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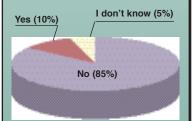


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Sa'ada locals experience catastrophe as fighting remains fierce

By: Mohammed Bin Sallam

SA'ADA, May 6 - Bloody clashes between the Yemeni army and Houthi loyalists remain fierce in various parts of the restive governorate, Sa'ada tribal sources said, adding that the army has been attempting to control several districts, including Razih, Ghamer, Shadha and Bagem located west of Sa'ada, since last Wednesday.

The same sources clarified that authorities are preventing food supplies from reaching residents in these areas as punishment for accepting the presence of Houthi loyalists, as well as to force them to fight the rebels in a similar way as has happened in other areas.

The siege has complicated the human situation, with locals in besieged areas narrating that the situation is going from bad to worse as thev experience difficulty obtaining rice, wheat and fuel for vehicles and water pumps, noting that when they do get fuel, they pay three times the price for

Dhahian city and Bani Mu'ath areas have been subjected to a similar siege that's continued since the new Sa'ada governor decided to prevent food supplies and gas cylinders from reaching

Currently, the Yemeni army is positioning in Al-Bisbasa area between Razih and Ghamer districts and fiercely battling Houthi loyalists with the aim of restoring Al-Qal'ah city in central Razih District, which Houthis dominated two weeks ago.

In Al-Safra district, there is fierce fighting in areas surrounding Dammaj,







- 1. A Burning Military Personnel Transporter inside Dhahian.
- 2. Fighter Airplane just struck four targets in a Dhahian neighborhood. 3. A Destroyed Tank, attacked by Houthi insurgents just outside of Dhahian.
- 4. Civilians left Dhahian towards the mountains and borders where

addition to sporadic clashes in the areas of Al-Ablah, Al-Sinarah and Al-Abdain. The situation is calm in Dhahian, Al-Saifi and Suq Al-Talh, but on full alert in expectation of the war erupting at any moment, particularly after new troop reinforcements reached

air stricks against them are less likely.

Al-Ayyam daily newspaper reported that Yemeni government troops deployed in areas of Bani Mu'ath began withdrawing on Saturday morning. It said the withdrawal came after several military units failed to imple-Kahlan and Al-Qahlah Mountains, in ment their plans aimed at clearing the

area of Houthis still deployed there where they launch offensives upon the army from time to time. Houthi offensives have killed several troops and destroyed military equipment.

On the Safra front, the daily newspaper reported on Saturday that military units positioned in Kahlan Camp launched fierce offensives, employing tanks, mortars and missiles on the mountains of Al-'Adhal, Al-Ghail, Al-Oufl and Barash, as well as other mountains surrounding Dammaj area where Houthis are amassed.

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US report highlights terrorism activities

By: Mohammed Al-Jabri

SANA'A, May 5 - The Republic of Yemen took action against al-Qaida and local extremists, arresting several individuals suspected of having Al-Qaeda ties and prosecuting the perpetrators of previous terrorist acts, a US report on terrorism has said.

However, the report said that the government's capacity for stemming terrorism funding remained limited. "In 2004, the UN 1267 Sanctions Committee designated prominent Yemeni Sheikh Abd al-Majid al-Zindani for his association with Al-Qaeda. The Yemeni government took no action to bar his travel or freeze his assets in compliance with its UN obligations. Throughout the year, President Saleh voiced public support for Zindani and his Al-Iman University," the report added.

The report, titled Country Reports on Terrorism, was released by the US States Department on April 30. It highlighted terrorist activities that took place during 2006 worldwide, including Yemen.

According to the report, Yemen used its Islamic Dialogue Committee, headed by a leading judge, to continue its dialogue with detainees arrested for connections to terrorist groups and extremist elements.

"The government released detainees and considered rehabilitating them after they pledged to uphold the Yemeni constitution and laws, the rights of non-Muslims, and the inviolability of foreign interests. However, no comprehensive program existed to monitor recidivism rates. Also, an undisclosed number of released detainees from previous years reportedly have traveled to Al-Qaeda to participate in attacks against Coalition Forces," it said.

2006 terrorist activities

According to the report, approximately 14,000 terrorist attacks occurred in various countries during 2006, resulting in over 20,000 deaths. Compared to 2005, attacks rose by 3,000, a 25 percent increase in 2006 while deaths rose by 5,800, a 40 percent increase.

The US observed several activities carried out by terrorist groups in Yemen.

On September 15, two coordinated attacks on oil facilities in eastern Yemen resulted in the deaths of all four attackers and one Yemeni security official. A group calling itself al-Qaida in Yemen claimed responsibility. One day after the attack, security forces arrested four individuals on suspicion of links to the attack and for planning attacks in Sanaa on Yemeni government and Canadian Nexen oil company facilities. The investigations of the oil facility and Sana'a attacks continued but no charges were filed.

On February 3, 23 suspected AL-QAEDA supporters escaped from a maximum security prison in Sana'a. Among the escapees were individuals convicted of participating in the 2000 USS Cole and 2002 M/V Limburg attacks, including the alleged organizer of the Cole attack, Jamal Badawi.

On October 1, the U.S.-trained Central Security Counterterrorism Unit killed two of the most dangerous escapees, Foaz al-Rabie, who was sentenced to death, in absentia, in 2004 for his role in the M/V Limburg attack, and Mohammed al-Dhailami. Both of them were alleged to have organized the September oil facility attacks. In total, eight escapees surrendered and security forces killed three. Continued on page 2

Activists protest Information Ministry's behavior

By: Saddam Al-Ashmori

SANA'A, May 6 — Representatives of civil community organizations, politicians, women leaders, journalists, lawmakers and students staged a sit-in Saturday at the Ministry of Information in solidarity with Women Journalists Without Chains because the ministry has refused to grant the organization a license to issue a newspaper.

WJWC Chairwoman Tawakul Karman believes the Ministry of Information's behavior aims to restrict press freedom and violates the Yemeni Constitution, which grants citizens the right to own media outlets. Additionally, she pointed out that ministry officials are prolonging or suspending issuing many licenses.

In a statement released Sunday, the Yemeni Teachers Syndicate described the Ministry of Information's decision as "strange," as well as a setback to government officials' pledges to

encourage press freedom and media plurality.

Veteran politician Mohammed Qahtan, a member of Islah Party's higher authority, who participated in the protest, declared in a statement to the WJWC that, "The ministry's passive attitude toward the sit-in is a negative indicator about the regime. It implies that the regime communicates to citizens that it responds only to uncivilized acts," adding that this is a dangerous indicator.

Qahtan commented that imposing restrictions on free press is part of the ruler's mood, which has been manifested in the way he treats people. According to him, the matter requires all Yemenis to engage in peaceful revolution against those who seek to control their liberty.

The opposition leader noted that Yemenis were the first in the region to revolt for the sake of acquiring their rights and freedoms, and they sacrificed themselves for these things.

Joint Meeting Parties official



Journalists and Activists during the protest.

participated in the sit-in. He clarified that what took place on Saturday [reflects protestors' absolute rejection of any restrictions imposed on press freedom. Al-Sabri demanded the Ministry of Information lift the chains it has imposed on media freedom and respond to the protestors' demands.

"Today, we came to this place to express solidarity with the WJWC to claim its constitutional and legal rights, which the Ministry of Information is denying," Member of Parliament Fouad Dehaba said in a statement to the WJWC. "We don't expect the ministry to behave this way, as such conveys a bad impression about Yemen's

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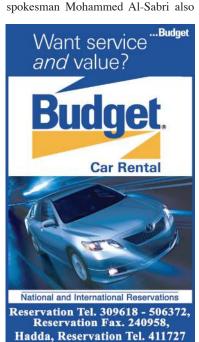
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In brief

Dengue Fever in Hudeidah

May 6 — Doctors in private and government hospitals in Hudeidah suspect a spread of Dengue fever epidemic. A number of patients have been admitted to the hospitals with symptoms of high fever, strong headaches, low white blood cell count and skin rash among other symptoms.

KSA Security Investigation visits Yemen

May 6 — Prince Abdulaziz bin Hamad bin Abdulaziz deputy Saudi security investigation authority is currently on an official visit to Yemen. He has met with the president as well as security authority figures to discuss investigation and security issues between the two countries.

Two kids die and more than 10

injured in a bomb explosion May 5 — In a back alley behind Al-THawra hospital in Taiz, four kids were killed and more than 10 were injured after fiddling with a hand grenade. The kids were collecting plastic bags and bottles to sell them to recycling factories when one found the grenade and started hitting it against the floor in order to see what's inside it.

Old man caught sneaking explosives into army camp

May 5 - Securities captured an old man carrying a box of explosives while trying to enter an army camp in Ataq. The senior man claimed he is there to visit his sons and is carrying a box of dates for them. The security searched the box and found explosives hidden behind a layor of dates.

Dhamar

Prisoners demand justice

May 5 — Thirty four detainees in Dhamar prison in charges of being affiliated to Al-Houthi rebels in Sa'ada demanded their release. They called on civil society and human rights organization to investigate their detention which has lasted more than three months since February, claiming that it is based on false accusations.

Coastguards training mission completed

May 5 — The French military ship (Daj) left Aden harbor on Saturday carrying 30 Yemeni coastguards for training mission. The training comes within the framework of the mutual military cooperation between Yemen and France.

Qat dealers form a union in Aden

May 5 — An official labor union for Qat dealers in Aden was announced this week in Sira governorate. The announcement came from the Yemeni labor union's branch in Aden in attempt to protect the rights of Qat sellers and retailers and regulate this business.

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Mass wedding preparation for 440 couples

May 6 — On the occasion of the Yemeni Unity anniversary taking place this year in Ibb, preparations are on going to facilitate the marriage for 440 couples. The weddings which are sponsored by the governorate and organized by the Endowment office will take place on the 23rd of this month. The brides and grooms to be are among those working in the endowment sector or those with special requirements.

