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Cleric initiates an authority for "protecting virtue and fighting vice"



Abdul Majid Al-Zindani, Sadiq Al-Ahmar, Hussein Al-Ahmar and company prepare to address the crowd of 6,000 who gathered to hear about the new "Authority for Protecting Virtue and Fighting Vice."

By: Almigdad Mojalli

SANA'A, July 15 — A meeting hosted by Sheikh Abdul Majid Al-Zindani announced on Tuesday that it intends to create a new para-governmental authority to comb the streets and root out anything in society that the committee deems to be a vice, including co-education in schools and universities and television series played during the month of Ramadan.

The newly-created Authority for Protecting Virtue and Fighting Vice said they will work side-by-side with the concerned governmental authorities. Members said they plan that the authority will be responsible for finding offenders who are promoting vice and report them to the police, who will then decide what to do with them. The group said that it would be the Yemeni police force who would decide whether or not to punish those caught by the authority.

However, the government released a statement the same day as Al-Zindani's meeting saying that only the government should concern itself with citizens' freedom, and no other institution can give or take away rights. Likewise, various political opposition parties launched an intense campaign against the authority since hearing of its plans in May.

"The authority was supposed to be composed of 25 clerics and five ministers," said Hamoud Al-Tharehi, the Supreme Committee member from the Islah Islamic Party. However, during the meeting, it was decided that the authority will instead consist of 42 clerics alone.

"We reconsidered the issue and decided to restrict the authority to the Yemeni Clerics Association," added Al-Tharehi, pointing out that cooperation between clerics and governmental authorities might be difficult and lead to more problems.

Abdul Majid Al-Zindani, the head of Al-Iman University and a controversial figure in Islam as well as in Yemen, reaffirmed that the security forces would really be the ones protecting virtue and fighting vice. "Our only medium of change is the word, but the act is left for the state," said Al-Zindani.

Al-Zindani also said that the authority will ask the government to close any workplace spreading vices like serving alcohol and permitting prostitution. "We will never be silent towards any place, wherever it is," he added.

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Clashes renew as Houthis' lockdown of troops ends

By: Mohammed Bin Sallam

SA'ADA, July 16 — Bloody confrontations between the Yemeni army and Houthi gunmen renewed in several Sa'ada districts following two days of relative calm resulting from an agreement reached between the two warring sides, tribal sources from the governorate said Wednesday, noting that the agreement unblocked the Sana'a-Sa'ada Highway and ended a two-month Houthi lockdown on Yemeni troops.

The sources said bloody clashes currently are occurring in Sihar, Haidan, Saqain, Dhahian and Mirran districts, adding that the Yemeni army is employing various types of heavy weaponry, including fighter jets and helicopters that have terribly devastated area residents' homes and farmlands.

They continued, maintaining that the Yemeni army has exploited the truce that the Houthis and senior government leaders signed this past Saturday to attack the areas of Al-Humaidan, Al-Mazroua and Al-Saifi, located between Sa'ada and Dhahian cities, in a never-ending attempt to take control of Dhahian city.

Houthis released a statement Monday, alleging that the Yemeni army had launched two major offensives on Al-Humaidan area, one Sunday evening and the other Monday afternoon. However, what the statement termed "militias" prevented the advancing troops from approaching the area, adding that several military soldiers and commanders were killed or injured in the clashes.

In Mirran district, the army launched an offensive against strategic Houthi positions Monday morning using fighter jets and tanks. Independent sources note that



A minaret is destroyed by blast in Sa'ada.

the truce that both sides signed in Amran governorate's Harf Sifyan district sought to allow both sides to bury their dead, take their injured to hospitals and transport food supplies to besieged villages and military brigades.

However, Houthis accuse the authority of violating the ceasefire agreement by using ambulances in Mirran to transport weapons and ammunition to its blockaded troops.

Despite ongoing clashes in Mirran and Dhahian, the truce did help unblock the Sana'a-Sa'ada Highway.

Several media outlets previously reported that President Ali Abdullah Saleh spoke with Houthi field leader Abdulmalik Al-Houthi by telephone, convincing him to agree on partial and temporary terms that include unblocking the Sana'a-Sa'ada Highway and releasing

besieged troops. However, a government source denies that Saleh has communicated with Al-Houthi.

Alleged human rights abuses in Bani Hushaish

The Yemeni Socialist Party-affiliated Aleshtaraki.net reports that the Yemeni army has committed human rights abuses against several residents of Bani

Hushaish, located east of Sana'a. It quoted local sources as saying that the army attacked Beit Al-Aghrabi village with heavy weaponry, although Houthi gunmen withdrew from the village and stopped fighting, according to a tribal mediation.

