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The Emir of Qatar arrived in Sana'a on Saturday, August 5 on an official visit to end today. During his visit, the Emir of Qatar visited the old city of Sana'a. He also visited with President Saleh the Aden Free Zone. The Emir was briefed on the future development and expansion

plan, which targeted the industrial area and the shipping village. It is expected that the zone will receive 300 containers by the end of this year. The plan also includes the development of the industrial area, which is established on a piece of land estimated at 74 hector on which the work will commence in the beginning of September. The President and the Emir of Qatar also visited the cisterns of Aden.

Foreign political sources said that Yemen requested Qatar to recommend its request of having the membership of the Gulf Cooperation Council, particularly after the signing of the border agreement between Yemen and Saudi Arabia.



SABA

Vice Governor of Sanaa Murdered

Mr. Saleh Moosa Al-Azzani, vice governor of Sana'a province was assassinated last Friday when an armed group attacked him as he was leaving his house in Sana'a.

Mr Al-Azzani's 18-year son was seriously injured in the incident and also his wife. The deceased Azzani was escorted to final resting place last Saturday.

Sources close to the assassinated official said that the assassins came from Al-Baidha Province

and disguised as workers in a building next to Mr. Azzani's residence. The same sources anticipated the killers might be members of an Islamic group known as Islamic Group for Immigration & Preaching, which is a large group in Al-Baidha Province.

Other sources attributed the assassination to a tribal feud which virtually took place in Azzani area — birthplace of Mr. Azzani.

Zindani Calls for Flogging Saad's Sons

Sheikh Abdul Majeed Al-Zindani, chairman of the supreme council of Islah party and president of Al-E i m a n University called upon the judiciary to implement lashing verdict passed by the Supreme Court against late Abdullah Saad Mohammed, ex-chief editor of

Abdul Jabbar Saad

Al-Shoura newspaper and his brother Abdul Jabbar for publishing an article that he said to contain insulting words against him.

Heated media campaign had erupted more than a year ago between Zindani and Al-Shoura newspaper

in connection with the disappearance and murder of Lina Abdul Khaleq. The article accused Zindani of being involved. After raising a case, a court ordered to slash the brothers 80 lashes each.

Zindani's demand comes more than a year after the death of Abdullah following a head injury. The verdict has not been executed since its issuance and it seemed as if Zindani had forgotten all about the matter. It is expected that the court would make moves to carry out its verdict.

Ayдах Faces Assassination Threat

Ayдах Abdulhamid, "Sayidati magazine" correspondent in Yemen, has come under telephone threats against her life, she said.

In a report submitted to chairman of the Yemeni Journalists Syndicate, Mahboob Ali, she noted that she had been subjected to these threats since she started reporting about the crimes of Adam's Medical Faculty morgue. As she did not adhere to those threats, she received other ones in the past

two days ordering her to give up reporting about the case especially about the German final report otherwise she would be finished, she added.

She urged all the journalists to stand by her in her current circumstances so as to fulfill her mission as efficiently as possible.



Extreme Punishment of Al-Shumou Newspaper

The South West Court of Sanaa, headed by Judge Ali Al-Marfad issued its verdict against Al-Shumou newspaper yesterday. The verdict stated that the chief editor of the newspaper, Mr. Saif Al-Haderi will be suspended from his work for ten months. He is also to pay YR 2,000,000 as a damage composition for the Minister and Vice Minister of Education.

The newspaper will also pay YR 100,000, and he personally will pay YR 70,000 for branding the minister in his newspaper with financial corruption.

The verdict is considered to be the first of its kind in Yemen. Mr. Al-Haderi told Yemen Times that he was very surprised that four sentences were issued simultaneously against him and his newspaper.

Al-Haderi added that he would definitely appeal the verdict, which he sees as a clear violation of press freedom in Yemen.

More details about
Newspaper Trials on Page 2.

NDI Delegation in its Press Conference: "NDI Recommends Postponement of Local Council Elections"

The National Democratic Institute's (NDI) pre-election delegation visiting Yemen during July 31 - August 6, 2000, held a press conference in the Yemen Times headquarters, Sanaa, to brief the media people in Yemen about their visit to the country.

The members of the delegation are: Martha Walker, State Senator from West Virginia, Dr. Omar Kader, a Palestinian-American political activist and business leader, Thomas Melia, NDI Vice President for Programs, Nick Green, NDI Senior Field Representative in Yemen and Andreas Katsouris, NDI Senior Program Officer for



the Middle East and North Africa. The report issued by the delegation commented on several issues like voters registration, women's political participation, local government elections, political party relations and media access.

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SINOPEC Boosts its Activities in Yemen

Mr. Mou Shuling Vice President of Sinopec, a Chinese giant petroleum and petrochemical enterprise group, left Yemen last Tuesday after a short visit to the invitation of Yemeni Oil & Gas Corporation and the Ministry of Oil and Mineral Resources. During his stay, he met with a number of Yemeni officials and discussed ways of enhancing bilateral cooperation between Yemen and China. The Yemen Times met with him in the Sheraton Hotel



Dove Energy Ltd. and ZPEB Rig #905 are bringing success to Yemen. Well Sharyoff #1 in Block 53 was testing good quality crude oil.

and talked about the history of Sinopec, its activities in Yemen and its future plans here

More details on page 3

Justice Kidnapped!

Judge Abdul Rahman Abu Taleb, member of the civil unit in the Capital Court of Appeal was kidnapped by a group of Khawlan tribesmen last Saturday from in front of the court last Saturday.

It is said that kidnapping was made to press the Justice to side with them in a case related to them.

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Sana'a University on Trial

The Bani Hareth court resumed last Saturday sessions to look into the case of Adam who is accused of murdering a number of girl students. It was expected that a number of the accused's accomplices would be presented, but neither this happened nor the impatiently-awaited report was completely translated.

Mr. Abdul Aziz Al-Baghdadi, attorney of Zainab's family filed a case against Sana'a University, demanding compensation of two million and thirty thousand dollars (US\$ 2,030,000.) The session was finally adjourned to next Saturday until the translation is over.

Mr. Goulty & Walker in Sana'a

Mr. Alen Goulty, Director of the Middle East and North Africa in the Commonwealth office arrived in Sana'a yesterday on an official visit to Yemen. Mr. Goulty is expected to discuss various issues with Yemeni officials. On the other hand, the US Assistant Secretary of State, Mr. Edward Walker is scheduled to arrive in Sana'a on August 9. He is expected to meet with President Saleh and discuss several issues with him.

CHINESE EXPERT BEATEN

The "Yemen Times" source in Aden said that a Chinese engineer working at Aden Sewerage Project, implemented by a Chinese company, was assaulted early this week by a traffic policeman. The policeman alleged that the engineer had obstructed traffic after laying sewerage pipes near a footpath at Khormaksar area. To the surprise of the pedestrians the policeman sent blows on the engineer with his fist.

Eye-witnesses at the scene said the policeman threw dust and pebbles on the Chinese expert's face, who stood nonplused at the policeman's behavior. The appearance of security guards of Aden Security Director saved the situation.

Meanwhile, last week Yemeni traffic policemen were adorned with badges on their traffic gear and armed with batons. The move came owing to assaults on policemen from drivers; particularly drivers of "luxurious" vehicles.

Take Action Mr. Attorney General

The National Committee for Defending Human Rights and Liberties requested the Prosecutor to urgently set up an ad hoc committee to prove the existence of a "Private Jail" in Sana'a University campus and to take all legal measures against the people involved. The committee asserted that was a flagrant violation of article 247 of the penal code stipulated in the constitution.

Headed by lawyer Mohammed Naji Allaw, the committee has already been to the site and found a container 'jail' located at the main entrance of the Faculty of Legislation and Law. The committee has also visited some illegal jails including one in the Economic Military Corporation. A number of people who had been illegally detained were released.

Worth noting that many private jails have been found in Al-Udain and Dhamar.

Local Government Law at Court

The Supreme Court is shortly to hear a civil suit submitted by a number of Opposition figures, intellectuals, writers and advocates who claimed non-constitutionality of Local Government Law, a reliable source told the "Yemen Times."

Quoting a number of Opposition

members whom the "Yemen Times" have contacted, the source added that those members had last Tuesday met Chief Justice, Zaid Al-Gamrah at his office at the Ministry of Justice and requested him to accept their case, submitted by attorney Ahmed Al-Wadei and other 100 persons.

The CJ ordered payment of YR.100,000 as surety which was paid together with other court fees, the source said reminding that court fees had already been paid when the case was first submitted to the court.

At a "Discussion Forum" at the RAY headquarters, these members affirmed continuation of their efforts to proceed with the case, the source said. It is understood that the Local Government Bill was sanctioned by the Parliament and was passed as a law by the President in defiance of the Constitution of Yemen.

When Water is Inflammable

The Quradhah and Al-Marzouh villages in Sabir, Taiz governorate resumed clashes last Friday killing at least one person. Worth noting Quradhah has been at loggerheads with Al-Marzouh for a long time over water springs not reaching a satisfactory settlement.

Yemen's Big Share of WB Projects

A press release issued by the World Bank reported that Yemen, which has the largest number of projects: (four) approved this year in Middle East & North Africa region, benefited from an IDA concessional lending this fiscal year after receiving US\$144.8 million.

Yemen also received a commercial debt reduction grant of US\$15.1 million in fiscal year 2000.

Total IBRD and IDA lending for the MENA region reached about US\$34 billion by the end of fiscal year 2000. Yemen which was one of the major IDA beneficiaries, cumulatively received in commitments up until June 2000 US\$1.8 billion.

TRANSPORT EMPLOYEES IN ADEN, LAHJ & ABYAN GO ON STRIKE

More than 800 employees and workers of the state establishment for Land Transport, Aden branch, went on a general strike last Thursday and stopped work at buses and trucks in protest to delay in paying their salaries, social security rights and also the rights of dead employees.

Mr. Mohammed Ali Saad, President of Aden-branch Transport Trade Union Committee said workers' families demanded solutions for their just demands as they were on the brink of hunger and displacement. They have censured officials in Aden Province of negligence over their grievances. Meanwhile workers at the establishment's branches Lahj and Abyan provinces, suffering from the same problems, have joined Aden workers in their demands.

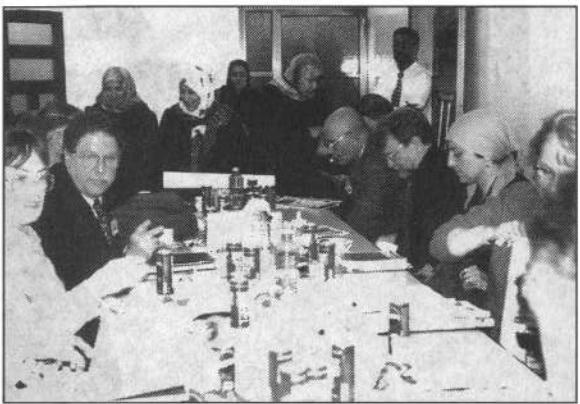
Officials at the Sana'a-based General Confederation of Republic Workers' Unions and also the General Transport Union have been mediating with the Ministry of Transport officials in Sana'a to solve the problems and pay their past 8 months wages. A move which led to the suspension of any strike till August 15 as a last chance.

Yemen Exports to Saudi Arabia Mount to YR 4,200,000,000

The Yemeni agricultural exports to Saudi Arabia constitutes 4.6% of the Yemen's exports for 1998 which constitutes 8% of the national domestic product, minister of agriculture said.

Forum on Women's Participation in Elections

A meeting was held last Monday at the National Woman Committee (NWC) headquarters to discuss the significance of woman's participation in elections as a candidate and voter and the role which the Committee can play in this field.



The meeting was attended by Yemeni women leaders and a delegation from the visiting American Democratic Institute headed by Thomas Melia, Vice-President of the NDI. Drawing up a plan on awareness among women to prepare them for elections and the need to develop the idea of elections awareness, were also discussed.

Rasheeda Al-Hamadani, NWC Chairman affirmed that awareness should initially start with eradicating illiteracy among men and women, specially that many inherited traditions still hinder woman's participation.

On the other hand, the NWC held a meeting last Sunday with an American delegation from the American Tax Relations Society, headed by John Antolin. NWC Chairman and vice-Chairman and a number of members also took part. The agenda was to study the problems which women face in the fields of health and education and other areas.

Available statistics disclose disturbing figures on woman's conditions in health particularly in rural areas where women live a health-deteriorated life owing to increased work, malnutrition and rest during pregnancy and delivery. The NWC had in the past issued publications on woman's conditions in Yemen and the difficulties she faced, showing figures and facts which really need studies. The Committee is expected to intensify its works and studies during the next few days in order to know the extent of improvements. It will also encourage woman's political rivalry in the forthcoming elections.

Statistics indicate that the agricultural exports are on a rapid increase to the neighboring countries, especially to those in the African continent.

"Exports to Saudi Arabia in the first half of this year reached 41561 tons amounting to 4,231,162,400 and that coffee, fruits and vegetables are the main exports. There are about 166 dams are now being built so as to make use of rain water," minister of agriculture said.

(A+) for Yemeni Female Students

Results of secondary school stage and its equivalent were officially announced in a press conference held by Vice Minister of Education, Eng. Abdul Malik Al-Mo'alimy in the Educational Research and Development Center last Wednesday. Out of 127,260 students attending the examinations, 105,871 (83.2%) passed with the rate of 83.6% in the scientific section, 81.9% in the literary and 96.5% in the commercial section. On the other hand, passing rates of students of the Scientific Institutes was 81% in both sections; scientific and literary.

For the second successive year, girls got ahead of boys, achieving the first 33 top positions among 63 students.

Teachers' Syndicate Meeting Winds Up

The Yemeni Teachers Syndicate concluded last Thursday the second meeting for the governorates offices leaders held in Ibb during July 7-August

3. The event was attended by Governor of Ibb, Mr. Abdul Qader Hilal and chairman of the syndicate. At the end of the meeting, participants sent a letter to the President confirming their support to end the syndicate dualism in the educational sector.

Optical Culture in Yemen

The Al-Saeed Establishment for Sciences and Culture organizes this morning a lecture on optical culture in Yemen by Dr. Omar Abdul Aziz at the establishment building behind Al-Sha'ab school. The event comes within a series of scientific and cultural activities organized by the establishment.

P&G Increase their Products

Organized Wednesday 2.8.2000 in Procter & Gambel headquarters, a ceremony and lunch party was given in celebrating its new product "Fairy". The party was attended by a number of media men and businessmen. A number of addresses were delivered in which the speakers named the reasons why the company started investment in Yemen. They ascribed it to economic stability, oil and gas wealth, tourism, and the existence of Aden port. They indicated that the company was established in 1993 after making agreement between Mohammed Saif Thabet Group and P&G with a \$ 35 million capital. Now there are 170 employees in the company of whom 97% are Yemenis.

HRITC Trains Journalists on Human Rights Issues

Organized by the Human Rights Information & Training Center (HRITC) organizes a four-day workshop to train journalists on human rights issues started yesterday. Arab human rights experts are taking part in the workshop like Professor Mohammed Ameen Maidani, the director of the Arab Program at the the International Institute for Human Rights, France and Mr. Abdullah Khaleel and Majdi Helmi from Egypt. In the opening speech, Mr. Izzaddin Al-Asbahi, Director General of HRITC highlighted the significance of the workshop as it targets the journalists who are to play an important inform-

ative role in the society on their rights. Mr. Al-Asbahi added that



media can be instrumental in getting people understand their rights and accordingly defend them. More than 30 journalists from different Yemeni governorates are taking part in the workshop.

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Press Trials on the Rise

A number of party organ and independent newspapers have been subpoenaed to stand before the Press and Publication Court for questioning on some articles published and considered to be a violation of the Press and Publication Law. Since 1990 this is the first time such a campaign is launched. Within one week the number of newspapers summoned reached 6 Yemeni newspapers, a step peers view as the beginning for censoring freedom of the press.

Rahmah Hujairah, correspondent of the "Zahrat Al-Khalij" magazine has been summoned to appear before court for questioning and investigation following publication of a report about the Faculty of Medicine in which she interviewed Dr. Al-Wurafi. The report was also published in other newspapers. Al-Wurafi was detained by the Political Security for a week for investigation. However, he denied what was published in the magazine leading to summoning Rahmah for questioning.

Al-Wahdawi newspaper, mouthpiece of the People's Nasserite Unionist Party, received an arraignment to stand before court as it published a news item on a judge from Taiz. The court is still looking into a case filed against the newspaper as it published an opinion article, viewed as offending the ruling royal family in Saudi Arabia by the Ministry of Information.

Al-Balagh independent newspaper is now on court after a case filed last week by the Ministry of Information. The newspaper was accused of publishing a news item about an Iraqi teacher working at the Education College, Amran, 25km away from Sana'a, who is said to have raped 8 students. However, it later appeared that it was a groundless information.

The Press and Publication Prosecution has also called Mr. Khalid Al-Hamadi, correspondent of "Al-Kudss Al-Arabi" newspaper, to appear in court as he reported news offensive to the reputation of Yemen.

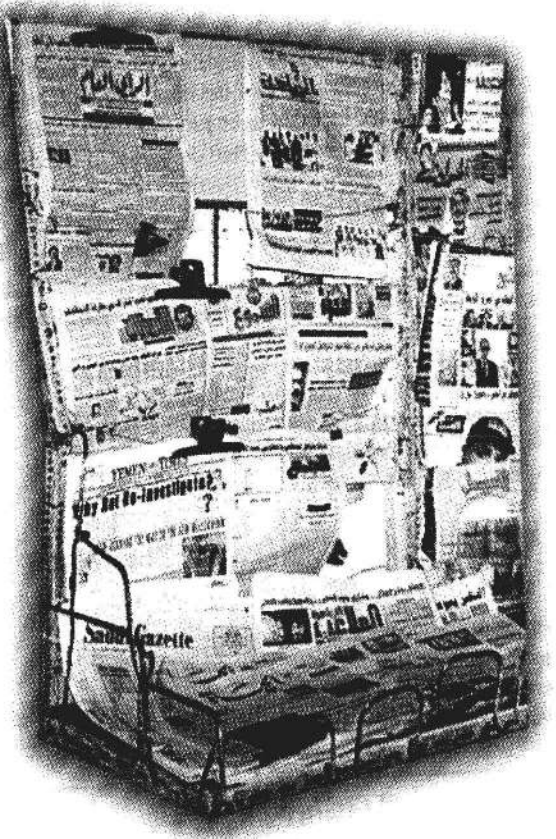
Aden-based Al-Ayyam independent newspaper is also being tried for different cases on different articles and news items published.

Al-Tajamo'o newspaper, mouthpiece of Yemeni Wahdawi Congregation, was under threat of closure while it is tried for 20 cases.

On the other hand, there are many other pending cases in courts against other journalists and newspapers including the imprisonment of Ali Al-Surari, chief editor of Ath-Thawri newspaper, mouthpiece of the Yemeni Socialist Party.

Sheikh Al-Zindani has also made a request to the court to implement the 80-lash verdict against Sa'ad's sons: Abdullah Sa'ad, ex-chief editor of Al-Shura who died quite a long time ago, and his brother Abduljabar Sa'ad upon publishing an article in Al-Shura newspaper, viewed as abusive to Al-Zindani. He is now again calling upon the court to implement the verdict.

Al-Thakafiah newspaper against which aggressive campaigns have recently been launched upon re-publishing a novel by the Yemeni late novelist Mohammed Abdulwali titled "Sana'a an Open City", viewed as including some insulting expressions against the



Almighty God. The court has adjourned its sessions to August 16, 2000.

Al-Hekmah Al-Yamaniya magazine, published by the Artists and Yemeni Writers Union, is also tried for publishing a story by Ahmad Al-Jarmozi in 1999, and who died two years ago, viewed as abusive to the Almighty God.

Al-Sahwah newspaper, mouthpiece of Yemeni Congregation for Reform, 'Islah', is now in court after a case filed by Mohammed Naji Allaw and Ali Saif Hassan, assistant secretary general of the People's Nasserite Unionist Party. Al-Sahwah re-published some excerpts from Al-Jarmozi's story, already published in Al-Hekmah Al-Yamaniya magazine, to let the readers judge if it contains abusive expressions to the Almighty or not.

Al-Ihya'a Al-Arabi newspaper, mouthpiece of the Arab Baath Socialist Party, is also being tried due some reports published about Al-Thakafiah and its chief editor's trials.

Al-Nass independent newspaper has also received a warrant to appear before the prosecution.

While the Information minister was strongly confirming the freedom of press, many media sources wonder about these inclusive campaigns launched against newspapers and journalists.

