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Yemen declares Al-Qaeda free despite American concern

By: Nadia Al-Sakkaf

SANA'A, Feb. 18 — Saudi national Mohammed Ateek Al-Aufi Al-Harbi, one of Al-Qaeda commanders in Yemen, had surrendered to the Yemeni authorities in order to be handed over to the kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

Al-Harbi was released from Guantanamo in Nov. 2007. After being treated at a counseling center in Saudi Arabia, he traveled to Yemen to re-join Al-Qaeda, especially after the Saudi clamp down on terrorism.

Admiral Dennis C. Blair, the newly confirmed US Director of National Intelligence, commented last week that although Al-Qaeda today is less capable and effective than it was a year ago, Yemen and East Africa, particularly Somalia, are emerging as potential new bases of operations for Islamic extremize.

Yemen's Minister of Interior Mutahar

Rashad Al-Masri however contradicted the statement in an interview with Jordanian newspaper Al-Dustour on Feb. 16, in which he said that Al-Qaeda does not exist in Yemen anymore.

Referring to the latest security raid against the Al-Qaeda cell in Sana'a last month, Al-Masri said Yemeni security had severely terminated Al-Qaeda bases in Yemen.

On Jan. 19, 2009 two suspected members of a cell belonging to the al-Qaeda, one of them a Saudi national, were killed after the police raided a house in Sana'a. A third suspect was captured and a fourth managed to

Similarly, Yemeni authorities said this week that they had arrested around 30 suspects in a manhunt for Al-Qaeda militants, following the terror group announcing that Yemen was its activities base for the whole of the Arabian Peninsula.

This announcement came after the noose around Al-Qaeda was severely tightened in Saudi Arabia, resulting in the merger of Al-Qaeda in Saudi Arabia and Yemen under Yemeni leadership.

Blair's fear that "Yemen is re-emerging as a jihadist battleground and potential regional base of operations for Al-Qaeda to plan internal and external attacks, train terrorists, and facilitate the movement of operatives," was played down by the Yemeni government calling such accusations "media propaganda"

The Saudi Ministry of Interior issued a wanted list of 85 militants who had fled the kingdom to Yemen, an easier place for operations, late last January. Al-Harbi was one of the named Saudi suspects.

In a related development, the release of dozens of Yemeni prisoners whose affiliation to Al-Qaeda has been in question has raised concerns as to the security threat they could pose to western interests in Yemen. However the Yemeni government has declared that the released prisoners were serving sentences for criminal charges with no relation to terrorism, Al-Qaeda related or not

"The released detainees had been put on trial for violating Yemeni laws and most had served their sentences," said a press release by the Yemeni embassy in Washington to soothe the US government's concern of the potential risk of such prisoners to their embassy in Yemen.

"The U.S. Embassy has received a threat against the Embassy compound regarding a possible attack which could take place in the foreseeable future," said the U.S. Embassy's warning message to U.S. citizens in Yemen at the end of last month, advising them "to exercise caution and take prudent security measures."

In 2008 alone, three different attacks were launched against American interests in Yemen by terrorists who claimed to be the Al-Qaeda wing in Yemen.

Following a terrorist threat allegedly received via email and phone call, Yemeni security forces have gone on high alert, increasing the number of check points around the embassy's vicinity.

The Yemeni government did confirm the increasing risk of Al-Qaeda operatives fleeing into Yemen from the KSA security crackdown. Around 1,000 troops from the Yemeni border guard were put on high alert last week, according to CNN.

"Additional guards have been mobilized to prevent the movement of wanted elements from and to the Yemeni-Saudi border," CNN reported this week adding that more than 30 people have already been arrested, and the government of Yemen is developing a new list

of "most wanted" fugitives that will be distributed throughout the country.

President Saleh called on tribesmen at a military event in Mareb last week to assist security forces towards the arrest of terrorists hiding out in rural areas.

'Terrorism is damaging development and security in your areas," Saleh told the tribal chieftains representing Marib, al-Jawf and Shabwa, where officials say dozens of al-Qaeda fugitives are believed to be hiding.

Saleh said the government forces would not be able to catch the fugitive terrorists without cooperation from people in those provinces.

U.S. officials have said that latest concerns surrounding Yemen are not directly related to the emergence of Said Ali Al-Shiri as the new deputy leader of Al-Qaeda in Yemen. Al-Shiri was released from U.S. custody in Guantanamo Bay, but is now back in Yemen

Locals suggest reducing protected area around the US embassy

By: Almigdad Mojalli

SANA'A, Feb. 18 — Citizens of Sa'wan and Sheraton zones in the area around the US embassy in Sana'a are complaining about the intensity of security checks in their neighborhood.

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The locals held a sit-in last Tuesday

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in front of the parliament protesting against blocking Sheraton Street which leads to their homes, shops and US embassy.

"I have to be checked every time I enter my home, even if I'm coming from work. If I forget my pass I could be stranded for long until a family member delivers it to me," said Mansour Al-Haimi a resident of Al-Madina Al-Sakania area. He added that he isn't against securing the US embassy, but not at the expense of the locals around the embassy.

In a letter to the spokesman of the parliament Yahya Al-Rayie and the Mayor of the Sana'a capital city the

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inhabitants demanded the government to ensure normal practice of their daily life whilst maintaining security of the neighborhood.

The protestors resembled the area surrounding the US embassy to the Green Zone of Iraq. They also mentioned that local students are usually for school because of having to walk long distances due to the absence of public transport. The lack of public transport makes it difficult for emergency calls to the hospitals for those who do not have their private transportation.

Yemeni security from the Central Security Organization, which is the body responsible for ensuring the security of the embassy, set road blocks at approximately one kilometer from the US embassy.

The locals living within this diameter must obtain passes from the local guard service (Aqel Al-Harah) with which the security at the checkpoints either allows them to pass or denies them access to their homes.

Sometimes the locals have to make long detours as a consequence of security cordons.

Moreover, some inhabitants complained that their relatives are prevented from visiting because they don't have entry passes into the protected zone.

Zyiad Al-Matari, one of the Sheraton area inhabitants, commented that they have come to hate living in that area because their relatives are prevented from visiting them. "The government doesn't care about its citizen's peace. It cares only about foreigners, otherwise it would find a way to secure the embassy without disturbing the locals," he said.

Hamoud Al-Hadaqi, the local

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"Remove the embassy from the neighborhood", "free Sheraton zone from security" read some of the banners held by protesting locals living around the US embassy.

guardian of Hassan Bin Thabit avenue in the Sheraton area adjacent to the embassy, mentioned that he never gives passing cards to the visitors.

"I give them only to the inhabitants in my jurisdiction," he commented.

Some locals suggested reducing the protected area by at least three hundred meters. By backing this distance away, they said, security would spare many locals the drama of the daily journies across the check points.

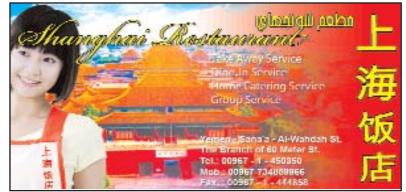
"The government has the right to intensify security in the area around the embassy, especially after the attacks last September. But it would be better if the cordons are back to the wall of the Rumah Cars Showroom," said Omer Mohammed Saeed, referring to a landmark in Sa'wan area where he lives

Although US Embassy spokesman Ryan Gliha regretted the disturbance, he expressed his appreciation toward the efforts of the Ministry of Interior. "The Embassy appreciates the efforts of the Yemeni government in providing for the physical security of the Embassy compound and regrets any disturbance that these measures may cause to those who live and work in the vicinity," Gliha said.

Yemen Times tried to get a comment from the Ministry of Interior on the issue but officials would not respond to our questions.













President calls for anti-smoking law implementation

By: Mahmoud Assamiee

SANA'A, Feb. 18-President Ali Abdullah Saleh issued directives to strictly implement the anti- smoking law which prohibits smoking in all indoor public places including public transport.

The law, which was issued in 2005, has already been enforced in the Ministry of Public Health and Population, Ministry of Planning and International Cooperation and Ministry of Foreign Affairs in addition to the Yemeni Airline Company and Social Fund for Development.

In his meeting with the participants of the Fourth Gulf Conference on Fighting Cancer, which took place from February 16-18, Saleh emphasized a previous decision to increase fees on cigarettes. He also warned against dangers of smoking on health.

Dr. Abdul-Hakim Al-Kuhlani, the supervisor of the National Anti- Smoking Program in the Ministry of Public Health and Population said the president directed strict measures towards the enforcement of Law No.26 from the year 2005 on combating smoking.

"The Ministry of Health issued nosmoking directives to all medical facilities. There are fines on smokers ranging from YR 500 to YR 2,000. These fines are double against physicians and teachers," explained al-Kuhlani.



"I hope the directives of the president will be widely implemented to cover more places," added al-Kuhlani.

Head of Information Department in the Ministers' Council Yahya al- Gayifi said the president's directives will bend every citizen to abide by the law.

General Director of the Traffic Police Department Yahya Zaher says there was a law issued three years ago against smoking in public transportation. Fines

have been set against drivers and passengers alike who smoke inside the vehicles on the road, ranging from YR 500 against passengers to 2,000 against

"Implementing the law really needs public cooperation," said Zaher. "The public is not cooperative on notifying us of any violation of the law. We hope for public cooperation in this matter and for the public to notify us of any smoking

"We have deterring measures against those who violate the law. If a driver or passenger notifies us that someone in smoking on the bus, a traffic policeman will bring him to the station for due punishment," he explained.

Fras Shamsan, member of the Media Youth Forum, a youth body campaigning against smoking, says that a campaign entitled "My live is Better without Smoking" will be launched next June to combat the habit.

"The campaign will help people give up smoking and enlighten them on the danger s of smoking," said Shamsan.

Doctors agree that tobacco, in all its forms - cigarettes, smoking pipes or chewing tobacco- is a leading cause of

Laws implementing bans on indoor smoking have been introduced by many countries in various forms over the last years, with some legislators citing scientific evidence that shows tobacco smoking is also harmful to those inhaling second-hand smoke.

The World Health Organization considers smoke-free laws to have an influence in reducing the demand for tobacco by creating an environment where smoking becomes increasingly more difficult, and to help shift social norms away from the acceptance of smoking in everyday

Taiz joins full strike over doctor's murder

By: Enas Al-Awami

17—Joining SANA'A, Feb nationwide protests, over 200 people held a sit-in in front of the governorate building in Taiz on Wednesday, demanding the arrest of Dr. Al-Qadasi's murderers and a just

The NGOs and syndicates' coordination center which organized the sit-in will also set up a tent in front of the governorate building to protest every Tuesday.

In objection to the country's security forces' inefficiency in catching the criminals, both private and public medical institutions nationwide have agreed on a total strike every Tuesday. Next Tuesday will be the fourth medical strike.

"So far we have been holding a partial strike every Tuesday for half an hour, but we are planning to make it a full strike every Tuesday," said head of human rights organization HOOD in Taiz, Tawfeeq Al-Shaabi.

