah. 68% of the included people in the questionnaire have preferred the national product, 32% said they preferred imported goods. 59% said they trusted national goods that obtained the quality certificate (ISO) but 24% showed non-confidence in that and 17% of consumers said they have no idea.

As for the reason why some consumers buy locally produced goods, 35% attributed that to their being national industry that must be supported, 25% said they did that for the local goods suitable prices and 40% of consumers said they buy national goods out of their trust in their quality.

In response to a question on whether the consumer places trust on all imported products, 27% thought they were good, 52% gave opposite opinion and 21% answered in having no idea.

49% of targeted consumers expressed the opinion that getting the ISO certificate something necessary,

25% said it was not necessary and 26% of them did not give an opinion. 31% of the Yemenis think local companies offer social services, 23% opinion is that they do not do that, 46% said some of the local companies offer social services.

Yemen Times Taiz bureau chief, the supervisor of the study Imad al-Saqaf says it comes at a time when there is a wide-spread of external smuggled goods flooding the Yemeni markets to an extent the citizen is no longer officially able to tell which of them are national and which are imported, most of which the country of origin is not known. Mr Al-Saqaf has also said the national industry is experiencing a critical and dangerous time and mass media have to have a role in the process of economic development in the country and in support for national industry that contributes greatly to flourish the national economy and employment of as many as possible number of unemployed workforce. Mr al-Saqaf concluded that Yemen Times has sensed this situation and thus took the initiative to work out a study and issue a quality guide to be available for the Yemeni reader and consumer due to the highly importance of this matter.

The Consumer Protection Society in Taiz that supervised the questionnaire considered the effort as complementary of the society's awareness activities and monitoring it is carrying out in order to learn about the extent of the Yemeni consumer demand for the local product and the imported one.

The deputy chairman of the society, Mr. Bastan Ashaibani also deemed all that effort as stemming from the belief in the national role it adopts as a non-governmental and independent civil organisation.



Different national products produced by well-known companies in Yemen



Shopkeeper checks an imported canned drink



National vegetable oil products

## Trade secret in processing of onyx Precious stones inside rocks & sensational patterns

By MAHYOUB AL-KAMALI  
YEMEN TIMES STAFF

The Yemeni agate is known as precious stones and the reason behind that, as it is thought to be, as it has a meaning expressed by the inscriptions and drawings on it that help its bearer to dispel evil spirits and protect the bride against magic. Those inscriptions and drawings also protect the bearer from snakebite especially that most of the inscriptions are from the attributes of God and Koranic verses inscribed on layers of onyx pieces and women usually wear on their necks.

**How the stones of onyx are excavated and where does it exist?**

Historical sources mention that ancient Yemenis had practiced the profession of agate industry after they had discovered it while they were digging mountains for rocks to be used in building their palaces and temples. Precious stones are found in many various mountainous areas in Yemen. The forms of its technically skillful industry remained a monopoly for some families that inherited the profession generation after generation.

**Masses and streaks in rocks**

The onyx is found in forms of masses and streaks inside the rocks in mountainous areas mainly in Hadramout, Dhamar, Sana'a, and Lahj. A visit was made to the area of A'nis in the governorate of Dhamar in order to get acquainted with the trade

secret in the formation of the agate stones and how they are treated with colours and inscriptions and then make them read for the market.

Craftsmen of this profession narrate the method of extracting the unrefined agate from mountainous mines. They mention that the operation needs big efforts. Rocks are cut with steel implements in search for agate streaks and when the precious stones are reached within an area of no more than ten square meters and a depth reaching eight meters agate is dug out in the form of masses having different weights. Craftsmen estimate the discovered volume of raw agate at one to half kg from which pieces of agate are extracted.

**Advantages and inscriptions of onyx**

Yemeni agate has many peculiar characteristics and various usages. It is mainly used on rings worn on hand fingers instead of pieces of gold. It has very beautifully brilliant colours and prices are various according to its type and quality of its moulding and refining by the craftsman.

Craftsman Khalid al-Sana'ani told us that the process of preparing agate begins after extracting it from its raw mass. It is put in an earthenware bowl and covered with mud and put on fire for a certain time to gain brilliancy and gloss. Agate is cleaned from gangues and dust by using an iron hammer and is being cut into pieces of different shapes and sizes on trunk of wood. The agate stone pieces are rubbed with a coarse white stone to be rendered into smooth shapes after being washed in water. He says the craftsman would in the final stage rub the pieces of agate on a white solid stone and then smoothed on cretaceous rock till it is become ready for sale, and this is the trade secret.

Craftsmen would take into consideration demands of market when they manufacture and process the agate stones. These people measure by their work to levels of prices of their products and needs and desire of customers. For this reason craftsmen innovated with various shapes of engravings on onyx stones. Some of them depict attributes of God and Koranic verses inscribed on agate laminas women usually wear on their necks.

There are some folk beliefs imply that wearing agate rings would help



Onyx as found in forms of masses and steaks inside rocks

marriages to avoid and expel evil spirits and also worn as incantations protecting the bride from magic or the bridegroom from sexual impotency, in addition to protection from some diseases and avoiding snakebites.

Women usually prefer to put on ornaments and jewels made of agate to those made of gold for the latter's higher prices and also because of the low purchasing power of those of limited income as the average income level reaches 250 dollars a year, according to estimates.

Artistic engravings are put on agate

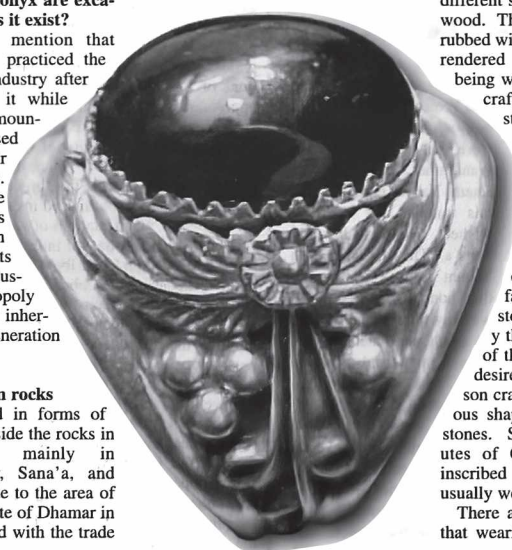
stones to give them an immaterial value and in accordance with their different uses. Agate is cut in the shape of necklaces to be put on by women and sometimes gold or silver is used to give necklaces additional sense of beauty arousing sentiments and passion in men.

The agate craftsman shapes agate stones into many various shapes. There is the shining red one or resembling the liver colour. Some of them are figured with designs of various kinds of plants.

Some people believe that onyx pro-

tections its bearer from bleeding of blood and women are protected against abortion, brings luck to the bride and bridegroom. But most of the people believe that these benefits are only part of superstition and folk interpretations.

On the other hand the onyx is nowadays is exposed to some dangers as there is the process of importing cheap stones from abroad and are sold by very cheap prices. This situation has urged the government to establish a national center for training craftsmen on producing genuine onyx so that this craft is not exposed to dying out.



## Words of Wisdom



I remember in the early 1990s, one of the newly-arrived Peace Corps volunteers was puzzled as to why Yemenis did not plan their free time, especially the week-ends. Six months after her service in Yemen, I met the PC volunteer again, and asked her if she found an answer to the question. "Yeah, I mean the whole week is a week-end," she said.

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



## OUR OPINION

## What revolutions are all about!

Every year, we as Yemenis celebrate our glorious revolution anniversary in a stylish and spectacular manner. When you walk around the main cities at night during the days of celebration, you would notice lights of all colors and sizes. You can see flags raised almost on every building you see. All of those remind us that many years ago, our fathers and grandfathers fought for our freedom and future. Those days recall the days of struggle that ended with a historic day on which a new beginning was signaled for all Yemenis.

However, one also needs to ask himself. Have we truly gone in the path set up by the revolutionaries? After all, the revolution was supposed to be a beginning of a new era of development and more prosperity for all Yemenis. The objectives of any revolution are always to achieve what is best of the people. Have our people gained what the revolutionists wanted them to? Unfortunately not!

Today, we are still very much behind when it comes to the expectations of those who sparked the revolution. We may be organizing festivities, parades, and signing national anthems and songs about the revolution. But what would all of this do for us if we have not formulated the basic ideas and core principles of our revolution, which were to eradicate poverty and illiteracy, to bring freedom to the people, to enhance standard of living, and to bring the country to the level of developed countries?