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SINOPEC Boosts its Activities in Yemen

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SINOPEC Vice President Mou Shuling

utilization for petrochemical production, chemical production by using oil products (including associated gas and LPG) as raw materials, production and sales of synthetic fibers and synthetic fiber monomers, product import and export business, foreign bidding and purchasing, leasing, project contracting, labor exporting and others. Approved by the State, it engages in domestic and overseas oil and natural gas resources exploration and development, sino-foreign joint venture and cooperation of petrochemicals, and investment and financing activities at home and abroad. It also engages in exploration design engineering construction and diversified operation and services, etc. Last Tuesdays, Mr. Mou Shuling, Vice President of Sinopec left Yemen after a short visit to Yemen at the invitation of Yemeni Oil & Gas Corporation and the Ministry of Oil and Mineral Resources. During the visit he met with a number of high ranking Yemeni officials and discussed with them ways of boosting bilateral cooperation between Yemen and China. Mr. Mou has been working in the field of exploration of petrochemical production and management for more than thirty years. Through his work experience he established bilateral relations with oil companies worldwide. His visit to Yemen was part of a plan to promote existing business relations between China and Yemen and execute the bilateral agreements regarding investments. Mohammed Ben Sallam and Hisham Al-Qubati of the Yemen Times met with him to come close of the company future plans in Yemen.

Excerpts:

Q: When did your business relations with Yemen commence?

A: The business relation between Sinopec and Yemen's oil companies started ten years ago. We have very extensive operations in refining and petrochemical operations. We have imported every year considerable amount of crude oil from Yemen. The business between Yemen and Sinopec stands at present indirectly through Sinocom, which is another trading company in China. It imports, on behalf of the Sinopec about 1 million tons of crude oil every year to China. ZPEB Drilling Rig 905 from SINOPEC entered into Yemen through international competitive bidding last April. The first well drilled at Block 53 for Dove Energy was an immediate success testing about 5,000 barrels of crude oil per day.

I wish what we are doing here can contribute to the development of the economy of Yemen. I was very impressed by the fast development of the oil and petroleum industry in Yemen. We were very glad to see that the Yemeni government has implemented a series of policies in boosting domestic economy and industry. We are fully aware that the oil and petroleum industry in Yemen is now playing more and more important and significant role in Yemen's national economy. Sinopec is the largest, and No. 1 oil company in China. We think that our role in the Chinese economy is becoming more and more significant as well. In last year fortune of 500 world petroleum companies ranking orders, Sinopec was ranked 58th in terms of annual revenues.

We believe that the experience we have practiced in China can, in certain ways, be helpful to our counterparts in Yemen. So in that way we will communicate not only in the market trading relations but also in industrial corporations and collaborations between the two countries.

Today we have had very friendly talks with HE. The Minister of Oil and Mineral Resources of Yemen and have signed an agreement with Yemen Oil & Gas Corporation this morning.

Q: Are you planning to invest in other fields?

A: We have discussed this with several local companies here and the Yemen Oil and Gas Corporation officials. I think we have touched on other areas of potential collaboration and cooperation. The core business of Sinopec is in the areas of refining and petrochemicals. Presently, a team of specialists from Sinopec is discussing the various areas of potential cooperation with our counterparts in Yemen. I believe that the relations between Sinopec and Yemen will be

furthered in the future. We would like to carry out comprehensive cooperation with Yemen petroleum Industry. There have been a high profile exchange of visits from both governments. For example in 1998 HE. President Saleh paid a visit to China and in 1999 the Vice President visited China. High ranking Chinese officials also paid a visit to Yemen in 1996. We can feel that our historic relations are very smooth and warm. We feel the hospitality of our local hosts. I wish that our activities here will promote the existing bilateral relations.

Q: Do you think that your company and its staff are safe here?

A: I would like to thank the government and all the relevant departments for the concerns and cares they pay to the security issues of the staff here. We have asked our local staff here to abide by local laws and regulations and to take more and more care of the local customs here. Also, our Embassy here as well as the diplomatic staff have given us more guidance. We know that there are other issues regarding security here in Yemen, and I wish that the government and the local government can give us more assistance in the future.

We have been told by Yemeni officials that Yemen's policy towards oil investment is very open. We feel that it is very positive in this way. The other aspects of the policy have been very stable, and the general domestic environment of Yemen seems to be stable as well. Actually the government here has made a lot of efforts to stabilize the currency and to speed up the economic growth. We have also talked with officials here about the aspects of the areas of registration of foreign companies here. It seems that you have also a very encouraging policy for foreign companies to invest here. For our specific activities of execution of the projects, I think that the government of Yemen has demonstrated a lot of

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Q: How many employees do you have in Yemen?

A: Including all our operations in

Yemen we have about 50. This number will increase in the future with the expansion of our activities here.

Q: Does your company operate in other countries?

A: Yes it does. We have a very extensive international presence in Africa, Mideast, Midasia, central Asia and Russia. Some projects are implemented independently by us and some others are done through joint efforts with local companies and local governments.

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The Allies' Covert Conflict

The question is still aroused about the recent uproar raging between official press and media, on the one hand and certain parties in the Yemeni

Congregation for Reform on the other. The whole issue is rather still cloaked with ambiguity. In an abnormally harsh language "Al-Thawra" official daily, along with "Al-Jamhouriyah" and "Al-Meethaq" newspapers, have lashed out at Sheikh Abdulmajeed Al-Zindani, Chairman of Islah Shoor Council, the president of Al-Eiman University. He was accused of blaspheming and infidelizing pressmen, including the Ministry of Information. This too was considered as an insult to the Ministry and its officials.

The story began with the re-publication by "Al-Thaqafiyah" weekly of a fiction: "Sana'a - An Open City" written by the late Yemeni laureate, Muhammed Abdul Wali, which made the Secretary General of YRC, Muhammed Al-Yadouni, adopt a stand against "Al-Thaqafiyah", published by "Al-Jamhouriyah" press Establishment, Taiz.

Yadouni saw that "Al-Thaqafiyah" has 'published' a fiction which offended God's identity describing Him as cruel.

Two weeks ago, the "Yemen Times" had published an interview with Mr. Sameer Al-Yousufi, Editor-in-Chief of "Al-Thaqafiyah", who claimed that Yadouni had threatened to close down his paper and seek disciplinary action against him.

Although the beginning of the drama seemed to have been a conflict going on between the ruling People's General Congress (PGC) and the YRC over the fiction; other dimensions have now come to the surface beside several other reasons which are still pouring in from time to time. All point to immense political objectives with the aim of using these as a kind of political bidding for a coming electoral season.

Some mosques preachers had launched bitter attacks against "Al-Thaqafiyah" and its editor-in-chief. Blasphemy was used during the attacks and civil suits were submitted to courts after monitoring disapproval (in form of signatures collecting etc.) by religious men, supporters of Zindani and his Al-Eiman University students.

The political motives behind the exchange of attacks are quite clear and with proofs indicating that: Thirty-one Yemeni religious scholars had issued a signed statement. Then a procession took place, headed by Sheikh Omer Ahmed Saif, a GPC figure who is the guide of its "Mithaq", but the ruling party did not assail him in its papers. On the contrary it attacked Al-Zindani in person away from his party. Surprisingly another social-scientific personality not less important than Zindani also came under official attack without any prelude.

Official media claimed that the dubious Al-Eiman University was not licensed; but the fact is that it was blessed and officially inaugurated by the President. It was he who laid the foundation stone of this university and urged businessmen to support it financially.

Political observers pointed out that when the State alleged that the university was operating illegally, it had, without being aware, denied its supervision and follow-up of the university as if pronouncing its inability to shoulder its responsibility.

Fears are hovering from these savage attacks mainly if we recall that similar attacks between the GPC and Yemeni Socialist Party (YSP) had in the summer of 1994 led to hostilities which claimed the lives of thousands of civilians and military men and left Yemen burdened with debts.

Since last Thursday these fears began to slow down gradually after the holding of a reconciliatory meeting at the residence of Deputy President, attended by both Al-Akwa', Minister of

Information and Al-Zindani. The first measure agreed upon was halting the media campaign between the two parties, thus paving the way for a total reconciliation.

Inquiries arose on the other political dimensions which led to the media attacks mainly because blasphemy did not only involve "Al-Thaqafiyah" but included "Al-Hikma" of the Yemeni Writers' Union and "Al-Sahwa" weekly, mouthpiece of the YRC which reproduced "Al-Hikma's" article.

Of these political dimensions is the linkage with the forthcoming parliamentary and local government elections within a period less than a year and other stances linked with normalization of relations with the Zionist entity, economic reform through introduction of fresh economic notions and price hike, shielding the Morgue Case and corruption. Much feared within the exchange of attacks between yesterday's partners, today's enemies is the indulgence of the YSP by both sides who claimed that the YSP seduced and moved these crises in an attempt to avenge its sufferings from the 1994 GPC-YRC-led war which threw it out of rule.

Despite all these, the covert dimensions in the dispute between the two allies remain ambiguous. Current events affirm that these are cloaked with politics and religion is used as a mask particularly because threats traded by the two sides confirm the opening of old dossiers which could lead to chaos and confrontation and perhaps war!

Despite all these attacks, observers are still skeptical about what is going on and describe it as a drama being played by both the GPC and the YRC.

An eye-catching factor is the attitude of the opposition parties which until now could not define its stand towards these events. Perhaps they could not reach to the depth; but the forthcoming days may clear the hazy Yemeni political scene.

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Among these companies is of course, the Red Sea Company for Detergents, based in Taiz. Apart from its importance in providing detergent products for Yemenis, it is worth noting the good example the company resembles in being an environment friendly company despite its sophisticated procedures and operations operated on tens of dangerous chemicals.

As an appreciation for their role of maintaining a good record in protecting the environment around it, Imad Al-Saqqa, Yemen Times Taiz Bureau Chief correspondent visited the Red Sea Company for Detergents and interviewed its General Manager Ibrahim Al-Hashidi with whom he had discussed many issues in relation to his company, environmental pollution, smuggling, foreign competition, possible prospects of emerging industries in Yemen, plus other issues.

Mr. Al-Hashidi expressed his delight

to have the interview in which he explained that one of the main sources, harmful to environment, is industrial pollutants. This could partially be attributed to our society's poor awareness of harmful elements against environment and requirements of its protection.

Here are some excerpts from the interview.

Q: Could you give us a brief idea about your company?

A: Red Sea Detergents Co. Ltd. was established in Yemen on November 29, 1984 and its first production began in June 1987. The company's production capacity is 4 metric tons per hour, built on a total area of 94105 square meters while the factory's area is 20374 square meters. The company recruits 414 employees. It covers the local market demand of its products and exports them to neighboring countries markets.



Q: It is said that soap wastes have caused a large-scale pollution and also damaged agricultural lands.

A: Of course, industrial wastes should be expected from any factory, workshop or productive source; but some companies or factories adopt a modern system for getting rid of their wastes. Some recycle these wastes. We have a very big pit in an isolated area away from any agricultural land where we dump our wastes and burn them.

Q: Local markets are dumped with foreign goods, either through imports or smuggling, what is your comment on smuggling?

A: Smuggling destroys the state economy, creates overall negative impact and may cause severe environmental effects if not controlled.

In previous years the markets were open completely for promoting local products; smuggling was quite limited. During 1998-99 smuggling became a big phenomenon and constituted 70% of domestic product. It is now known that Yemen imports everything from abroad and basically we depend on imported goods.

Explaining the reasons behind smuggling, he complained of absence of regulations and laws restricting the sale of foreign goods. Added to that are the leniency and absence of security watch on the borders and ports. Leniency led smugglers go scot-free through bribes. Simply pay a simple amount to the official and your smuggled goods are in the market. These include harmful commodities that damage our environment and peoples' health.

Individuals and big countries are behind smuggling which is sometimes as dangerous as a war. They follow the dumping policy as a sole target. Flooding the country's markets with smuggled goods is aimed at undermining the country's economy, destroying its economic infrastructure, and cause great harm to the environment. Hundreds of factories and companies have closed down and thousands of workers lost their jobs because of this phenomenon.

The State's stands handfolded versus this problem. The state should find a solution to curb smuggling operations and appoint honest people to run the vitally important facilities of the country such as the ports.

Q: Local industry is mainly confined to manufacturing detergents and sweets? Why don't you think of introducing other items useful to our citizens and the homeland. How do you foresee the future of industry in Yemen?

A: Perhaps the main reason for not building big economic installations is the lack of facilities and cooperation on part of the State. Heavy and unimaginable customs and taxes blocks any such investment. Hundreds of Yemeni businessmen invest abroad and that is because they get facilities.

Q: Some companies, such as the Hayel Saeed Group of companies, support sport, culture and building charitable projects, what is your role in this field?

A: We do carry out charitable works and let the people speak about them. Our contribution to the society is in this form of service. We are all working hard on attaining an excellent level of quality products, and at the same time maintaining a balance not to affect the environment around us.

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Difference between Marketing and Selling

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It is quite common that many people in general and businessmen/students in particular mistakenly use the two terms: Marketing and Selling as synonyms.

As a matter of fact, these two terms have extremely different meanings and concepts in Marketing Management. Let us have a quick glance over the comparison, which will give us a true picture of the difference between the two most commonly used words, Marketing and Selling.

Through this comparison we can easily make out the difference between Marketing and Selling.

As a matter of fact Marketing controls the pricing, sales, Advertising product planning and public relation activities alongwith the entire organizational objectives.

Kindly allow me to quote the definition of Marketing given by American Management Association (1985)

"Marketing is the process of planning and executing the conception, pricing promotion and distribution of ideas, goods and services to create exchanges that satisfy individual and organizational objectives".

This definition of Marketing is widely accepted.

Without doubt, Marketing is getting the right goods and services to the right people, at the right place, at the right time, at the right price with the right communication and the right product promotion.

Marketing is the performance of those business activities, which are involved in the flow of ideas, goods and services from their points of production to the points of consumption.

The objective of marketing is to ascertain consumer needs, convert them into ideas, products of services and move such ideas to the final consumer or user to satisfy certain needs and wants of specific consumer segment with emphasis on profitability, ensuring the optimum use of the resources available to the organization.

Marketing:

- 1) Focuses on customer needs.
- 2) Customer enjoys supreme importance.
- 3) Emphasis is on product planning and development to match products with markets.
- 4) Resorts to integrated approach to achieve long-term goals.
- 5) Aims at converting customer's needs into want of product.
- 6) Holds the principle of "caveat vendor" i.e. let the seller beware (alert).
- 7) Stress profits through customers satisfaction.
- 8) Customer oriented.
- 9) After-sales-service concept.
- 10) Selling refrigerator to an Eskimo is not appreciated.

Selling:

- 1) Focuses on seller's needs
- 2) Product enjoys supreme importance.
- 3) Emphasis is on high pressure selling to sell goods already produced.
- 4) Resorts to fragmented approach to achieve immediate gains.
- 5) Aims at converting product into cash.
- 6) Holds the principle of "caveat emptor" i.e. let the buyer beware.
- 7) Stress profits through sales volume.
- 8) Production oriented.
- 9) Ends up with the transfer of ownership of goods/service to buyer.
- 10) Selling refrigerator to an Eskimo is highly appreciated!

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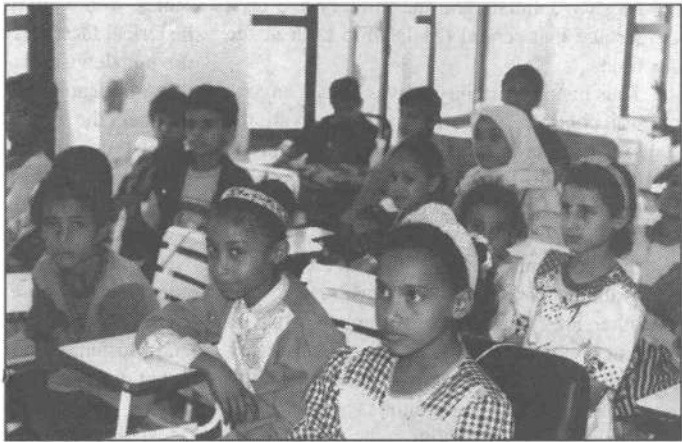
SOFD, Extends a Heartfelt Hand to the Poor and the Vulnerable

More than 50% of people in Yemen live under the line of poverty. Among those there are about 1,700,000 who not only suffer hunger and need of the necessities of life but also suffer from discrimination and cruelty because they are from a different race and called Akhdam. The Social Organization for Family Development (SOFD) has taken responsibility to make a difference. The SOFD is among the select few societies that have been instrumental in helping development of family in the society.

SOFD is a humanitarian non-profit governmental voluntary society working for family development in the community. The society was established first in 1990 and is registered at the Ministry of Social Affairs. It aims to improve the status of the lower class of people in the social hierarchy. The main building in Asser, consists of 6 sections; classrooms where students are taught up to 3rd grade, entertainment and games section, sewing room, a small clinic, administration and a small play-ground where students can practice games. There are around 8 members of staff, including a nurse who teaches first aid and family planning.

The Yemen Times went to their main center in Sana'a and had a talk with its chairperson Miss. Basma Alqubati and staff and we came with the following interesting details. About the center's activities, Miss. Wagihah Mohammed Qarhash, manager of the society and head of the project pertaining to teaching democracy to small kids, described that the center accommodates around 80 children per day. For different activities ranging from education to entertainment and awareness. We even have around 40 women coming to us every month

for family planning. The latest project is about developing a democratic attitude in the young minds of their students. She said that the program had special stress on education, hygiene and awareness about their basic rights. Also that most of these people lack



the primary skills to satisfy their basic needs; they generally go for begging and sometimes stealing. The society attracts those children and gradually teaches them in order to improve their conditions. Miss Wagihah said that



parents force their children to go and beg in the streets but the children would come to us instead. Now the situation has improved. There are now some families who have become creative because of the skills they acquired in the society. Now the soci-



ety offers courses in different fields like electricity, electronics, mechanical maintenance, welding, carpentry, plumbing, agriculture, construction, bee breeding, manufacturing milk products, jam and juices, nursery and flower plantation, cooking, cleaning and hygiene. These courses are offered to both girls and boys. She added that after that those girls and boys were sent to public schools that refused them and even they suffer from a kind of social discrimination as the students in the schools look down upon them. The society does not accept them as effective members.

Miss Basma Alqubati after that took us to Asser Mahwa. That is, the place where these people live. It almost accommodates more than 500 persons. There are 9 other mahwas in Yemen. And all are of similar conditions. A striking point here is that not all are living there because they belong to the same Akhdam community, but also those Yemeni expatriates who came from Saudi and Gulf countries during the Gulf war. We met with Ahmed Abdulla Alraymi, leader of AL-Merad society who said: "they hardly call us human, it's true that we may be

darker in color and lower in the social status but that does not give them the right to exercise discrimination against us. Most of us don't have the basic needs for living.. we don't have water, electricity, medicine.. Most of us are illiterate and have no method of earning other than begging. We want education, health care and a better environment to live in". "Look around you, we live in houses which are underground, like animals. Can you imagine what happens during rain?" he observed. He said that they need somebody to pay them attention. This is why .. Mr. Al-Raymi and his friends formed ALMIRAD society

in 1999, consisting of 7 founders and around 120 members. They decided to educate their children and teach them a better living.. "We don't have enough money to provide our sick with medicine. We need to be treated as human beings. Is there somebody listening to us?" he added pathetically.

Such people live a very miserable life. The irony is that Miss Qubati has said that their condition is now better than before. They used to live like animals, she said.. Even the basic civil methods weren't there. They fled from Hodiadah because of poverty. People in the suburbs are even worse off. With the help of the Swedish Organization for Child care, something was done. "Now we want the new generations to grow up differently, this is why we try to attract them to come to us, by providing games and entertainment.. we are hopeful that charity organizations could provide us with story books and toys for these children". She said. "We also are seeking a psychiatrist because most of these children suffer from sharp complexes". Development is a long procedure, it takes very less to destroy and very long to build. They are doing their best. And we hope others would lend a hand too.

Abdulahman Al-Ansi:

A Towering Yemeni Colloquial Poet



Saleh Abdulbaki
Yemen Times

Many a Yemeni poet excelled themselves in the art of colloquial poetry. They were able to express feelings, passions in the most simple and spontaneous way. Those poets were successful in forming a certain kind of coherence between people's experiences in real life and the imaginative world of poetry through simple common however, most exquisite and magnificent images. The poet Abdulrahman bin Yahya al-Ansi (1168-1250 H) is one of the most distinguished of the 'Humaini' colloquial style of poetry, an artistic style of Sana'ani poetry. He spent most of his life in judiciary career and writing verse. Being an inherent poet, al-Ansi was able to compose magnificent

verse about many Yemeni regions. He was a man of his time with a creative mind focusing on the colloquial poetry. He gained celebrity and was referred to as class 'A' in this style of poetry. His poems were highly appreciated and approved of by the people who out of their mounting excitement and admiration used to refer many great traditional poems to him. He made two anthologies; one the 'Humaini' verse while the other on the standard verse. Scholars and literary figures such as the judges Abdulrahman bin Yahya al-Aryani and Abdullah Abdulilah were very interested and excited in studying his 'Humaini' collection making them conduct a thorough explanation of his book. Their imprisonment after the abortive uprising of 1948 had actually made things easier in their difficult life for they met with many outstanding poets who were imprisoned too. These poets helped them a lot in referring many colloquial expressions to

their original dialects in different parts of Yemen.

Abdulahman al-Ansi was a genius Yemeni poet in the Humaini and standard forms of poetry. His popularity came from his colloquial poems which later led to a growing interest in his poetry.

