

Five YSP Leaders, Detained
Mohammed Abdulwahed, the Yemeni Socialist Party's chief information, said that police had arrested five leaders of the party on Saturday 26 August, 2000, accusing them of meeting without a prior permit. The five leaders were detained in Aden while preparing for a national convention of the party due to be held in Sana'a on August 30. Mr. Wahed has said "The police's excuses are weak stressing that the YSP is a legitimate party operating within an official government license and therefore is free to work in public without being in need of an official police permit. Among those detained was Mr. Ali Mansoor Mohammed, secretary general of the party's Sana'a bureau.

Shocking Results in The Final Report

The German experts' report on body parts found at the morgue of the college of Medicine revealed that organs examined belonged to 115 victims besides other full 18 bodies. Results of the report caused heated argumentation's during the court hearing session yesterday leading to the withdrawal of victims' attorneys, Ismael Al-Dailami and Abdul Aziz Al-Baghdadi. Argumentation were presented by Sana'a University representative, advocate Dr. Hassan Mugalli and Adam's attorney, Dr. Mohammed Al-Khateeb. The session was adjourned for a week to hear the final report on finger prints.

YSP Holds 4th General Congress
The Yemeni Socialist Party (YSP) is currently preparing for its fourth general congress scheduled for next Wednesday at the Military Academy in Sana'a. More than 2500 representatives of the party offices in the Republic and a number of politicians, intellectuals and media men will be attending the congress. Chairman of the press committee, Mr. Mohammed Ghaleb Ahmad said that the party would allow journalists, politicians and supervisors to attend the congress discussions. YSP's nationwide elections shifted 70 new members to the Central Committee,

an informed source told the Yemen Times. These, besides about 43 members who left the country during the war of 1994 were named as members of the national list. The source added that names of members outside Yemen to be approved by the party included, former secretary general of the YSP and former Vice President of the Republic Ali Salem Al-Beehdh, erstwhile Prime Minister, Haider Abu Bakr Al-Attas, former Speaker Dr. Yassin Saeed Noaman. Discussions during the congress are expected to center on two premises, namely the party political coalition and current situation of the country. The fourth congress of the YSP has been adjourned for several times due to what an official in the party stated as financial problems. The first attempt to hold the congress in November 1998 was received with a campaign against the party accusing it of treachery. The call for the return of the party exiled members is expected to cause a heated debate with the government.

Commemoration Ceremony
A commemoration ceremony for the late Abdullah Sa'ad Mohammed, deceased one year ago was organized yesterday by the Yemeni Journalists Syndicate. Mr. Yasin al-Masodi and Mr. Mahboob Ali, chairman of journalists syndicate delivered speeches in the ceremony reviewing the late journalist's life. The syndicate granted him the syndicate press card No 1 "repeated" for No 1 that was granted to Dr. Abdulaziz al-Saqqa. The syndicate meeting hall was also named after him. Poems and speeches were presented in the ceremony. The ceremony was organized in coordination with the Information Ministry and al-Thawrah Press Establishment.

Najib al-Sha'abi Accused of Blackmailing
Mohammed Hamoud al-Matri, chief of the presidency election campaign of the failed candidate Najib Qahtan al-Sha'abi, presented a letter of complaint to the Parliament's complaints Committee accusing al-Sha'abi of blackmailing him. Al-Sha'abi had claimed to al-Matri that he phoned the President who promised to grant al-Matri an undersecretary degree and a car after endorsing 2000 budget and to appoint him as a permanent committee member.

Al-Matri said that he had been waiting for a year to receive what he had been promised. However, so far he received nothing. He said "I was rather accused of being a bodyguard of the president. He also accused me in the Parliament of being a rouge, claiming that I possess some important documents pertaining to his land." Al-Matri was used to follow up and conduct all the activities pertaining to al-Sha'abi election for the presidency. Yemen Times has also complained of not receiving its dues, more than YR 250,000, that Najib Qahtan al-Sha'abi has not paid yet in return for the election program and propaganda published in the Yemen Times. The complaints committee has summoned last Wednesday al-Sha'abi for questioning and investigation. No news are yet known.

COCA Detects Violations At ERDB

The Central Organization for Control & Audit (COCA) has lodged a memorandum with the Minister of Agriculture & Irrigation reporting results of its inspection and auditing in the tenders which are being executed by the Eastern Region Development Board in Marib Province. The memo disclosed a number of breaches in form of seizure of funds in different fields. Citing examples of such breaches, the memo claimed that the ERDB signed a IL112,455,822 (Italian Lire) worth contract of supply with the Beihaan Trading Company on 24th November, 1994; but the recipient committee showed short-receipt of supplies. Another similar contract was signed with the local representative of Messers J. Tomix on 12th November, 1995; but the recipient committee showed short-receipt of supplies. Another examples showed that the Board paid cost of machines and equipment in excess to the allocated amount and on one occasion it approved bids with prices different from those sanctioned by the Higher Tender Board.

Mother & Three Children Hit
Z.G.M was arrested on August 20 in Al-Sheikh Othman, Aden, after hitting a mother and her children while asleep with a 2x3 beam on their heads. The accused confessed to jumping into the house of Ali Mohammed Ahmad, who was on a pilgrimage, at night and used the beam to hit Ibraheem Ali Mohammed Ahmad (13), Rahah (19), Khaled (8) and their mother Zahrah Ismael (43) on their heads. Another child was also hit on his head and hands and is presently in the intensive care unit in Al-Jumhuriyah Hospital with his family members.

Human Rights Workshop to Be Held
Yemeni Journalists' Syndicate (YJS) and the Arab Institute for Human Rights would on August 30-September 4 co-sponsor a training course on human rights for Yemeni media men. During the training course experts shall deliver a number of lectures and aimful programs would be arranged on ways of disseminating awareness of human rights. YYS sources maintained that the President would attend the inaugural session and address the attendants. The occasion is to be attended by a number of Arab experts in Human Rights field.

Saudi Princess Invests US \$100m in Yemen
A Saudi Arabian investors delegation representing Princess Noora Bint Saud's Company of Dar Al-Roo'ya for Trade & Contracts left Yemen last week after reaching an agreement with both the Yemen Airlines (Alyemenia) and the National Bank over financing 65 residential units in Sana'a at the cost of US\$10 million. The amount constitutes part of a US\$35 million deal for construction of residential units for Alyemenia engineers and pilots in Sana'a and Aden.

The Company Director, head of the delegation Mr. Nasser Al-Qahtani stated that during his visit he offered other projects such as construction of a civilian radar system at Sana'a Airport for the Public Corporation of Civil Aviation at the cost of US\$82 million as well as maintenance at Sana'a Airport and building warehouses.

Yemeni officials sought the assistance of the delegation to finance two other projects namely, completion of Aden TV building, including modernizing and developing it at a cost of US\$20 million. The other proposed project was construction of a township in Sana'a with 140 residential units attached to the Yemen National Bank at a cost of US\$40 million. Aspects of financing and implementing both projects are being studied. The Chairwoman of the Co.'s board of directors and its proprietor, Princess Noora, had authorized the delegation to invest US\$100 million in Yemen in favor of her Dar Al-Roo'ya.

Women's Status at Ministries Discussed

An expended meeting for members and coordinators of the National Women Committee was held last Saturday at the Police Officers' Club. The meeting which was chaired by Mrs. Rashidah Al-Hamdan, chairwomen of the Committee and Mrs. Horiah Mash-hour Vice Chairwomen discussed the analytical study made by the Committee on women's status in 8 ministries. A number of recommendations and suggestions were made to enhance women's participation in the decision making. Full

report on women's status in ministries next week.

Fresh French Aid: 7,300 Tons of Flour

Both the Minister of Planning & Development and the French Charge d' Affaires last Saturday (Aug.26) signed an agreement covering a fresh French grant in the field of food assistance for Yemen for the year 2000. The assistance is made-up of 7,300 tons of wheat flour: an increase of 25% compared to previous years assistance. France is understood to be offering food products grants to Yemen since the year 1983. In 1992, thirty-eight thousand tons of flour and five hundred tons of sugar were received. Out of this consignment, 2,500 tons of flour were distributed gratis to Socotra Island. In all, these grants assisted in financing development projects in different areas of Yemen.

As was the case in 1995, out of the quota for the year 2000, five hundred tons of flour shall be sent to Socotra on board a French ship. The remaining 6,800 tons shall be marketed in Hodeidah. The revenue in Yemeni Riyals shall be transferred to a coffer administered jointly by the Ministry of Planning and the French Embassy. The fund shall be utilized for financing projects which would allow development of food production.

European Commission Revives Tourism

The European Commission, Technical Advisory Office in Sana'a, issued on August 24 a statement on the occasion of allocating 1 million Euro to revive tourism in Yemen.

The European Commission has supported tourism development in Yemen since 1989, when the first Tourism Master Plan was conceived. Subsequent EC-assisted interventions included the strengthening of collection and analysis of tourism statistics, a revision of the hotel and restaurant classification system and a survey of investment opportunities in seaside tourism along the Gulf of Aden. Whilst a detailed action plan will be developed during the forthcoming 6 months, the following priority areas of intervention have already been agreed upon:

- Marketing support through the provision of expertise in image building to offset the at present partially negative perception of Yemen in key tourism - this will also include the design of coherent destination promotion companies and the tourism policy statement.
- Strengthening the regulatory and supervisory systems in the General Tourism Authority, through continuous development and enforcement, the licensing and classification system of tourism facilities and the establishment of a comprehensive information database.
- Devising a system that can help local communities to benefit from tourism. Too often these communities bear the inconveniences of tourism for little return. There will also be action to develop model tourism locations. The impending reform in local government will give local communities a greater say in deciding whether they wish to participate in such developments.
- Training both for tourism administrators and tour guides. For most visitors the guides is the most important Yemeni person that they come into contact with. They are in effect national representatives and their training, awareness and appearance needs to be reflective of this important role.

Joint Yemeni-Saudi Investment Project Costs SR.42m

Within the next few days a project for operating cold storages to preserve Yemeni agricultural imports is to begin in a number of Saudi Arabian cities, Engineer Abdulrehman Al-Olfi, Secretary General of the Yemeni Agricultural Cooperatives Federation said. He added that the project includes providing a fleet of vehicles for transportation of agricultural products into the Kingdom.

The project which costs SR.42 million has come into light following joint investment between the National Center for Agricultural Exports in Hodeidah Province and Saudi Arabian businessmen, Mr. Olfi said.

Containers Unloaded In ACT Increases

More than 223,670 containers had been unloaded in the Container Terminal in Aden since official inauguration of the terminal in March 1999. In addition, the Aden seaport had received more than 539 carriers during the same period. An official at the Container Terminal stated that the increase in number of containers was a result of the increase in international shipping lines sailing to Aden port. On the other hand, customs' revenue had during the same period reached YRs 3,673,203,788.

World Bank Loan To Expand Basic Education

According to an agreement initiated at Washington, the World Bank has approved a US\$56 million loan for the expansion of basic education project in Yemen. The loan shall be used in three

basic components for building schools in hinterlands and remote districts. It includes training and qualification and equipment. The agreement was signed by Dr. Yehya Al-Sha'bi, Minister of Education and the World Bank Advisor of Education Sector at the Human Resources Development Group.

Campaign to Safeguard National Bill
Mr. Ahmed A. Al-Samawi, Governor of the Central Bank, opened on Thursday an information campaign for awareness to safeguard the national bank notes from misuse and ill-circulation.

In his inaugural address the Governor talked about the Bank's contribution in the field of monetary reform within the

financial reforms which the State sponsored during 1995. As a result international organizations were contacted and easy loans and other facilities were obtained. He also disclosed that through consultations and agreements Yemen was able to end the problems of its loans.

Mr. Samawi stressed that all official and media efforts are focused to assist the Bank by disseminating awareness within the public over the need to preserve the national currency through rational use. He urged that people are made to understand the disadvantage of misused bills. According to the Governor, the Central Bank destroys Yr.20m worth canceled notes everyday.

Taiz-Ibb Water Workshop Over

Water workshop held in Taiz and Ibb governorates concluded last Wednesday asserting that there must be some solutions to water crisis in the two governorates, especially Taiz. Recommendations of the workshop emphasized the importance of feeding districts including Shara'ab, al-Buraihi, al-Janad, Thi al-Sufal, etc. with water resources.

Papers presented in the workshop indicated that there were 2300 wells in these districts; 1993 were primitive wells. Papers also indicated the increasing number of problems over water resources, random digging of wells, and pollution due to waste of factories and sewer system.

In the concluding meeting, attended by governor of Taiz and deputy Ibb governor, an executive plan was presented by engineer Ahmed Al-Shami on administering water resources from the top of Wadi Rasyan, whose area is 940 km². He indicated the annual feed level and how water is used in the area. He said "Water is estimated at about 5 million m³ while consumed ground water is 41 million m³ of which 27 million m³ is used for agriculture, 3 million m³ for drinking in countryside, 4 million m³ for drinking in urban areas and 4 million m³ for industry. Grater Taiz population is 650,000 people while subscribers in the water Establishment do not exceed 37,000." He finally indicated that there would be a water problem in the future. Abdullah Saleh Saif presented a review of the proposed administration of water

in terms of establishing a basis for distributing water resources, setting up an organizing framework for distributing water, improving water services, addressing the damage of floods and sewer system. He finally reviewed countryside field visits stressing that people in those areas requested the establishment of societies in their areas to coordinate with water Establishment.

Mrs. Entissar al-Harhi, NOWRA water awareness chairwoman, reviewed results of fields visits of women sector. She reflected women's suffering in those areas indicating that these women called for compensating them for transferring water to cities by establishing schools, dispensaries, illiteracy centers, handicrafts centers, etc. She also revealed that there is a big number of people from the countryside sick due to the polluted water they get.

In a statement to the YT, Engineer Jamal Mohammed Abduh, chairman of NOWRA, said "Yemen is characterized among the dry or semi-dry countries. It has few water resources in comparison to other countries. Moreover, there is a misuse and maladministration."