The revolution is not a mere word that we remember at anniversaries and celebrations, it is a practice in our daily life that we should carry out through hard work and dedication.

In my opinion, we should seize the opportunity of every revolution anniversary to remember its goals and whether we achieved them or not. We need to understand that the revolution was the beginning of a long road towards noble and honorable goals. What we should do on every anniversary is to see where on the path are we, how much have we passed, and how much is there to walk to reach the revolution's goals.

Celebrations and lights on the streets of the cities of the country are not enough. We need to be more practical in our celebrations. We need to bring to the attention of our decision makers and leaders that we still have a long way to go and we need to focus more on the steps that would take us to the end of the road rather than on artificial useless actions that could only be a waste of time, effort, and money.

How would the revolutionists who achieved the revolution feel when they see us spending millions of Yemeni rials on parades and electricity bills used for lighting thousands of lights for the anniversary of the revolution, while thousands are hungry and illiterate behind closed doors?

My viewpoint should not be an intimidation or a reason to accuse me of not being a patriotic. But my intention is to get to the core rather than focus on the shell. Celebrations would have been much more meaningful if we had achieved most of the goals we aimed for.

At least this is what I think will be preferred by the ones who led the revolution and sacrificed their souls for the Yemeni nation if they had been alive today.

Not to get me wrong, I reassure all decision makers that I am not against celebrating on this occasion. Nevertheless, I believe that efforts should be renewed on this important occasion to work on achieving the goals, the real goals of our blessed revolutions.

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On the occasion of the 40th anniversary of the 14th of October revolution:

## High hopes in Aden's new governor

BY ABDULAZIZ MOHAMED ABDULLAH  
ADEN CITY

The months of September, October, and November of every year are the time in which all the classes resembling the people of Yemen celebrate the country's national and official holidays.

If the 26th of September of every year is celebrated and remembered as the day when the revolution in the northern part of the country succeeded in 1962 in ousting the ruthless and backward Imamate regime, then the 14th of October of every year is also celebrated for ending decades of British colonial rule in the south in 1963. The occasion marks the day when the spark of the revolution started at the mountains of Radfan and triggered the emotions of millions of Yemenis to rid the country of the occupiers who ruled the country for almost 139 years. The happiness was indescribable when the people were able to join hands and result in the departure of the last British soldier on the 30th of November 1967.

This year's celebrations on the occasion of the 40th anniversary of the 14th of October revolution, which also coincides with the 41st anniversary of the 26th of September revolution, has come in a time the governorate of Aden is ambitious for a prosperous future, especially as the governorate is now being led by Dr. Yahya Al-Shuaibi, who is known for his honesty, excellent reputation, faithfulness, and dedication in work.

This occasion could be a special

drive for Al-Shuaibi to enhance the city of Aden, whose potentials are yet to be exploited. There are already significant signs of development in the horizon. Those signs started to appear when Dr. Al-Shuaibi emphasized on the priority of enhancing the standard of living of the poor and his focus on civil services and cleanliness especially in traditional markets in different districts of the governorate.

He also expressed his commitment to evaluate and enhance the level of public health and educational services. He also pledged to improve the city's streets and having them maintained.

However, I would like to add that there are also several issues that need to be taken care of and stressed upon. Among those issues are:

- Eradicating corruption gradually, especially as it has unfortunately spread to all public sectors in Aden as well as in the rest of the country. This cannot happen unless the other public authorities reacted positively to his efforts including the Central Organization of Control and Audit, which should have a central role in this respect.

- Removal of all obstacles hindering investments in the governorate. Efforts should be made to provide the ideal investment environment to attract investors from Yemen and the world. This can be achieved by stopping middlemen, corrupt officials, and those who use their authority power to gain illegal finances. There should be a direct channel linking investors to the supreme authorities in Aden to notify them of any problems they may face and work immediately on resolving

them. Starting investments in various fields in Aden will be instrumental for the governorate in providing job opportunities and limiting poverty and unemployment.

- Speeding up the efforts in the construction of the industrial zone, which is to be established in the Aden, Lahj, Abyan triangle, and which is expected to officially start by laying the foundation stone on the occasion of this year's 14th of October Revolution anniversary. The project will have a significant effect in the field of development and industry.

- Activating the local councils of the governorate, which are supposed to be the authorities responsible for helping in the development of the governorate in the grassroots and community levels and should hence help improve lives of the poor and vulnerable

I personally believe that the celebration to take place this week in Aden, more of being an opportunity to hail our achievements and remember those who sacrificed their souls for their country, is an opportunity for us to look at the future with an open eye and mind. Our governor can seize this opportunity to bring the governorate of Aden its glorious past to become the economic and trade capital of Yemen in the true sense. This cannot be achieved unless all those faithful citizens of the country join hands and work together in harmony along with Dr. Yahya Al-Shuaibi to bring a better future to Aden.

I have great hopes in our new governor, whom I believe will live up to expectations and bring the interest of the governorate to the forefront ahead of any narrow self-centered interests.

## Fallacy of the conspiracy theory

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I remember when I was a kid growing up in Ibb, how unfriendly we acted toward tourists. The prevailing thought at the time was that they were spies. Poor tourists! All they wanted to do is take pictures of unique sites and market places to show their people back home how exciting our country was. Some people would even go as far as blocking tourists' cameras with their hands or scarves. How savage and un-called for that must have seemed to tourists. Here is one more thing; I worked for the Yemen hunt in Marib a few years ago. When we entered the oil field we were searched to make sure we had no cameras so we do not take pictures to reveal to the "west" what we are building. Mind you, these projects are designed and implemented by westerners and their blueprints are in Houston, Texas, headquarters of the Yemen Hunt Oil Company. Even if that was not the case, if the west wanted to see what we are building all they have to do is take pictures from a satellite.

Anyway, then, I grew up and came to America. Before you know it, I am the tourist, now, snapping pictures in the middle of the congress of the United States and taking a tour of the White House and anything my heart desired. So I thought, "Huh this must be my first taste of what freedom means no searches no checkpoints between cities or states, taking pictures of anything".

Back to the conspiracy theory: Having lived here for the past 17 years, I know, just like you said, there is no conspiracy against Arabs or Muslims by the west. As a matter of fact, in addition to several Mosques in the city, we are building one in my neighborhood right now. The city even sends police to control traffic during the Juma'ah prayer to facilitate the flow of traffic and guide us to parking spots.

It is just always easier to blame someone else for one's failure. On top of that, we really don't need anybody's help to stay behind. We do a good job of that on our own.

Here is an example of our own desire to stay poor and economically weak. I heard that last year, Kimberly-Clark announced that they were closing their factory in Taiz due to repeat-

ed threats from some individuals. (I have no way of verifying this information of course.) Let me tell you something else. This factory was employing about 150 Yemenis. The average salary was about 70 or 80 thousand Rials. Way more than the national average. So, that is a loss of one and half million Rials every month for that locality. Also the products from that factory were far superior to others. The people threatening the factory with terrorism had an excuse that this was a Jewish owned company. Well, just so that we are clear on this, I don't really know who the original owners of this company are and I have no affiliation to the company whatsoever. I do know that it is a publicly traded company and anybody can buy stocks in the company and be "a part owner".

One more point, the west is a capitalistic society and it is in their best interest to have developed markets world-wide. Because you can't sell cellular phones or DVD players or computers unless the people want and can afford them.

Like you said, we need to work hard and realize our dreams. Nobody is holding us down but ourselves and some of our own people.

When progress in Yemen is prevented

Those who hate Yemen will do whatever they can to abort any progress at any level and Yemen shall and will never witness any development at any field since we still have such maniac people in Yemen who are seeking for their destruction before any thing else!

I pray for Yemen and for the People of Yemen to succeed in their battle against those insane!

Syed Karam H Ali Al-Hashmi

Why do Arabs hate the USA?

I would like someone who lives in an Arab country to

reply to this if you can. What is the number one reason why the Arab people hate the USA? I hear many theories on why you do, but I'd like to hear from a normal Arab person. Is it simply the US support of Israel, the proping up of unpopular governments, or something else altogether? I, like most Americans, are more confused over this issue than any other. Whoever has an answer, could publish it here.

Pete M. USA

We hate Zionists not Jews

About the letter to Haifi published in issue 674 asking him how many Jews

he has as friends and why he hates them so much.

First, I don't have any Jew friends nor do I know anyone who does. Out here the Jews disdain contact with anyone who is a non Jew and are rather secretive and closed community. Second, I'm quite sure Mr. Haifi doesn't need my defense but I can probably assure you he doesn't hate Jews but hates Zionists as the two (Jews and Zionists) are not the same. Everyone hates a Zionist, and that's not anti-Semitism.