His love poetry was the most exciting thing in his verse. He used to depict the lover who stops at nothing and takes risks to reach his beloved's lodging.

His poems were sung by many Yemeni singers and are still receiving the same popularity. His two works are still widely studied and read. His 'Humaini' or colloquial collection was first published in 1369 Hejrah and then in Beirut in 1978. One of his greatest poems is "Ahebat Rubou Sana'a" meaning those who love land of Sana'a.

In short, Abdulrahman al-Ansi was a class by himself in the Humaini form of poetry. So far and throughout 500 hundred years his poetry has been attaining the same vigor and vitality. This bears a testimony to the greatness of this poet.

The Buying and Selling of Women's Studies



By
Dr. Margot Badran*

The dismantling of the Empirical Research and Women's Studies Center at San'a' University over the past several months is by now a well-known story. As many also know that the Center for the Study of the Woman was created in its place. The new name alone hints at what was underfoot to those aware of the women's studies debates about the notion of the essentialized woman or "the woman." The name of the new center signals this very notion of the "idealized woman" that the new discipline of women's studies undertook to deconstruct in favor of examining real women and their real experiences.

The word gender—which had been so ruthlessly maligned in public in the months before—was blithely purged from the academic lexicon of the new center. (Never mind that in the name of gender millions of development dollars have been and are continuing to be accepted through governmental and private channels, including *real women's studies* at San'a' University.) Without further ado, the central analytical concept and tool of women's studies was tossed in the trash bin along with the core courses in gender theory and methodology. That was the pathetic end of women's studies at San'a' University as a reputable discipline.

Now it is being said that "women's studies" is once again be funded at San'a' University by the Netherlands (which had funded the Empirical Research and Women's Studies Center for four years and stood by as it was disassembled.) It is more accurate to say that the Dutch have funded the Center for the Study of the Woman (for the coming academic year, in what appears to be a "wait and see" attitude). This is quite different from funding women's studies as a recognizable serious academic enterprise. But, there is a window of opportunity to rectify things. Currently there is a review underway of the curriculum of Center for the Study of the Woman. Gender could be retrieved from the trash, dusted off, and restored to its rightful—indeed *necessary* place—in the academic discourse. The core courses in gender theory and gender research methodologies fundamental to any serious women's studies curriculum could be re-instated. During the crisis (when gender and women's studies were vilified), some, both insiders and outsiders, said—and continue to say—ah, the term "gender" is not suitable to this culture. (So let it rest in the trash bin.) Such an attitude may be "comforting," and is certainly patronizing but it is fit only for ostriches with their heads in the sand. At this moment, it seems to me a certain amount of integrity is called for.

You either have women's studies at San'a' University or you don't. You can't fake it. If you don't have it, then don't fund it. Otherwise, it is a joke, in capital letters. We as serious and self-respecting academicians cannot afford to trade in deceit (or deceit masked as ignorance). It would seem logical that funders should not be funding that which does not exist, i.e. women's studies at San'a' University. How would the women's studies and gender development communities look at this? Surely, those who have struggled hard to create the discipline (fighting many battles at home) and have struggled hard to gain legitimacy, respect, and admiration for women's studies would not be pleased with supporting something ersatz in the name of women's studies. So why not take the high road and support a genuine women's studies project? Among those who want a real

women's studies program some may be willing as a last ditch measure and salvage operation to join a masquerade dance whereby one seems to be doing one thing while doing another. But, veiling gender is not the answer either.

It seems to me the only answer is either to fund real women studies or not to fund women's studies, to teach real women's studies or not to teach women's studies, and to study real women's studies or not to study women's studies. Any anyway, what are you going to do with a diploma in fake women's studies? Serious people recognize a fake when they see it—and those who had a hand in producing it. Who said: "Honesty is the best policy?" Let's vote for her!

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



Our Opinion

Not all are the same

In reference to the latest attacks against journalists by mosque preachers, I realized that a great deal of mosque preachers actually do not agree with many of what has been said against journalists by Islamists. After I attended the Friday prayer last week, I was impressed to know that we are still doing well. The preacher at the mosque gave a strong lecture against those who claim to be sheikhs and accuse their brother Muslims of infidelity and coming against Islam. "Instead of going against their Muslim brothers and accusing them of, why don't they try to focus on more important issues?" is what he said in his sermon.

The good impression I got out of the mosque encouraged me to write about this group of truly dedicated Muslim scholars who give more significance to the main concerns of the Yemeni public rather than turning to less significant issues. Not every Sheikh is actually of enough knowledge to accuse anyone of being a Muslim or not. In Islam, accusing a person of infidelity is a major act, which should never be committed unless with 100% of certainty.

Every country and society should always have prominent Islamic figures that should be tolerable and understand how to deal with critical situations in an appropriate manner. The massive campaigns against journalists and against media in general has turned the normal citizens to enemies of the media simply because they follow their Islamic leaders, sometimes blindly. What would happen if these preachers irresponsibly call citizens to the slaughtering of journalists? How could one ever excuse them for committing such atrocities?

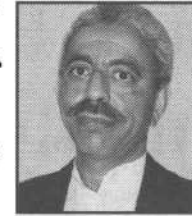
Understanding Islam in its true spirit is essential to know why accusing journalists and the media is not the right action in Islamic terms.

I am once again glad that we still have moderate and understanding Muslim scholars and preachers who realize that their role is to promote Islamic teachings and noble acts, rather than accusing others of infidelity. I am glad that they are not all the same.

COMMON SENSE

By: Hassan Al-Haifi

On Sovereignty over Jerusalem, Why Not Ask History?



Time and again, we wonder at the strange policy decisions of the United States as a responsible superpower seeking to ensure that its hegemony works for the sake of world peace and international cohesion – globalization. One would not fail to understand that much of this policy is to be dictated by a lot of self-interest. However, the American policy on the Middle East seems to be dictated by disregarding much of what the United States stands for. On the other hand such policy is often dictated, not so much by the wishes of the majority of the American public, but by the arrogant and often misleading dictates of the proponents of Zionism, who have made deep inroads into the American political machinery using techniques from Monica Lewinsky to political contributions, to arm-twist American politicians to fall within the goals and aspirations of a Zionist machinery that might be driving American interests to the brink of patience of a lot of those who sit on top of those interests: half of the world's oil reserves, to say the least. We think it prudent that the American policy makers, not necessarily represented by the likes of Madeleine Al-Bright, Dennis Ross and many other members of the American Jewish Community, who are not expected to take their professional duties and the American national interests to heart, before ensuring that the Zionist masterminds in the United States and Israel have expressed their opinions and issued their dictates as to how Middle East policy is to be formulated and implemented accordingly, should take a less sinister approach towards the Middle East, if they are to truly mediate a "peaceful" settlement of the Middle East conflict, and to ensure that the patience of the people of the region is not driven to the brink.

For one thing, they cannot rely on the mere token positions of Arab leaders vis-à-vis an issue that the Arab population is not alone severely affected by, but perhaps has the solid backing of an entire Moslem popula-

tion of the world, which encompasses more than a billion souls who have no hesitation in carrying out any action that ensure that matters of religious sanctity are not infringed upon by any blind and arrogant policy makers, who are really limited in their outlook and perhaps confident that they can dictate American policy and programs in the directions perceived by the New York diamond dealers and publishers who insist that the only holy structure in Jerusalem is the "Wailing Wall".

Jerusalem is first and foremost a sanctified holy fortress that has been protected by the Al-Mighty for the worshippers of the world and has been safeguarded by Islamic jurisprudence over the area for thousands of years, with the latter having proven the strong tolerance and respect that Islam holds for all the shrines of the monotheistic faiths. Since the Caliph Omar Ibn Al-Khattab, gracefully declined the offer of the Patriarch of Jerusalem to pray in the Church of the Ascension, after the Moslem Armies liberated their Arab Christian cousins in Jerusalem, from Byzantine oppression, for fear that he could set a bad example of violating the exclusive rights of the Christians to their holy shrines, although Islam has no qualms about regarding Christian and Jewish houses of worship as acceptable for Moslems to carry out their prayers therein, as long as they do not violate the rights of the religious communities that have sway over those houses of worship. Instead the pious and modest Caliph of the Moslem World, who has seen both the Roman and Persian Empires crumble in less than a decade by the indefatigable Moslem armies that could not be stopped by any power then, no matter what the odds were against them, and submit to the tolerance of Islamic jurisprudence, without so much as seeing one church or house of worship destroyed or transformed into mosques (unless the entire community involved has converted to Islam and the people of the community themselves insisted that the relevant house of worship has outlived its usefulness as a

Christian or Jewish house of worship and surely is to be adapted to the new faith of the community. We must emphasize here that such conversions were voluntary and were induced by the tolerance and justice that Islamic jurisprudence reflected by both Moslem scholars and the military and civil service that served the Islamic faith at the time.

Thus history certainly proves, that if anyone has controlled the holy places of all the faiths in Jerusalem, with the appropriate degrees of tolerance and protection to ensure their sustainability, it was Moslem authorities who have ruled the area for well over 15 centuries. The fact that the Wailing Wall, the Church of the Ascension and many other holy shrines of Moslems, Christians and Jews still remain intact to this day is testimony that, for all intents and purposes, it should be the indigenous Moslem and Christians of Palestine who should still maintain the "sovereignty" over these shrines, for the simple reason that they have a proven record of preserving their sanctity and their structures intact.

In looking back at the Zionist record in Palestine and in the other areas of the Holy Land, it would seem apparent that the Zionists have repeatedly and openly violated the sanctity of the Moslem and Christian shrines, with more indiscreet attention shown particularly the Islamic shrines. They have discriminately carried out massacres of worshippers as they are praying, even in the most sacred of months (during the Holy Month of Ramadhan), such as the massacre in the Al-Khalil Mosque in Hebron, where hundreds of Moslem worshippers were gunned down in cold blood by Zionist hooligans, who to this day have yet to be even reprimanded for this heinous crime. However, then in the eyes of American foreign policy makers like Mrs. Albright these are not terrorists. Only Moslems who insist on protecting their own holy places and the places of their Christian cousins are terrorists, because they threaten that all Moslems should do anything in their power to prevent any change to the sanctity of Moslem jurisprudence over the areas, which are even recognized by the former imperialist power that had the mandate over the area, which never refuted the legitimacy of Moslem ownership over the Holy sites in Jerusalem, perhaps they realized for sure that if the ownership changed hands, then surely the Christian shrines will be threatened by Zionist hooligans who have no qualms or who show no hesitation about carrying out ethnic and religious cleansing

by any means possible. For Moslems, it is not just a matter of legitimate rights; it is a religious duty to do so. History has proven that there is no way that Zionism should be allowed to hold sway over the holy sites revered by over half the population of the Earth, since the proponents of this demagogic philosophy have literally changed the face of the areas they have stolen from its rightful owners and do not hide the fact that they have no hesitation about carrying out their Zionist dream of Eretz Israel – from the Euphrates to the Nile, banking on the continued blind support of the United States, who seem to have become blinded to historical facts and the logical aspirations of the non-Jewish constituencies that make up the American public, who considerably outnumber the Jewish and particularly the Zionist constituencies, who never fail to hide their "double loyalty" to the robbery that has become Israel and to their make-believe loyalty to the United States.

Nevertheless, one appalling situation fails to convince this observer of any hopes to be found in the existing leaderships of the Arab and Moslem populations of the world. One is not oblivious to the feelings of the people in the street, in most of the Arab and Moslem countries of the world, as to their views on the recent threats by the United States of moving their embassy to Jerusalem. For sure, had they been allowed by their leaders to express their views openly in the streets, for sure the American policy makers might be brought to twice about moving their embassy, if they could see first hand the anger and disgust at the almost blind implications of American foreign policy towards the region. Literally millions would come out in the streets to denounce such policy decisions and to ensure that they will indeed carry out any and all necessary measures that would insure that the sanctity of Moslem beliefs are not to be taken lightly, if these policy makers are willing to take their own real interests lightly. One only has to recall that after the 1973 rescue of Israel by the United States, this observer witnessed American motorists by the millions line up for hours to get their limited rations of gasoline, because one serious minded Moslem leader – the truly majestic King Feisal of Saudi Arabia decided to close the faucet of oil flowing to the United States and other Western countries, because he was, like most Arabs and Moslems of the world just fed up with the blind justice that the United States deems appropriate for the region. However, where are the present Moslem and Arab leaders from the venerable man of principles that King Feisal was then, who gave his life for the principles he stood for? Accordingly, he has achieved the ultimate goal of martyrdom for his faith and the love of his fellow Arabs and Moslems indefinitely. Carry on Mohammed Hussein Nasrullah (of Hizbullah), you are on the right track!

Illicit Enrichment, Any Solution?



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Amidst the financial and administrative corruption sweeping all government machinery, bribery phenomenon has overwhelmingly spread in judiciary, education, health and security. Consequence of bribery can be traced among thousands of inel-

igible and failure students, thousands of postponed legal cases. It is manifest in cases of thousands of arbitrarily imprisoned people and those doctors who have converted into headmen instead of angels of mercy. What is worse is that decision-makers know well where corruption is bred and where it stems from. However, once in a blue moon one of them has been prosecuted. I still remember the execution of some Iraqi officials after being proved guilty of taking bribes in the 1980s, Syrian ex-prime Minister, Mahmoud Al-Zoghbi who committed suicide after accusing him of corruption and the prose-

cution of Prime Minister of Pakistan. In our country the situation is just the opposite, for corrupts are rewarded and promoted.

I believe that one of the main reasons for the spread of such corrupt practices is Qat. Oddly enough, people buy qat that costs them more than the salaries they get. This of course comes through taking bribes for even putting a single signature.

This happens everyday in schools, hospitals, offices, courts, police stations, etc. In an overnight tens of such corrupts become prosperous and nobody dare ask them where you have got this from.

prising me even all the people like the Yemen. We understand and we got fed up from the corruption available in to the government offices and need another revolution to fight might be long and long times. My issue my wife she want to finish her process of buying home form her sister and she got a release paper that to change the owner to my wife and she went to justice office they will not accept her unless to pay 90000 rials (ninety thousand rials) and to bring a release and confirmed letter from Al Asbahi the one her sister already have before 4 years. When she went to Al-Asbahi office the officer told her to look after your request needs \$1500 dollars. She called me and I told her do it. But even the private sector and company use for the customers like this kind of bribing? what's happen with our country is it already adapted with their life? And where she can go and claiming? is it not risk also for her? please help us. We love our country and we have been away for years and years and we need to settle.

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Dear Editor,
There is a mistake in Yemen Times on page 5 the subject is about Sheikh Moqbil Al-Wadi'i to Yemen Times you wrote god instead of God "G" has to be capital, and after the word God you should write (ALLAH). Thank you very much & hope the best for you'll.

Afrah Zain Abdulkader

Dear Afrah,
Thank you for your remark. We will try to be more careful next time!

- Editor

Letters to the Editor

The 'closed eyes

Here you are...
Alone...!
With no friends.
With no sights.
With your broken phone...
...
Here you are again...
Simply...
You have the same...
...
Could you tell me more?
about your life before
at the time you believed
you were wrong
and you have
To set things right.
It's like the morning
when it always comes with light...
...
Is it lie
That blue sky
Have never rain...!!
And your heart
Can never feel any pain
at the this time when we still apart...
...
Open them.
Open your closed eyes...

Zeyad Taqi Addin

Dear Editor,
Thank you for your consideration all comments or letters come to you, because here in Riyadh lot's of my friends look after letters to the editor. Any how this is my third letters, this one it's sur-

VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

Queen's Junior College which constitutes all educational levels from preschool to grade 12 of Secondary school study, invites candidates to apply for the following vacant positions:-



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The First Conference in Yemen on Health and Technical Administration, 1-3 August 2000

On the occasion of the Yemeni Doctor And Pharmacist's Day and under the patronage of the President, Yemeni Doctors and Pharmacists Syndicate held on 1-3 August the first Conference for Health and Technical Administration at the syndicate office. During the conference a number of subjects on health were discussed by a number of physicians, pharmacists, and technicians attending the conference. Mr. Abdu Rabu Mansour Hadi, Vice President hoped in his opening speech that discussions would help promote health sectors in the country. He highlighted the government's efforts to assist health sector along with the education sector which he described as the basis for change and development. He further called for outlining a specific plan for health insurance in cooperation with general and state institutions. Discussion in the conference centered on health situation in Yemen, private hospitals, Drug industry, treatment abroad, smuggled drugs, health insurance, environment health, administration corruption in the health sector, mothers, children and youths' health, epidemic diseases, etc.

Dr. Khaled Jaghman, Chairman of Physicians Syndicate stressed the importance of improving doctors' living standards. He said that the syndicate members should have the priority in posts and that the syndicate had formed a team to discuss that matter. He also called for avoiding selfishness among doctors.

Dr. Fadhl Hirab, pharmacist, presented a research paper on Drug Fund supported by the WB which is suggested as an alternative to the medical supply. This means that there will no more be free drugs for patients, he said. He said that the state spent about YRs 700 million on the Ministry of Health and billions



the Yemeni cadre and organization of nursing courses.

Dr. Abdul Majeed Al-Kholaidy, Chairman of the Syndicate and the conference called for studying the problems carefully to come out with sound health plans. Planning must be based on facts, he said. He added that the Yemeni cadre should be given the chance to do studies and make researches to outline a realistic health policy. He also talked about health insurance and the problem that might face it as a result of the Yemeni Rial drop against foreign currencies. Evaluation of services, improving performance, improving condition of health cadre and equality between Yemenis and foreign physicians are the most important objectives of the conference, he concluded.

Dr. Mansour Abdullah, works in the drug stores hoped to:

- 1- Right the wrong condition of health sector
 - 2- Benefit from the participants' experience
 - 3- Improving hospitals laboratories.
- Dr. Adel Hamed Ja'afar, Chairman of the syndicate, Aden highlighted Yemeni patients' travel abroad for treatment while they can receive the same kind of treatment here. He stressed the importance of organizing courses for doctors and laboratory technicians to acquaint them with what is new in their fields of specializations.

on hospitals. He added that drugs distributed to hospitals were of suspected quality and origin. The paper also included a number of recommendations:

- 1- Health insurance
 - 2- The states should provide drugs for incurable diseases.
- Fifty doctors from Aden participated in the conference among whom was Dr. Jubain who wished that health condition would improve. He also hoped that foreign donations were properly exploited. Dr. Fatima Shafeeq Aman, director of Al-Wahdah Hospital in Aden described the conference as excellent in case its recommendations were translated into actions. She also called for providing medicine for the poor and the needy, improving physicians' condition, distinguishing



Pharmacological Aspects of Chewing the Qat Leaves (PART 1)

In certain parts of eastern Africa and southern Arabia, the stimulating properties of the leaves of the Khat bush were probably known before those of coffee (55), and the habit of Khat chewing has been common on those areas for many centuries. The effects of Khat were reported in the literature as early as 1237 by the Arabian physician Naguib Ad Din (87), who proposed the use of Khat for the treatment of depressive states, and by other writers of the same period who reported that it

was effective in blunting the sensations of hunger and fatigue (82,87). Since the Khat leaf rapidly loses its effect upon wilting, the Khat habit has remained, until recently, endemic to the areas where the plant was grown. During the last decades, however, due to the development of road networks and the availability of air transport, the habit has spread considerably in those regions and to countries where the plant does not grow. Thus, shipments of Khat have even been observed by customs authorities in France, Great

Britain, and the United States. The growing use of Khat has motivated an interest in further knowledge of its active ingredients and their pharmacological effects. A number of studies have therefore been made in an attempt to throw light on these problems. The investigations led to the discovery of the alkaloid (-) cathinone, which is now considered to be the constituent that is mainly responsible for the stimulating properties of Khat leaves. The present review is intended to describe the medical aspects of Khat chewing, to summarize the pharmacological data concerning Khat constituents that have thus far been reported in the literature and to provide some background information.

The Habit of Chewing Khat:
In some countries where the use of Khat is widespread, the habit has a deep-rooted social and cultural tradition (78, 82, 114a, 121a). This is particularly true for Yemen, where many houses have a room called a mufraj that is specially arranged for regular sessions of Khat chewing. In the Yemen Arab Republic, more than 4% of the arable land is used for Khat cultivation (115); the bush grows on moist slopes at altitudes of 3000 to 8000 ft, and it is quite adaptable to varying ecological conditions (83, 115). The first Khat crop is ready for harvesting 3 to 5 yrs after planting and, although there are marked seasonal differences in regrowth, Khat can be harvested throughout the year. The shoots at the tips of the branches are cut in the early hours of the day,

and then usually wrapped in banana leaves to preserve their freshness. The material is then speedily transported to the markets, where it is sold by late morning. The buyers select from among various types of Khat available, which also vary considerably in price, the most expensive (because the most potent) material being, in general, the freshest and that with the youngest leaves. For the consumption of Khat in the traditional social setting, the chewers meet in a house some time after noon, usually bringing their own supply. After being welcomed and carefully seated according to their social position, the guests begin to masticate the leaves thoroughly one by one. The juice is swallowed, while the residue of the leaves is stored in the cheek as a bolus of macerated material for further extraction, and is finally ejected. Altogether, each person takes some 1000 to 200g of the leaves; young leaves are most favored, mainly because they are more potent but also because they are tenderer to chew. During the session, the group may

smoke from water pipes, and there is a generous supply of beverages (65,89). After the Khat leaves have been chewed, the



OPHTHALMIC EDUCATION (8)

Understanding CONTACT LENSES

Why do contact lenses make sense?
Contact lenses let you look life in a new way. You will enjoy life and sport with greater freedom and show off your eyes like you once did. And best of all, no one need ever realise that you are wearing them.