He pointed out that the executive plan to administer Taiz water resources came as the result of detail studies conducted on the area; how to get water, how to distribute it; how to protect water resources from pollution and using it up. He concluded by saying that these plans to be deemed successful, all parties should pull together and join efforts to face this crisis.

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Constitutional amendments

Parliament Speaker announced that the members who expressed reservations did not exceed 7, Parliament Secretariat said the number was 17. Some MPs confirmed in press statements that the number exceeded 50 along with 100 absent members not taken down in the session records. Other MPs expressed their objection to the principle of constitutional amendments, as being backing down from democratic course and chaining it, said Sa'ad al-Din Taleb, MP.

He added that he had objected to the wrong voting procedures adopted in presenting these amendments. He said "Article No 156 of the constitution gives the President of the Republic along with two thirds of MPs to propose amending one or more articles of the constitution, while the President's memorandum requested amendment, changing and addition, which is unconstitutional." Said Doman, MP, Islah Party, has stressed his bloc is split between those in favor and opponents. However, he said that almost all the MPs were objecting to some articles such as dissolving the parliament

without holding public referendum and denying the Parliament of its authority to direct the government.

Yahya Mansor Abu Usba'a, Socialist MP, one of prominent opponents strongly criticized the amendment of certain articles especially those proposed giving legislative rights to the Shoura appointed members, equal to those of the MPs as well as the article authorizing the president of the republic dissolving the parliament without a need for referendum. Dr. Abdulkudoos al-Medwahi, Political Office Secretary, People's Nasserite Unionist Party, expressed the party's rejection of these amendments which were abruptly presented and were allotted very short time to be endorsed.

Parties within the Coordination Council for Opposition exchanged charges of acting in collusion with the government to let these constitutional amendments go. Worth mentioning is that the Supreme Coordination Council for Opposition Parties held an extraordinary meeting last Wednesday to discuss those amendments.

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Sit-in in front of the Parliament

There are no vacant jobs for them at the Ministry of Oil, some official sources claimed.

Yemen Times met with some of these graduates who revealed that they wanted a real and clear explanation for unemployment and for not carrying out the Presidents' orders.

They presented a memorandum to the parliament explaining the misery they went through while following their issue up with the authorities concerned.

"There are a lot of foreign employers who can be replaced by Yemeni ones. However, the Ministry of Oil along with other institutions affiliated to it are still suffering from the "foreigners complex", preferring foreigners to Yemenis. We will escalate the issue if our demands were not met in accor-

dance with the Presidents' orders," they stated.

Worth noting is that these graduates already staged sit-ins and demonstrations late in 1999 calling for their employment. In one of these demonstrations they stayed at the Ministry. Oil Minister was then forced to escape using back doors while the police tried to disperse them. It is expected that the issue of these graduates will be aggravated if the authorities concerned do not take a prompt action. On the other hand, students continued their strike last Saturday in front of the Cabinet protesting their unemployment. They stated that they would continue staging sit-ins until their demands are met. Otherwise, they would file a suit.

Workshop on Climate Change
The Environment Protection Council and climate changing project organize the third workshop during (3-4) 9, 2000 in the Ministry of Planning and Development to evaluate the effect of climate on the agricultural, marine life and its social and economic effects. The workshop will be held at 9 a.m.

Correction

In the last issue of Yemen Times it was mistakenly published that the British Council signed a contract with the Ministry of Planning and Development on August 31, while the correct date is 13 August. Our apology.

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Overspeed Landing Might Cause Gulf Air Crash

Gulf Air had issued on 24 August, 2000 a statement clarifying everything about the tragic incident of its airliner which crashed near Bahrain airport on August 23, killing all 143 passengers on board.

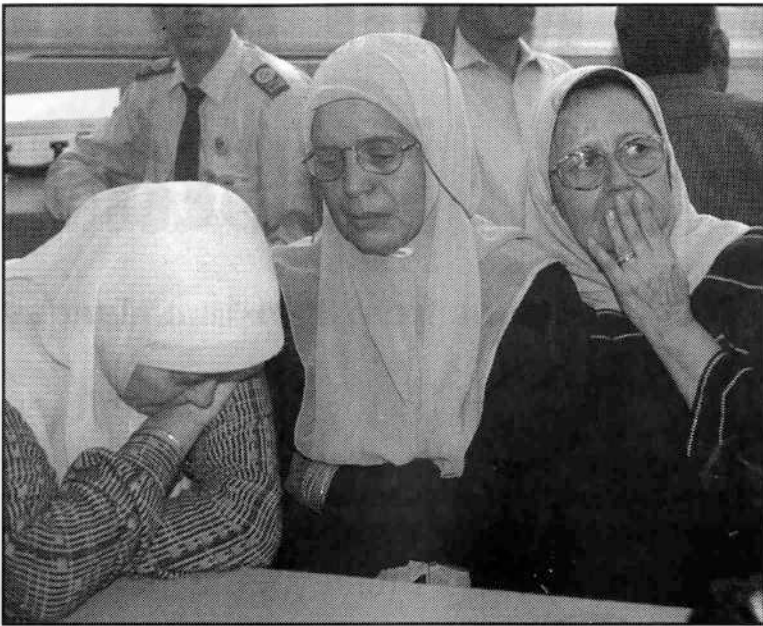
The statement says that Gulf Air Offers its deepest condolences to the families of air crash victims. It is with deepest regret that Gulf Air confirms that its flight from Cairo to Bahrain impacted the sea at GMT 16:30 on 23 August 2000. There were no survivors found among the 143 passengers and crew on board. The Board of Directors and management of Gulf Air extend their deepest sympathy to the families and friends of those who perished in this tragic incident.

Gulf Air has put in place a number of measures for the families of the victims, passengers on other flight and airline staff.

The Gulf Air Airbus A320 crash-landed in the sea with 143 passengers on board, including crew members, while preparing to land at Bahrain International Airport.

Search and rescue efforts were immediately undertaken and all the bodies of the victims have been recovered. The nationalities of the passengers on board included: 34 Bahrainis, 63 Egyptians, 9 Palestinians, 6 Emiratis, 12 Saudis, 3 Chinese, 2 British and individuals from Oman, Kuwait, Canada, Australia, USA, and Sudan, of who 30 were children under 12.

The eight crew members included a Captain from Bahrain and a co-pilot



from Oman. The six cabin attendants were from Poland, India, Morocco, Egypt, The Philippines and one from Bahrain.

Gulf Air arranged for a special flight from Cairo to Bahrain for the families of the deceased. The flight is scheduled to arrive in Bahrain at 18:30. Arrangements are also being made to bring families of other passengers and crew on scheduled flights to Bahrain. The relatives of the deceased gathered in a hotel in Bahrain's capital Manama to identify the victims earlier today. The airline is currently arranging for the repatriations of the victims.

The Amir, Sheikh Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifah has instructed the

Government of Bahrain to immediately conduct an investigation. An investigation committee has been formed, under Sheikh Ali bin Khalifa, Minister of Transportation, comprising senior officials of Gulf Air, Civil Aviation Affairs, other Bahrain Agencies and Civil Aviation Oman. The Crown Prince, Sheikh Salman bin Hamad Al-Khalifah has requested the assistance of the National transportation Safety Board of the USA.

A team of specialists from Airbus Industry is expected to arrive in Bahrain shortly to provide full techni-

cal assistance to the authorities investigating the accident. The voice recorder and flight data recorder (black box) have been retrieved from the wreckage of the Airbus A320.

News reports say that the airplane ditched into the shallow waters in the Gulf near the runway on its third landing attempt, with one engine on fire. Witnesses reported a fire in one of the engines of the plane.

The Bahrain Tribune on Friday reported that landing at excessive speed may have caused the Gulf Airbus crash. "The pilot was requested by the control tower not to land with that high speed," citing an alleged conversation between the pilot and the air traffic control tower.

The pilot responded to the tower's instructions by climbing again, then making two turns to reduce speed. On the third attempt, the pilot took a small turn at high speed. He lost control, which caused the plane nosedive into the waters next to the runway.

Bahraini airport authorities have claimed the control tower did not receive any distress call from the pilot Ihsan Shakeeb. So far it is still unclear why the experienced pilot failed to reduce the speed of the Airbus. Abu Dhabi television said that Wednesday's accident was "due to human error and not to technical malfunction."

(Gulf Air authority, Xinhua)

OPEC Not To Use Crude to Harm Consumers: Official

CARACAS—Venezuelan Vice Foreign Minister Jorge Valero denied Thursday that the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) will use crude to harm consumer nations.

Valero, also president of the organization commission of the second OPEC Summit to be held in Caracas from September 27-29, said the bloc intends to balance market prices.

"There's no intention whatsoever on behalf of the bloc to utilize oil as confrontation weapon against consumer countries," he said. He said that neither Venezuela nor OPEC wishes to be disturbing factors

on the price issue, but wants to achieve fair prices in order to balance markets and guarantee income to exporting countries.

At the same time, he defended the price band mechanism agreed by OPEC members in June as the best formula to balance crude prices on markets. The mechanism set oil prices to remain within a band between 22 and 28 U.S. dollars a barrel. OPEC production quota will go down or up if the average price goes up to over 28 dollars or down to 22 dollars per barrel during 20 consecutive days. (Xinhua)

scientific and correct basis in order to protect the consumer and the producer from commercial swindling.

Shaikh Omer Bamashmoos, Chairman of Aden CCI, in a statement to Yemen Times Aden Office said that the week shall also observe a meeting for businessmen and merchants including Aden branch Director of Wajbat (religious tax) Authority. Another meeting shall deal with issues concerning the role and activities of the CCI and its contribution in the field of eco-socio developments as well as laying the foundation of a national economy on scientific basis. During this meeting the Chamber's last year works shall revised and corrected, he said.

Al-Kherbash Provides New tech.

Al-Kherbash, BSL and IBM held a meeting yesterday in which they presented to customers in Sana'a the recently announced AS/400e system which are designed with dealing edge technology. This will provide customers with highly saleable systems to address e-business. The event was attended by people from private as well as public sectors.

Acquaintance Dinner Party

Large number of public - private sectors establishments and companies have been invited to an acquaintance dinner party to be given Saturday 2.9.2000 by the Elephant Bay Beach Resort (EBBR), Aden.

In a statement to YT, Mr. Moh'd Saleh Asaad, coordinator of the ceremony and sales manager, said "The objective of this ceremony is to enhance and consolidate relations between officials of the Elephant Bay Beach Resort and general managers, public relations' managers, secretaries of these companies and establishments in Aden. It is also an advertising propaganda for these companies who participated in funding this ceremony. Many companies responded positively to this ceremony in terms of providing draw prizes. Songs and games will be presented on the occasion."

The ceremony is sponsored by EBBR, Yemen Times, Hertz Rent a Car company, Sheba Hotel and Matches and Cigarettes National Company, Amideast Language Institute, Al-Hadh Printing House, United Insurance Company and SSS for Tourism and Egyptian Airlines.

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Workshop on Climate change

Organized by the Environment Protection Council, a workshop on the impact of changing climate will be held during 3-4 September, 2000. The council will discuss what the seven teams' results. These teams were already formed to study the effect of climate on the agricultural, marine life and social and economic effects. The teams were also assigned to study the climate during the past 30 years and to make predictions for the next 50 years.

Worth mentioning is that the teams constitute universities, research institutions and organizations concerned.

Parliamentary Report Recommends Creation of Ministry of Environment

The Parliament last week resolved to summon the Government represented in Premier Dr. Abdulkareem Al-Iryani or his deputy, including those ministers whose ministries have relations with the environment conditions problems and environmental problems in the Republic. The purpose of the summoning was to answer remarks raised in a parliamentary report over deterioration of the environmental conditions in Yemen.

The Parliament had last Monday begun debating a report prepared by its Public Health, Population and Environment Commission covering environmental problems in the presence of Director of Council of Protection of Environment (CPE). Full debate was postponed until the Government appeared to show commitment by abiding with the recommendations of the Parliament. One of the Commission's recommendations urged the Parliament to commit the Government to create a new Ministry of Environment in place of the CPE. Another recommendation called for strict measures to restrict entry and import of certain chemical items such as pesticides and fertilizers as well as certain seeds unless these go through laboratory tests. The use of these items have been found harmful to the soil and ground resources. Meanwhile statistics showed that 25,000 tons of waste oil and 7,000 tons of chemical wastes have been dispensed with in an irresponsible manner. The report stated that the problem of deterioration of ground resources, sea environment, solid waste problem and sewage water altogether contributed in deteriorating environmental con-

ditions in Yemen.

The report revealed that certain ministries with relations to environment do not abide with the law on protection of environment. The report cited the Ministry of Oil as an example which does not include conditions of protection and maintenance of environment while signing contracts with oil companies. The Ministry neither executes clauses which govern grant of license for implementing oil projects nor evaluates environmental impact.

It is worth mentioning that besides the CPE, the report considered ministries of Health, Oil & Mineral Wealth, Fish Wealth, Transport, Industry, Electricity & Water, Agriculture and Planning as sides related with environment.

It is understood that the CPE has accepted the part of recommendations concerning it. The other part has been deferred by the Parliament until the appearance of the Government side.

Diarrhea Fighting Campaign Launched

More than thirty villages and districts in Abyan are targeted by a campaign to fight diarrhea during August 24-29. Fifteen participants in the campaign will hold meetings and deliver lectures on dangers of diarrhea and ways of protection. Another campaign targeting more than 35 villages will be launched next week.

Aden CCI Celebrates 114th Foundation Anniversary

The Aden Chamber of Commerce & Industry has organized a week-long activities to mark the 114th anniversary of its founding. The week which started last Saturday is devoted to discussions over different issues serving the private sector and encouraging Arab and foreign investments.

The week which will come to a close next Thursday (Aug.31) has in fact begun by discussing the role of standardization and specification in the development of Yemen in the presence of experts, industrialists and businessmen. The purpose is to protect the consumer and explain the importance and development of small enterprises as well as to review Arab investments. A number of studies and papers were submitted in order to improve quality of production. These urged compliance with standard specifications on

First Draw of "Al-Tabbakh" Oil Held

The first draw for prizes of edible "Al-Tabbakh" oil was held last Thursday. Around 51,000 citizens from all provinces of the Republic took part in the contest. The valuable prizes were paid in cash and in-kind.