Lahj

Demonstrations against land raids

May 5 — Tens of citizens from Beer Jabar of Tibn district marched in a demonstration, denouncing the raid on their lands by the authorities and influential people under the pretext of fake associations.

A press statement issued by the leaders in the area complained that some influential people claimed the lands for the sake of building associations and started building small block rooms in them. They demanded the governorate to take action immediately and set the record straight.

State Responds to Police Pensioners' Demands

SANA'A, May 5 — Both partisan and media sources report that military and security leaders have promised to improve the living conditions of those personnel forced to retire following the 1994 Civil War.

The sources add, "Deputy Premier Interior Minister Rashad Al-Alimi last week ordered forming a committee headed by Deputy Minister of Interior for Financial Affairs Riyadh Al-Qirshi to look into the demands of the ministry's pensioners, who initiated an open sit-in last month in conjunction with a similar sit-in by armed forces pensioners."

Meanwhile, the committee decided to reinstate to their units those who were forced to retire and illegally referred to pension, as well as grant them their entitlements, including recent salary increases ensured according to the Wages and Salary Law.

Similarly, the Ministry of Defense is preparing to resolve the problems of army pensioners in collaboration with the Civil Service Ministry. Preparations will include those from southern and eastern Yemen who were forced to retire and illegally referred to pension following the 1994 Civil War.

26September.net reported Abdullah Al-Kaboudi, director of financial affairs at the Defense Ministry, as saying that his ministry has conducted numerous meetings with concerned authorities to come up with solutions within the coming days.

Hundreds of pensioners from southern and eastern Yemen staged a peaceful sitin for more than a month, demanding settling their issues and granting them their deserved entitlements.

Yemeni authorities who won the 1994 Civil War discharged thousands of military and civil employees from southern and eastern Yemeni governorates.

In a letter to Prime Minister Ali Mujawar, the Social Pensioners Association in Aden, Abyan and Hadramout requested he include pensioners from those areas within the Wage Law's new salary strategy.

"Nearly two years have passed since July 7, 2005, when pensioners whose salaries are less than YR 15,978 deserved increases to become equal to the minimum salary of pensioners decided in the new strategy," the letter stated.

The pensioners also asked the prime minister to grant them their entitlements retroactively, beginning from July 1, 2006, as is the case with all state employees, in addition to raising the minimum salary of pensioners to YR 20,000 (approximately \$100).

The chairman of the pensioners association pointed out that the group sent lists of pensioners from Aden, Abvan and Hadramout to the Ministry of Civil Service and Insurance, which referred them to the Finance Ministry.

Many observers stress the importance of managing price hikes by increasing pensioners' salaries, noting that Article 63 of the Pension Law states that pensioners should receive 50 percent of any salary increase granted to those in service.

Although the law's second clause of Article 77 was implemented correctly, pensioners didn't receive their due increases, despite the fact that prices have increased 10 times since the Pension Law was issued.

In his research published by Al-Ayyam daily newspaper, former U.N. expert Mohammed Basharahil hints that Civil Service Minister Hamoud Al-Soufi is responsible for observing price increases and reporting the matter to President Ali Abdullah Saleh.

He suggests establishing an economic department at the Civil Service Ministry whose main tasks would be to observe price increases and their effect on citizens' lives, especially when such increases exceed five percent.

Basharahil pointed out that although the minimum wage was set at YR 20,000 in the 2005 Wages and Salary Law, prices so far have increased 35 percent. He maintains that after two years, Yemeni minimum wage actually should be no less than YR 100,000 after two years.

He adds that if there's no mechanism to implement appropriate laws, poverty among pensioners will increase.

Yemen to launch the Arab Traffic Week

SANA'A, May 6 - Ministry of interior and Ministry of Public health and Population in coordination with World Health Organization (WHO) launched the Arab Traffic Week, which is to be in the period of May 5-10, last Saturday all over the Yemeni governorates.

The Week aims to cast light on causes and serious consequences of traffic accidents especially among youths who constitutes 40% of traffic incidents' victims in Yemen. It will also include many activities aimed to raise awareness level regarding traffic rules and road safety.

It will be inaugurated with youths and students' parade. It is also to include holding an exhibition embodying the volume of suffering and losses resulted from traffic accidents as well as ways of preventing them. Additionally, it will include mobile cinema, TV symposiums, and many other activities related to the occasion.

In the same time, the Emeriti international committee and the Canadian training without barriers committee arranged on Saturday a training course in treating accident casualities which bestows participants

with new experience and skills in this regard. The course aims to train more than 60 doctors and nurses.

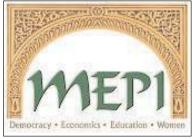
According to the official report and statistics issued by the General Administration of Traffic (GAT), the accidents in 2006 reached 13011 incidents which killed more that 2711citizens and injured more than 17873citizens.

The report attributed such accidents to recklessness, hastiness, technical defects, dangerous overtaking, drivers going the wrong way down one-way streets, tire explosions, and drinking.

Leaders of democracy fellowships

SANA'A, May 5 — The 2008 MEPI Leaders for Democracy Fellowships is open for applications currently until May 31 2007. This is a program sponsored by the U.S. State Department's Middle East Partnership Initiative (MEPI) where young democratic reform leaders from the Middle East and North Africa complete academic coursework and a practical, skill-building experience in their fields of choice. The fellowship will take place for three months from March 15 through June 15, 2008.

The fellowship this year will begin with a six-week course on leadership and democracy at the Maxwell School of Syracuse University in New York. The Syracuse portion of the fellowship will include a capstone project by each participant, focusing on a topic of



professional interest.

Abudlelah Taqi, MEPI coordinator in Yemen commented that The Middle East Partnership Initiative supports the aspirations of people in the Middle East seeking greater freedom and opportunity. In four years, MEPI has devoted more than \$293 million to reformers working so democracy can

spread, education can thrive, economies can grow, and women can be empowered.

After the academic program, each participant will gain practical experience and professional contacts in a four- to five-week fellowship with a political, non-governmental, or public policy organization in Syracuse, NY, or Washington, DC. Possible placement opportunities include working with a city council, local elections commission, non-governmental organization, issue advocacy group, political campaign, media outlet, grassroots organization, or think tank. Fellows will earn a certificate upon successful completion of the threemonth program.

information www.mepi.state.gov/82860.htm.

Yemen to commence insurance system for Yemeni expatriates

SANA'A, May 5 — Last Saturday the ministry of Civil Service and Social Security started to apply the insurance system for Yemeni expatriates in Saudi Arabia as a first step.

Minister of Civil Service and Social Security Hamoud al-Soufi and Chairman of the General Corporation for Social Insurance Saleh Same'a arrived at Saudi Arabia to carry out the first stage of Yemeni expatriates insurance system, which will be applicable in four Gulf states

Upon his arrived at Saudi Arabia, al-Soufi made it clear that all technical procedures have been finalized and the first stage includes four countries; Saudi Arabia, United Arab Emirates, Qatar, and Kuwait. Also, he pointed out that "The insurance system will be implemented in Saudi Arabia as a beginning step because of the big number of Yemeni expatriates who live in Saudi Arabia.'

The insurance system is significant for it will open a new channel between Yemeni expatriates and their country. In addition, it will improve the Yemeni economy through formal banking channels

According to the Yemeni ambassador in Saudi Arabia. Mohammed Al-Ahwal, the insurance system indicates co-benefits for the Yemeni expatriates and the government. Also, it will be of communicative channel for both sides,

It is worth mentioning that the Ministry has an intention to expand the insurance system, which depends on the law of social insurance No. 26 of the year 1991, to include other countries such as Britain, US, and East African States.

Fire causes 24 casualties



SANA'A, May 5 - A fire broke out in the Al-Aulaki scrap market at 12.30 pm last Thursday in Sana'a, lasting for four hours and causing 24 injuries, ranging between severe to moderate, and a capital loss estimated at over 50 million

Witnesses blame a gas stove for causing the fire, adding that everyday at 12 noon the power is shutdown from the market for one hour, and therefore it is impossible for the fire to be caused by an electrical short-circuit, contradicting other reports blaming the fire on an electric short-circuit.

The Market, located in one of the most populous zone in the city, Al-Safia, in the east of Sana'a, was home for over 70 retailers who specialized in trading furniture and electrical equipment, including a second-hand market for such items.

According to eyewitnesses' testimonies, firefighting crews were not been able to control the fire inside the market. Further, the shop owners, who lost their businesses, have said that the civil defense did not control the situation, which initially was confined to one store on the outskirts of the market. The owner of Kholani's shop for heavy equipment said that "it was possible to control the fire earlier because it was started in one shop then it continued to ignite and spread to other shops. ". He also indicated that the loss may potentially reach 150 million Riyals.

Director of Civil Defense Affairs Brigadier General Abdul Karim Albekhitti said, "The presence of the market in an area where there are no random corridors for entry of the civil defense units to extinguish the fire and the crowds of citizens at the site of the fire were considerable obstacles to the firefighters of the Civil Defense Affairs and the Civil Defense Units of the Central security."

Market Manager Ahmed Abdullah Al-Awlaki has denied the accuracy of these statements and said that firefighting teams and trucks were able to enter the market from Taiz Street."If they worked as required, they could have controlled the blaze, but they remained far from the outbreak of the fire and were satisfied by spraying water from above while the underneath fire continure to flash." he

Director of Civil Defense also pointed out that the initial investigations indicate that negligence may be the cause of the outbreak of fire as well as the absence of any means of security and safety, which underscores the failure of the responsible State authorities on the "Protection of citizens, and providing them with Safety tools " according to Alaoluk, a shop owner in the market."The State is responsible for providing and protecting citizens, and make them aware of the effects of gravity that may result in such disasters." he added.