100 years to perfect

Contact lenses are not a new invention. They were first worn in the 1880's, when they were hand blown from fine glass. Today's lenses are designed with the aid of computers and made from sophisticated materials. They are comfortable, safe and provide good, clear vision.

Are they difficult to use?

No. Putting in and taking out contact lenses takes just a few seconds once you know how. It soon becomes second nature. You will be taught how to put them in and take them out. Also you will learn how to keep them clean.

What are the types of contact lenses?
There is a wide range of contact lenses to suit every lifestyle.

1. Soft Contact Lenses: it allows the eye to gain oxygen they need, these lenses provide a high level of comfort. Eyes get used to soft lenses almost immediately, which makes them ideal for sports or occasional use. They can be replaced daily, monthly, quarterly or yearly.

2. Gas Permeable Lenses: they take longer to get used but they provide excellent clarity of vision. They are good in certain conditions such as keratoconus (conical cornea).

3. Toric Lenses: astigmatism means the shape of the eye is irregular, causing an image to be distorted. Toric lenses correct astigmatism better than soft lenses.

4. Coloured Soft Lenses: these are soft lenses which enhance the colour of your eyes. They are mainly used to completely change the colour of your eyes and make your eyes appear beautiful.

Which type of contact lens should you choose?

Your eye doctor will advise you according to the requirement of your eyes.

Choosing to wear contact lenses is an important decision. Here are some answers to questions you may ask.

Will I always feel that I am wearing contact lenses?

You will be surprised to discover how comfortable your contact lenses are. Eye naturally react at first to new sensation, but most people quickly forget that they are wearing contact lenses.

Will other people see that I am wearing them?

No. Most wearers say that the major benefit of contact lenses is that they are virtually invisible to others.

What if I lose a lens?

Your eye doctor can order replacement very quickly.

Is there an age limit?

No. Many people from young children to the elderly can wear contact lenses very successfully.

What if I have an astigmatism?

Because contact lenses fit close to the surface of the eye, most astigmatism is automatically corrected by gas permeable lenses.

How quickly will I adapt to contact lenses?

This depends on the type you choose. Your eye doctor will advise you on the most suitable introduction programme for you.

Can I still wear make-up?

Yes...and your contact lenses will help you see better at close distances and you should be able to apply it more easily. If you have sensitive eyes, special make-up for use with contact lenses is available. If possible, choose creams rather than powders, and avoid metallic powders which may cause irritation.

Should I still keep my spectacles?

Yes, it is usually recommended to have an up-to-date pair of glasses - just in case your lenses ever get lost or damaged. Also, if your eyes feel tired, changing to spectacles can have a relaxing effect.

Can dusty weather affect my ability to wear contact lenses?

Yes. You should take more care if you are exposed to dust and dirty environment.

What about playing sport?

Soft lenses are best for sport. Besides providing all-round vision, they will not steam up or get knocked off like spectacles.

Can lenses get lost in my eyes?

It is impossible for contact lenses to move behind the eye. But if they ever slip out of place, it is easy to slide them back into position again.

Golden rules:

- Always handle your lenses with clean, smooth hands
- Use cleaning solutions regularly, as recommended by your eye doctor
- Arrange regular aftercare consultations to check the condition of your eyes and contact lenses
- Change your lenses regularly

Routine eye exam by an eye specialist is very important. It is your sight and your eyes need every care they deserve.

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MILK OF LIFE

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Every year between August 1-7, the World Breast Feeding is celebrated under different themes, and an opportunity to create awareness about its importance. Few mothers are of course aware that the first feed a baby takes from the mother immediately after birth, is perhaps the most important meal the baby will have. During the captioned week, programs on awareness of this significant matter will be held for women from different strata of society and also for doctors. As breast feeding is part and parcel of the Yemeni customs and culture, it is done within the first hour of the baby's birth. The advantage of this, is that the baby gets more colostrum -

the thick yellowish milk which contains large quantities of protective substances, rich protein and vitamins A + K, which enhance development of baby's gastrointestinal tract. This is in fact the first immunization of babies, because it has all the essential antibodies that are transferred from mothers to children. It is worth mentioning that in Wadi Hadhramout in particular and from time immemorial a 4-6 months old child is fed from home-made food, known locally as MAREES which is jiggery-like juice extracted from date juices. Artificial food is avoided and totally discouraged. World-wide estimates indicate that annual infant mortality is mainly due to non-breast feeding from birth onwards. It is therefore recommended to promote widely breast feeding in our society to the above-quoted benefits.

guests stay on for most of the afternoon, passing their time in animated discussions often devoted to matters of general interest, such as community affairs. From this point of view, Khat can be seen as a factor furthering interaction and structuring social life. The Khat session also plays an important role at weddings and other family events (121a). Khat is frequently used during work by craftsmen, laborers, and especially by farmers, in order to



idling in the streets, particularly in towns and cities where it has been introduced within the last decades. In these regions, Khat is also consumed (sometimes along with alcoholic beverages and other drugs) at gatherings which lack the restraint and well-defined social setting described above. The social aspects of Khat use are discussed extensively in the publications of Hughes (65), Kennedy et al. (78), Nelhans (102), and Schopen (121a)

To be continued next issue



VACANCIES

Canadian Occidental Petroleum Yemen is offering the following job opportunities for Yemeni Nationals. Details are listed under each position

• ENGLISH INSTRUCTOR

A qualified English Instructor is required at our Masila Block Operation Hadhramout Govt. Yemen. This job will be based on rotational schedule (28 days on / 28 days off).

Work Performed:

- Plans and prepares lessons and courses for teaching.
- Provides English language instruction to Yemeni employees and trainees.
- Monitors students' needs and progress based on classroom activities and test results.
- Maintains a variety of records relating to students' and written tests, attendance, work records, etc.
- Liaises on a continuing basis and works closely with technical staff in areas or topics which require English language training input in preparation for technical courses.

Minimum Requirements:

- Masters degree in English Language.
- 5 years' experience in teaching English as a foreign language. Computer skills including Word and Excel.
- English language competence of Native speaker.

• TECHNICAL (MECHANICAL & ELECTRICAL) INSTRUCTORS

A qualified Electrical Instructor and Mechanical Instructor are required at our Masila Block Operation Hadhramout Govt. Yemen. This job will be based on rotational schedule (28 days on / 28 days off).

Work Performed:

- Plans and prepares technical lessons and workshop practice.
 - Updates training material such as drawings and illustrations as required and ensures the availability of training manuals and related material.
 - Monitors and follows up on the skills ladder program. Reports regularly to students' supervisor on progress status.
 - Provides counseling and tutoring to individual trainees as required.
- ### Minimum Requirements:
- Bachelor's degree in engineering discipline.
 - 5-8 years' engineering/operational experience and/or Oil Field experience. Computer skills including Word and Excel.
 - High level of proficiency in English.

• ACCOUNTANT

A qualified Accountant is required at our main Office in Sana'a, Yemen. Working hours will be 8:00 - 15:00 hrs Saturday to Wednesday and 8:00 - 12:00 Thursday.

Work Performed:

- Prepares monthly bank reconciliations for five in-country bank accounts.
- Receives and reviews uploads from CPF and Dubai. Includes verifying coding and ensuring compliance with Company accounting procedures
- Receives and reviews uploads from CPF and Terminal for accrual.
- Reviews Calgary/Yemen invoices for monthly Intercompany Transaction Voucher (ITV) process
- Sets up ISO month Timewrite and record Timewrite allocation. Reclassifies various monthly transactions to asset and/or expense accounts. Analyzes variances and prepares journal entries.
- Prepares, reviews and maintains Operating Unit Cost Centers which are used to capture operating costs at well, Field or area level within IDEAS, CENDEC, and PW INTERFACE.

Minimum Requirements:

- Bachelor's degree in Commerce or equivalent.
- 5 years' general accounting or Finance experience. Excellent computer skills including Word, Excel, IDEAS, Lotus Notes.
- Good knowledge of English.

• OPERATIONS IMPROVEMENT MANAGER

A qualified Operations Improvement Manager is required at our Masila Block Operation Hadhramout Govt. Yemen. This job will be based on rotational schedule (28 days on / 28 days off).

Work Performed:

Works with the Vice President of Yemen Operations using business and engineering skills to identify and implement opportunities to optimize field operations.

- Coordinates the efforts of the Calgary technical groups, field staff, and the Yemen government regarding operations and development projects.
- Evaluates projects involving operations, construction, drilling and logistics.
- Provides support for contract evaluations.
- Participates in third party project and business development phases of potential facility users.
- Manages the OPEX project model jointly with operations staff and operations engineering.
- Participates in Masila manpower and Yemenization strategy development.
- Participates in operations improvement initiatives related to key operations cost improvement strategies.

Minimum Requirements:

- Bachelor of Engineering degree and 20 years experience directly related to operating a large oil and gas production facility.
- Experience in implementing capital programs in excess of US\$100M.
- Excellent communication and presentation skills.

• TRAVEL & IMMIGRATION LIAISON

A qualified Travel & Immigration Liaison is required at our Terminal Marine Operation near Mukalla, Yemen. Working hours will be 0700 -1600h Saturday to Wednesday.

Work Performed:

- Prepares immigration documents to ensure that expatriate passports have the necessary permits/visas to work and reside in Yemen. Includes obtaining exit/re-entry stamps for approximately 40 passports weekly.
- Liaises with labour office and any other authorities to obtain work permits for expatriates working at CPF or Terminal.
- Procures domestic travel documents from airline office as requested by supervisor.
- Liaises with airport authorities. Includes expediting immigration/security and airline issues by preparing G7 visas and accompanying rotators to the airport, meeting and greeting travellers at the airport, and providing assistance when necessary.

Minimum Requirements:

- Completion of Secondary (12 years) education.
- 1-2 years' experience in government/immigration agencies. Computer skills including Word, Excel, email.
- Valid driving license.
- Good knowledge of English and Arabic.

• ASSISTANT CAMP ADMINISTRATOR (Trainee)

An Assistant Camp Administrator trainee is required at our Masila Block Operation Hadhramout Govt. Yemen. This job will be based on rotational schedule (28 days on / 28 days off).

Work Performed:

The Assistant Camp Administrator Trainee progresses through the Skills Ladder over a period of time and develops the required skills to perform the following duties:

- Carries out a variety of administrative duties related to the day to day camp activities covering accommodation, catering, laundry, maintenance, transportation and aviation services.
 - Allocates accommodation to personnel, visitors and guests ensuring that the accommodation is clean and serviced.
 - Prepares the daily accommodation report.
 - Administers all aviation services, including travel bookings for air and ground transportation for employees and visitors between CPF, Riyan and Sana'a.
 - Prepares the weekly flight schedule.
- ### Minimum Requirements:
- Completion of secondary education with 2 years experience working in remote location.
 - Very good knowledge of English.
 - Intermediate computer skills including word processing, spreadsheets.
 - Valid Yemen driving license.

• PLANNING CLERK

Planning Clerks are required at our Masila Block Operation Hadhramout Govt. Yemen. This job will be based on rotational schedule (28 days on / 28 days off).

Work Performed:

- Provides administrative support to planning and general clerical support to Maintenance department.
- Inputting data into maintenance management system to produce work orders for maintenance planning.
- Organizing and maintaining maintenance record and stationary items, and sorting and distributing mail.

Minimum Requirements:

- Completion of Secondary education (12 years) and 1-2 years clerical or administrative experience in maintenance or engineering office. 1-2 years technical experience in operating or maintaining equipment would be an asset.
- Computer skills including Word, Excel, database applications.
- Good knowledge of English.

• CORROSION TECHNICIAN TRAINEES

Corrosion Technician trainees are required at our Masila Block Operation Hadhramout Govt. Yemen. This job will be based on rotational schedule (28 days on / 28 days off).

Work Performed:

The Corrosion Technician Trainee progresses through the Skills Ladder over a period of time and develops the required skills to perform the following duties:

- Implements corrosion monitoring programs.
- Implements cathodic protection programs for Company assets.
- Monitors production chemical performance including biocides, demulsifiers, water clarifiers and corrosion inhibitor application.

Minimum Requirements:

- Completion of Secondary School (12 years) and Technical School with a major in Chemistry, Biochemistry or equivalent.
- Minimum score of 60% on the Trainee entrance exams.
- Good knowledge of math, chemistry, physics.
- Good knowledge of English.
- Valid Yemen driving license.

• ENVIRONMENT HEALTH AND SAFETY OPERATORS

Qualified EH&S Operators are required at our Masila Block Operation Hadhramout Govt. Yemen. This job will be based on rotational schedule (28 days on / 28 days off).

Work Performed:

- Inspects CPF, Field and Terminal safety equipment on a regular basis to ensure that it is in a proper operating condition. Covers such equipment as fire extinguishers, breathing air equipment, eye wash and emergency shower, first-aid kits, aviation/emergency response vehicle etc.
- Carries out periodic job site observations to ensure compliance and advises personnel regarding proper safety procedures and practices.
- Advise the Environmental Health and Safety Supervisor immediately of any hazardous or unsafe acts and conditions, environmental incidents and accidents, injuries or near-miss events with the potential to cause any of the above occurrences. Participates in accident/incident investigations as required.
- Provides assistance to the Safety Training Coordinator in the performance of various types of safety training programs.

Minimum Requirements:

- Completion of formal training in a technical discipline with 3 years' safety and field operating experience.
- Basic computer skills including use of Excel, Word and Freelance.
- Good knowledge of English.
- Valid Yemeni driving license.

• LABORATORY TECHNICIAN

A qualified Laboratory Technician is required at our Masila Block Operation Hadhramout Govt. Yemen. This job will be based on rotational schedule (28 days on / 28 days off).

Work Performed:

- Performs crude oil lift analyses.
- Carries out process monitoring activities.
- Performs deposit analysis.
- Carries out chemical quality control testing.
- Monitors power plant samples.
- Analyzes drinking water and carries out checks of drinking water system.
- Monitors the sewage plant efficiency. Includes analyzing biological oxygen demand, checking solids content at the discharge effluent.

Minimum Requirements:

- Completion of technical education in Chemistry and 4 years experience in an oil field laboratory.
- Completed courses in Laboratory Instrumentation.
- Good knowledge of English.
- Valid Yemen driving license.

• FIELD TRAINING COORDINATORS

Qualified Field Training Coordinators are required at our Masila Block Operation Hadhramout Govt. Yemen. This job will be based on rotational schedule (28 days on / 28 days off).

Work Performed:

The primary function of the Field Training Coordinator is to facilitate the development of National staff at the CPF in order to achieve COPY's Yemenization objectives. The Field Training Coordinator will also augment the regular CPF staff on an exception basis in order to maintain continuity of operations.

- Develops on-the-job trainees to work independently.
- Develops and revises skills ladder training as necessary.
- Provides instruction related to field operations.
- Ensures compliance with EH&S policies and procedures.

Minimum Requirements:

- University degree or trade certification and 15 years' experience, including 8 years in a supervisory capacity.
- International experience in oil and gas processing environment.
- Computer skills including Word and Excel.

• CHEMICAL / CORROSION TRAINING COORDINATOR

A qualified Chemical/Corrosion Training Coordinator is required at our Masila Block Operation Hadhramout Govt. Yemen. This job will be based on rotational schedule (28 days on / 28 days off).

Work Performed:

The primary function of the Chemical/Corrosion Training Coordinator is to facilitate the development of National Corrosion Technicians at the CPF in order to achieve COPY's Yemenization objectives. The Training Coordinator ensures that the mechanical integrity of the company's assets are adequately maintained.

- Develops on-the-job trainees to work independently.
- Develops and revises skills ladder training as necessary.
- Provides instruction related to corrosion and chemical programs.
- Ensures compliance with EH&S policies and procedures.

Minimum Requirements:

- Bachelor of Science degree and 15 years' experience, including 8 years in a supervisory capacity.
- Certified member of National Association of Corrosion Engineer (NACE).
- International experience in oil and gas processing environment.
- Computer skills including Word and Excel.

• MECHANICAL TECHNICIANS

Qualified Mechanical Technicians are required at our Masila Block Operation, Hadhramout Govt., and Terminal Marine Operation, Yemen. This job will be based on rotational schedule (28 days on / 28 days off) or (14 days on / 7 days off).

Work Performed:

- Overhauls diesel engines. Includes overhauling Caterpillar and other types of diesel generators, and commissioning same.
- Servises generators and carries out daily inspections of solar turbines and generators.
- Repairs and carries out major overhauls on mechanical pumps.
- Carries out planned maintenance in plant and on equipment.

Minimum Requirements:

- Completion of technical education (mechanical trades) and 6-8 years of related experience.
- Experience with providing on-the-job training to others.
- Good knowledge of English.
- Valid Yemen driving license.

• SR. PRODUCTION ENGINEER

A qualified Sr. Production Engineer is required at our Masila Block Operation Hadhramout Govt. Yemen. This job will be based on rotational schedule (28 days on / 28 days off).

Work Performed:

- Supports the Production Engineering Specialist with secondary zone development in the Upper Saar Clastics.
 - Prepares workover and ESP changeout programs for Masila block operations.
 - Prepares programs for water shut-offs and zonal re-completions.
 - Prepares logging programs and slickline survey programs for gradient monitoring and well interference testing.
 - Prepares equipment specifications and requirements for ESPs and all associated components.
- ### Minimum Requirements:
- Bachelor of Science in chemical or mechanical engineering and 8 years project and construction experience.
 - Intermediate PC skills including word processing, spreadsheet applications and knowledge of engineering and project management software.
 - Very good knowledge of English.
 - Valid Yemen driving license.

• ENVIRONMENT HEALTH AND SAFETY TRAINER (Trainee)

An EH&S Safety Trainer Trainee is required at our Masila Block Operation Hadhramout Govt. Yemen. This job will be based on rotational schedule (28 days on / 28 days off).

Work Performed:

The EH&S Safety Trainer Trainee progresses through the Skills Ladder over a period of time and develops the required skills to perform the following duties:

- Responsible for coordinating safety training activities.
- Develops, upgrades, documents and provides training courses and assessment where necessary to meet the needs of the company's emergency response plan, company policies and procedures or oil industry training requirements.
- Prepares quarterly training schedules for the CPF and Terminal based on the needs of line managers and supervisors.
- Coordinates the maintenance of EH&S training facilities and equipment at the CPF.
- Provides materials and expertise for all levels of management as requested for safety meetings, presentations and orientation.
- Conducts job site observations to establish training needs.

Minimum Requirements:

- Completion of Secondary (Technical) education followed by 3 years' full time training leading to an Engineering Diploma.
- 7 years' oil field experience in an operational or technical role including safety training responsibility. Includes short specialized courses in fire and safety and computer skills covering Word, Excel and Powerpoint..
- Very good knowledge of English.

• ELECTRICAL TECHNICIAN

A qualified Electrical Technician is required at our Masila Block Operation Hadhramout Govt. Yemen. This job will be based on rotational schedule (28 days on / 28 days off).

Work Performed:

- Installs, maintains and repairs electrical equipment. Includes troubleshooting motors, wiring, power supplies (Wartsila, Caterpillar diesel engines and solar turbines), well site equipment, 69/13.8kv overhead line network, switchgear, power generation control and protection equipment.
 - Participates in planned and preventative maintenance programs and breakdown work.
 - Connects and disconnects high voltage electrical power supplies.
- ### Minimum Requirements:
- Completion of technical (electrical) education and 6-8 years of related experience.
 - Experience with providing on-the-job training to others.
 - Good knowledge of English.
 - Valid Yemen driving license.

• MACHINIST

A qualified Machinist is required at our Terminal Marine Operation, near Mukalla, Yemen. This job will be based on rotational schedule (14 days on / 7 days off).

Work Performed:

- Fabricates parts in the shop as requested by various departments at the Terminal. Uses machinery such as lathes, milling machines, surface grinders, bending machines, press brakes and other equipment.
 - Carries out planned maintenance according to work orders.
 - Maintains all equipment in the machine shop. Includes preventative maintenance servicing to all drills, taps, dies, etc. according to manufacturers' specifications.
- ### Minimum Requirements:
- Completion of machinist trades education and 5 years' experience in machine shop.
 - Good knowledge of English.
 - Able to read engineering machine shop drawings.
 - Proficient in the use of Standard Machine shop measuring equipment.

• RESERVOIR SURVEILLANCE ENGINEER TRAINEES

A qualified Reservoir Surveillance Engineer is required at our Masila Block Operation Hadhramout Govt. Yemen. This job will be based on rotational schedule (28 days on / 28 days off).