Craig Little abuthaar@hotmail.com

Why can't the Hameed-Addeen family return?

My name is Alhassan. I have lived in USA my



## COMMON SENSE

By Hassan Al-Haifi

## Whose side is God on?

While this column has obviously been covering much of the regional scene at great length, this surely does not mean that as a responsible Yemeni journalists one has become oblivious to the situation in the home front. It is really difficult for any responsible journalist anywhere to ignore the obvious sullen faces one sees as they go through the city. Moreover, this observer makes it a point from time to time to go on board those used to be great public forums that were once found in the "public transport system", which is actually privately owned and operated. This observer recalls that a trip on one of those mini buses (micro, small and medium) was truly a valuable source for many of the earlier output for Common Sense, whether for domestic, regional or even international affairs. It is remarkable to have to attest to the ability of the common folk in Yemen to be sound deliverers of their own views on any major issues of the day. Maybe the openness of qat sessions, used to provide an opportunity for many Yemenis, who otherwise may not be able to read newspapers or follow the BBC or CNN to hear discussions on the major current events at play. In any case, in anticipation of getting grass roots feedback on the issues of the day, this observer returned to this former joy ride into public opinion. However, to the dismay of this observer, this once enjoyable medium for a friendly exchange of views has somehow turned into a frighteningly dead silent functional means of transport just to move on from one locale to another, without so much as even a desire to have the passengers have their breathing heard, let alone take the opportunity to speak their mind. This is not to say that people are now so much better off, or that the situation has so much become more to the liking of the general public, but the sullen almost dejected faces that the observer sees on almost all the faces is tantamount to a clear open expression by the common folk that their worsening lot is beyond what words can simply describe. The observer is at liberty to suggest that the obvious discontent of the masses leaves no room for a friendly and sometimes even sarcastic exchange of views on the shortcomings of our prevailing socio-economic state of being. As for the political issues, they have long ago taken a back seat. Simply put the public has come to realize that the current political framework has become too aloof from the general public domain, and the wedge that separates the hopes and the aspirations of the vast constituency that makes up the real significant party to the social contract - the majority of the discontent, with those that have found their niche in the administrative and political institutions running public affairs is far wider than to be the subject of a few jokes here and there, which sarcastically bring forth the common citizen's candid perception of the prevailing relationship between the governed and the elite of the ruling establishment and the monopolistic "business" class. One can almost detect the obvious deeply engraved scorn in those faces, as the passengers look out the windows of those minibuses, with so much lavish splendor to the left and right of the heavily congested moon surface roads they have to squiggle through before reaching their final destinations. Where did all this lavish splendor come from? How can there be so much incongruity in our social order that some of our fellow citizens and many of our public servants take great pains to put to surface, as they outdo each other in a desperate attempt to outclass their fellow peers in the political and economic establishment that dominates the complex and intertwined almost closed political and administrative apparatus. Then there are those who represent the "national capital", who have also closed off the economic regime to a few "patriotic" trading houses, or tight net limited partnerships or "corporations". No one is fooled by the fallacy of this exaggerated affluence, as great pains are gone through to bring out the most unique fancy stone work; marble encasement or reflective glass that encases the highly plush residences those sullen faces must see as they pray silently that another less extravagant route could be found that will take them to their destinations. There is really nothing aesthetic in the manifestation of ego rather than art, which these mostly humble people are literally forced to see on the South side of the City of Sana'a, because this limited area of the city has become a ghetto of extravagance far beyond what even Haroun Al-Rashid could ever have come up with in the Golden Age of the Abbasid Caliphate. What happened to all the humility and down to earth sensitivities that are truly expected of true believers in Allah, when the eyes see so much that is surely not what all the prophets and messengers of God have taken great pains to instill in the human philosophical and spiritual inertia? Where are the foundations of a sound and judicious social order, where equal opportunity, honesty and integrity are the essence of the social context that all true believers not only have a right to be a part of but must enjoy, if we can truly claim to have succumbed to the will of Allah, the Almighty? This is all out of league with what the "predecessors" have not only taught about Islam, but indeed insisted that their own lives should be true manifestations of such ideal beliefs, as related by Mr. Walid Al-Saqqaf in his regular column the story of the Great Caliph Omar Ibn Al-Khattab and the direct and indirect exchanges of public disdain, reflected by one of the most destitute of the constituency he is accountable to God for. There are so many elaborations of this theme of the humility that the rulers must project and the justice they must apply, even in their own personal "private" interactions with the public domain. Those faces in the minibuses have often turned their faces upwards and pointed their fingers in soul searching prayers towards the Heavens, because deep down in the heart and minds of the bearers of those fretful facial expressions, there is still a downright strong understanding that the Lord Al-Mighty is on their side rather than on the side of those show-offs that reside in the plush palaces of Hadda and the Diplomatic Quarter of the City of Sana'a.

# Greater Israel: A dream closer to fulfillment

By ABID ULLAH JAN

A terrible, terrible time is ahead. Nevertheless, we are so indulged in our personal affairs and so mesmerized by the "mainstream" media's onslaught and biased presentation of the international issues that we fail to see beyond what it wants us to see.

We fail to see that the US and Israel are well on their course to materialize the Zionist dream of Greater Israel and fulfill God's promise to Abraham in the Bible: "To your descendants I give this land from the River of Egypt to the Great River, the river Euphrates."

The US and Israel, self-deluded into the most-superior-states syndrome, are set to surpass all previous records of bloodletting in human history. They have set a stage. They have acquired all the required resources. They have turned the UN into more irrelevancy than its predecessor, the League of Nations. And they have made the rest of the world more helpless before their outlaw behavior than it was before Hitler in the late 1930s. Yet the world lives with a hope that things will change for better.

Things are not going to change for better. No one can stop the upcoming bloodshed in the Middle East because no one is ready to act for better. The so-called world leaders know; the UN knows and people all over the world smell the unfolding bloody adventures in the Middle East, but the seeming helplessness on all sides is making the upcoming bloodshed inevitable.

The three well known and basic causes that make the coming holocaust inevitable are:

The incompetent United Nations, where the unjust distribution of power in the UNSC and meaninglessness of the General Assembly have crippled this seemingly all powerful organization. The world lived with this injustice since its inception. However, all consequences are coming home to roost at the end of the Cold War and the beginning of the untold-dream of an American Empire. The world kept watching the resultant "shock and awe" when the US went around the UN to invade and occupy Iraq. The whole world would keep helplessly watching as the Israeli terrorist machine churn into top gear. What other limits helpless would have when the UNSC is not even able to condemn Israel for attacking sovereign member state due to the fear of US veto.

Realizing that the UN is not founded on the principles of justice and knowing that it is not in a position to dispense justice, countless suggestions are floating for democratizing the UNSC; for giving veto power to more countries; for abolishing veto altogether; for giving veto power to a representative country of the Muslim world as well, etc. However, no one seems to be in a position to transform the UN into a body that could provide real justice to the suffering humanity anywhere in the world. Getting along the injustice and the inability to bring a meaningful change to the UN system would be one of the primary causes of the coming conflict.

Everyone admits that Israel is not supposed to occupy Arab lands and continue to subjugate a people with force indefinitely. Everyone admits that the United States need not sponsor oppression, subjugation and terrorism

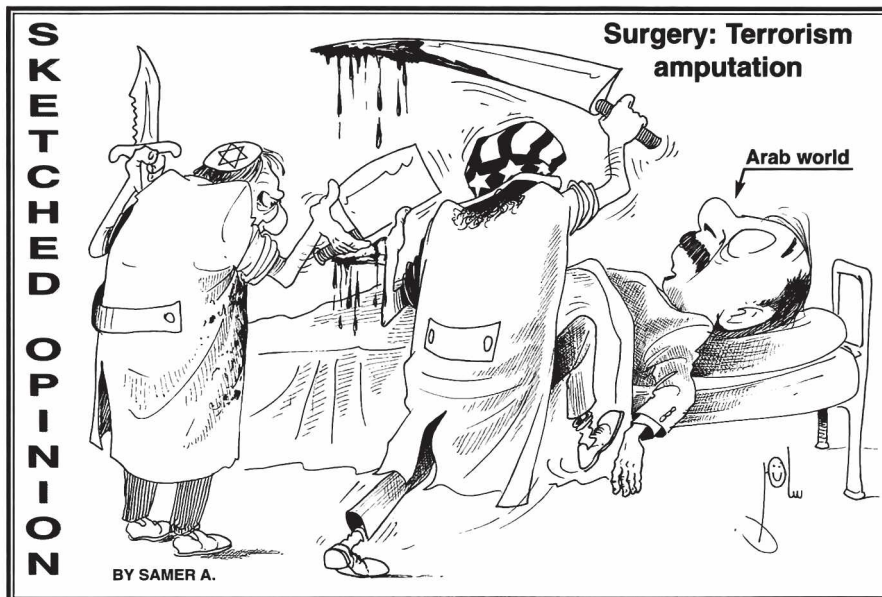
of the Israeli state. But the world, which was quick enough to end Iraqi occupation of Kuwait, does not have the will or a way to relieve thousands upon thousands of the Palestinians from Israeli oppression. The so-obvious helplessness of the whole world before US-Israeli aggression and continued terrorism is the second direct factor that will hasten the coming bloodshed irrespective of the rest of the world hoping that things will change for better without our taking any meaningful action.