In a related matter, Dr. Yehya Ghanim, head of the Yemeni Physicians and Pharmacists Syndicate in Al-Amanah, denied yesterday that the Minister of Interior Motahar Rashad Al-Masri had accused the members of Parliaments of having evil intentions and creating chaos.

"The Interior Minister didn't say anything about the doctors, and I can prove that he is the first one who is in solidarity with Dr. Al- Qadasi, and all these newspapers who said that the minister accused doctors are untrue; the Ministry of the Interior has even assigned a lawyer by the name of Mohammed Al-Aqli," Ghanim said.

But Dr. Reda Al-Aghbari, head of the Physicians Syndicate at the

University of Science and Technology Hospital insisted that the Minister of the Interior had called them trouble makers.

"We are not looking for trouble, we just want justice," Al-Aghbari said. "How can we save people's lives if nobody cares about ours?" he

Although the Minister of the Interior has assured the media that his ministry has arrested eight of the murderers, Dr. Reda Al-Aghbari says that one of the country's more powerful sheiks, Sheikh Al-Moflehi, is hiding Al-Qadasi's killer, has not been arrested.

"How can they say that they arrested Al-Moflehi when he is still a free man?" asked Al-Aghbari. "To arrest someone is to put him behind bars, not to give him a note saying that you are arrested."

"Al-Moflehi has been arrested, but he is not in jail, he is under investigation," said Ghanim.

Al- Qadasi's family continues to hold a peaceful sit-in in a tent on the campus of the Science and Technology University in Sana'a. Relatives have been protesting peacefully since December last year for Al-Qadasi killers to be brought to justice.

Last December, head of the Intensive Care Unit (ICU) at the Science and Technology Hospital in Sana'a Dr. Al-Qadasi was attacked by a group of 18 tribesmen.

Sons and relatives of Ahmed Al-Maflahi, 85, a patient, stormed into the hospital overpowering unarmed security and stabbing Al-Qadasi, after being informed of their father's

Al-Qasadi died three weeks later, sparking nationwide protests and displays of solidarity.

Questions over humanitarian assistance distribution in Sa'ada

By: Mohammed Bin Sallam

SA'ADA, Feb. 18 - A Houthi representative in Sa'ada has claimed that humanitarian assistance beneficiaries in the four internally displaced persons' camps in Sa'ada are limited to pro-government locals, as Houthi followers have been evacuated despite the peace settlement.

"Sa'ada governor Hussein Manna is supervising the camps, and directs aid to his own village Al-Taleh," said Saleh Habra Abdulmalik, spokesman for Al-

Government officials could not be reached for comment.

Habra said that the humanitarian assistance whether through the Red Cross, Red Crescent or government agencies is distributed unfairly and is mostly given to a "privileged few".

He specifically named the area of Bani Moath, which according to him had not received any assistance except once in 2004. Habra praised Medicine Sans Frontiers as a "true humanitarian organization" that does not "differentiate between Houthis or non Houthis."

Yet the Red Cross in Sa'ada assured that its staff carries out regular assessments in the camps and is in direct contacts with the four camps management. It also monitors the distribution of food aid and assistance to internally displaced

Klaus Spreyermann, head of the Red Cross sub delegation in Sa'ada, said that they could cover large parts of the conflict affected areas in Sa'ada.

"On some occasions we have to stand by when we get an indication from the government or when we see fit to ourselves, but, for the larger part, we have access to conflict-affected areas," he

Rabab Al-Rifai, communication delegate of the Red Cross in Yemen, admitted that there are areas the Red Cross

cannot reach even todav.

"We realize the humanitarian need but we have to ensure the safety of our staff as a first priority," she said, confirming that the Red Cross is currently supporting more than 6,700 internally displaced persons located in the four camps in

On a similar front, the mediation process has stalled recently because of bureaucratic challenges set against the mediation committees leaders, whether Faris Manna the former head of committee or the current leader Abdulaziz Al-Dhahab, according to the Houthi office.

"Al-Dhahab promised to release 230 of our men who are detained in the government's various prisons. We were also promised that three military bases in Al-Malaheth area would be removed in three days. But now over a month has gone by and nothing has changed,"

Although up to 122 Houthi followers

with intense injuries such loss of a limb or severe eye injury were sent for treatment in the governmental Military Hospital in Hodeidah, the patients were neglected to the extent that they had to be returned to Sa'ada untreated, according to Habra.

The Military Hospital in Hodeidah confirmed that the hospital received the patients in two phases and emphasized that they were either given "adequate treatment" before being sent home or referred to the capital if they could not be treated in the hospital.

The Red Cross explained that the idea of internally displaced persons in camps not receiving health care is not accurate, as each of the four camps has two mobile clinics - one for men and one for women. These clinics provide basic health care to the internally displaced persons while those who need advanced treatments are referred to one of the three hospitals in

Opposition confirms election boycott

By: Mohammed Bin Sallam

SANA'A, Feb. 15—The Joint Meeting Parties (JMP) last Thursday reiterated its rejection of ruling party General People's Congress (GPC) preparations towards the parliamentary elections scheduled for next April, calling the elections

The JMP said in a statement circulated during a press conference held at Yemeni Socialist Party (YSP) premises that "the one-sided preparations are an aggression against the people's rights to take part in free and credible elections. Therefore, there is neither value nor legitimacy for these elections and their results."

The statement reviewed repressive measures against the opposition, including seizing YSP funds, and taking control of the Al-Shura newspaper, the mouthpiece of the Union of Popular Power, and its central office.

The government and its ruling party seized finances belonging to Al-Ba'th party, imposed a complete prohibition on Al-Haq party, fired members of the opposition from their jobs and aims to conduct elections amid dangerous national splits in the country, including problems in the south and consequences of the Sa'ada war, according to the

"The strong belief in the solidarity of opposition parties represents a real guarantee that democratic initiative will win in the future. In addition, conducting free and credible elections guarantees the security of the country," the JMP said. The statement pointed out that the JMP had offered a clear vision of requirements for free and credible

elections and presented political recommendations. framework of the opposition vision for conducting elections.

"The government's rejection to conduct free and credible elections has led the country into new crises, for which the government is entirely responsible," said the statement.

Sultan Al-Atwani, secretary general of the Nasserite party, said that the government is playing with fire and aims to use the terrorism card as it did in the past. He pointed out that the JMP's stand toward elections hasn't changed and that the party will not accept to run in elections under the ruling party's conditions, further denying any deal with the GPC concerning elections.

Asked about an initiative offered by the National Democratic Institute with regard to elections, Yassin Saeed Nu'man, Secretary General of the YSP. said that there are no initiatives by the institute, pointing out that what the institute offered were just general ideas.

"There are no initiatives from the National Democratic Institute," said Nu'man. "The regional officer of the institute came to Yemen to survey the situation of the institute's duties. He took some ideas from his meeting with the GPC and presented them to the JMP as general ideas and vice versa. The GPC considered these ideas to be an

Sultan Al-Atwani, head of the GPC parliamentary bloc, had already said in a statement that the government intended to re-vote on election law amendments through the Parliament based on a dialogue with the JMP and European Union Election Observation Mission

Aidarous Al-Naqib, head of the YSP parliamentary bloc, reconfirmed the JMP stand to boycott the elections.

According to information from some bodies in the government, the plan through which the government aimed to lead the opposition to participate in elections without accrediting the proportional list system includes:

- 1-Final voting on election law amendments known as "August 18 amendments". The government aims to say that, by achieving this objective, it fulfilled opposition demands through voting on the amendments.
- 2-Reforming the Supreme Commission for Election and Referendum (SCER) to include five JMP members, five GPC members and a SCER head to be agreed upon by the two sides.
- 3-After the JMP nominate their representatives for the SCER, the latter will be authorized to consider the possibility of adjourning elections for three to six months. It will be authorized also to consider whether to apply the proportional list system during the upcoming elections next April or to the elections after six years.
- 4-SCER is to re-open registration for a week for voters who didn't register, and opposition is given an electronic copy of the electoral record to correct it and drop repeated names.
- 5-Opposition will nominate candidates in candidacy balloting committees based on 51 percent for the GPC and 49 percent for the JMP.
- 6- Indicating that the agreement between the GPC and JMP includes

recommendations of the European Union Mission.

7-Producing the agreement in the form of a proposal to be offered by mediators from the Democratic Institute and based on agreement of the European Union.

This plan aims to achieve two main objectives: the first is re-forming the SCER based on and agreement by the two sides and the second is voting on election law amendments. In return, the opposition parties are to give up demands for a proportional list system. Through this plan, the ruling party says that it has offered concessions to the JMP to convince them to run in elections although the JMP say that the ruling party has not offered them anything new in this regard.

In a recent development, the central committee of the League of the Sons of Yemen (known as "RAI"), an opposition party outside the JMP, announced a week ago that the party will boycott the upcoming parliamentary elections.

"The problem is not with conducting elections, but with activating real citizen participation, away from coercion, fanaticism, exaggeration and narrow partisanship," said the party in a release. "Real participation doesn't exist."

"The ruling system holds the majority of the cards of the political game in the country due to the nature of our Arab societies. Therefore, it can conduct reforms, amendments and any procedures that can activate the role of equal citizenship in terms of justice in distributing wealth, democracy as well as sustainable and comprehensive development, "said the release.

Broadcaster sues Yemen TV

By: Khaled Al-Hilaly

SANA'A, Feb. 18-Ahmad Al-Musaibili, former employee of Yemen Television, remains prohibited from practicing his job as television presenter and news announcer, as he awaits a new court hearing scheduled for next month.

Al-Musaibili is suing Yemen Television for suspending him from his job and salary for one month. The first court hearing, scheduled on the Feb. 8, was not attended by the television company.

On the Sunday evening news on Jan. 18, Al-Musaibili had added a comment that was not part of the news script to his broadcast on the arrival of various delegations to the Kuwait summit, causing his suspension for one month by the administration of Yemen Television.

"We hope the Kuwait summit will be successful and will agree with decisions of Doha summit which have met the aspirations of the Arab and Islamic street," he had said.

Al-Musaibili believes that the decision to suspend him was in part due to pressure by the embassies of some Gulf countries. He also reported that after the Kuwait summit broadcast, he received a telephone call threatening to cut off his tongue.

He claimed that he never received a previous warning from his employers. He has still not received all his benefits from reporting the war in Iraq in 2003, has never been sent to training abroad; receive promotion or benefits out of his

"Al-Musaibili added a phrase to the news story, which was not his right to do," said Hassan Ba-Salim director of the television sector at the Yemeni Television and Radio Corporation. "What we did was an administrative procedure that can



Ahmad Al-Musaibili

happen to anybody on any news

"Giving opinions in news is not allowed for a broadcaster [according to regulations]," he explained.

Ba-Salim confirmed that Al-Musaibili's salary was not suspended. Instead, he was given a final warning because he has a record of repeated long absences from his job and linguistic errors in his news.