"The army destroyed residents' homes and property before raiding the village. [Army personnel] evicted residents, including women and children, to a nearby school," Bani Hushaish sources say, adding that the soldiers beat, badmouthed and insulted citizens.

According to the same sources, female soldiers from counterterrorism units deployed in the area arrested numerous women from Beit Al-Aghrabi village on suspicion of supporting Houthi gunmen. They further noted that the Yemeni army has arrested the majority of the village's male residents under age 50.

In a statement published by state-run Al-Thawrah daily newspaper on Wednesday, an official government source in Bani Hushaish denied the authenticity of the report by Aleshtaraki.net, clarifying that the Yemeni army is searching for wanted fugitives and that no human rights abuses have been committed.

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DP World to operate container facilities at Aden port

DUBAI, July 13 — Global marine terminal operator Dubai Ports World and Yemen's Gulf of Aden Port Corporation have finalized a joint venture for DP World to operate and develop Aden port's container handling facilities.

The agreement includes the lease of both Aden Container Terminal and of nearby Ma'alla Container Terminal, in addition to a commitment to invest approximately \$220 million to develop the port further, including building a new 400-meter berth extension to Aden Container Terminal within five years of the handover, which is expected by the end of this year.

Aden port's current capacity is around 700,000 TEU (20-foot equivalent container units) and is expected to grow to around 1.5 million TEU by 2012. The joint venture plans to further expand its capacity, as dictated by market demand, as part of the second phase development rights.

The agreement was signed in the presence of Yemen's Deputy Prime Minister for Economic Affairs and Minister of Planning and International Cooperation



Abdul Kareem Al-Arhabi and Dubai World and DP World's Chairman Sultan Ahmed Bin Sulayem.

Also at the signing were Yemeni Transportation Minister Khalid Al-Wazir and DP World Vice Chairman and Group CEO of Ports and Free Zones World Jamal Majid Bin Thaniyah. Other senior Yemeni and DP World officials also attended.

DP World Chairman Sulayem stated, "We're very pleased to partner with Yemen and contribute our international experience and expertise to developing

this important facility's potential. This port is strategically located to capture the region's significantly increasing transshipping volume. Additionally, Aden is one of Yemen's key domestic cargo gateways, which has been witnessing average annual growth in domestic throughput of around 18 percent over the past seven years."

Concluding his remarks, Sulayem said, "We believe Yemen will benefit significantly from efficient port and logistics infrastructure. We look forward to working with our new partner in the future."

Yemeni minister Al-Arhabi remarked, "We welcome this important agreement and are pleased that Aden port has established a long-term relationship with DP World. We are committed to the expansion and development of Yemen and we believe DP World will be an excellent partner in helping us realize that ambition."

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**DP World and the Yemen Gulf of Aden Port Corp establish long term partnership
DP World to operate and develop the container facilities at the Port of Aden
The joint venture commits to investment totalling US \$220 million within five years**

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TEU (twenty foot equivalent container units) and is expected to grow to around 1.5 million TEU by 2012. The joint venture plans to further expand capacity as dictated by market demand as part of the second phase development rights.

The agreement was signed in the presence of Yemens' Deputy Prime Minister for Economic Affairs and Minister of Planning and International Co-operation, H. E. Abdul- Karim Ismail al-Arhabi, and Dubai World and DP World Chairman H. E. Sultan Ahmed Bin Sulayem. Also at the signing were Yemeni Minister of Transportation H.E. Khalid Ibrahim Al Wazir and DP World Vice Chairman and Group CEO of Ports and Free Zones World (P&FZ World) H.E. Jamal Majid Bin Thaniah. Other senior Yemeni and DP World officials also attended.

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موانئ دبي العالمية تتوسع في اليمن

موانئ دبي العالمية و مؤسسة موانئ خليج عدن اليمنية تتفقان على إقامة شراكة طويلة الأمد
موانئ دبي العالمية تتولى تشغيل وتطوير مرافق الحاويات في ميناء عدن
تخصيص 220 مليون دولار أمريكي للاستثمار في المشروع المشترك على مدى 5 سنوات

دبي، 13 يوليو 2008:

ومن جهته قال الأرحبي "نود أن نعرب عن ترحيبنا العميق بهذا الاتفاق الهام وسعدتنا بتمكن ميناء عدن من ارساء قاعدة متينة لعلاقات طويلة الأمد مع موانئ دبي العالمية. ونحن ملتزمون بتطوير اليمن وازدهارها، وواقفون من أن موانئ دبي العالمية ستكون شريكاً مثالياً يعيننا على تحقيق هذا الطموح".