Work Performed:

The Reservoir Surveillance Engineer Trainee progresses through the Skills Ladder over a period of time and develops the required skills to perform the following duties:

- Meets daily with the Field Superintendent and Sr. Production Engineer - North to arrange the work schedule for the Slickline unit and Fluid Level surveys.
 - Prepares all Slickline programs requested by the Calgary or CPF Engineering groups for approval by the Sr Production engineers.
 - Trains the Senior and Assistant Slickline Operators to use the technical software to program and download the ZIP electronic recorders.
 - Responsible for managing the Reservoir Surveillance budget.
 - Prepares Service orders for annual contract with vendor and for shipment and repair of electronic pressure gauges.
 - Prepares and sends all ZIP gauge reports (including analyses for all static gradient surveys).
 - Coordinates the collection of Fluid Level survey data by the Field Operators for updating the TDH technical report
 - Stewards to the 500+ KUSD Production Logging budget and manages the inventory levels of diagnostic (meters, gauges, etc.) and service equipment (slickline tools, shop tools, etc.) in accordance with specific corporate objectives.
- ### Minimum Requirements:
- B.Sc. or Diploma in Engineering, Geology, or Geophysics and 5 years' experience in an oilfield operation.
 - Computer skills including Excel. Experience using the ZIP reporting program, and the Subpump modeling program.
 - Good knowledge of written and spoken English.
 - Valid Yemen driving license.

• SENIOR CORROSION TECHNICIANS

A qualified Senior Corrosion Technician is required at our Masila Block Operation Hadhramout Govt. Yemen. This job will be based on rotational schedule (28 days on / 28 days off).

Work Performed:

- Generates and implements corrosion monitoring programs.
- Implements cathodic protection programs for Company assets.
- Actively participates in the process of coating selection, application and inspection for tanks and vessels and other production facilities. Monitors production chemical performance including biocides, demulsifiers, water clarifiers and corrosion inhibitor application. Recommends changes as required.
- Monitors chemical field trials carried out by vendors.
- Assists in the implementation of recommendations of outside specialist companies (cathodic protection, Ultrasonic, etc.).

Minimum Requirements:

- Completion of technical education in Chemistry and 6-8 years experience in an oil field corrosion department.
- Certified with National Association of Corrosion Engineers (NACE).
- Experience with providing on-the-job training to others.
- In-depth knowledge of database, Excel spreadsheets and word processing applications.
- Good knowledge of English.
- Valid Yemen driving license.

• ELECTRIC SUBMERSIBLE PUMP (ESP) DATA TECHNICIANS

A qualified Electric Submersible Pump (ESP) Data Technician is required at our Masila Block Operation Hadhramout Govt. Yemen. This job will be based on rotational schedule (28 days on / 28 days off).

Work Performed:

- Manages all ESP Repair Shop activities. Includes scheduling ESP teardown and repair work, repairing and testing ESP equipment and managing the ESP repair shop budget.
 - Performs inventory control of the ESP equipment.
 - Monitors ESP failures and repairs.
 - Inputs and updates equipment information on ESP run-life.
 - Prepares the budget review every month. Includes monitoring the budget for the year, monitoring ESP repair costs by well, and tracking all ESP-related invoices. Also updates the operating expenditure (OPEX) tracking sheet and the shop cost tracking table.
 - Creates and produces reports for the production engineers as requested.
- ### Minimum Requirements:
- Bachelor degree in engineering discipline or business administration.
 - 4 years' field and some business experience. Strong computer skills including Word and Excel and relational databases.
 - Good knowledge of English.

• PRODUCTION ENGINEER

A qualified Production Engineer is required at our Masila Block Operation Hadhramout Govt. Yemen. This job will be based on rotational schedule (28 days on / 28 days off).

Work Performed:

- Supports the Production Engineering Specialist with secondary zone development in the Upper Saar Clastics.
 - Prepares workover and ESP changeout programs for Masila block operations.
 - Prepares programs for water shut-offs and zonal re-completions.
 - Prepares logging programs and slickline survey programs for gradient monitoring and well interference testing.
 - Prepares equipment specifications and requirements for ESPs and all associated components.
- ### Minimum Requirements:
- Bachelor of Engineering degree and 10 years' experience in production engineering with concentration in reservoir delineation.
 - International experience in oil and gas environment.
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SCHEMES FOR ELIMINATION OF DISCRIMINATION AGAINST WOMEN

By: Manal Al-Kanadi

Prelude:

Condition of woman in Yemen does not differ from those prevalent in Arab region, Asia or Africa. She lives in that very identical triangle of poverty, ignorance and disease; thus international organizations and projects have been established. International conventions, such as the Beijing and New York conferences were held with the purpose of working together with local societies everywhere in order to enhance woman's role in all fields of development as well to increase her vital participation in society through support from these organizations.

In Yemen, these organizations fund projects meant for the development of woman to enable her improve economically, eliminate her illiteracy, offer her health services and reproductive awareness and politically to help her participate as a candidate and a voter.

All these led to the spread of the term of "gender". This expression is now well spread in Arab and Islamic societies; but gender is cloaked in misunderstanding of its real meaning.

In Arabic the term "gender" has a synonym in meaning known as "social gender". This carries the following meanings:-

1) Distinguished roles of man and woman in the society generated by civilization, cultural and social components in any society,

2) Relations between man and woman in that society at a specific place and time in as far as distribution of social roles for each sex for obtaining resources enabling them to meet their needs required for performing those roles are concerned.

This means gender works on concen-

trating efforts and finding out accessible resources to shrink differences and increase woman's participation in development, i.e., to make use of both sexes efforts in building the society. The aim is to work for rural woman's increased participation in agricultural production, increased partnership between husbands and wives in domestic works, child care tasks, to obliterate stereotyped traditional images of man and woman's roles in text books and to protect equality in job opportunities. These supportive projects for woman are mainly of multi-direction nature and serve both sexes equally. It leads to woman's integration in development planning because women represent the other half of society. Interest in educating her and her participation in different scopes of life makes her a basic element in upgrading the society and developing it. All these are not new things. Islam and its kind law are the first in the world to glorify woman, give her full rights and urge equality in rights and duties for men and women. Unfortunately, the overlapping of customs and traditions, old cultural heritage led to the creation of an imbalanced relationship at the expense of woman in distribution of power. These resulted in man occupying a higher position whereas the woman occupies secondary position in the society.

We would focus here on providing information on some projects offered to the Yemeni woman. What these projects can offer to her particularly as we are approaching new stages in our life, i.e. globalization and conversion of the world into a small village, are matters we take into consideration. Men and women are now equally facing great challenges that need to be

faced together.

We have interviewed Mrs Hooriyah Mush-hoor, vice-chairman of the Woman's National Committee (WNC). She spoke of the important projects which the committee had offered and is to offer to different segments of women.

The first is a 2-year project with the UNPF which aims at reinforcing the Committee's role and building capabilities of its members through training courses on issues related to legal and reproductive health care and in the field of gender. Through these courses they implement some survey studies for policies, strategies and projects at a group of ministries. Woman is included in these policies and strategies.

The second is the Dutch project which aims at developing the WNC and covering post-Beijing Conference activities' expenditure. These are the basic issues which care for growth and development of women at economic, social and political levels which were resolved at the International Conference held in Beijing in 1995.

The third is Phase II Beijing Project aimed at training WNC members working at ministries on pursuing and recording the extent of women participation in ministries' plans, programs and projects and to bridge the gap between males and females in different walks of life. The project also aims at enhancing WNC's relations with the NGOs as main partners in the sustained development process.

Mrs. Mush-hoor affirmed that as a government organization the WNC draws up general policies and strategies for woman's activities through coordination, follow-up and recording all programs from different government and non-governmental institutions for the purpose of analyzing the

objectives, context and outcome of such programs. It also coordinates within itself to avoid dualism. It always considers improving woman's conditions in rural and remote areas where they represent the most

deprived segment. offering credits to women. The standard of poor women who received credits from the project's centers has improved. Their income has improved and they can meet their needs. This proves woman's clear,



Hooriyah Mush-hoor



Mrs. Noor Ba-Abbad



Haseena Al-Qadri

deprived segment.

Our Projects Enhance Woman's Role in Society

Mrs. Noor Ba-Abbad, Project Director of Integrating Woman in Development explained that it was one of those projects that care for improving Yemeni woman's conditions. It carries out those tasks through eradication of illiteracy, offering loans, creating awareness on reproduction health and family planning. It also offers legal and social consultations out of the social perspective towards the woman. All this is aimed at providing her with skills which strengthen her personality and role in the society.

She affirmed that the project had contributed to reducing poverty through

though limited contribution in the family. This will, no doubt, raise her status and also her social and economic situation, including health and education.

Muslim Woman is not Deprived Of Her Will

Dr. Haseena Al-Qadri, Assistant Professor at Faculty of Medicine, said that projects established for woman basically aim at listening to her voice to know her right to reproductive health and education and linking them to development. It is also to make sure if the Muslim woman is deprived of her will or a victim of negative customs. Is she an effective member in the society? Through these projects and studies it has been confirmed that woman is the basic and only source of

family planning. Soft loans should be availed to her to enable her establish small profitable projects.

Dr. Haseena affirms that woman is an important element. She is the basic element for upgrading development in Yemen. Her participation, hand-in-hand with man, in all spheres of life, means participation in raising her standard in all fields. For a Yemeni woman this is not a new thing because she is the daughter of Bilqis and Arwa. In conclusion we appeal to decision-makers in particular and the society in general so that there is a conviction and desire in joining in this conviction with others and to persist in realizing the objectives in reality. This direction is important in the process of offering support for gender and enabling women.

Mentally-Sick People in Taiz, Miserable life

Farook Al-Kamali
Taiz

Taiz city, 250km South of Sana'a, is one of the most densely populated cities in Yemen. Nearly 3 millions live in this governorate. The rapid population growth has been associated with a sharp decline in standard of living. High rate of unemployment and the number of people living below the poverty line are also shooting up, leading to the increase of so many negative phenomena in the society. One such negative phenomenon is the great number of beggars and lunatics who swarm the streets of the city. They are walking the city from dawn to dusk reflecting a nasty image about the city. Being a small city, Taiz is now generally referred to as a shelter of lunatics and beggars. In the beginning the idea of conducting a field survey with these lunatics was as strange and frightening as it could be for the hazards that may result. However, it was a real adventure I will never forget.

I started approaching some of them. I talked to them, befriended them and I was amazed with the results. I found most of them have reached to their present state due to some social and family problems that were beyond their ability to bear.

A homeless lunatic, Abdulwahed left

his village after being forced by his father to divorce his wife due to some problems between the two families. Divorcing her, he started his long journey of endless despair and loss in the streets.

Abdullah's problem was that he was a sex maniac. After raping a girl, he was severely beaten and driven out of the village to start a new life of agony and pain. Again while in town he tried to rape one female student who is in her way to school. However, she was rescued by a passerby who brutally beat him and turned him over to the police.

Saeed, the most miserable, was a hard-working student who used to score the first places in his classes. He passed successfully in his secondary school and was planning to join the Faculty of Medicine. Unfortunately, his father is very poor and could hardly make both ends meet. Saeed was, then, driven out of his house by his father to live homeless as a vagabond. The impact of this horrible experience was very severe on his character that he went out of his senses. He keeps moving from one street to another driving away about science, philosophy and medicine.

It was obvious that most of these sick people's problems are social and the result of horrible family problems.

What was strange and unfathomable for me was that those lunatics disappear during elections and national

Hospital, the other to Taiz Security Administration. The center affiliated run by the hospital is used to receive cases sent by the hospital. Such sick people are usually brought by their families and usually stay there for only few days. The center provides them with some medical care. The other center is affiliated to Taiz Security Administration and is used for those lunatics who are accused of assaulting others and those who have no families. The two centers are next to each other. However, there is a big difference between them.

The center affiliated attached to the Hospital is clean and modern. There are two in-patient rooms in the center each with 6 beds. It was strange to see two patients only in the first room and three in the second. The center is located in a nice and quiet place.

Meeting with Dr. Abdulkawi Mukred, he said "The center was built in 1994 by Hail Said Group of companies to treat those who suffer from psychological problems. The center receives cases that are referred from the Psychological Cases Department in the Hospital. We do not keep a continuous record of the cases that come to the center owing to the quick recovery of most cases. Most of the cases are between 20-50 years of age. We also receive some rare old cases."

Regarding the non-existence of an especial department for women he said "There used to be a special department for women in the center. However, due to large number of patients in the other center that is affiliated to Taiz Security Administration, the department was attached to that center. Since that time there has been no department for women in the two centers."

As regards the difficulties facing the center, he said "There is a visible deficiency in medicine and nutrition. Most of the patients have to buy medicine from pharmacies outside the hospital." Dr. Mukred advised in-patients should practice sport activities as the center's mission was not only to treat but also

to qualify and train patients. He said "Therefore, there should be some technical workshops and yards for practicing sports. We are 6 doctors and 12 nurses in the center. However, we have never been given the incentives so as to work harder."

Then we visited the other center. However, after a long boring and tiring investigation by the gate keepers, we were able to get in. The moment I was in I was aghast. I shivered and was, a matter of fact, very frightened by the terrible sight I witnessed. There were many lunatics crowding in the center; some are semi-naked, others completely naked. All are in a real misery that words can never describe. They sleep on torn rugs on the ground. There are no beds in the center. It was a dumbfounding experience!! I can hardly explain it.

I wondered what our armchair officials and activists of human rights organizations have done to relieve the suffering of these mentally sick people. They keep boasting of being supporters of human rights and respect them. However, all are words and no actions. These 'sick people' are kept in a place that is unfit even for animal habitation. Many questions have actually popped up in my mind including "Why is the center not affiliated to the Ministry of Health? Why is the center in that miserable condition?! I could find no answer."

In the Administration Department we met with Dr. Abdulaziz Al-Asbahi, manager of the center, who is the only doctor in the center. He said "The center was built in 1996 by the International Red Cross, Central Prison and Taiz Security Administration. The center was to shelter the homeless and the accused lunatics. Other cases come to the center by police or the central Prison. There are 60 patients in the center; 12 of whom are accused of murders. Last month they were 151. Generally speaking, 25% of these patients respond positively to treatment, 50% do not and 25% have a slow recovery.

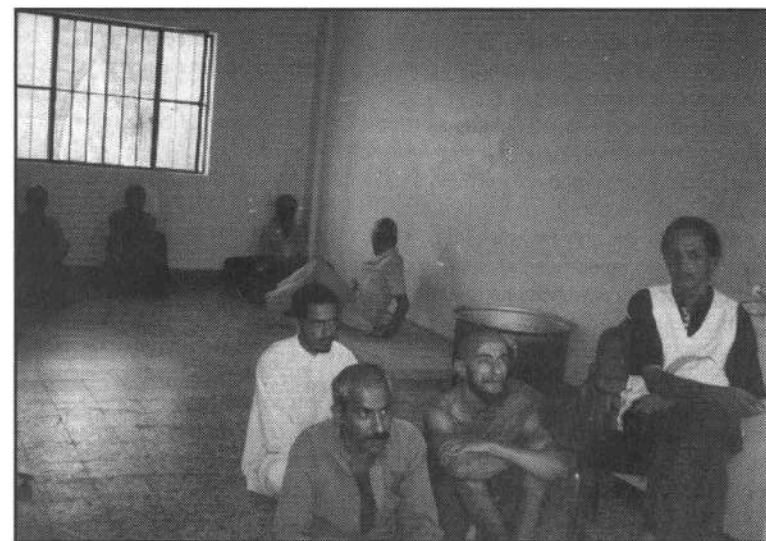
The center receives a commendable assistance from the Red Cross which provides us with 30 volunteers who are working in the center. The Health Office also supplies us with some medicine."

Regarding the difficulties the center faces, Mr. al-Asbahi said "There are many problems that we face including that there is no direct authority which is in charge of the center. No budget is defined for the center. There is only one doctor, a nurse and 30 volunteers from the Red Cross. Besides, there is a deficiency in nutrition and specialized medical services. There are also other deficiencies in clothes and rugs as patients frequently tear them to pieces."

Then we went around the center and

rights.

To put simply, these mentally sick people are also human beings with rights. It was not their fault to find themselves in such condition. It was something beyond their ability to control. They are sick and the authorities have to treat them. However, the authorities concerned seem to play the role of a bystander. These sick people are either left to roam the streets reflecting a terrible picture of our cities or are kept in the Central Prison or are heaped up in the "Prison" of the Security Administration which makes things worse. These places negatively affect their physical as well as mental conditions. These patients should be given access to medical health centers which are to take the responsibility of



while we were showed around, some patients came to complain about their situation there, requesting their going back to the Central Prison as the situation there is better.

There is a classroom in which patients are taught the simple alphabets and some simple words. The manager also told us that patients do some exercises on a daily basis.

Trying to take some pictures, we are not allowed by the bullheaded gate keeper who insisted on a permission from the director of the Security Administration. It was a clear signal to cover up the miserable situation of these patients who bear a witness to the flagrant violations of human

treating them. Social Welfare Societies and Boarding Training and Health centers are to be established and to be fully equipped with all medical, nutritious, housing and training services so as to give these people the treatment and the training needed to help them overcome their psychological problems and come back to live a normal life. Heaping them up in these "prisons" is not the solution to the problem and is not the focus of this article. We want to send a message to all the "people in charge" and those supporting human rights to have mercy on these people and lend them a hand in their calamity and misfortune.



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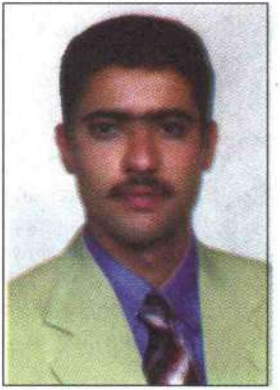
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Horsemanship Club Plans to Participate in Competitions Abroad

Throughout ages, Arab horses have been regarded as the strongest, nicest and most precious animals in the world. Yemen is one of the Arab countries that has been a promising land of rare horses. Over the past years, nobody has thought of exploiting this wealth until this year, 2000. The beginning was the establishment of the Yemeni Horsemanship club which is the first of its kind in Yemen.

The club is about 40,000 m2 with a capital of 100 million. This might increase in this year and 2001. It includes a 130 x 50 m2 racecourse, a fans stage, comfortable stables, a billiard hall, tennis courts, a body building club, a



sauna bath, a restaurant and a swimming pool. There are also green corridors and gardens where one can rest.

As far as competitions are concerned, the club plans to participate abroad in cooperation with the Ministry of Youths and Sports. Mr. Hashem Ahmad Hussain Al-Sewari, vice-chairman of the Club said that there were no plans to run similar clubs in other governorates at the present time. "When this kind of sports is popular and having fans from other governorates we will do that," he concluded.



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Sufism in Yemen: Concept and Reality

By Mohammad Al-Hakeemi Taiz

Sufism emerged during the early years of Islam. The name was taken after a certain religious group known as Al-Soffah. However, to many people it is related to Al-souf (wool) which is worn by ascetic people as a sign of looking down upon life.

It has many supporters and followers and its date of emergence has been reported in many books to be the second half of the second century of Hijrah.

One of the main reasons leading to its emergence was people's love of pleasures which made them distanced from God. The main objective was to direct people's love to God away from all pleasures of life.

Among founders of Sufism in the third century of Hijrah are Salman Al-Darani, Dho Al-Noon Al-Missry, Ibraheem ben Adham, Al-Bostami, Al-Shabli and Al-Jonaid. There have also been many parasites to Sufism who harmed its spiritual transparency. A few of Sufism's advocates were moderate. They played a great role in supporting oppressed people against rulers and Sultans.

Throughout history, a luminary Sufi appeared in every Arab country to revive Sufism which aims at purifying man. In the second half of the sixth century and beginning of the 7th of Hijrah there was Mohiaddin ben Al-Arabi in Spain, Abu Al-Hassan Al-Shadhili and Ahmad Al-Badwi in Egypt, Abu Madyan Al-Ghawth in Morocco, Al-Roomi and Al-Attar in Persia, Ahmad ben Alwan, Al-Ahdal and Al-Hakami in Yemen who abandoned all pleasures and attractions of life for the sake of worshipping God. In his preface to Alwan's, Dr. Abdul Aziz Al-Maqaleh said that Ben Alwan is considered one of those who expli-



cated the principles of Sufism in Yemen. He established a sufi school which is still there at the present time.

He wrote many books some of which are Al-Fotooh, Al-Tawheed Al-Adham, Al-Mahrajan, Al-Kibreet Al-Ahmar and Al-Bahr Al-Moshkel.

Unlike other Arab countries there was no scientific, philosophical or intellectual conflicts during his life in Yemen and this gave Sufism in Yemen its speciality. He confronted the Sultan at his time by a very famous poem depicting the suffering and miseries of people. Fortunately, he did not find the same fate imposed on other Sufi poets. He was very reasonable and moderate in his diction away from the spiritual transcendentalism.