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Sa'ada locals experience catastrophe as fighting remains fierce

On Thursday, fighter jets struck Houthi positions in the Kanaf and Nishour Mountains, while Aleshteraki.net reported that four fighter jets on Wednesday launched strikes on water and electricity projects in Qataber area, as well as its health center, where Houthis offered citizens free medical services after having dominated the district's center earlier.

Military and security authorities continue recruiting young people in its two-part recruitment process, the first of which is supervised by the First Armed Division under Gen. Ali Muhsen Al-Ahmar. The second part is supervised and administered by other military units and receives all citizens and tribesmen loyal to the Yemeni government.

Human suffering

Regarding the situation of innocent citizens, media sources report, "Displaced residents who fled Dhahian city are facing a difficult situation after the war expanded to their shelters in Baqem area at the Saudi border."

Other sources explain that the majority of Sa'ada districts are experiencing real human catastrophe, as the number of those killed on both sides exceeds 2,000 and just as many injured, while those homes destroyed in Dhahian and Bani Mu'ath number as many as 2,000. Additionally, dozens of farms were

burned and irrigation pumps damaged. Sources mention that nearly 40,000 citizens have fled their homes due to the fighting, which is considered an extension of the two previous wars waged by Shi'ite rebels against the current Yemeni

The first Sa'ada war, led by the slain Hussein Badraddin Al-Houthi, who was killed in September 2004, broke out in June of that year in the Merran Mountains, while the second war, led by elderly cleric Badraddin Al-Houthi, ended in April 2006.

The current Sa'ada war is longer and fiercer than the two previous ones, particularly as it is costing the Yemeni state heavy losses of property, equipment and military personnel.

MP Al-Houthi seeks negotiation The Emirati Al-Bayyan newspaper

reported last Saturday that Yemeni Member of Parliament Yahya Al-Houthi, elder brother of rebellion leader Abdulmalik Al-Houthi, has suggested direct negotiation with President Ali Abdullah Saleh.

The paper added that the MP, currently residing in Germany, sent a statement, a copy of which was obtained by the newspaper, saying, "I urge President Saleh to immediately cease the war, sit at the dialogue table and, via a mediation committee accepted by both parties, exchange viewpoints and search for radical solutions to the problem."

In his statement, Al-Houthi conditioned that military and security units must return to their original positions in

order to save the blood of Yemenis. "The country's economic situation is the main motive behind the rebellion," the state-In a statement to an official source, the Defense Ministry web site reported that

"Terrorist elements that violate law and

order have caused such confrontations. The state has no problem stopping the confrontations if such elements will surrender, hand over their arms to concerned authorities and respect law and

Aid stopped

An aid caravan from the Yemeni Red Crescent Organization and the International Committee of the Red Cross was assaulted in Al-Saifi area, 18 kilometers north of Sa'ada city. The caravan consisted of 15 trucks loaded with foodstuffs and other emergency relief for some 560 displaced families in Baqem

At the time of the assault, the caravan included a Red Cross delegate and 40 Yemeni Red Crescent volunteers, two of whom were injured and transferred to a Sa'ada hospital for treatment.

The Red Cross has no information about the cause of the assault, but its mission in Yemen is investigating the motives for the incident. "Such an assault exposes humanitarian work to risk. The committee condemns all attacks targeting civilians and aid workers," the Red Cross said in a statement.

According to International Humanitarian Law, all aid and relief workers must be respected and protected, and all required measures taken to ensure their safety and freedom of

Similarly, Aleshteraki.net quoted local sources as saying that "Yemeni authorities prevented a Saudi aid caravan from crossing the Yemeni border near Baqem district under the pretext that displaced [Sa'ada] civilians don't need any help from Saudi Arabia, alleging that there are no such displaced families.

According to local sources, the Saudi caravan of medicine, tents, blankets and foodstuffs on more than 18 trucks is the first of its kind since the war erupted in

Yemeni and Saudi scholars in Najran released a statement demanding the Saudi government intervene to stop the bloodshed in Sa'ada and warning that Saudi groups may be engaged in the sectarian and ethnic war.

US report highlights terrorism activities

Yemeni security forces continued to arrest and try suspected members of AL-QAEDA and other terrorist groups throughout the year. On May 3, a security court convicted Mohammed Hamdi al-Ahdal, alleged to be AL-QAEDA's number two in Yemen, of financing terrorist groups associated with AL-QAEDA. He was sentenced to 37 months in prison, much of which was credited as time served while awaiting trial.

On July 8, the Special Penal Court (SPC) acquitted 19 individuals charged with conspiring to attack U.S. and Yemeni interests. The defendants admitted of traveling to Al-Qaeda to "conduct jihad," but the judge ruled that jihad was not illegal under Yemeni law. Also, in July, the SPC acquitted 23 other individuals on conspiracy charges related to traveling to Al-Qaeda to attack U.S. forces. Further, it found 21 of the defendants guilty on fraudulent document charges. Both cases are currently under

In March, the Sana'a Appellate Court

upheld the acquittal of four Al-Qaeda affiliates charged with plotting to attack the U.S. and British Embassies in 2003. Additionally, in August, it returned the case of two individuals accused of plotting to assassinate the U.S. Ambassador in 2004 to a lower court, claiming that the judge did not follow correct sentencing procedures. Hizam al-Mass and Khalid al-Halilah were sentenced, on March 5, to five years in prison.

Activists protest Information Ministry's behavior

Addressing his organization, teachers syndicate President Ahmad Al-Rabahi said, "As teachers, we protest and show our rejection of the government's policy. which poses obstacles and barriers to iournalists and media institutions and restricts press freedom," noting that the syndicate wants the Yemeni government

to change its policy. Al-Rabahi further announced his support for the WJWC in order for the group to obtain a license to issue a newspaper in its name.

Journalist Abdulkarim Al-Khaiwani opined that the Ministry of Information ban represents official fear of the ability of effective media to disclose corruption and illegal practices. "The government wants mouths shut so corrupt officials can do what they like," he asserted.

Al-Khaiwani said the Yemeni regime depends mainly on the ministries of defense, information and finance in exercising its unwise policies, which means it is able to exploit the tank, the microphone and the funds to exercise its poli-

The image of women in Yemeni proverbs

There are many Yemeni proverbs about the position of women. Most give women inferior status and very few give them self-esteem. This series aims to discuss Yemeni society's projection about women's status, as well as how cultural and social factors affect mechanisms that perpetuate women's underrepresentation in managing and controlling power levers.

Since Yemen is an Islamic country and Islam plays a vital role in shaping its people's perspectives, it's essential to gauge to what extent Islam affects their understanding about the status of women. Most important is how Yemenis interpret the religion to justify their individual interests.

"La riji'at, ya bazi al-bint, wa tuqullaha, ya thaneena. Hin naqisat al-amayim jalibat al-masayib."

"May not you, oh who bring up girls, be saved and you thinks that she is dear. For they bring one's integrity down and cause troubles."

By: Nisreen Shadad

man Al-Emad and Thikra Al-Uthmani, students at Sana'a University, Faculty of the Qur'an, describe this saying as an ignorant pre-Islamic proverb. "These thoughts and opinions about women are similar to pre-Islamic thoughts; however, when Islam came, it played a significant role to diminish them. Nowadays, many people are coming back to such beliefs about women, which basically have no place in Islam," Al-Uthmani observes.

"There are numerous books and volumes for those who want to know the truth about women's rights in Islam, but unfortunately, Muslims have begun to neglect their rights due to ignorance and pride," she adds.

Fellow Faculty of Qur'an student Fairouz Ali comments, "These types of proverbs are due to our traditions, which have a big influence on our lives and behavior. Islam gives both men and women their rights, but due to unjust people, we lose a lot."

She continued, "In many Yemenis' point of view, girls are shameful or disreputable. I can say that 80 percent of society deprives women of education and compels them to marry early simply to protect - not the woman - but themselves from dishonor.

"The image of women is better in university and among the educated. However, some educated people still belittle women, particularly educated



The image of a Yemeni woman, by Mohammed

proverb and considers it one of the wise sayings. "I've heard this proverb more than once. All of the old sayings are

He explains that if a woman has a relationship with a man, the man can't raise his head in front of others. "I don't think such a proverb is applied only in Yemen, but in all Arab coun-

Al-Nakhlani adds, "A man has the right to educate his children, as well as to kill a woman who brings shame upon her family. However, neglecting them to do whatever they like certainly is destroying society."

Muslim scholars' response

"Proverbs and wise sayings express the experiences in which people live. They mostly relate stories and conditions that take place in their real lives. Proverbs are only the extract of the same people's experiences; however, they must fit with Sharia," remarks Sheikh (a scholar in Islamic studies) Murad bin Ahmed Al-Qadasi, an employee in the Yemeni Wisdom Association's scientific administration.

"Proverbs mustn't call people to do something forbidden or blame Allah's fate and judgment. Moreover, they shouldn't create depression or grief in people's hearts. But as I see in this proverb, it's against Islamic law and rather than gain benefit from it, we

commit sin," Al-Qadasi observes.

"As I understand from this proverb, women who suckle female babies must stop since that baby doesn't deserve her mother's milk. Girls, as this proverb says, are the reason for bringing shame to men's amayim (a type of hat) [meaning to bring shame upon their heads], causing shame and bringing crises to her family and her tribe," he describes.

"This proverb and the meaning it carries are inconsistent with Islamic law. It is a completely ignorant proverb and a pre-Islamic belief. In the pre-Islamic period, people

became pessimistic when having a girl baby. Allah said in the Qur'an, 'And when news of (the birth of) a female a child is brought to any of them, his face becomes dark and he is filled with inward grief! He hides himself from the people because of the evil of that whereof he has been informed. Shall he keep her with dishonor or bury her in the earth? Certainly, evil is their decision.' (Al-Nahl 57-58)"

In another verse, Allah described those who become pessimistic when having a daughter, saying, "And if one of them is informed of the news (of the birth of the girl), that which he sets forth as a parable to the Most Gracious (Allah), his face becomes dark and he is filled with grief!"