The Yemen Journalist Syndicate (YJS) has described the suspension by Yemen Television as stern action against Al-Musaibili and called on Yemen Television to cancel the

YJS also sent a letter to the Minister of Interior informing him about the threat Al-Musaibili received after the news on Jan. 18 and responsibility of protecting Al-Musaibli and his family.

Ahmad al-Musaibli, 39, has been working at Yemen Television since 1996. He is one of the first graduates from the Faculty of Information at the University of

In Brief

1000 Yemeni women obtained driving licenses

Brigadier General Yahya Zaher revealed Yemeni women who got driving licenses reached about one thousand till the end

In an interview with 26 sept.net, Zaher reviewed various issues with regards to arranging cars and vehicles movement in addition to the role of traffic men to limit the accidents in high ways.

Traffic department has registered about 100,000 monocycles in different governorates, Zaher added, blaming the community for allowing the under age to

Volume of trade exchange between Yemen and Arab countries decreased

The volume of the trade exchange between Yemen and the member countries of the Arab grand free trade zone reduced up to YR 666.2 billion last year at decrease of 163.2 billion against 2007.

According to the initial report of the foreign trade department at the Ministry of Trade and Industry, the reason was a decrease of imports from these countries at 10 percent and exports to these countries at 54.7 percent.

The report attributed the decrease of Yemeni exports to these countries due to the custom constrains and complicated measures of entering Yemen exports to the countries in outlets in Saudi Arabia and Oman.

Yemen seizes Saudi over illegal tourist

Haradh police have seized a Yemeni man and a Saudi national in connection with an illegal tourist marriage as a Yemeni father married his 20 year old daughter to a 55 year old Saudi citizen. Police said they had also arrested the official who signed the marriage license who must know that marriage between Yemeni and Saudi people must take place under the permission of the competent authorities in both countries.

The arrested have been referred to concerned authorities to take legal

Tourist marriage in Yemen has declined after authorities worked to raise awareness about the effects of the phenomenon as Yemeni women lose their legal rights easily.

MAHRAH

Workshop supporting girls' education concluded

A workshop on the formation of a coordination council to support girls education concluded here on Monday. At the conclusion of the workshop, Mahrah governor Ali Khawdam affirmed interest of the country to support girls' education and provide all the necessary means and possibilities for girls education sector, pointing out to the importance of studying the reasons behind the low number of enrolling girls in school as well as find solutions to encourage the education of girls. He also urged the necessity of activating the role of coordination council in the governorate, expressing the readiness of the governorate leadership in supporting the council to enable it to play its role.

The coordination council to support girls education was formed in Mahrah governorate consisting of 15 members headed by the secretary-general of Mahrah Local Council Salim Abdullah Nimr at the conclusion of the workshop.

The workshop was organized by Girls' Education Sector in the governorate of Mahrah in collaboration with UNICEF.

HODIEDAH

Over 94,000 tons of oil derivatives, food, fertilizer unloaded

About 13 ships and oil tankers unloaded in Hodiedah seaport during the last six days 94,624 tons of oil derivatives, food, fertilizer and several kinds of goods.

According to the Red Sea Corporation, six oil tankers unloaded in the seaport 46,803 tons of oil and fuel oil as well as four ships unloaded 808 containers carrying various goods.

In addition, the seaport has received three ships unloaded 27,500 tons of wheat, 4,500 tons of sugar and 15,821 tons of fertilizer.

Mocha seaport has received two oil tankers carrying 7,738 tons of oil derivatives and two ships carrying 1,300 heads of cows and 9,455 heads of sheep.

Conference on bettering business doing in Yemen to be opened on Tuesday

Ministry of Industry and Trade is organizing on Tuesday a conference on bettering investment and business environment in the country in cooperation with the International Finance Corporation

The conference would discuss results of 2009 Doing Business Report about Yemen and future steps that Yemen has to take to achieve more progress in this regard, the organizers said.

Representatives of government bodies and private sectors as well as IFC experts and representatives of donor countries will tale part in the two-day conference.

It is worth mentioning that Yemen has achieved a lot of measures in fields of reforming the commercial activity and doing business.

Yemen delays Iranians' trial

The Specialized Penal Court has delayed the trial of 11 Iranians accused of trafficking drugs into Yemen for two weeks. The court made the decision for pros-

ecution to provide evidence against the accused. At the session chaired by judge Ridhwan al-Namir, the Iranians faced

accusations of trafficking over a ton of cannabis into Yemen last year. The hashish was brought on a boat that came from the Iranian port of

Konark. The accused also face charges related entering the territorial waters illegally.

ADEN

Training course on raising awareness of AIDS risks launched

A training course on raising awareness of the risks of AIDS launched here on Monday.

The four-day course is organized by three women's development associations, funding by Social Welfare Fund and in collaboration with the UNICEF.

The course, which will be attended by 25 women, focuses on spreading awareness and preventive counseling aspects from AIDS infection and its bad effects on physical capacity and resistance after its transmitting.

Carpentry art training course organized

The Carpenters Training Center in Aden province in collaboration with German Technical Project (GTZ) organized on Monday a training course on carpentry

About 35 carpenters participates in the training course to receive during three weeks lectures and applicable instructions on the field of painting and carving woods inventively for making home and office furniture as well as other various furniture.

Yemeni Coastguards to start training on intrusion vessels

Yemeni Coastguards are to start their training on intrusion vessels in the cases of sea piracy, director of Training and Rehabilitation Institute of Yemeni Coastguards Dhaif-Allah al-Haj said.

Al-Haj said the 24 chosen coastguards will start their sea trainings on Saturday to last for three weeks in the Yemeni territorial waters and they will be divided into six teams.

The trainings include sea and reconnaissance techniques, receiving SOS calls and translating them and defining their sources, as well as training on applicable tasks in the sea aiming to promote the level of trainee's capabilities and raise the security readiness level of the maritime sector, al-Haj added.

MAREB

Mareb Gas Station to operate by mid year

The Mareb Gas Station will start operations by mid 2009 to end the problem of energy shortages and make a developmental milestone, officials at the ministry of Electricity and Energy have said.

Muhammad Lutf al-Thowr, director of the Transport Lines and Transformation Stations Project at the ministry said this strategic project will expand electric services in the country through providing necessary energy to set up giant investment projects.

Al-Thowr's remarks were delivered after his return from Iran where he held talks with the Persian implementing the project that focused on preparations for the transfer of transformers of the proj-

The project will save \$1.5 million a

day that Yemen spends as energy expenses for companies which uses heavy fuels, diesel and mazot, al-Thwor

Furthermore, the project will save further expenses through conversion to gas to generate energy.

He made clear that the electricity sector spends almost 60 percent of expenditure allocated for oil derivatives estimated at \$ 1 billion a year.

"We take into account while installing pipelines and transformation stations that they will produce 1200 megavolt."

The \$49 million project should have been operated in February 2008 but it has been delayed due to embargo Iran faced, al-Thwor said.

In November, President Ali Abdullah Saleh inaugurated the first phase of a giant gas project in the Balhaf area of Shabwa province in which the French Total Company is a main partner.

And recently the Japan Liquefied Natural Gas Corporation announced its intention to set up a project to export Yemen LNG to abroad.

TAIZ

Cannabis farm destroyed

Police in Taiz have destroyed a hashish farm in the al-Salam district where about 1400 hashish cuttings grew.

Two men were arrested possessing hashish and they told police they got it from a farm they own at their home.

Police moved to the farm and destroyed the hashish plants.

During investigations the two men confessed they planted hashish inside large metal cans in the farm.

Last year, the police seized large

quantities of drugs either homemade or trafficked from abroad.

Eleven Iranians are currently standing trial on charges related to trafficking over one ton of cannabis into the coun-

Training course on schools' morning activity to fight corruption launched A training course on activating the

schools'morning activity to fight corruption launched on Sunday in Taiz.

The five-day course is organized by Creative Youth Forum in partnership with supreme body to fight corruption and under the support of the American Democratic Institute targeting six schools in Taiz governorate.

About 30 teachers are participating in this course in which they will get skills and information relating to spreading awareness on fighting against corruption and instilling positive attitudes in students as well as how to design and implement awareness programs via schools'morning activity.

At the opening course, Taiz deputy governor for Technical Environmental Affairs Abdul-Kader Hatem affirmed the importance of the course as a necessary step to engage the schools' students to fight against this phenomenon and encourage the participants to take advantage of this course.

For her part, the Forum's head Noria al-Jarmozi reviewed the objectives of the course, noting to the significance of participating in the course to raise the awareness of this issue.

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Objective This programme is designed to give young people from developing countries opportunities to engage in policy development and programming; to help build the capacity of young people; and to sensitize both the young people and UNFPA staff on partnering to address adolescent and

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- lowships in Headquarters - Interact with the New York local youth community on at least one occasion
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e fellowship

- Aged between 20-24 years old during
- Residence and nationality of a developing country (Applicants from developed countries will not be considered for this programme, but are invited to apply for UNFPA's regular internship pro-
- gramme) - Established interest and dedication to development issues through previous experiences or affiliation with a youth network or NGO working on develop-
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- Basic understanding of issues of importance to UNFPA and what the organization stands for
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The deadline for applications is 25 February. Only those candidates that are shortlisted will be contacted in the end of February. Interviews will take place tentatively in the first week of March. To apply this programme go http://www.unfpa.org/employment/vacan cy.htm and click on "Apply Online".

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• You need a good knowledge of German, and we kindly ask you to provide proof of your proficiency.

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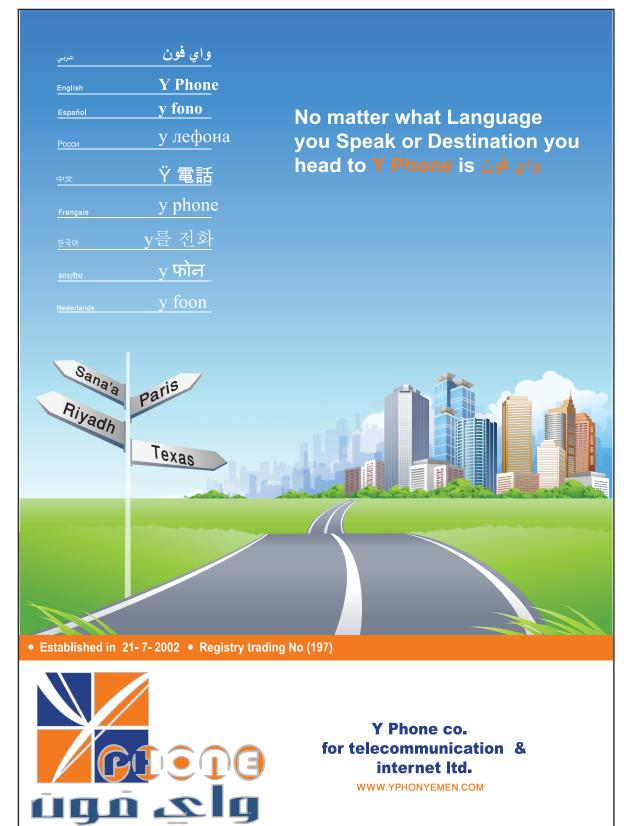
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البشرية في المنظمات المعاصرة

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By: Ola Al-Shami

he greets you with a huge smile and loud cheers. She waves her short dark hair to the side and points at something or someone making a funny remark and tilts her head backwards in laughter.