Muslims' inability to change their status from divided sitting ducks to a united bloc for defending their rights, or at least, effectively demand justice for themselves. It is beyond all logic that only they are wrong in Palestine, Chechnya, Kashmir, Bosnia, Iraq, Afghanistan, Iran, Syria, Saudi Arabia, Pakistan, Sudan, and keep naming.

Besides the above mentioned major factors, the realities which are the building blocks to this coming Arab holocaust are as follows:

The world, including the UN, has left resolving the issue of Israeli occupation only to the aggressor (Israel) and its sponsor (the US), who will never come up with a just solution. Possibilities of conflict-escalation are wide open, whereas there is no solution at all after Israel's rejection to vacate the occupied Arab lands. Thus, the conflict will definitely escalate to the uncontrollable levels.

Three of Netanyahu's advisors - Perle, Feith, and David Wurmser - occupy top spots in the foreign policy councils of the Bush administration, where their fulsome support for the Iraq war helped implement the first part of the plan for Greater Israel. After



calling the US numerous times for attacking Syria and Iran, after noticing the Americans deterred from launching future wars due to the unpleasant political and military blowback emanating from that deepening quagmire, changing public opinion for "no wars in '04," and the news of secret peace talks between Washington and Tehran, the Israelis resorted to playing their trump card by attacking Syria. At the same time, Bush told the aggressor that it had the right to defend itself.

The world is silent as the US Congress slapped economic sanctions on Syria for "sponsoring terrorists, seeking weapons of mass destruction and occupying Lebanon," just three days after Israeli attack on Syria, clearly ignoring Israeli WMD, endless occupation and state terrorism. Just two days before Israeli attack on Syria, the Bush administration gave Congress the go-ahead to approve new U.S.

penalties against the Damascus regime.

Israel's military launched build-up along its borders with Lebanon and Syria.

Iran is not out of sight. Soon after the outbreak of regional violence, Iran will definitely become the target of US Israeli aggression.

Despite Israel's refusal to approve the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty, in addition to strong speculations that Israel owns up to 300 nuclear warheads and the Arab League's most recent assertion to the IAEA that Israel now has the capability of producing a hydrogen bomb, the US does not consider Israel an 'imminent' danger" and the world has no means to address this problem.

The US and its president are totally helpless before the Christian extremists, who put Israel's interest first. Their torch bearers, such as Pat

Robertson and Jerry Falwell, believe Israeli hegemony in the Middle East represents the fulfilment of Biblical prophecy about the coming of Jesus. A prophecy, in their view, can be self-fulfilling; it is, however, their Christian duty to expedite it. These themes are the ever-increasing force behind conservative support for Bush's war policy and the new efforts to spread the conflict to Syria, Iran, and beyond.

Keeping these realities in mind, it is hardly logical to deny — unless these trends and initiatives are effectively reversed — that an escalation of conflict and unprecedented bloodshed is imminent, and realization of the dream of Greater Israel is now a matter of years, not decades. Even if it moves beyond a decade for some unpredictable reasons, Greater Israel is an inevitable fate the world has to face due to its inability to cope with the aforementioned three root causes.

# How Blair got Britain into a war it didn't want

Geoffrey Wheatcroft  
International Herald Tribune

Barth, England On BBC radio the other morning, the Pentagon adviser Kenneth Adelman was talking about the war in Iraq. "It bothers me that people in Britain don't see it as people in America see it," he said. "We did a beautiful thing."

He is quite right in supposing that most people here don't see that. The trans-Atlantic gulf has grown wider since the invasion of Iraq, regardless of what Prime Minister Tony Blair likes to think. And now, with Blair's popularity at an all-time low, his temporary political success on Iraq looks ever more like a self-inflicted wound. As he said at his Labor Party conference last week, he is "more battered" - although also "stronger within" - than at any point in his six years in office.

His hold on power is still tenacious, and reports of his political death are exaggerated, thanks not least to what remains an unelectable Conservative Party. And yet his credibility has been badly damaged, with his approval ratings plummeting even before the weekend brought him more bad news. First came the report from David Kay's Iraq Survey Group. Like the White House, Downing Street tries to pretend that Kay vindicated the decision for war. But while the report shows that Saddam Hussein had the capacity to make chemical and biological weapons, and would have liked atomic weapons as well (all of which we knew already), it also makes clear that he did not have any such weapons available last spring.

This fact was embarrassingly confirmed by the second bit of bad news. Robin Cook, who served as Blair's foreign secretary from 1997 to 2001 but resigned from the government in March over the war, now says that the prime minister told him two weeks before fighting began that Saddam did not have any weapons of mass destruction ready for use.

Because of Blair's tendency to say different things to different audiences, some of us suspected that America should not necessarily count on him in the event of war. In that, we failed to foresee the truly remarkable way in which he would lead his country into a war it didn't want.

Perhaps we overlooked the warning signs. It is, after all, nine years ago this month that Blair took over a party he

never pretended to like, and he has since treated his colleagues with a disdain that is almost impressive.

After he became prime minister in 1997, one pressing decision was the future of the Millennium Dome in London, a black edifice that looked like a white elephant. We now know that almost the whole cabinet wanted to scrap it.

But Tony Blair takes after the college head who, according to Oxford legend, said after a vote in a college meeting had gone 22-1 against him, "I see we have deadlock." He prevailed, and the dome went ahead (to prove, as feared, an expensive fiasco). That was a trivial matter compared with Iraq, where the prime minister waged war against the wishes of most British people, and apparently of most Labor members of Parliament and most cabinet ministers. Well under half of voters supported the war beforehand. Once British soldiers were under fire (sometimes Iraqi fire, sometimes American) that figure of course rose sharply, but it has now fallen back to where it was in the spring.

Although Blair won his Iraq vote in the House of Commons by browbeating and cajoling, few imagine that there

was a majority of Labor members who truly wanted the war. It seems unlikely that there was even a sincere majority inside the cabinet.

Even though Jack Straw, Cook's successor at the Foreign Office, didn't resign, we have since learned that while he was prepared to give the Americans a friendly cheer from the bleachers, he too privately opposed the use of British troops. So did many other ministers, but they decided to swallow their principles and, as David Lloyd George once put it, to perish with their drawn salaries in their hands.

And yet for all the prime minister's political skills, and the way he overwhelms party and cabinet, and for all that his conduct may seem formidable in its sheer stubbornness, he cannot control events - or dictate public opinion.

Not only has the past year seen a drying up of the great well of sympathy for America that followed Sept. 11, but Blair's highly personal policy of unconditional support for Washington has turned sour.

"I ask just one thing," Blair said about Iraq. "Attack my decision but at least understand why I took it and why I would take the same decision again."

This sounded brave and sincere, except that his alleged "why I took it" is not the true one.

When he speaks about receiving intelligence "not just about Iraq but about the whole murky trade" in weapons of mass destruction, it has become painfully clear that this simply wasn't his real motive. Someone who saw through this was Hugo Young, the longtime columnist for The Guardian, who died last month. Young was a man of very high principle, who despite all he had seen retained a capacity to be shocked by political mendacity. He was also a liberal centrist with much fondness for America, if not for the Bush administration.

Shortly before his death, and maybe with an urgent sense of mortality, Young wrote a series of devastating columns. He put his finger on "the great overarching fact about the war that Blair will never admit but cannot convincingly deny." This was that "he was committed to war months before he said he was."

He was committed because he had persuaded himself - though not the British people - of the necessity of following the United States, come what may. Blair even elucidated this (albeit

only in private, as reliably recorded by the journalist Peter Stothard): "It would be more damaging to long-term world peace and security if the Americans alone defeated Saddam Hussein than if they had international support to do so."