Mr. Shukri Al-Farais, General Manager of the Yemeni Company for Fats & Detergents, welcomed the participants and sorted out details of contestants, their areas and the prizes awarded to each contestant.

He also elaborated the role which the Company plays in supplying the market need depending on the international standardization.

It is understood that the Yemeni Company for Fats & Detergents is ISO9002 winner.



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Who Supervises the Widely-Spread Drug Stores?

Drug stores have spread all over the Yemeni cities in an eye-catcher manner leaving behind a lot of queries on part of the Yemeni public opinion.

Such being the case the standard of health has dropped. This rife spread of drug stores has ended confidence in medicines trade. Today, medical treatment has become a merchandise rather than a service. Business in the hands of those who possess money.

The Ministry of Health (MOH) is not playing its role fully in protecting the profession of medicine against serious violations which eventually have the negative impact on health condition of the Yemeni citizen. They either buy expired medicines or find out that certain drug stores are run by unqualified chemists.

It is a very serious issue which needs a follow-up and full-knowledge of the serious consequences. Those responsible at the MOH should be aware of what is going on. Grave consequences await us. A real catastrophe will definitely emerge if affairs are not put right through follow-up and proper supervision.

Drug importing companies and their stores on one hand and the widely spread drug stores on the other deal in

A Zubairi Main Road drug store owner Mr. Khaled Al-Shami believes that persons who benefit out of this business are limited in number. They are the ones who enjoy influence and authority. "We, owners of small pharmacies, are tied up with laws," he said. He added: "Our profits are not that much swollen. With this paltry profit we confront the frequent tax-collectors and 'unwelcome visitors' from the Municipality, Cleaning, Health, and Environment offices and, settle our monthly water and electricity bills. Extortions...illegality everywhere."

Hameed Al-Khawlani, a pharmacist said: "The biggest worry is that drug store owners smuggle medicines and sell them at lower prices in a bid to beat our standard prices. So we are facing two sides. The first is official one represented in tax-collectors and cleaning office staff and the second are these smuggling houses owned by heavyweight capitalists.

Employed at the Republican Hospital, Dr. Nabeel Al-Ibsi is of the opinion that lack of supervision on drug stores has led to appearance of more serious cases of illness after taking expired medicines. Such medicines usually enter Yemen through smugglers who never know ways of storing them. Excessive heat spoils the medicine. Dr. Ibsi added: "Some medicines are below the standard but are in demand owing to the poor purchasing power of the consumer."

Many drug stores practice this, through unqualified dispensers owing to absence of supervision, the doctor said stressing that many dispensers possess experience but actually they know nothing about medicines.

At the Environmental Health, a worker said, on condition not to be identified, that supervision or inspections are not carried out on regular basis. There is an obvious process in selection regarding whose expired medical goods to destroy. He has further said that the Environmental Health has uncovered much of

expired medicine in drug stores and laboratory analyzes proved their being unfit for human consumption. Nevertheless, many of such cases are still suspending in the hands of the prosecution without any prompt and effective action in order to stop the disaster. The worker said that many companies dealing with medicine trade never store their imports in the proper manner, thus exposing these medicines to various temperatures. This changes the effect of the medicines.

One of those in charge of department of cleaning workers at the Ministry of Housing said that the importing companies' stores never care for a clean street and yet they complain of cleaning fees. There are cases where we cannot approach some of these stores.



The "Yemen Times" contacted the Yemen Society for the Protection of the Consumer (YSPC). The Vice-Chairman, Mr. Hamood Al-Bakhiti talked to us and said "in short; but indicative" manner: "Many drug stores have been opened through official procedures but they sell medicines at unofficial level." He added: There are stores which neither taxes nor municipality officers have ever visited because these stores are owned by influential people whose employees are intruders to the profession. Mr. Bakhiti urged the competent authorities to circulate lists containing names of smuggled medicines through the media.

After summing-up these insertions, the "Yemen Times", in an attempt to contribute with solutions to this serious problem, would like to put emphasize that several parties come together in service of the public interest. We propose the following measures:-



suspicious medicines, as smuggling sheds shameful disclosures.

It would appear that this subject is repeated; but the "Yemen Times" would like to knock at the door again in the hope to see affairs going smoothly and as they should.

A Tahreer Plaza chemist, Mr. Ahmed Muhammed Omer said: "We ourselves are really disturbed with this state of affairs. It is a trade more than a service. It is corruption everywhere in all directions. Most of drug store owners have influence at MOH. Senior officials control this business. However, honestly speaking qualified medical cadres, within the aspect of laws and standards, do exist at some drug stores.



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** The Ministry of Health should issue licenses to importing companies and drug stores under specific and tough conditions in the light of the breaches which have come up. Influence should be brushed off and proper measures should be observed while doing so.

** Medicine Control Apparatus' and Environmental Health should carry out fortnightly checks at all companies and drug stores. Each medicine should be checked.

** The Ministry of Health should issue circulars black-listing smuggled medicines. The Ministry should open air-land-sea offices to intercept entry of un-authorized medicines. A careful look into dates of manufacture and expiry should be made.

** The Ministry of Supply & Trade should check the price of medicines sold by the companies and drug stores.

** Environmental Health officials and relevant authorities should uncover expired medicines and monitor work of these companies and stores.

** Activation of media role in this respect particularly in informing the society on perils of expired medicines.

Sheikh Ben Shajea to YT:

"We will not allow any company to carry out any new demarcation in our area"

Sheikh Mohammed Ben Shajea is one of those well-known Sheikhs in Yemen who are often surrounded with a kind of ambiguity and mystery. There are many rumors about his character and his activities that we have not been able to fathom. In our quest of the truth, it was a must to hear everything from him personally. We met him in his impregnable palace that stood in the open horizons of the Empty Quarter and had some chat together.

As you listen to his acute tone and tribal accent you get the impression that such a person can never lie to you. Unlike politicians, he is plain, direct and clear in his dealings with others. He said he was conscious about his tribesmen's affairs. His only aim is to protect and save unity of his tribesmen and their land. His people are ready to follow him and share the same fate that he chooses for them.

Along with some of his men he accompanied us on a tour of the tribe to see all civil and military facilities available there. We encountered a whole tribe with no strategic income resources, depending on work of its inhabitants and their great efforts to develop and construct their home. "Politicians in Yemen and Saudi Arabia finalized the bargain at our own expense. More than 70 thousand-strong men are ready to resist any attempt to divide them and the land they have been dwelling for more than 240 years," he said.

The tribe's military equipment com-

the government military forces under the command of Brigadier Abdullah Dares to the south of the tribe and others were facing Saudi borders to the east and north. "We got the premonition that bad things are likely to happen in the coming days. We felt that the man is determined to resist implementation of the border treaty. It is a real crisis which the governments of the two countries should study carefully and come out with solutions that save unity of land of people in order to avoid a new catastrophe for both peoples," he said.

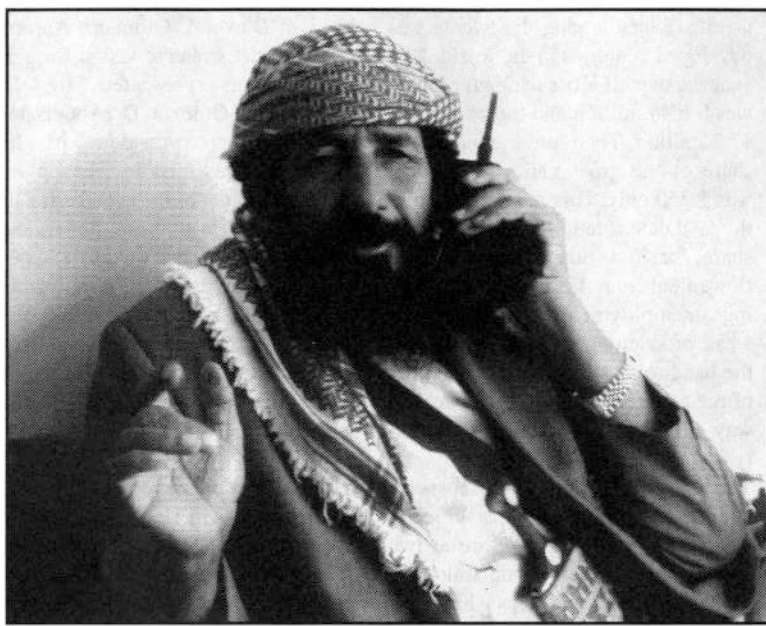
Q: What kind of problems the tribe encounters?

A: Allow me first welcome the Yemen Times in Wadi Al-Atifah. You can see that our tribe is located near the border-line. Let me first of all point out to two important points:

The first is related to demarcation of borders. The border treaty was welcomed by the people in the two countries. But it should be carried out in a fair way. There are demarcated tribal borders which have been known for 240 years. All tribes know those borders begin from the Red Sea, passing through the Empty Quarter to Qatar in the Gulf.

Each Yemeni tribe is opposite to a Saudi tribe which all have clear documents showing borders of each tribe. For example, we in Wailah have border documents with Yam Saudi tribe in Nijran that were signed before the existence of Yemen or Saudi Arabia.

Saudi Arabia was established in 1934.



later in time.

We are very proud of our Yemeni origin. However, we do not deny that we were instigated to stand against the revolutionaries Republicans in their war against the Royalists.

I would like to stress that the border documents we have, were signed between us and Yam tribe after equally dividing the land between us. Yemen and Saudi Arabia signed the new treaty which is unfair to us. We can never accept it. We do not believe in any border demarcation other than what is specified in the documents with us and with Yam tribe. Whatever political decisions are made by the two countries in connection with the border treaty, we will not accept them and we will not allow any company to carry out any new demarcation in our area which spreads along 225 Km to the north of Wadi Al-Atifah.

We do not stand on a false ground. We are right and the documents which we have prove that. I am sure that if those documents are shown to the International Court it will prove that we are right.

Yemen and Saudi Arabia were supposed to have abided by Al-Taif treaty which was better and more fair than the Jeddah treaty which caused the loss of more Yemeni territories.

The other point I would like to mention is the involvement of some officials in suspicious issues detriment to Wailah tribesmen. One of them is Brigadier Abdullah Dares, commander of a large military camp of a 3,000 soldiers who have been attacking us for more than a year. They attack us under the officials' nose in Sana'a, who instead of stopping them support them with weapons and allowances. The government is able to stop their attacks, but there has been no signs for that.

Q: Why do they attack you?

A: They claim to have areas of land in Wadi Al-Atifah and the neighboring plains. We told them to show their documents but they refused and resorted to force.

Some officials have tried to solve this dispute at directives of President Ali Abdullah Saleh. Last attempt was made by Brigadier Ali Mohsen Saleh. We signed a cease-fire agreement and agreed on withdrawal of military forces and a year of reconciliation.

After signing the reconciliation agreement, two ad hoc committees to supervise the implementation of the conditions were formed. We, in Wailah tribe, were supervised by Kitaf Military Camp command while Brigadier Dares was supervised by Al-Boqa District Command. Immediately, we pulled out of our positions and ceased fire. However, troops of the second party did not withdraw and until now they haven't demonstrated any respect of the conditions agreed on. Neither President Ali Abdullah Saleh nor Brigadier Ali Mohsen Saleh used their powers to make him abide by the conditions.

This proves that there is a certain design against Wailah tribe. Frankly speaking we think this plan has the blessing of President Ali Abdullah Saleh and Brigadier Ali Mohsen Saleh themselves. This military stand

towards Wailah has political aims, more than merely tribal disputes that can be easily solved through tribal norms.

Q: If Wadi Al-Atifah and Wailah tribes are declared neutral zones, how would you react?

A: We will have two options:

We will not accept any border demarcation except what is fixed in our documents with Yam tribe. If the new treaty is based on that, we will welcome it, otherwise we will have another stand.

The other choice is that we will be forced to declare strong opposition if the government in Sana'a does not take action against the military attacks on us. We will be forced to do that if

the government goes on supporting Abdullah Dares' troops in their raids on the Wailah tribe. The government should realize that our support for it is connected with its towards the attacks on us and a satisfactory solution to the border issue. You know that our grandfathers lived here for more than 240 years controlled by the Islamic teachings through Sheikhs and other outstanding figures in the tribe. They weren't controlled by any governmental body.

So, if we feel that we are not protected by the state we will do in ourselves depending on Sheikhs and our outstanding figures to run the tribe's affairs. We will not then need a state! Since the revolution of the 26 of September none of us has reported to government offices to solve his problems. As you see there is no existence of such offices here.

In fact, some schools and a clinic have been built recently at the President's orders. He also promised to repair the road connecting us with Al-Boqa.

Q: What are the boundaries of Wailah?

A: Wailah tribe begins in the West plains of Djabal Hadhadh in Al-Mokha and extends to the East over Wadi Al-Atifah to the Quarter over a 225 km distance.

The width of Wailah tribe ranges over 120 km beginning from Wadi Al-Atifah until the borders of Yam Saudi Tribe in the North. These are our boundaries at present. In the past our land reached Qatar.

Brigadier Abdullah Dares is supported by both countries, Yemen as well as Saudi Arabia in order to end us. However, I would like to tell him that whatever support he gets he will never be able to achieve his and his masters' aims.

We still hope that the government of Sana'a gives up supporting him

against us.

Q: Many people here hold the Saudi nationality. Do you think that this may give Saudi Arabia a right to claim possession of the territories where they live?

A: Millions of Yemenis have many nationalities that they got during theirs or their fathers' immigration. This does not give their second countries a right to claim over their lands. The Saudi nationality does not give Saudi Arabia the right to say that this land is Saudi. The land, people, trees, soil and water are still Yemeni. Acquiring another nationality helps our people earn their living easily either here or in Saudi Arabia. But they remain Yemenis for ever.

Q: Ad hoc Yemeni-Saudi committees have been formed to follow up the demarcation process. Those committees have prepared a number of points. What is your comment on those points?