عن موانئ دبي العالمية

تعد موانئ دبي العالمية من أكبر مشغلي المحطات البحرية في العالم، حيث تتولى تشغيل 45 محطة بحرية و 13 مشروعاً جديداً موزعة في 29 بلداً، مع جهاز وظيفي ملتزم ومتفرس يضم نحو 30.000 موظف بخدمة عملاء في عدد من أكثر اقتصاديات العالم نشاطاً ودينامية.

وتهدف موانئ دبي العالمية إلى تعزيز فعالية سلسلة التوريد لعملائها من خلال تقديم خدمات إدارة الحاويات والبضائع المساندة وغيرها من بضع المحطات البحرية بكفاءة وفعالية.

وتستثمر الشركة على نحو مستمر في البنية التحتية للمحطات البحرية، والمرافق والموظفين، عاملة بشكل وثيق مع العملاء وشركاء الأعمال لكي تقدم لهم خدمات نوعية في الحاضر والمستقبل، حيث وحينما يحتاج العملاء إلى هكذا خدمات.

وفي ثبني هذه المقاربة المركزة على العملاء، فإن موانئ دبي العالمية تنتهج مبدأ تعزيز العلاقات الثابتة وتقديم مستوى متفوق من الخدمة كما يتجلى ذلك في صفوة مرافقها في ميناء جبل علي في دبي، والذي اختير كـ"أفضل ميناء بحري في الشرق الأوسط" لأربع عشرة سنة متتالية.

وقامت موانئ دبي العالمية في العام 2007 بمناولة ما يزيد على 43.3 مليون حاوية نمطية (قياس 20 قدماً) من خلال محطة أعمالها التي تعتمد من الأمريكيتين إلى آسيا، أي بزيادة قدرها 18% مقارنة بالعام 2006، مع توفر طاقة استيعابية عالمية تزيد عن 54 مليون حاوية نمطية. ويتوقع لهذه الطاقة الاستيعابية أن تشهد زيادة مؤثرة في السنوات القادمة بفضل مجموعة من مشاريع التطوير والتوسع المؤكدة في أكثر الأسواق نمواً، تشمل الهند، والصين، والشرق الأوسط، حيث من المتوقع أن تبلغ حوالي 90 مليون حاوية نمطية بحلول العام 2017.

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أعلنت "موانئ دبي العالمية"، مشغل المحطات البحرية العالمي، اليوم عن توقيعها اتفاقية مع "مؤسسة موانئ خليج عدن" لإقامة مشروع مشترك، تتولى بموجبه تشغيل وتطوير مرافق مناولة الحاويات في ميناء عدن.

وشمل الاتفاق تأجير كلا من محطة حاويات عدن ومحطة حاويات المعل المجاورة، إلى جانب التزام المشروع المشترك باستثمار نحو 220 مليون دولار أمريكي في أعمال تطوير إضافية للميناء، بما في ذلك بناء رصيف جديد بطول 400 متراً لتوسعة محطة حاويات عدن في غضون خمس سنوات من عملية التسليم، والتي يتوقع اتمامها بنهاية العام الجاري، علماً بأن الطاقة الاستيعابية الحالية لميناء عدن تبلغ حوالي 700 ألف حاوية نمطية (قياس 20 قدماً)، ويتوقع أن تصل إلى حوالي 1.5 مليون حاوية نمطية بحلول العام 2012. وكجزء من حقوق تطوير المرحلة الثانية، سيسعى الجانبان بموجب الخطط الموضوعية للمشروع المشترك إلى زيادة الطاقة الاستيعابية بشكل إضافي حسب ما يمليه الطلب في الأسواق.

هذا ومن المقرر كذلك أن تتولى "موانئ دبي العالمية" إدارة المحطتين خلال المدة الإيجارية.