And so what he insistently calls "my decision" was, in truth, made for him in Washington. After that, it was simply a matter of finding what the deputy secretary of defense, Paul Wolfowitz, has called "bureaucratic reasons" for war. And on that count, Blair performed a very useful service for President George W. Bush.

When the Cuba correspondent in "Citizen Kane" cables back to the newspaper that he could send "prose poems" about the scenery but that "there is no war," Charles Foster Kane replies, "you provide the prose poems - I'll provide the war." That, in effect,

was the deal between George Bush and Tony Blair.

And provide them Blair duly did, even if some of the prose rhapsodies - particularly those about 45-minute missile deployment and exotic minerals out of Africa - were just a little too fanciful. Now even the prime minister must begin to see the perverse consequences of this: far from a greater closeness between the two countries, there is now a palpable estrangement.

Although no cleverer or nicer than the Americans, the British are perhaps more literal-minded, with an innate distaste for being misled. More and more they sense that they were taken into war on false pretenses.

And, no, they do not think that this was such a beautiful thing.

The writer's books include "The Randlords" and "The Controversy of Zion."

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# Intensive preparations for Sana'a Cultural Capital, 2004



BY YASSER AL-MAYASI  
YEMEN TIMES STAFF

For several months Sana'a has been preparing for her crowning celebration as capital for the Arabian Culture in the year 2004.

All preparations have been ongoing for months now and had taken serious steps into seeing life. Minister of Culture and Tourism Mr. Khalid al-Rowishan announced the highlights of the plan prepared by the ministry to declare Sana'a as Arab culture capital. The plan is based on two principles; one concerning infrastructure and the other related to cultural and creative activities during the coming year.

Concerning the infrastructure part, this is based on building a cultural city in Old Sana'a - "Dar al-Hamd" especially that this mini city will include a number of infrastructure projects where there are three amphitheatres under construction, a sound and light theater, and a large modern theater being built. In addition to a musical center for Yemeni music that documents of all kinds of Yemeni musical arts since the beginning and until day, and all that had been mentioned about the Yemeni music in the Arab League and the UNESCO, the center includes a popular theater. Most of the musical and dance exhibitions are planned to take place in the latter.

Among the infrastructure projects as well is the establishing of a national center for manuscripts especially that Yemen possesses many historical old and ancient manuscripts that are kept in some of the mosques and with old families and now the attempt are to gather them all in one place. The documents will be bought from the owners and will be archived in the



Sana'a old city

center according to classification and type.

The Yemeni architecture will be displayed through huge modules describing the Yemeni cities in addition to that there will be a special fashion house for the Yemeni costumes from all around the country. A cinema hall will be created for showing films during the coming year. The movies will come from all around the Arab world especially from Oman. A hall for modern arts will be constructed and halls in the national museum will be renovated.

As for the programs that will take

place in 2004 they will start from January until December and throughout there will be events going on. The events include 12 national seminars and 8 Arab seminars, three Arab and international conventions where Arab intellectuals, artists and authors will participate in. There will be five exhibitions in poetry, stories, novels, plays, and folklore songs.

Sidewise with these cultural and artistic events an exhibition for poetry will take place where famous poets from around the Arab world will gather. Also there will be a similar exhibition for Arabic story and an exhibition

for books and a conference of Arabian sculptures.

The events will publish 35 scripts of the traditional books and translation of 5 books about Yemen into different languages. 100 books will be printed of various modern creative works for Yemeni intellectuals and artists as well as Arab writers. Twenty-five books for women and children will be printed and 500 titles will be printed. Around 100 Arab personalities will be invited and hosted during the events varying from cultural, intellectual and artistic personalities in the Arab world.

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## The future of tourism and its development in Yemen

### The Tourist Potentials of Hunaish Archipelago:

The Isles of Hunaish Archipelago are counted amongst the most beautiful sites for scuba diving. They are readily qualified to attract tourists due to the unmatched marine beauty underlying there underwater which house various kinds of fish including decorative fish. This qualifies them to become an attractive tourist destination as affirmed by many diving connoisseurs and amateurs who have started to flood of different European nationalities.

### The Natural Potentials of Hunaish Archipelago Isles:

The natural elements are available for the archipelago isles in terms of highlands, beaches, and marine species such as the decorative fish and corals, which are available at depths ranging between 38-140 feet. All of which are significant tourist advantages permitting the diversification of the tourist product into recreational such as sandy beaches, mountainous trekking, scuba diving amongst colorful corals and decorative fish in addition to other natural and environmental constituents and properties.

### The Natural of Hunaish Archipelago Beaches:

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### The Climate in the Archipelago:

The climate in the read sea is almost identical throughout the year yet in Mid-October until April the weather becomes cooler. The Continued Sunlight: its density exceeds 500 Watt/M most of the year.

### The Temperature:

The water surface of the red sea increases to the south until it reaches 30-38 degrees centigrade in summer as for deep sea it ranges between 56-61 degrees centigrade.

### The Relative Humidity:

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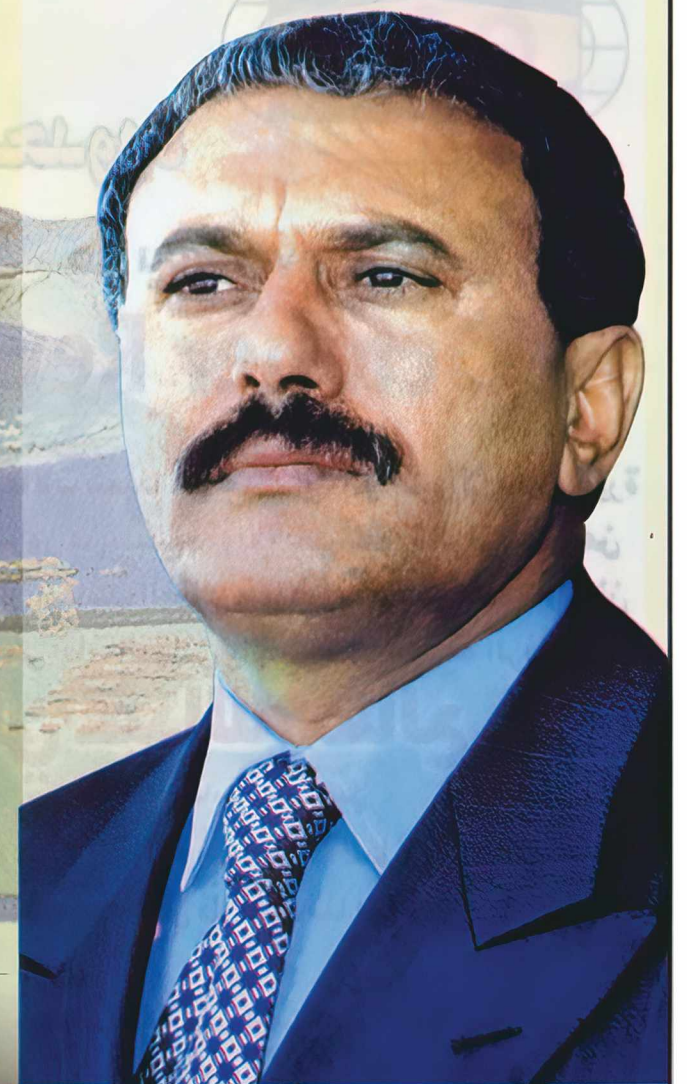


إن عظمة الثورة اليمنية تتمثل في إنجازاتها التاريخية، وفي هذا اليوم الذي سطعت فيه شمس الحرية وأرست خطى المستقبل المشرق ونحن تحتفل اليوم بالذكرى الأربعين لقيام الثورة اليمنية، نتذكر بكل وفاء وعرفان التضحيات الشجاعة التي قدمها شهداؤنا الأبرار... وهذه المناسبة الغالية يسرنا أن نرفع أزكى آيات التهاني والتبريكات لإبن اليمن البار وقائد مسيرتها التنموية محقق وحدتها فخامة رئيس الجمهورية

## الأخ / علي عبدالله صالح

والى ابنه شعبنا العظيم

## الهيئة العامة للمناطق الحرة المنطقة الحرة بعدن



# Local Press

Prepared by Mohammed Khidhr



**Al-Wahdawi weekly, organ of the Nasserite Unionist Organisation, 7 Oct. 2003.**

## Main headlines:

- Unionist Organisation calls for confronting the attack on Syria
- A government means for seizing oil revenues surplus
- Security attacks and provocations against Taiz University employees
- Fedayeen operations begin in Baghdad, British soldiers abuse Islam
- Journalist appeals to Human Rights Minister

Columnist Abdulbasit Mohammed Abdulla says the revolution for the Yemeni citizen has many indications and meanings. It means that he is free in his expression and what he does and there is no power governing him but the power of the law. The revolution means that the citizen finds security and safety at home and work and his movements. He should be able to find the suitable job for him and his family to sustain it and to find justice prevalent. The journalist finds in the revolution the freedom to write. All of us think the revolution means we find the essential services offered to us and to be able to invest our capitals in the country while being sure against any loss as a result of fraud or cheating. Also the revolution means that the official and the citizen must be treated equally before the law. Above all those meanings the revolution means that the citizen feels he is a human being having rights guaranteed by the law and the constitution.