"As the Qur'an describes, the people of that period buried the girls and killed them because they believed women brought shame and dishonor to the family and tribe. And when the female (infant) was buried alive (as pagan Arabs used to do), it was asked: For what sin is she killed?" Al-Qadasi

"Islamic law praises women when suckling their children. I think when people know how much women are honored when they have mercy upon their children, as well as when suckling them, they will never become pessimistic," he adds.

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A second sheikh, Abdul Majeed al-Hitari, al-Da'awa mosque's Imam and a teacher in al-Da'awa centre, agrees with Al-Qadasi that this proverb is pre-Islamic. "Indeed, Islam encourages the raising of girls and Allah condemns those who are distressed at the birth of a girl. The messenger Mohammed (pbuh) came elevating the status of this gift from Allah.

'Whoever takes care of two girls until they reach adulthood, he and I will come together on the Day of Resurrection like this - and he interlaced his two fingers, meaning in paradise. So, can we find any greater honor given to daughters and their parents?" he asks.

According to these two sheikhs, chil-

dren are a source of delight and an adornment to the world granted to their parents by Allah. They give vigor to the heart, joy to the soul and pleasure to the eye. They are the fruit from whom good is to be hoped when they frequently supplicate, "Our Lord! Bestow on them your mercy, as they did bring me up when I was small." In every nation, they are the ones upon whom hope for the future rests and they are the youth of tomorrow upon whose shoulders the call to Islam is carried.

They say Islam has elevated the status of children and has set down manners for their treatment related to all of their affairs and each stage of their lives and from these are the manners for welcoming their arrival into this life.

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ones, and prefer to marry someone

places women at a high level, igno-

rance and traditions still control their

lives. "Islam doesn't encourage such

proverbs. The Prophet Mohammed

(pbuh) only had daughters. He loved

them so much and never said such

things about them," Sana'a University

mathematics student Gharam Al-

She adds, "In my point of view,

when a woman is deprived, the respon-

sibility falls upon her parents. Many

families don't educate their children

very well and in the end, they complain

Al-Muraysi doesn't believe such a

proverb is widespread in Yemen and

she says they have no place in Yemeni

society. "As I see in our society, women

are the most beloved; however, boys

Sesame merchant Mansour Qasim

says neither Islam nor logic agrees with

this proverb. "Women are the keepers

of the generation and the makers of

men. They are the makers of our future,

as well as the partners of our lives. If

there were no women, there would be

no generation, so how can we say such

those who educate women and the

reward for those who educate their

However, bookstore employee

Ahmed Al-Nakhlani agrees with the

daughters is very good in paradise."

Qasim adds, "Islam encourages

a proverb or agree with it?"

are the ones with more freedom.'

Most people affirm that while Islam

from the village," Ali adds.

Muraysi observes.

and blame them."

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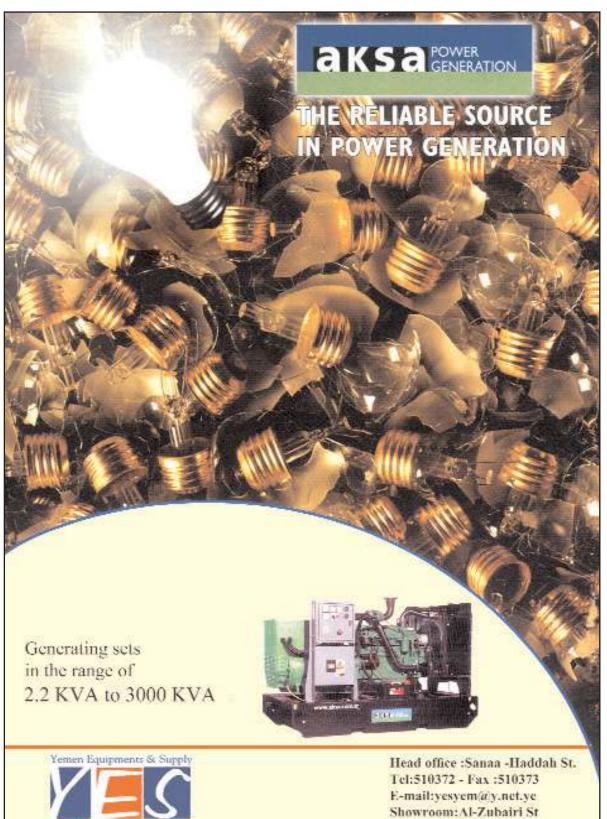
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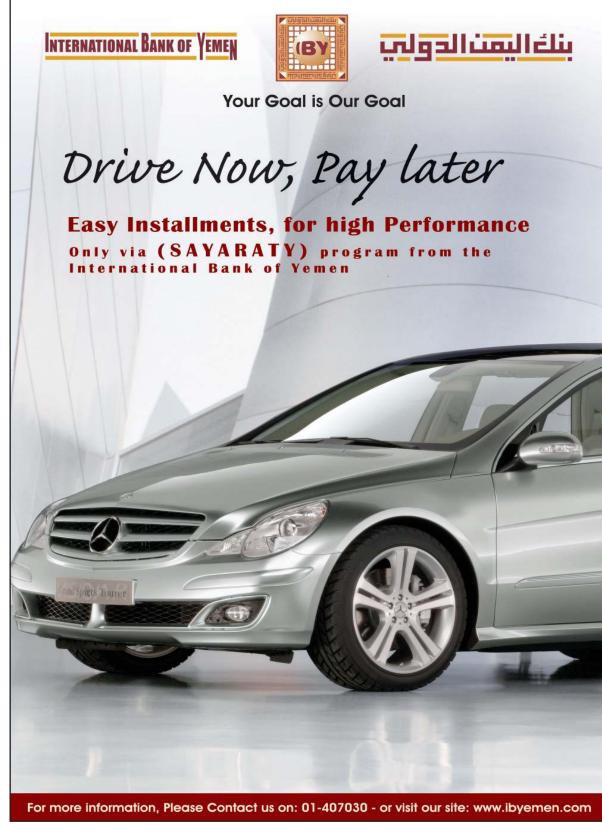
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Leaping ahead of all other governortes in the country

E-Hadramout, online for the future

By: Saeed Al-Batati For Yemen Times

ike other Yemeni governorates, the vast Hadramout has roads, health facilities, schools and other infrastructure. However, when it comes to information and communication technology, Hadramout is unrivaled, as the governorate recently jumped leaps and bounds toward ushering in Information Technology.

Approximately 96 web sites have been launched, which are expected to herald new interchange within the governorate and turn the largest-territory governorate into a small village, as every province and government office in Hadramout now has its own web site.

For example, Thamoud is an outlying area located approximately 500 km. from Mukalla. To reach it, one must take the pains of traveling a long road and spending thousands of riyals. But now, by just visiting www.thamoud.info, all of the information about the city is accessible in one click.

Many inquisitive individuals are interested in learning more about the magical island of Socotra but are disinclined to travel from Europe to Yemen. Now, www.hadibo.info can quench their thirst.

The colossal project wasn't born in the blink of an eye; rather, it was on the shoulders of many parties who stood together to make the governorate a leader in e-government.

Balfageh Cultural Center in Mukalla has become a hive of activity whose activities have yielded establishing one of the governorate's greatest enterprises. The project was the brainchild of former Hadramout Governor Abdulqader Ali Hilal, while Ahgaff University was entrusted to design the web sites.

Mohsen Al-Attas, head of the university's Developing and Programming Unit, is one of the founding members of Hadramout's egovernment. He still remembers vividly when the idea to establish a Hadramout web site was born.

"Ahgaff University is a nonprofit university, so none of its works designed for society were intended preliminarily for profitable purposes. The governor asked us to design a web site for the governorate with a launch coinciding with the fifteenth anniversary of Unification Day," he said.

Al-Attas added that Governor Hilal developed the idea and suggested establishing a web site for every district and government office in the governorate. A Yemeni ecommerce firm was called in to run the project in December 2005.

Ahmed Baharoon, head of the ecommerce firm Yemen Business Co. Ltd., noted that approximately 30 employees are working just on the Hadramout project, but the company expects to recruit another 96 workers, including editors and journalists.

After agreeing to launch the web sites, the next step was to gather data for them, starting from Mukalla city to Thamoud via the cities in the Hadramout Valley and their government offices. "The initial information gathering process for that web site was an odious task," Baharoon added.

Convincing computer illiterate managers of the project's importance presented another issue. "We knew for sure that the project was groundbreaking, so we put at the forefront the governor's order for those in government offices to cooperate, facilitate our work and provide us the required information."

Even though Governor Hilal ordered managers to cooperate fully with the web sites' correspondents, some of them turned a deaf ear. Baharoon indicated that incorporating the managers stagnated the work.

Under the project, every government official in Hadramout will have his or her own email through Yemenmail.net.

According to Baharoon, if the governorate's local authority maintains its current zeal for taking the first step toward e-government, e-government will be a reality in Hadramout within a year or two. "The project will provide high standards of service, instant access to information and efficient transactions. Citizens won't be forced to queue at public offices to make a straightforward transaction," Baharoon predicted.

Millions of Yemenis of Hadrami origin densely populate East Africa and Asia. On the web sites, they'll be able to obtain information about their ancestors' birthplace.

Anwar Basloom, editor-in-chief of www.hadhramaut.info, thinks there are three reasons Hadramout's local authority made the decision for e-government. "First, [it] had the courage and determination to make the first move toward establishing e-government in Yemen. Second, Hadramout's colossal and long-rooted cultural heritage must be brought to the world. A third reason is the ongoing changes in Yemeni society. Additionally, many Yemeni expatriates living abroad want to know more about their roots and their Hadramout origins," he said.

Hadramout's governor is always accessible via his email. "The governor receives approximately 30 letters a week in his email..." Basloom added.