Rajaa Al-Masabi may be funny and joking, but she certainly is a hard working person and a fighter at heart.

Her office is located on the second floor of a two story building that hosts her foundation, whose entrance she modified to facilitate movement for those with physical disabilities. Even within the building, the stairs and corridors are designed to be disability friendly.

Behind her desk, there are many files containing project notes and documents. Decorating her desk to the left are many 4 x 6 photos of young kids stuck on a small wooden board.

She is the youngest child among her four siblings, and the only one born with a physical disability. Yet today, she is one of the most successful children among her brothers and sisters, if not the most successful, and the one who takes care of their parents and provided them with expenses for medical treatment abroad when they fell ill.

Rajaa comes from an average family in Hodeida. Her father worked as a watch repairman, and his love and encouragement helped her to survive her circumstances, get a good education, and compete furiously in the real world.

During her studies at Sana'a University when she was earning her Bachelor of Arts in English Literature, she worked as a translator at Al-Thawra Hospital in Sana'a in which she created the hospital's only library.

She was happy helping people, and this helped her overcome her physical challenge. Her confidence was amplified through the positive reactions and appreciation she got from the people she helped and interacted with during her early years as a career woman.

"I knew that reading is the way forward. Through knowledge I feel empowered and I wanted to share this with all the people I work or interact with," she said.

Even during her early years she found joy in helping others. She believes that through helping others she was able to conquer her physical disability and realize that a disability is that of the mind and spirit and not of the body.

In addition to her work as the director of the Quality Assurance department at the Ministry of Health, today she runs a successful nongovernmental organization which she called the Arab Human Rights Foundation.

The mission statement of AHRF, which was established in 2002, is to spread awareness on human rights and educate media about women and child rights. The organization also designs training courses for school principles on disabled children's rights. Additionally, she dedicates efforts to disabled and street children in order to empower them and integrate them into society.

Rajaa usually starts her day early in a very organized and systemic way. Every day she goes to the Ministry of Health. By noon she returns home to cook her lunch and then heads to the foundation where she works, sometimes until late in the evening. Living on her own, her work at the foundation means everything to her, especially when she works with unfortunate adolescents: either those with disabilities or street children. Rajaa spends every Saturday afternoon talking and teaching youth how to be confident and empow-

"These teenagers are trying to express themselves, and thus are trying to integrate themselves into the society and demand their rights in an organized formal way," she said with a sparkle in her

The young boys and girls have come to the foundation after Rajaa welcomed them to meet and discuss their issues following a conference organized by Save the Children - Sweden on child rights in Oct. 2007. As a result of that conference, about 68 adolescents and kids created a network of children including those with disabilities. They called this network "Al-Nida'a Network for Defending Children." This network promotes children's rights and facilitates empowerment courses and training for disadvantaged children.

Rajaa usually arrives before the youth and greets them cheerfully as they drift one by one into the foundation's small training hall on the first floor. For more than two hours the crowd draws, paints and get into deep discussions and sometimes arguments about just about any-

Rajaa facilitates their interaction and search for self as they express themselves. "These young boys and girls are more honest than adults. We need to let them be themselves without imposing our grownup rules and obligations. It is enough that life has been unfair to them," she says while she scans the room smiling at the teenagers stationed around the large meet-

The adolescents adore her. They hover around her like little butterflies and she can barely fend off their questions and cries for attention.

They come accompanied by a volunteer from Life Makers Foundation to empower youth. He helps facilitate the discussions and is also a father figure for many of them. AHRF includes a secretary, a fulltime psychologist, an administrative assistant, and a variable number of volunteers. This small staff usually manages the foundation's projects under her strict leadership. She does not accept excuses for inefficiency and it shows when she is

"All I am asking is that people get the job done the way they are asked to. Anyone who says they can't just hasn't tried hard enough. If I could do it why can't they?" she demands.

Most of the things she learnt about life have been inspired by her father whom she calls by the nick name "Aboodi". Every day during her lunch time she calls to check on her parents who are still in Hodeida. Her lunch ritual also includes a take away from her home cooking to the neighborhood watch guard.

Among the foundation's many projects, AHRF is a member of a network for "Childhood Protection" which includes many organizations and governmental institutions. The members meet regularly at AHRF to discuss issues concerning the network. Her leading role appears through her instructions and her strictness in doing work. She respects her time, as she refuses to answer her cell phone during meetings. Reading is her favorite habit; she always brings back books every time she travels abroad. She created a library in the foundation which she dedicated for the public, but does not lend the books out as she believes it is better for books to stay in the shelves rather than to lose them.



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A need for a new political party and vision

By: Mohammed Naji Ahmed

ince Nabil Al-Soufi proposed his initiative to establish a new political bloc that expresses ambitions concerned with essential needs of individuals, including the development and freedom of women. participants who discussed this issue split into three teams. While the first team is amenable to this idea, the second team is suspicions, as this project includes forming a team to follow up the implementation of President Saleh's electoral program. In addition, the man who proposed this project - Al-Soufi himself - was a member of the Islah party, and therefore used to drop himself under wheels of buses to prevent co-tours of the two sexes!

The third team is more objective, as its members discussed the idea quite independently from the man who offered it. However, this team is cautious as it discusses the idea of establishing a new political party from its own perspective and connects any potential failure to Al-Soufi. This is as if the political project will continue to be linked with Al-Soufi until he dies.

Some people, while discussing the idea enthusiastically and objectively, wonder about the timing of such a new project. They say that connecting any potential setback of the project with the man who offered it results from the organic connection between people who have ideas and the investment property of these ideas! They forget that the essence of this initiative is based on a new thought which puts women in leadership positions of all

trade competition.

(SNACC) so far is that of giving high

salaries and luxurious cars to its staff.

levels, beginning from allocating the positions of presidency and general secretariat of the party for women.

Consequently, the setback of the new thought refers to all those who participated in forming its program, plans, and regulations. Concerning the timing, which is the ideological justification that traditional parties use to bury every new thought or initiative, the clarifying question is: when was there ever suitable timing inside the construction of the ideological thought, whether this thought was national, Islamic, or leftist? The timing for any initiative outside of historical leadership is considered a conspiracy to create fractures among political parties, making them easier to target and

We can easily see the various stands of political parties toward women. Their stand towards women's political participation is made clear through the adoption of the so-called "quota system." That is, allocating parliamentary and local seats to women is considered a conspiracy by the ruling party from the viewpoint of these parties.

The reader can remember the remark of Sultan Al-Atwani, Secretary General of the Nasserite Party, with regard to timing. It is not surprising that the Nasserite party is currently reconsidering women's political participation. This is because leaders of this party learned directly from Fathi Al-Dib, the Egyptian intelligence man, though I cannot deny his role in supporting Arab liberation movements under the leadership of the late Jamal Abdul Nasser. However, this intelligence root in explaining matters in accordance with conspiracy theories ended up controlling the viewpoint of the Nasserite Party toward events, ideas, and stands.

In the same context, the Islah party looks at women political participation as targeting "males of the Islah." The Islah party is largely based on a theory of masculinity which is taken directly from the nomadic social structure of bygone days. However, talking about targeting males of the Islah party leads us to ask about the unannounced "quota" by Islah, which makes them more cautious against the "women's quota" that aims to seize some of their parliamentary and local council seats.

What is surprising is the stand of General Secretary of the Yemeni Socialist Party, Yassin Saeed N'uman, who is more understanding of the needs of a new generation. Consequently, he was able to understand an important essay by Mahmoud Yassin, which talks about a new generation surrounded and "suffering from inflammation in the joints." N'uman can understand a new initiative and vision that can be in accord with the essay of Yassin. I say that he can understand - not necessarily adopt. Both national and Islamic parties, including national parties that were established in the 19th century, refer in their ideologies to the nomadic norms in the Arabian Peninsula.

Therefore, N'uman's understanding of Mahmoud Yassin's vision and Al-Soufi's initiative is an understanding of a generation whose awareness was formed in the sixties and seventies of the last century. Therefore, his stance toward the women's quota is based on nomination and not allocation, which means that women have to struggle

until they attain their political rights.

This is the same stance that Dr. Mohammed Abdul Malek Al-Mutwakkel announced early last year. That is, although allocating seats for women will cause the society to positively cope with electing and creating political normalization for women in Yemen, Yassin's stand was strange. He didn't understand this right of women, as if he expressed the viewpoint of the majority in the Joint Meeting Parties (JMP) and his own viewpoint, though he understands more about the rights of the new generations.

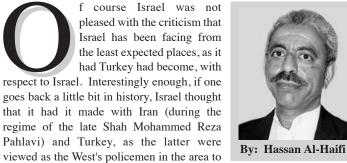
What Al-Soufi suggested doesn't need more any more discussion. Rather, it needs a step that advocates the idea to definitively meet to put together a detailed program for this political bloc, to kick off a preparatory committee, and to elect its leaders. This is if there is real earnestness among supporters of this initiative instead of preoccupation with checking its intensions and Al-Mutwakkel's understanding of this initiative through checking the history of Al-Soufi.

What surprised me is the developing ability of Al-Soufi, who was first an adolescent forbidding tours in which men and women are mixed and then eventually came to understand dialog and adopt visions that led leftists to be in his right hand.

I believe that Al-Soufi is unable to make this idea mature alone. We need this initiative to be the issue of this generation who expresses the inclination towards knowledge through different

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COMMON SENSE

Turkey back to

Israel views itself then, as it does now, as the icon of western interests and thus expects that what is good for the West should be 10 times as good for Israel. In fact the West could go to hell for all that srael cares, as long as Israel's interests remain on top. After all what does it matter that Israel is getting US \$ 10,000,000 a day from American taxpayers to this day even if the American economy is in shambles? (The figures are not made up, but rather derived from a CNN interview with former President Jimmy Carter with Larry King about 10 days ago). In any case, if the West continues to feel guilty about Adolf Hitler's horrendous behavior with the European Jews, the Jews should feel comfortable in knowing that they were treated very kindly by most of the Moslem regimes that reigned in the Moslem World, including the Ottoman Empire, since the First Caliph Abu Bakr. Mr. El Tayyib Erdogan, Prime Minister of Turkey said correctly that even the latter was actually a safe haven for Jews fleeing

ensure that no serious opposition arises in the

from the persecution of their fellow Europeans.

area against western interests.

It should not be forgotten that across the board (from Russia to Spain), native European Jews were kept in exclusive ghettos and had the least access to the means of the land they were born in. It is somewhat intriguing that the Zionists sought to avenge this persecution on their ancestors on their Arab cousins in the Holy Land, who had actually been a place of refuge for Jews fleeing European persecution.