**Al-Wahda weekly, 8 Oct. 2003.**

## Main headlines:

- YR 111 million for residence allowances, and 71 millions for MPs companions
- Three companies chosen to implement the e-government
- Cabinet approves agreement on fishing in high seas waters
- 24 companies offer tenders for

building the gas power station in Marib

Columnist Nour Baabbad says in her article we are suffering from complicated development and daily hindrances represented by fraud and lies in addition to negligence and red tape. These obstacles interact and join hands to form a phenomenon and rather practice divulging an ugly image of it. The aspects of this appear in inability, delay and failure and then it is explained simply as bad choice and ill implementation. We find peoples progress in their life and countries develop and coming generations are guaranteed to live a good life not because of the riches they possess but rather due to the good use of them and because of good planning. We are in need of removing corruption from our country and society so that services are at hand of every individual and to the remotest part of the country. The main point is the mechanism of peaceful transfer of power which is the responsibility of the legislator, meaning the people. The principle of monitoring and accountability should be enhanced, especially regarding the government performance and that of the parliament and the MPs themselves. Corruption is not existing only in the government but it is also there in civil society organisations such as buying the conscience of a political party or organisation and thus results in diverting it from its proper course. Corruption is also there at the family level when a group would exploit another one. Corruption begins with degrading morals, lack of monitoring and failure in applying the law.



**Al-Raia al-A'am weekly, 7 Oct. 2003.**

## Main headlines:

- GPC and YSP rapprochement threatens the JMP
- Governor of Hadramout involved in operations of selling public pieces of land and sports establishments
- Transport minister Al-A'moudi hampers a number of agreements on

## Main headlines

- 115 prisoners at political security under requests of the American ambassador
- Following his assassination attempt, al-Basha militiamen continue horrifying al-Udain inhabitants
- Some security officials protect outlaws
- GPC welcomes YSP call for political dialogue
- Exiles continue their return home
- The EU supports development projects in Yemen
- Yemen accession to GCC health ministers council, celebrated
- Inauguration of 2nd security deployment plan in all governorates
- A Yemeni youth assigned in charge of al-Qaeda in the Gulf
- America and Spain prepare for a strike at "Moslem Brotherhood" organisation
- Official statistics disclose: 30% of societies & establishments affiliate of Labour Affairs ministry, illegal
- American plan to change Arab school curricula
- Political security releases al-Zaidi after interrogation
- Air attack on Syria planned months ago
- Scheme for implementing assassinations, attacking western interests in Yemen
- U.S. Assistant Secretary of State: Security & development a Yemeni not American problem
- UN opposes American draft resolution on Iraq
- Al-Shaif accuses National Committee on Human Rights of domination
- PM asks more aid under pretext of fighting terror
- Al-Salami: Additional appropriation needed by central and local authorities
- Salem Saleh: Merging parties of similar approaches not against pluralism, it strengthens opposition partisan action
- Civil service postpones announcement of those accepted for employment
- Israel remembers October war by striking Syria
- Budget of 2004 to be referred to parliament mid of this month
- American-Indian military manoeuvres in Arabian Sea
- Yemen & 25 countries at Seyoun conference for sciences

transport

- Lukewarm reception of Haitham Qasem Taher by the YSP leaders
- Industry minister opens Ramadhan exhibition in Sana'a

The newspaper editorial a new strike was recently dealt to another Arab country, the republic of Syria and this time by Israel. Tel Aviv has targeted one of the great Arab capitals following the United States had managed to defeat the capital of the Mesopotamia under the support of its satellite Britain amidst silence an ignoring of the Arab rulers. If Syria had been exposed to an ordeal similar to that which the happened in Iraq many of the Arab regimes would adopt a spectator attitude towards it if not that of neutrality. As for political support and creation of a state of tumult, it is the stand of the Arab regimes that are used to do for years. The question is what Arab capital is next? We believe that the talk will continue and this impudent military act by Israel would be accompanied by a political act aimed at blackmailing Syria to the limits and this would make it necessary for the sisterly Syria to seek for creating an international support and conducting a kind of coordination and effective dialogue with capitals in which it feels confidence or sharing it the destiny. Here it seems that Tehran is closer to Damascus than any Arab capital or capitals.



**Al-Mithaq weekly, organ of the GPC, 6 Oct. 2003.**

## Main headlines:

- 2 million square meters of land in Aden to be used for compensating those whose properties had been nationalised
- Aden port resumes receiving huge container ships
- Oil minister Barabba': Arab conference on mineral wealth would usher available opportunities for investment
- local councils conference ...comprehensive evaluation of all aspects of local authority performance
- Planning minister: Yemen's economic

my achieved a growth by 3.6%; government feels necessity of intensifying efforts for improving growth

Columnist Abdulaziz al-Maqaleh says the concept of terror with all its ugliness cannot contain the role the Zionist entity is playing in Palestine and what it represents of invasion, usurpation, occupation and continuous attempts to annihilate the people of Palestine.

No doubt that there is a feeling of bitterness and sorrow sweeps the Arab homeland towards what is happening to their brethren in Palestine represented by the killing and destruction and terror around the clock. What exacerbates them more is that the Zionist entity use of the word terror to describe the resistants of suppression and annihilation to push away from itself the characteristic of terror and attach it to others who resist its madness and terrorism. Has time approached for the world public opinion to realise more clearly that is the terrorist, and then would not stop at the negative sympathy and issuing statements and protests? Has time not come for world governments to start acting for putting an end to suffering of the Palestinian people and save the future of humanity future from the danger of the real terror represented by the Zionist entity?



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On the occasion of our celebrations of The 41 anniversary of the 26th of Sept. And 40 of the 14th of Oct. and the great Achievements which spread all over the country. We would like to pay our heartfelt Congratulations to the president of the Republic

## Ali Abdullah Saleh

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## I. What to Say

Situations and Expressions (56):  
Wedding Anniversary

**T**he first bond of society is a marriage', says Cicero. It is said that marriages are made in heaven and consummated on earth. Whatever the cynics may say to the contrary, marriage is a sacred institution that heralds the union of two hearts, two souls. It's a testament of love, a testimony of happy togetherness. That's why Shakespeare says: "Let me not to the marriage of true minds Admit impediments." A Wedding Anniversary is a happy occasion when two hearts locked in the bond of harmony assure themselves of many more years of mutual happiness. On this day, the partners, the stakeholders renew their pledge to be true to each other and cross yet more milestones. The well wishers of the couples also shower their good wishes on them. First, we present instances where the couple wish each other. Then we'll see the expressions used by others for the couple on the occasion of their wedding anniversary.

On our Anniversary I may not say it often but Honestly it's true. With all my love. I've never loved anyone as much as I love you. That's why I send this message from my heart to yours today to say I love you even more than words could ever say.

It's our 1st Anniversary: A celebration of the beautiful bond of love  
The vows we've exchanged,  
And the promises we made  
To be together forever  
And beloved  
My heart knows that  
This is just the beginning of a lifetime of loving each other.  
Happy Anniversary

We've sailed in the roughest of weathers,  
We've braved the strongest of winds,  
We've walked under blue skies,  
We've also soaked in the rain,  
We've kept the promise,  
We've even relished the pain  
So on this day, when we got tied in the nuptial knot,  
Let's repeat that  
What both of us shall forget not

### Anniversary Wishes (by well-wishers)

May this day shower a lot of love and affection on you. Congratulations on your wedding anniversary.

Wedding anniversary wishes for a special couple  
Love is a rose, tender and pure;  
Love is a tree, strong and secure,  
Love is an ocean,  
Love is for always,  
Love is in all things"

Wishing you joy  
In all that you do  
Wishing you dreams  
That are still to come true –  
But most of all – wishing you love  
And lots of happiness.  
Have a wonderful day.

