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<u>Yemen threatened to be next, according to alleged Al-Qaeda statement:</u> Yemen denounces Madrid bombings

Yemen Times Staff

Yemen officially denounced on Thursday the Madrid bombings that resulted in the death of more than 200 citizens. Saba Official News Agency reported that a source at the Foreign Ministry said that "the Yemeni Government, as it condemns fiercely such a horrific criminal act, renews its emphasis that terrorism is an international malady that does not belong to any civilization, culture or religion. Serious and responsible international efforts need to be concentrated to uproot terrorism and destroy it."

The source added that the Yemen is "expressing solidarity with the Spanish people and national government." It stressed that Yemen remains committed to fight terrorism in all its forms and have expressed its sincere condolences to the Spanish Government and to families of the victims.

Alleged al-Qaeda statement

Meanwhile, the famous Londonbased Al-Quds Al-Arabi Arabic Daily said that it received a statement claiming to be from Al-Qaeda announcing its responsibility for the blasts in Madrid and the one in Istanbul last Tuesday.



The Madrid bombing has been strongly denounced by the Yemeni government. Even though the perpetrators are still unknown, yet an alleged al-Qaeda statement claimed responsibility and threatened to strike other in countries including Yemen. Reuters



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Thabet's lawyers demand accountability for PSO PSO's actions condemned

By Mohammed Al-Qadhi Yemen Times Staff

The case of journalist Saeed Thabet Saeed was resumed last Wednesday on charges of "spreading false news" regarding the thwarted assassination attempt targeting Colonel Ahmad Ali Abdullah Saleh. The case was attended by over 50 lawyers who volunteered to represent the journalist after he was kidnapped on the fifth of March by agents of the Political Security



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of the Political Security Journalists gather out of the Organization. Cont'd on P10 Western Sanaa Court. Photo by M. al-Qadhi

Following the car accident in Senegal last week ... Ahmar fine and recovering

BY YEMEN TIMES STAFF

In a statement to Sahwa.net, Yemen's Parliament Speaker Sheikh Abdullah bin Hussein Al-Ahmar has emphasized that he is fine and recovering from his injuries caused by the accident of last Thursday in Senegal's Capital, Dakar.

The Chairman of the Supreme Islah Party Authority told Al-Sahwa.net by telephone that he will be leaving the hospital in Paris within the coming couple of days.

Sheikh Al-Ahmar was flown to Paris on a special medical plane in the early hours of last Friday to Paris, France, to carry out a medical checkup to ensure he receives the treatment needs to recover fully from the accident. close to the Sheikh, at around 4.30 pm and while he was returning to the place he was staying, a puncture in one of the car's back tires resulted in a collision with a trees on the side of the street.

He was then rushed to the hospital with his security guards and driver of the car. At the initial diagnosis, only minor bruises were noted on his body, especially his right and left arms. It was mentioned that the same bruises were caused to all those in the vehicle at the time of accident.

vehicle at the time of accident. The Sheikh talked to President Saleh by telephone, as the latter called the Sheikh at least three times, according to Sahwa.net sources, to enquire of his welfare. The Sheikh also received calls from a number of prominent figures such as Saudi Prince Sultan bin Abdulaziz, who called the Sheikh upon hearing of the accident.



Senegalese government praised Sheikh Al-Ahmar also praised the government of Senegal for the efforts exerted to ensure that the Sheikh receives all the attention necessary. Al-Ahmar emphasized that the President of Senegal had sent his Foreign Minister to the hospital to ensure that he receives the needed treat-Furthermore, ment. the Senegalese Deputy Speaker of Parliament stayed with Al-Ahmar until he left for further medical treatment.

The Yemeni Parliament Speaker was in Senegal to participate in the sixth round and third conference of the member states council meetings of the Organization of the Islamic Conference. The sessions of the meetings ended last Wednesday.





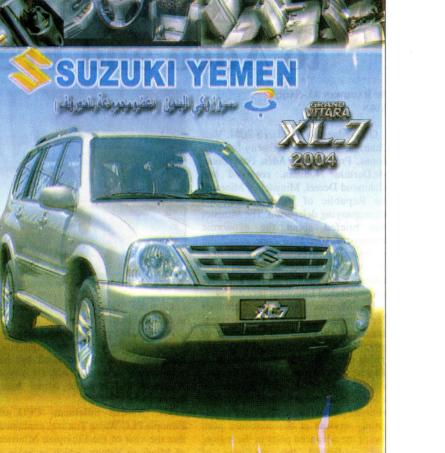
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Following the calm of the visit of President Saleh

Prince Al-Faisel arrives in Sana'a

BY HASSAN AL-ZAIDI YEMEN TIMES STAFF

It is expected that Saudi Foreign Minister, Prince Saud Al-Faisel, will visit Sana'a on 20 March 2004. September 26 Newspaper, the mouthpiece of the Armed Forces, stated that talks will focus on enhancing bilateral cooperation and consultation on Arab Saudi Foreign Minister current issues, including the Saud al-Faisel situation in Iraq, in addition

to the discussion of the work agenda for Arab Summit to be held in Tunisia at end of this month.

Saudi Arabia is currently exerting efforts in conjunction with Egypt, Yemen and other Arab countries to find an Arab position to change the current direction of the US initiative towards the Middle East, which concentrates on freedom and democracy issues and considers them to be important elements in reducing terrorism and extremism. This concerns the ruling regime in Saudi, which is founded on hereditary monarchy. The Saudi-



exchange of wanted elements, between Yemen and Saudi, accused of being involved in terror-

ism and security related cases, will take place next week. This comes within the frame of security cooperation between the two countries. The situation between Yemen and Saudi was getting tense after the Saudi suggestion to build a barrier. This angered Yemen, but the Saudi leadership ordered a halt and the destruction of what was constructed following the visit of President Saleh to Saudi recently. Currently, preparations to put

the first touches to the security plan are

being arranged to prevent the infiltra-

to Saudi.

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tion of terrorists and arms from Yemen each home in the country"

Al-Barakani accuses Sheikh Al-Ahmar

Local News

carrying arms.

BY MOHAMED BIN SALLAM YEMEN TIMES STAFF

Mr. Sultan Al-Barakani, Head of the PGC block in Parliament, accused Sheikh Abdullah Hussein Al-Ahmar, Speaker of Parliament and Chairman of Islah Party, of standing against the proposed law regarding the possession and carrying of arms. The Speaker has blocked all chances of its endorsement, stated Barakani, in a statement published by PGC Net.

Al-Barakani said, "Some political powers have dealt with project as if it targets them". Predominately, these powers believe in the importance of weapons in political work

Mr. Al-Barakani accused Islah Party by saying, "It is known that Islah members have tried to create a sense of concern among tribes through promoting the rumor that this law will be a premise to the disarm all citizens completely. It will exceed the borders of the capitals of the governorates to reach

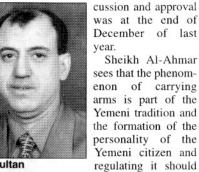
He added that unfortunately some

tribes took this rumor seriously, although the general principle of the proposed law is the regulation of possession and carrying of arms. They should prefer to have stable, secure and peaceful lives provided by the regulations of possession and carrying of arms instead of having to the worry and concern generated by revenge and the threats of those

The Government presented Mr. Sultan the draft law two years ago. The Al-Barakani ruling party seeks its approval, but Islah Party rejects it.

Yemeni people carry arms publicly, especially in rural and remote areas, regardless of police efforts. Unofficial statistic indicates that nearly 50 million firearms are in the hands of citizens of this poor country, whose population is approximately 18.5 Million.

The ruling party sees Sheikh Al-Ahmar as the biggest obstacle standing against the approval of this policy. The Government's latest effort to present the project to the Parliament for dis-



ondary cities or rural regions. However, the government finds that the continuous carrying and possession of weapons hinders the state's efforts to achieve security, stability and social peace and may be hampering the efforts of authorities in the fight against terrorism. The Government believes it exacerbates the losses and number of victims among security and armed forces in the event of clashes and armed confrontations with criminals or terrorists.

Sheikh Al-Ahmar

sees that the phenom-

Yemeni citizen and

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Saudi-Yemen border talks continue

ginalized.

By Peter Willems

The plan made by Saudi Arabia and Yemen to boost security on the border between the two countries appears to be moving along smoothly.

Last month, Yemeni President Ali Abdullah Saleh met with Saudi Arabian King Fahd and Crown Prince Abdullah bin Abdul Aziz in Riyadh and the leaders agreed that the Saudi government would stop building a barrier on the border while both sides work together to tighten border security.

In a meeting between Yemeni and Saudi Arabian military officials early this month, the groundwork for cooperation was set. Two field committees to study security arrangements needed in the future were formed, and reports from the committees will be submitted in the next meeting.

It is also reported that the two governments are now arranging the exchange of terrorist suspects held in both countries. Prisoners expected to be swapped are wanted as suspects related to national security and terrorism

And according to Saudi authorities, Saudi border guards confiscated large quantities of guns, ammunition and explosives along the border in the Jizan region in southern Saudi Arabia last of the largest tribes along the border ing arms profitable. If smugglers want week.

"It is very natural that two neighbor-

But there may be an obstacle. delegation that participated in the

meeting last month in Riyadh, not only did Saudi Arabia agree to stop building the barrier but to remove what had already been constructed. There are now suspicions that Saudi Arabia will not remove the existing barrier in the near future. It has been reported out of Saudi Arabia that the Saudi government does not want to pull down the But he noted that there could be trouble barrier unless it is satisfied with the new security strategy.

And according to Yemeni Foreign Minister Abu Bakr Al-Qirbi, "Saudi Arabia has suspended building the barrier, and the security committees will survey security in the border area and look at the existing barrier. They will decide on what to do."

Before the agreement last month, the Yemeni government complained that the construction of the barrier was in violation of the 2000 border agreement. Within the agreement, a demilitarized zone between 5 km to 20 km on both sides of the two countries was grazing and allowing tribesmen to move freely.

cern about the future of the barrier. always be looking for ways to avoid

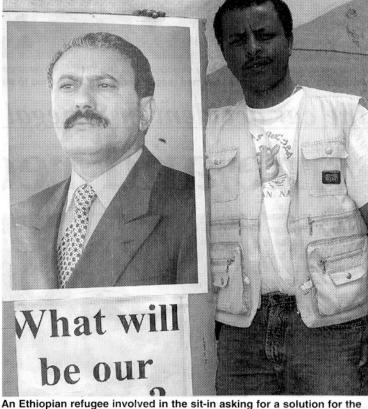
"The barrier has hindered the graz-According to members of the Yemeni ing of many tribesmen," said the representative of the Wayilah tribe. "The barrier is within the Wayilah area, but there are more complaints coming from other tribes."

> He added that the Wayilah tribe is willing to wait and see if the barrier will be removed and is hoping that the Yemeni government will convince Saudi Arabia to take down the barrier. if the barrier remains since a large number of tribesmen are willing to fight if the barrier is not removed.

> "This area will be in trouble if they leave the barrier," said the representative. "The Wayilah tribe will always be ready to act."

Since terrorist bombings on May 12 last year killed over 50 people in Saudi Arabia, the Saudi government has been concentrating on the border to slow down the flow of arms and infiltration. But the coordinated efforts between Saudi Arabia and Yemen to enhance border control will not be an easy task. The border covers 1,800 km (1,100 established. This area was set up for miles), and the smuggling of goods, including diesel and qat, has supported smugglers for years. The availability of Tribesmen of the Wayilah tribe, one weapons in Yemen has also made sellnorth of Sadda, have expressed con- to continue their business, they might

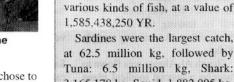
Discussions on strife of Ethiopian refugees continue



future of the refugees (Yemen Times photo by Peter Willems)

By Peter Willems

The refugees claim that they chose to carry out their sit-in next to UNHCR's headquarters, which has lasted over a



March.

at 62.5 million kg, followed by Tuna: 6.5 million kg, Shark: 3,165,178 kg, Squid: 1,882,005 kg, lobster: 199,797 kg, and 1,365,756



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journalist Saeed Thabet is a victory

for the freedom of press in Yemen?

Yes, it is a positive sign

continuing

No, it is a maneuver by the

government to silence critics 53%

It depends on the trial procedures

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In Brief

International Conference on

Bone Surgery in Sana'a

of Health and Population and Al-

Thawra General Hospital, the

International Medical Conference

on Bone Surgery will be held in

Sana'a, from 16th to 19th of

The conference is focused on the

development of the treatment and

prognoses methods in bone-related

diseases. It is noteworthy that

Yemen is one of the countries most

affected by bone injury accidents

due to widespread of traffic acci-

dents, revenge cases, non-deliber-

ate killings and firearms incidents.

Statistics on Fish Production

Governorate during the year 2003,

according to statistics filed by

Ministry of Fisheries, Al-Mahra

Office, reached 75,885,921 kg of

Fish production in Al-Mahra

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23%

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6%

ing countries are concerned about each They claim that the barrier will hinder border security. others' security," said Sultan Al-Barakani, Chairman of the GPC Caucus. "If there are negative events in one country, they are reflected in a said that the barrier was built in the might be conflicts along the border, neighboring country. So both sides will demilitarized zone, and tribesmen are which could make tightening border cooperate fully to increase border secu- feeling that their freedom is being mar- security even more difficult.

their rights that were established in the 2000 border agreement.

And if the barrier stays standing for a long period of time and tribesmen A representative of the Wayilah tribe along the border are frustrated, there

Visit of Ethiopian Delegation to Aden and Free Zone

BY RADHWAN AL-SAQQAF ADEN

On Wednesday 11 March 2004, Vice Chairman of Public Authority for Free Zones, President of Aden Free Zone, Mr.Derhim Nouman, received Mr. Mahmoud Dereel, Minister of Mines of the Republic of Ethiopia, and his accompanying delegation. The Minister was briefed about the economic progress of Aden Free Zone, especially in attracting investment and creating industrial and storage zones and international navigation in the free zone. He also welcomed Ethiopian investment.

The Minister toured the Container Port, during which time some navigational activities and the unloading of containers from international ports were taking place. He was also informed of the future directions and plans to reactive the role of the port in order to receive giant carriers' containers. The Minister praised the distinguished navigating services at the container port, one of the advanced ports in the region, and confirmed the readiness of



A view of guests during a reception in Aden. Photo by Ridwan Al-Saqqaf

Ethiopian businessmen for future number of other governorates, aims at investment in the free zone.

A dinner reception was held in honor of the Minister and his accompanying delegation, and was attended by the governors of Aden and Lahj, Dr. Yahya Al-Shaibi and Mansour Abdul Jalel, respectively.

Ms. Wardah Sulaiman, CEO of Ethiopia PLC Wajag Trading, explained that the visit of the Ethiopian Minister of Mines to Yemen, which includes a

exploring investment opportunities in oil and the export of liquefied gas from Aden to Ethiopia. She added that oil investments receive attention and facilities from Yemeni officials. She said that Wajag companies exports 98% of the gas being exported to Ethiopia.

The Ethiopian delegation left Aden for Hadramout to meet with a number of Yemeni businessmen and officials there

United Nations High Commission for Refugees (UNHCR) and representatives of around 200 Ethiopian refugees camping out in front of the UNHCR headquarters in Sana'a did not produce a solution that could end the sit-in.

A meeting between officials of the

According to UNHCR officials, the organization tried to persuade the refugees to take part in procedures required for the UNHCR to help refugees try to gain citizenship in Yemen or in another country.

"Our objective was to convince the group to fill out registration forms that would allow UNHCR to work on trying to get the refugees resettled," said Zivan Damato, Administration Officer at UNHCR in Sana'a. "UNHCR proposes a third country resettlement solution, and if it doesn't succeed, the other option available is local integration with collaboration of the Yemeni government.

The refugee representatives, who were first asked by UNHCR officials to fill out the registration forms at the end of February, refused to take the offer a second time soon after the meeting ended last Tuesday. They claim that they have participated in similar procedures before and have not seen results that have met their demands. The refugees have lived in Yemen for 13 years and are seeking a permanent home in Yemen or elsewhere.

"What we saw was nothing new," said one of the refugees involved in the sit-in, Assefa Tamer. "We have filled out registration forms many times in the last 13 years, and the registration forms do not prove that we will get a tangible solution. The job of UNHCR is to seek a permanent solution for refugees, but they have not put out enough effort to do so.'

month, because after living in Yemen as refugees for over a decade with no clear future on gaining citizenship, they want the UNHCR to find a solution.

UNHCR holds that its job is to assist the refugees to receive basic rights and freedom in Yemen and encourage the Yemeni government to offer them citizenship or help them gain resettlement in another country. UNHCR also says that it is up to the Yemeni government or other governments to decide if the refugees can receive citizenship.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs, which has a department dealing with African refugees, said that the Ethiopian refugees can remain in Yemen as refugees but did not propose offering them citizenship.

Some believe that it will be difficult to end the deadlock between the refugees participating in the sit-in and UNHCR. If the Yemeni government is not willing to offer the refugees citizenship, it will be difficult to achieve resettlement in another country: There are 22 million refugees around the world and only 3,000 succeed in being resettled each year.

The refugees are also members of Ethiopian Naval and Civilian Refugees and represent around 600 Ethiopians that defected their country in 1991. They turned over 14 warships to the Yemeni government when they arrived. Dealing with refugees who were once in the military is considered a sensitive issue.

"As the relationship continues to improve between Ethiopia and Yemen, the Yemeni government will consider working with these refugees as very sensitive," said a foreign diplomat. "Other countries will probably consider them in the same way as well."

kg of various other fish

Mr. Shamlan Shmlan, Director of Al-Mahra Fishery Office, said that there are positive indicators that this year will be a good season.

On the other hand, Director of Yemeni Corporation for Marine Hunting, Mr. Ali Saeed, said that lobster production for last year until end of February of this year brought revenues estimated at 90 Million YR.

Sudanese Foreign Ministry Statement regarding Eritrea Accusations

The Embassy of the Republic of Sudan in Sana'a distributed last week a statement in which it replied to the accusations of Eritrea. Eritrea has accused Sudan of standing behind the latest explosions, which took place at a hotel in the border city Tessne, leading to the deaths of several children, women and elderly residents.