The governor receives emails from citizens, expatriates, tourists and investors complaining about judicial corruption, property issues, expatriate problems, Yemeni borders, social services, infrastructure, administrative corruption, student scholarship problems, academic and educational problems and tourism and investment difficulties. Upon receiving such complaints, the Hadramout governor comes up with a solution to all of the issues.

According to Basloom, the web site project is expected to produce much fruit for the governorate and Yemen in general. "It'll increase citizens' awareness about the importance of information technology and reduce corruption and government spending by creating transparency in the governing process.



The website of Hadhramout governorate

It will push the country a few steps forward in terms of e-readiness," he predicted

However, Yemen's Ministry of Telecommunications and Information Technology? still monopolizes internet service, with Yemeni internet charges being some of the most expensive in the world. Its originators say the project will increase internet demand and put more pressure on the Yemeni government to lower high internet charges.

In an effort to eradicate computer illiteracy and encourage citizens to use

the internet, the Hadramout governor ordered establishing an IT (Information Technology) project in the governorate, with project head Alawi Al-Jufri maintaining that his department has provided computers to schools.

Aiming to root out computer illiteracy in primary and secondary school-teachers, former Hadramout Governor Hilal has launched phase one of a vocational development project financed by Awn (Help) Charitable Association.



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General Tender Announcement Number (6) Year 2007

Yemen Radio and TV Corporation announces a general tender numbered 6 for the year 2007 for the following:

Importing, supervising, installation, testing, guaranteeing and hand-over two FM Radio transmitters of 5 kilowatt each, together with FM link equipments systems for the Second Program, Aden Radio.

Specialized and interested companies wishing to receive tender documents can obtain them from the Projects General Administration's Engineering Sector at the corporation headquarters in Sana'a - neighboring Ministry of Public Health and Population - during working hours.

Tender documents may be purchased against non-refundable US \$200. An additional US \$100 is charged for those wishing to have a copy by post.

General conditions:

- 1. A bank credit or check payable for 2.5 percent of the bidding's value and valid for 120 days from the bidding date.
- 2. Attaching a copy of valid tax card for 2007.
- 3. Attaching a copy valid of insurance card for 2007.
- 4. Attaching a copy of trading record for 2007.
- 5. Including a copy of Zakat Certificate effective for 2007.
- 6. Submitted bids are to be sealed in red wax.
- 7. Attaching a copy of registration certificate of sales tax effective for 2007.
- 8. Bidders should commit themselves to the special conditions stated in the tender's documents.

Place and date for opening the envelopes:

The bids will be opened at 11.00 a.m. on Tuesday, June 5, at the corporation's headquarters.



General Tender Announcement Number (5) Year 2007

Yemen Radio and TV Corporation announce tenders for the following:

Supply, supervising, installation, testing, hand-over and guarantee of medium wave 600K watt Broadcasting Transmitter along with Transmission line and accessories for second Broadcasting program in Aden.

Interested specialized and manufacturing companies in this field are to come to the corporation's premises-engineering sector, projects department in Sana'a near the Ministry of Public Health and Population during official working hours in order to obtain the tenders documents.

Tender fees: Non-refundable US 500\$ and additional 100\$ is charged for optional postal delivery.

General conditions:

- 1. Primary guarantee of 2.5% of the total tender cost and valid for 120 days from the date of opening the envelopes.
- 2. Valid tax card for 2007.
- 3. Valid commercial registration card for 2007.
- 4. Valid Insurance card for 2007.
- 5. Valid Alms (Zakat) card for 2007.
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- 7. Commitment to the general and special conditions stated in the tender documents.

Place and date for opening the envelopes:

The envelopes are to be opened at 11 AM on Saturday morning 7/7/2007 at the corporation premises.

Words of Wisdom



In the final analysis, it is in the hands of the people in charge of this country to make our transformation towards democracy real and meaningful. It would unfortunate if the change in Yemen remains merely a show or something superficial. Our politicians need to believe in preparing for the 21st century. To do that, they have

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



OUR OPINION

Celebrating the **World Press Freedom** Day with tears

t is very sad day today that we are celebrating the 17th World Press Freedom Day with many violations against Press and freedom in our country. The denial to give Journalists Without Chains their own newspaper and rejecting their demand after 8 months of following up the Ministry of Media here in Yemen represent repression and oppression against our freedom of speech. What is sadder is that it is a clear violation against the constitution and laws of our country that gave us the right to express our views. Alas, the violators are the governmental officials themselves.

It is also ironic how even after getting access to media tools we are still shy and anxious when writing to express our minds and we call ourselves living in a democratic country. A democratic system that is totally the opposite of what is supposed to be.

The total blackout to what is going on in Sa'adah is another issue and the brave of us who challenge the system and break out the news are threatened and brought to justice as criminals. That is the same like what happened to our fellows in Al-Thawri Newspaper when their Editor of Chief Khalid Salman was accused to publish a photo from Iraq war, claiming it to be in Sa'adah, something that was not true as he presented the evidence.

The press in our country has become a pseudo democratic show of polarization. Direct and indirect oppression policies and actions such as what happened to Al Shora Newspaper by convicting its editor in Chief Abdulkareem Al-Khiwani to serve one year in prison in 2005, prohibiting the publication of his newspaper, and blocking its website in February 2007 is another outraging

At the end, the World Press Freedom day becomes a dream in Yemen, however, I still chose this day to honor all fellow journalists who sacrificed their lives for this sacred profession such as my father. Truly, I promise to continue the struggle, wishing for all journalists in Yemen a day in which we will be able to speak up without making a sacrifice.

> Nadia Al-Sakkaf Editor-in-Chief

Yemen and GCC

By: Mansour Al-Yafe'i

emen joining the Gulf Cooperation Council is the dream of all Yemenis. Therefore, President Ali Abdullah Saleh took the matter seriously and concentrated efforts toward founding a proper ground to enable Yemen join the GCC as soon as possible. Saleh expended hard efforts to establish the GCC admission agreement in the form of a story recording its events in the Arabian Peninsula. "Yemen and Gulf Cooperation Council" is the title of the story whose content is the great efforts and the hard work.

As the Yemeni leader is aware of the significance of jointing the Gulf bloc, we have seen what he is doing. He said that we deserve to be admitted to GCC since we possess what others possess. "Mr. President, there is neither security nor safety in your country while citizens are searching for hideouts to save their lives. In your country, there is no freedom and the people are enslaved, no education, no culture, no works and no money". It is true that Allah is the only infallible one. We haven't reached the principle of GCC entry. We are deprived of the required facilities to meet demands of the time.

Yemen possesses what the others don't in a history that preceded the real history until it has become difficult for one to identify its history and classify it. Everyone prides Yemen and the Yemeni origins while the GCC and its people know well that Yemen is the reference and the basis as well. It is from Yemen that people migrated and to Yemen is their return. We have the fertile land, which we enjoy its blessings, and human beings are only needed to exploit the natural resources in an appropriate way as the land gives those who give it.

The most important thing is that we have individuals who horrify other people. As a matter of fact, the Yemeni people sacrifice every expensive and cheap stuff for the sake of their homeland. If the government offers our people what they want and deserve, we would boast that we possess what others don't. In addition, the president and his

tenure are needed to exploit what has been mentioned in an appropriate manner to benefit the nation and serve the national interest.

When we draw our attention away from Yemen and GCC admission and shed light on the Yemeni citizens, who are residing in the GCC states, we find that they are influenced by the GCC policies toward Yemen. They turn to blame the government for looting, deporting millions of people, and weakening the attitudes of millions of Yemenis residing in the GCC states. Over time, the matters exacerbate and get complicated due to the Yemeni government and its acts that go against the expectations

The Yemeni people wait for their government to alleviate their sufferings, improve their living standards, and cooperate with the GCC states. But, the Yemeni government turns to behave in a hostile way and becomes a government of destruction and devastation as if we have the stronger attitude in the equation. As a result, the people of Yemen become the losers due to their respected government.

The government doesn't pay closer attention to expatriates as much as it is interested in their money. It hasn't worked in line with the interest of its people abroad, but it works for the sake of millions coming from them. "If you have money, you are recognized as a Yemeni" applies here. The poor expatriates are excluded from the list while the government pays closer attention to the rich ones and offers its facilities for them and their relatives. From this point, the significance of posts, money and property originates while the poor expatriates return to be buried in their homeland since the government doesn't profit from them. How we can establish what is required from us to join the GCC, particularly in the current situations.

It is impossible for others to accept us as we haven't accepted ourselves since the very beginning, particularly as we talk about requirements of GCC admission. How we can be engaged in mutual cooperation since we unified our nation by the force of arms and plundering others' property.

Source: Al-Quds Al-Arabi

On economic risk

By: Awatef Al-Sharjabi

he Environmental Report, released in Brussels, announces potential risks to appear in the world, particularly the developing countries. The global warming, which is symptomatic of gases produced by radiation threatens the whole world of a potential economic and environmental risk. The specialized experts and geologists analyze the environmental phenomena, caused by high temperature, as being the main reason for water shortage and desertification. As the earth temperature increased by 2 centigrade, this threatens to eliminate 30 percent of animal and botanical entities. The increased temperature of the earth is attributed to the growing human activities such as the nuclear programs and inflammation processes with their different kinds. This means that what is excessively exercised in the developed countries has its effects and risks on the poor countries. The reports revealed that the global warming is a potential threat that may lead to water shortage, desertification and

According to a study conducted by Mark New, a

Professor at Oxford University in Britain, the polar temperature has increased three-fold and this is due to lead to melting snow in the summer and killing the polar bears. In the meantime, Katrina Kardosu, Chairwoman of Climate Change in the university, declares, "If we don't move, the pole will change in an unprecedented manner and the polar bears will die while our grandchildren will only read about the fact in the books. It is believed that 13 square kilometres of the sea snow in the peninsula of the Southern Polar Continent have been lost over the past 50 years. The results were announced at a conference on Climate Change in Exeter City in

Many experts and specialized geologists mention that over time, the earth has gone through different climates and numerous geological disorders that exposed the earth to various risks destroying every-

The incompatibility, geological infringements, and climate changes overtime are tangible facts experienced by human beings in different eras and areas while the climate changes are some of the numerous phenomena that happen automatically without the interference of human beings. These phenomena occurred in the primitive ages and before we experience technology, nuclear experiments and oil wars. Volcanoes, landslides and the melting or rigidity of snow are some of the geological occurrences, which the earth is familiar with.