Many Sufi poets who surpassed and went beyond the public understanding were beaten up or even killed. For example, Al-Halaj died for writing a line in which he said that 'Nothing in Paradise but the truth'. The public perceived the truth as God. Another Sufi was Ibn Arabi who once addressed people by saying: 'What you are worshipping is nothing to me'. He meant the pleasures of life while people thought that he meant

God.

Mohammed Yahya Abdul Mo'ati Al-Jonaid, is a well-known Sufi in Sabir, Taiz, who has studied medicine, literature and astronomy for more than 28 years. He has to his credit a number of studies and books about many life aspects. He believes that immortality before and after death can be reached through the services one offers his/her society.

Many people, claiming Sufism, practice things that absolutely have nothing to do with Sufism, said Al-Jonaid, indicating qat sessions in which such people shake their bodies and insert sharp metals inside them. Al-Jonaid has supporters and opponents who deny his thoughts and opinions. Through the following dialogue he defends what he stands for.

Q: How can you define Sufism?

A: It is a search for man's good, truth and sincerity. It is making mankind happy and lifting them to supreme positions in their relation with God. Sufism is there in all religions. It is a religion, thought and behavior.

tence had there not be existence of the Creator who is beyond creation. They knew that creatures came to being as a result of the existence of God.

Q: Why was Al-Halaj accused of being an infidel?

A: He who does not know the truth may accuse poets of being so. Blasphemy is rejected by Islam, freedom and reason. God says: "Do not tell who sulate you, you are an unbeliever." Blasphemy is against Islam. Muslims must not accuse each other of being infidels for an opinion that does not touch the essence of Islam.

Q: It is said that you follow Alwan's method which you regard as global? What do you mean by global?

A: Islam is a global religion. We say that our way is global because it makes of the Holy Qur'an its basis. Any practices that violate Islam teachings are rejected by Sufism.

Q: Many mosque preachers are against what you say about 'Sahih Al-Bokhari' (a collection of some of the Prophet's Hadiths compiled by Al-Bokhari) that it contains fabri-

cated Hadiths. What are your comments?

A: The Prophet (may peace and prayers be upon him) would not say something that did not agree with the Holy Qur'an. We call upon Islamic scholars to study every Hadith carefully and determine whether it could be said by the Prophet or not. This does not mean that I am against Al-Bokhari. We want a careful and a deep study of those Hadiths which are used as a basis for accusing others of being infidels or unbelievers and cracking unity of society.

Q: What do think of translating the Holy Qur'an into foreign languages? Some scholars say it is forbidden.

A: The letters which our Prophet sent to the Roman kings and other non Arabic speaking kings included verses from the Holy Qur'an. These of course were not read out to them in Arabic but translated. How can we convert people into Islam while we ask them to learn Arabic first. Interpretations of the meanings of the Holy Qur'an is not forbidden at all.



German Technical Cooperation

Vacancy Announcement (for men only)

The EC-WID project announces vacancy for the following post:

Yemeni Local GTZ Expert

Main duties/ responsibilities:

- Carry out participatory target group analyses and studies in the sectors: Health, water, promotion of micro- and small businesses and vocational training.
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Qualifications/ requirements:

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- 5 years professional experience with 3 years in a.m. fields.
- Excellent command of English and Arabic.

Place of duty:

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EC-WID project
c/o GTZ office Sana'a
P.O.Box 692 Sana'a - Republic of Yemen

Job Opportunity

The Government of Yemen/Ministry of Finance(based in Sana'a) plans to develop and install a computerized Accounting and Financial Information System (AFMIS) within the Ministry headquarters and in three large headquarters budgetary units.

This project will be financed by the International Development Association (IDA).To facilitate implementation, Ministry of Finance wishes to recruit a **Lead International Advisor** who must possess the following essential qualifications and experience:

- 1- Degree in Accounting with preference to those with formal training in system analysis, design and experience in: (i) development or implementation of computer-based budgeting, accounting and payment systems in a government environment' and/or (ii) project management.
- 3- Experience working in developing countries.
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Deputy Minister for Planning and Statistics
Ministry of Finance
P.O. Box 190
Sana'a- Republic of Yemen

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Vacancies Announcement

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This project will be financed by the international Development Association (IDA). To facilitate implementation, Ministry of Finance wishes to recruit Project Manger & Finance Manager.

The ideal candidates should possess the following essential qualifications and experience:

1) Project Manger

- 1- A Yemeni Nationality.
- 2- Graduate Degree in Computer Science or Hardware engineering.
- 3- Formal training in system analysis, design and development.
- 4- At least 3 years experience in development or implementation of computer based budgeting, accounting and payment systems in government environment.
- 5- Good interpersonal skills and ability to motivate staff and promote an effective team environment and
- 6- Good working knowledge of English.

2) Finance Manager

- 1- A Yemeni nationality.
- 2- Degree in finance/Accounting.
- 3- At least 3 Years accounting/financial management experience, preferably with an IDA (or similar donor financed) project.
- 4- Familiarity with the Government's and IDA's (or other similar donor's) financial management requirement's and procurement guidelines.
- 5- Demonstrate ability to use and apply financial management tools (including computer accounting systems) ; and
- 6- Good working Knowledge of English.

The vacancies are open to both males and females. Those who find themselves fit for those jobs, should send their applications with photo copies of their qualifications, enclosed with Curriculum Vitae to:

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Press Scanner

Prepared by Mohammed Khidhr

Controversy over Al-Thaqafia newspaper and its Chief Editor with attempts to contain the crisis between the authority and Zindani, freedom of expression and local government law are the main trends characterizing news and news reports in Yemeni press this week. Perhaps recently the sensational news of the discovery of a private jail at Sana'a University Campus. In addition: there are many various news splashed on front pages of Yemeni newspapers this week.

Review of the main news headlines front-paged in its week's press:

- Media Men Hold Zindani Responsible for Fomenting Them
- President Saleh Reiterates Yemen's Support of Palestine Cause
- Oil Companies Resume Activity in Yemen
- Al-Jifri Focuses on Tackling Internal Dossier
- RAY Leadership Meets NDI Delegation
- Prosecution Subpoenas Zindani for Interrogation
- Private Jails in Sanaa University & Economic Institution, Discovered
- Journalists Brought before Prosecution
- Al-Balagh Newspaper Impugns Earlier News Against Iraqi Teacher
- Al-Eryani, Vice-President of World Bank
- Overland Transportation Syndicate Suspends Strike
- PGC & Islah Agree on Containing Crisis between Authority & Zindani
- Plan on Yemeni Labor in Saudi Arabia
- Businessmen Attempts to Undermine Cement Industry in Yemen
- Serial Murderer Trial, Resumed Saturday
- 12 Yemeni Fishermen, Retained in Djibouti

Excerpts from main articles published by some Yemeni newspapers this week tackling various internal themes preoccupying the public opinion.

RAY On the forthcoming phase of Yemen's history, RAY weekly, organ of Sons of Yemen League, August 1, 2000 has editorialized that the coming period in Yemen's history would have an unprecedented characteristic. This stage is based on the success scored by conclusion of the borders treaty with Saudi Arabia. The treaty has turned over a long chapter of dispute and tension in relations between the two sisterly countries; Yemen and Saudi Arabia. Signing the treaty comes as a wrapping up the last of border dossiers that included those of Sultanate of Oman and Eritrea. These successes came to enhance confidence in soundness of the political approach in that the future stage is rather extraordinary. It should therefore be dealt with by special decisions governed by a vision based on taking into consideration the supreme interest of the Yemeni homeland.

Under this concept and out of it we view the "goodwill" initiative launched by the executive committee of the National Opposition Front "Mawj". The initiative stipulates freezing of the Front's opposition media activity. For, undoubtedly the coming stage would be prevailed by the language of dialogue and contact as a civilized mechanism compatible with this phase. Mawj's goodwill initiative represents a kind of marriage between the suspension of opposition media propaganda and a call for inauguration of objective serious dialogue.

Al-Mithaq From Al-Mithaq weekly, organ of the People's General Congress party, July 31, 2000 we have chosen an article on "Importance of Local Authority Law". Local authority law constitutes big and significant qualitative transfer on the road of sta-

bilizing democratic practice. It also embodies the principle of the public's large-scale participation in building the state of law and order. Issuing and approving of this law and then enforcing it, would be coinciding with preparations for local councils elections and parliamentary elections scheduled next year. Achievement of this historic accomplishment acquires its importance from being an embodiment of the goals and contents of democracy.

Local authority law has given local councils extensive authorities for preparing plans of development and economic projects. It has also authorized them to oversee their implementation and watch areas of failure in a manner guaranteeing the gradual application of financial and administrative decentralization.



Al-Wahda weekly of August 2, 2000 has tackled rather the same theme. In one of its leading articles it has dealt with the establishment of "Local Authority".

The article says that the ministerial commission assigned with preparing for the stage of building the local authority has been finalizing final touches on the bill. These cover regulations related to financial and executive bill and administrative structure in application of Law No. 4 of 2000. It would enable our country to speed up carrying out a new political people's revolution. This revolution would expand people's participation in taking decisions, and running local affairs in economic, social and cultural development by means of local councils. This project comes in context of Yemen's option of democracy founded on peaceful transfer of power, respect of public liberties and ensuring political multi-party system. It aims at consolidation Yemen's democratic experiment leading to empower the citizens practice their full political rights, running their local affairs away from strict centralization and bureaucracy.

The law clearly defines authorities of the central institutions regarding apparatuses of administrative units in terms of planning up general policies, enacting regulatory and audition laws and implementation of projects that could not be carried out by local councils.



Editorial of Al-Balagh Independent weekly of August 1, 2000 has tackled the question of the "Freedom

of Expression".

Undoubtedly, there are gains achieved during the reign of president Ali Abdullah Saleh. Some gains have actually been realized, such as the unity, others are still at the beginning like plurality and freedom of expression. Freedom of expression is a great principle, the editorial affirms. But to practice it, there should exist a sort of cooperation on part of the government with those who want to express their minds, criticize or point out an immense violation. The government should not wield a big stick against whoever talks or expresses his opinion versus any of the substantial issues or big breaches. To preserve the principle of freedom of expression, the government must entertain magnanimity towards criticism and condemnation of wrongs. That does not mean that those who talk under slogan of freedom of expression should misbehave and disregard the existing traditions. Therefore, constructive cooperation between the government and those who want to express their opinions must be done in an atmosphere of forbearance. There should be no recklessness or offense against any of the two parties.



ATTARIQ independent weekly of August 1, 2000 has in one of its articles touched on a very interesting and sensitive internal question. It is the question of the nature of relationship between the state and opposition parties.

It has praised the decision taken by the national opposition abroad on freezing its propaganda against the regime as a gesture of goodwill.

The article supposed that the stage following the conclusion of the borders treaty with Saudi Arabia unveiled a number of major terms by which the two parts of the political equation could be balanced. Topping these conditions is holding a national democratic dialogue between the government and the opposition. The dialogue is aimed at drawing the features of future national action and rules of the political game, away from consequences and impact that entailed the 1994 war. This should follow measures taken by the two parties to solve all pending problems to ensure a safe return of those in exile. There must be steps taken to tackle situations of those suspended from work. There also must be a permission for genuine partnership in political action pursuant to the constitution and the valid laws.

Other procedures should include consolidation of democratic experiment, safeguarding social relations and building political institutions in the synthesis of the rule or the opposition. Crowning all that is the deepening of the principles of national partnership based on the constitution in a way leading to enhancement of democratic approach in the country.



An article published in 26 September weekly, organ of Yemen's armed forces, August 3, 2000 tackled the problem of negligence in the state institutions. The writer has taken the serial crimes committed by criminal Adam of Sanaa University medical faculty morgue as a stark example of negligence. The article says that the trial of the serial murderer Mohammed Adam is in fact a prosecution of negligence taking place inside government institutions. It is a trial representing the justice that every citizen yearns for seeing it applied. The public opinion consensus on the necessity of solving this issue in a just way, means that social values have been exposed to a powerful shock. Realities and events of the crime and the number of victims arouse many queries about how all that could happen. The crime has attracted attention to the sites and spots where negligence and carelessness are prevalent. This needs surgical elimination, provided that the measure must include all government institutions and facilities. The article concluded that sacrificing a handful of corrupts was much better and beneficial than sacrificing the gains of the homeland achieved throughout long years of hard work.



Ath-Thawri weekly, organ of the Yemeni Socialist Party, August 3, 2000.

In an article on corruption, the newspaper says nowadays every one has been cursing corruption and complains of its aggravation and spread. Complaining of corruption is no longer confined to the people and the opposition. It has extended even to the authority that has the power and means to solve this problem. Our problem with corruption here is not mainly in its presence, but rather in existence of those who adopt, protect and provide it with convenient climate to grow and flourish. There is much difference between the two situations.

Corruption is there in any of the human societies, and the corrupt are to be found in any political party, whether in power or not. The community that suffers from corruption differs from that suffering from existence

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Such care makes it too difficult to remove those corrupts. Corruption could be simply and clearly defined as the abuse of power, public property and national riches. This leads us to say that authority, any authority, is a source of corruption, therefore detecting corruption and fighting it should begin there.



Al-Raie Al-Aam independent weekly of August 1, 2000.

In its column "Our Weekly Talk", the newspaper published an article on the political pluralism in Yemen. The article says that our mass media claim that there is democracy and political pluralism in our country, but the fact and practice view that differently. There is neither democracy nor plural-

ism but rather a decor of democracy, the article alleges. As for pluralism, it is no more than numerousness of names. Casting a scrutinizing eye on conditions of political parties in our country, one would find out that they are just names. Many of these parties are merely representation of a small-sized publication issued every week, dealing mostly with trivial themes.

The article maintains by saying that if one of these publications dares to tackle a certain subject, it would do it with much diffidence and fear. The article says we have not tangibly seen any activity by these parties in political, cultural and economic fields in Yemen. They are very far away from the people's suffering. As for the opposition parties the article claims that they are still keeping their old leaderships that exercised mistakes even against their own parties.

VACANCY

Procurement Officer of Credit Administration Unit (CAU) for the five years IDA-financed Basic Education Expansion Project

The Ministry of Education seeks applicants for the position of Procurement Officer who under the general direction of the Project Director will have overall responsibility for the entire procurement management of the Project. In this respect the Procurement Officer will be responsible for:

i) Planning functions

- Preparing and updating the Project procurement plan for each year of the Project and ensure its distribution to all sectors/units involved in the Project implementation.
- Itemizing and listing all goods required for the Project; grouping goods in packages and determining the procurement method: ICB, NCB, JS, NS.
- Preparing and/or organizing and supervising the preparation of bidding documents and requests for proposals; and
- Working with relevant sectors in developing TORs for the selection of consulting firms.

ii) Procurement Process

- Preparing and ensuring the publication of Specific and General Procurement Notices for goods, and requests for expressions of interest for consulting services.
- Ensuring that documents have received appropriate approvals in accordance with the Development Credit Agreement (DCA).
- Systematically attending on behalf of the CAU all bids opening, evaluation, and contracts award sessions and preparing minutes of bid opening and evaluation reports, in accordance with IDA guidelines.
- Preparing contracts and ensuring they are timely approved, signed and notified, in accordance with the procedures described in the Procurement Manual.

iii) Contract Management

- Inspecting and receiving goods, to ensure compliance with specifications and quantities with the purchase orders/contracts.
- Arranging for safe custody and the proper delivery of goods to the Project institutions, if necessary, and installation in accordance with the contract and the target dates in the implementation schedule.

iv) Relevant Tasks

- Acting as a focal point for any dialogue on procurement management matters relating to the Project as may be required by the Project's financiers.
- Contributing to quarterly Project Management Reports.
- Ensuring that procurement procedures provided in the DCA are respected at all stages.

Qualifications:

- A minimum of a Bachelor's degree in commerce, business administration, engineering, or equivalent qualification.
- At least 10 years experience in a procurement management position.
- Familiarity with the government and IDA's procurement guidelines and procedures.
- Computer literacy and proficiency in both Arabic and English.

Applications along with a detailed resume and copies of supporting documents should be addressed to:

Minister's office
Ministry of Education
P.O.Box 96, Sana'a, Yemen

The closing date for receiving all applications is August, 2000

VACANCY

Monitoring and Evaluation Officer of Credit Administration Unit (CAU) for the five years IDA-financed Basic Education Expansion Project

The Ministry of Education seeks applicants for the position of Monitoring and Evaluation Officer who under the general direction of the Project Director will be responsible for:

- (i) Assisting MOE in preparing semi-annual reports on the implementation of annual education plans, especially for the four project governorates and their districts. The officer will:

- Work with the Department of Planning and Statistics to ensure adequate coverage of the follow-up reports in light of the BEEP log-frame and the associated list of performance monitoring indicators;
- Cooperate with MOE Central and Governorate staff responsible for follow-up of each BEEP components, in coordination with the Department of Planning and Statistics, to obtain adequate data for the follow-up reports; and
- Visit project sites to assess the quality of follow-up reports and propose actions for the improvement.

- (ii) Updating data for the project performance indicators (indicators for the development objective and outputs of the project) as input to quarterly project progress reports. The officer will:

- Establish and update a monitoring mechanism for the project performance indicators which will also feed into a monitoring mechanism for the MOE annual education plans in the project governorates; and
- Implement the monitoring mechanism, in coordination with MOE Department of Planning and Statistics and other departments concerned, and provide input to quarterly project progress reports.

- (iii) Contributing to the mid-term review report and the implementation completion reports. The officer will:

- Assist MOE in arranging two impact studies of the BEEP: one will be undertaken before the mid-term review (in the third year of project implementation) and the other will be done before project completion (fifth year of the project).

II. Qualifications

- A minimum of a Bachelor's degree in Education Planning, Statistics, Economics, or other related fields.
- Minimum of 5 years of professional experience in educational monitoring and statistics.
- Experience in the use of statistics programs.
- Professional language proficiency in both Arabic and English.

Applications along with a detailed resume and copies of supporting documents should be addressed to:

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“Face To Face” With An Issue Not Chiefs

Mr. Ali Salah Ahmad, is an energetic broadcaster of a pleasing appearance on Yemeni TV. He has put up 27 years of service starting at the age of 17. He could woo Yemeni audience. He is very much attached to his country. It is in need of successful media that do their role properly, he says. Recently, his “Face to Face” won the golden prize in the Cairo Sixth Festival. Ironically, he has not been appreciated here. Face to Face is not an encounter with chiefs but rather with cases and issues, he says. Ali Salah Ahmad is a multi-dimensional intellectual. He is a novelist, a poet, a scenarist, a program editor and a director.

Jalal Al-Sharaabi of the Yemen Times met with him and filed this interview:

Q: How was the beginning of Ali Salah until “Face to Face”?

A: Let me before commencing express my thanks to the Yemen Times. I personally like such kind of newspapers. Thanks God that it has been able to go on after the dramatic death of its founder, my teacher, Dr. Abdul Aziz Al-Saqqaf. We worked together when he was working as an English news broadcaster.

I began working here since 1974. I was then 17 when I began working as a typist in the news department at Yemen News Agency, Saba. Three months later I moved to the monitoring department. In a short period of time I worked as an editor, correspondents’ supervisor then deputy director of the News Department. In 1979 I accompanied an official delegation to another country where I sent an audio report from there. There was a need for somebody to be in charge of the news in TV. So I was made a director for the news department in TV.

During 1979-1985 I made a lot of works. In 1982 I completed the first dramatic work entitled ‘Thirty Nights From ‘One Thousand Nights And One’ which was more realistic. I went on writing and I was able to complete one work every year. Besides, I carried out my usual work with an average of 7 programs a week. After that I took charge of newscasters and I am still till now director of broadcasters department. My last drama work is ‘Al-I’isar’ (the hurricane) which I very much pride myself with. Many people criticized it for political reasons when it was broadcast in 1991. This work was presenting history in a different way. Others strongly criticized me when I compared it with ‘Al-Jawareh’ (a famous Syrian TV series). I am sure that if Al-I’isar came after 1994 they would say that it was a silly imitation of Al-Jawareh which was screened in 1994. I am a director as well. My last work has been ‘Face to Face’ which I do in association with Dr. Fadhl Al-Olufi.

Q: Have you thought that Face to Face would get the golden prize in the Cairo Festival? What was the reaction of the official authorities here?

A: Thank God that I have been successful in all my works inside as well as outside Yemen. Before the Cairo Festival I participated with in works in Syria two of which won the first and the second prizes. But due to absence of a proper coverage here many people haven’t known that. The two works were ‘Tawq Al-Intisar’ depicting the 70-day siege of Sana’a and ‘Rihlah ala jinah Al-Shawq’. With ‘Face to Face’ I feel happy to see that audience in the Arab world appreciate such programs, especially at a time TV channels focus on trivialities. Face to Face was able to get ahead of many similar programs on the ART, MBC and Saudi channels. I feel happy and I forget all about labor when I feel

that people respect what I present. As far as the second part of your question is concerned, I did not receive more than ‘thank you’ from a few people. Others did not trouble themselves to say even congratulations.

Q: Do you think that Yemeni media reflect the society’s concerns? Have they attracted the people’s attention?