Back to the Turks. It should be understandable now why Turkey is becoming a source of worry for the Israelis as high level Israeli officials are recently crying "wolf" because of President Erdogan's position vis a vis the Israeli aggression in Gaza that left 1,300 civilian casualties a third of whom are children and over 5,000 injured, again mostly civilians.

It is not difficult to understand that proud Turks like President Erdogan have a lot to boast of historically for having been a safe haven from religious persecution for many an oppressed people. After all, it was Islam that defied all forms of persecution and it was Islam that manifested this belief with the peaceful and even prosperous existence of many minorities in its fold, including Christians, Jews and even heathens.

Turkey indeed was the defender of the Islamic World for almost half a millennium and sacrificed millions of its sons in keeping hungry aggressive imperial Europe from swallowing up the Moslem World piece by piece. In fact the Ottoman Empire even protected the Moslem World from the ambitions of its own internal troublemakers such as the Wahhabi highway robbers that ravaged in the Arabian Peninsula in the 18th Century, attacking pilgrim caravans and peaceful Moslem subjects living under the domain of the Porte in those days.

Of course, the Israelis are worried about the "transition" in policy they believe that Turkey is undergoing. Actually it would be more appropriately called a welcome return to the Islamic fold that Turkey was blessed with leading for so many centuries without ever waning or compromising on its religious responsibilities towards its fellow Moslems or its protection of minorities within its domain as is expected of any Moslem state.

Israel realizes now that indeed it is becoming more and more out of place in a world that believes in tolerance and protection of the meek, such as Turkey and even most modern Moslem states are, where there are large communities of non-Moslems enjoying their rights and freedoms, whether they are indigenous people of the countries in question or refugees from oppression, coming from other lands, whose inhabitants simply could not stand them. Of course that is more than could be said of the ungrateful Zionist occupiers of Palestine, who unleashed their embezzled weapons from the West on the indigenous population of Palestine and caused them to flee to become the sorry refugees of Gaza and the West Bank, who are now under imprisonment and living under the mercy of their chauvinist occupiers, who have forgotten how to be grateful, and continue to insist that even the Catholic Church must bow to their holocaust "laws", as debatable as they may be from a human rights point of view!

Yemen is proud to welcome the Turkish Foreign Minister this week and assure him that Yemen is their brotherly country and fellow staunch defender of the faith and the Ummah.

Correction to the last couple of lines in the last paragraph of CS of last Thursday, Yemen Times Issue 1235 (Al-Shark Al-Awsat, et al):

"... and 3) the upcoming national elections in both Yemen and Iran" (not 'and Saudi Arabia', which has yet to enjoy such a standard democratic

Hassan Al-Haifi has been a Yemeni political economist and journalist for more than 20 years.

Political corruption

Another achievement on the horizon By: Mustafa Rajeh is that of the authority being changed into a tool controlled by influential indiawfiq Abdurrahim is viduals and interlopers to target true wanted by the government businessmen who represent an extento commit suicide, like sion of national capital that grew over Abdulmalik Ahmad Altime. Many others, not just Tawfiq Asbahi, or become insol-Abdurrahim, have been targeted. vent, like Zaid Al-Qubati. These are

Since the first day of its declaration, some of the prominent features of the Yemenis have pinned no hope on new round of political corruption that is SNACC because they well know that planning to impose its control over the availability of a real will to curb cortrade initiatives, making this area free for less experienced juniors. This is ruption doesn't need such an authority to be established. It should have been considered to be a new phase of inteenough for the government to have the gration of governance and trade activi-Central Organization for Control and ties well outside of the rules of honest Audit (COCA) affiliated with Parliament to combat corruption in Until recently, the pervasive impresorder for reports of the former to be sion has been that the only achievement announced in public and circulated made by the Supreme National Authority for Combating Corruption among people as part of popular over-

sight over corruption. SNACC, an institution that doesn't the refinery successfully, converting it

dare approach the door of any other government institution, has changed into a judicial control organ which makes its own procedures without abiding by public laws and regulations. This authority is supposed to be entitled to practice judicial control against legal persons, private companies, and estab-

Tawfiq Abdurrahim and his colleagues who are also modest tradesmen are required to fund civil wars, the ruling party's activities, electoral campaigns, and manipulate votes. They are also required to watch over the plundering of lands and property in Aden and other areas. Had those tradesmen made decisions to hire installations such as Hajeef Refinery, the government would have damned them and thought about extorting them. This is because they demonstrated a serious will to manage

into a successful installation. From this fact, one may understand the procedures so far taken by SNACC.

As such procedures are symptomatic of an illegal will, they haven't survived. Meanwhile, SNACC started to impersonate a judicial control authority, thus ignoring the basic duty for the sake of which it was established. A few days ago, the First Instance Court of Aden Harbor issued its ruling on an urgent lawsuit filed by Tawfiq Abdurrahim Trade Group against SNACC.

The ruling, which refused to fine SNACC, stated that the defendant (SNACC) must not be susceptible to any fine, while the plaintiff (Tawfiq Abdurrahim Group) must be removed from the refinery. It is impossible for judicious men to digest rulings issued

Corruption as a rule not an exception

The word 'corruption' is no longer fit to describe what happens in Yemen. It is an everyday kind of word, as corruption is defined as deviation from a certain system followed by the state and society. Therefore, corruption exists in all countries of the world, even in Sweden and Germany and other developed states, but with varying degrees.

When it comes to Yemen and its counterparts in the underdeveloped states, the situation is totally different. In Yemen, corruption has become rampant even within the judicial institutions and courts. Corruption in Yemen seems to be the basic rule, while abiding by the law is viewed as the exception.

The combination of trade and officialdom is the most pervasive kind of corruption in Yemen. It is known as political corruption, which produces all the consequential destruction and breeds several forms of other kinds of corruption over time, such as what happened when a physician was murdered inside a hospital.

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Making a laughing stock of business

By: Mehru Jaffer **Women's Feature Service**

hallenges, admits Erin Reindl, 32, bring out the best in her. The current economic crisis is. therefore, an opportunity for the young head of public relations at J. Walter Thompson's (JWT), Central European offices, in Vienna, to rethink ways to keep both consumers and clients happy.

Reindl feels that to remain in business these days is to look differently at sex and humour in advertising. Female consumers are a huge market and advertisers are thinking twice before using a woman only as a pretty face to please men. It is women in both the developed and developing economies, who decide what food, clothes and gadgets are needed for the family. Therefore to know more about how women buy is the key to knowing the wishes of a family.

Reindl's research finds that women, in particular, use humour when they want to get rid of a problem. While burning the midnight oil on gaining new insights into the mood of the consumers, the guerrilla marketeers discovered that humour is a perfect medicine particularly during these tough economic times. Anyone who has anything to do with advertising already knows that humour scores consistently. It engages the attention, is rated as enjoyable and is remembered more vividly. However, most funny ads continue to be aimed at men.

As insecurity about employment and income rises, the female figure is about to be resurrected by advertisers to provide solace, comfort and not just

"At a time when people spend less, they expect to see many more homeoriented advertisements revolving around cheerful, wise women who know how to get the best value for their family," Reindl said on the eve of a workshop held in Vienna recently on 'Guerilla Marketing in Tough Economic

She adds that people all over the world are scared. They are losing jobs, money and sleep. They want to be distracted. People want to surround themselves with their loved ones. They are looking for warmth, comfort, delicious meals and good comedy on television since they are no longer able to afford entertainment outside the home. "This is where guerrilla marketing steps in to address the need of a specific group of customers instead of trying to reach the masses," Reindl

A term coined in the mid-1980s by Jay Conrad Levinson, guerrilla marketing advocates the applying of different rules during tough times. To be able to do this effectively, it is absolutely necessary for guerrilla marketeers, like Reindl, to have an imagination that is larger than the budget. Guerrilla marketeers are trained to hit unexpectedly with an idea that is memorable, which will generate a big buzz and spread virally. In order to sell, a guerrilla marketeer begins by establishing a close relationship of trust and support with the customer.

"My job is to understand customer needs and to market a product that delivers the promised benefits," explains Reindl, who is studying one consumer group amongst others - the world's female population and their approach to humour. Reindl aims to find out what women want as consumers in times of a severe economic crunch.

Guerrilla marketing best caters to small business and is based on human psychology rather than guesswork. Therefore, it was important for Reindl to find out the kind of humour enjoyed by women and to know what interests them most in a market.

Inspired by the worldwide success of the women-oriented humour in the Sunsilk shampoo advertisements, JWT



commissioned a global survey in 2005 that concludes that much of the humour in media and advertising so far has been created by men for men. "I laugh at them a bit, but I do not connect. Do they not think we have a sense of humour?" questions a respondent in the 2005 JWT research report.

To know for sure if the male and female response to humour is intrinsically different, JWT conducted hundreds of hours of interviews with consumers, academics, comedy writers and professional comedians. They discovered that women do have a strong sense of humour but it is often very different from that of men.

At its best, female humour reveals the funny side of the mundane, provides surprise, takes on reality, and sometimes reveals even life-changing insights. The typical male approach to humour, in contrast, tends to involve set piece jokes that build up to a climactic punch-line resolution. Men laugh at, while women laugh with, others, turning the art of funny story telling into a group activity. A woman's sense of humour is inspired by everyday events from her own life.

"Honestly, about 95 per cent of it was stories from our own lives: that is why it was so relatable, because it really happened to us, and we were very strict

about that. We would not tell a story if it didn't happen to someone we knew... Really it would just be crazy stuff from our own lives, which is always funnier in a way," Jenny Bicks, executive producer and writer of 'Sex and the City' says in the report.

The same report also quotes Shobha De, Indian author of 'Sisters'. "Men generally laugh at other men. Their jibes are aimed at the imagined size of a rival's penis, for example. Women don't discuss the dimensions of other women's bra cups in jest. They take such things very seriously. Men also crack jokes about another chap's misfortune in the stock market, for instance. Women find it hard to get a giggle out of another woman being cheated out of her alimony or inheritance."

Apart from learning from her own life experience, Reindl juggles to perform the multiple jobs of being a marketing manager, a wife and a mother to four-year-old twins. She admits that often humour is unable to prevent her from getting overwhelmed by her very busy life. "I sit and cry sometimes over how I will get everything done," says Reindl, who also teaches marketing at the Vienna University. And adds, of course with a smile, "And I would not be human if I don't worry about keeping my job in these difficult days."

Childbirth as new contemporary art

By: Aparna Sharma

Feature - The Service birth process conspicuous by its absence in contemporary visual cultures across the globe. 'Birth Rites', an art exhibition explores the practices and politics of childbirth, with artwork emerging out of five collaborations between artists and childbirth practitioners.

On show by appointment at the Salford University's Midwifery Department and at the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists, London, the works celebrate the intensity, depth and complexity of childbirth through a range of artworks representing varied dimensions, emotions and experiences.