The statement expressed the sorrow of the Sudanese Government at the harm and damage inflicted on some Eritrea citizens. The statement concluded by saying, "The Sudanese Government avails this regrettable incident to once again express its condemnation of all forms of terrorism carried out through the borders with Eritrea, and sends its condolences to the families of victims and the brotherly Eritrean people".



Islah Calls for Boycotting Parliament Sessions

BY HASSAN AL-ZAYEDI

Islah Party, Hadramout Branch, called for standing firmly against the intolerable doses' policies adopted against the people.

The statement urged the citizens to stand by and to support the effective powers and the Opposition which favor lifting and ending of suffering of pain and hunger of million of our people.

It called on the people to be aware of the seriousness of the situation and the economic and social consequences and to utilize all possible peaceful means to reject this dose. It also called on the PGC block, the ruling party, in the parliament, to bear their historic responsibility.

The Government intends introducing a new dose, to increase prices of oil derivatives by more than 100%, which would lead to additional costs and suffering and a heavy burden to sustain somewhat a dignified living condition for a citizen.

The Social Fund discussion session

BY HASSAN AL-ZAIDI YEMEN TIMES STAFF

The Social Fund for Development organized a discussion ring, which took place from February 27th to March 1st, 2004.

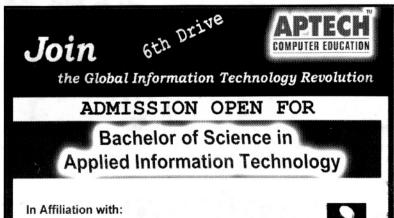
The session was attended by representatives from the World Bank and Arab and International Donor Organizations after the selection of the Social Fund to present the Yemeni experiment at the Shanghai Conference, which will be held in order to exert more efforts to ease poverty.

The World Bank delegation, currently visiting Yemen, will inform the Yemeni side of how the Social Fund for Development can present its experiment and examine its performance and success in carrying out projects financed by donor countries.

The World Bank Representative said in the discussion ring that Yemen is considered the second beneficiary country in the Middle East Region, pointing out the examination by the World Bank of the 21 supported projects in the field of education. She described the Fund as an effective partner in the Bank's strategy to assist Yemen.

During the discussion ring, the Minister of Insurance and Social Affairs and Executive Director of the Social Fund for Development, Dr. Abdulkareem Al-Arhaby, reviewed projects carried out by the Fund. The Deputy Prime Minister and the Minister of Planning and International Cooperation also pointed out that the Government has sought to reform the democratic system and has intensified its efforts to carry out the economic, financial and administrative reforms in order to build the infrastructure for development within the framework of the five year development plan. Achievements are noticeable but remained late.

Mr. Abdul Latif Al-Hamed, Director of Arab Fund who attended the meeting, pointed out that Yemen in 1972 was going through a difficult phases but today has achieved major steps in the field of development and the Arab Fund must continue its efforts in Yemen for the sake of development and combating poverty.



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Local / Community

A Truck seized in Oman loaded with Yemeni antiquities.

BY HASSAN AL-ZAIDI YEMEN TIMES STAFF

The Security Authorities in Sultanate of Oman seized last Wednesday at Al-Mazyouta Custom Exist Point, a large truck loaded with antiques. The antiques consist of parts of historic pillars and antiques the size of a piece exceeds one meter, belonging and dating back to Sheba civilization era. The Authorities held the Yemeni driver and his assistant trying to get through the exist point in their way to United Arab Emirate.

Cars' Customs Committee

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Airports, border entry/exit points or

the temporary plates (Customs

duties not paid), granted to car own-

The Government, through these

measures, is seeking to confront the

budget deficit it faces, to complete

the registration process of cars and

to reduce customs tax evasion of

thousands of cars pouring into the

Following this, the Government

intends to cancel custom fees on

recent models of cars and to prevent

importing used cars, which possess

Dead body

serious risks on the environment.

country from the borders.

seaports of the Republic.

By Hassan Al-Zaidi Yemen Times Staff

Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Alaway Al-Salami, announced that work of the cars customs committee that start on Saturday March 12, would be terminated on April 12, 2004. He pointed out the importance that Traffic Police to seize and to bring cars with old license plates to the customs committee.

The Traffic Police Dept. of Ministry of Interior is to withdraw

Conference held on technology

The College of Sciences and Engineering at the University of Sciences and Technology held a conference on the "Use of Technology in Education" at the city of Communication and Information on 1-3 March, under the auspices of minister of Higher Education and Scientific Research Abdulwahab Rawih.

Dean of the Sciences and Engineering college, the chairman of the conference Dr Jameel Abdulrab said the conference was the first of its kind in Yemen and received an official care.

The conference included a number of scientific working papers presented by a group of experts and academicians from Yemen and abroad. The event also included holding an exhibition of equipment and devices used in information technology in which big companies and establishments took part.

Among the important premises of the conference were:

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SANAA UNTERNATIONAL SCHOOL Box 2002, Sanaa, Yemen Phone: 370-191, Fax: 370-193 Email: gordonblackie@gsi.org Web site: www.qsi.org The smugglers hid the antiques Educating the community's children for 31 years! inside the trailer of the truck usually used for loading fuel. The Oman Authority is still interrogating the two detainees, while the Public Antiquities A HIGH QUALITY EDUCATION IS WAITING FOR Authority in Yemen is preparing a file YOUR CHILD AT SANAA INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL on the stolen pieces, which proves Beautiful purpose-built facilities on a spacious 34 acre site on the edge of town with out-door play area and equipment. Sports facilities include soccer, basketball, and softball fields, a double tennis court, and an indoor multi-purpose area for volleyball and basketball. Bus service available. them to be Yemeni properties. It is note mentioning that smuggling of antiques has become a flourishing trade in the present time, as we regularly, weekly, hear some quantities of Main Campus antiques are seized at Yemeni either

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The Founding Conference of Restaurants and Cafeterias Owners Association

On Wednesday 10 March 2004, the founding conference for the Restaurants and Cafeterias Owners Association was held at the Al-Saeed Corporation for Science and Culture, Taiz City, during which administrative and control committees were elected. The conference focused on the goals to provide excellent services to members of the society in order to improve food health awareness and to support the efforts being exerted by associations working in this field. The conference confirmed the importance of nonpartisan work dedication, so that the association can perform its duties effectively. The conference emphasized the importance for the newly established association to get involved with the other public associations and organizations and be active in its role in responding to democratic reactions in society and the general direction of the country.

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YEMEN TIMES TAIZ BUREAU

On Sunday 29th February, the body of Abdulghani Ali Otham saif was found, covered with blood, inside a watch room in a farm at Al-Mehraq village, in the eastern part of Taiz City. The victim received three shots from a machine gun leading to his death. Security authorities have started an investigation to find the perpetrators while the body was transferred.

According to statistics issued by the General Prosecution Authority, the rate of major crimes has increased in Taiz Governorate to 972 in 2003, including 115 premeditated murders and 291 unintentional death incidents, in comparison to 855, 507 and 403 in 2002, 2001, and 2000 respectively.

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b- the use of educational technology in the Middle East and;c- the use of educational technology in

Yemen.

The conference had discussed a number of scientific seminars, workshops and presentation of successful programs in a number of countries. The prime aim of the conference is to provide information for decision-makers and those interested in education process on the latest available technological means and how to use them in developing and activation of both teacher and student role in realization of education goals.

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Dar Al-Sallam Cultural and Social Organization A call against violence and revenge

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Dar Al-Sallam Cultural and Social Organization, in a letter distributed to various media organizations on 12 March 2004, called on the High Arbitration Council to support action against violence and revenge and to promote the spread of forgiveness, culture and peace. The organization has asked for assistance in the recognition of the third national campaign, through the distribution and laying down of eight hundred guiding signs, related to the awareness of the results of carrying and misusing arms. The letter states, "Since the phenomenon of carrying weapons has weakened society, scattered its resources, distorted its reputation as a civilization, threatened its security and stability and increased the number of revenge, violence and hostilities cases, the organization contributes to the reduction of this phenomenon by increasing awareness among the public".

The first phase will be inaugurated on 20 March 2004, by distributing the guidelines signs starting from the Sana'a Secretariat and going through all governorates of the Republic, accompanied by several carnivals, art exhibitions and plays.





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More killed & wounded in Iraq

BAGHDAD, March 13 (Reuters) - A bomb exploded at a shop in a busy commercial district of central Baghdad on Saturday, killing the store owner and wounding several others, police and witnesses said.

The clothing and accessories store was completely destroyed, it's windows blown out and the ceiling fallen in. The windows of nearby shops were also shattered and pools of blood were visible on the pavement alongside torn and bloodied clothing.

"The shop-owner was killed and three people were injured," police officer Abbas Abid said at the scene.

"He was an honest man. We were together in the mosque and then we came back to the shop and ten minutes after that he died," witness Abdul Satar-Jiwad said of the shop-owner. "He did not interfere in politics or anything."

Witnesses said a young man entered the shop carrying a parcel and a plastic bag. He left and moments later the blast occurred, they said.

U.S. soldiers responded to the blast and were helping with rescue efforts.

It was not immediately clear why the shop-owner might have been targeted. Some witnesses who knew the man said he was related to a member of Iraq's Governing Council and may have been attacked for political reasons.

"There are some people who have interests in destabilising the situation and stopping security and development," said Tariq Hashem, a local resident

"The Iraqi police and the Americans cannot protect us."

Earlier this week, after weeks of wrangling, the Iraqi Governing Council signed an interim constitution that lays the groundwork for the U.S. transfer of sovereignty to an Iraqi government on June 30.

U.S. and Iraqi authorities have expressed fear of increased violence as

the deadline for the political transfer nears. On the day of the interim constitution's signing, several bomb blasts rocked Baghdad and rockets were feared at buildings near to the U.S. military and political headquarters in the city.

Two U.S. soldiers killed

A roadside bomb killed two U.S. soldiers and seriously wounded five others before dawn on Saturday as they were patrolling Saddam Hussein's hometown of Tikrit, the U.S. military said.

The blast, which raised to 385 the number of U.S. soldiers killed in action since the war to overthrow Saddam was launched last March, underlined the persistent dangers to U.S. and coalition forces almost a year since Saddam's regime fell.

Those killed were from the 1st Infantry Division and had only recently arrived in the country to take over responsibilities from the 4th Infantry Division, which is being rotated out after nearly a year's deployment.

The deaths came days after two U.S. civilians working for the U.S.-led Coalition Provisional Authority were killed by Iraqi police in a new development that suggests insurgents may have infiltrated the U.S.-trained police force.

The employees, who were on secondment from the Department of Defence, were killed as they travelled by car between the towns of Kerbala and Hilla, south of Baghdad. Their Iraqi translator was also killed.

The car was later found by Polish troops in charge of security in the area, with the bodies still in the trunk. It was the first time since the start of the war that U.S. civilians working for the administration had been killed.

The two Americans killed were Fern Holland, 33, who was working on human rights and women's issues, and Robert Zangas, 44, a former service-

man who had returned to Iraq to work as a press officer. Suspects detained

The U.S. military said six people had been detained in connection with the incident and said it believed most of them were legitimate members of the Iraqi police force.

"Four of those persons were carrying current, and we believe valid, Iraqi police service identification,' Brigadier General Mark Kimmitt. deputy director of operations for the U.S. Army in Iraq, told a news conference on Friday.

Kimmitt said the fifth suspect was a former policeman in Saddam Hussein's toppled government and the sixth a civilian.

U.S. occupation forces have been hiring and training Iraqis for the police for the past several months in the hope they will eventually be able to take over responsibility for security.

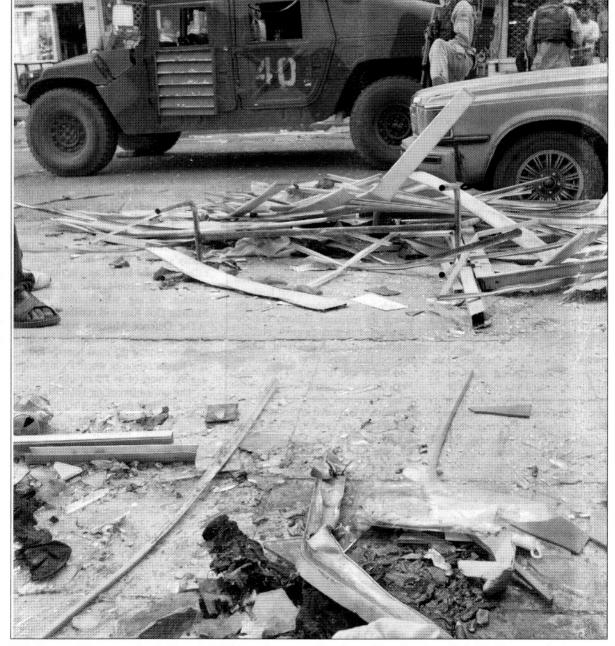
There are now about 70,000 police on duty countrywide, most of them new recruits, but many of them once members of Saddam's security forces. In addition, there are about 25,000 Iraqis serving in the military-style Civil Defence Corps (ICDC).

Senior U.S. officials have complained that their eight-week training programme is not enough to instil a human rights culture and sense of restraint in the way police and ICDC members carry out their work.

Dan Senor, the chief spokesman for Paul Bremer, the U.S. administrator in Iraq, defended the security services and the screening process, saying the incident earlier this week had been an exception.

"We have a very robust vetting process for all Iraqis that are hired or rehired into security services and while it is robust it is also not perfect," he told a news conference.

"Individuals slip through the cracks. We act to identify it and remove them immediately."



U.S. Army soldiers guard a destroyed clothing and accessories shop after a bomb exploded in the upmarket Baghdad neighbourhood of Karrada March 13. "The shop-owner was killed and three people were injured," police officer Abbas Abid said. REUTERS

Iran halts U.N. inspections for "vacation" reasons

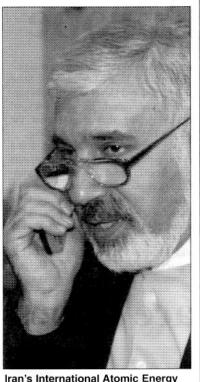
VIENNA, March 13 (Reuters) - Iran Tehran's alleged weapons programme. surprised the U.N. nuclear watchdog on Friday by calling a temporary halt to inspections aimed at verifying that Tehran's atomic programme is peaceful.

Western diplomats said the move was highly troubling, but Tehran's ambassador to the United Nations in Vienna, Pirooz Hosseini, said inspec-

"This could be it," the diplomat said. An IAEA spokeswoman declined to comment on the postponement.

Washington hopes a tough resolution will open the door to report Iran to the U.N. Security Council for possible sanctions.

Backroom talks at the IAEA headquarters in Vienna were set to continue



Israeli soldiers kill two Gaza militants

GAZA, March 13 (Reuters) - Israeli troops shot and killed two Palestinian militants as they approached the fence between Israel and the Gaza Strip, Palestinian and Israeli security



tions would only be delayed three weeks because of Iran's New Year holiday beginning next week.

"This is just purely a vacation issue, a holiday issue," he told Reuters. "That was the main reason, the only reason."

A diplomat close to the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) said the halt to inspections would last much longer than the four-day official New Year holiday beginning on March 20 and was clearly not the reason for Tehran's sudden decision.

"The Iranians have postponed the inspections until the second half of April, possibly the end of April," he said.

The postponement, he said, would not help Iran as a week of intense talks drew to a close on Saturday when the IAEA board was expected to adopt a resolution on Iran's nuclear programme.

"If they really have nothing to hide, it's fully against their interests because people who accuse them of having a weapons programme are getting a lot of ammunition," he said.

The United States accuses Iran of secretly developing nuclear weapons and systematically hiding evidence of its research and development. Iran says its programme is for peaceful purposes only and has accepted snap IAEA inspections.

A Western diplomat on the IAEA's board of governors said a number of countries had expected Iran to seek a confrontation with the agency as an excuse to limit cooperation with the IAEA as inspectors close in on on Saturday as Canadian, Australian and European diplomats negotiated with counterparts from Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) countries to find a compromise on the toughly-worded draft that "deplores" Iran's withholding of information from the IAEA.

Tehran said the draft text was the result of U.S. "bullying". The NAM countries, which have 13 of the 35 seats on the IAEA board, China and Russia all want the draft softened.

Getting too close?

The diplomat close to the IAEA said the inspections were likely related to Iran's uranium-enrichment programme, the full extent of which Tehran hid from the IAEA for nearly two decades.

Even after Iran gave the IAEA what it called a full declaration of its nuclear programme in October, U.N. inspectors earlier this year uncovered designs and components for advanced "P2" centrifuges capable of making bombgrade uranium.

The diplomat said Iran's motives for halting inspections were unclear.

"Either there's the possibility that they felt the agency was getting too close to them or they wanted to show some political muscle of their own to defy those countries casting a strong resolution condemning them," the diplomat said.

Earlier this week, an Iranian exile, Alireza Jafarzadeh, who has accurately reported on Iran's nuclear programme in the past, told Reuters the same "well-informed sources inside Iran"

Iran's International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) Ambassador Pirooz Hosseini takes a phone call during a closed-door meeting of the board of governors of the IAEA in Vienna March 12. REUTERS

who told him about the Natanz enrichment plant in August 2002 told him about a recent secret meeting of Iran's top leaders.

At this meeting, Jafarzadeh said Iran's leaders decided to get the bomb 'at all costs" by the end of 2005 and begin enriching uranium at secret plants away from the increasingly watchful eyes of the U.N. watchdog led by Mohamed ElBaradei.

Jafarzadeh was a spokesman for the National Council of Resistance of Iran until the United States branded it a terrorist organisation and shut down its Washington offices last year. He is now president of Strategic Policy Consulting, a Washington-based consulting firm.

sources said.

The deaths were the latest in more than three years of Israeli-Palestinian violence and came hours after senior U.S. envoys held talks with Israel and the Palestinians on possible peace moves.

The Islamic militants of Hamas and a militant group affiliated with Palestinian President Yasser Arafat's Fatah faction said in a statement faxed to Reuters that the two men were on an "operation" to avenge the deaths of 14 Palestinians during Israeli military action last Sunday.

Israeli military sources said the Palestinian militants were carrying rifles, ammunition belts, grenades and a pipe bomb. They said they were shot and killed as they crawled towards the fence near Nahal Oz, a crossing into Israel in northern Gaza.