Anniversary wishes  
For a wonderful pair  
Because, you're loved and respected  
For all that you've done.  
This comes with a wish  
That your own special day is  
A happy and memory filled one.  
Have a memorable Anniversary

Anniversary wishes for two amazing people  
You two remind what a happy marriage brings,  
Hope from today, more happiness springs in your world.  
You two complete each other so dearly,  
Let your love increase daily, monthly, yearly.

May love weave ties that lasts for ever  
And holds two lives, two hearts together."  
A special Anniversary wish for both of you.

May your marriage be a joyful joining of two hearts  
A beautiful blending of two lives, and  
May the love you share today  
Grow even more wonderful as time goes by.  
Congrats.

Your Wedding Anniversary is just the time to wish you love. Today is a special day in your lives to reflect on the joys of the past and to dream of all the tomorrows, knowing your love will last. Hoping your day is spent in the warmest and the happiest way, because it is true that a couple like you deserves the best. Happy Wedding Anniversary.

On your Wedding Anniversary  
Wishes to begin life anew  
Today, as you recount your journey  
That began with a happy heart and plans so new.  
Tomorrow, may you be content as all your dreams come true  
And...  
Always, may you be blessed with happiness,  
Enjoying each day, all life through.  
Heartiest wishes on your Wedding anniversary.

## II. How to Say it Correctly

Correct errors, if any, in the following sentences:

- Mr. Ali Abdullah Saleh is elected the President of Yemen.
- Because he worked hard, therefore he succeeded in the exam.
- Not only he insulted me but assaulted me also.
- I never have and will never disobey my elders.
- One must put it in exactly the right place in relation with the other words.

### Suggested answers to last week's questions

- Although it was hot, yet Mahyoub was wearing a woolen coat.
- We were all happy at Mr. Al-Kamali's having been awarded the prize.
- The Holy Quran preaches that we should love one another.
- I saw him leaning against the wall.
- The matter has been discussed both in the press and at the platform.

## III. Increase Your Word Power

### (A) How to express it in one word

- An animal that eats its own kind.
- One who abstains completely from alcoholic drinks.
- Murder of a king.
- A man whose manners are more like those of a woman.
- A medicine to counteract the effect of poison.

### Suggested answers to last week's questions

- One who undergoes the penalty of death for sticking to his faith: **martyr** (n)
- One who abandons his religious faith: **apostate** (n)
- One who is given to questioning the truth of facts and the soundness of inferences: **sceptic** (n)
- One who resides in a country of which he is not a citizen: **alien** (n)
- Belonging to all parts of the world: **cosmopolitan** (adj)

## (B) Words Commonly Confused

Bring out differences in meaning of the following pairs of words

- rite, right;
- yoke, yolk;
- gamble, gambol;
- gaol, goal
- precedent, president

### Suggested answers to last week's questions

- accept** (vt) (consent to receive): The Dean accepted our suggestions.  
**except** (prep) (not including): He gets up early everyday except Friday.
- envelop** (vt) (cover on all sides): The fire enveloped the whole village in a short time.  
**envelope** (n) (a covering made of paper for a letter): I sent the envelope by registered post.
- hoard** (vt) (save, store): The thief hoards his treasure in a secret place)  
**horde** (n) (a large noisy and disorderly moving crowd): Hordes of children cross the road and cause traffic problems when the school is over.
- gaît** (n) (manner of walking): She has an attractive gaît.  
**gate** (n) (a movable frame which provides a way of entering or leaving): Please keep the gate closed.
- fain** (adv) (old use, with pleasure): I would fain obey what you say.  
**feign** (vt) (pretend): He feigns illness.

## (C) Phrases and Idioms

Give illustrative sentences using the following phrases

- to eat away;
- to grow upon
- hear someone out
- to hit upon;
- to keep hanging about

### Suggested answers to last week's questions

- to back up** (to support): We back up the ruling party in all their welfare programs.
- to blow over** (pass off): Have patience. The crisis will soon blow over.
- to bear out** (to substantiate): There is enough evidence to bear out the charges against the accused.
- to dispose of** (to sell): I have disposed of my old car.
- to close with** (accept): I'm glad you close with my offer.

## IV. Grammar and Composition

### (A) Grammar

Look at the situations below, and decide who you would call

- architect, baby sitter, gardener, plumber, carpenter
- The lawn needs mowing and the flower-beds are full of weeds.
- A radiator is leaking.
- You need some new cupboards in the kitchen.
- You want to make some additions and alterations to your house.
- You have been invited to go out on Friday evening, but you have a small child who should be looked after.

### Suggested answers to last week's questions

- What you said was untrue.
- Did what she said upset you?
- I haven't thought what I ought to do?
- What they suggested was practical.
- I don't understand what made him do it.

## V. Pearls from the Holy Quran

"... For Allah never do injustice to Those who serve Him."  
S3:A182

## VI. Words of Wisdom

"You are always a valuable, worthwhile human being because you decide to believe so."  
—Wayne Dyer

# ELT International Conference at Hodeidah University

BY YEMEN TIMES REPRESENTATIVE

**T**he second International Conference on English studies (7-9 October) organized by Hodeidah University looked at the issues surrounding **Critical Discourse Analysis (CDA)** from a variety of perspectives. The conference, which was attended by scholars from Yemen and India as well as from Sri Lanka, UAE and Iran, evoked enthusiastic response among the students and local teachers. As Prof. Chhanda Roy, the chairperson of the English department, said, "the ongoing conference is the continuation of the dream the faculty saw last year". The presentations, discussions, scintillating interventions and the range of ramifying concerns in the successive sessions covered a lot of ground in the discipline of English studies as well as unfolded a roadmap for the future.

In his keynote address Prof. Thiru Kandiah, professor of English at the University of Peradeniya (Sri Lanka), underlined the significance of head-on engagement with the material realities in the process of evolving homegrown traditions of ELT and appropriate teaching technology. This can be done by resisting the workings of the global ELT industry and its "teleological prescriptions." The need of the hour is, he argued, is to move beyond interrogation to the kind of negotiation which can effect real, context-specific changes in the world of ELT.

In his lucid and eminently accessible submission Prof. Damodar Thakur, chairman of the English Department, Faculty of Arts, Sana'a University, referred to the serious problems of reliability, particularly in countries with limited resources. Pressing his point further, Prof. Thakur said that a number of devices like analytic reading, moderation meeting, a judicious construction of rating scales, ongoing monitoring of rater performance and training scheme for raters have been suggested to ensure a high degree of rater reliability during the last few decades but these packages are expensive and often ineffective. He made a strong plea for tests which are neither too atomistic and reductionism nor maximally inclusive of the features of discourse so that validity and reliability can be ensured.

The keynote addresses embraced the issues involved in the theory and practice of **Translation** too. Basil Hatim, who teaches in the American University, Sharjah, (UAE), engaged with the notion of purpose in translation from several perspectives. As a counterpoint, Dr Said Faiq, focused on the role of translators as agents working within particular socio-cultural contexts of patronage. He pointed out how constraints and disciplinary demands of a socio-culturally defined master discourse with its centripetal pressures affect translation. Quite legitimately, inter-cultural translation, particularly between dominant and subaltern cultures, demonstrates the need for an interface of translation studies and critical discourse analysis in order to analyze the complex processes inherent in translating across cultures.

In the video-presented paper of Robert De Beaugrande the theme of prof. Raj N Bakshi, ethnography of communication and dramatic discourse by Shefali Bakshi, the dynamics of media discourse in Yemen by Prof. Vinod S. Dubey and women's writing and feminist poetics by Dr Indu Bhushan Sharma of Hodeidah University. Among other presentations of note were papers by Dr M.N.K. Bose (Ibb University), Prof. B. Krishnamurthy, Dr K. Thiagarajan and Dr Hamoud Kadha (Hodeidah University), as well as the contributions by Ehyia Amal Saleh of Shiraz University (Iran), Javed Gholamy of Tabriz University (Iran), Leila Razmjou of Maragheh Azad University (Iran), and R. Vivekanandan (Ibb University). Kudos to Prof. Chhanda Roy, her backroom boys and her colleagues, particularly Dr C. Srinivasan—a veritable live wire—for the logistics and technical support with state-of-the-art inputs to make the conference a grand success. In the end, the president of Hodeidah University, Prof. Abdallah Ahmed Gunaid, and the Dean, Faculty of education, Hodeidah, Dr Ibrahim Omer Hugari eminently deserve congratulations for marshalling resources to organize this ambitious conference in a city of modest infrastructure and in an institution of modest means.

the Conference was extensively itemized and explicated. According to him, critical discourse analysis (CDA) should be understood as a mode of dialectical thinking, a critical perspective rather than a uniform and well-defined methodology. It urges resistance to power and reconciliation between theory and practice in a more just and human social order. Notably, the reading practice required for this exercise designates discourse as all modes, means, and events of human communication and interaction, not simply a set of grammatical sentences in English nor just a coherent stretch of language.