What has been announced by the report that risks are due to affect the developing countries, I think that if the catastrophe occurred, its effect would reach the developing and developed countries as well, particularly as the nuclear activities were initiated in the developed countries. Support of the rich and developed countries for the technologically failed and poor countries will not be the solution unless the former halt the deadly human experiments (nuclear activities) and the excessive consumption of energy that threatens humanity. Chopping forest wood and setting them on fire is one of the problems experienced in Africa and other continents that helped exacerbate an environmental problem coming from a remote destination.

What remains is only the economic strategies for the use of water in many of the world countries, particularly the underdeveloped ones. These countries will resort to set plans for halting excessive exhaustion of water, providing drinking water and controlling the random diggings of artisan wells. So restricting these random activities, the positive move and perceiving the risk are the most importing things to be done.

Source: Al-Thawra Daily

SILVER LINING

A tale of two successful media outlets

ecently, al-Nida'a independent weekly newspaper celebrated the completion of releasing the issue number 100. Also, the News Yemen website marked last Thursday, which coincides with the World Press Freedom Day, the second anniversary of its launch. These two media outlets, despite their short age, have done a good job. Further, they have given hope for successful professional media. I understand that there are other successful stories including the Yemen Times and others, but on this occasion I will shed light on the two above-mentioned media outlets.

I know very well my colleagues Sami Ghalib, editor of al-Nida'a, and Nabil al-Sufi, editor of News Yemen, and how they are struggling to overcome or at least limit the challenges they are facing.

It is not really an easy task to initiate a print or online newspaper in Yemen if you want to stick to the professional and ethical standards of journalism. In addition, to be able to maintain financial independence and professionalism at the same time is a big challenge.

The two guys have worked for the newspapers of the political parties and have experienced how difficult it is to be professional so as to run a political party newspaper according to the political and philosophical agenda of this or that party. Ghalib worked for the al-Wahdawi of the Nasserite party while al-Sufi worked for the al-Sahwa of the Islah party. After a long experience, they were fed up and eventually quitted their political affiliations which overruled the newspapers' outlines and crippled their efforts in boosting journalistic professionalism in their newspapers.

Despite the financial straits, the two guys decided to accept the challenge and run their own media enterprises. I guess they could have overcome their financial problems by exercising lip service and propaganda reports for the regime or other influential forces. Also, they would have, however, sacrificed their independence and professionalism, which they are leaving no stone unturned to boost them up any further.

We all know that advertisement is the major source of income for media all over the world. In Yemen, advertisements are important for all media including state-run media which has the lion's share. We understand that most of the political party newspapers face difficulties in getting advertisements because most of the businessmen are scared, by the regime, to give advertisements to opposition press. But, why not giving advertisements for professional independent media whose professionalism has become a disadvantage?!

To ad insult into injury, the majority of the businessmen seem to have no advertising strategy to market their product for they very often restrict their ads to the state-run media, being heedless to the publicity of some of the outstanding and well-circulated independent or even political party newspapers.

What is worse is that they are blackmailed to place ads in yellow newspapers just to avoid being defamed by in those newspapers. In this way, they do encourage such unethical practices of such newspapers. Consequently, it is only professional newspapers that suffer for they are not politically affiliated and financially backed up.

The advertisers are contributing in this way to the weakening of potential successful independent press that report with professionalism and integrity. In fact, it is in their interest and the good of the country that the press operates professionally. Will they understand this reality?!

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Letters to the Editor

Dear Mr.President.

ram one of millions of your admirers and surpoters. Due to the suffering of your beloved people and the unbearable situations, I have been who love you and believe that you pushed to write to plead to you for you want to bring changes to the situations are the father of this nation so as to in the country, but most of our senior intervene directely in the unthinkable officials are breaking your efforts by rate of inflation that makes your peo- co-operating with our importers,prople suffer. As a result, about 70 percent of your citizens are no more affording the three daily meals,including myself, and the ones, that are lucky to get them, don't eat to satisfaction,talkless of clothing, shelter, health, and education.

Abu Ahmad,on sevaral occations, you have given directives on this issue but our officials in charge are not doing anything about it because they are not experiancing what we, the masses, are suffering from.I believe, sir, and all people will agree with me, that if these officials are relying on their actual salaries and allowances, which they earn legally, they could have done something long time ago for 80 percent of the life standard they have now will be missing.

Our dear leader, our appointed officials forget our present taste of the bitterness of our situations. The reason I said this is that majority of them are from poor families like us. For, I believe that they have tasted the difficulties some time in the past. But now,

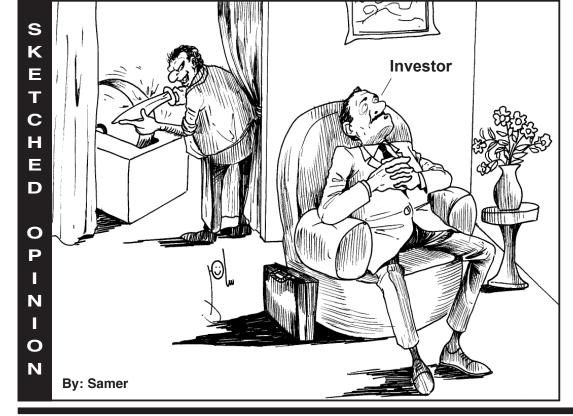
An Open Letter to President Saleh most of them are proud of their positions and offices, which make them forget the main task behind their tenures, that is to serve the people and the nation.

Father of all, we are your citizens ducers, big merchants, distributors, and contractors.

your excellency, i am surgesting that the government should determine the percentage of profits to be made by the above mentioned busnessmen and their companies for things imported or locally produced. Second, the international prices of imported things should be published at least monthly on our dailies. By doing these, the issues of our economy will be sorted out and resolved. Also, the devaluation of our currency, which is a cover as we know, will be overcome.

At large, I pray for peace and stability in our beloved country. I ask Allah to destroy who are behind the Sa'ada conflicts and their allies and grant them consequences of their bad intentions. Also, Î pray for your victory, sir, and your effots in all fields of unity, stability, and development. Ameen.

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26 September Weekly, Organ of the Yemeni Army Thursday, May 3

Main Headlines

- Saleh urges Bush to fulfil his promises with regard to establishing the Palestinian State
- Bush: Yemen is an active partner in fighting terrorism, we care for supporting Yemen's development
- Saleh claims freeing Al-Moayyad and Zayed, dropping Al-Zindani from the terror list
- Yemeni political parties to resume dialogue
- We care for laborers, pay closer attention to their issues, says Vice President on the occasion of the International Labor Day
- Information Minister: Press and Publications Law to be included in the political dialogue
- Yemen-Gulf Committee discusses needs of Yemen's economy

The Yemeni capital Sana'a is hosting on Saturday and Sunday meetings of Yemeni-Gulf Technical Committee's fifth session, the army's organ reported on its front page. The meetings are chaired by Dr. Motahhar Al-Abbasi, Deputy Minister of and International Planning Cooperation while the Monday and Tuesday's meetings of donors will be chaired by Abdullah Hassan Al-Shater, Deputy Minister of Planning and International Cooperation for Projects Programming Sector. In a statement to the newspaper, Al-Abbasi said the technical committee is due to continue discussing and studying Yemeni development needs in light of President Saleh's initiative to leaders of the Gulf which concentrated on the basic sectors such as agriculture, fisheries, human resources development infrastructure.

The weekly quoted the Yemeni official as saying that the committee is due to review the current arrangements for holding the First Consultative Meeting of Donors to observe the implementation of financial pledges in Sana'a during this June. The consultative meeting is scheduled to be held under the patronage of Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of and Planning International Cooperation Abdulkarim Al-Arhabi.



Al-Wahdah Comprehensive Political Weekly Wednesday, May 2

Main Headlines

- Yemeni-Gulf meetings in Sana'a to carry out donors' pledges
- A new mechanism to control price
- Authorities restudy laws concerned
- with labor and workforce issues Official claims to control foreign aides to non-governmental
- organizations Party leaders back "the shade
- cabinet" Parliamentary report discloses contradiction between laws and effective legislations

The weekly reported on its front page that Parliament released a report emphasizing the necessity of reviewing the criminal and penal laws and revising the legislations placed in effect, particularly the financial, judicial, security and local authority

Cooperation Council member states, legislations. Prepared by the parliamentary legal and constitutional committee, the report strongly recommended activating the role of legal affairs offices in different governorates and obliging ministries to provide their provincial offices with all the effective legislations. It also recommended activating the local authority law in a way including all the local authority units and enabling the elected local councils to exercise their

> The report revealed shortcomings and limitations contained in the local authority law, as it doesn't take into consideration other legislations placed into effect. It said that Parliament and the cabinet are required to resolve these limitations via organizing joint workshops with the aim of spreading legal awareness in the legal and executive offices.



Al-Wasat Comprehensive **Independent Weekly** Wednesday, May 2

Main Headlines

- Saudi Arabia exploits Sa'ada fighting to weaken Yemeni authorities
- Al-Qaeda Network in Yemen prosecution accuses representing political security organization
- Quarrel between security officers and political security agents in Ibb
- Juhm Tribe stands in solidarity with Sheikh Tu'aiman
- Al-Mahrah's rural development project fails
- Report warns of bad consequences environmental pollution

Parliament issued a report stressing the necessity of immediately suggesting possible solutions and cures to problems of the environmental pollution in the sanitation infrastructures in Arhab and Bani Al-Hareth districts, Sana'a governorate, the independent weekly reported. The parliamentary water and environment committee recommended concerned authorities to accelerate implementing the comprehensive development program of the water

In addition, the report insisted on starting the project of establishing a water treatment station, according to internationally recognized specifications and standards. It called for providing enough financial allocations to the Ministry of Water and Environment's budget in order for the ministry to be able to suggest solutions and cures to the deteriorating environmental standards.