'Birth Rites' questions the simplified stereotypes surrounding childbirth. "As an artist and curator, primarily I am trying to shift the visual language around childbirth and sexuality. As there is a lack of representation of childbirth, it is important to begin to create contemporary representations

For Knowles, the inspiration for 'Birth Rites' came from her own experiences. She has two sons. The first was delivered as a caesarean section and the second with the assistance of a mid-wife. The obvious differences between the two processes the former clinical and the latter more organic - provoked Knowles to question the images and mindsets surrounding childbirth. "At present the imagery that most people see of childbirth has been projected by the media whose approach is very cut and

Somewhere in the muddle of all statistics pertaining to birth, be they figures of human population or why caesarean sections are conducted, the experience of birth has been lost. The media even reduce the discussion surrounding caesarean births into simple 'either-or' positions. My aim in this exhibition was to complicate this and present to the audience aspects of individual experience that all add up to the decision for a natural birth or a caesarean," she adds.

'Birth Rites' has brought together six artists who work in varied media. Each and artworks," says Helen Knowles, artist was paired with different Midwives' Alliance of North America significance. Transported into a new

childbirth professionals including midwives, obstetricians, doulas and birth educators. New media artist Jaygo Bloom attended a residency with Professor Jim Dornan, Director of Foetal Medicine at the Royal Maternity Hospital, Belfast, and former Vice President of the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists.

Bloom observed the obstetric processes reliant digital/technological devices such as prenatal screening and caesarean birth to create an audiovisual installation provides the viewer technological rendition of birth negotiated with some form of machinery. Juxtaposed in this machine-intensive environment are two videos depicting the emotional arcs of an expectant mother.

Berlin-based Swiss-Chinese artist Ping Qiu joined hands with worldrenowned midwifery practitioner, Ina May Gaskin from Tennessee, USA. Gaskin runs a midwifery centre in Tennessee, has written influential books on childbirth, has lectured all over the world, received numerous awards, served as the President of the and has been a Visiting Fellow at Yale University.

Qui has shown an older work at 'Birth Rites', entitled 'Ur-Form', family grouping of ceramic vessels. These earthen vessels approximate the female form echoing strongly her fertility and innate sensuality.

Most obviously, they inaugurate a vocabulary for approaching the female body as fertile thus countering the wide social hesitation towards the pregnant body. Ashwin Nag, an MBA student from Mumbai, found the exhibition both "striking and disturbing". He says, "I have not much knowledge about the experience of birth. These things are not talked of much or made public in our culture.

But here there is an intimate insight into this experience that is so cut-off from us all and which paradoxically is common to every human. After seeing this, I want to know why don't women share their experiences more. Why do they feel restrained?"

All artworks in 'Birth Rites' bear a chilling quality and by their direct address on the subject they push the viewer into a space where the form or content of the artwork loses

realm, the viewer is compelled to confront his/her inadequacy in understanding childbirth.

Andy Lawrence, a documentary filmmaker and Knowles' partner, feels that even though he has witnessed the births of his own sons, working with the midwife, Judith Kurutac, revealed how complex and intertwined the key moments of human existence are. He says, "In the first year of the project, I largely spent time observing Judith to try and understand how a midwife thinks, what issues she confronts and how those can be translated into an accessible form.

But working with a midwife I, too, felt I had undertaken a journey. Judith keeps addressing for the expectant mother the issue of death. And by the time we witnessed some births in my film, I could see that birth is not an isolated event. It exceeds celebration and it is intertwined with life's other momentous events. In my film, I wanted to make my journey explicit

'Born' is the hour-long documentary that Lawrence has developed. A very intense and gripping film, it juxtaposes two births. The first is a with the midwife. The film does not make a value judgement in favour of either. It uses an observational approach. There is no authoritative commentary.

Characters within the film interact with the filmmaker and all dialogue is marked by an immediacy and purity of instance. The images in this film are hard to confront yet the film leaves one quiet and composed for it subtly gestures towards man's ultimate insignificance before nature.

Craig Cottler, a horticulturalist in Cardiff, feels that the film is "hard to view on moments, but on the whole left me feeling that connection within myself that I feel when I am working with plants, in nature". Through its bold and direct address, 'Birth Rites' puts the viewer face to face with an experience that transcends the divisions of culture, race and social hierarchy.

The images that 'Birth Rites' conjures are not beautiful in any simple way. One can't easily dismiss them. They evoke a feminine mode that gestures towards the inherent creativity and resilience within the female form and cesarean section and the second is interconnectedness of all organic life.

Candid camera: The lens as witness

By: Surekha Kadapa-Bose **Women's Feature Service**

hope when I go out of this prison after serving my term, my world would have changed; my family and my country men would be leading a better and dignified life," says Manal. a Hamas sympathiser, who is serving sentence for being a suicide bomber in an Israeli prison. "I want to go back to my country, eat

my food, converse in my language. I am hoping the day will come soon when without jeopardising the lives of my family, I will be able to get in touch with them," says Ka Hsaw Wa, a human rights activist from Myanmar.

"I just want to know if my son is alive or dead. If dead, where has he been buried?" cries out a mother from Kashmir. For the past 15 years she has been waiting for some news of her son, who was picked up by the Indian army for questioning and has not returned since. She is a member of the APDP (Association of the Parents of Disappeared Persons).

These are only a few stories of human tragedy and endurance that were showcased as part of the Fifth Tri-Continental Film Festival of 2009, held

from January 23 to 25 at the National Center for Performing Arts in Mumbai. The festival now travels to Goa. Bangalore and Kolkata over the next three weeks.

Though struggling and helplessly fighting for survival, the films show how all the victims and protagonists see a ray of hope for a better tomorrow for their world. And that was what made the festival so immensely viewable. In all, there were 28 films from more than 20 countries. The festival has been organised by Breakthrough, an international human rights organisation.

"I came across the story of Ka Hsaw Wa and the lawsuit he had filed on behalf of the victims of abuse in Burma. against two American oil companies -Total and UNOCAL," explained Milena Kaneva, director of 'Total Denial'. Milena was born in Bulgaria, and moved to Italy before the fall of Berlin Wall. She went to Myanmar when the country opened its doors for tourism. What she saw there compelled her to make the film that took more than five years to complete. The American companies had invested in Myanmar to lay down a gas pipeline, which ran across the country, connecting it to

To clear the way for the pipeline, villages that came in the way were burnt

down and its residents burnt alive. Those who managed to stay alive were abused and treated as slave labour. They were paid less than one dollar a day by the military. In a shot, a tearyeyed Hsaw Wa asks, "I can never understand as to how human beings can ill treat one of their own kind. The turning point in my life to expose the military regime of Burma was when I saw a dead woman with one of her nipples cut and a tree branch shoved up her vagi-

The award-winning 'Brides of Allah' also deals with human helplessness and tragedies, but in a different way. "We may look like monsters to you, killing innocent people. We don't want to do it. But what other alternative do we have? We either die as suicide bombers and hope to reach Allah or die in inhumane conditions, forced to live in a small strip of land, and get humiliated by the Jews occupying it," says Kahira, an inmate in an Israeli prison. Kahira, along with many other women all aged between 18 to 32 years, are serving their terms after being arrested either as suicide bombers or for other terrorist activities.

Israeli director, Natalie Assouline, has done a remarkable job of portraying intimate details of the lives of women serving time for terror attacks in Israel even though this is only her first fulllength documentary film. She has tried to uncover the motivation behind the actions of these girls. The film that took more than two years to shoot has several emotional moments - one of the girls delivers a baby; another girl has to part with her son because children aren't allowed to stay with their mothers after the age of two; then there are shots of women talking about their husbands who have abandoned them.

Another impressive offering was the award-winning 'Tapologo'. After the screening, the directors of the film, Sally and Gabriela Gutierrez-Dewar they are sisters incidentally - explained, "While making the film, we have shot several feet of footage of the horrible plight of the sex workers of the Freedom Park in South Africa. But we had to self censor it as we didn't want to make a sensational film and take away the importance of the people who are working there."

'Tapologo' is set in Freedom Park, a squatter settlement in South Africa, where the population comprises mostly illegal labourers coming from the central African region to work in the mines. The local men pick up poor women, willing to cook, wash and bed with them for some money and food. In the process the women get infected with the HIV virus.

In such a harsh scenario, a group of HIV-infected former sex workers, created a network called Taplogo. They learn to become home-based caregivers for their community, transforming degradation into solidarity and squalor into hope with the help of retired nurses, social workers and religious leaders. One such care-giver jovially remarks, "I told my new boyfriend that I am an HIV-positive woman. If he wants me to be with him, he has to use condoms. Others used to refuse, so I refused them. He agreed, so I am staying with him!"

In the film there is also a Catholic bishop Kevin Dowling, who frankly raises doubts on the official doctrine of the Catholic Church, regarding AIDS and sexuality in Africa. "There is no point in asking these women for abstinence. They are forced to become humiliating sex workers if they need to put food in front of their children the next day," he says.

Many of the directors, whose films were screened at the festival, have either had the experience of interacting with social activists or have been reporting on these issues. But when Kavita Pai and Hansa Thapliyal from India, made 'There Was a Queen', they both lacked the necessary experience. "It took us more than two years to com-

plete the documentary as we really didn't have experience of working with any NGO or any other group of people working hard in such heart rending situations," said Kavita. 'There Was a Queen' presents the problems faced by the women of Kashmir who are confronting violence and dealing with many crises every day of their lives.

The film discusses how women's engagement in everyday violence has led them to think of security, peace, conflict management and the transformation of the state. One finds more 'half-widows' (whose husbands have disappeared) than widows in these areas. Also several mothers have lost their sons. "Today, I have applied lipstick. It was my desire. The way bombs go off and both army men and militants shoot, who knows if I will be alive tomorrow or not!" says a young girl, who attends sewing classes to learn the craft to eke out a living.

The two shortest documentary films, of three minutes duration each, by Mumbai-based film director Shakuntala Kulkarni, were very abstract, 'Is It Just a Game? 2' and 'Is It Just a Game? 3' deal with childhood games of 'kabaddi' and trust. The game is being played quietly and one has to decipher the conflict and problems from the background

Grocery shopping in Yemen



Even locally produced products were over-inflated during the last few months.

By: Ali Saeed

rocery shopping in Yemen these days can be a daunting experience as prices continue to rise but wages remain unchanged. However the country also offers great deals not found in other countries, especially if one is willing to bargain.

Yemenis receive different wages according to where they work, and their buying power varies accordingly.

In the public sector, salaries can be as high as YR 200,000 [USD 2,000] or as low as YR 30,000 [USD 150] per month, whereas salaries in the private sector range from USD 1,500 to USD 250 per month.

"I received my salary at the beginning of each month," said Khaled Mohammed Numan, 52, Yemeni, accountant in the public sector. "It lasts just five days before it runs out and I live for the rest of the month in

"Food stuff prices in Sana'a are

Although the fish has to come from coast, it is generally fresh, non-frozen and relatively inexpensive. The best time to buy fish is in the morning when the fishmongers are open.