A: The borders that are said to be stipulated in the Jeddah treaty have not been demarcated yet.

Yemeni, as well as Saudi experts do not know the real borders of their countries. They understand Geography and topography only on paper. They made a mistake in not consulting people living near the borders who know better about the borders of the two countries. It will be another mistake if they continued implementing what is wrong.

I would like to stress that the Jeddah treaty is full of hypocrisy at the expense of Yemen's land. As far as we are concerned, we are very much concerned about Wailah tribe boundaries. Other tribes' borders concern their own people and the Yemeni government whose land has been a stage for conflicts while the other part is safe.



prises 35km field guns, anti-aircraft guns, howitzer, mortars, bazooka launchers and other weapons, impossible to be possessed by a tribe claiming to have no financial resources.

Tribe's forces have been deployed over many border areas. Some of those forces were stationed opposite to

In the same year it occupied Hijaz, Makkah and Al-Madeenah. The Taif border treaty was signed in this year between Imam Yahya Hameed and King Abdul Aziz.

Although Imam Yahya established his regime in 1917 after the departure of the Turks, his control reached this area

Political Dimensions of Tribal Revenge

Hassan Al-Zaidi
Yemen Times

More than 200 people were killed and hundreds were badly injured during tribal clashes in Al-Baidha' governorate, recent statistics have disclosed. Tribes of Al-Baidha' governorate: Riam, Aal Ayash, Al-Shwahirah, Aal Sanad, Bani Ziad, Aal Hotam, Aal Al-Noseiri, Aal Sallam, have not only witnessed internal conflicts but have been involved in revenge act with neighboring tribes, as well.

Fight among different tribes has been more common with tribes belonging to Ma'reb, Al-Jawf, Shabwah, Al-Dhale', Abyan, Sa'dah and those surrounding Sana'a: Khawlan, Hamdan, Arhab, Nehm, Hashed, etc. Thousands of people had been killed or wounded along years of bloodshed. More than 39 people were killed and more than 200 injured in the last two months during clashes between Wailah and Dahm tribes near the Saudi-Yemeni borders.

Tribes in The 1980s

To find a cogent background to causes of such conflicts and clashes, one should go a bit back in history, particularly to the 1970s and 1980s. An intelligent strategy was adopted during this period to make tribes clash with one another either for border disputes or many other pretexts.

The most apparent motivation for such a strategy was the threat those tribes posed to the government during those periods. That threat was enhanced by many kinds of weapons the tribes possessed during the internal conflict between the Republicans and Royalists during the 1960s. At that time, both the Republicans and Royalists depended on tribes for support. When that conflict was over early in the 1970s, tribes kept all weapons they had then been supplied with. In addition, they acquired a good experience in tackling with weapons in fightings. Since the government at the time was incapable of confronting the heavily-armed tribes, it found salvation in turning tribes against each other in an

attempt to weaken their power. Tribes were driven to internal conflicts sometimes within the one tribe and sometimes with other tribes. Such conflicts are still alive nowadays.

Tribal Conflicts in The Central Areas

As far as the so called tribes of the central areas (a name given to those border areas between former Yemen Arab Republic and People Democratic Republic of Yemen) are concerned, they possessed weapons during the operations of the so-called National Liberation Front (NLF) which was supported by the former South against the North, and the Front for Liberation Occupied South Yemen (FLOSY) which was supported by the then Northern Yemen against Southern Yemen.

During the civil wars of the two former Yemens in 1972 and 1978, each side tried to involve their allies either to take part in the war or to be in charge of other tribes affiliated to the other part. Neutral tribes were also dragged into conflicts with one another over borders. Consequences of tribal conflicts are still felt up to now.

The government's strategy to weaken tribal powers was a success. Tribal conflicts continued even in the post-war period. This was also desirable, for, at least, it did not give tribes a chance to think of their internal affairs, restore their abilities and dominate over the political scenario.

Political and Tribal Conflicts After Unification

The 22nd of May 1990 marked the integration of many conflicting parties in one identity. The adoption of pluralism and the emergence of political parties coincided with a new conflict involving the biggest parties in the race for power: People's General Congress (PGC), Yemeni Socialist Party (YSP) and Yemeni Congregation for Reform (Islah). Political affiliation of tribes opened a new horizon for a seemingly endless conflict among them.

The 1994 civil war drove the YSP out of the political scenario of Yemen, and put an end to the PGC's confrontation with its old rival the YSP. However, tribal conflicts haven't abated. They

have rather escalated and developed. Major cities, including the Capital City, have been a stage for tribes to settle their old disputes and accounts, latest of which was the murder of Brigadier Saleh Al-Izzani, Deputy Governor of Sana'a, in front of his house on July 7 2000 in Sana'a.

Political, Tribal Vengeance and The State

Many officials have been boasting of the government's ability to control political conflicts in Yemen, ignoring the mounting tension among tribes that has reached major cities as we have already mentioned. Many tribal clashes and conflicts stem from political backgrounds even if they seem to be of a tribal nature. Although the government is well aware of this fact, no action has so far been taken against bodies involved.

With many eyebrows raised about such a stand of the government, some believe that tribal conflicts serve the government which is afraid of any future tribal alliance that might pose a real threat on the present state.

What Can Sheikhs Do?

Thinking about Sheikhs' attitude towards tribal conflicts, they seem to have no worthwhile roles to soften the abiding conflicts among their tribes. Personal gains and interests are all that matter in case of most of them.

I believe that Sheikhs can, if they join hands and are supported by the state, put an end to such incidents of bloodshed. However, lack of any initiative by Sheikhs in this regard portends an uncertain future.

Suggestions

It is a shame for a nation in the 21st century to solve trivial disputes by cannons and machine-guns. Below are some suggestions that may help limit this undesirable phenomenon:

- Sheikhs should be forced to carry out their duties to control and manage their tribes' affairs.
- Initiatives to stop conflicts should be supported by the state through a fund that should be established to support similar initiatives.
- Impose penalties on all instigators of conflicts and acts of vengeance anywhere in Yemen.

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Yemen Strategic Vision 2025



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Yemen in 1995

Since 1995, Yemen has been going through hard economic challenges determined by some local, regional and international political and economic factors. The most prominent of those challenges was the return of more than 1 million emigrants from the Gulf area. It has created a number of disorders in economic and financial balances in general.

That had caused a drop in the citizens' living standard, an increase in private and government spending, price hikes, deterioration of currency exchange rates, drop in the purchasing power of the people. The government had therefore implemented a comprehensive program for economic, financial and administrative reform beginning from the end of 1994 aimed at restoring the balance and achieving economic stability by applying a group of economic, financial and monetary policies.

Following this and from 1995, drafts of the first five-year-plan (1996-2000) were worked out. Some of the objectives of that plan were to take quick measures and steps to ensure economic and social development and to improve the living condition of the people. Many parties expected that that plan would relieve the economic crisis at the time. However, at the end of the plan the ordinary man could see no positive results of the plan, though the government kept boasting of decrease in inflation, stability of the rial exchange rate and decrease in state budget deficit to satisfactory levels.

The Ministry of Planning is preparing Yemen's strategic vision for the coming 25 years. We hereby outline how the new strategy views Yemen's situation in 2000 and how it assesses the situation of the year 2025.

Yemen in 2000

1) Population

During 2000, the Yemeni population is 18,316 million. However, by 2025 it will reach more 42 million. This high population growth is main challenge against achieving a comprehensive development in society. The Yemeni woman is characterized by its strong fertility. Demographic survey in 1997 showed that 37% of births happen over an interval of less than 2 years and that 35% of women become pregnant before they reach 20 or after 35 which makes the overall fertility of women very high.

The volume of labor force has increased from 3.4 million in 1994 to 4.6 million in 2000. By 2025, it will reach 14.2 million. Women constitute one fourth of this force and are 47% of the population with age group ranging between 15 and over. Despite the fact that there is a rapid increase in the people's migration to towns, 76% of the population are still living in he countryside.

Illiteracy is estimated at 56%, 76% females and 37% males. The rate of

those who joined primary schools is 67% of the people, of which 96% female and 87% male with age group of 6-15 years. It is expected that there would be an increase in students enrolling for education which necessitates new seats in schools for more than 3.2 million students in 2000 and 7.2 million in 2025. Therefore, schools are to increase from 13,200 to 21,600. Similarly, teachers are to increase from 140 thousand in 2000 to 206,000 in 2025.

Despite the big growth in university education, in 2000 universities have increased to 7 state universities and 8 private ones. Students studying at these universities are 197,000, of which 42 thousand are females.

There is a quantitative as well as qualitative deterioration in health services. Services provided in this field meet the needs of only 40% of the population. Beds in hospitals are not more than 11,365 meaning that one bed for 1600 people. The redoubling of population requires the building of more than 22 hospitals and increasing the number of doctors to 35,000 by 2025 in comparison with 3800 doctors in 2000. The number of nurses has also to be increased from 7306 to 105,000 by 2025.

Yemen is considered to be one of the poorest countries in the world. Average annual per capita income amounts to \$ 350, that is, less than one dollar per day. The government also suffers from weak institutions, unqualified staff, lack of incentives, lack of resources and a high level of unemployment.

Solutions:

The new strategy revealed that it is important to undertake the following articles:

* Long term treatment vision that should be regularly controlled and reviewed through medium range plans.

* Mobilize all economic and social resources to overcome the difficult stages through comprehensive treatment measures.

* Combining traditional treatments and innovation while confirming the special characteristics of the Yemeni economy and society.

Yemen strategic vision 2025 aims at transferring Yemen into the medium income economies group with a variable economy and social, cultural and political development.

The Ministry of Planning has organized many seminars in the main cities to discuss the vision to enhance the people's participation. The first seminar was held in Aden for the strategic vision of Aden, Lahj, Abyan and Dhale'a. The second was held in Taiz in the presence of the Planning Minister and Taiz and Ibb governors. The meeting was to draw up a strategic vision for Taiz, Ibb and Al-Bayda. The seminar which was held under the motto "For a Developed Economy and Better Life for the People" ended before its time owing to electricity cut. Planning Minister talked at the outset of the seminar about the strategic vision 2025 and said "Economically speaking, Yemen

is deemed to be among the poorest countries. Although three decades have passed since Yemen started its economic and development process, it is still labeled among the twenty less developed countries in the world. Last year the overall gross national product was \$ 6,44 million and the population 17,7 million. Therefore the individual share of the gross national product was \$ 350 only. This miserable condition and deterioration in the individual share, besides other problems that flowed out from this condition including unemployment, abject poverty, weak production, make all of us beat the band to make use of the resources of the country to develop the people's way of living and to achieve prosperity and welfare of the society.

Water and population are the most crucial and pending issues that urgently need to be addressed. We are at two options; either to continue following the same policies and steps which may lead by 2025 to a catastrophe or to join all efforts to implement the vision." Dr. Ahmad M. Al-Durwish presented a paper outlining water vision by 2025 pointing out that Yemen was deemed as one of the driest countries. The paper suggested that to solve this crisis national efforts are to be joined so as to found a basic basis for administering water resources. Efforts are also to be exerted to raise the awareness of people to make a rational use of water.

Another paper was presented by Mr. Hamid Al-Mutawakel talking about the National development in the strategic vision. He said "We can never achieve any objectives of the 2025 vision unless it is associated with social development. Therefore, the point is to control the huge increase in population.

The new strategy has the objective of increasing social health services to more than 90%, consequently requiring radical changes. That is, the number of physicians have to increase 7 times their number now, the number of nurses 15 times. This will also require expanding water network and sewage system net.

In education, the strategy stated that education is indispensable for all the citizens. It aims at increasing the female and male enrollment, especially in countryside.

It also enhances the role of women in the social as well as political life. As regards the technical education, the strategy indicates that it is important to change its existing order so as to qualify a competent and well-qualified

cadre.

A paper on culture and politics in connection to the strategy was presented by Dr. Dawood Othman. Another paper on the strategic vision for agriculture was presented by Dr. Abdulwahed Othman. Dr. Abudlsalam al-Jawfi, vice president of Ibb University, presented a paper suggesting some points of importance for Ibb governorate. He said that the agricultural field is very essential for the people in the governorate. It constitutes 65% of their income. Therefore, it is prudent to give this field the attention needed." The paper also talked about the tourist factors that Ibb is distinguished by.

YT met with the governor of Ibb, Mr. Abdulkader Ali Helal, who talked about the seminar and said "Holding seminars in governorates is a sure signal of the government commitment to apply the local authority law. These seminars will mold the future. Academicians participation in these seminars prove that we are moving in the right path of applying the scientific approach. If the ministry is interested in an effective implementation of the new strategy, the governorates have to get more authority and to apply the local authority law which will create an atmosphere of competition among all the governorates."

The planning office in Taiz prepared the strategic vision for 2025 for Taiz governorate. However, the funny thing was that electricity went out and the office was not able to present the

paper. The paper revealed some points of which are the following: The overall area of Taiz was 9610 km² which is extended over 18 districts and 234 provinces. In 1994 census, Taiz population reached 1,881,960. It is expected that the number will accelerate to 6,348,102 by 2025. Taiz is a tense populated area. It is distinguished for its qualified and specialized cadre and the highest level of education. It is an important center for industries. It is rich with mineral wealth that is to be made use of. The governorate is also distinguished for its attractive historical sites, beautiful sea shores including Al-Khawkhah, al-Maka and al-Qahera Fort which could be transferred to magnificent and awe inspiring tourist site.

One of the difficulties that the city faces is the shortage of water which so far has not been solved. Unemployment and the increasing number of families below the poverty line, are also some other problems that the people of Taiz suffer."

In a statement Mr. Mutaher al-Abasi, deputy planning minister, told YT that there are essential differences between the first five-year plan and the new plan. The former was made at a turbulent economic stage after 1994 war. It was focused on pushing the economic development. One of the strategic factors was to increase the individual's income and to treat the economic tribulations and to promote the human resources' level. The application of the plan coincided with the implementation of the economic, financial and administrative reform program which

started in 1995. The plan was quite a success in all the economic, financial and monetary fields. There were also many projects implemented in different sectors including health, education, electricity and roads, though the individual's income remains low. However, it will change in course of time. The new plan is complementary to the first plan. However, the only difference is that many governorates participated in the preparation of the second plan."