A: I wouldn’t be right if I say yes. But I hope that. There are attempts which, frankly speaking, need a proper study. The responsibility which is laid upon media is a great one. The country must present itself to the world in a way that matches its challenges and ambitions.

We have to be aware that media can be a helping part in everything. Any ministry, authority or organization can not achieve success without the support of people. People’s support can be won if such organizations present themselves properly through media.

Q: What about your participation in, and outside the country?

A: I have given the media all my attention. This does not mean that my works have been perfect because what I am supposed to do is more. This is applied to all media men. All who work in this field must devote themselves to it. During my work here I have done and presented all kinds of programs.

On the Arab level, I have participated in many programs with some channels like the Jordanian. I worked jointly with them for two years in making a joint program.

Q: Mr. Ali Salah, you are a broadcaster, a journalist, a novelist, and a poet. Which of these does appeal to you most?

A: I forgot to tell you that I have written 8 radio series. Each extends over thirty episodes.

In fact, I find myself in all what you have mentioned. Unfortunately, people do not appreciate local productions.

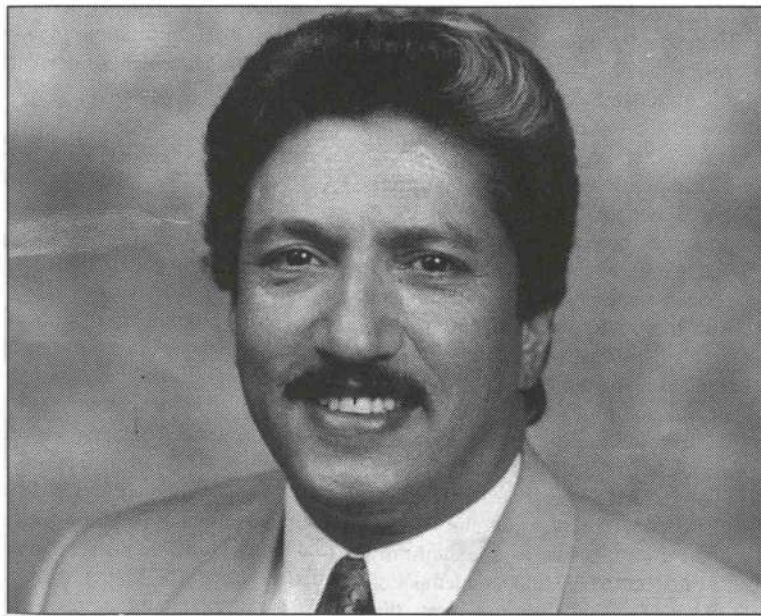
Q: How did the idea of ‘Face to Face’ come about? What does it discuss?

A: The program is not a challenge or a confrontation between two officials or more as the title might suggest. It is, in fact, a confrontation with a case because all of us are part of it. We have to wake up and face our problems.

We have highlighted many issues such as housing and its effects on development, justice, health, blood revenges, education, unemployment, crimes etc. We try to know if there is an improvement in the social services from time to time

Q: Haven’t you thought of working for other Arab channels?

A: I have thought of that and there have been some offers from some Arab channels like MBC and Al-Jazirah. In 1994, there was a cooperation agreement with the MBC but due to the eruption of the civil war at the time I preferred to stay in Yemen to do my duty here. The other day I met with officials from Dubai and Abu Dhabi channels when I was in the Emirates and they asked me to work there but I felt very badly attached to my



home.

Q: Do you find what you deserve here?

A: Yes. I have always got what I deserve. What is more important is that does the country benefit from what I do.

Q: What do Yemeni broadcasters lack in your opinion?

A: They lack being media men. The successful broadcaster should be a media man. A mere broadcaster will not do, because he/she will be no more than a voice producer which all people can do that. The broadcaster should have the intellectual spirit of the artist, physician, engineer, and all cultures. We have to introduce our-

selves in a respectable way amongst the huge number of space channels.

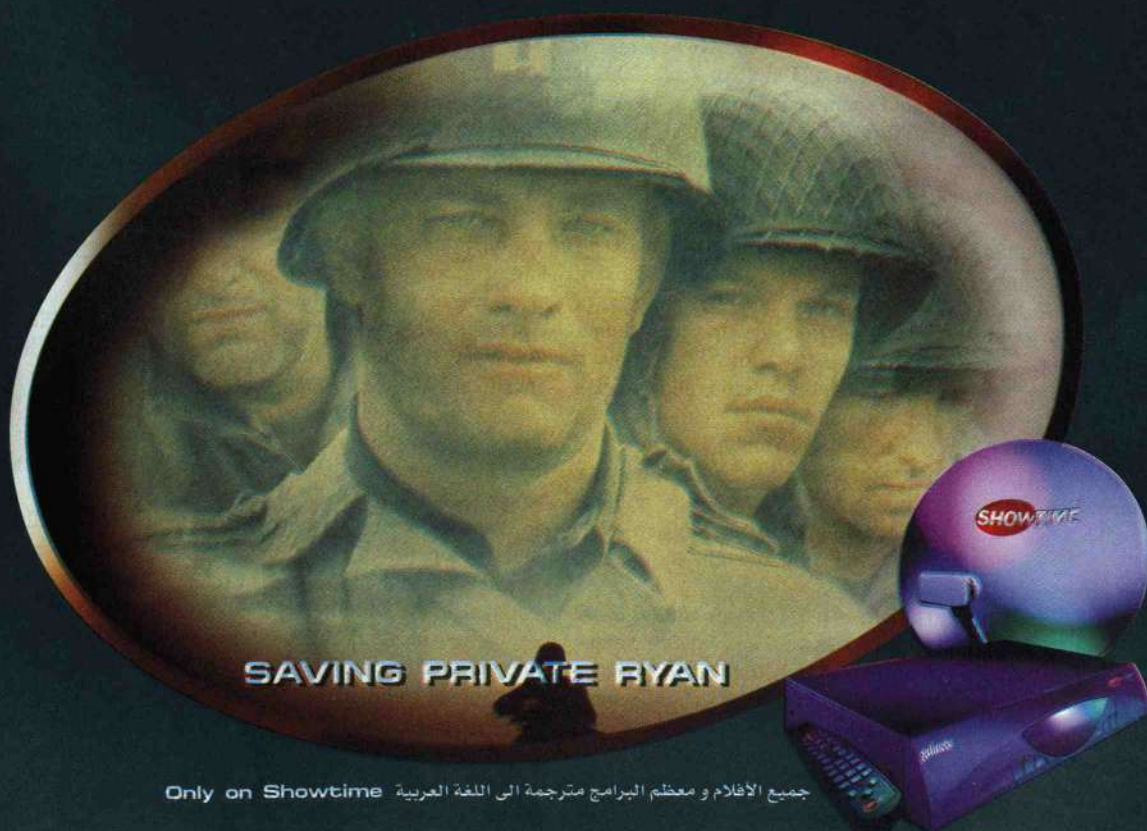
Q: Where do you put the Yemeni Space Channel in comparison with other Arab channels?

A: A few have won the people’s respect. We are there and others have many faults. Arab channels do not compete with each other. Competition is very weak. Face to Face is admired by many people and a great number of audience phone from outside Yemen to participate in it.

Q: Any last word?

A: I have devoted myself for the media. What I have accomplished so far will be the basis for new works.

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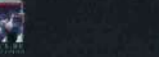
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Dutch Embassy Gives a Hand to Bani Suwaid Residents



Tawfeek Al-Shara'abi
Yemen Times

Bani Suwaid area consists of a collection of small villages where 11,000 people are living. There are about 37 of them forming part of Dhawran district, Dhamar Governorate. The area is situated between Al-Haimah, Sana'a governorate and Aness, Dhawran district and Wadi Seham. It is considered to be a very remote area. The area is 62km away from the district centre. It is a very beautiful area with natural springs and hot water. The residents' main activities are agriculture and grazing. However, in this area has always been lacking public services. For around 30 years the area has been deprived of schools, water or electricity projects. No sign of a civilized life can be seen in the area.

Taking the initiative, the Embassy of Netherlands was the first to respond positively to pleas for help issued by these people who for over 30 years have been neglected by authorities concerned. The Embassy is planning to establish a three-class school, medical unit and a water project. The agreement is signed at the headquarters of the Netherlands Embassy and in the presence of Ambassador Martin de la Bey, Dr. Nasser Al-Sanabani, health office manager in Dhamar, Dr. Sanna, consultant of reproductive health in Dhamar, Embassy of Netherlands, sheikh of Bani Suwaid, Hatem Mohammed Ka'ed Omar, and Mr. Mohammed Saleh Ali Jahzar, chairman of the Bani Suwaid Society. A society has also been established called "Bani Suwaid Society" so as to receive any financial assistance from any interested people or organizations.



Dr. Nasser Al-Sanabani talked about how they came to know about the area and said "We came to know about this remote area almost by accident. When we first saw it we felt as if we have discovered it. We visited the area and found the people living in a very simple and primitive life almost ostracized from the outside world. There are no public, no health, educational and water services.

After that we arranged a visit for Mrs. Yoka from the Netherlands Embassy and Dr. Sanna who has been very influential in making this project a success to help the residents."



Mohammed Saleh Ali Jahzar, secretary general of the society, said "Our area is deprived of almost every thing since the revolution took place in 1962. All the authorities have been ignoring the area. Even the roads leading to the area are very difficult to drive on and are paved at the expense of people. We do highly appreciate all the valuable assistance and help of the Embassy to establish these projects. The Embassy has provided us with YR 10,000,000 to establish the project. The people of the area are going to contribute with 5% of the total cost of these projects. We will also help with providing laborers and technicians."



Dr. Sanna talked about the deprivation of the residents and said "I visited the area and I was amazed to see almost no trace of a civilian life; no schools, no clean water, no health services, almost nothing. Boys and girls work in grazing the whole day. I have been working in Yemen for 13 years. However, in no place could I find such conditions. There is not even a mosque in the area."



Hatem Mohammed Ka'ed Omar, society chairman and the sheikh of the area, said "The area is located between three areas: Bani Matar, Haimah and Aness which resulted in the ignorance of area. We have called upon the authorities concerned to do something to help the people. However, we have been beating a dead horse. We highly appreciate and count on the services provided by the Netherlands government and its Embassy. I on the behalf of the people express my deep gratitude for all their cooperation and help."



His Excellency the Ambassador said "Well, the Netherlands Embassy is very glad that we can do something extra for the people of Bani Suwaid. Normally, the Dutch development assistance is often given to official institutions. However, some times we have to do something extra and I think that the people of Bani Suwaid really deserve this support as they are living in an isolation from the surroundings. This project consists of the construction of a school and a clinic. We are granting what is equal to \$70 thousand. We want this project to be established and then we will continue our support through the health office in Dhamar.



Distribution Of 486 Land Ownership Contracts To Employees Of The National Cigarettes And Matches Industry

توزيع عقود تملك أراضي الجمعية السكنية لعمال وموظفي شركة صناعة السجائر والكبريت الوطنية المحدودة

ضمن الاهتمام الذي توليه شركة صناعة السجائر والكبريت الوطنية المحدودة ممثلة بالشيخ صالح سالم باثواب - رئيس مجلس الإدارة التنفيذي للشركة - لموظفيها وعمالها، وتحت رعاية الأستاذ/ طه احمد غانم محافظ محافظة عدن تم يوم الاربعاء الموافق 2 اغسطس 2000م حفل تدشين توزيع عقود تملك الجمعية السكنية لعمال وموظفي شركة صناعة السجائر والكبريت الوطنية المحدودة، كما تم تكريم سبعة من مهندسي الشركة.



As part of the great attention the National Cigarettes and Matches Industry represented by Sheikh, Saleh Salem Bathwab, chairman, pays to its employees, it distributed last Wednesday August 2nd 486 land ownership contracts to members of the housing society for employees of the company at the presence of Mr. Taha Ahmad Ghanem, Governor of Aden. It also honored 7 of the company engineers after finishing training courses by British American Tobacco. During the ceremony, Mr. Naser Ahmad Mohammed, chairman of the Housing Society delivered a speech in which he highlighted the steps of finalizing the contracts and the role played by the National Cigarettes and Matches Industry and Aden governorate office in this regards.

I am happy to be here today among all staff of the company to attend the event of distributing land ownership contracts to employees of the company, said Sheikh Bathwab. He added that he was ready for facilitating any procedures that should be needed. He also spoke highly about the technical experience 7 of the company engineers got after being trained by the British American Tobacco Company. We will do our best to qualify all our employees in their different fields of work, he said indicating the company plans to organize 4 training courses during the current year for the sake of creating an able cadre that would replace foreign technicians.

At the end of his statement he expressed his deep thanks to His Highness President Ali Abdullah Saleh for his support of the housing societies.



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NDI Delegation Holds a Press Conference

The report also contained some recommendations. Mr. Andreas told the press that one of the recommendations is the postponement of local council elections.

Martha Walker said that the most impressive thing is the willingness of women to politically participate in the life of the society. However, she regretted that no political party in Yemen made a woman represent it in the meeting with the NDI delegation. Other recommendations of the NDI are: re-considering the New Election Law, greater coordination



between the Supreme Election Committee and political and civic leaders, expanding media access, a new voter registration system and others.

After reading the report, the delegation members answered the questions of the media people.

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I. What to say

Planning for a Holiday Trip

- Ramzee:** Let's decide where we want to go for the annual department trip this summer.
- Nasree:** Are you kidding? The Dean and the Head of the department always decide where we're going. Why should we unnecessarily poke our nose into it?
- Ramzee:** I know, but don't they ask us our opinion?
- Nasree:** Yes, of course, they do. But, in my opinion, that is a mere formality. They always take us where they want to go.
- Ramzee:** Well, let's try to make it different this year. If all of us decide about a destination, then we shall try to make them agree to your proposal.
- Nasree:** It's worth a try, no doubt. Where do you want to go?
- Ramzee:** Aden. That is my most favorite place of all the places we have gone in the past. Remember our last trip there three years ago? We were right on the beach where we could go swimming in the sea or go into deep-sea on a motor lunch or take long walks and collect seashells. It was indeed great, wasn't it?
- Nasree:** Yes it was. But summer is hot and humid. Last time we were there was during the Id holidays. Moreover, I am given to understand that the place has become very crowded and the beach very dirty. How about going to Ibb, instead? With the slopes and mountains as well as famous monuments it is an excellent spot. It has lush green landscapes, too.
- Ramzee:** OK, then. Let's collect the opinions of our other friends. Then we should try to make the Head agree to the majority opinion.
- Nasree:** I think that's a good idea.

Point to note:

- * 'Are you kidding' means 'Are you playing or joking?'
- * 'Poke one's nose' means 'to unnecessarily bother about'

II. How to say it correctly?

Correct errors, if any, in the following sentences:

1. What is the last news of today?
2. The two brothers helped one another.
3. There are only few toffees left in the box.
4. He is a miser man.
5. Some persons are very coward.

Answers to last week's questions:

1. Ten kilometers is not a long distance.
2. Rice and fish is his favorite dish.

Note: The above two sentences are examples of 'notional concord'. In the sentence (1) 'Ten kilometers' expresses the idea of unit of distance and in sentence 2 'Rice and fish' expresses the idea of food which are not countable nouns.

- 3- You can see the doctor only by appointment.
- 4- I am leaving for Mahweet by 4.30 bus.
- 5- Any further demand may land you into difficulty.

III. How to express it in one word:

- 1- Without beginning or end, lasting for ever.
- 2- Break off proceedings of a meeting or of the parliament for a time.
- 3- Give a judgment or decision upon something.
- 4- Officer in command of a country's warships.

Answers to last week's questions:

- 1- Person who does clever things with his body, such as balancing on a rope: **acrobat**.
- 2- Sharpness of mind, power to understand clearly: **acumen**.
- 3- A thing omitted that is to be added: **addendum**.
- 4- Having the quality of sticking: **adhesive**.
- 5- Arranged for this purpose: **ad hoc**.

IV. Put in the right verb forms in the following sentences:

- 1- I _____ Ahmed since we _____ at school together (know; be)
- 2- One day last Summer, I _____ down the street then I _____ an old friend of mine. I _____ him for over eight years, but I _____ him at once. (walk; meet; not see; recognize)
- 3- When I was small I thought that rain _____ through holes in the sky. (come)
- 4- If I _____ you, I _____ a holiday. (be; take)
- 5- She told the boy _____ down. (sit)

Answers to last week's questions:

1. (a) 'He is the **reputed** father of Walid' means that he is well known as the father of Walid.
(b) 'He is the **reputable** father of Walid' means he is respected as the father of Walid.
(c) 'The Yemen parliament **condoles** the death of King Hussain' means the Yemen parliament expressed sorrow over the death of King Hussain.
(d) 'The Yemen parliament **condones** the death of King Hussain' means the Yemen parliament atoned for or made up for the death of King Hussain.

V. Words of Wisdom:

"They who forgive most shall be forgiven."
—P.J. Bailey

The up Coming Task of our Government



Prof. Abdullah An-Najjar
Dean, College of
Education,
Mahweet

Now Yemen and Saudi Arabia have resolved and ended their dispute about the boundaries between them. Our government has no longer any excuses or pretext to justify not to put its house in order.

There are serious and urgent problems facing the country which have to be addressed. Of course, these problems are interrelated and interdependent. So, it is very essential to prioritize these issues on a rational and scientific basis. What is very obvious and clear to every body, not only the citizens of Yemen but also to others, is that the country lacks law and order. A democracy without the rule of the law is much worse than a dictatorship. Furthermore, what-

ever liberties people enjoy in a fragile and lawless democracy would only reinforce and deepen corruption which usually prevails and flourishes in such democracies.

Restoring respect and obedience to the state of laws and regulations is considered a necessary step to be taken towards establishing a modern state with less corruption and higher standards of living for its citizens.

Tourism in Yemen

Taqwa Al-Radee
Teacher of English
Mahweet

Tourism is important for the development of any country. It brings foreign currencies into the country. In fact, in some countries, it is the only way of earning hard currencies. For example, as far as our country is concerned, about sixty thousand tourists visited Yemen in 1995. That number increased to 75,000 in 1996. This means, Yemen earned millions of dollars from tourism. One may say that is good. But it's not good enough. Yemen could easily earn hundreds of millions of dollars because we have so much to offer. There are many countries which offer much less, but they get more tourists. This is because, most people in many different countries in the world don't know about Yemen and they don't know about the attractions of this country. For this reason, the most important duty of the Ministry of Culture and Tourism is to advertise about Yemen. It has to promote the tourism industry in Yemen. In addition, it has to build more four- and five star hotels. Our airports and roads have to be developed and improved so that tourists can get up into the mountains to see the archaeological sites and most beautiful parts of our rural areas. Of course, all these things would cost a lot of money but tourism means more jobs for us. It means that we have to protect our environment, we have to know that if

our environment is damaged or destroyed, tourism will collapse. For this, we should use television, radio and newspapers to let our people know about the benefits of tourism. Unfortunately, very few people seriously think about the benefits that we

are full of wildlife of all kinds. All these important and unique characteristics have interested those special groups who are keen on seeing ancient architectural sites. Water sport enthusiasts can be attracted to the Red Sea Coast, ornithologists and



get by tourists coming into different regions and seeing different customs, habits or cultures. The answer to this problem is that, our religion and culture are strong. Tourists are not going to damage them. Briefly, Yemen has a very rich historical and cultural heritage. Our archaeological sites tell the history of Yemen's past. Also, our handicrafts are unique. We have also wonderful scenery. Our coastline is more than 2,000 kilometers long with beautiful beaches, our magnificent mountains

bird watchers could be invited to visit specific areas of the country that attract migrant and other bird life. In conclusion, Yemen tourism market, like any other parts of the world depends on an all round conducive environment to enable tourists to feel relaxed and enjoy their holiday. However, Yemen needs to be promoted as destination tourism. For that, even greater effort is called for to create an awareness of what Yemen is capable of offering to the touring public.

Looking Back Into the Future

Nabilla Abdullah
College of Education

They say nothing is new under the sun and I think that this is correct because if we observe the history of human civilization, we find the same things are being repeated until now: peace and war, fairness and unfairness, making of a civilization and destroying it. Like this the world is going on in a cyclic manner. Because of this cyclicity of phenomena, we have been advised to carefully analyze the past and its events to get the benefit. For this benefit only we need to look at the past not to regret for anything that happened, because historical forces are irreversible. Man should survey the past not to be sad, but to identify where the wrong was and to avoid its recurrence in the future. That is what Allah has asked us, not to grieve by remembrance and regret the past that cannot come again

and cannot be changed. As we can not recall the past to mend it, it is better to unleash our efforts for molding the coming days. We should keep unflinching faith in God as a protective shield which prevents us from doing foolish things. Even if the warrior doesn't go to the battle field, he will die when his life-span is finished, because he has to die at a certain moment and it can not be delayed. Dell Carnegie has said that you may mend the result of something that happened 180 seconds ago, but you cannot change this thing. There is one way to make the past beneficial. That is by analyzing it with its mistakes, and using this insight for guiding future actions. There was a student in George Washington College. He was less than twenty, but he was very much worried about every thing in his life. He always recalled his mistakes and upset himself for them. After he took his exam, he returned to his bed and lost in thoughts and went on biting his nails in extreme worry due to apprehension of failure. He always lived in

the past and desired to change it. One morning when he was with his friends in the class, the teacher came with a bottle of milk. He put the bottle on the table before him. The students were gazing at it wondering what could be the relation between psychology and the milk. Suddenly, the teacher stood beating the bottle by his hand, and it fell down spelling the contents on the floor. The teacher cried "Don't cry for the spilt milk". Then he called the students one by one to look at the broken glasses and the poured liquid, saying to every one: "Look I want you to remember all this lesson all your life. The milk has gone down the drain, what ever you feel or pull your hair about, you can not restore even a single drop of it, the time is over and what we can do is to forget it and return to our work with hope that we will be more careful in the future." That is what our prophet said "Don't be hopeless and when you lose something, do not send fruitless cries. By this we forget the past and go on in our life in an active manner.