On Sunday, armoured Israeli forces raided the Nusseirat and al-Bureij refugee camps, igniting gunbattles that killed 14 Palestinians after militants staged an attack on Israeli soldiers at Gaza's border



Israeli soldiers look at weapons they found at the scene where they shot and killed two Palestinian militants as they approached the fence between Israel and the Gaza Strip

Sudan army bombs Darfur town & kills six witnesses

KHARTOUM, March 13 (Reuters) -Sudan's army bombed a town in the western Darfur region, killing six civilians and injuring 25, eyewitnesses said on Saturday, weeks after the government said major military operations were over in the area.

Two rebel groups launched a revolt in remote Darfur last February, accusing the government of neglecting the arid region and arming Arab militias to burn and loot African villages.

The oil producer's president, Omar Hassan al-Bashir, said last month the government was in full control of Darfur and major military operations were over, which the rebels deny.

A resident of Sherya town, about 70 kilometres (45 miles) east of the Southern Darfur state capital Nyala, said that Antonov planes began bombarding the town on Friday evening and Arab militias known as "Janjaweed" attacked at the same time.

"The aerial bombardment began on Friday evening. We left as soon as we heard the Janjaweed coming. They were screaming and shooting into the air so we ran," the man, who declined to be named, told Reuters by telephone.

He said six women and children were killed by the bombings, including a one-year-old child, and 25 people were injured.

The Sudanese armed forces spokesman declined to comment and the governor of Southern Darfur was unavailable for comment.

A spokesman for the rebel Sudan Liberation Movement (SLM) told Reuters by telephone from near Sherya the bombing was continuing sporadically and 15 children were still missing.

"The Janjaweed took 670 heads of livestock and burned 100 huts," said Muhamed Mursal.

The United Nations warns of a humanitarian crisis in Darfur and says the conflict has affected one million people with more than 100,000 refugees fleeing to Chad.

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U.S. launches new Afghan push against bin Laden

KABUL, March 13 (Reuters) -U.S.-led forces have launched a sweeping new hunt in Afghanistan's remote southern and eastern mountains where Taliban and al Qaeda fighters, including Osama bin Laden, are believed to be in hiding.

The operation, codenamed 'Mountain Storm'', began on March 7 and involved troops from the 13,500strong U.S.-led force backed by air support, U.S. military spokesman Lieutenant-Colonel Bryan Hilferty told a news briefing on Saturday.

"We believe that this will help bring the heads of the terrorist organisations to justice by continuing to place pressure on them," he said.

Asked whether the operation could lead to the arrest of al Qaeda leader bin Laden, Hilferty replied:

"This operation is aimed like the rest at rebuilding and reconstructing and providing enduring security in Afghanistan, so it's certainly about more than one person.

"We do have confidence though. and the leaders of al Qaeda and the leaders of the Taliban need to be brought to justice and they will be."

Hilferty said "Mountain Storm" was a continuation of previous operations and involved patrols, searches and small-scale air assaults. But he declined to provide details.

"We have air support, close-fire support from the air 24-hours a day, circling overhead ready to assist coalition forces. It is a continuing effort to keep pressure on the terrorist organisations and their infrastructure.'

The fresh campaign comes after a surge in militant attacks on aid workers and foreigners, as well as against Afghan and U.S.-led forces.

U.S. defence officials in Washington on Friday described "Mountain Storm" as a broad spring offensive to hunt down al Qaeda fugitives, including bin Laden.

The officials, speaking on condition of anonymity, told Reuters it was timed to exploit improving weather in the region between Afghanistan and Pakistan, where bin Laden is believed to be

A Taliban spokesman said U.S. forces had launched an offensive in at least two eastern provinces but elu-

leader, Mullah sive Taliban Mohammed Omar, who headed the Afghan Taliban government that harboured the al Qaeda network, was safe.

"Mullah Omar is in a very safe place. But we don't know about Osama bin Laden," Taliban official Abdul Latif Hakimi told Reuters by telephone.

Secret task force

U.S. officials said the secretive Task Force 121, a covert commando team of Special Operations troops and CIA personnel involved in the capture of Saddam Hussein in Iraq in December, has relocated people and equipment to the border region to search for bin Laden and other al Oaeda and Taliban guerrillas.

Pakistan has in recent weeks moved forces into the lawless tribal lands on its side of the Afghan border in the search for militants. Hilferty said the Pakistanis had done "a great job".

Lieutenant-General David Barno, the top U.S. general in Afghanistan, said last month the United States and Pakistan were moving toward coordinated operations along the border ----"a hammer and anvil approach" - to prevent fleeing guerrillas from escaping by crossing from one country to the other.

Pakistani military spokesman Major-General Shaukat Sultan dismissed the suggestion Pakistan represented the "anvil" but said militants would not be able to cross the border.

"We are doing the surveillance, we are carrying out regular patrolling to ensure that the border if effectively sealed off."

U.S.-led forces toppled the Taliban in late 2001, in an invasion launched in the wake of the September 11 attacks on U.S. cities, for which al Qaeda is blamed.

Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld has declined to add his voice to predictions by some U.S. military officers in Afghanistan that bin Laden will be caught this year.

"I'm not going to get into that," Rumsfeld told Reuters in a recent interview. "He's probably alive. And he's probably in Afghanistan or Pakistan. And we're probably going to catch him or kill him.

S.Korea asks military be vigilant after impeachment

EOUL, March 13 (Reuters) - South Korea's acting president told his military forces facing the communist North to be more vigilant and urged calm on Saturday after parliament sparked an unprecedented crisis by impeaching President Roh Moo-hyun.

Some 12,000 Roh supporters, many holding candles and chanting slogans, protested peacefully near parliament on Friday night over a crisis that has unnerved a country already trying to tackle a standoff over North Korea's nuclear ambitions, revive a fragile economy and hold a parliamentary election next month.

All Roh's powers are in limbo until the Constitutional Court rules on Friday's vote, which the opposition called after he broke an election law. That process could take up to six months, during which time Prime Minister Goh Kun will run the country.

The Defence Ministry reported no signs of unusual movements on the northern side of the most heavily fortified border on earth, where Pyongyang deploys many of its 1.2 million troops.

"Our armed forces are faithfully carrying out their duties by strengthening their security posture to forestall any gap in national security," Goh said in a televised address, adding Seoul remained committed to six-way nuclear talks on North Korea.

Defence Minister Cho Young-kil met the commander of U.S. forces in Korea, General Leon LaPorte. The United States has 37,000 troops in South Korea, a legacy of the 1950-53 Korean War that ended in a truce and left the peninsula in a state of war.

"It is crucial that forces of South Korea and United States stay perfectly ready for crisis..." the defence minister told reporters before the meeting.

The Defence Ministry said the "strengthened security posture" did not mean the forces were on a higher military alert status despite the political upheaval of the impeachment vote.

"The alert status is normal," said a ministry official.

Second rally planned

The vote came barely a year into Roh's single five-year term. His time in office has been marked by dramatic and

referendum on his rule, statements of self-doubt and incessant media criticism Goh's address was his second statement aimed at reassuring the country

unsettling gestures such as a call for a

and restoring confidence in the economy since the 66-year-old veteran bureaucrat was thrust into the role of acting head of state on Friday.

The nine judges on the Constitutional Court are likely to meet on Thursday to review the impeachment resolution, a court spokesman said. Goh urged them to deliberate swiftly.

Foreign Minister Ban Ki-moon telephoned U.S. Secretary of State Colin Powell to offer reassurances on foreign policy - crucially the deployment of South Korean troops to Iraq.

Roh, 57, a liberal former labour lawyer, says he is committed to sending troops to Iraq and engaging North Korea in dialogue. The main opposition

Grand National Party favours a harder line.

South Koreans hold candles at a rally supporting Roh Moo-hyun in central Seoul March 13. Clutching candles and

some in tears, tens of thousands of supporters of Roh rallied in the capital on Saturday and vowed to hold daily

demonstrations until the impeached South Korean president was back in office.

South Korean newspapers put the blame for the unprecedented impeachment squarely on the opposition parties that gathered 193 members of the 273seat National Assembly. That was more than the 181-vote, two-thirds majority of occupied seats they needed.

"It is a day we retreated to the politics of barbarians," said the left-leaning Hankyoreh. "It was a coup d'etat by old politicians trying to seize power before their terms end.'

The conservative Chosun Ilbo, a harsh Roh critic, said: "Opposition parties that passed the impeachment bill should feel more responsible for this. If the opposition shows rash and thoughtless actions out of joy of victory, Koreans will never forgive them."

Many were baffled and angered by

the vote. A further pro-Roh rally was planned for 0900 GMT in central Seoul in the area where thousands gathered to cheer on their team during the 2002 soccer World Cup. Police expect about 9,000 people to show up.

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Goh urged calm and vowed to ensure the parliamentary election on April 15 is fair and to stabilise financial markets.

"I earnestly hope that all citizens will cooperate in maintaining social stability and revitalising the economy so that any apprehension the international community might have about our situation will change into renewed trust in Korea," he said.

South Korean financial markets reacted with dismay on Friday.

Investors sought the safe haven of bonds, shares closed at a five-week low and the won shed one percent against the dollar.



MANILA, March 13 (Reuters) -Philippine Vice President Teofisto from Arroyo's ruling Lakas party, threw his support behind presidential saying she had failed to fulfil her candidate and film star Fernando Poe reform promises. Jr on Saturday, saying he would advise him on governance and public policy.

Last October, Guingona resigned

Somaliland leaders tour Europe

HARGEISA, Somalia, March 13 (Reuters) - Leaders of Somalia's breakaway enclave of Somaliland, stepping up a campaign for recognition, are touring Europe for the first time to win support for the territory's claim to be an independent state.

people.

"We are doing this 44 years after we first got our independence from the colonial power."

The former British protectorate joined the former Italian colony of Somalia to form the Somali Republic in

The rest of Somalia has been devastated by warlords and their militias. The lack of central control has earned the country a reputation as a potential haven for terrorists.

Peace talks are in progress in Kenya but are mired in wrangling between ve

urged Britain to recognise the enclave. But Hilary Benn, Secretary of State

for International Development, told parliament last month he was wary of doing anything that mignt upset the Kenyan-hosted Somali peace talks.

President Dahir Rayale Kahin left late on Friday heading a 14-strong team for talks with officials in Britain and Belgium to seek international recognition for Somaliland, which makes up the northwest of Somalia.

"We have been given the opportunity to visit Great Britain and present our case," Kahin told reporters on departure from the enclave of up to three million 1960. It split unilaterally from Somalia in 1991 after a long independence struggle, taking advantage of the chaos that followed the overthrow that year of Somalia's dictator Mohamed Siad Barre.

The de facto independence of the relatively peaceful enclave has never been formally recognised by the international community.

ious factions. Somaliland is not attending

Somaliland in 2001 voted massively for a new constitution reasserting its independence claim and in 2003 held its first multi-party elections.

Member of the British parliament's select committee for international development toured Somaliland in January and on their return some MPs

"We should be careful about do anything that undermined the prospects for success in those talks and the reconciliation elsewhere in Somalia "he said Kahin's delegation is holding talks with officials in Ethiopia this weekend before going on to London on Sunday or Monday. The delegation will have talks with European Union officials in Brussels as well as with the Belgian

government, officials in Hargeisa said.

"I do so mainly because almost everyone agrees that the nation must change, that the socio-economic downturn must reverse," Guingona said in a statement.

Polls show Poe and President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo running neck and neck and the uncertainties surrounding the race have rattled the markets. The peso is at record lows, stocks are underperforming and yields on the Philippine sovereign -Asia's second-largest traded debt after Japan — have blown out.

On Wednesday, Poe unnerved the bond market after he unveiled his economic platform, which included a plan to "look into the possibility of restructuring our sovereign debt in the domestic and international financial markets"

Poe's comments left many debt analysts guessing and prompted the central bank to state that the Philippines would honour its debts and that any restructuring "should be carefully studied".

"Poe asserts that he is his own man. If so, coupled with the right political will, he can chart a meaningful change to rebuild the nation," Guingona said.

Arroyo selected staunch nationalist Guingona as vice-president after she took up her post in January 2001, but the two fell out over Arroyo's decision to allow U.S. troops into the country to help fight Muslim rebels. The Philippines, a staunch ally of the United States, is an Asian front line in the U.S.-led "war on terror".

Guingona said on Saturday he would now resign from civic organisations he heads to focus on advising Poe

Presidential spokesman Ignacio Bunye said in a radio interview the president had accepted Guingona's decision, saying the two had no personal grudges but merely differed over policies.

Now at least he can help explain Mr Poe's economic platform. We also expect him to convince Poe to join the presidential debate," Bunye said. "Mr Poe should not worry anymore because now he has an expert adviser.'

Poe, a political novice and a high school drop-out, has said he was not inclined to join presidential debates because "he is a man of action".

Poe's comments on his economic plans were ill-timed as the Philippines — Asia's most active sovereign dollar debt issuer --- was then launching its first bond deal for the year worth US\$500 million of 11year papers to fund its budgetary requirements for 2004.

The Philippine government forecasts a budget deficit of about \$3.6 billion this year, the country's 10th fiscal shortfall in 14 years, as it works to raise money, pay interest on \$60 billion in foreign debt and avoid a spending blow-out in an election year.

Poe's campaign team later clarified that Poe would not seek to freeze the nation's debts and planned to stretch the amortisation period so that interest payments deferred on them could be channelled to economic projects.

India-Pakistan cricket brings peace hopes

SRINAGAR, India/Muzaffarabad, Pakistan, March 13 (Reuters) - Strifeweary people across divided Kashmir were glued to their televisions on Saturday as India and Pakistan fought a battle of a different kind - a cricket match.

The nuclear neighbours, who have fought two of their three wars over the Himalayan region, began a historic series of matches with a one-day match in the Pakistani city of Karachi.

"I am sure cricket will bring them much closer and hope they finally resolve their dispute over Kashmir and let us live in peace," said government employee Habibullah Lone.

People crowded at the windows of television shops in Srinagar, Indian Kashmir's main city, and in Muzaffarabad, on the Pakistani side, to watch the first game in a five-week series that has revived one of the greatest rivalries in sport.

The series is the first to be played in Pakistan in 14 years and has raised peace hopes between the two cricket-mad countries, which nearly went to war over Kashmir again in 2002.

"No business today, only cricket," shouted a tense Fayaz Ahmad, a shopkeeper, as Indian master batsman Sachin Tendulkar hit Pakistan's leading pace bowler Shoaib Akhter for six.

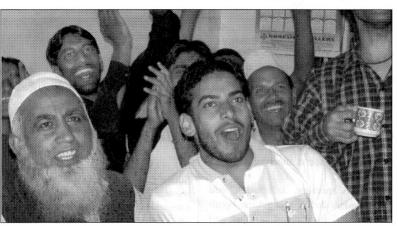
"I support Pakistan ... I don't know why," Ahmad added, reflecting the divided loyalties in the Muslim-majority region claimed by both mostly Hindu India and Muslim Pakistan.

'Sport, not politics"

Kashmiris on the Pakistan-side of the region were no less enthralled. People in Muzaffarabad, crammed into shops and hotels where televisions had been set up. "It's a game, it shouldn't be mixed up with the politics," said Mohammad Ayub, an employee at an electronics shop as about 40 people stood outside, watching the game on a television in his window.

Even some of the normally tense Indian troops stationed in Srinagar appeared to have caught cricket fever.

Some soldiers, dressed in battle fatigues and armed with automatic rifles, listened to the match commentary on pocket radios as they patrolled the streets.



Strife-weary people in Kashmir, at the heart of decades of enmity between India and Pakistan, sat glued to their TVs on Saturday to watch the two countries fight a different kind of battle — a cricket match. REUTERS

"We prayed for the Indian team and we Mohammad Aamir seemed to sum up are sure our prayers will be answered and India will win," said Joginder Singh, a Border Security Force soldier. Even Islamic militants fighting Indian rule were apparently watching the cricket. Police said no rebel attacks were reported from across the state.

In Pakistani Kashmir, amateur cricketer

the hopes of all Kashmiri people, whose mountain homeland has been divided by the conflict between India and Pakistan for more than 50 years.

"We like this event but we want both countries to allow players from both sides of Kashmir to play with each other," he said.

15 March, 2004 7 Spain turns to election as bomb mystery deepens

World

MADRID, March 13 (Reuters) - After millions of Spaniards flooded the streets in condemnation of deadly train bombings, the wounded nation turned toward Sunday's general elections with questions about the blasts unanswered.

An estimated 11 million people, more than a quarter of the population, took part in marches on Friday to condemn the violence of Thursday, when 10 bombs exploded in four packed commuter trains, killing 199 and wounding 1,500.

The Friday night protests grew raucous and festive at times, but more serene mourning was expected on Saturday, when a funeral service for 40 victims was set in Alcala de Henares, a town east of Madrid where investigators believe the bombs may have been put on board the trains.

It was Spain's worst ever guerrilla attack and the worst in Europe for 15 years, raising fears that Osama bin Laden's al Qaeda network may have struck in the West for the first time since September 11, 2001.

The government said armed Basque separatist group ETA remained the prime suspect but has not ruled out Islamic militants and said several lines of investigation were open.

A group tied to al Qaeda has claimed responsibility for the attacks and ETA has denied it, though neither claim has been confirmed as genuine.

Sources at Basque public television EiTB say they recognised the voice of a caller in the name of ETA on Friday night who said the group "had no responsibility whatsoever" for the attack.

The caller claimed to be one of two ETA members who in a videotaped message last month announced a partial truce limited to the Catalonia region.

Interior Minister Angel Acebes said he did not believe the ETA denial and questioned the credibility of a letter purporting to come from a group aligned to al Qaeda, the Abu Hafs al-Masri Brigades, that took responsibility for the bombings

U.S. President George W. Bush said however he "wouldn't rule anybody out" as the perpetrator and promised American help in hunting down those responsible

Spanish Prime Minister Jose Maria Aznar is one of Bush's closest allies,

Belgium proposes EU intelligence centre

BRUSSELS, March 13 (Reuters) Belgium has proposed to fellow European Union members setting up a dedicated centre to share and analyse intelligence, following Thursday's train bombings in Madrid, the government said on Saturday.