As regards the poverty issue, Mr. al-Abasi said "There are many programs in terms of social security net for combating poverty including the Social Care Fund, Social Development Fund and Public Works Project. The private sector, civil society organizations and Social Solidarity System have also to play a role in this.

Now the tendency is to train and qualify the poor on different activities so as to depend on themselves rather than giving them money. The main problems facing the Yemeni economy are of population and that of water."

Dr. al-Abasi talking about resources other than oil that can be used to raise the individual's income and said "There are other resources, if used well, they may make radical changes including tourism and fish wealth. There is also a focus on information technology and industry as a major alternative as there are many restraints shackling the agricultural field."

Dr. al-Abasi talking about his view of Yemen by 2025 said "The vision indicated that Yemen will move from low-income to medium income developed countries."

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



Our Opinion

Constitutional Amendments:
Legislation Vacuum

The Parliament endorsed the principle of the constitutional amendments suggested by President Ali Abdullah Saleh. The draft amendment includes 15 articles. The most important amendment is that the President would be entitled to dissolve the parliament without having referendum. His tenure in office and that of MPs would be extended to 7 and 6 years respectively. The Shoura council, replacing the Consultative Council whose members are appointed by the President, would limit the powers of the parliament.

In the final analysis, political parties are split over the suggested amendments. Some observe the amendments as a means to serve interests of the big guys at the power center. The Opposition represented by the Opposition Coordination Council could not take any positive and tangible stance towards this serious issue. And even if they oppose them, they will not be able to do anything since the ruling party, PGC, enjoys crashing majority in the parliament which enables it to carry out any amendments and pass any law. But the bond between the PGC and Islah party seems to be very strong not to be affected by the recent disagreements over Al-Thaqafiah newspaper issue. However, the PGC leadership is clever enough to have the amendments endorsed by the political spectrum including the opposition.

The government gave groundless justifications for the amendments. It said MPs would have enough time (6 years) to carry out their tasks. We do not know what tasks to take such a long span of time at a time in which parliamentarians' tenure in office is minimized to 3 years only. We believe if our MPs who do not attend most of the debates of the parliament are punctual, they will have more than enough time to do their job effectively.

To drive the point home, our problem in Yemen is a legislation vacuum. The parliament has been busy-ing itself since the unification in 1990 in passing laws which have not seen the light of day. Moreover, most of the issued laws have been subject to several amendments which indicates an impromptu legislative pursuit Yemen is living. The Constitution itself has not been implemented in letter and spirit for the last ten years. More worse, the new amendments in the constitution would entail amendments in our laws which means wasting a lot of time in passing and amending laws which are never put on practice. The government newspapers justified the amendments and described them as an omen of "development". We do not know what they mean by the term development. Is it a legislative development? If so, what development is achieved in our laws if they are now practically replaced by Tahkeem and tribal Urf (social norm of sorting out problems). In short, Yemen dose need but applied laws.



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COMMON SENSE

By: Hassan Al-Haifi

To Amend or Not to Amend?

"What is the matter with Abdullah, now?" asked Fatima.

Her mother Samira answered: "Fatima, your brother is going to have one of his legal fits again. Just when he thought he had memorized the Constitution of the Republic of Yemen, the Government announced that new amendments are on the way. Poor Abdullah, it seems he had greater trouble memorizing the Constitution than memorizing the poems of Al-Mutanabbi."

Abdullah stopped slapping his face and some of the bewilderment was removed from his face - not all just some, as he said: "I would have had better luck majoring in nuclear physics than going into law. At least, I could have landed a job on the Barents Sea and the Kurs submarine would not have sunk. However, here, I am sinking deeper than the depth of the Arctic Sea. You can study the Constitution of Yemen all your life, but you will never get a grasp of it, because every few years, they will have it amended again."

Fatima wanted to raise her brother's spirits: "Look, Abdullah, a great nation is measured by the adaptability of its Constitution to the times".

Abdullah quickly picked up the tune: "Fatima, you are mistaken there, it is really the other way around; we adapt the times to our Constitution".

Nasr, Abdullah's father walked in from work and joined the conversation: "What is all this legal jargon being thrown around here, kids?"

Samira, happy to see her husband early for lunch so she can go out with her friends to a lady's gathering, said: "Well, good to see you home early today, Nasr, I was going to call you to eat out today or bring your own lunch from outside. Fatima here is busy trying to keep her brother from having a nervous

breakdown. Just as he managed to have memorized the last revised Constitution of the country, the Government announced that twenty or so amendments are going to be put in."

The father was not surprised by the news: "Son, we have a lot of legal geniuses in the country who have to show their acumen by insisting that what they did before they can do better now! You see our legal experience is proceeding so rapidly that our legal geniuses insist that their old work is not compatible with the times and circumstances."

"Dad, this is what is worrying me, that it is the same legal geniuses, who are carrying on with our laws like they were a game of *scrabble*. 'Pt this amendment here, take that article out, add this article in' ... It is no wonder that our Parliamentarians have given up doing anything with legal connotations, because they would not know where to start!" Abdullah explained to his father the predicament he saw in all the amendment work being carried out.

"Son, there is nothing wrong with amending the Constitution, even the United States amends its Constitution from time to time" said Nasr.

"I have to hand it to our legal geniuses up there, they have already exceeded the number of amendments to the Constitution of the United States, which were entered over 220 years in just the space of ten years. We truly have the makings of a great power," said Fatima.

But Fatima, the amendments to the American Constitution were normally additions, and seldom touched on the major essence of the text of the Constitution. After the proposed amendments to our Constitution are put in, we will never be able to tell what the amendment document looked like!" said Abdullah.

"Why should that worry you?" Samira said. Mom, I am a law student, and the only rea-

son I have not finished getting my law degree is because I am having trouble memorizing the Constitution" complained Abdullah to his understanding mother.

How do the other students manage to get over this problem?" asked Fatima, somewhat confused by her son's predicament.

"They simply major in Sharia'a Law, where all they have to memorize is the Koran and the traditions of the Prophet Mohammed (Peace and blessings of Allah be upon him), which have remained intact for hundreds of years. But your idiot son decided to go into Constitutional Law, and more specifically the Constitutional Law of Yemen, where I hoped to get a Doctoral degree, since nobody ever touched upon the subject in any university in the world. I only found out later that in most universities of the world the Constitutional Law of Yemen has been put on the blacklist of majors of study to take, because for all intents and purposes there is no permanent Constitution of the Republic of Yemen!" explained Abdullah. Fatima asked: "Did they explain why they were amending the Constitution so drastically? Has there been popular calls for the amendment of the Constitution to improve the human rights situation in the country, as in the case of other democracies?"

Nasr helped his wife: "Son, your mother was asking, did our Constitution need amendment?"

Abdullah answered both of them: "Do they ever explain why they ever do anything? No, the call for amendments came from the top, and not from the bottom, as is the case in democratic societies, to which we have yet to be accepted as being among the democracies of the world. As for the need of the Constitution to be amended, there is no record of any test cases or issues that have risen to the surface which make the present Constitution unsuitable for handling. One Professor in our rapidly sinking University noted: 'whenever there is an infraction of

the law, or one is anticipated, we mete out our punishment to the law rather than the offender, thus laws are meant to satisfy the wishes of those who find it so easy to obtain legitimacy for all their wrongdoing!' I tend to agree with him, only adding that, for all intents and purposes laws are meant to assure that those who thrive on mischief in our country, have all the legal support they need to uphold their evil deeds.

"Abdullah, but now we have a Parliament that is going to raise a lot of questions. After all, what did we elect them for?" said Samira.

"Mom," said Fatima, "you do not expect those illiterates to really understand what their *real job* is do you? They do not care how many times the Constitution is amended, nor do they care about what they are really suppose to do, in terms of insuring that the rights and interests of the citizens are upheld. All they care about is making sure that their remuneration places them among the elite, and that their health insurance is provided for".

"You are all making it difficult for poor Nasr here to determine what he should do with himself, now that he is in his final year in Law School" said Fatima, feeling sorry now for her son's predicament.

"Poor Abdullah, even if he goes to another country to work, they will not accept him because they are afraid that his major in the Constitutional Law of Yemen will lead him to threaten their Constitutional stability by continuously recommending that the Constitution of the country he goes to be amended every three months to go along with the changing seasons", said the father, signaling to his wife to bring in the lunch.

But, father the amendments that are undertaken here are not for the sake of meeting the aspirations of a people who have lost all sense of optimism to even have any aspirations anymore, nor are they to coincide with any natural developments that confront the country, nor are they in keeping with the international and regional scene. Our constitutional amendments are merely to adapt to the interests of those who insist that all you people have is what we give you, whether you like or not!"

* Probably the greatest Arab poet, who has ever lived (915 - 965 AD)

Letters to the Editor

Dream Of Happiness

I went in quest of amenities,
Every where, I went.
Diverse Kinds of adversities,
Everyday, I underwent.

I crossed the deserts and the seas;
To reach the desired dream;
Being written on all leaves of trees,
and being built in my Cosmic scheme.

There are many a dream;
surging like streams,
of them, happiness I deem.
To be such a star that gleams

Nowhere I could go
But felt no rest
The thing I could know:
"Resorting to God is the best"

I drove my dreams' ship on many a wave
Till I reached where I began
where I must be a God-praising salve
And wherein I will be a happy man.

Abdu Mares Al-Shara'bi
Taiz University

When This Problem Will Be Solved ?

Qat planting grows in two regions in the world; the west highlands of Yemen and the opposite highlands from the other side of Red Sea. Qat first came to Yemen from East Africa and then spread gradually until it covers the most fertile land in Yemen.

Many Qat markets have been opened. People flocked for those markets in pursuit of leaves this harmful tree. Many Qat chewers are misers but they are not so in Qat markets. It is painful to hear about poor addicted to Qat selling their furniture to buy Qat.

Saleh Doman
Sa'adah

Dear Editor,

I am a regular reader of your esteemed

newspaper, the Yemen Times. I am a Yemenite currently living in Canada and Yemen Times is my only mean of communication with the great motherland. I have to tell you, I await new issues with great anticipation every Monday!

I have a small comment though. I have noticed that your sports section hardly ever mentions basketball. I am a big B-Ball fan, I know most of the teams in Yemen and would like to follow up on their progress. Therefore, I would appreciate it if you could improvise on the matter.
Thank you very much.

Yours truly,

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Editor

We will try our best to cover all local basketball events.

Dear editor,

I have read a lot of articles about "gender" in your esteemed newspaper. All the articles, either by Yemenis or foreigners, highlighted its advantages and positive values. I kindly request you to convince me whether what I am going to write about gender is right or wrong. Through my reading about 'gender', I noticed many bad points about it. In a report written by the committee of the Council of Sana'a University, gender was defined as: "the union of human kind and it simply allows men to marry other men and women to marry other women." In other words, it encourages lesbianism and homosexuality in our society. Many other bad points were also mentioned in the report. If it is so, in fact, it is very dangerous to be taught in our colleges or schools. But I hope and wish that what I have read about its bad points is all wrong.

In conclusion, I request your opinion about the term 'gender', and to tell me whether it is good or bad. If you make sure that the term 'gender' implies such bad meanings, please, give up writing about it and don't let any one write about it in your newspaper. On the

contrary, if it dose not contain any bad points, it is OK.

Fuad Alaswadi
Taiz

Dear Mr. Fuad,

What you have read about 'gender' is groundless and false. We have published some articles on gender that you can refer to. In addition, I hope that your comment will be read by a specialist who will correct your information.

Constructive Criticism
to our Government

I would like to explain why I have chosen the word constructive in my article. I always remember what my dad used to tell me, while we were Emigrants "Don't worry my children, you gain knowledge here. Study hard. Your country is waiting for you opening her two arms. You will be so and so." This advice of father is nowadays ringing in my mind whenever observing the racial discrimination and the inhumanity actions against half Yemenis, known as Mualladin, especially those from East Africa. But I never lose hope. Still is dad's words ringing in my ears. I feel that the daydream, which non of our parents have realized, will someday come true, at least for the survival of life not to give up.

Many behaviors indicate a racial discrimination against us. For example:

- Mualladin are not allowed to join military or police academies, (I am not sure whether this is specified in the country constitution or not, but the selection criteria of the candidates is announced every time directly by saying "The candidates must be of Yemeni Parents." Ironically, The so-called Mualladin are forced to perform the compulsory military service.

- Mualladin cannot nominate themselves or be nominated for parliamentary or local administrative elections. However, they are requested to vote.

- They are not given any chances for higher education scholarships or short courses even if they deserve them. Priority is given for

'Abawayein Yamaniyein.'

- Obtaining legal documents: ID card, passport, driving licenses, business licenses etc. needs more economic, physical and financial sacrifices.

- Rejecting unofficially the demand of forming Yemeni Emigrants Children Welfare Association.

- There is a discrimination in wages both in public and private firms, although they deserve.

- Before court they are not considered as others.

- When renting houses or any thing else, they are considered as foreigners and are demanded to meet unfair conditions. These are a few of many other behaviors.

In an interview with a foreign newspaper Dr. Abdulkarim Al-Iryani said in response to a question about Mualladin: "Those who were born outside from different mothers are from our blood and flesh. They are among the most educated part of the nation. They are not less than a million and half of them helping develop the country. They are the main manpower source for our nation."

Oh!!!! amazed, surprised, pleased, proud I felt when I encountered such words. I rushed with the newspaper to my friends to show them the good news. But my happiness did not last long. A sentence from a friend nipped it in the bud. "What do you expect from a man in such a position to say," he said. He must say that, otherwise....., he added. Time has passed and I have realized the truth. My friend was right. They were false promises.

To conclude, the number mentioned by the PM can not be ignored and it is increasing. There should be a change starting from the top, so the rest can show changes gradually. If a father shows - makes discrimination between his children, superiority and inferiority will be created among them. It will also create a kind of isolation among them causing one to look at another in devil eyes.