YOUTH FORUM

Needed an Open Mind

Dear editor,

I would like to thank you so much for publishing my contributions in Yemen Times. It pleases me much to share my ideas with my favorite newspaper. It also encourages most of my classmates to try writing in Yemen Times. When I chose English language as a field for my study I had profound belief about the importance of learning a foreign language. Our prophet said "He who learns other people's language saves their cunning". Additionally, I have a great desire to know other cultures and customs, etc. and appreciate God's wisdom in creating variations in every thing. I'm sure everyone around me knows the merits and benefits to be gained by learning English. However, some of my classmates often express doubts about their study of things which clash with our Islamic customs. They are afraid to be affected by those foreign traditions that might shake their beliefs. I would like to say that we are young enough to be affected by any circumstances as to shake our deep rooted customs and social norms. The importance of learning any language is for communication and interaction among people and nations. So we must be open-minded to deal with foreign concepts which do not make a demand on us. We should dismiss the

fear that prevents us to acquire knowledge. We must thank our God that we live in a Muslim country in which everyone moves in the Islamic circle. We should only pray for those who live in foreign societies. I send my respects and great appreciation for their strife and struggle in keeping up the honor of their creed in such communities, especially where there are ethnic wars. Finally, for those who can not differentiate between different things, I say, a true Muslim is one who can not be affected by whatever he reads outside his religion. Nothing can shake his belief system.

Yours sincerely,
Fahima Taha Ahmad

In her eyes, I gazed
The dazzling dumb innocence
And in her face I discovered
The compacted mysterious beauties.

To my enchanted mind. She is
Not an angel, but someone more divine
Who instructs me to love
And adore me the gift of Jove.

Lights of all lights she
And her words to me the divine symphony
But alas! with her departure
Light has gone out of my life.
Issam M. A. Al-Khawlani

Alas!!

"Your love is gone",
Fate, with an ugly face,
Came roaring upon my ears,
To make me undone.

As a dancing cloud,
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Over my heart

To make me pensive
Filled with bitter-sweet sighs.

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CONDOLENCES

The Embassy of India in Sana'a, Republic of Yemen has to inform with deep regret and grief that MR. SURENDRA KUMAR, First Secretary of this Mission who arrived in Sana'a on July 10, 2000 passed away on 28th July, 2000 in Azal Specialised Hospital due to heart attack and related ailments.

The Embassy of India expresses its gratitude to all the Government Offices of the Republic of Yemen, Public/Private sector institutions, Corporate Bodies and individuals who conveyed their messages of condolences to the bereaved members of the family of late MR. SURENDRA KUMAR and to this Embassy.

The Embassy of India also wants to put it on record with gratitude the prompt help and services granted to this Embassy by various Offices of the Republic of Yemen and others during this unfortunate and sad occasion. (The Embassy is fully aware that some Officials of the Government of the Republic of Yemen had to work on holidays also.)

Summer Vacation and Youths



By: Ismail Al-Ghabri
Yemen Times

Many people are pre-occupied with the issue of summer vacation, and how it can be used to polish students' latent talents and energy so as to save them from streets. That is actually a pressing issue as majority of students find themselves nothing to do, nowhere to go. They find themselves in a depressing leisure. The energy and vigor these students have are then

a visible sense of despair in his voice. "It is strange that summer vacation is associated with distressing leisure time, monotony, and dullness. Most students are not able to make use of their summer vacation owing to the lack of entertainment and refreshment places. The Ministry of Education and that of Youths and Sports are playing the role of silent spectator and are not moving a finger to organize any cultural, social, and sport activities. There are no youths' trips, no camps, no training courses, etc. We, during summer vacation, find nothing to do. The authorities concerned are ignoring us completely. We can perform different

dreary studying routine of schools. Youths can do lots of things if they are given the opportunity to do so. They may be trained on various professions such as carpentry, plumbing, plastic arts, etc. Trips should also be made to acquaint youths with the history of their country and its deep-rooted heritage."

Khalil Noman Al-Ameri, a university student, said "There are hundreds of talented students who find it very hard to practice their hobbies during their study at school. Summer vacation is a golden chance to polish their skills and latent merits. This will certainly con-

tribute to the development of the society. However, the time these students finish their exams, they are shocked by the real circumstances they come to face. As a consequence, students find themselves in a terrible psychological condition that may negatively reflect on their behavior. Therefore, it seems urgent that the authorities in charge should have a sense of responsibility towards students and towards showing their capabilities during this vacation."

Ghamdan Muhsen Al-Jebri, a secondary school student, said "The non-existence of cultural, art and sport clubs is also the other side of the problem that makes students fall into the trap of streets. The government should ensure

these students' rights to have some training centers and camps, especially during summer vacations so as to develop their awareness about many crucial issues and expand their horizons.

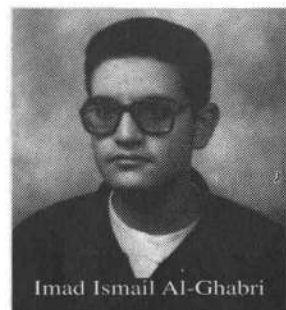
If boys are able to enjoy some other privileges in terms of doing any other activities through planning out some programs by themselves, the situation of female students is far worse and more critical. They can not do such a thing. They are bound to stay at home until the beginning of the new year of study. Despite the fact that summer vacation is made to give them relief and make them happy, they are actual-

ly in a real misery. Hana'a Haidar Ali expressed the vastness of the problem of female students and said "For us, female students, the problem is bigger. There are many talented girls who are in urgent need of some encouragement and support so as to prosper, but none cares. Other female students are very interested in learning handicrafts, and other skills such as sewing, typing, household works, secretarial courses, music, etc. Others are dreaming of visiting archaeological sites and to enjoy seeing landscapes. However, all those still remain a far cry and a dream not so

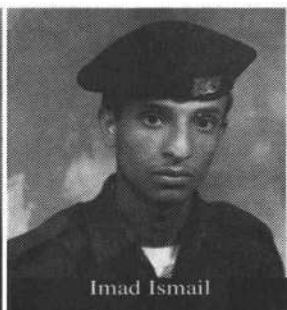
easy to realize."

Huda Al-Thamari, a student at the Commerce Faculty, said "girls have to depend upon themselves so as to spend and enjoy their vacation. They can read books, magazines, newspapers, do house works, etc. We do dream of an interesting, intensive summer program full of activities and joy. However, all are pipe dreams.

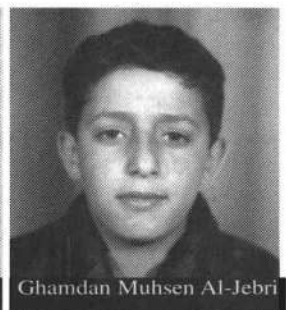
The whole blame is to be put on the authorities concerned for their total ignorance and neglect. At least there should be some libraries to help students borrow books."



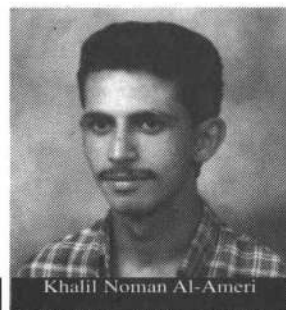
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wasted and not made use of. Despite the need to address this issue, the authorities concerned seem to turn a deaf ear to the need of channeling the students' capabilities and creativeness to the benefit of the society. As a direct result of this it is noted that a good number of students find their way to streets that may lead them to wicked and bad company. To shed more light on students' opinions about summer vacation and how they can spend it, Mr. Ismael Al-Ghabri of the Yemen Times interviewed some of them and filed the following:

Mujeeb Ahmad, a secondary school student, talked about this and said with

activities in agriculture, industry or any other fruitful areas. We can for example renovate public services institutions. Even school or the ministry of youth activities are usually held before the period of exams."

Imad Ismael, secondary school student, said "We do lack training programs. We are full of energy and activity. However, after exams are over, we find nothing to manifest our capabilities and interests. Summer vacation should be fully made use of so as to maintain our interest in going back to study. Summer vacation should be programmed in a way different from the

tribute to the development of the society. However, the time these students finish their exams, they are shocked by the real circumstances they come to face. As a consequence, students find themselves in a terrible psychological condition that may negatively reflect on their behavior. Therefore, it seems urgent that the authorities in charge should have a sense of responsibility towards students and towards showing their capabilities during this vacation."

An Open Letter to Bill Gates

Interestingly, Yemen Times received a letter from a Somali reader living in Yemen who aimed at delivering it to Bill Gates. However, perhaps he thought that the best tool to do that is through Yemen Times. It is not a common practice to publish such articles, but the editorial board decided to publish it, at least to satisfy our reader's wish. Who knows? Maybe Bill Gates will actually read his letter online?

Dear Bill Gates,
President of Microsoft Corporation

After compliments,

I am a Somali citizen Yousuf Ali Jama, born in the city of Aden - Yemen and resident in it since I was born. I work as a teacher in a vocational training institute. I would like to express my deep regret over the decision of the Primary court to divide Microsoft Co. It is clear that the division of the company will severely jeopardize this scientific and technological foundation, particularly in the field of scientific research and inventions.

Therefore, I would like here to confirm my solidarity with you in the hope that this decision will be appealed against at the Supreme Court. May God help you.

Mr. Bill

I have been trained on your program Windows, and another group of related programs like Word, Excel, Access, Internet Explorer. I was so amazed by this scientific achievement. What, however, pains me is that this program on which I was trained was designed only for Arabic and English. I enquired why shouldn't there be also another program designed for Somali and English languages. These two languages use the same Latin letters. So I am considering to put before you some proposals and opinions which I hope will contribute something to support your establishment. I am summarizing these as follows:

1- There are seventeen million Somalis spreading out in four states in

the east of the African Continent. They do not know any language other than Somali. If we regard our era as the era of computers, I think that these people will be deprived of the achievement of this era. Therefore, I propose to your company that it manufactures MS Windows with its supplements of other programs in English and Somali languages. I think it will not be faced with difficulty in this as the language are written in Latin letters. In this way, your company will have helped our people to catch the era of computers, while at the same time it will provide for itself a large market for its products in the eastern part of the African continent.

2- In 1992, the US forces were sent to Somalia in an operation called "Restore Hope". The operation failed. Regardless of our opinion about its objectives, justifications and reasons, there is a point unknown to the world. It is that our people are suffering from the world's high illiteracy rate. Our people are unable to understand what they are seeing in this world of 2000. Among the most important reasons are the lack of any TV Station. Therefore in Somalia until now 90% of our people have not seen any TV program. So how can they understand what others do even for their benefit? The US government should have better established a Somali language satellite TV station based in London instead of sending its forces to Somalia. I hereby propose to your excellency that your company make this station as an investment project.

3- I heard there is a charitable society carrying your name and belongs to your company. I had wished this society include the two following programs into its charitable programs.



a- The world of today is that of the Internet. We, Somalis are pressing that the society sets a site on the Internet with the name of natural Somalia with all its five parts, so that it becomes an archive for anything about Somalia and a forum for exchange of ideas and discussions about our situation, concerns and problems, along with a space for advertisements, etc. Your charitable society will manage and develop this site and provide the necessary funding to run it.

b- Recently the world has begun to be swept by a new phenomena called Internet Café shops. My hope is that your charitable society would set up such cafés in the safe territories of Somalia, particularly in the northern territory which is called the Republic of Somaliland.

Yours,

Yousuf Ali Jama
Maala - Aden
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(The above post will be based in Sana'a).

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Qualifications:

- Education: University Degree.
- Age: 28 to 35 years old.
- Languages: Should have excellent communication skills in both Arabic and English.
- Driving License: Essential.

Experience:

- Minimum 3 years experience in retail sales and marketing at management level and branch management.
- Must be self-starter with initiative and excellent interpersonal skills.

3. SALES SUPERVISORS

Reporting to the Branch Manager, the supervisor must be able to provide direction for his group through aggressive leadership, goal setting, motivation, clear communication and people development to achieve sales budgets through a team of salesmen.

Qualifications:

- Education: University Degree or its Equivalent.
- Age: 25 to 30 years old.
- Languages: Should have excellent communication skills in Arabic. Possession of English language is an added advantage.
- Driving License: Essential-light commercial vehicles - not less than one year.

Experience:

- Minimum 1 years experience in retail sales and marketing at supervisory level.
- Must be self-starter with initiative and excellent interpersonal skills.

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Reporting to the supervisor, the salesmen is to increase route sales and distribution throughout his assigned area, and to build a trustworthy relationship with his customers.

Qualifications:

- Education: General Secondary Education level or its Equivalent.
- Age: 25 to 30 years old.
- Languages: Should have excellent communication skills in Arabic. Possession of English language is an added advantage.
- Driving License: Essential-light commercial vehicles - not less than one year.

Experience:

- Minimum 1 years experience in retail sales.
- Must be self-starter with initiative and excellent interpersonal skills.

(The above three posts will be based in Sana'a, Aden, Taiz, Hodiedah and Mukallah)

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Experience:

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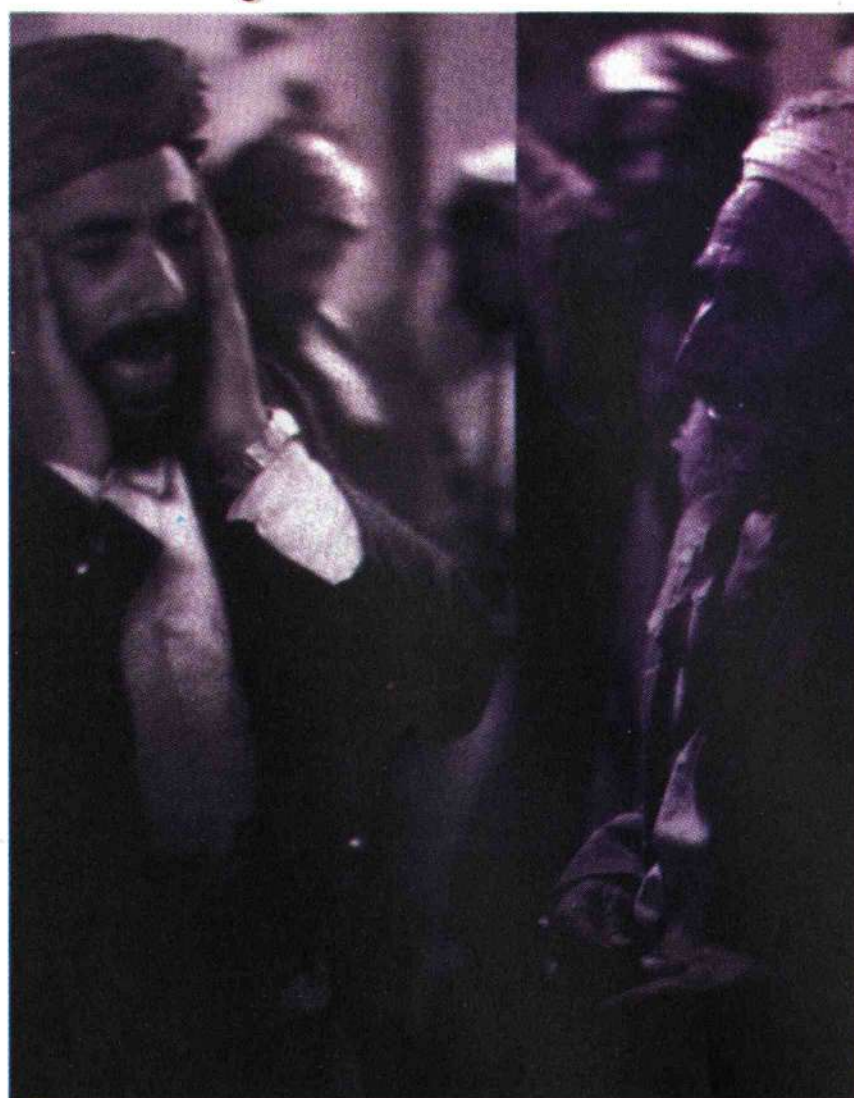
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Zamil is a genre of oral literature. It is a tribal poetic tradition. Tribal poetry is thought to be as ancient as the spoken language. The ideal thing in the tribal society is that every man to be able to compose verse, it is part of what is meant to be a tribesman, however, there is no formal instruction in verse composition exists among tribes. Of course, poets are not specialists, they only do what everyone of the population ought to do, therefore, a tribesman does not compose purely for the sake of art. His sensibility does not separate aesthetic expression from practical life, for every poem is at heart of political and social act. The composition is in response to some actual concrete event that always has practical or spiritual import for the community. Zamil as a genre of tribal poetry is composed in course of performance. The complete Zamil poem comprises only two lines and it may be recited independently of ritual occasions, oral tradition of this poetry has preserved Zamil poems that are more than a hundred years old. The reciter tells his audience who the poet was if his identity is known and the occasion for which was composed, in addition to other historical information to clarify references in the utterance. The reciter can be anyone who happens to know the poem.



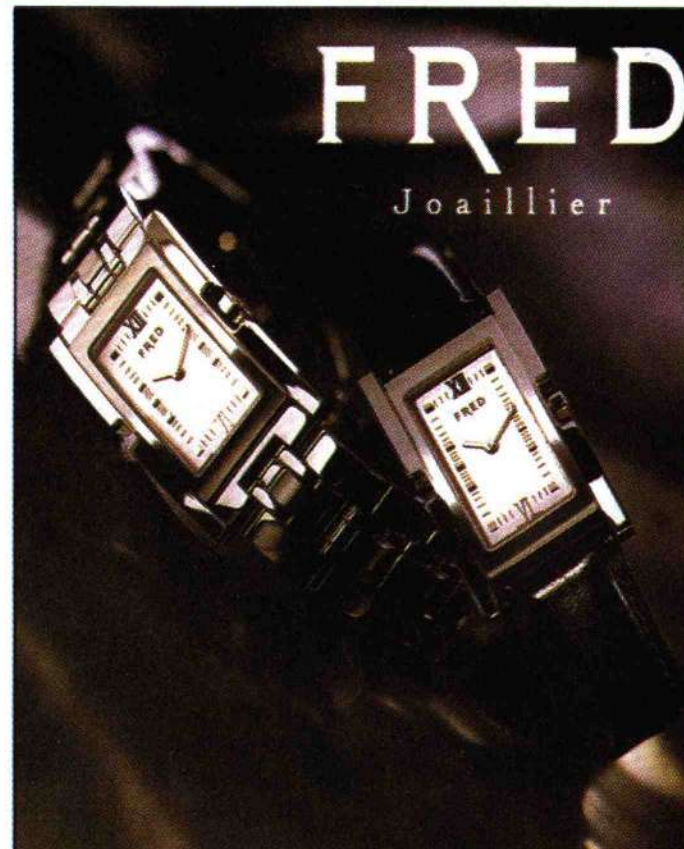
Though one poet is responsible for creating the text, Zamil involves a chorus of men. The Zamil performance may include poetry, instrumental music as well as song and dance, the dance, however, is not an obligatory element of the performance.

The poetic form of the Zamil poem is more interesting musical in structure. The constraint of composition is compression, since the first line of the poem is usually set aside for recognizing the honor of the addressee, there remains only one line in which the poet can address the issue in question. At its best the Zamil is an aphorism, therefore, it can be said that there is less need for formulas in the composition of the Zamil.

In Zamil, poetry formulas are short, never more than three words and therefore, encompass only a fraction of the entire line.

Zamil has a much greater range of use in social context, being performed at the wedding, religious festivals, the dispute mediations and the ceremonies of atonement. The most important social context, in which Zamil poetry is composed is the dispute mediation, when a serious conflict breaks out between two or more villages, or two different tribal sections, mediators usually arrive chanting zamil poems.

Zamil performance is presupposes tribal bonds of solidarity among its participants, in the dispute mediations, solidarity, means one of steadfastness and resolves of the litigants as well as mediator in the face of conflict. An important dialectic occurs between poetry and social action, for the Zamil both transforms, the social context, through its association with the idea of solidarity and is in turn transformed by it. To compose a Zamil poetry in accordance with the conventions of the poetic tradition is to have a power, to enter into a certain kind of discourse in which honor is created or defended by the poet and persuasion is exercised.



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