Prime Minister Guy Verhofstadt has asked other European leaders to consider an intelligence equivalent to police cooperation body Europol at an EU summit in Brussels on backing his decision to wage war in Iraq. fight against ETA, is seeking to return the Socialists to power for the first time since Aznar unseated Felipe Gonzalez in 1996.

About one-quarter of the Spanish population was still protesting under a steady rain in much of the country at a time when political rallies would normally be winding up campaigns.

The Saturday before elections is referred as the "Day of Reflection" in which campaigning is normally halted. This time the campaign was called off after Thursday's attack.

Many analysts say any proven ETA involvement in the bombings would probably benefit the ruling party in Sunday's general election because of its tough anti-ETA stance.

But they said that if the killings were the work of Muslim militants, it could be viewed as the price for Aznar's domestically unpopular backing of the U.S.-led war in Iraq.

ETA has killed about 850 people since 1968 in its fight for a separate Basque homeland in northern Spain and southwest France. It has been branded a terrorist group by the United States and the European Union.

Focus of investigation

But investigations had so far failed to reveal any conclusive evidence of who had carried out the attacks.

The government revealed on Thursday that a van containing seven detonators and a tape in Arabic had been found near the railway station of Alcala de Henares. The birthplace of Cervantes, Alcala de Henares, is an historic town surrounded by working class suburbs east of Madrid.

Acebes said the discovery of an unexploded bomb meant to be used in the bombing had opened new leads. A sports bag was found on one of the mangled trains which contained explosives similar to a type Acebes said ETA had used in the past.

He said the detonator was the same as those found in the van in Alcala de Henares but did not address media reports that the type of detonator was different to ones commonly used by ETA.

"This attack was prepared so as not to fail," he said.

Candidates in Russia's March 14 presidential election

Russian President Vladimir Putin is polls during this campaign generally certain to win a March 14 presidential rated the president's popularity at 70 election by a landslide. Only the high- percent or more. In foreign policy, he Communist, she accuses Putin of ly unlikely event of a low turnout has forged close ties with U.S.

MOSCOW, March 13 (Reuters) - parliamentary election and opinion the lone standard-bearer of the liberals,

crushed in the December election. The 48-year-old daughter of a Japanese authoritarianism and has accused him

White House sends senior official to Iraq

WASHINGTON, March 13 (Reuters) - The Bush administration has sent a senior White House official to Baghdad to try and salvage the latest bid to form an interim Iraqi government, the Washington Post reported on Saturday.

Eve of elections

tre-right Popular Party.

The bombings forced the suspension

Aznar is to step down, but his hand-

picked successor, former deputy Prime

Minister Mariano Rajoy, is seeking a

third straight four-year term for the cen-

Socialist candidate Jose Luis

Rodriguez Zapatero, who opposed the

war in Iraq but has backed Aznar in the

of the election campaign and could influ-

ence the result of the poll, analysts say.

erning council. A White House spokesman was not immediately available for comment on the report.

Iraq's Governing Council signed an interim constitution this week after







March 26, the government's Web site said.

The centre "would analyse terrorist threats and communicate its analyses to all the member states of the European Union," the prime minister's office said in a statement. The Madrid attacks, which claimed 200 lives, prompted Verhofstadt to write to his Irish counterpart Bertie Ahern, the statement said. Ireland currently holds the rotating EU presidency and controls the summit agenda.

The September 11, 2001 attacks on the United States gave impetus for a pan-European arrest warrant, which is now coming into force across the 15-member bloc.

The White House official was scheduled to arrive in Iraq this weekend for meetings with the U.S.-appointed Iraqi Governing Council, the Post said, quoting senior U.S. officials.

The paper said it was not identifying the official — at the administration's request - before his arrival in Iraq, because of security concerns.

The mission is, in part, to persuade the governing council to invite the United Nations back to the country, the Post said. It said key Shi'ite Muslim leaders in Iraq were frustrating U.S. attempts to get the United Nations to return.

The Post said Paul Bremer, the U.S. administrator in Iraq, had failed to end squabbling among members of the gov-

weeks of wrangling, although most Shi'ite members say they are unhappy with it.

The document will guide an Iraqi government due to take power on June 30 until a permanent constitution is drawn up next year.

President George W. Bush will mark the one year anniversary of the invasion of Iraq next week with two major speeches aimed at rallying the troops and shoring up public support for the occupation.

The White House said on Friday that Bush will travel to Fort Campbell, Kentucky to address the troops on Thursday, March 18. The next day, he will give an address in the East Room of the White House.

U.S. Marines kill two more gunmen in Haiti

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti, March 13 (Reuters) - U.S. Marines said on Saturday they killed two more gunmen after coming under fire in Haiti, bringing to six the number of people killed by U.S. forces struggling to restore order in the Caribbean nation after a revolt ousted President Jean-Bertrand Aristide.

Marine Staff Sgt. Tim Edwards said Marines patrolling on foot and in armored vehicles near the National Palace in downtown Port-au-Prince were fired upon by several gunmen Friday night.

"The Marines returned fire and two gunmen were killed. There were no Marine casualties," Edwards said.

The Marines, leading a U.N.-sanctioned 2,550-member international peace force, have fought half a dozen gunbattles with suspected Aristide mil-

itants since they landed here hours after the former president left the country on Feb. 29, pushed out by monthlong revolt and by U.S. pressure to quit.

Air Force Gen. Richard Myers, chairman of the U.S. Joint Chiefs of Staff, was due to visit Port-au-Prince on Saturday at the end of a Latin America trip.

Supporters of Aristide, a former slum priest and hero of the poor, are enraged at the departure of Haiti's first democratically elected leader. Many of them believe he was removed in a U.S. coup and want him back in office.

Aristide's plans to visit the neighboring island of Jamaica next week has stoked tensions in this deeply divided nation.

Haiti's new prime minister, Gerard Latortue, said on Friday the decision by Jamaica to allow Aristide to return to



The Marines, leading a 2,550-strong peace force of French. Canadian and Chilean troops, have fought at least half a dozen battles, killing four people, since they landed hours after Aristide fled into exile on February 29. REUTERS

the Caribbean was an "unfriendly act." Aristide was expected to arrive on Tuesday on a visit that Jamaica originally said could last up to 10 weeks.

would prevent him securing a second term in office.

Five other candidates will appear on ballot papers, hoping to steal a small percentage of votes from the popular president.

Following are brief descriptions of the candidates.

Vladimir Putin

Incumbent president. The 51-yearold former KGB foreign intelligence officer from St Petersburg has promised to speed up reforms and boost economic growth. His election success in 2000 owed much to a tough stance on Chechnya, but he has hardly mentioned the war this time. Despite his refusal to campaign or appear in television debates, he has occupied large amounts of air time and stole headlines by sacking his government on February 24. He then nominated littleknown former tax chief Mikhail Fradkov as his new prime minister, now confirmed by parliament. Putin's allies made big gains in December's

Putin held a meeting on Saturday to discuss Russia's internal and foreign policies-related issues, Itar-Tass agency said. REUTERS

President George W. Bush after backing Washington's war on terror. But the arrest and detention of oil magnate Mikhail Khodorkovsky pending trial on fraud and tax evasion charges seen as having been instigated by the Kremlin — have raised fears over his commitment to democracy. Liberals say he could become increasingly autocratic.

Nikolai Kharitonov

Candidate for the Communist party, the once all-powerful motor of the Soviet Union badly mauled in December's parliamentary poll. The 55-year-old former Soviet farm director has campaigned for agricultural voters during a decade in parliament. By picking him, his party is sparing the blushes of its leader Gennady Zyuganov, a two-time loser in presidential elections. Kharitonov scores about five percent in recent polls.

Irina Khakamada

Standing as an independent, she is



of using Chechen separatism to boost his ratings. Like other candidates, she recognises she has no chance of making any impact against Putin. Polls give her about two percent.

Sergei Glazyev

Running as an independent after his left-wing nationalist Motherland (Rodina) party deserted him in favour of Putin and removed him as party leader. A skilled orator whose attacks on wealthy business magnates strikes a chord among poorer voters, he hopes to build on Motherland's nine percent showing in December's parliamentary election, scant months after its creation. Glazvev, 43, is a former economic adviser to the Communists and many analysts say he is really eying the 2008 presidential race. Polls credit him with four percent.

Oleg Malyshkin

Running for Vladimir Zhirinovsky's ultranationalist Liberal Democrats. A 52-year-old former boxer and a political unknown, he was once bodyguard to the flamboyant Zhirinovsky. He scores about one percent in recent polls.

Sergei Mironov

Chairman of the upper house of parliament and standing as an independent. Loyal to Putin, he sees his campaign as a way of supporting the president. The 51-year-old favours Putin's pledge for more reform in a second term and has led the way in suggesting the next presidential mandate should be extended to seven years from four. Poll give him no more than one percent.

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This country cannot make real progress unless the value system is such that hardworking people are honored. Our system today honors the lazy people, I propose to initiate a system according to each those exceptional person are chosen on the basis of clearly defined criteria - away from politics Prof. Abdulaziz Al-Saqqaf, (1951 - 1999) Founder of Yemen Times

OUR ATA Y TIMES **OPINION** When law and order crumble

his time, he knew and realized that what they have done is wrong. Journalist Saeed Thabet was confident in that the Political Security Organization (PSO) people were up to no good when they abducted him without regard for the law and order of the country.

He turned out to be right as the court's judge ordered the immediate and unconditional release of Thabet, amid the dismay or shock of the PSO.

"It is simply against the law" one of the lawyers of Thabet said. "What the PSO did is illegal, and we intend to file a lawsuit against them."

Indeed, the PSO may have thought they would escape interrogation as usual, but this time they were the target of the angry reaction of people gathering in support of Thabet at the court's premises.

The attendants reminded the authorities' representative that the Yemeni Government had expressed its commitment not long ago to do all it can to start enforcing the law on all citizens alike in a step to establish the long-awaited state of law and order, which President Saleh mentioned many times in the past.

But what happened was in total contrast with all those promises.

When Thabet was apparently 'kidnapped' by Yemeni intelligence, which is the other name for the PSO, all journalists felt that this action was a blow to the efforts of Yemeni citizens to have the government respect law and order, because the PSO people never gave a damn about it.

Once again, kidnapping a regular journalist for claims of 'spreading invalid information' proves that the intelligence organization has acted unintelligently. This is obvious as the act of the PSO triggered widespread public anger and international dismay as several international organizations have condemned this act which basically violates the law of the State

There are hundreds of different ways and means to gather intelligence and analyze data, which is supposed to be the duty of the PSO. But the organization has once again committed the very simple yet obvious mistake of violating the law without any justification, in kidnapping a free man and putting him in jail without any prosecution.

Thabet has said clearly that he wasn't to escape or run away. He emphasized that there was no reason to kidnap him as the PSO did, and that he would have willingly given himself up to the authorities if he had been asked to do so lawfully.

The last edition of Yemen Times published on Thursday showed on the front page one of the journalist protestors carrying a banner that speaks for itself, and describes the pathetic situation we are living in today in Yemen: "'NO' to kidnapping, 'YES' to the state of law and order". Doesn't this ring a bell in the heads of our decision-makers? Isn't this the same slogan used by the government itself on various occasions?

Our President and decision-makers must believe that in rder to establish the state of law and order, authorities such as the PSO and others must be the first to respect the Yemeni constitution and other laws. It is essential for those at top to lead as an example in practicing their authority in a legal and appropriate manner. Otherwise, if those who are supposed to be our models are the first to break the law, then there is no meaning in calling for the 'state of law and order'.



Tribal revenge and development are two keys What is the solution in Marib

BY HASSAN AL-ZAIDI YEMEN TIMES STAFF

resident Saleh, upon his Marib in arrival Governorate, realized that the most important problems hindering development in the governorate are tribal revenge cases and a lack of major

development projects. The president understood the scope of these problems and their dangerous impact on citizens and future generations of this region. So he connected achieving and meeting the services and development projects with the importance to hold a reconciliation tribal pact among all citizens of the

Governorate for a period of five years. He said, "We want this time to enable the government to treat and find solutions of this issue from the roots. It is important that we allow the children to inherit education, knowledge and development, instead of burdening them with revenge cases which are useless".

The serious determination of President Saleh to resolve this dangerous phenomenon is clearly reflected through being himself in the governorate and dedicating a lot of time and efforts to this issue.

We hope that President Saleh will be able to end the blood shed among

the citizens of this governorate. Maybe the president has discovered the mistakes of the state's officials and military commanders in this governorate and the many units and army troops whose number may exceed the number of residents.

The passive reactions and stances of many consecutive officials have had towards this issue. The wrong theories and mentalities in their approaches such as, "divide and conquer" and " let them kill each other" and " a rock can be covered only by another," used as resolves in this oil and mineral rich governorate, when an event erupted between tribes in the governorate.

Wars among the tribes generated avenge cases. The disputes, which began simple and expanded without interference, are behind these revenge cases. A good example was in 2001.

The military forces withdrew from their camps, located between two fighting tribes, they were used by the tribes in their war, in spite of calls on the leadership to prevent the tribes from using these camps.

A war was ignited and it could have been prevented, but we only heard of the above expressions.

This is the fact and the reality of some officials. The hope now lies on the efforts and recent steps of President Saleh, which we bless.

The citizens of Marib will not turn

down his demands, but it is expected that some of their demands be met. The hope may be to establish a military force from the citizens of the governorate, which will intervene at times of disputes among tribes and to hold them liable if not able to settle the disputes.

The second problem can be resolved by establishing more development and services projects the governorate absolutely lacks. Security can be achieved only through development. The elements for security may have been provided by the military might currently in the governorate.

In addition, the freeze of the local councils may have opened the opportunity once again for the corrupts in the governorate as there is no monitoring authority or even anyone to comment on the media on the embezzlement of millions of riyals allocated for employing citizens in the governorate.

Today, we say welcome to Marib, the history, civilization and oil and goodbye to revenge, kidnapping and corruption. Thanks to the president and efforts and noble efforts of honest and loval sheiks and citizens, we will get rid of the issue of revenge.

The promise remains, Mr. President, for the services and development projects.

By Hassan Al-Haifi 3/11 or 9/11 **Blood** is not synonymous with Islam

he murderous attacks in Madrid that took the lives of some 200 innocent Spaniards and citizens of other nationalities deserve the condemnation of every human being of every religious persuasion, national affiliation or ethnic association. True and genuine believers in God Al-Mighty can find only the worst of terms to describe their disgust at the monsters that would take pleasure or find due cause in such horrible disregard for the sanctity of innocent human lives. One is bound to ascertain that such gory inclinations of sadism are surely an evil that is as distant from God as the wanton rape of innocent women in the name of ethnic chauvinism and all the other mindless crimes against humanity by individuals or groups that have a senseless appetite for spilled blood to nourish their demented egos. How can any cause whatsoever be served by such horrible displays of human psychotic derangement and what nourishment does the indiscriminate killing of normal human beings going about their daily lives provide to these madmen of our times, whoever they may be? For Moslems, more than anyone else, such bestiality is abhorrent, unjustified and goes against all the fundamental principles that have long established Islam as Divinely ordained dogma of unequal humane and humanitarian attributes. Any efforts to project it otherwise, be it by the hands of misguided Moslems, who have decided to mark their places in hell before even reaching the hereafter, and thus have absolutely no right to claim to be among the faithful, or by those who find their evil and rapacious interests served by the continuation of global conflict to energize their appetite for destruction and mayhem to promote those interests. Yet, it was with the quickest of speed that a lot of the media rushed to connect such maniacal atrocities to Islam, although the Spanish Authorities were quite adamant in suspecting their own longtime terrorist menace, the ETA, as the most likely perpetrators and were ready to dismiss any possible efforts to insinuate an Islamic "fiend", by abandoned vehicles with "Islamic trademarks"

Why? No one is exactly sure why this inclination by certain elements in the media to put so much heavy weight to alluding such crimes to Islam or Islamic activists, even before the full facts are known, except that there seems to be a clear desire by some well organized and highly sophisticated clandestine interests that see Islam or Moslems as the ideal scapegoat to unleash their own evil designs. The observer is strongly inclined to suspect that there is indeed a common evil point of origin for 3/11, 9/11, Karbala, Istanbul, Nejef, Baghdad, Quetta and even Dhamar, Yemen, which has frighteningly long reaches and channels of communications that cross ethnic, religious and social lines, with many of the evil forces that freely operate in this world. Never mind that these evil forces may hide behind seemingly genuine resistance cloaks or facades of struggle for liberation, but they are incensed by an ugly demonic spirit that has no legitimate foundations of any kind, religious, nationalistic or whatever. In fact, such demonic supposedly genuine advocacy forces have been harnessed by a more vicious and cruel force of omnipotent masters of intrigue, who will stop at nothing to further their greedy lusts, while the causes of the former, as legitimate as they may be have taken on the image of relentless hoodlums, whose only cause is blood for blood's sake and nothing else.

One thing for certain is that whatever hopes that those is forces, guided and led by Zionist hate monger find it gratifying to regard Islam as the root of such ugly horrors as we have seen since the opening of this Millennium of Hope for mankind, will find themselves in the end exposed. Their cowardice and their evil intentions surface so plainly, that they will once again exonerate Islam from such kind of barbarity. Islam is far above such lowly sadistic cravings and its dogma and principles are well understood by most of the world's cultures as to be innocent of such unholy thirst for blood. Thus, the Spanish authorities, remembering the long history of peaceful and tolerant coexistence between Islamic civilization and Spanish culture, were right in making sure that the desires of those dubious elements that rely on fermenting global ethnic, religious and social unrest are not encouraged. It would be ludicrous to believe that these omnipotent international chauvinistic interests should readily fulfill their monstrous plans at the cost of the lives of so many innocent Spaniards and others. The international community should take heed of these hideous monsters that lurk somewhere in the back of these masters of death and destruction. providing them with the infrastructure and the media sensation they need to nourish their sadistic cravings. Let us not forget that these forces are the forces that make up the elements in the ordinances that produce such horrible scenes as we have seen in Madrid, Karbala and other locations. Furthermore they provide training and scientific nurturing to raise the misguided misfits that carry out these crimes under different flags and disguises. Yesterday it was Ireland, later it was New York, soon followed by the Iraq slaughterhouse and Madrid massacres. Mr. Bush your war on terror is a failing enterprise, because you have been a fervent backer of all the forces that stand to gain from a world enmeshed in bloody carnage. Your Zionist mentors will do America and the rest of the world a favor by forgetting that they can let others do their dirty work for them. They have managed to coax you and many of your misled constituency into believing, as was shown through a slogan on the back of the convention program in one of the Evangelical conferences you honored by your presence, which reads, "What Can 30 Million Evangelicals Do For America? Anything We Want". That is also Zionist chauvinism disguised. Thanks God, we know that the majority of Americans and good people all over the world, of all religious persuasions are far from being of such a primitive demagogic mentality.