Some food prices from 2007 to 2009									
Item	Price at the end of 2007	Price at the beginning of 2008	Price at the beginning of 2009						
Wheat (50 kg)	YR 5,100	YR 6,000	YR 6,500						
Nido powder milk (carton)	YR19,000	YR 24,500	YR 25,400						
Abu Nakhla hallawa (1 kg)	YR 800	YR 1,000	YR 1,400						
White cheese (1kg)	YR 600	YR 800	YR 800						
Simlak powder milk (450 g)	YR 900	YR 1,050	YR 1,200						
Sugar (50 kg)	YR 4,200	YR 4,600	YR 5,200						
Cooking oil (2I)	YR 600	YR 800	YR 600						

unbearable," added Mousa Ahmed, 61, from Palestine, a mathematics teacher who has lived in Yemen for 12 years. "Prices have increased by over one hundred percent" He added that because prices are not monitored,

traders can increase prices at will. Other foreign residents living in Sana'a agree. Linda, American, said that some things are more expensive and some things are cheaper. She explains that a 450 g can of soup is 25 percent more expensive in Yemen that it is in the United States.

Mohammed Bin Ahmed, 29, a pilot from Morocco, confirmed that all the products in Yemen –both imported and local- are very expensive. He added that the quality of imported products is also not good, and gave the example of an iron which costs YR 5,200 [EUR 20.5] in Yemen compared to EUR 25 in France.

"I have been here for three years and, from my arrival until now, the prices here have increased by 100 percent," said Leonardo, 28, accountant from the Philippines, however adding that imported products are still cheaper in Yemen than in his country.

Marc, 32, an engineer from Australia who has been here for up to four years disagrees and says that prices in Yemen are good compared to other countries. Rather the problem lies in the discrepancy between wages and prices. In Yemen, prices a suitable for those with good salaries, but not for those who receive low wages.

Marc said that international products are of good quality in Yemen but that he can't find any fresh dairy products in Yemen from Europe.

Hassan Sa'ada, 50, Lebanese, said that grocery shopping has become very expensive in Yemen.

Abdullah Ba Shueeb, 20, Yemeni, said that food prices in Yemen are always unstable, sometimes shooting



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up by 100 percent, but stressed that other products are much cheaper in Yemen than the rest of the Gulf, especially electrical equipment.

Where to bargain

Grocery shopping in Yemen can be a mundane chore, but for those who venture out to markets like Souq Al-Bilayli, it can become an exciting even rewarding- experience.

Vegetables: In supermarkets like Shumaila Hari and City Mart, prices are fixed and visibly displayed. But at vegetable stalls, customers can bargain. The retailer can fix his own prices, for example asking a customer to pay more than another if he sees that he or she is willing to. The retailer may conclude this due to the customer's wealth, carelessness, lack of knowledge, or eagerness to buy.

At the supermarket, a kilo of cucumbers costs YR 250 whereas, at the vegetable stall, it costs 350. Similarly, a kilo of tomatoes costs YR 100 at a supermarket, but between YR 150 and YR 200 at the vegetable stall.

Meat: Besides the well-stocked butchers at supermarkets, a number of butchers have their shops scattered around the city. They offer beef or lamb and most of the meat is local. You can ask for a piece of meat from a ready-slaughtered animal hanging in the shop, or you can just point out one living animal and they will slaughter it for you on the spot. Very fresh meat needs to be kept in the fridge for a few days or boiled for hours so it is not too tough to eat.

A kilo of meat, beef and lamb, at the butcher costs YR 1,600, but at the supermarket costs only YR 1,400.

Fish: In Sana'a, a few fish markets still exist where you can buy different kinds of fresh fish. Although the fish has to come from coast, it is generally fresh, non-frozen and relatively inexpensive. The best time to buy fish is in the morning when the fishmongers are open, and most offer to fry or grill the

fish for their customers. The most popular types of fish are, Emperor, Salmon, Mackerel and tuna and their price varies according to the season. Usually, fish is cheaper in summer.

Chicken: You can buy a live Yemeni chicken from the chicken shop and have it slaughtered in front of your eyes, or buy a slaughtered chicken imported from Europe from the super-

Exotic meat: In Hodeidah and

Mareb, camel meat is popular.

Spices: Sana'a boasts a wide range of spices at low prices. Most shops that sell spices will also sell freshly ground coffee and nuts or dates. A kilo of the best Yemeni coffee in the old city of Sana'a costs between YR 1,600 and YR 1,800.

Milk: Fresh milk in Yemen is comes from the Yemeni farms in Hodeidah and Amran. These are over five other kinds of milk on sale.



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This Finance Manager will report directly to the Operations Manager of the company in this start up business and the remit will be for all commercial and financial aspects of the company. It is expected that the candidate will have an extensive input into the day to day management of the business so a hands-on approach, covering all areas from suppliers to customers is required. The finance manager will provide financial management and financial technical expertise across the business, performing a critical role within the management team. The finance manager will develop ongoing operational business plans, budgets, forecasts and operational KPIs, ensuring activities are carried out in a tax efficient manner. This role will be split between our field site and the office in Sanaa.

ESSENTIAL REQUIREMENTS

- 3+ years experience in a similar role.
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- · Fluent in English

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ESSENTIAL REQUIREMENTS

- · Minimum of 5 years experience of procurement in chemical plant, oil industry or in a mining.
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- Prior supervisory experience
- High standards of integrity
- · Demonstrated ability to actively identify any purchasing malpractice by employees or suppliers
- Excellent negotiator, ideally with experience of claims arbitration
- · Strong communication and leadership skills
- Fluent in English

Procurement Officer. (1) Position reference JS0302.

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ESSENTIAL REQUIREMENTS

- Minimum of 3 years demonstrable experience of procurement in industrial purchasing
- Integrity
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Senior Human Resources Advisor. (1) Position reference JS0030.

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ESSENTIAL REQUIREMENTS

- 3 years experience ideally in private sector oil/telecoms/manufacturing, in senior HR role
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- Fluent spoken and written English and Arabic.
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To apply please send your CV with a cover letter to <u>recruitingchances@gmail.com</u>, The subject of your e-mail should be the job title you are applying for along with the Position Reference Number which is shown alongside the job title. Any application without the required information will not be considered for any of the roles. The closing date for applications is 30 February 09. Due to the high interest shown in these roles it will unfortunately not be possible to reply to everyone. Therefore if you have not heard from us by 30 March 09 please take it that you have not been successful in applying for the role this time.

War in Gaza

By: Fareah **Faculty of Women** Al-Ahgaff University-Mukalla So10000@hotmail.com

uring the last Palestinian elections, Hamas was elected. This was rejected by Israel and by some Arab and western countries. Israel blockades Gaza because most of Hamas's offices are there. This caused the people of Gaza to suffer from a severe shortage in medical and food supplies. A lot of sick people die in hospitals because there is no medicine or electricity.

Hamas's missiles don't stop hitting the occupied lands near Gaza. As a result, Israel closes all entry crossing points to Gaza. According to Israel, this is in order to stop weapons smuggling. When Israel sees that all their attempts to make Hamas give up are useless, they try another way. They start a war on the small territory. They bomb Gaza at the time of day in which people and students are in their work and schools.

As a result, a lot of people lost their lives in the first day. This attack resulted in a strange silence from the Arab leaders and simultanous unending

support from America and the western countries.

This unfair dealing with Gaza causes feelings of hatred and anger to rise in the hearts of ordinary people, Arabs and non-Arabs everywhere. They try to show their refusal of this war through demonstrations and strikes.

The Israeli army prevents the press from going to the areas they bombed in order to cover their crimes. Ambulances and Red Cross vehicles are not allowed to reach injured people and martyrs.

I believe Arabs and Muslims can do more than what they are doing. They have many weapons in their hands which they can use to subjugate Israel and their supporters, such as the USA.

The first weapon they can use is oil. The majority of oil producing countries is composed of Arab and Muslim countries. They can make a difference by stopping the exportation of oil to the USA and Israel.

The second weapon is the Arabs themselves and the Islamic armies. Instead of being used against local people in making coups against the government, or in fighting against each other, Arabs can unite and create a powerful force which can change the circumstances in the area. Otherwise, the expenses of weapons and planes can be used elsewhere, such as towards nationbuilding. An excellent example of this is Switzerland: a very developed, respected, and civilized country without a standing army.

The last weapon that can be used is Israel's location. It is surrounded by Arab countries, which their people alone, if released, will support their brothers in Palestine with everything they have. They will even fight alongside them in order to retrieve Palestinian lands.

Because Al-Aqsa mosque in Jerusalem is a sacred matter for all Muslims, this makes it an obligation for all Muslims to fight in order to protect it from any damage that might be done to it. What we can really do in the meantime is to pray to Allah to help the Palestinian people and to donate money for them. Also, we can use the internet as a means of communication to talk about the Palestinian cause and to clarify the situation for other people and nations.

What comforts me a little is that a lot of people nowadays know about the Palestinian cause. People the world over support Palestinian rights to have their lands back and to have a home as other

Im my own worst enemy

By: Marwa Alzubairi

Have you ever looked in the mirror, And despised who was looking back? Have you ever thought a thought, And then wished you never had? I have.

Have you ever wanted to live life, To the fullest that it can be? Have you ever just decided, 'It would be better if I wasn't me'?

Some call life a stage With actors putting on masks Others say it's a dance floor Where everyone is fighting to be seen There are even a few who think it's a highway

A road that everyone passes through I'm one of those who don't agree I see life as a white canvas Situations and complications being my colors

Have you ever thought of the gun, And just dreamed of the simple bliss? But then your mind dragged you back, With glimpses of what you know you'd miss?

I have.

Have you ever listened to the names, The nasty things they call you? And wondered if just maybe, They were right after all?

Life as a canvas

People forming my brushes The more colors I have and more diverse brushes I use The more complete I am I draw the sun's golden rays I draw the cotton white clouds Never the stormy grey I can't represent the ocean, As it seems to have a mind of its own How about the moon Just a rock or a constant

I have. Have you ever 'kinda' realized, That they aren't that bad? And the only person holding you back, You're the one who makes you sad?

I have. Do you understand what I'm saying? Can you see how far I fell? I am my own worst enemy And I have no one else to blame

I portray it with a silver lining To remind everyone that even in the dark there's hope Now that I've said it all It's time for actions Think this over How would you portray life Make it as colourful as you can Because that means you are stronger Don't make it white or black

Nor all the shades of gray.







VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

Delft University of Technology (TUDelft) of The Netherlands, in partnership with Taiz University, is in the process of establishing a Centre for two Master Programmes in Engineering Management (E&M) and IT & Management (IT&M). TUDelft is therefore seeking an energized, well-qualified candidate that can become the Project Coordinator. The successful candidate is expected to coordinate project activities in Yemen in order to support the successful establishment and running of the Centre, and will become the Head of the Project Management Unit (PMU) for the duration of the project period (three years), during of which he/she is expected to reside in the city of Taiz.