I hope that someday I will see one Yemen, united people and one strong nation without any sense of discrimination.

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شركة ألفا المحدودة - الوكيل الوحيد في الجمهورية اليمنية



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Pharmacological Aspects of Chewing the Qat Leaves Part 2

The Effects of Qat Chewing:

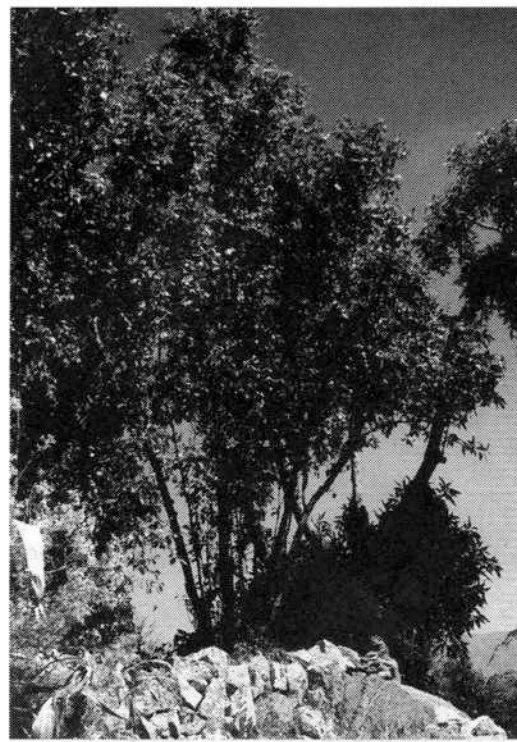
During the first part of a qat session, there is an atmosphere of cheerfulness characterized by optimism, high spirits, and a general sense of well-being. The excitement brought out by the consumption of qat reduces social inhibitions and causes loquacity. After 2 hours, a certain degree of tension that reflects emotional instability and irritability becomes apparent. The talking becomes louder, less relevant to the subject under discussion, and there is greater awareness of problems. Later, depressive tendencies appear, and a mood of sluggishness prevails. At this point, the guests leave the qat session with the feeling of depletion.

The desirable effects of qat leaves, as perceived by experienced users, are relief from fatigue, increased alertness and energy levels, feelings of elation, improved ability to communicate, enhance imaginative ability and capacity to associate ideas, an heightened self confidence. These effects seem to be more readily perceived by the habitual user. Since the social environment in which the drug is consumed appears to play a role in the response, it is important to take into account not only the effects of qat itself, but those of the qat session as well. It is of interest that the response appears also to be influenced by conditioning, since in Djibouti, where qat is flown in daily, it is commonly said that the effects of the drug begin when the incoming plane is heard in the sky. The objectively observable effects of qat use consist of mild euphoria and excitement accompanied by episodes of logorrhea and then verbal aggressiveness. There is also an increased sensitivity to sensory stimulation; excessive qat use may cause hyperesthesia. Hyperactivity may be observed and the associated behavioral syndrome can be described as hypomania; a manifestation of irresponsible fearlessness has also been reported. In exceptional cases, qat consumption may produce an immediate dysphoric reaction which might, however, be due to excessive expectations with regard to potency of a given batch of qat. The late effects of qat use are mainly an inability to concentrate, and

insomnia. It is important to note that high doses of qat or exceptionally potent material can induce psychosis, presumably by enhancing a subacute prepsychotic or psychopathic condition. However, such symptoms are mentioned only occasionally in literature, probably because in many cases they are considered as being at the extreme limit of normal behavior. Nevertheless, a number of case reports on qat-induced toxic psychosis have appeared. The usefulness of phenothiazines for reducing the central nervous system (CNS) toxicity of qat was reported some time ago; at present, thioridazine is suggested for the symptomatic treatment of qat psychosis. Impairment of mental health may also be the result of long-term qat consumption; long-term chronic users may develop personality disorders and suffer mental deterioration.

The symptoms described above, particularly that of toxic psychosis are reminiscent of those induced by amphetamine. Similarity of effects of the two drugs has already been reported, and it has been concluded that the differences between the effects are essentially quantitative. Indeed, Hughes has stated from personal experience that the effect of a portion of qat is very similar to that of about 5 mg of amphetamine. A further analogy with amphetamine is that the habitual use of qat is in many instances compulsive, as indicated by the tendency of the chewers to secure their daily supply of the leaves at the expense of vital needs. Drug dependence of the qat type has been described by Eddy et al., and it appears that its only major difference from amphetamine-type dependence is the physical impossibility of increasing the ingested dose beyond a certain limit. This probably explains why tolerance to the physical to the psychostimulant effect of qat has not as yet been observed. Similarly, no clear abstinence has been found to occur after prolonged qat use, although a mild depressive reaction during withdrawal from qat is sometimes seen. Any definitive investigation of tolerance or withdrawal symptoms would, however, require a thorough clinical study involving monitoring of the blood levels of the active qat constituents.

An important effect of qat, the induction of anorexia, was already reported in the early Arab literature. This anorexia, along with the tendency of habitual qat users to divert their funds from food to qat, would account for the generally observed malnutrition which predisposes the users to disease. Ingestion of the leaves seems to have no effect on the blood level of glucose. On the other hand, qat has been reported to cause an increase in respiration and induction of hyperthermia; a case of lethal hyperthermia following qat consumption has been described. Consumption of qat, like that of amphetamine, causes a number of sympathomimetic effects. At the cardiovascular level, there are arrhythmias and an increase in blood pressure depending on the amount and potency of the material absorbed. The cardiovascular response to physical effort is exaggerated. Acute cardiovascular problems, particularly in older people, have been reported. Habitual use of qat may lead to chronic hypertension which, upon abstinence from the drug, can change into a transient hypotensive state. A further sympathomimetic reaction to qat use is mydriasis. qat chewing is known to seriously impair male sexual function and to lead to a high incidence of spermatorrhea which is sometimes accompanied by testicular pain. Long-term chronic use may lead to permanent impotence. Dryness of the mouth is commonly felt during qat chewing, and this may be explained either by the sympathomimetic effect of the drug or by its astringent taste. Since qat leaves have a high tannin content, qat chewing frequently causes periodontal disease, mucosal lesions, and a number of irritative disorders of the upper gastrointestinal tract. The polyphenolic tannin compounds in qat can also be presumed to increase the probability of oesophageal cancer. In an epidemiological field study in Yemen, Kennedy et al., while having the general opinion that the role of qat in the health problems of that country has been highly exaggerated, have nevertheless confirmed the high incidence of gastrointestinal problems in qat users. {In



animal experiments, gastritis and duodenitis have been provoked by adding qat of qat extracts to the food pellets of rats; on the other hand, inclusion of qat in rat standard diet has been

reported to prevent the induction of gastric mucosal damage by phenylbutanone, an effect tentatively attributed to the flavonoids present in the leaves.} A common ailment of qat users is constipation, probably caused by the astringent properties of qat tannins. Habitual users try to attenuate this undesirable effect by food adaptation, notably by eating, prior to the qat session, a meal with high fat content in order to facilitate intestinal transit.

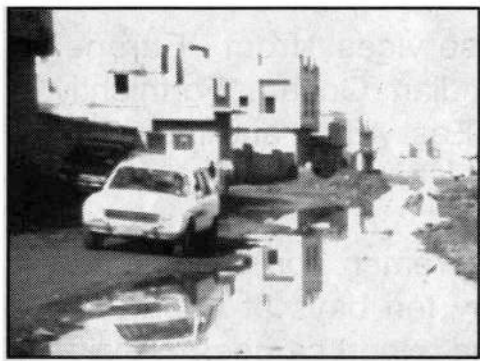
Due to the fact that the leaves are a non-standardized material, the potency of which may vary considerably from batch to batch, it is difficult to make a quantitative evaluation of the effect of qat use. A further problem for clinical studies is the impossibility of replacing the active drug with an indistinguishable placebo.

In addition, there are certainly large inter-individual variations in the mastication efficiency and in the absorption of the active ingredients.

Although there is, at present no study that allows the determination of serum concentrations of active qat constituents, an attempt has been made to determine the effects of qat on several clinic parameters (body temperature, respiratory rate, pulse rate and blood pressure) in habitual users, on the one hand, and on subjects unaccustomed to qat chewing, on the other. The qat-induced changes appeared to be less pronounced in chronic users, which would indicate that tolerance may develop to the sympathomimetic effects of qat. In a short report by the same authors, qat chewing is described as causing the same modifications of the plasma levels of somatotrophic and adrenocorticotrophic hormones as amphetamine. The mutagenic potential of qat has been estimated in an animal study, in which qat extracts were administered to rats; unfortunately, the i.v. instead of the intragastric route of administration was chosen for these experiments. Under these conditions, the extracts were found to reduce nucleic acid synthesis in brain and liver, and to produce chromosomal abnormalities in bone marrow.

Ponds and Swamps in Sana'a Streets

Streets of the capital city have been converted into ponds and swamps owing to recent rainfalls. Water has accumulated, washing over garbage scattered in the streets, sewage and dust which made the situ-



ation worsen. The result is catastrophes. Such stagnant swamps have become a main source for environmental pollution, disgusting smells, mosquitoes and above all streets have become impassable. In some clayey areas, some houses and shops have been slightly damaged out of leakage of water. Most of the capital inhabitants complain about such damage resulted from gathering of rain water in their areas as well as lack of garbage containers in the city areas. This problem is viewed by many people as part of the overall problem of cleanli-

ness. Authorities concerned care for the main areas and neglect the others despite the heaps of garbage scattered there and which are drifted into the main streets of the capital city when it rains.

All streets and areas of the capital city should be paid the same attention. Caring for some areas is not a solution. In addition, all streets should be asphalted and those partly asphalted and not yet finished should be completed.

Diggings carried out in some areas have helped create many swamps resulting in many cracks in the streets. Unfortunately, authorities concerned seem to be shortsighted. Streets should be asphalted properly in order to save the public wealth and people's properties from damage.

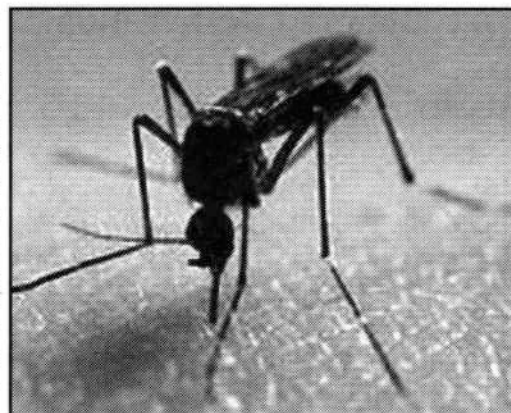
Health Experts Warn of "Airport Malaria"

GENEVA—Health authorities in many countries are becoming increasingly concerned about the potentially deadly risks of malaria carried into their territory by "jet-setting" mosquitoes that travel on international flights and spread the disease, the World Health Organization (WHO) said in a press release here last Monday.

"A serious consequence of the transport of infected mosquitoes aboard aircraft has been the numerous cases of 'airport malaria' reported in Europe, North America and elsewhere," said experts of a report published in the August issue of the WHO Bulletin. Airport malaria is particularly dangerous in that physicians generally have little reason to suspect it, according to the experts. This is especially true if there has been no recent travel to areas where malaria is endemic. Diagnosis may, therefore, be protracted and death may occur before a correct diagnosis is made and ade-

quate treatment provided. Between 1969 and 1999, 12 countries reported a total of 87 cases of malaria in people living near an airport, resulting in at least five deaths. All cases occurred among people with no immunity to the disease. Long delays in making correct diagnosis frequently resulted in patients developing severe or complicated malaria.

There is an important on-going need for disinfecting aircraft that come from airports in the areas where the tropical disease is endemic, the experts pointed out. "Malaria-carrying mosquitoes may enter the passenger cabin before take-off or during stopovers or may survive the trip in the luggage hold. Many countries already insist that arriving aircraft be disinfect-



ted, especially if they have come from areas where vector-borne disease are endemic," WHO said. It is common for an arriving aircraft to be sprayed by the health services of the country of destination if there is any doubt as to whether treatment has been applied earlier in the flight. (Xinhua)

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BASIC FUNCTION OF POSITION

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REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS:

- Education: Graduate of secondary school and completion of vocational training program/apprenticeship giving an equivalent of journeyman HVAC, plumbing and carpentry skills.
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Praiseworthy Activities at the Old Folk Home in Taiz

Yemen Times Staff
Taiz Office

We have already paid visits to the orphanage and Psychiatric Diseases Center in Taiz. Each time we were used to and are still calling upon officials concerned to do something to relieve suffering of those people and perform their duties properly. The Old Folk Home, located on the road of Dhabab near the Orphanage is

Tereasa who was lamented by all the poor in the world. Mrs. Joan was the first we met with. Expressing a warm welcome and growing interest in the Yemen Times, she showed us around the Home which consists of four wards; two for men and two for women. Besides, two rooms for rest and watching TV. In the rest room we met with the residents, most of whom are disabled either due to their old age or due to their illness. Mr. Abdullah al-Hurbi, journalist, worked for al-Jumhuriyah Newspaper for four years and then for al-Thawrah. As he grew old in age, he

here are very nice." Mr. Mohammed Shamsan al-Shuwaie said "I used to be homeless in the streets and then they brought me here where I am well taken care of. So far, I have been here for five years. Now I am in good health." As for nutrition, it is good and our sisters here are showing full care to all dwellers." Salim, a getting-on and disabled person, from al-Misrah was lying in bed. In front of him, a typing machine and small TV set, were neatly placed on a desk. He said "I feel the affection and kindness of the sisters. I feel

streets of Taiz, Somalis and some other women who are advanced in age.