وجرت مراسم توقيع الاتفاقية اليوم بحضور سعادة عبد الكريم اسماعيل الأرحبي، نائب رئيس الوزراء اليمني للشئون الاقتصادية والتخطيط والتعاون الدولي، وسعادة سلطان أحمد بن سليم، رئيس "دبي العالمية" و"موانئ دبي العالمية". كما حضر مراسم التوقيع سعادة خالد إبراهيم الوزير، وزير النقل اليمني، وجمال ماجد بن ثنية، نائب رئيس موانئ دبي العالمية والمدير التنفيذي لمجموعة عالم الموانئ والمناطق الحرة إلى جانب عدد آخر من المسؤولين في "موانئ دبي العالمية". وقال سلطان أحمد بن سليم في معرض تعليقه على هذا الاتفاق "نحن سعداء جداً بشراكتنا مع اليمن وتمكننا من المساهمة بخيرتنا العالمية في تطوير إمكانيات هذا المرفق الحيوي، حيث يشكل ميناء عدن بوابة اليمن المحلية الرئيسية للبضائع المشحونة، وقد شهد معدل نمو سنوي في إجمالي المناولة المحلي بلغ 18 في المائة على مدى السنوات السبع الماضية".

وأضاف "إننا على ثقة من أن اليمن ستفيد إلى حد كبير من وجود بنية تحتية لوجستية ذات كفاءة عالية لموانئها، وتنتقل إلى التعاون مع شركائنا الجدد في بناء مستقبل زاهر".

Small Investors: More People = More Business

By: YemenTimes Staff

The second largest employer in Yemen after the agricultural sector is the Small and Micro Enterprises sector, defined by organizations which provide employment to a maximum of five persons, and sometimes as little as one. These small and micro enterprises are spread across most sectors and provide goods and services for the largest segments of the markets who rely on the services of such small organizations, such as your friendly neighborhood bakery, laundry service, and grocer. In this survey, Yemetimes investigates the investment trends in this sector with a focus on urban Yemen.

More Competition:

Hamoud Saleh, a small retailer in Sana'a, says that a few years ago he was the only such retailer in his part of the neighbourhood, but today there are another two who have mushroomed each within 100 meters of his shop. He complains saying that now he has to share the few customers in the area with another two which means that he either has to offer lower prices or walk the extra mile in being nice and personal with customers so that he would create a relationship with them so that they would always buy from him.

Abdullah Mouqbil, a small telecommunications shop, says that the main problem is that big companies try to penetrate the market even more while depriving small businesses like his of whatever market they have, he says that the mobile telecommunications services have continued to decrease in price all people have mobile phones and no one needs to go to the telecommunications shop to make a phonecall, so now most of his business is generated through the retail of mobile phone recharging units.

Mohammed Abdulsattar, owner of a



Small investors feel pressured as a result of market changes and competition.

vegetable shop, says that more choice for consumers does not necessarily mean that he will be affected, adding that most of his sales in terms of value are from fruits bought by people passing by the main road he is at, and not from the neighbourhood, adding that as long as people know that you exist in a particular location they will always think of you when they need to buy from you.

More People:

Continues Hamoud Saleh by reiterating that there are more buildings, houses, and residents in the neighbourhood, and this is a good sign because the more people there are the more likely it is that more people are coming to buy from you, adding that the increasing number of people

makes it easier for him to co-exists with the other new retailers emerging as there are more customers to go around anyway.

Abdullah Ghalib, a Qat retailer, says that the more people there are, the more business there is, emphasizing that retailers respond to market forces in terms of demand, the more demand there is, the more supply will be generated, and vice versa. But from the looks of it, demand and supply are growing in spite of all the hardships we hear about.

Abdullah Al-Shara'abi, a new baker, says that he opened his bakery four months ago after he realized that most retailers in his area buy their bread from bakeries from other neighborhoods, therefore he saw an opportunity to open right in the neighbour-

hood and therefore take advantage of demand available, saying if i'm next door people will want to buy bread directly from the baker, and this is what is happening.

Government Facilitation:

Saqid Al-Shamiri, a barber, says that small businesses, over all, are suffering greatly, not only because there is more competition, but because their costs of doing business are going higher as well, including rents, costs of power bills, and newfound taxes being enforced on the small businesses. He says that last year, and for the first time in seven years, he had to pay a tax of 50,000 Riyals as a fixed lump sum per year, he says that is my net profit for one month of activity, it is just too much.

Business In Brief

USAID Donates US\$ 1.7 million in Food Aid

The United States Agency for International Development has announced that it is donating \$ 1.7 million in urgent humanitarian assistance food aid to Yemen, to help feeding the internally displaced persons in Sa'ada governorate and the Somali refugees in Yemen.

Japan forgoes US\$ 17 million in Yemeni debts

The Embassy of Japan to Yemen has stated that the Japanese government has decided to forgive US\$ 17 million in debt to Yemen in order to improve bilateral relations between the two countries.