Al-Wahdawi, Organ of Nasserite Popular Unionist Organization (NPUO)

Tuesday, May 2

Main Headlines

- National Conference holds session in Bahraini capital
- National Unity 17th Anniversary celebration participants strike from training
- Joint Meeting Parties' leadership award labor leaders on the occasion of the International Labor Day
- Joint Meeting Parties warn of labelling Sa'ada clashes as sectarian wars
- Amran locals accuse central prison

- administration of escaping a murderer
- Sa'ada clashes escalate, organizations warn of human catastrophe

The NPUO-affiliated paper quoted Sa'ada local sources as saying that fierce clashes between the army, backed by armed tribesmen and Al-Houthi loyalists took place over the past few days in Majzar district, to the north of the restive province. According to the sources, the military and security troops are surrounding Majzar district from three directions while followers of leader of the rebellion Abdulmalik Al-Houthi are dominating the fourth direction of the district. The clashes led to closing all the outlets of the district, thereby preventing locals from leaving and coming to the district.

The local sources explained that the popular army, which is composed of tribesmen, who are loval with the government, stormed many houses and trade stores in the district, and looted citizens' property. Up until now, there has been no reports of the casualties, but the sources indicate that hundreds were killed or injured on both sides. The sources added they discovered corpses thrown in the ground in different places in Dhehian district.



Al-Balagh Political Weekly Tuesday, May 1

Main Headlines

- Thousands of Salafi families leave Sa'ada-based Dammaj Institute
- Murad tribe refuses to bury corpse of murdered soldier, plans to stage a sit-in after Saleh's return

- Mahweet's tribesmen stage sit-in at Al-Sab'een Square over Qusailah's murder
- A British newspaper describes Yemen's regime as based on chaos and impoverishment
- Yemen's democracy deteriorates for being misused by the regime, politicians say
- Saleh denies that Al-Zindani is involved in terrorist operations while U.S. insists on extradition

The U.S. Administration demanded Yemen to insert the name of Sheikh Abdulmajid Al-Zindani, former Presidential Council member and Rector of the Eman University, in the list of 35 terror suspects wanted by the Interpol while the Yemeni President Ali Abdullah Saleh denies that Al-Zindani is involved in any terrorist plots, the newspaper quoted international police sources as saying. The sources added that the Interpol sent a note to the Yemeni security authorities, demanding them to hand Al-Zindani over to it according to the internationally recognized conventions. The Interpol said it tried to contact with Yemeni security authorities, but all the efforts had gone awry, as Yemen insists on its refusal to hand over any citizen to a foreign country since this contravenes the national constitution.

The international sources clarified that Saleh never considers Al-Zindani a terrorist and denies his alleged involvement in funnelling money to or supporting terrorism. Saleh asked the U.S. Administration and the United Nations Security Council to provide material evidence of Al-Zindani's involvement in terrorism, and in case Al-Zindani is found guilty of supporting terrorism, he will be tried in a Yemeni tribunal because the Yemeni constitution prevents citizens from standing trial in foreign countries.

PREQUALIFICATION NOTICE

Republic of Yemen Ministry of Water & Environment Local Water & Sanitation Corporation, Aden Aden Sewerage Project, Contract 3A

The Local Water & Sanitation Corporation (LWSC) of Aden Governorate, Republic of Yemen, requests prequalification data for the Aden Sewerage Project Contract 3A from interested internationally experienced contractors. All firms, whether submitting individually or as the leader in a joint venture must have experience with projects of similar type and magnitude. Such experience should have been gained by firms over the past 5 years and include substantial work in Middle Eastern Countries. Tender Documents, including instructions to bidders, general and special conditions of contract, schedule and Bills of Quantities are expected to be available in June 2007

The site of the work is in the City of Aden, Republic of Yemen particularly the districts of Al Nasser, Al Arish, Al Mansura, and Khormaksar. The Expected scope of works includes, without being limited to the following:

- Completion of the construction of two main pumping station in the Industrial area and in Al Mansura area (peak flow between 180 and 540 l/s, 20 to 28 m head), including electrical/mechanical equipments and construction of odor control
- Completion of the construction of one pumping station at Al Salam area, (peak flow 10 l/s) including land fill and electrical/mechanical equipment and HDPE force main.
- Construction of three pumping stations in the Al Arish, Al Nasser and Magdala area (peak flow between 9 and 78 l/s) including HDPE force mains and electrical/ mechanical equipment.
- Replacement of about 30m DN 700 VC main sewer with manholes at Al Mansura main pumping station. Construction of the gravity sewerage network for the Al Arish/Al Nasser area (about 4.5 km DN 200 to 400 and 100
- manholes), plus completion of about 6.8 km pipe work and 171 manholes. Construction of about 16 km lateral sewers uPVC DN 150 for the Al Arish and Al Nasser area including about 530 prefabricated concrete inspection pits.
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- Construction of about 3000 m2 pavement and about 300 meter street kerb stones for 20 existing minor pumping stations. Construction and equipment of reinforced concrete screen chambers at 4 existing minor pumping stations.

The anticipated construction period is from 4th QTR 2007 through the 1st QTR 2009.

The Project will be funded jointly by the Federal Republic of Germany, through Kreditanstalt fuer Wiederaufbau (KfW) and by the Republic of Yemen

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إعلان لتقديم بيانات تأهيل

وزارة المياه والبيئة المؤسسة المحلية للمياه والصرف الصحي لمحافظة عـدن مشروع مجاري عـدن عقد 3A

ة المحلية للمياه والصرف الصحى لمحافظة عـدن المقاولين المهتمين، من ذوي الخبرة الدولية، لتقديم بيانات تأهيلهم لمشروع مجاري عـدن

ويجب على الشركات المتقدمة، سواء بشكل مستقل أو كطرف رئيسي في ائتلاف شركات ، أن تتمتع بخبرة كافية في مشاريع مشابهه لحجم وطبيعة العمل خلال فُتَرَةُ الْخَمْسُ سَنُوات الماضية في إحدى دول الشرق الأوسط.

ومن المتوقع أن تتوفر وثائق العطاء، وتشمل التعليمات إلى المتقدمين، الشروط الخاصة والعامة للمشروع، المخططات وجداول الكميات بحلول شهر يونيو

سيكون موقع أعمال المشروع في مدينة عــدن، الجمهورية اليمنية وتحديداً في مناطق النصر، العريش ، المنصورة ، خور مكسر . وسيشتمل نطاق العمل

- استكمال الأعمال الإنشائية لمحطتي الضخ الرئيسية في كل من المنصورة والمنطقة الصناعية (بتدفق أقصى ١٨٠ -٤٠٠ لتر/ث ضد ارتفاع ٢٠-٢٨ م) ويشمل ذلك التجهيزات الكهربائية والميكانيكية وأنظمة التحكم بالروائح.
- استكمال الأعمال الإنشائية لمحطة الضخ في منطقة السلام (بتدفق أقصى ١٠ لتر/ث) ويشمل ذلك ردم التربة والتجهيزات الكهربائية والميكانيكية وكذا خطوط الضخ من HDPE .
- إنشاء عدد (٣) محطة ضخ في النصر،العريش والمجدلة (بتدفق أقصى ٩- ٧٨ لتر/ث) ويشمل ذلك خطوط الضخ من HDPE مع جميع تجهيزاتها
 - الكهربائية والميكانيكية . استبدال حوالي ٣٠م من الأنابيب الفخارية (قطر ٧٠٠ ملم) مع غرف التفتيش التابعة لها في محطة الضخ الرئيسية بالمنصورة .
- إنشاء شبكة الصّرف الصحي بالإنسياب الطبيعي في منطقتي العريش والنصر (حوالي ٥٠٠ كم بأقطار ٢٠٠ ٢٠٠ ملم ، و ١٠٠ غرفة تفتيش) ، بالإضافة الى استكمال حوالي ٦.٨ كم من أعمال الأنابيب و ١٧١ غرفة تقتيش . إنشاء حوالي ٢١ كم من خطوط المجاري الجانبية من ضباًو قطر ١٥٠ ملم لمناطق العريش والنصر متضمنة حوالي ٣٠٠ غرفة تفتيش خرسانية راشحة
- إنشاء شبكة الصرف الصحي لمنطقة المجدلة (حوالي ٣٠٦ كم باقطار ٢٠٠ ٤٠٠ ملم و ١١٠ غرفة تفتيش بالإضافة إلى ٦ كم من الخطوط الجانبية ، متضمنة حوالي ٢١٠ غرفة تفتيش خرسانية راشحة مسبقة الصب) ، ومنطقة السلام (حوالي ٩٥٠ م بقطر ٢٠٠ ملم و ٢٥ غرفة تفتيش بالإضافة إلى ١٠٥ كم من
 - الخُطوَّط الجانبية ، متضمنة حوالي ٥٥ غرفة تفتيش خرسانية راشحة مسبقة الصبُّ).
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Breastfeeding: For baby's healthy growth and mother's safety

By: Dr. Mohammed Al-Alie For The Yemen Times

t goes without saying that breastfeeding is an unequalled way of providing ideal food for the healthy growth and development of infants. It also is an integral part of the reproductive process, with important implications for the health of mothers.

A recent review of evidence has shown that, on a population basis, exclusive breastfeeding (depending only on breast milk without any other type of food or milk) for six months is the optimal way to feed infants. Thereafter, infants should receive complementary food with continued breastfeeding up to 2 years of age or beyond.