Letters to the Editor Letters to the Editor Misery of a Yemeni with Indian origin

B eing a Yemeni born of Indian ori-gin seems to exclude me from the most basic rights that this country

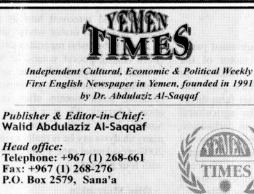
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letter does not get to see the dust bin.

short article. I sincerely hope that this that needs to be looked into. I think it is about time for basic legislation to be made.

One other issue that is not getting very much press time is the environ-

Let's not fool ourselves by imitating The Editor to be something we are not!



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should give to its citizens. For the record, I was born and raised in Yemen. Then at the age of 15 my family decided to immigrate abroad for many, frankly obvious reasons.

When I decided to go back to my birth place (Hodeidah city) I loved the fact that I can look at the place, the people and 'feel' like I belong to this society. After all, this is where I spent my childhood. This is where I took my first swim-

ming lessons, where I went to school for the first time, etc. My Yemeni passport had expired (because my name was included under my mothers), so I felt the need to get myself the national ID card.

However, when I got there, and after a good few hours in the 'social welfare' building in Hodeidah city, from one office to another I finally got to meet a man who was in military uniform. He began asking me questions regarding my family which I answered, then he asked me where my father is, I told him he's currently living in London, so he rudely replied 'in London or Karachi?' That was the point when I realized

that this place may not be for me after all. Yemen, the place is full of happy memories, but there are harsh realities which I feel your paper has an obligation to address.

The state of Yemeni people of Indian origins is surely one of many. Though I would concede that it may not be the most important issue in Yemeni affairs if compared with the ever-growing corruption for instance, I certainly feel that it is an issue which is barely covered in today's media. And this is precisely the reason why I'm writing this

Corruption at Sana'a Airport

hope to see the Yemen Times one day focus more in corruption in the country specially Yemen air port which brought sham to Yemenis in and outside the country, i meet one man who went Yemen for holiday because he had go expression about Yemen but when he arrived Yemen airport in Sana'a and saw how is airport staff are dealing with passengers (bribery and corruption), his view completely change this reflection will damage the reputation of Yemen as country and nation. You know as I know while those people are making the corruptions in Yemen organization such as airport, the country will never be developed.

Can you do something about it? Jorge A.

Supporting your views on weapons

would like to start by thanking you for your newspaper. It is a great achievement in itself that you have been able to expand the way you have over the years always keeping an even view of events in mind.

I believe that the issue in Palestine is very pressing; the wall is something that should have been trashed before it was even thought of. I also believe though that the only way of resolving the issue of the wall is by fresh and series talks by both sides and this is only achievable with new administrations.

As far as issues pressing in Yemen. Guns or obviously becoming a problem. If ties with other countries are being threatened over weapon transfers then it is differently a pressing issue

ment. I myself am a diver and on my last trips to the Red Sea coast have been made aware of a growing situation. Sea Cucumber harvesting.

You remember and probably still see the shark fishing, now the money seems to be swinging towards the sea cucumbers, a vital part of the marine ecosystem. A single one can catch a price of up to 1,000Y.R.

And reports of even old men going diving after them using insane methods have been given. So far almost all of the southern islands of Yemen have been striped and the hunters are crossing the Saudi boarder in search of them.

This must stop! By removing one species from an ecosystem will have more effects then we can imagine right now. I think it would be worth looking into for a possible article so we can raise the awareness on this issue. Thank you very much and best regards. Jason Scott

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Supporting your 'arms ban' initiative

am sending my support letter to you, to end the wide trade and use of weapons. As you said in your article that arms are causing instability in all the areas of the country damaging to the country's reputation and security, making investments in tourism, trade, industry and other fields more difficult. I hope that the regime will take this

issue seriously. Thanks for the good point which you

mentioned; and try to tackle other points like chewing Qat.

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BY MAHYOUB AL-KAMALI YEMEN TIMES STAFF

hile Yemeni official sources have denied the spread of bird flu, poultry companies and administrators of the animal wealth industry recently held a symposium on Jambouri disease in Yemen.

Research presented to the symposium emphasized the significance of poultry industry in a way providing the consumer with healthy and safe production free from diseases.

The symposium stressed on the deepening sense of responsibility with both the state employees and the private sector to produce research in this respect for the service of public interest.

Chairman of the board of directors of Tarim Poultry Company Khalid Taha Mustafa says the care rendered to animal wealth contributes to national revenues and covers the consumer needs, especially with the increase of demand for domestic products.

A Yemeni technical cadre, in cooper-

ation with the poultry company, have recently, at their laboratory in Sana'a, worked out a detailed study on the jumbouri disease that has noticeably spread in Yemen recently.

The Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation is exerting great efforts for modernization of the infrastructure of the animal industry, especially veterinary laboratories, considered the cornerstone for development of research into animal wealth, including poultry.

Participants in the symposium stressed the importance of the ministry of agriculture and irrigation adoption of a program for fighting animal diseases, limiting their spread, implementing regulations and curbing dangers causing the perishing of very young animals, as well as undergrown chickens.

The symposium reviewed important research papers focused on the epidemic situation of the jambouri disease in Yemen, and a diagnostic study on the disease itself.

The symposium recommended concerned authorities for speeding up the taking of measures and researches for protecting the animal wealth and increase of it national production



Fears of potential spread of bird flu diseases in Yemen has driven authorities to exert greater efforts to prevent rather than remedy, and that is done through symposiums focusing on preventive measures. Photo by Aved A.

<u>While Yemen's oil production drops slowly:</u> Gas investment opportunities await

BY YEMEN TIMES STAFF

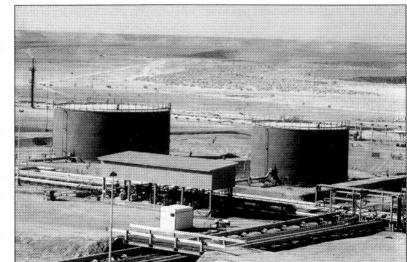
emen's natural gas reservoir is estimated at 16.34 trillion cubic feet, and its reservoir of liquefied gas at about 43 million metric tons, according to officials.

In an interview to the magazine Oil and Minerals, Najeeb al-Aouj mentioned that there were many opportunities for investment in the area of natural gas.

The deputy director-general of the Yemeni company for gas said opportunities lay in four areas:

-exploitation of the natural gas locally as fuel for factories, means of transport and energy generation,

-investment of the natural gas as fu



for gas liquefaction is situated in Beliaf s

<u>10-year elapse of financing funds</u> Figures won't make Yemen an ever-green meadow!

BY FAROUK MOQBIL For the Yemen Times

> ince 1990, a nationwide economic regeneration has resulted in emergence of 14 financing funds during these 10 years long.

The talk of the development of those funds can be resembled to the talk of the democracy with a closed narrow hole of

Talk of disaster

sealed wax.

Loans estimated at billions of US dollars have been passed by the state to the Parliament.

"Those loans have increased the state's foreign indebtedness estimated at USD 4, 900,000,000 which constitutes a heavy burden for the coming generations," Ahmed Mohammed Qatabi, the Vice

13- Funds for Cities Improvement The number of funds doesn't end here, there are also other funds for building maintenance and schools preparations, funds related to antique preservation and micro-start financing.

Bitter reality

What has been established so far by those funds? Such question haunts the minds of the majority of people.

We can say that most people are not familiar with what have been done by most of those funds. Their achievements are restricted only to outlay reports and nothing else. They are away from real ultimate goals that could really serve the community. They are above hankering

after their own self-interests. Some of those funds have achieved tremendous revenues, while others have lost the game.

Crossing red lines

Social Care Development is one of the most active funds.

Financial allocations for water economy during Phase I have reached USD 180 millions for three years.

The fund gets about USD 90 million for three years also. Its financial allocations have been doubled during the Phase II in order to reach USD 175 million.

During the upcoming years, Phase III is to start from 2004 to 2008 and at the cost of USD 400 million.

Taiz alone has undergone severe water crises and water depletion. It has become the talk of the town these days. About 6 artesian wells have been paralyzed between Taiz-Ibb areas.

Only USD 6 millions is added to the coming generation's balance.

A study has been recently conducted by a national cadre to solve the water prob-

for cooking and heating in some cities,

-investment of natural gas as raw material in petrochemical and fertilizers industries,

-development of infrastructure for the building of industries that depend on gas, by the establishment of natural gas network of pipelines throughout the country.

The Ministry of Oil and Minerals encourages investment in the petroleum, presently being produced at sector 18. Its daily productive capacity is 1,630 tons under the supervision of the

Yemeni company for gas.

Official figures state that the average local consumption of gas is increasing due higher demand because of the rise in population while the production of petroleum is decreasing yea by year.

A study conducted by a New Zealand company expected that the increase in consumption during the years 2004 till 2022 would be around 4 per cent.

A quantity of gas has been provided for the project of natural gas estimated at about 10.20 trillion cubic feet. The project that is composed of a unit for port on Aden Gulf with a production capacity of 3.1- 3.45 million metric tons per year.

The project is also designed to have two major operative units for each production line.

It has gas pipelines including the main pipeline from Mareb to Beljaf with a capacity of 150 million cubic feet per day and to the branch line from Mareb to Sana'a with the capacity of 100 million cubic feet per day.

The project's cost is estimated at \$2.2 billion.

Exchange of expertise in oil and minerals fields Ethiopian-Yemeni trade partnership boosted

BY MAHYOUB AL-KAMALI YEMEN TIMES STAFF

group of businessmen from Yemen, Ethiopia and Sudan is to meet in Sana'a in April to boost trade and investment

During a recent visit to Sana'a by Ethiopian Minister of Mines, Yemen and Ethiopia agreed to consolidate cooperation and exchange of expertise in the field of oil, gas and minerals as well as some industrial products. The meeting that included Minister of Oil and Minerals of Yemen, Rashid Barabah, and his Ethiopian counterpart, Mahmoud Dureir, discussed the possibility of the two countries benefiting from their expertise in oil and minerals, and helping Yemeni companies invest in Ethiopia, to in turn provide Yemen with technical expertise in the field of minerals.

Chairman of the General Union of Yemeni Commercial Chambers Mohammed Abdeh Saeed emphasized the Ethiopian idealistic investment climates and their geographical proximity to Yemen, pointing to the privileges of investment laws in both countries. Commissioner of the Ethiopian investment commission said the depth of Yemeni-Ethiopian relations would help develop investment and trade relations of the two countries.

The Ethiopian commissioner said his country would offer Yemeni investors facilities and various and distinguished trading opportunities covering marketing, customs exemptions and cheap skilled labour.

The two parties agreed on taking common steps, and the two sides also stressed their keenness on developing trade relations and exchange of technical expertise in various areas. Chairman of the PGC told the Al-Ayaam on March 26, 2003.

"There are some influential figures at the state exploiting loans for their own interests," Ahmed Salem Bin Taleb, (Islah) said in a symposium organized by the al-Ayyam paper, (an independent daily newspaper).

Those imaginary amounts of loans have range from USD 1 million to 4 millions.

The two aforementioned people talked about corruption as if nothing had happened.

But, let us now suppose that Yemen's foreign indebtedness has totaled USD 4, 900,000,000. From, where all those debts have come from? It is a very difficult question which is need of immediate answer.

Funds

Since1995, the emergence of development funds have alternated together with huge financial budgets which enable them to generate nationwide human social and economical development.

Since that span of time, a number of financing funds are listed as follows:

Social Fund for Development
 Fish & Agricultural Production
 Support Fund

3- Social Care Fund4- Bridges & Roads Maintenance Fund

5- Youth & Young Care Fund

6- Armed Forces Retirement Fund

7- Interior Ministry Retirement Fund

8- Vocational Training Fund for Qualifying Workforce

9- Tourism Promotion Fund 10- Civil Service Fund

11- Qualifying Handicapped Care Fund

12- Medicine Fund

About YR. 138,000,000 has been recorded as a loss on the part of the Tourism Promotion Fund.

While its revenues had been totaling only YR. 30,000,000.

Despite the State paying more attention to tourism, considering it as a permanent source and inexhaustible wealth, there are still some hindrances that block its progress.

Antique smuggling, abuse of manuscripts and random excavations of archeological sites have become a norm on the part of some citizens in most of governorates in the republic.

Those who are in charge of those funds blame such losses on global events such as the September 11 attacks in Washington DC which resulted in a negative impact on tourism in the world.

Yemen in general is endowed with rich archaeological sites. Look for example, in Lahj governorate, one can see a host of ancient palaces belong to Sultans which are need of repair and support.

The question which poses itself is "Where is the Tourism Promotion Fund?".

In Aden, there are a lot of ancient buildings which are exposed to dust, ignorance and abandonment.

The budget of Fish & Agricultural Production Support Fund has been estimated at YR.5 billion and a half. At the same time, projects that have been financed by the fund has been totaling YR. 32 million. Besides, the budget affiliated to the Bridges & Roads Maintenance Fund has been totaling YR. 4.693 billion and the number of projects financed have reached 76.248.000.

Look at our streets, a clear testimony to ignorance and on the brink of destruction.

lems, including that come from Saber Mountain which overlooks the city.

There is a possibility that the project will save the city from a water crisis till 2050.

At the same time, the project's cost don't exceed USD 4 million and have not been completed, because of the 'red lines' of the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank, the largest world donors.

According to sources, the marginal thought of the project is about to suspend loans granted to preservation of the Taiz from floods.

With regard to the agricultural aspect, the overall support granted by the Fish & Agricultural Production Support Fund has been estimated YR. 570 million.

Such figures will not make Yemen an ever-green meadow. It will not make Yemen flow with water. Realities alone can speak than anything else.

No specific policy has been determined and the absence of an agricultural policy has resulted in just one product and absence of others.

Women & funds

Such funds have made positive strides in terms of expanding women's participation in economical fields as well as implementing basic infrastructural projects, water, electricity and roads. A number of essential services have been rendered and training programs for the poverty-stricken families have been held. All these has been detected through 655,155 cases sent to the Social Care Fund.

Are all these enough to fight poverty and getting rid of begging? Perhaps, what we see with our own eyes in the main cities is a clear testimony. The number of the poverty-stricken families is on the rise.

Health

When inexperienced inefficient doctors carry out operations that lead to severe consequences: Victims of medical errors demand justice

By YEMEN TIMES TAIZ BUREAU

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emen's hospitals are indeed in a deplorable state these days. The peoples' lives have been underestimated by both the public and private hospitals and this has been accompanied by huge financial burdens and expenses paid by the vulnerable patient

An usual phenomenon has become apparent in our day-to-day reality specifically here in Taiz and some medical doctors have turned themselves from 'angels' that are supposed to relieve patients from pain and agony to mere 'devil' who cause nothing but damage.

The reasons behind this can be attributed to the absence of the state's monitoring and executive role for some inhuman practices which have overstepped all bounds of logic.

It represents an ugly reality which has become an uncivilized conduct on the part of some of those who don't have any sense of human mission in their lives.

A Recent victim

A middle-aged man at his prime life called Abdullateef Ahmed Mohammed Mansour was injured because of traffic incident that resulted in damage to his legs. He was then taken to one of the establishments calling itself a 'hospital'. His shanks were already broken when he arrived for treatment. He was received not as a patient, but as a new customer, whose money seemed to be the objective and only objective of the staff.

He was asked to pay unaffordable amounts of money before anything can proceed and before he could get any emergency treatment.

From a distance, a doctor is seen walk-

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Severe consequences have resulted from medical mistakes committed by a doctor leading to a walking handicap for this patient. Photo by YT Taiz Bureau

ing towards him. He looked delighted to have received a new customer, who had no idea what was awaiting him at the operation room.

The injured victim was then taken to a closed operation room without even being informed about what will be done to him. He was laid on bed surrounded by

different kinds of tools that looked closer to those used for carpentry, smithery and sewing rather than medicine.

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Oscillations on wavering screens can be seen. Medical oxygenating apparatus and masks have been fixed.

It was a few moments before the victim became unconscious. The doctor used the

tools he had in hand to cut the skin deep to unveil the bones and start his so-called

> The yielding victim is not aware of what is going around him. A few minutes later, the operation was over.

The victim is then taken to another ward.

Little by little, the victim regains consciousness thinking that his life was saved. He felt so grateful to the doctor and believed in that what was carried out would indeed help him recover.

Days have been passed and the time to detach the bandage off victim's legs have already started.

Upon unveiling the wounds, all the

fell apart. Weeks of suffering and pain were followed by more pain and misery as the unimaginable had happened. How this happened was still a mystery.

Medical report No. 215 (21/5/2003) was issued by the Taiz-based Al-Thowrah Hospital, identifying the grave mistake made in the operation done by the doctor working for that private hospitals. It was not one or two, but three medical operation mistakes were committed during the operation of the poor patient:

1- Wrong procedures resulted in shortening the right limb up to 8 cm as a result of the operation.

2- The movement of the right leg joint was much limited and there was no inability to bend the right knee.

3- The operation also resulted in a curved shape in the left knee.

This new victim was added to the encyclopedia of the medical miracles in Yemen. Operations performed were in most cases fatal or almost lead to death or permanent physical deformities.

This remains as an endless issue in our day-to-day reality as the concerned bodies have turned their backs to its poor people, unaware of their sufferings. Peoples' lives have been neglected in the absence of law and order.

Mr. Abdullateef is still demanding compensation and prosecution of the careless doctor who committed this crime. His calls always fell on deaf ears, and justice has never been served till date.

Infant's toes lost

In another tragic story about medical errors, a newly born 7-year-old infant had all his toes cut off in a weird yet unbelievable medical error.

Raad's father come to the Yemen Times headquarter in Taiz along with his infant to explain their miserv.