Privet Sector Demands Participation in Market Monitoring

During a workshop arranged by the ministry of trade and industry on market monitoring, privet sector representatives have complained that the government always takes the side of the consumers, demanding that the privet sector takes part in the governments' efforts to monitor the market in order to maintain fairness of the process to both parties, consumer and business.

Yemen's Population Growth Rate Declines to 3 %

Secretary-General of the national population council Ahmed Bawraji stated that the population growth rate of Yemen has declines to 3 %, dropping from 3.4% during the last consensus in 2004. He also added that on this rate the Yemeni population will reach 43 million by 2035 which indicates a serious development challenge ahead.

Eriterian Pirates Terrorize Yemeni Fishermen

Piracy in the red sea has reached a new high last week when Eriterian Pirates captures 32

Yemeni fishermen in the international waters in the red sea, the pirates confiscated three boats, increasing the total boats confiscated this year to 25 boats so far.

OMV to Start Oil Production from Block S2

Neighbors Drilling Company indicated that Block S2 in Shabwa which is licensed to OMV will increase its oil production once infrastructure work is completed in digging a new oil well. Estimates indicate that the block's production will increase to 10,000 barrels per day by the end of this year.

German Company to Invest in Fish Farming

Minister of Fisheries and Marine Wealth Mohammed Shamlan has met with a German delegation which expressed interest in investing US\$ 18 million in fish farming projects in Hadhramout governorate. This project will bring in new fish farming technologies to Yemen and will help in improving food security and fisheries export from Yemen.

Seven Companies compete to construct Abyan Stadium

In preparation for the Gulf 20 championship scheduled in Aden Abd Abyan in 2011, Yemen's Minister of Sports indicated that the evaluation committee has evaluated the proposals of 17 construction companies to construct a multi-million donor stadium in Abyan, indicating that seven proposals have advanced for the next round of qualification.

QASHQAI Launched in Yemen

Thama Trading Company, the agents of Nissan vehicles in Yemen, have launched their latest four-wheel drive model Qashqai. The new model is a sporty five-seat sport utility vehicle with a four-cylinder 2.0 liter engine known for economy in fuel consumption.



Invitation for General Bid No. (13) for the year 2008

The TV and Radio General Corporation announces its interest in inviting for general bid number (13) 2008, for buying, importing, supervising installation, checking, operating, and confirming liquid batteries for the Broadcasting TV channels.

All interested candidates and companies apply with their written request for this bid during the official work time to the following address:

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For buying and getting the entire bid documents with receipt: (\$300) non refundable. The deadline of selling the documents is 6/8/2008.

The file should be enveloped and sealed with the red wax and submitted to the secretary of bids and out-bids committee of the corporation. The file should be addressed with name of the authority, the name of the project, the number of the bid, and the name of the applicant, and the file should include all the following documents:

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- 3- Submitting a copy of the insurance card valid for 2008 year (the insurance cards are only requested from those companies which have assets in Yemen and have the right to benefit from the revenues given by the general corporation for social insurance in Yemen).
- 4- A copy of valid certificate of registration and classifications valid for 2008.
- 5- A copy of the alms card valid for 2008.
- 6- A copy of the commercial register valid for 2008.
- 7- A copy of work license valid for 2008.
- 8- A copy of register certificate concerning the public sales taxes valid for 2008.

The deadline of receiving the documents and opening the files at 11:00 am on Monday morning 11/8/2008 at the main branch of the corporation.