As we went over the place and the wards, we were content to see the beds well arranged and tidy. The floors are clean and there is some kind of affinity between the sisters and residents. Sisters belonging to the al-Ehssan Society are very amicable and nice in dealing with the people here. People here do feel secure and at home. We met with Mrs. Joan who talked to us about the Home. "The Home was built in 1995 at the expense of the late Hail Saeed Anam. There are 95 aged people in the Home. We take care of them and provide the sick with the medicine needed. They take shower in the morning. Then they have breakfast and walk in the sport's hall. After that they watch TV in the sitting room and listen to radio. Those who are able to move perform their prayers. Some work in the park. At noon they have lunch, pray and have rest. In the afternoon, they have tea with cakes, do some exercises, have dinner and then finally go to bed."

As regards the nature of al-Ehssan society's work and how mother Tereasa started her mission of helping the poor she said "she started pursuing her mission in Calcutta,

India, in 1948 where she used to be a teacher in a school for the gentry's. She was very much hurt when she saw the poor sleeping on the streets. She gave up teaching and started helping

the poor.

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As regards Ehssan society activities in Yemen, she said "We started working in Hodeidah during the rule of late leader al-Hamdi in 1973. Then, we moved to Taiz in 1974 and started working in al-Noor city. After that we moved to Sana'a and then to Aden. There are 25 sisters working in Yemen; 8 in Sana'a, 7 in Hodeidah, 5 in Taiz and 5 in Aden."

Asking her about the impact of the tragic incident that happened two years ago in Hodeidah claiming the lives of three sisters, she said "We were astonished and were very much frightened at knowing about it. It was incredible. It happened at eight o'clock while our sisters were preparing things to feed the people, a man opened fire at them and killed them. That was the first time ever to happen all over the world in 50 years. All the people in Hodeidah condemned this act and prayed for the sisters."

IN SHORT, the Old Folk Home is an example to be followed. Sincerity and commitment are found in the very best. This center has impressed us with its quiet, clean and nice atmosphere. We have paid visits to the Orphanage where we found orphans in a real misery surrounded by four walls as if they are in prison. The Psychiatric Diseases Center was nothing better. We hope that other centers will follow this model and try their best to relieve suffering of the afflicted section of the society.



a modern clean building with trees and plants in its park. Sisters in charge of this center are very gentle and kind-hearted. No sooner you enter the building than you see a picture of the eminent, kind-hearted late mother

suffered from a disease that made him unable to write. He, then, entered the Old Folk Home. He said "I was in a miserable condition. However, after the treatment I received here, I am much better now. The people working

secure in this place."

Zain, an elderly woman, used to roam in the streets with torn cloths is now in the Home feeling good after she was treated and cleaned. There are also some other ones taken from



Saltah, Very Special Yemeni Dish

Saltah is considered to be one of the main dishes for majority of Sana'a people specially for qat chewers. It is originally a Sana'a meal; but it is pretty hard to state its

fresh potatoes. Mix well again; then add some soup as desired. Add some minced meat. The whole mixture is to be cooked for ten minutes. Remove the bowel from the fire.

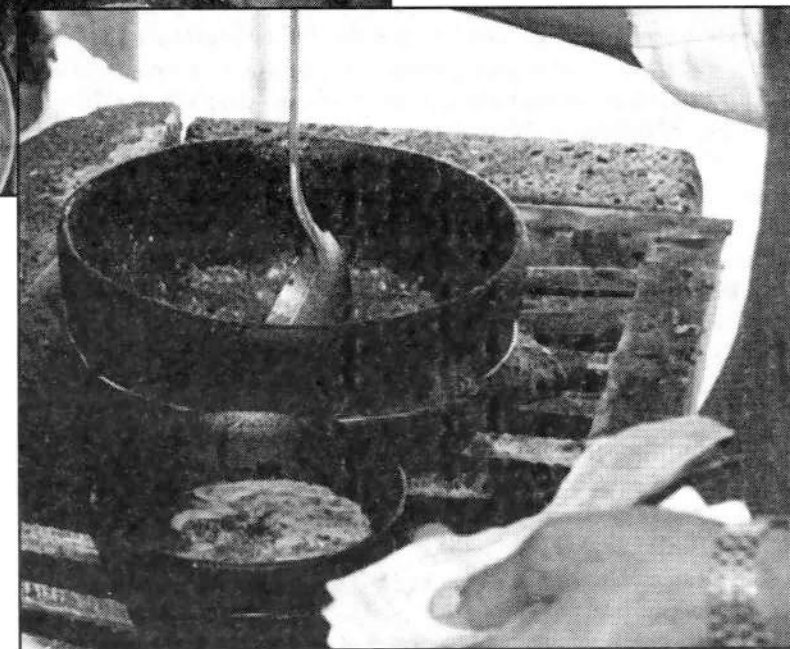
Remove water from your fenugreek (called Hulbah) and pour it into the hot bowel. (Do not pour fenugreek while the bowel is on the fire or else it becomes bitter in taste). The fenugreek shall become coagulated at the bottom of the bowel. Now mix some citric acid. The whole mixture is to be mixed until it is souped up. Add salt according to taste. Although it is the last item at lunch, it has to remain hot. People like it hot.

Kinds of Saltah:

We can say that the preparation of Saltah is always quite the same; but it has now been developed. Instead of minced meat, fresh meat is used. It is called 'Fahsah'.

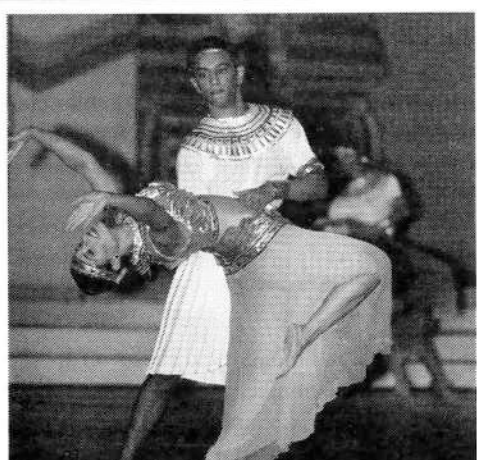


historical evolution. In this article we shall focus on the way it is prepared and its importance to qat chewers. First take a reasonable quantity of fenugreek; dissolve it in water. Keep it for one hour. Then prepare meat or chicken soup. A special bowel called "Madr" or "Makli" is used to cook Saltah. It is heat-proof. Put the empty bowel on fire for five minutes. Then pour some cooking oil, then some onions, to be followed by some fresh tomatoes. Mix all well. Now add some pepper and one or two eggs. Then put some



6th Cairo International Music Festival Opens

Cairo, August 22, 2000 (Xinhua)—Dancers perform traditional Egyptian dance during the opening of the 6th Cairo International Music Festival Sunday night, Cairo, the capital of Egypt, August 20. Artists from 29 countries took part in the festival.



(Xinhua Photo by Wang Jianhua)

Advantages of Saltah

This dish is served at lunch. It is very delicious and tasty. It stimulates the appetite. Qat chewers like it before chewing qat. They say Saltah makes them taste qat tasty too. It gives energy to people living in mountainous and cold areas. It gives heat to the stomach and eases digestion. Sana'a Saltah is considered to be the best in Yemen. This dish has already crept into Taiz Province and, after Unification, to the Southern provinces of Aden and Abyan also. Saltah is prepared also in those countries where Yemeni residents reside.

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Who Protects Registered Trademarks from Counterfeiting?



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Industrial companies are used to marketing their products in the world after they properly propagate them. Products usually bear specific trademarks that help owners protect their original products from counterfeiting. Such trademarks are registered with the authorities concerned in the country of origin. Registration of trademarks is carried out through a number of procedures. They are firstly registered at the Ministry of Supply and Trade, for it is being in-charge of imports. After approval of the Ministry, trademarks are then published in the Official Gazette. Advertisements, on TV channels, radio, newspapers, through posters, sponsorship of public events etc. are of high importance to popularize trademarks.

Consumers' confidence in trademarks is not easily achieved. It needs great efforts including advertisements, distribution of free samples that usually

cost millions. To achieve more popularity worldwide, big industrial companies license other companies in other parts in the world to manufacture the same products with the same trademarks in return for some conditions such as importing raw material directly from original companies, allocate a specific rate of income for them, abiding by same standards in manufacturing products, etc. Many kind of cigarettes and beverages of overseas reputation are manufactured in Yemen by licensed local companies.

Amidst the rush to join the WTO, improving and developing local products to match recognized world standard, protecting local products, fighting counterfeited products are necessary. All authorities concerned should bear in mind that consumers' protection is the basis for development and protection of others' rights. In other words, Ministries of Supply and Trade, Industry and Interior, Yemen Authority for Standardization and Specifications and Customs authority should join hands in this regard.

Recently, there have been numerous incidents of counterfeiting products of

famous trademarks and procrastination in trade disputes.

To avoid such a muddle I suggest the following:

- Stopping the flow of imported products of low quality.
- Stopping import of suspicious products which aim at affecting local products for their low prices.
- There should be executive programs to force industries to improve their products.
- Prevention of smuggled goods from entering the country.
- There should be a law to protect trade property as well as organize inspection campaigns of shops selling suspicious products. What is important is the protection of registered trademarks and intellectual properties, especially at a time the country is more aware to attract foreign investors and businessmen. Many businessmen complain of counterfeiting their trademarks or importing counterfeited products. The main question to ask at the end is what is the role of the Ministry of Supply and Trade in the effort for putting an end to such a muddle.

Anti-Global Warming Campaign Launched

GENEVA—Sixteen environmental organizations on Tuesday launched a massive campaign aimed at curbing global warming. A Website, www.climatevoice.org, was initiated to enable people around the world to send 10 million messages to world political leaders, demanding that they use the November climate summit in The Hague to reduce the pollution that causes global warming, said the Worldwide Fund for Nature (WWF), one of the 16 organizations launching the initiative.

"It is now 10 years since the international scientific community issued its first warning about the threats the

world faces from climate change," said Andrew Kerr of WWF's Climate Change Campaign. "That's why we're aiming for 10 million messages, one million for each year, (to tell) that governments have failed to take action. It is scandalous that available solutions to this problem have been so thoroughly neglected." At the Website, visitors can e-mail world leaders and express their concern about global warming. The first targets on the site will be European Union heads of state and government. They can download a petition that can be signed and sent off-line. They can also send

friends cyber postcards to encourage them to join the campaign.

At November's climate summit — the Sixth Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change — governments must meet their deadline for finalizing rules for operating the Kyoto climate treaty, the only international agreement for reducing emissions of greenhouse gases from the industrialized world. Failing to agree in November would make it questionable whether nations would be able to achieve the Kyoto timetable for reducing emissions in the coming decade, WWF warned, adding that this would set the worst possible example for stopping global warming in the 21st century. (Xinhua)

Consultation and Training Role in Development

Yasser M. Ahmad
Yemen Times

Our world is witnessing new changes in all fields of life. It is a world moving forward, shattering all the old restraints and barriers. This makes it imperative for all the institutions in the country to cope with the new challenges facing it to keep abreast of the development taking place all over the world. Therefore, it becomes important to ask for consultation from the advisory establishments to solve the problems that these institutions face, especially as the time is characterized by computer technology and abundance of information. Thus, consultative centers play a pivotal role to render technical services and expertise in different specialization to achieve competency and performance in planning, telecommunication and mobilizing the human, financial resources using scientific techniques. These centers are able to solve many problems that are considered so complex and difficult to solve on the part of these companies or insti-

tutions. They have well-qualified and competent cadres who have good knowledge of the nature of these difficulties and what appropriate solutions can be used to solve them.

The most important field for consultation is to study the training needs and to make up programs and training courses to develop the competence of the staff and to acquaint them with all that is new in their field; to propose solutions to their problems to avoid their occurrence in the future.

Our country is seeking modern development, therefore, many specialized consultative centers are to be established that can be better made use of in terms of getting the concise and precise solutions for what ever a company or any institution counters; making studies and researches and field surveys.

The first established of these consultative centers in our country is the Yemeni Consultative House that is considered to be the most famous one. YT paid a visit to this house to shed some light on one pillars of the civil society organizations and reported the following:

It was established in 1984 under the

supervision of more than 60 doctors in different fields. The house could collect a good cadre in different fields. It was the first Yemeni expertise to render its administrative, economic, computer, translation, documenting and lawful services, for the governmental institutions as well as private and mixed sectors. What was impressive in the house was the holding of comprehensive training activities on the objective of developing talents and human resources on the different administrative levels through an annual training plan in administration, economics, computer and language. This is important to keep the staff aware of development that is happening around.

In a statement those in charge of the House indicated that the House aims at providing different consultative services to develop and improve the productivity and performance. The house also provides the necessary training for the staff in many fields of study. The House carried out many studies and surveys for a number of ministries and institutions in the administration, restructuring and assessing their performance.

Of the center's activities are to design and hold seminars and conferences on a regular basis.

In short, such centers have become of great importance in the present time.

The First Giraffe Bred Naturally in China

A new-born giraffe stands with its mother in Guangzhou's Wild Animal World in Guangzhou, capital city of south China's Guangdong Province. The 1.8-meter-high baby giraffe is born by a 5-year-old giraffe introduced from South Africa in 1997. It is the first time that a giraffe bred naturally in China. Xinhua



(Xinhua Photo by Huang Guoqiang)

Thai Researcher Successfully Develops Security Robot

BANGKOK—A Thai researcher has successfully invented and developed a security robot which can be controlled through the internet from all parts of the world, the Thai News Agency (TNA) reported on Monday.

Supported by the Office of Research Support Fund, Pitikhet Sooraksa, a researcher of the King Mongkut's Institute of Technology Ladkrabang (KMUTL), had successfully developed a security robot from cheapest but most quality materials.

The only 1,750 U.S. dollars security robot is controlled through the internet, and can be used to guard against significant areas with attached warning and attacking systems of targeted 99 percent effectiveness within the radius of three meters.