"Just one week after his birth, the infant had a fever and had to be taken to a private hospital. He was diagnosed as having the tetanus disease," Raad's father said

There, doctors have decided to fix a cannula to the infant's right leg in order to administer treatment.

The infant's legs have remained cov-

dreams of returning to his fullest health ered during the whole period of receiving treatment. This resulted in having infant's legs atrophied

> This was mentioned by legal medical experts who concluded that the infant's toes' loss was due to medical ignorance which resulted in the infant's toes' deformity

The infant's father then lodged a complaint against the hospital and demanded compensation.

He appealed to the Health Ministry, which should have acted swiftly in punishing those responsible and launching preventive measures in other hospitals.

On its part, the hospital management said that the reason behind the loss of the infant's fingers was due to the umbilical cord while the legal medical report says that it was a result of medical ignorance.

Role of the media

In presenting those cases to readers, authorities and persons concerned, we want to expose such wrong doings and help in pointing to the problem so as authorities would work on finding solu-

The file of medical errors in Yemen is. whether in diagnosis, prescriptions, or operations is one of the most notorious files that need to be dealt with swiftly and strictly.

The health problems existing in Yemen and in many other developing countries is demonstrated in the governments' inability to appropriately monitor and control quality of service and qualifications of doctors and nurses. This is widely seen in both public and private sector hospitals.

Moreover, the expenses of training cadres are also very expensive. However, we believe that such countries can deal with all these problems if they had the will to do so.

Private hospitals are a good initiative that could be positively utilized if they are established within a framework of regulations and agreed upon conditions, particularly that relate to government monitoring and quality control.

The policy of reward and punishment is to be applied to both the owners of hospitals and to Health Ministry employees monitoring these hospitals.



Yemen denounces Madrid bombings

The statement was allegedly signed by Brigades of Hafs Al-Masri and said that "the secrecy of death succeeded to sneak into the depth of the European crusaders and hit one of the pillars of the crusader alliance (Spain) painfully."

The statement was also in part directed to Spanish Prime Minister, Jose Maria Aznar, by telling him that when Al-Qaeda "hit the Italian forces in Nasseria, we sent a warning to you and to agents of America to withdraw from the alliance against Islam, but you have not received the message, now we have put it straight and I hope you understand this time

The statement went further, according to the Daily, to threaten

PSO's actions condemned

A big crowd of journalists including the Chairman of the Yemeni Journalists Syndicate (YJS) Mahboob Ali and its board, politicians, MPs and other human rights activists were there to show support for the journalist who works as a reporter for the London-based Quds Press agency.

The lawyers criticized the intelligence agency and prosecution and demanded that they should be held accountable for kidnapping and detaining a member of the YJS board.

Saeed Thabet was snatched by agents of the PSO on March 5th from the street when he was going home with his 3-year old child. He was detained at the PSO for two days and after the journalists carried out a sit-in at the PSO premises on Sunday, he was returned to the prosecution. The prosecution interrogated him and ordered he should be put in jail before he was taken to court the other day. Advocate Abdulaziz al-Samawi said in his defense before the Sana'a Western Court that "the arrest and detention of Thabet by the PSO cannot be described as a reluctance of the state in performing its constitutional duly in ensuring freedom for the people but using it as a means for abusing this freedom." He demanded in the pleading signed by over 50 lawyers that "those people involved in kidnapping and arresting Thabet either from the PSO or the prosecution should be punished and the journalist should be acquitted." Al-Samwi considered the refusal of the prosecution to release the journalist immediately on Sunday evening to be "a justice denial crime" which punishable either by sacking or a fine. The advocates showed surprise how the prosecution can depend on the report of the PSO in sending the journalist to court despite

ror. The statement said that Yemen would be the "third quagmire for this era's Satan, the USA." And it threatened to hit US interests in the country, according to the paper. The paper also unveiled that the alleged statement described the preparations for the so-called upcoming hit against the USA as 90% complete. "God willing, soon and at the appropriate time for

other countries it claims have cooperated with the US war on ter-

the Mujahideen, all faithful Muslims will celebrate Allah's victory.' The statement also purportedly warned Muslims not to get close to "civil and military establishments of crusade America and its allies."

the fact that he denied in that report that he sent the piece of news to his agency in London. Saeed said it was he who told his agency that the news of the assignation attempt was untrue. Quds Press even sent a letter supporting the journalist's claims. It even authorized advocate Mohammed Allow to file against the perpetrators of its reporter's arrest without any legal warrant. According to reliable sources, the agency intends to document the incident in a book both in Arabic and English; it would contain

all the reports and statements written on it. Muttasem, the 3-year old child of Thabet was brought before the court as a victim of the kidnapping, as he was with his father when he was arrested. The PSO officers refused to let Thabet take the child home, leaving him alone for one of Thabet's neighbors to care for. This show stimulated the anger of the audience at the court against the perpetrators. Yemen Times learnt that the child is suffering a sort of phobia to let his father leave the house alone and wants to accompany him all the time. The advocates warned that if the perpetrators are not held accountable for this act, such behaviour would make the country a jungle. The prosecutors were dumbfounded and asked the court to delay the hearings until Tuesday, March 23 so as to be able to refute the pleading. Reporters Without Borders urged the court judge last week that the charges against Thabet should be dropped, and stated that his arrest and detention for 72 hours was an unacceptable violation of press freedom. It also demanded that the prison terms of press offences should be abolished. Of course, the journalists intend to sign an appeal to President Saleh to take an action in this regard

operation.

Raad, is another victim whose toes were

deformed and were lost due to medical mis-

takes committed by doctors in Taiz. Photo by

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Culture / Society

Old City of Sada'a: Unique heritage needs to be preserved



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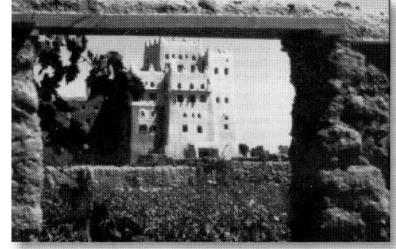
emen has a unique and distinguished cultural heritage, and the three Yemeni cities listed on the World Heritage List are the proof of the significance value and importance of this heritage and the need to preserve it not only for Yemen but for the entirety of humanity. It is worth mentioning that in addition to these three cities, many other cities in Yemen have historical value. In this paper I will try to present a brief summary of the importance and value of the city of Zabid, as well as the current situation and the efforts made for its preservation.

The city of Sada'a is one of the oldest and most important cities in Yemen, still maintaining a good condition to date compared with other historic cities in Yemen. It still preserves its unique architectural pattern and historic mud buildings and monuments. It still functions as a living city up to the needs and requirements of the city and the inhabitants in all its social, economic, cultural and residential fields.

The history of the city goes back to the third hijri century (Ninth century AD). It was planned by Immam Al-Haddi (Yahyah Bin Al-Hussein Bin Al-Qassem) and is 3 kilometers from the location of the ancient Sada'a at the top of Tamlass mountain with all its remains and runes. Since the establishment of the city of Sada'a, it witnessed a lot of urban development giving it the characteristics of an Arab Islamic city with all its architectural and urban planning and main divisions represented in the form of markets, caravansaries, castles, old public bath, schools, mosques and the wall surrounding the city. Despite theses developments, the city still maintained its Arab and Islamic authenticity. It also flourished as a city of science, religion, culture, trade, industry and agriculture along with its main role in the events of the Islamic era that went through a lot of clashes and wars in the Arab region and specifically in Yemen.

The city's importance lies in the fact that the city represents another symbol of the history of Yemen, and another chapter in its evolution and development. It is a living witness to Yemeni history thousands of years ago.

The city of Sada'a reflects the architectural skills and capacities lying there for thousands of years. The current urban fabric and planning, the markets, services, walls and the gates reflect its regional importance and the vital role in the economic, defensive, social and commercial



A visitor to Sada'a feels when entering the city that he has moved back in time. There are four to five story buildings very rich in architectural and ornamental characteristics, doors and windows can be found in the inside. Tourism, for many years, represented one of the most important development sides since the city was one of the most important stations for tourists and was a source of income. But tourism in Sada'a like any other city in the country was negatively affected in the last few years. Despite the great importance of the city, it was for so many years not paid attention and its preservation and conservation as a historic city against the negative impact enforced by development was not highlighted, and that was not systematically implemented on the city in all the living fields such as the political, social and economical sides. All the above mentioned negatively affected the city and its historical pattern and resulted in changes in the urban fabric of the city.

On of the most important factors leading to the above mentioned situation was economic and commercial development, because of the needs and requirements of commercial development that usually include the expansion of shops and markets. The impact of that development is very much present in the changes that took place in the market area that went through huge changes where many traditional commercial buildings in harmony with the general fabric of the city and the special fabric of the market area were demolished, replaced with new commercial buildings constructed with new building materials and different architectural designs. They are in no way in line with the city architectural design, since their forms and designs stress on their detachments and prove to causing deformities to the beauty of the city and the pleasure of shopping.

In addition to all mentioned above, the size of these new buildings kill the spirituality and privacy of the historic city. The venders and shop owners who started using the spaces in front of their shops to sell their goods. This continuous circulation of vehicles into the city threatens the safety of many buildings due to daily vehicle circulation, in addition to pollution since most of the cars used diesel.

On the other hand, the social and population growth has also resulted in many changes in the building pattern of the city. Many new residential buildings were constructed using new building materials and different architectural patterns to that of the city, especially in the eastern area (Harat Al-Mam). In all the neighborhoods there are additional stories or rooms added onto historical buildings due to a natural need for expansion and more space, and most of these additions or expansions were randomly made with the use of violating materials despite the fact that there is a law prohibiting that. Several other buildings collapsed as a result of the negligence and lack of maintenance, while many other buildings are in bad constructional conditions, walls wrecked due to water leakage and the absence of sewerage systems. This resulted in the deterioration of the living and environmental conditions especially on rainy days when the streets and alleys turn into mud causing diseases. The historical monuments are in no better condition, and many of them are in bad and deteriorating conditions for a very long time such as the (Qaslah, the only caravansary, the wall and several mosques).

Lately attention was drawn to the importance of taking care of this city and its cultural and historical heritage, and the importance of preserving it and its monuments. This attention was the result of the increased awareness of official and public concerned parties regarding the importance of the preservation of historic cities in Yemen in general, including the city of Sada'a. It also reflects the general attention and tendency to preserve our human heritage, culture and unique civilization.

tioning that preparation is made for a strategic action plan for the preservation of Sada'a city as well as a development plan for the district of Sada'a, implemented by the UCHS&MP funded by the Government of the Netherlands, in collaboration with the MoCT & GOPHCY and in Coordination with the Leadership of Sada'a Governorate and the Local Council of the City of Sada'a.

These plans aim at recording the current condition of the city and all its buildings, and then set an overall vision and integrated strategy on how to preserve the city and its monuments. It also works on setting the implementation mechanisms for restoration, maintenance and rehabilitation projects.

Despite these positive indications, there is a need for more efforts and the provision of required materials for the sustainability of the city preservation and stop any new constructions or additions violating the city pattern. It is of prime importance to present regulations for restoration and maintenance activities, especially in the mosques and historical monuments. through coordinating with other concerned authorities to avoid causing any damage or harm to the sculptures, arts and Islamic ornaments and also to avoid randomness in restoration that might result in the demolition of these arts.

Strict procedures should be taken against anyone who breaks the law, and currently all required procedures to control and limit the damage should be taken, trying to maintain the present situation as it is, since carelessness in this side will only harm the city. It might be useful to point out the importance of collaboration and joint efforts by all concerned parties (official, public, or NGO's), even at the personal level. All is working for the same cause, aiming at the same objective, and that is the preservation of the city and its urban heritage belonging to all. At the top of this come the inhabitants of Sada'a themselves

Conclusion of course for Journalists on Human Rights

readers.

BY ISMAIL AL-GHABRI YEMEN TIMES STAFF

he training course for 22 journalists on human rights concluded on Saturday 13 March, 2004 at Sana'a International Hotel. It was organized by HRITC as part of its program on the role of information, especially the visible media, in spreading human rights principles, in cooperation with Information Rehabilitation and Training Center and

The course aimed at enhancing the abilities of the information sector in the production of documentary movies related to human rights and the vital role the media could play in spreading and strengthening the human rights culture. In spite of the course's short duration, some felt results covering some concerns related to human rights were produced.

15 March, 2004

Mr. Ahmed Al-Humady, Under-Secretary at the Ministry of



View from the panel

the National Endowment for Democracy (NED. The course, the first specialized in how to direct short TV movies and how to utilize them in spreading awareness of human rights principles, lasted two weeks and consisted of lectures on human rights principles, how to write scripts, to direct and to select the contents of TV movies. The participants were given a practical opportunity for TV directing, selecting the appropriate scenes and montage. The participants, representatives of various local, official and private media organizations, news agencies and satellite TV correspondents prepared scripts dealing with real life situations and cases related to human rights and played them out. Another team of participants worked on the role of newspapers in human rights issues and how to present principles of human rights and democracy to the

Information for the television and radio sectors, praised the efforts exerted in the documentary movies, which were developed irrespective of the recent experience of the participants in this field. He confirmed that such works enhance the complementary relations between the work of the Ministry and Yemeni Government and the information authorities, in one hand, and the active organizations in the field of human rights.

During the closing ceremony, seven short movies were selected for reproduction, with titles: "Broken Dream"; "The Sin"; "Broken Melody" "Freedom"; "Unemployment"; "Tires" Children" and :Life in the Margin".

The participants express their gratitude for the experience and valuable expertise, which will enhance their informative duties in general and in human rights in particular.



aspects. It, at the same time, reflects the impact of Islamic regulations on the lives of the inhabitants and their deep commitment to these regulations and rules clearly noticed in the city pattern and the social relations existing till the very moment.

commercial development has also resulted in a general increase in the number of cars inside the city, and specifically in the market area where traffic jams are caused all the time because heavy loaded vehicles enter the city causing deadly traffic jams, Migshamas is under implementation let alone that there are a lot of roaming

A number of practical steps were taken in this direction, such as the restoration of Bab Al-Yemen and some mosques. The first phase of the restoration of the city wall and the rehabilitation of a number of funded by the SFD. It is also worth men-

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Press / Op-Ed





Al-Wahdawi weekly,

organ of the Nasserite

Unionist Organisation 9

March 2004.

· 20 journalists complain of the Al-

Arab National conference warns Arab

governments of Middle East projects

· Calling on Shiite and Sunnis in Iraq to

· Nasserite Organisation condemns the suicide attacks in Baghdad and

· Official parties impede convening of

· International warning of drought and

population growth disasters in Yemen

Following the expulsion of 12

thousands, Yemeni community in

Saudi Arabia appeals tot the to

The political editor of the newspaper

sys in his article the journalistic work in

our country has begun to take a proper

pursuit. At the journalists conference we

have seen the same government and its

presence very clear but was characterized

by rationality and tendency towards part-

nership in the journalists union council

elections result. That has also appeared in

the opposition attitude and we have seen

credibility of the conference chairman-

ship, as well as the existence of journalist

That new ground has been created by

the journalists in their conference has

dropped all of criteria and accounts that

launched in such a strong way it does

need the same force and more trust and

this is undoubtedly a difficult responsibil-

ity the new leadership of the syndicate

should undertake. Even though the lead-

ership in its first steps has been faced

with a hard lesson represented by the

arrest of one of its members Mr. Saeed

Thabit, it should not be shocked or give

in to despair. The journalists new leader-

ship stand as we have seen was positive

Attarig weekly,

9 March 2004.

Drought threaten the people of Hubail

· Lahj motorcyclists appeal to the traffic

The writer Fua'd Saeed al-Matiri says

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Main headlines

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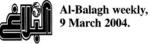
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- Saddam and 100 others' trial approaches
- Abu Al-Abbas died in American prison Following repatriation of wanted from Yemen, contacts between Egypt and Iran
- for the handover of others Unidentified persons shoot at the car of editor in chief of Al-Jaish (Army)
- magazine Pakistan test-fire a medium-range missile Journalist Saeed Thabit released by
- judicial order
- **Colonel Ahmed Ali Abdullah Saleh refutes** rumours of coming under fire attack
- Capital secretariat physicians and pharmacists hold their extraordinary conference, elect new administrative body

- · Women demand for 30% of decisionmaking positions
- Kanaan Society collects one million signatures against the Zionist apartheid wall
- 400 motorists at Sana'a airport appeal to the president of the republic
- On charge of link to a terrorist society, 20 year imprisonment sentence against a Yemeni in Lebanon
- Journalists battle with kidnapping crimes continues, strike in Al-Thawra newspaper Arab Homeland Reform Symposium to be held in Alexandria, Egypt
- Documents disclose violations and corruptions in Taiz Education department
- Ubeid's fate still mysterious · Journalists wrath rehabilitates the
- freedom of the press
- Al-Thawra newspaper journalists stage labour strike

- · US State Department report on Yemen: Corruption. confiscations and government interference in everything
- Security campaign lays siege to Thara Mountain I search for wanted persons
- Defence accuses the prosecution of conniving in detention of journalist Saeed Thabit
- Teachers Union conference in Jawf concluded
- British security team to ensure safety measures at Yemeni seaports
- Islah holds the government responsible for raising prices of oil products
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says in his article the despotic rule and their citizens of various segments.

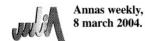


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- · In the national conference of antiviolence against the woman, PM Bajamal: We would study all kinds of negative phenomena and their impact on the society to curb them.
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- in Amran detained Ending months-long tribal dispute in
- Mahweet
- A Sudanese kidnapped in al-Jawf, released

Othman Abdulqader says in an article if the world intends to actually get rid of weapons of mass destruction, the matter needs dialogue and understanding between the states that possess those weapons for a long time and tried them against some peoples in the world, among which America that dropped two nuclear bombs on the two Japanese cities of Hiroshima and Nagasaki in world war II, and Iraq and Afghanistan and perhaps

Vietnam, and the states that intend to develop or get such weapons for defensive reasons like Iran and Libya and North Korea. When Bush said on 11 February that he suggested a strict world monitoring on issues of weapons, we arouse a question about the extent the world can achieve stability and security and peace as long as there are states possessing lethal weapons.