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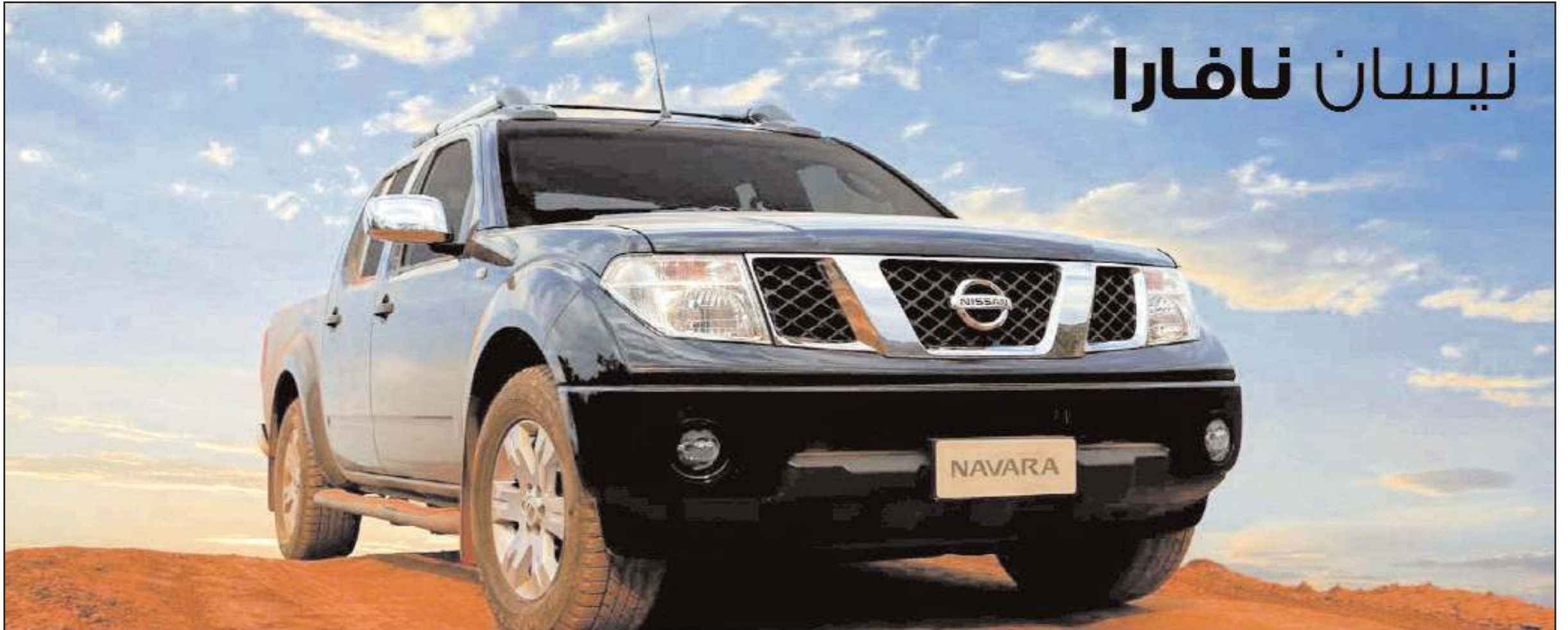
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Yemeni youth are crazy for Facebook

By: Alia Ishaq

Facebook, a social networking site created by a student at Harvard University four years ago, is now one of the most popular websites in the world with more than 80 million active users globally, not to mention the thousands of users in Yemen.

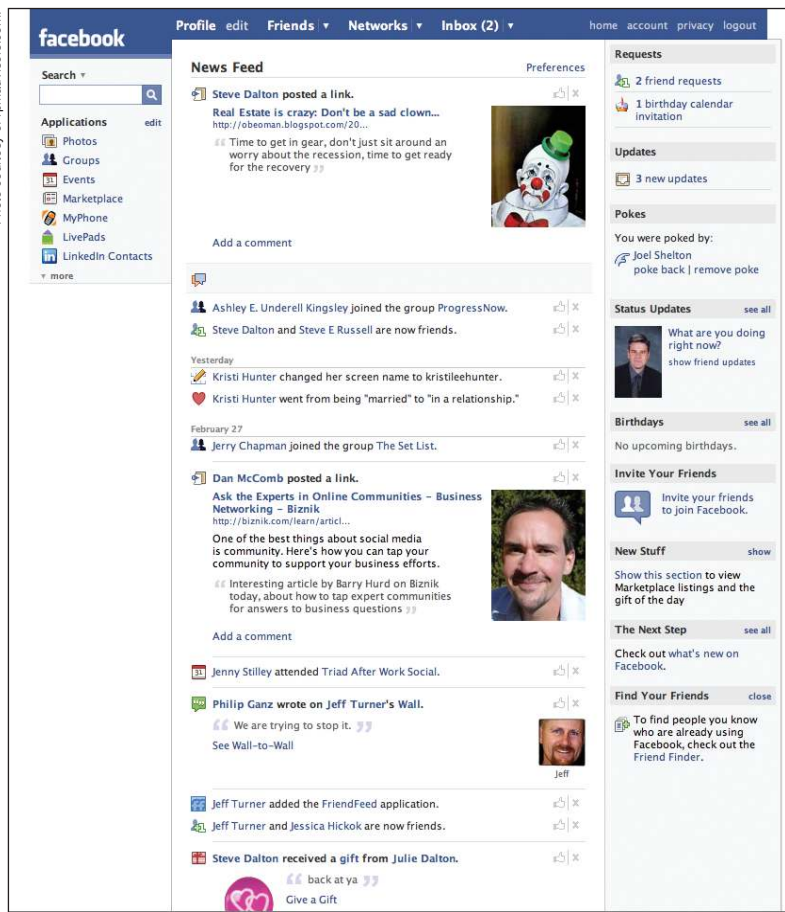
Facebook was designed to connect friends together, allowing them to create their own profiles where they can add photos and updated information about their lives. It also lets users view their friends' profiles according to their privacy settings and get the news on these friends' lives right away without the need to email someone directly.