Breast milk is much better than artificial milk because it keeps a baby growing properly and helps mothers follow necessary instructions for their reproductive health.

Breast milk is the natural first food that should be given to babies because it provides all of the energy and nutrients an infant needs in the first months of life. It continues to provide up to half or more of a child's nutritional needs during the second half of its first year and up to one-third during the second year of life.

Thanks to its contents, breast milk promotes sensory and cognitive development in addition to protecting infants against infectious diseases such as gastroenteritis (inflammation of the stomach and intestine) and septicemia (bacteria and its toxins in the blood), as well as several chronic diseases, because breast milk has antibodies and



Doctors confirm that infants who don't feed on breast milk are prone to infectious diseases because their immunity is weak and artificial milk bottles get contaminated.

and itching on all or part of the body)

and allergic rhinitis (inflammation of

Additionally, breastfeeding infants

are less subject to rickets, a disease

the nose due to allergy).

immunological cells that kill bacterial agents emerging in the body.

Exclusive breastfeeding reduces infant mortality that may occur as a result of common childhood illnesses such as diarrhea or pneumonia. It also helps bring about quicker recovery from illness.

Breast milk also has anti-allergic properties other types of milk are incapable of providing; thus, infants who feed exclusively on human milk are much less susceptible to allergic diseases such as infant eczema (a rash

occurring as a result of calcium shortage in the body, because breast milk contains double the vitamin D in cow milk. Infants who feed on human milk also have a sufficient amount of iron and, therefore, are farther from iron deficiency since iron in human milk is 1.5 times that of cow milk.

Mothers' benefits

Breastfeeding also has many advantages of vital importance for the heath and wellbeing of mothers. For example, it helps space children, since women who breastfeed usually become pregnant after more than six months of giving birth, whereas women who cut breastfeeding may get pregnant only a month and a half after delivery.

Breastfeeding delays menstruation and hence, helps women with family planning, which is essential for a mother's health, as well as for a child's proper growth. Breastfeeding also reduces the risk of ovarian and breast cancer in mothers.

Economically speaking, breastfeeding decreases family expenditures, as babies who feed on artificial milk require a considerable sum of money every month or even every week to provide milk for them. Furthermore, it boosts babies' immunity, thus making them resistant to infectious diseases. Conversely,

babies fed artificially are susceptible to infectious diseases because their immunity is weak.

To enable mothers to establish and sustain exclusive breastfeeding for six months, WHO and UNICEF recommend mothers begin breastfeeding within the first hour of life. They should also breastfeed their babies exclusively; that is, their infants should receive only breast milk without any additional food or drink, not even water.

Additionally, mothers should breastfeed their babies on demand, in the sense that a baby should receive breast milk as often as it wants, day and night. In this respect, both WHO and UNICEF stress that mothers shouldn't use any type of bottles, teats or pacifiers during breastfeeding in order to make feeding ultimately exclusive.

Breast milk secrets and benefits

Upon this explanation, one may question the secret of breastfeeding and breast milk, which provides babies the required vitamins and fat, as well as helps them have healthy and well-balanced growth. Doctors confirm that breast milk contains a substance called colostrum, a secretion produced in the breast within the first three to five days. The substance is lemon yellow and viscous with fluid alkaline.

Colostrum is followed by transitional milk and then mature milk, which is secreted between the 10th to 20th day after delivery. Colostrum is composed of protein, fat and minerals. Although these substances may be in cow milk, the balance and way they are combined makes it impossible for any other type of milk to acquire breast milk's quality.

Additionally, colostrum contains immunoglobulins (immunity antibodies that kill bacterial agents in the body). It also has laxative properties and thus helps in the passage of meconium (feces present in the baby's abdomen before birth obtained during feeding through the mother's umbilical cord). It further prevents hyperbilirubinemia (increased bilirubin in the blood, which causes toxicity in the body).

The significance of breastfeeding lies in the fact that the fat content in the final amount of milk in each feeding is three times that of the first. This helps the baby achieve satiety and thus prevents overfeeding and obesity in breastfed infants.

In a joint statement entitled, "Protecting, promoting and supporting breastfeeding," WHO and UNICEF aim to increase awareness of the critical role of health services in promoting breastfeeding, as well as describe what should be done to provide mothers with appropriate information and support.

10 steps for successful breastfeeding

Every facility providing maternity services and care for newborn infants should:

- 1. Have a written breastfeeding policy routinely communicated to all health care staff.
- 2. Train all health care staff in skills necessary to implement this policy.
- 3. Inform all pregnant women about the benefits and management of breastfeeding.
- ${\it 4. \ \, Help mothers begin breastfeeding within half an hour of birth.}$
- 5. Show mothers how to breastfeed and maintain lactation, even if they are separated from their infants.
- Give newborn infants no food or drink other than breast milk, unless medically indicated.
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- 7. Practice rooming-in (allowing mothers and infants to remain together) 24 hours a day.
- 8. Encourage breastfeeding on demand.
- 9. Give no artificial teats or pacifiers (also called dummies or soothers) to breastfeeding infants.
- 10. Foster the establishment of breastfeeding support groups and refer mothers to them upon discharge from the hospital or clinic.









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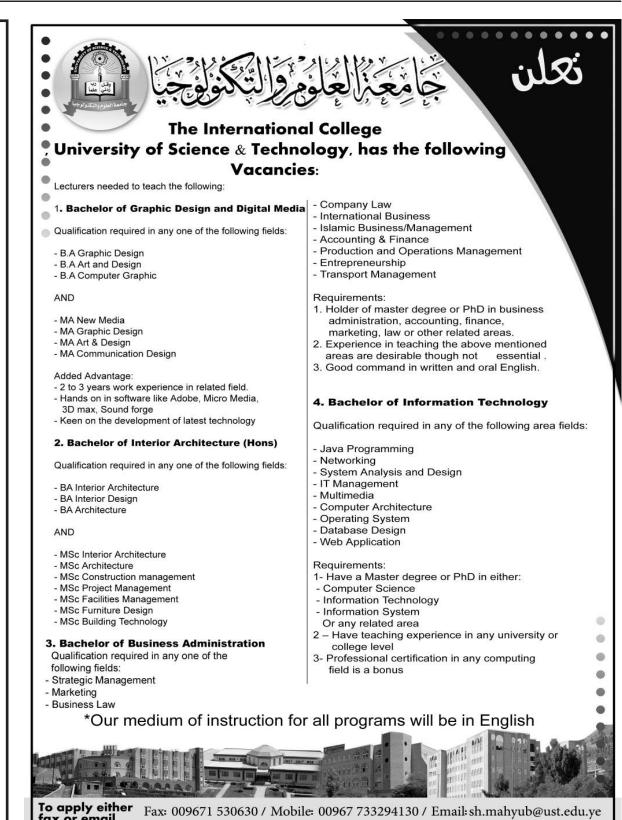
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Working together as a family

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n a step to improve the way team members interact and solve problems in their work, the Yemen editorial department Times organized team-building workshop last Thursday in cooperation with the newly formed Yemeni Network for Media Training.

In the belief that successful team building has far-reaching ramifications in organizations and companies and that better problem solving means better efficiency in general, the newspaper administration invited the network to arrange a workshop on how staff can improve their performance.

The goals were to improve how employees interact with each other and with the management and vice versa, as as create a team-building atmosphere between the newspaper's employees and managers.

For approximately five participants did several team-building activities, first specifying the problems they all face and then working together in two groups to brainstorm solutions and draw up a new strategy for the newspaper.

Hussein Al-Wada'i, chief of the Yemeni Network for Media Training, and Nabiha Al-Hadri were the facilitators who presented aims and ideas for participants on how they could determine the problems and then work together to learn techniques to solve their problems themselves.

The session highlighted four main problems, mostly regarding administrative, technical, financial and professional problems, which many companies face. One particular training exercise had participants classify their



The two facilitators and Yemen Times staff take a group photo as smile prove the successful outcomes.

problems into four categories After four sessions and in a roundtable discussion, the two groups wrote logical and possible solutions to the newspaper's problems, classifying them

according to the most important and

Outcomes of the team building

Everyone participated a performance enhancement session to discover a strategy for improving their performance and developing the communicative skills between newspaper employees and their

Although the workshop was only for one day, its results were great and meaningful to improve the company. "The workshop was successful. I felt that the participants were serious to make a change and improvements. The ideas presented were professional and I observed that a democratic atmosphere will play a role in implementing the outcomes," Al-Wada'i commented.

"If the Yemen Times administration applies the results, its performance will improve in a short time," he predicted.

The day also provided a good chance for staffers to get to know each other better through several workshop activities. The entire newspaper staff participated in the workshop as a team, regardless of their positions or authority.

Earlier this year, a group of journalists and media trainers established the Yemeni Network for Media Training, which aims to create a civil atmosphere in both formal and informal organizations in general and Yemeni mass media specifically. This is the network's fourth event so far this year





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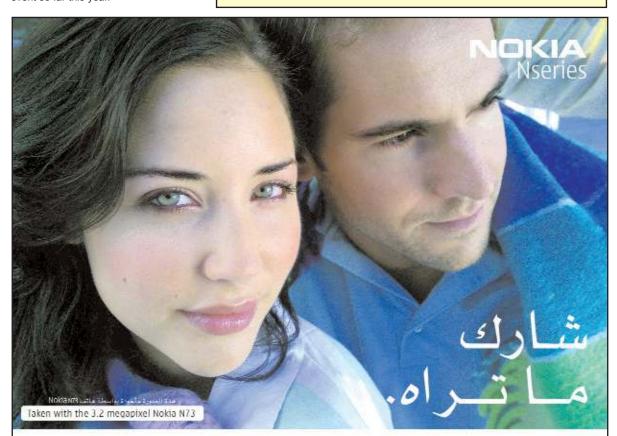
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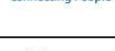




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