Main headlines

- · Private sector to the government: Where have the trillion rials gone? Two youths commit suicide in Ibb
- · Some amendments made on the scenario of "Love in Sana'a Alleys: film
- Abyan sees security activity against alleged terrorists
- A reckless young man downs a helicopter while it was flying over his village in Hadda'

Columnist Dr Hosni Al-Jawshaie says in his article under the democratic atmosphere that our country has accepted as a pursuit. I would find no embarrassment to demand from the ministries of education and higher education and scientific research to tech the subject of democracy in schools and universities. I also appeal to the ministry of endowments to start courses to mosque preachers on how to enlighten the people at Fridays sermons on heir democratic rights in order to ensure raising a generation saturated with democratic thought and practice and behaviour. A generation rejecting injustice and tyranny. In the west they teach principles of democracy and European human rights at schools and practiced at homes.

The extent reached by the west and some Asian countries in progress n some walks of life is by virtue of democracy and freedom that have become an everyday practice. We in Yemen have begun an early democracy immediately after the birth of the unity in 1990 and our democracy is growing fast and in the coming few years it is expected to become a gigantic tree of democracy. The Yemeni citizen now possesses full awareness and enough experience in and about democracy and has fully understanding that the constitution has guaranteed for him that

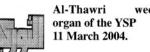
state-owned or private sector. · 13 British security specialists in · The court releases the journalist Saeed

Main headlines

· Civil service minister: Eight thousand

joy for journalists, especially for those who had been victims of the rap of the security source and to find themselves guilty without committing any guilt. If we have security source we would not witness the publication and spreads of rumours by external media. As journalist this demand is emanating from our keenness to talk to a person officially authorized in order that through him we can report the facts and factual news.

yet nothing happened. The news caused



Main headlines

- A number of Arabs and one French national disappeared; military forces continue their deployment in Lauder
- After more than 150 years of conflicts, Al-Jawf tribes reach reconciliation of
- Three persons killed, others injured in
- A teacher and her students drown in a sea trip



European descent and a True Jerusalem, must be the Capital of the Israelis inhuman and urges Englishman's killing will be ignored and condoned, bearing in mind that if such a thing happened

the future Palestinian State, settlements should be removed from against them whether they are Gaza and the West Bank (Biblical in a third world country, threats Judea and Samaria) and they

whatever is negatively possible Arabs or Non-Arabs?

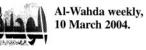
The time has come to settle

his article the Yemeni journalists syndicate new council has faced this week a difficult test, even before it could finish distribution of its duties, by the arrest of the council's member the journalist Saeed

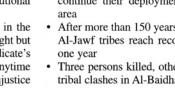
Thabit by security apparatus and sent to court. That test was enough for the syndicate members to get acquainted with their future role in the protection of rights and freedoms of the journalists. In fact the role played by the syndicate's council in the follow-up of the issue of Saeed Thabit was honourable and positive and the more positive was the big attendance of journalists at the court's yard and its hall in solidarity with their colleagues.

The positive dealing with this matter was not motivated by bias or fanaticism as much as for the application of the law and regulations and non-violation of the journalist and personal rights and freedoms through violating the constitutional stipulations.

The question does not lie only in the arrest of a journalist without any right but rather bigger than that. The syndicate's council is demanded more than anytime before to work for ending the injustice and suppression practiced against journalist professionally and materially inside the journalist establishments whether



of surplus labour as a first batch to be dealt with according to civil service law, and application of wages would achieve great benefits for civil servants



Columnist Abdula Sallam al-Hakeemi

better circumstances for occupation, foreign hegemony and interference. Peoples governed by dictatorships and oppression would lose the feeling of affiliation and citizenship and freedom. In such a situation the majority of the people would find no difference between the internal and

foreign tyranny. They would be driven to welcome the invading foreigner as a kind of retaliating reaction against the national tyrant. Peoples in this case would see that the deliverance from the internal dictatorship can be the introduction to resist and confront he foreign invasion and occupa-

tyranny would inevitably lead to prepare

Homelands can be safeguarded from foreign hegemony and occupation when the despotic rulers begin to restore their respect of themselves and responsibilities so that their people would respect them. They should respect their people and treat them with freedom and human dignity. Totalitarian rulers have to take the initia-

tribal clashes in Al-Baidha'

another

peace activist fell

victim to the Israeli

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tion.

ree education and medication and the right to work and housing as a theory and application remained defective because of the absence of democracy and human rights and freedom of press and political pluralism. All those are apparent in the western societies though their historical development was accompanied by the western colonialist thought that dominated lands, destinies and wealth of peoples of Asia, Africa and Latin America.

The third year of the 21 century witnessed the re-emergence of the colonialist hegemony and its return through the unilateral pole of the political globalization and the iniquitous war on Iraq that resulted in the occupation of its territories and destruction of its institutions, and there s the project for the political democratic reform directed to the Arab League countries, Turkey, Pakistan. Afghanistan and Iran with a clear American vision. Despite of our belief that the process of democratic reform is an internal question to be decided by states and peoples of those countries, the policy of imposing the fait accompli would be forced by the stick and carrot and economic blockade unless there is an Arab and international stand against it.



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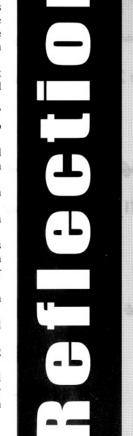
- · Historical document liable to be blotted out, others heaped under piles of dust
- · Al-Thawra newspaper journalists continue their strike
- · On hundred Arab poets in Sana'a

Columnist Khalid al-Harwachi says in

- Yemeni paper on human rights to be presented to the 60th session of the international committee of human rights
- · Abdulghani Abdulqader, don't want investigations neglect those mentioned by the killer of Jarrallh
- Dr Ahmed al-Asbahi: "Middle East" project contradicts issues of the Arab nation and peoples' will
- UNDP allots more than \$350 thousand for supporting cultural development in Yemen
- Yemen hosts he regional meeting on renewable energy late of April
- More than 53 million dollars to finish a number of projects
- Burning of Wadi Al-Mulk palm trees an economic disaster, warning from the region being exposed to another fire and increase in farmers losses
- Yemeni Media Women Forum inaugurates its first activity
- Training course n commercial arbitration concluded
- · Teachers receive a special training course on human rights
- Annual report of the National Committee for woman: poverty produced the Yemeni woman backwardness

Columnist Mohammed Bin Mohammed An'am says in his article that the journalists have been informed that there would be a "security source" promised by the minister of interior Rashad al-Aleemi, similar as it is done in many countries of the world. Such a center would provide information for media instrument to avoid any information leaking from other sources that may be incorrect.

More than three months elapsed since the promise was made by the minister but





By Yahya Al-Olfi alolfi@hotmail.com

Tom Hardly, a British peace activist was injured during his efforts to protect Palestinians and later died.

ecently,

This time a Briton, and last time an American young woman whose head was beaten intentionally by an Israeli soldier driving a bulldozer, used to demolish Palestinian homes, amid the jeering of the other fellow Israeli soldiers.

Arabs are flabbergasted at the lack, or more accurately non-reaction by the British and the Americans despite the feral methods perpetrated against citizens belonging to the two powerful nations and close allies, who out of human dignity, chose to defend the downtrodden poor Palestinians.

Such sympathy by the peace activists in certain cases developed into love and consequent marriage, the last of which took place last February between an American young woman and a Palestinian.

These days, an increasing number of Europeans and Americans are awakening from the Zionist publicity stupor to discover the Israeli repulsive reality.

The world has become accustomed to the killing, slaughter, and daily humiliation of Palestinians, as if they have no value, mere pests deserving to be wiped out (and they dare speak about holocaust and Nazi Germany.. who is worse?)

But it never crossed my mind that An American Lady of

and intimidation will be directed against this or that country.

But when it comes to the Israelis who believe themselves ueber alles (i.e. extra special), no word of criticism is uttered. I have had the chance to meet many Europeans and Americans and all of them seem afraid and terrorized to raise the issue of the Israeli savagery lest they be labeled anti-Semitic, Nazis or fascists.

The Israelis have succeeded in dehumanizing and demonizing the Palestinians so people around the world see Palestinians killed, mistreated and if asked look how horrible this is, they respond, so what!

Palestinians carrying out suicide missions against the Israelis find themselves compelled to do so, as they have no other option and are being pushed to the extreme. They find themselves beyond doubt in a tight corner, and hence comes the only possible inevitable reaction. In other words further humiliation leads to the inevitable reaction.

The Palestinians have never refused to reach a compromise with the Israelis but the Israelis who came of different ethnic backgrounds, invented a concocted language (mostly borrowed from Arabic, Aramaic, Polish, Russian and some German) and revived memories of a tribe that ceased to exist more than two thousand years ago, are now vainglorious and do not want to budge

If they really mean peace East

an inch.

should stop allegations that they have always been present in the land, for they neither were in the land nor in the Diaspora as they claim, simply because the Jews of this time and age are mere Jewish in religion, i.e. they are not Hebrews and my evidence is that all of them, save for Arab Jews, cannot pronounce Hebrew words properly and do that as complete aliens, which they are indeed, without the least prejudice at all

on my part. Time has come to stop deceiving the world, as the people of the world are more cognizant and Palestinians are not poor red Indians. In brief, if the Israelis mean peace they can have it, but they do not want to, because they reckon and boast American and European unconditional support.

Moderate Jews if necessary are being eliminated or at least intimidated if they ever dare speak out, look what happened to premier Rabbin.

The governmental policy of the Israelis is based on Talmudic and apocryphal claptrap looking down on all peoples and nations and hence the new Israeli generation grow up worse than the Nazis or the fascists because if you simply ask an Israeli youngster about a Palestinian or an Arab they shall respond with superciliousness and extreme disdain.

Is it not essential now, for the Israelis to teach their children to respect other human beings and to stop their primitive goiym policy, which considers people other than

accounts with Israeli racism, which is not ashamed to keep blackmailing peoples with Second World War horrors such as Auschwitz, the gas chambers and so forth.

I do not deny that an extreme barbarism took place against the Jews in Europe but equally do think that lots of Russians, Polish and other non-Jewish people fell victim to the same barbaric acts of Nazi Germany.

Europeans should by no means feel indebted to the Jews because the Jews have equally killed and wiped out huge numbers of Palestinians. No future blackmailing, no visits should be made to Yad Vashim memorial because it has not taught the Israelis to be humane and are instead more ferocious. Don't you see the daily suffering of poor Palestinians? Don't you see racism at its extreme manifestations?

I should acknowledge that because it is inherent in Judaism to amass gold and moneys the people embracing Judaism have been able to control banks in Europe and America.

They are now masters of huge financial empires and many talented Jews and non-Jews are being utilized to promote the Jewish ideologies and beliefs.

In conclusion, I would like to point out that each and every coming day it becomes evident that the Zionist movement really rules the US, but steadily Americans like their fellow Europeans are beginning to awaken.

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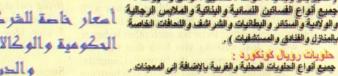








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وقدمت في المؤتمر عدد من أوراق العمل التي ركزت على استخدام التكنولوجيا في التعليم ونظم إدارة المعلومات بالإضافة إلى واقع أستخدام التكنولوجيا في الدول المتقدمة وواقع التكنولوجيا في الدول النامية وتجربة جامعة العلوم والتكنولوجيا اليمنية والجامعات الماليزية في هذا المجال.

وفي خــتــام المؤتمر القي الدكــــتـــور عبدالوهاب راوح وزير التعليم العالي كلمة أشاد فيها بالدور الذي قطعته جامعة العلوم والتكنولوجيا في هذا المضمار مثمنا دورها في إرساء التقاليد الأكاديمية وأضاف قائلا: " (حيث تأتى حامعة العلوم والتكنولوجيا مواكبة

لهذه التطورات في سوق التكنولوجيا بما يجعلنا على اطلاع بهذه التطورات (مشيرا) الى ان التكنولوجياهي أنفع وسيلة للتعامل مع المعرفة (مضيفا) فالمعرفة أصبحت حقلا استثماريا بحد ذاتها، ويعرف

> بمجال اقتصاد المغرفة والجامعة التى تختتم البوم مؤتمرها رغم هدائة عهدها إلا انتي اشبير وبمسؤولية إلى أتها اشتطاعت ان تثبت اقدامها وصارت موضع

مؤكدا على أهمية وجود آلية فعلبة لتنفيذ التوصيات التي خرج بها المؤتمر كما رحب في كلمته بالوفد الماليزي الذي حضر المؤتمر وجاء بخلاصة المشوار الذي قطعته

ماليزيا في هذا المجال. وأضاف : حيث صارت مساليسزيا رابع دولة في العــالم في صناعــ الالكترونيات وهي تجربة من دولة إسلامية نقدرها ونعتز بها ونعمل حاليا على إرسال بعشات إلى ماليزيا للاستفادة من

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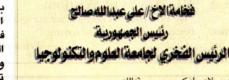
كلمة في حفل اختتام المؤتمر أثنى فيها على الدعم المقدم من وزارة التعليم العالي والبحث العلمي ووزارة التربية والتعليم مضيفا: "وقد لمسنا التشجيع المستمر والدعم

المتواصل من الأخ أ.د عبدالوهاب راوح وزير التعليم العالى والبحث العلمي للجامعات ولأي مبادرة لتطوير التعليم وتقديم المعرفة).

معتبرا الدولة هي الشريك الأول، بينما اعتبر مؤسسات التعليم والبحث العلمي هي الشريك الثاني معربا عن أمله أنّ تقوم بدورها في تطوير التعليم

والبحث العلمي. وقــدم د. <u>طارق</u> الدعــوة للجــامــعــات

 ۱–۳ مارس شارك فيه عدد من رؤساء الجامعات وممثلي السفارات العربية والأجنبية والمنظمات الدولية وموجهى ومدراء المدارس الثانوية العامة وعدد من المهتمين والمختصين بتكنولوجيا التعليم.



السيلام عليكم ورجيمة الله وبركاته

ينتهز المشاركون في الموتمر العلمي الاول لامستخدام التكنولوجيا في التعليم الذي نظمت جامعة العلوم والتكنولوجيا في الفترة من ١-٢ مارس ٢٠٠٤م بمدينة تكنولوجيا الاتصالات والمعلومات -صنعاه- هذه المناسبة ليرفعوا

الى فخامتكم ازكى أيات التقدير والعرفان لما تبذلونه من جهود مشهودة لدعم ادخال التقنية الصديثة الي مؤسساتنا التعليمية والخدمية وحرصكم على الوصول باليمن الى اوج الرقي والتقدم

المشاركون في المؤتمر

والمؤسسات التعليمية للتعاون فيما بينها للاستفادة من التكنولوجيا الحديثة وبرامج التنمية في مجال التعليم والاستفادة من الخبرات ألخارجية كما شكر الملحقية الثقافية في السفارة الأمريكية لدعمها في هذا الاتجاه.

وكان أدمبوند هول السبفير الأمريكي



فيها بجهود جامعة العلوم والتكنولوجيا وانجازاتها في مجال تكنولوجيا ألتعليم مشيرا إلى أوجه الدعم التى تقدمها الحكومة الأمريكية لبلادنا في هذا

في ختام المؤتمر خرج المشاركون بعدد من

التوصيات أشادوا فيها بالجهود المبذولة من قسل الحكومية السمنية ممثلة بوزارة الاتصالات وتقنية المعلومات، كما أشاد



المشاركون بدور جامعة العلوم والتكنولوجيا فى مجال تكنولوجيا المعلومات وأقامتها



استخدام التكنولوجيا في التعليم كما دعوا وسائل الإعسلام ومؤسسات المجتمع المدني إلى تبني برامج ا نوعية وتثقيفية باهمية تكنولوجيا 🚺 المعلومات وإدخالها ضمن مقررات ومناهج المؤسسات التعليمية.

كما أوصى المشاركون مختلف المؤسسات التعليمية بتبني برامج مشتركة في مجال استخدام التكنولوجياً في التعليم وتبادل الخبرات فيما بينهما والاستفادة من خبرات الدول المتقدمة في هذا المجال.

كما أوصى المشاركون في المؤتمر الجهات المعنية بتشجيع المؤسسّات التعليمية المختلفة على استخدام التكنولوجيا في المراحل الأسباسية في التعليم، وتدريب المدرسين على استخدام التكنولوجيا في التعليم داعين الجهات المعنية في الحكومة تشجيع القطاع الخاص للاستثمار في مجال تكنولوجيا التعليم والمساهمة في توفير متطلباته.

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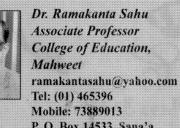
I. What to Say Situations and Expressions (64) Wedding wishes

edding is a sacred bond of union between two hearts. It is the beginning of a new phase of life. In a sense it is standing together and facing the world. It is forming a circle of love that gathers in the whole family. This is a moment of supreme happiness for two young hearts who have a mutual sense of values and common objectives. It's giving each other an atmosphere in which each can grow. At such an auspicious moment, the young couple is wished a world of happiness.

- Congratulations. As you wed, your hearts must be filled with delight and hopes as you are about to enjoin your lives together. Here's sending warm wishes, as the two of you become one, with a hope for your future to be bright and beautiful, with lovely moments of life, which will give you pride in having been destined to live as husband and wife.
- Wedding... a beautiful... a new beginning, a new promise, a new outlook, a new relationship. May your wedding take you both through a journey filled with new things, making you take pride in this day, for years to come. Congrats. As you join your lives together, may you grow
- closer in love, closer to being one, while never losing the traits that make each of you, wonderful.
- Wishing the newly weds a truly blissful life and a loving togetherness. May both of you be showered with eternal blessing, as this is your wedding and the beginning of a new life, too. Congrats as you wed.
- Sending your way warm wedding wishes with loving thoughts. As you both join your lives and promise each other to be for each other in better or worse. Just wishing you both that may the 'better' always overcome the 'worse'. Congrats. May the hopes, dreams and anxiety you both are carrying in your hearts be replaced with love, happiness and bliss through this life's long journey called marriage. Congrats and best wishes.
- Here's sending warm wishes, as the two of you become one, with a hope for your future to be bright and beautiful, with lovely moments of life, which'll give you pride in having been destined to live as husband and wife.
- May you both experience the new joys of trying this precious BOND of love and togetherness always. May your married life grow more beautiful and, as time passes by, may each moment be blessed with happiness that makes your togetherness special. Have a blissful married life.