The site was initially restricted for Harvard University students, and during its first month, more than half of Harvard University undergraduates joined the site. The site was then introduced to other universities in the United States and later on expanded to all universities worldwide. In 2005, Facebook expanded its membership eligibility to high school students and employees of certain companies. Now, the only requirement to join Facebook is a valid email address and a minimum age of 13. The website is free to join; it makes money through corporate advertisements, not through subscription.

According to statistics by www.alexa.com, a web information company, Facebook ranks in the top 10 most popular sites worldwide. The social networking website that was launched in February 2004 has grown even more popular in the Arab countries where it ranked as high as the first most popular site in countries like Lebanon.

In Yemen, the website is ranked at 18th most popular networking websites. Compared to other social networking websites like Hi5, which ranked as the 66th most popular website in Yemen, Facebook is way more influential.

With some of his friends, Zuckerberg first launched what he



Facebook, the social networking website, has grown from nothing to 80 million users worldwide in only four years.

called "the Facebook" from his dorm room in Harvard, an online version of the student directory of Harvard where students can message each other. Within just four months, the website expanded to 40 other colleges before receiving its first initial investment of 500,000\$. In 2007, Microsoft bought 1.6 percent of the company for \$240 million which meant that Bill Gates valued Facebook at \$15 billion! Though some analysts say this is unrealistic since Facebook has to figure out how to make money from its huge audience first.

Why are Yemenis so attracted to Facebook?

Some Yemeni Facebook users admitted

that they have become practically addicted to Facebook. "At first I used to sign in every three hours, but then Facebook added that service where you can connect to it through your mobile phone and be notified with all the updates in your account," said Nawal Al-Maghafi, a Yemeni girl living in the UK. "That's when I started staying online 24/7." Al-Maghafi said that she uses Facebook to stay in touch with friends she hasn't seen in years. "It has become one of the main sources of communication," she adds.

Aiman Al-Aghil, a 19-year-old Facebook user, said he keeps Facebook on even if he is not around. "I really think it's a great website since it connects people and maintains privacy at the same time," said 19-year-old Sarah Ibrahim. Her friend, Noha Yahya, says she likes it because it helps her make new friendships. Others like 21-year-old Safa Ahmed have found interesting ways to use the Facebook. Ahmed, a student at the University of Science and Technology in Sana'a, keeps a countdown of the hours until the summer vacation on her Facebook status; she says she signs in almost every hour in order to update her countdown. Fatima Al-Baiti, a Yemeni studying at a university in Malaysia, said the thing she likes the most are the privacy settings. "Facebook is now considered the 'in' thing, so everyone will continue using it until youths become interested in something else," she added.

Uploading and viewing pictures is considered one of the most popular applications on Facebook. However, this is the line that many Yemeni girls refuse to cross. "I never upload my pictures on Facebook since I'm veiled - it's against our traditions," said Alya Abdullah, a first-year Sana'a University student. "Some of the girls I know are not veiled, but they too don't put their pictures on the website since they fear that these pictures might be used in an inappropriate way," said Abdullah. She also advises girls not to accept unknown friend requests they receive, even if they are from girls. According to her, a lot of Yemeni boys using the facebook create female profiles in order to be accepted as friends by girls and as a result view their profiles and see their pictures (if there are any).

Groups and networks

One of the thousands networks on the website is the "Yemen" regional network with more than 3,650 members. But this number doesn't indicate the real presence of Yemenis on

Facebook, since they can also be listed in connection with their school or university networks instead. Some Facebook users choose not to join any networks at all. In addition to the main networks, there are over 500 joinable political, social and common interests groups related to Yemen. Any Facebook user can create his own group and invite people to it.