The Project Coordinator shall have the following qualifications:

- · He/she should have a Master Degree;
- He/she should have proven experience in management during the last three years, preferably in international settings;
- He/she should be fluent in the English and Arabic languages;
- He/she should have proven excellent communication and computer skills.

The Project Coordinator will have the following Responsibilities:

- He/she will be in charge of the day to day management of project activities in close cooperation with the Dean of the College of Engineering and Heads of the E&M and IT&M programmes on behalf of TUDelft Consortium members;
- He/she will assist the Head of the Academic Programme in non-academic issues and in the preparations and follow-up of the Centre Board meetings;
- He/she will report to the TUDelft Project Director;
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Interested candidates are requested to submit their application to:

Loay Ahmed Al-Kibsi, TUDelft representative in Yemen. P.O. Box 15643

The deadline for receiving the applications is Saturday 28 February 2009 Qualified female candidates are strongly encouraged to apply.

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How men deal with women

In my article entitled "Male and all the services. female, how to deal", Yemen Times

In this article, I refer to men and to male students. women who are not relatives, men who of which there are four main types.

The first type is the man who deals deal with men. They respect women as the gender of the students.

The second type is the man who and has bad intentions. deals with women with priority and women.

dealing women so that whenever they teacher would behave. deal with one of them they try to offer

and women can deal with each other. I to exhaust such passions by really liked the comments sent by establishing relations with the female some readers to my email, which they meet - of course, without women and encouraged me to write mentioned above, a type two teacher will listen more to female students than

If, for example, he wants to give may deal with women at work, in them an exam, but the male students study, business or other fields of life. ask him to delay it, he will refuse. But As a man, and after devoting time to if the female students ask him, he will discuss the topic with friends, I have accept. Thus this type gives priority reached the conclusion that men deal and more respect to women, all the with women according to their nature, while respecting moral and religious principles.

They third type is the worst type in with women in the same way that they my opinion. Such a man sees all women immorally, and cannot they respect men, and do not favor differentiate between good and bad either one or the other. For example, let women. He does not respect women, us take a teacher who teaches both and tries to exploit any chance he can male and female students and treats all get to interact with her with bad of them equally, paying no attention to intentions in mind. He thinks that any immoral with those who are impolite. woman who talks to him is immoral

According to this way of thinking, distinction. These men do not any woman he deals with he disrespect, but in a way over-respect immediately considers to be looking for an informal relationship. Moreover, opinions. And the topic would be Sometimes they pay them more he searches and searches for any attention than men. Again, I do not chance to exploit a woman and mean that such men behave immorally sometimes may force her to do with women, but they set them above something she does not like. If we go Majed Thabet Al-kholidy is a writer men in a moral way. Maybe they do back to the example of the teacher from Taiz, currently doing his M.A. at this because they are not used to above, we can realize how such a

He would teach female students with University.

an open eye, searching for "victims". Or maybe they act this way because He would give the priority to some issue no 1225, I shed light on how men they feel a shortage of passion, and try female students, but always with the purpose of gaining something from

Such a teacher may exploit the opened a new horizon for me to think committing any moral mistake. If we failure of a female student to achieve about the ways in which men deal with revert to the example of the teacher his goal in exchange for helping her to pass the exam. Such a person is capable of everything, because he does not respect his religion, his society or morals, and forget the way he would like people to interact with his sisters, wife, and maybe daughters.

The forth type is a mixture of the last two. He can be polite and moral with women who are well-behaved and respectful, but will not reject an offer to establish a bad relationship with those who are not.

Such men do not exploit women who are polite, but those who are impolite. The example of the teacher mentioned above would deal morally and respectfully with good and respectful women, but be impolite and

These are the types according to which men can be classified in their treatment of women. This is what I think, but others may think differently and I welcome their comments and perfected, I think, if a woman wrote about the ways women deal with men.

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The Hell

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I don't know how to describe what is going on in Gaza. The situation in Gaza can be described -if it can be - in words like "it is hell."

Gaza is in a miserable situation and you can find the smell of the death everywhere. There is no safe place. The people in Gaza don't know where to go; they are in a big prison called Gaza.

The souls of people in Gaza are valueless because they are just Arab and Islamic souls.

Israel finds all citizens including women and children guilty, so they deserve to be killed.

If you turn on the TV to see the news of Gaza, you just can see: bodies, blood, injured people, the killed children and women.

The innocent people in Gaza are homeless, frightened, and poor, and they found themselves in a helpless situation. There is no medical aid which can be enough for the thousands who are injured, no electricity, no water, and no arms to defend themselves. No one can even try to provide for them in a good and needed way.

The situation in Gaza affected me so much. My feelings are a mixture of sadness and anger. If I could go to bomb and explode myself, in Israel I would go, but I don't know when. If I was rich, I would send them money to help their needs.

The best thing I can do now is to pray for them and call Allah to help them. I can also participate in university activities to support Gaza. I can do my best to boycott anything was made by the countries that support Israel, like America and England.

I think victory is coming, and if there is no chance to avoid death, then it is so very shameful not to be

Gaza bleeds

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hen we just so much as state Gaza's name, we can touch the feelings sadness from all Arab people who can't do anything for the people of Gaza except extremely limited things like collecting money, praying for

However, none of these actions are enough for them; we can't even imagine the strong will that those people have to have in order to fight against the enemy to get them to return their occupied lands. The Palestinians fight by using small things which in turn has a big effect; they use stones, and these stones make their enemies, which have many kinds of modern technical weapons, afraid to attack

them, and participating in

demonstrations.

At the present day, I heard in the news that the Israeli people are using a

new kind of weapon which makes the people die, but when anybody see those people dying they think they are dying in a normal way.

However, when an autopsy is performed on their bodies, we find all their inside organs shattering as a result of this insidious weapon. We always heard about the kinds of punishment that the Palestinian people suffering from, and we can't do anything expect to pray for Allah to help them.

Gaza is a long story which has been going on for many years, yet the Arab people keep silent without finding any solutions for them. The ones who are suffering the most are the children. These children of Gaza can't live as the other children do; their eyes are constantly filled with fright.

The people in Gaza are suffering from a lack of food, water, electricity, and medical services. They face a difficult life; we always heard tragic stories about them, and every day hundreds of people die.

My feeling toward them is so sorrowful. The things I can do for them are just some limited things, and I wish for them to be in paradise.

Gaza Under Blockade

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hat a miserable situation the Arab people are passing through. They see the blood of the Palestinian people, the destruction of the houses, and the throwing of the Holy Qur'an book into the fire.

Until when will we be silent? The silence will not help to solve the problem or stop the occupation. Every Arab and Islamic person should think of those people whose lives are being stolen by the Israel people. Every person should put him or herself in the same position as the Palestine people.

Then, every person will see and feel the same feelings of each Palestine person, child, woman, or old man.

Four or five days ago, while I was watching the TV, I was surprised by the scene of a mother who was crying and shouting for the loss of her five girls at the same time. I put myself in that situation and I felt a kind of sadness towards the Arab people who are full of sleep and act as though they are not aware of what is going on.

Even they saw the killing of innocent people in Gaza; yet we will not get any help from them. Those Palestinian people in Gaza are not even allowed to escape this war, as they are not allowed to go anywhere because of the Israeli people on one side and the closed Rafah pass to Egypt on the



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Love, dust and flowers

By: Enass Ahmed

n Yemen, love was in the air on Valentine's Day, but then again so were dust and the scent of overpriced roses. Romantics celebrated the annual event, with many forking out thousands of riyals to make the day count.

The dust lingering in the sky since the previous day served to dampen the mood for the skeptical, but for those in love the weather was seen as a blanket of romance.

On February 14, people around the world mark the annual celebration of love and increasingly more so in Yemen. The origin of St. Valentine's Day is debated, but according to medieval literature Valentine was a Roman priest who married couples in secret after the emperor had banned young men from getting married to make them better soldiers. Others believe that Valentine was a priest who committed sin when he consumed his

During the last decades, people have been celebrating the day wearing red and pink, giving roses and chocolates to their loves ones, or even indulging in a box of heart-shaped sweets for

In Yemen the young increasingly celebrate Valentine's Day. Others argue that the event is no more than a commercial custom, and that love should be celebrated every day and not just once a year.

Some people think that love only means intimacy between couples and think that it's a stupid day, but others are more lighthearted.

"At least it's a day of love, not a day of hate," said Alya Ali, 18, caring a cute

At street intersections, chewing-gum sellers use Valentine's Day to boost the day's profits. Somewhere in Sana'a, a woman approached a young man in his

"Today is Valentine's Day, buy some chewing gum from me," she said.

The young driver asked her if she



celebrated love day: "I don't know a thing about love day, that Iraqi girl told me about it," she replied. "In Yemen we only love three things: mothers, children and gat."

On Valentine's Day, the street is alive with happy people, among them happy florists. The latter can make good money on Valentine's Day, as prices more than double. On an ordinary day a flower would cost YR 150, but on Valentine's Day it costs YR 400.

"Last year I brought 5,000 flowers from Dubai," said florist Anas Abdulhameed. "In an effort to meet demand this year, I bought 13,000 flowers, but they were not enough."

"I was sold out by 10 pm on Valentine's night. Most buyers were teenage girls," he added.

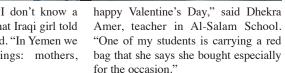
"The bestselling item is the red heartshaped pillow, it's usually sold for YR 1,500 but we increase it to YR 2,500 for Valentine's Day," said Ali Al-Omaqi, employee in a gift shop.

"I usually celebrate Valentine's with my husband and friends, but rarely with my family," said Hanan Abdulrahman, 21, who celebrated the special day with her husband at the Mövenpick coffee shop. "I love the idea of celebrating love. We all have to believe that love can be with everything around you - the idea is to love and be loved."

"I'm going to celebrate at home with my wife and children, and am on my way now to the florist to buy some roses to my wife," said Akram Saeed, 26. "I don't really know why it's called Valentine's Day, but I don't really care since it's a very nice occasion."

A street beggar seized the opportunity to ask him for some money: "Please, I want to buy a present for my love," he sheepishly said.

In public schools, red and pink clothes or scarves as well as roses were banned. Some private schools were more lenient.



Some people believe Valentine's Day is not religious and don't approve of celebrations on the day: "I believe that we only have two occasions to celebrate in the year, the other festivities are not true and it's not allowed to celebrate

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them," Ebrahim Omar, 27 said. "I love my wife and I explain my

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"Valentine is not in our culture, and it's totally forbidden in my thoughts," said Zahra Saif, mother of seven. "I don't allow my daughters to believe in that

day, because it's very stupid and untrue."

"I believe that everybody can have their own opinion and follow it," said Oum Ahmed, mother of five. "My daughters and sons can celebrate Valentine with their friends or spouse, and or even we sometimes celebrate together with a delicious cake,"

















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