II. How to Say it Correctly

- Correct errors, if any, in the following sentences Men are but children of large growth. 2. The answer should be written in a sheet of
- paper. No girl in the class is as resourceful as Aisha.
- 3 4. We must guard ourselves from bad habits.



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3. euphony

4. The philosophy of practicing duplicity in

The doctrine that sensual pleasure is the highest

The art of garden cultivation: horticulture (n)

A person who has most uncompromising

attitude specially in politics: intransigent (adj)

5. A ridiculous confusion and misuse of words.

Suggested answers to last week's questions

One who breaks images: iconoclast (n)

5. A single pillar construction: monolithic (adj)

Give the source of origin and meaning of the

2. euphemism

5. festschrift

1. encomium (Lat. from Gk. 'praise'): Formal

eulogy in prose or verse glorifying people,

encyclopaedia (Gk. 'inkyklios' meaning

'circular' or 'general' and 'paideta' meaning

epigraphy (Gk. 'epi' meaning 'upon' +

'graphein' meaning ' to write'): The study of

inscription incised on a durable material and

epitaph (Gk. 'writing on a tomb'): Inscription

epitome (Gk. 'cutting short'): An abridgement

or summary. A long scientific treatise or

historical work that may be compressed into a

Bring out differences in meaning of the following

Suggested answers to last week's questions

a discreet silence in the hot discussion.

1. air (n) (mixture of gases): A balloon filled with

found on tombs, statues, plaques, etc.)

Suggested answers to last week's questions

(B) Foreign words and expressions

objects, ideas, events.

on a tomb or grave.

(C) Words commonly confused

4. stairs, stare 5. advice, advise

1. blue, blew 2. boar, bore

hot air goes up the sky.

punishment to children.

single book.

pairs of words

3.

'discipline' or 'instruction')

statecraft.

following

1. essay

4. farce

2.

good: hedonism (n)



relatives.

5.

donkey's years (after a long time): He had to struggle for donkey's years to come to this position.

IV. Grammar and Composition (A) Grammar

Verb from the list below. Don't use the same word more than once.

- rise go up fall decline drop reduce raise
- 1. As a result of the recession, we've had to the amount of money we spend on research and
- Last year was a good year for the company and 2.
- 3. The price of coffee has ----- as a result of bad
- 4. Many Asian companies have entered the market
- Some govts fear the ----- in Japanese 5.
- in profits is the result of poor The

- 1. Learning to speak a language is often much
- 2 This hotel must be more expensive than the

 - He is certainly the most unusual person I have ever met.
- in the world. 6.
 - done'.
- 7. money

(B) Paragraph writing

58. FASHIONS IN DRESS ARE MUCH LESS HARMFUL THAN INTELLECTUAL

Last week's topic

57: EVERY DOG HAS HIS DAY

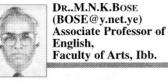
Life offers a recipe of weal and woe. No one has endless misery. Nothing is permanent in life. People who are enjoying the bliss of good luck should not look down upon the victims of an outrageous misfortune. Similarly, those who are in distress should not lose hope. On the other hand, they should be optimistic and look forward to a moment when the Dame Fortune would smile upon them. A time of good fortune comes at least once to everyone. A wise person understands that life is in a state of flux and that everything is transient. So he never tries to pooh pooh the lowly, downtrodden and distressed.

V. Pearls from the Holy Ouran



A letter to the teachers of English: 47

How to use a dictionary (3)



Dear Fellow teachers,

n addition to the activities mentioned in my earlier letters, there are a few other activities you can use in the class, which will enable your learners to use a dictionary effectively. As suggested in the last letter, these activities can be in groups, so that fewer dictionaries may be used, if many copies are not available.

Another activity with the dictionary, called 'Sounds like' can help your learners to be familiar with the pronunciation of commonly used words. The activity is like this: Choose 20 commonly used words, underline one or two of the letters and against each word leave a blank. Ask the learners to find in the dictionary a word that has the same sound represented by the letter or letters. For example,

boat -	the second s	
sharp —	called .	
wife -		

This activity will make them familiar with the phonetic symbols given in the Key to Pronunciation and improve their pronunciation to a large extent. Try this. Yet another activity, called 'Decoding' for familiarizing them with the abbreviations used in the dictionary. In a dictionary, with each word there are abbreviations like (n), (v.t), (adj), (U) etc. You can choose some words from the dictionary and ask them to find the abbreviation used with each one and what it stands for. This activity will not only develop the dictionary skill but also improve their knowledge of grammar, especially the parts of speech. Similarly, you can pick out a number of commonly used abbreviations such as UNO, OPEC, UNICEF etc and ask your learners to find from the dictionary what each one stands for. This will be a big help in increasing their general knowledge, which will equip them to face the interviews for scholarships or jobs in the future.

There are many other activities using a dictionary for developing the dictionary skills. You can make them find the plurals of commonly used nouns, find the words in other dialects such as American English, find the slang and colloquial words, find information related to a word, find the origin of the word; some of these activities are suitable only for higher classes.

Good dictionaries are published periodically by well-known publishers such as the Oxford University Press, Longman Publishers, Collins publishers etc. They most often bring out a pamphlet along with the dictionary with information for using the dictionary effectively; some of them contain good activities for using the dictionary too. The Collins COBUILD dictionaries are said to be very good, mainly because they are based on their Bank of English. which is a collection of 400 million words from various sources. The Randomhouse Dictionary, which is an expensive one, is a very useful and informative source. As I said earlier, any good dictionary will serve our purpose; remember that it should be a recent one, not necessarily an expensive one.

Alternatively, you can produce glossaries with the help of your learners. A glossary is a list of new words occurring in a particular lesson and their meanings. A student of mine has produced a glossary for the English Course for Yemen (PBs 1 to 6) as a part of his research exercise and he will find it very useful, when he becomes a teacher. Try some of these activities. Good luck.

> Yours fraternally, Dr.M.N.K.Bose

Coleridge's "Ancient Mariner": A brief overview



this way he teaches love and understanding for all God's creatures. There is a moral overtone suggesting human understanding and love of all creatures of the universe.

The poem is of great philosophical and psychological depth. Part of its charm lies in its suggestive imagery, its rhythm and its smooth flow words, its mystery.

If we survey the content of " The Ancient Mariner", its amazing comprehensiveness will strike us no less than its imaginative power. Coleridge touches with equal power and beauty every phase of life at sea. Coleridge gives us glimpses from time to time of the wedding feast to which the mariner had been invited. The whole poem is wrought with the color and glamour of the Middle Ages. The voyage with its story of the albatross is the essence created out of such stuff as dreams are made on. The mariner himself gathers up into his person the elements of romance, mystery and haunting. His glittering eye, his skinny hand, his arresting voice and the spiritual misery drive him into speech to ease his tortured soul.

Complete the following sentences using a Noun or

- development.
- our sales ----- considerably.
- weather conditions.
- and there has been a 20% ----- in prices.
- investment in Europe.
- management.

Suggested answers to last week's questions

- easier than learning to write it.
- small one next door.
- An orange is larger than a plum.
- 4. 5. Bringing up children is one of the hardest jobs

 - What is the most difficult thing you have ever
 - Losing your health is worse than losing your

8. This is the fastest car we produce.

Expand the idea contained in the maxim

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by a storm, his ship is surrounded by ice. Through the snow and fog appears suddenly an albatross that is received with joy. The mariner kills the alba-

discreet (adj.) (careful, tactful): He maintained

corporal (adj.) (of the body): I hate corporal corporeal (adj.) (physical as contrasted with spiritual): Food and drink are the basic, corporeal needs for survival.

affect (vt) (have an influence or effect on): The climate affected his health. effect (vt) (bring about) : I effected an insurance policy

miner (n) (man who works in a mine underground): Five coalminers were buried alive in a mine accident.

minor (adj.) (less important): They sustained minor injuries when the house caught fire.

(D) Idioms and phrases

Bring out the meanings of the following in

wind (n) (air in motion as a result of natural forces): The wind blew my hat off. discrete (adj.) (discontinuous; individually distinct): Human language is discrete.

3. moral, morale

Suggested answers to last week's questions

- The number of marks carried by each question is indicated at the end of the question.
- 2. Translate this passage from Arabic into English.
- Mahatma Gandhi is one of the best human beings that have ever fived.
- I had no chance of getting a job, if you had not backed me out.
- College life is charming, but school life is dull.

III. Increase Your Word Power

- (A) How to express it in one word
- An excessive morbid desite to steal
- One who compiles a dictionary.
- One who is a free thinker on religion.

sentences 1. eagle-eyed

2. an old flame 3. gate crasher 4. gift of the gab 5. heart to heart

Suggested answers to last week's questions

- 1. black ox (misfortune): His failure in life can be attributed only to the black ox.
- 2 to be at the zenith of (to be at the highest point of fame or glory): Once upon a time Yemen represented the zenith of glory of civilization.
- 3. all and sundry (everyone without distinction): She invited all and sundry to her wedding anniversary.
- at death's door (about to die): The old man 4 who is at death's door, is surrounded by his

VI. Words of Wisdom

We love life, not because we are used to living, but because we are used to loving.

-Friedrich Nietzsche

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tross for no specific reason and this deed brings a curse, which falls onto the ship. The ship is driven to the north toward the equator and is calmed completely. The crew who had at first condoned the shooting, now they turn on the mariner viciously. However, all except the mariner die.

n ancient mariner detains

one of the three wedding

guests he meets, and tells

him his story. The ship is

driven to the South Pole

The curse is finally lifted when upon seeing the beauty of the God's sea creatures, the mariner blesses them. Thus the dead albatross falls off the mariner's neck. The mariner returns home but continues to pay penance. He has to tell his story to someone and in



The importance of English as a second language

The importance of the English language is intimately linked with the holistic development of the Yemeni society. It is no denying the fact that the English language links us with a wide spectrum of different activities throughout the world and helps us to keep abreast with the rapid technological development around us

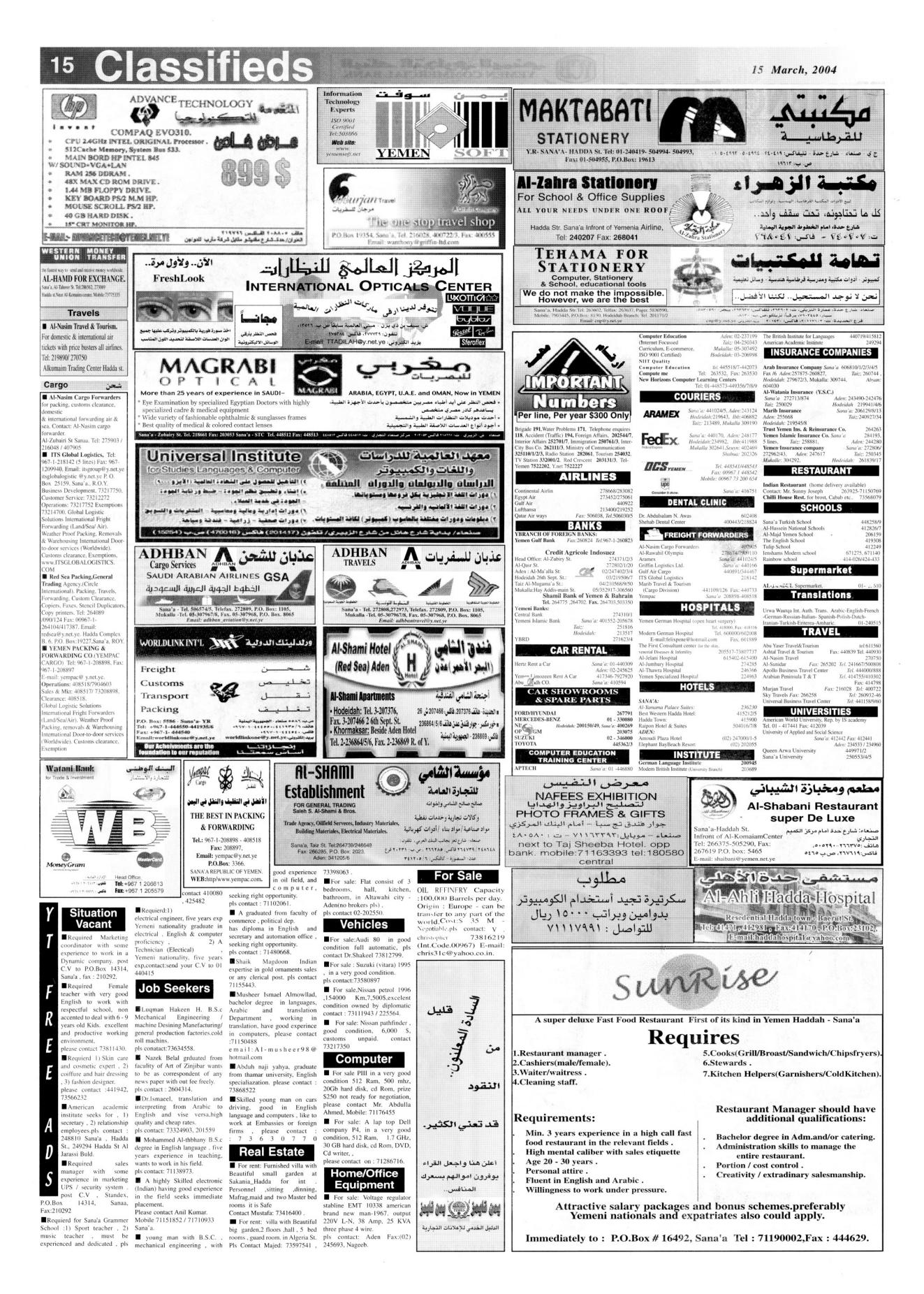
It would be no exaggeration to say that proficiency in English holds the key to success in our live

Nowadays, English language became increasingly popular not just in Yemen, but throughout the world. In the years to come it will be more and more widely used as evidenced by the increase of the number of its users including students and teachers. It is also becoming more and more popular as clearly indicated by the spread of the special institutes for studying this language. In short, everyone needs to speak English whether he is a student or a politician or a manger because it is an important language for the different fields of majors. There are a number of factors why beginners fail to acquire proficiency in this language. One of

these reasons is that, the students don take good care about improving their com mand in different language skills of this language. For example, they don't care about reading, listening, writing and speaking in English because, the fact remains, practic ing this language correctly is the surest way to master it. Also, schools should teach this language as a main subject and from the childhood until the university because by teaching it early, it will help the pupils in the primary schools to know how to use it, to speak and to pronounce it in the right way. So for people who want to study this language, they should practice it well, read and also try to use a lot of different words. All of these things will help people to know more about this language and it will be easier to master it correctly.

Finally, my advice for English learners in general is that everyone should have a strong will and try to do something consis tently to improve their foreign language skills

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Debates may be a factor to becoming future President of the United States: **Kerry-Bush debates expected soon**

emocratic presidential candidate John Kerry, visiting the site of one of the most famous political debates in U.S. history, planned to challenge President Bush on Saturday to a "real discussion about America's future" in a monthly series of debates.

vating crucial issues like slavery and states' rights to the front of the U.S. political agenda.

"Surely, if the attack ads can start too grave and too great. now at least we can agree to start a real discussion about America's future," Kerry said in remarks prepared for delivery in Quincy, Illinois, later on Saturday.

health care.

"2004 can't be just another year of politics as usual," Kerry said in the text. "The challenges we face are just

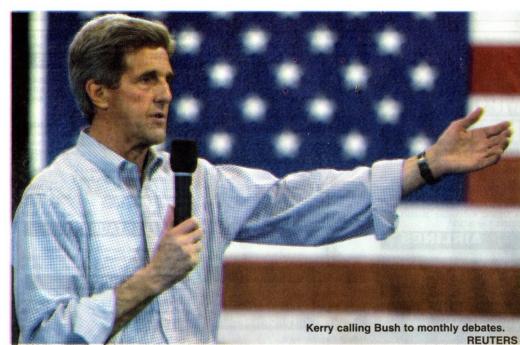
"We confront big issues — as big as any in our history and they call for a

real issues and treats voters with respect," Kerry said.

After the Quincy rally, Kerry planned to travel to Pennsylvania and Ohio on Sunday as he continues

G.W. Bush

REUTERS



Kerry, already engaged in a running exchange of negative ads with Bush eight months before the November election, planned to deliver the challenge at the site of the historic Abraham Lincoln-Stephen Douglas debates in Quincy, Illinois.

That series of 1858 senatorial debates between Douglas and Lincoln, who lost the Senate election but won the presidency two years later, is legendary in U.S. political history for ele-

Bush and Kerry have exchanged negative ads in the past few days, with Bush criticizing Kerry by name for planning to raise taxes and threatening to weaken U.S. security and Kerry firing back at his "misleading" accusations.

Kerry challenged the Republican president to monthly debates on the "great issues" of the day, including the war on terrorism, the loss of U.S. jobs and the plight of Americans without new and historic commitment to a real and informed exchange of ideas."

Quincy was the site of the sixth of seven Lincoln-Douglas debates in 1858, with 20,000 people - double the town's population — gathering to hear the two men, who shared a river steamer to their next debate.

"Maybe George Bush and I won't travel on the same boat or the same airplane, but we can give this country a campaign that genuinely addresses our

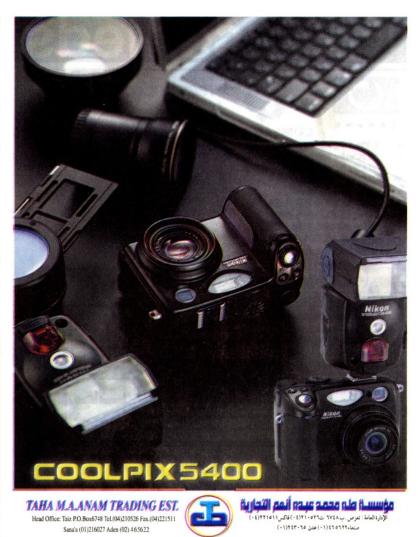
appearances in states with upcoming primaries, even though he has clinched the Democratic nomination.

After a brief vacation next week, Kerry will embark on a 20-city fundraising tour at the end of the month to try to close the cash gap on Bush, who had \$100 million more on hand at the end of January. Kerry has raised more than \$10 million on the Internet since he effectively clinched the nomination REUTERS on March 2.

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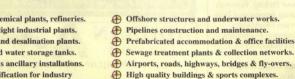






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