Adel Al-Serri, 27, has found ways to do business on Facebook. Al-Serri creates advertising websites for other companies. "I have advertised my websites through Facebook groups. At first, I created groups of different interests and then invited a lot of people to them; some of my groups are called 'Yemen,' 'Jobs in Yemen,' 'Dubai Recruitment,' 'Job Seeker' and others," says Al-Serri.

Facebook controversy

Some countries like Syria and Iran have blocked Facebook completely, since they feel the site is a threat to national security. The Syrian government claims that the ban is due to the open nature of the site, which they think promoted attacks on authorities, along with Israeli infiltration of Syrian social networks. However, some human rights organizations, such as the U.S.-based Committee to Protect Bloggers, that it's simply another way for the Syrian government to control their citizens and quell dissent; criticizing the government is punishable by imprisonment. Yet there are still groups and networks with thousands of Iranian and Syrian users. Users are finding their own ways to access Facebook, which is apparently as addictive for them as it is for the thousands of Yemenis who log on to the site.

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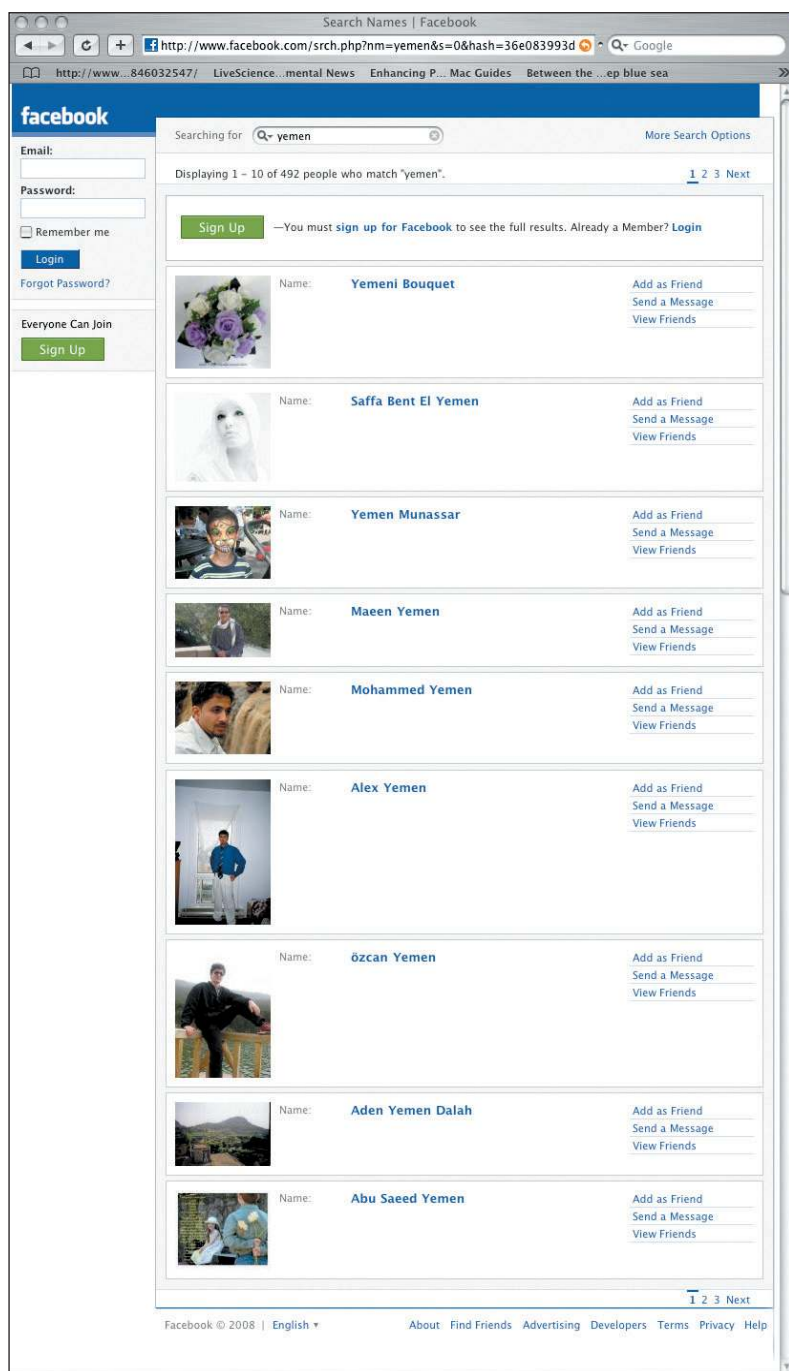
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