Basing her submission on the current theoretical assumptions behind CDA, Dr Khawlah K.N. Ahmed, dean, faculty of arts, Hodeidah University, argued that theories and practices like **Critical Discourse Analysis** do not hold much potential for English literature teaching in EFL/ESL context. On the other hand, Prof. Ashok Kumar Sinha demonstrated how insights found in the literature on CDA can be used for informed textual analysis and enrichment of literature pedagogy.

Prominent among the issues discussed were contemporary critical discourses such as **postcolonialism** with a particular reference to Amitav Ghosh's narrative *In an Antique Land* (1992) by Dr Murari Prasad, Faculty of Education, Sadah, Sana'a University, **Neo-historicism** by Dr Sadeq R Mohammed, Ibb University, mother-tongue—English bilingualism in the countries of the "expanding circle" by



Valedictory function of the conference

# WONDERWORD

by DAVID OUELLET

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

## CLUES

Alarm	Cream	Liquor	Radio	Spirits
Balcony	Credit	Lost	Rates	Sport
Bath	Desk	Lotion	Refrigerator	Staff
Beer	Dining	Maid	Ring	Stool
Best	Door	Member	Robe	Sugar
Build	Drawers	Menu	Room	Tact
Business	Elevator	Microwave	Safe	Telephone
Cable	Food	Mints	Satellite	Television
Calls	Foyer	Mirror	Service	Think
Caps	Glasses	Mugs	Shampoo	Towel
Card	Hall	Near	Sheets	Travel
Check-in	Hangers	Need	Show	Tray
Class	Help	Operator	Shuttle	Unpack
Clean	Iron	Party	Signs	Video
Closet	Keys	Patio	Slippers	Wait
Coffee	Lamps	Pillows	Soap	Washes
Computer	Large	Plan	Soda	Wine
Connecting	Laundry	Pleasure	Sort	
Cozy	Lights	Promotion	Spas	

ANSWER NEXT WEEK

Last Week's Answer: Distribution

## HOTEL BOOKING

Solution: 9 letters

R	C	S	H	O	W	D	S	E	L	C	S	A	P	S	R	P	M	O	T
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Participants on the sidelines of the conference



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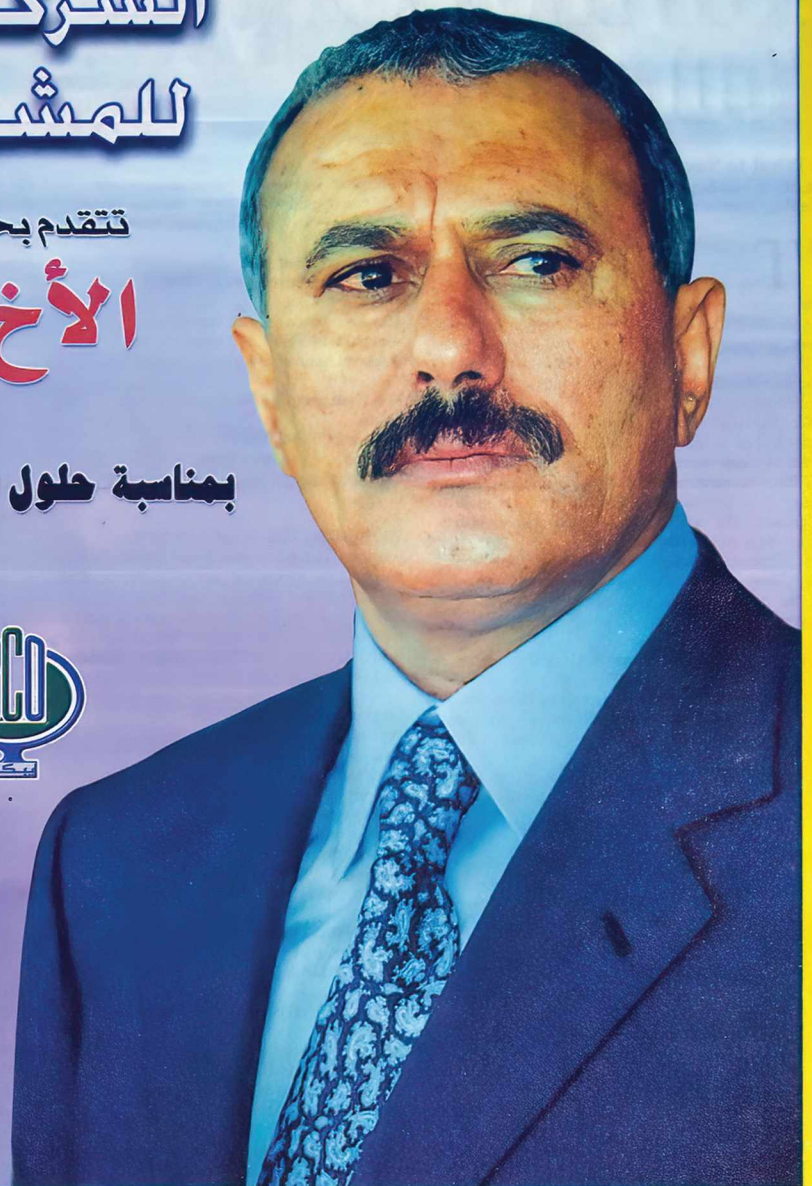
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*On the occasion of the 40th anniversary  
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**Location:**  
The archipelago of Hunaish is located in the territorial waters of Yemen, pin pointedly west of the famous Khokha Beach 18-28 knots. Alkhokha city is located 130 kilometers south of Hodaidah at the distance of Km 40 to the north of Mokha town. The Archipelago includes many islands of which are: Greater Hunaish, Little Hunaish, Jabal Zuqar and other small islands.

**Greater Hunaish Island:**  
Located to the south of Little Hunaish 3.5 Knots away at latitude 13.44 north of the equator and the Longitude 42.54 to the east of Greenwich, 26 knots to the west of Khokha and 26 knots from the Yemeni Shoreline. Its area is 65 square km and it consists of rocky mountainous highlands at most in addition to some basins in many areas. The highest mountain is m430 above sea level. The island possesses a major desalination station, Electrical Generators and a lighthouse at the northernmost tip.

**Little Hunaish Island:**  
Located to the south of Jabal Zuqar Island at the distance of 10 knots to the northeast of Greater Hunaish. Its area is about sqkm9 and lies at 2 knots away from Greater Hunaish, 26 knots from Al-Khokha to the northwest and 20.5 knots away from the Yemeni coastline. The Yemeni fishermen are found at these islands where they live for many months during summer and shield themselves from monsoon winds during winter.



**Zuqar Mountain Island:**  
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**Siool Hunaish Island:**  
Located to the south of Greater Hunaish at the distance of 2.7 knots, 30 knots from the Yemeni Shoreline and has got an area of Sqkm3. Hunaish Archipelago includes other islands such as: Haycock, the Rock, the Rotund, the Southwestern Haycock, Middle Haycock, the Northwestern Haycock,

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**Access Routes to the Islands of Hunaish Archipelago:**  
Access routes to the isles are secured through the maritime lines as each of the said isles connects with all the moorings in Khokha, Qataba Village, Mawshij and the neighbouring areas. The access is also secured through one of the following Yemeni seaports: Mokha Seaport: located Km40 south of Al-Khokha. Hodaidah Seaports: located Km 130 to the north of Al-Kkookha. Aden Seaports: located

Km 340 to the southeast of Al-Khokha. There are also four international airports serving access to the isles to the Hunaish Archipelago and they are as follows: Hodaidah International Airport: located km 130 to the north of Al-Khokha. Taiz International Airport: located km 180 to the southeast of Al-Khokha. Aden International Airport: located Km180 to the southeast of Al-Khokha. Sana'a International Airport: located km 384 to the northeast of Al-Khokha. The Yemeni coastline is also linked by a new strategic road, which is being built in order to link the fraternal States of Yemen and KSA via Midi at Hajjah Governorate, Yemen and Oman via Hawf at Mahra Governorate.

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