The robot consists of a telescope that can focus on a target and send the picture to a computer monitor linked to the internet. Owners of the robot can set the robot to either target a suspected object, express a warning, and attack automatically, or manually. Owners of the robot could monitor its performances from a point in all parts of the world that could be connected to the internet, however, the newly-developed security robot was not suitable to be used for a personal purpose, but for a societal purpose, namely to guard against a site of destructive weapons, or a national heritage. This is because if a person with an ill-intention owns or controls the robot, he/she can pose serious threats to the society, and this is why the successful development of the robot over the past six months has just been revealed following a careful consideration. (Xinhua)

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air with a whiff of the lazy fragrance of wood-fire and the aroma of local house cooking. The lush carpet of padi fields, local children reeling or scooping up fish for the day from the canals, the rolling plains of rubber estates and the pleasant green plantations of oil palm are all simply breathtaking. When it comes to accommodation visitors are spoilt for choice as there is a wide range of hotels, chalets, resorts and home stay facilities, catering to various tastes and budgets. In the cities Malaysia's rich array of local, oriental as well as western and continental food is available throughout the day. Entertainment and recreational activities such as golfing are easily available. Or immerse yourself in a shopping adventure. Malaysia's relatively low cost of living and the wide array of choices for shopping have made it a shopper's haven and value for money destination. Let your dream holiday come true in fascinating Malaysia.

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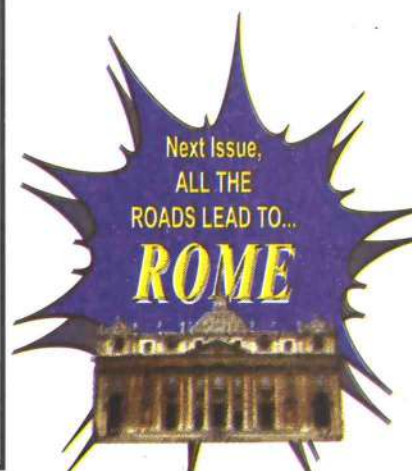
The city's strategic location at the heart of South east Asia, along with excellent supporting infrastructure, has made it a popular venue for international events conventions and exhibitions. Malaysia will be the host country for the 15th Asian Games and "KL" has bid to be the city where this event will take place.

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Kuala Lumpur leads the country's fast paced development in trade and commerce banking and finance, manufacturing transportation, information technology and tourism. Getting to Kuala Lumpur is easy with over 40 international airlines, including



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- Capital:** Kuala Lumpur
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- Language:** Bahasa Malayu (Malay) is the national language but English is widely spoken. The ethnic groups also speak various languages and dialects.
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First Death Anniversary Of Al-Baradouni Observed Thursday

Next Thursday will mark the first death
anniversary of one of the most eminent poets
in the Arab world. Almost a year has elapsed
since the departure of the Yemeni great poet,
Al-Baradouni, in which his heritage has been
totally ignored.

The last collection of poems by Al-Baradouni,
"Ben Zaid, The Sage," was published in 1995.
It critically depicted the period between 1990-
1994, the political assassinations during this
period and the civil war which "expressed the
collapse of the civilized project in Yemen."

One wonders about the fate of the great literary
heritage he left. Some collections were
under publication when he passed away.
However, none has come to light. A source
form the Yemeni Authors Union complained
about lack of cooperation on part of Al-
Baradouni family owing to some domestic
disputes. Since Al-Baradouni's death, some
domestic problems appeared within his family
which have not been settled.

Following the departure of a Al-Baradouni, an
ad hoc committee, comprising a number of
intellectuals was formed to organize the first
commemoration ceremony on his death.
Recommendations of the committee have
"gone with the wind."

It is rumored that a number of influential officials
are behind the loss of Al-Baradouni's literary
legacy. Al-Baradouni has to his own
credit more than 15 books, all of which have
disappeared from bookshops. There have
been no initiatives to re-publish his collections
and studies.

He was very critical of the government and
the state. Two weeks before his death he
described the state as lacking of enlightenment
vision. "It does not possess a cultural
project to enlighten the society," he commented.

Al-Baradouni won several prizes, last of
which was the Babteen Prize which enabled
him to buy a small house for him and his wife.
During his poetic career, he demonstrated a
unique ability of reflecting events and features
of old and modern Yemen in sweet and
excellent verse that has created a lot of
debates. His fearless stands, specially those
related to the border issue cost him a lot until
he death of a malignant disease

Jalal Al-Shra'abi
Yemen Times

Gradual Deterioration of Arable Land

Agricultural statistics for 1999 indicated a
gradual deterioration of arable land against
the total area of Yemen. Only 1,132,910
Hectares (68%) of the total arable land, estimated
at 1,668,858 Hectares, were cultivated in 1999.

The statistics classified arable land into pluvius
land constituting 528,642 Hectares (47%)
of the total arable land, well-irrigated land
which extend over 434,207 hectares (38%),
spring-irrigated land, 40,801 Hectares (4%),
Floods-irrigated, 129,259 Hectares (11%),
while the remaining 535,948 Hectares (32%)
were not cultivated.

Deterioration was clear in comparison with
1998 in which about 1,279,704 (76,7%) of the
total arable land was cultivated. Agricultural
production fell from 3,756, 279 tons in 1998
to 3,661,368 tons in 1999.

The drop in the agricultural production resulted
from fluctuating production of some crops,
specially wheat, which depends on rain, said
Eng. Abdul Malik Qassem Al-Thawr, director
general of planning in the Ministry of
Agriculture. He added that about 2,8 million
m3 of water is used annually for irrigation
while the annual quantity of renewable water
is 2,1 million m3.

More than 75% of Yemen's population lives
on agriculture. Agriculture work force is estimated
at 56%. It helps form about 17% of the
country national production.

Population of Yemen increases at the rate of
3,7% a year. This means that by 2010 the population
of Yemen will exceed 36 million
which necessitates development of the agricultural
sector to cover all the needs of increasing
number of people.

Mr. Al-thawr criticized the vision of Ministry
of Planning presented by its Minister Ahmad
Sofan which suggests decreasing agricultural
activities urging re-construction of the agricultural
sector. He also criticized absence of private
investment in this sphere.

Loans are offered for agricultural projects.
These reached USD 724,275,154 in 1998 out
of which USD 535,265,674 were spent on
agricultural projects through the Ministry of
Agricultural.

The Agricultural Credit Bank and the Social
Development Fund offer loans for farmers to
improve their products and to cultivate land.
However complicated routine adopted by the
bank discourage any cooperation with farmers.

Hasan Al-Zaidi
Yemen Times

Mr. On. Vittorio Sgarbi to Yemen Times:

"A country's heritage should be the tradition people kept in their lives and in their hearts"

Italy and Yemen have always enjoyed a distinguished relationship. Having so many issues in common, such as cultural richness, and architectural beauty that have even made it easier for each other to have yet a stronger relationship. Italy ranks the first in the world in terms of number of tourists to Yemen. Why do Italians love coming to Yemen? What makes Italians admire the Yemeni culture and heritage more than any other Arab country? To answer these questions, YT interviewed Mr. On Vittorio Sgarbi, a prominent politician in Italy, and among the favorites to winning the portfolio of Minister of Culture in the coming elections in Italy.

Excerpts:

Q: First of all, we would like to know the reason of visiting Yemen, and whether it is your first visit.

A: I always thought of coming to Yemen, and today, I am happy to have succeeded in paying my first ever visit to Yemen, a country which I feel we in Italy have many common aspects with. I felt that I had to arrange for a visit to Yemen because of its natural beauty and archeological sites that I hope I will be able to convince authorities to preserve. Italy has gone through similar circumstances and have conditions similar to Yemen. An example of that is the distinction in a way or another among the different traditions, populations between the

southern and northern sectors of the country. For example, we in Italy suffer from a gap between southern and northern provinces, a thing that we cannot ignore and is similar to Yemen, not politically, but rather traditionally. It even seems somewhat like Sicily in geographic sense.

One of the common aspects between the two countries is the richness in tourist attractions in both countries. I do believe that we have a lot in common, and should work together on maintaining our excellent relationship.

Q: You mentioned the preservation of natural and archeological sites in Yemen. Could you explain that further?

A: Throughout history, Yemen was known for its beautiful natural charm and noninterference of modernization and industrialization in it. Pasolini, a famous Italian personality visited Yemen 30 years ago and got the best impressions of Yemen, a country where life is so simple and people are so kind. He realized that he found in Yemen what he lost in the west and in his country, Italy. Your country for him was heaven on earth, a place where one can easily adapt himself to, and live peacefully and happily without any stress at all.

However, frankly speaking, if Pasolini comes to Yemen today, he would definitely feel sorry for what happened to the country's heritage. He would feel dismayed because of the unorganized constructions of



buildings, which do not have any personality or character. I would like to say that these buildings reflect a very bad copy of the beautiful Yemen architecture. The destruction of natural beauty - especially beautiful valleys and spectacular coastal lines would also cause Pasolini to be sad. It is the sluggishness of the government in preserving the extremely old archaeological sites that has always been a reason behind this. The Ramlat Al-Sabatin desert and the Jof area for example with more

than 100 archaeological sites, including Baraqish, Maen, Al-Mydah, Al-Soudah, Mareb, Shabwah, and many others - could be one of the seven wonders of the world in direct competition with the temples valley

in Egypt, which is now one of the best tourist attractions in the world. This area (Ramlat Al-Sabatin desert and Jof) alone could easily attract thousands of tourists and even millions and generate more income than oil if taken good care of. But unfortunately, everyday, an average of 10 sq. meters of these archaeological sites are disappearing every year.

Yemen, unfortunately repeated the mistake of Italy, when it started ignoring its cultural and archeological values and pushed for modernization. In the last 50 years, Italy continued to lose much of its ancient sites and beauties. On the other hand, we can realize that in the last 20 or 30 years, Yemen lost much of its glory and beauty. It has bluntly started a modernization program that destroyed many beautiful sites, and neglected many ancient cultural values.

Today, it is impossible for Yemen to revert to where it used to be. It is impossible for it to prevent the mistakes Italy committed, especially that Yemen's situation is even more fragile than Italy's. I do feel sorry for Italy and for the great loss of its heritage and natural beauty. But for Yemen, I feel even more sorry, and worried about the future of its glorious heritage and tourist attractions, which are still neglected today.

Q: But economic development and modernization is more important than looking after old buildings and natural sites? Shouldn't Yemen sacrifice in some way to develop?

A: I completely disagree with you. I know that Yemen needs to develop, and should do its best to enhance its economy and raise the income of its people. However, this should never be a reason for destroying national ancient sites and natural beauties. Look at Sanaa, it is a massive city without any sense of organizational housing constructions. Everyone is building everywhere. Is this modernization? Is this going to develop Yemen's economy? This is only a destruction of Sanaa's beauty and natural sites, and on the other hand it serves no modernization purpose.

We should realize that for more progress and for building a prosperous future for Yemen, Yemenis should learn from the past and realize how history could help provide solutions for the future so that the nation could adequately improve. Yemen is a country known for its wisdom and fine architectural styles. They used to implement very wise methodologies in rain harnessing for providing sufficient water, for agriculture, and in many different traditional values. Hence, they always lived in peace and harmony. Today, you can see that wells are dug everywhere, there is virtually no rain harnessing, and no wise consumption of water and no wise use of agricultural land.

This gives the impression that nations sometimes should learn from the past, and see how their ancestors used to make good use of their lands and resources. This unfortunately is not what I see in the Yemen of today.

All I want to say is that modernization and preserving culture and heritage and natural beauty could always go hand in hand. It is stupid to say that one should alter the other. Look at the example of how Prince Charles of the UK worked intensively to preserve many English towns to have magical natural sites and at the same time equipped them with the most modern infrastructure one could think of. Look at how the natural beauty and the ancient heritage of the region called Chianti near Florence is maintained along with modern facilities wherever you go. The project of the Chianti region is the master piece in the modern world on how the entire region can be protected and maintained.

The combination of landscape and cultural heritage under modern facilities live together in harmony. of course, this project was done in cooperation and help of Europeans in love with Italy and today, thanks to the multi-millionaire British, Scandinavians, Germans, the Chianti region is a beautiful place to stay and visit, done by people who like to live surrounded by natural beauty. The masterpiece of the region called Castel Gridolfo of the size of

Shibam in Hadramout, dating back to 8th century AD, entirely restored and upgraded by an Italian Stylist who made it as a perfect example of how an old site can be preserved, protected and used nowadays. Nowadays Chianti region near Florence is one of the most visited regions in Italy by international tourists, while 20 years ago, it was out of the international tourist map, visited only by amateurs.

Unfortunately, some governments all over the world think that preserving culture and natural beauty is always an obstacle in front of development and progress, and that it costs a lot in financial terms to do so. This is absolutely wrong. Preserving natural sites has never been a source of worries to the government budget. You do not need to spend money on issuing rules that prohibit random construction of buildings. You only need a strong legal system and a strong will to do so. However, this is what we lack in both Yemen and Italy. The weakness of implementing rules in some areas always causes random construction, and hence the ruining of tourist destinations which otherwise if taken care of would be among the most profitable sites for the government. Think of the natural forests, mountains, valleys, and how they would attract tourism from inside and outside the country. Think of the archeological sites in Zabid, in Marib, in Hadramout, and in Sanaa. If they are preserved and dealt with appropriately, they would be among the most important sources of revenue for the state. It is a pity that governments do not take this into consideration.

Q: You have a good probability of becoming the next minister of culture and tourism in Italy. Once you are in that position, what are you going to do to resolve all the problems you mentioned?

A: First of all, I will concentrate on how to clean the environment from the industrial wastes used in the business community. Among these wastes are the plastic bags. I will be banning the use of plastic bags, which contribute to the destruction of the environment in my country. Then, I will be implementing measures of preserving what is left of our traditional and archeological sites. This should be done without ignoring science and technology of course. Even though we do have laws that prohibit random construction of building, sometimes these rules are broken because of corruption, etc. I will work intensively on having these laws enacted strictly. Apart from plastic bags, there are also hundreds of materials that harm the natural environment, and are sometimes considered poisonous. I will prohibit the use of these materials in populated areas and strict them in conditions that would secure the safety of people and environment.

Here I would also assert on the importance of furiously fighting to keep archeological historic sites without the disruption of the housing complex constructors. I remember an area in Hodeidah in Yemen, where there were only 3 buildings built with Turkish-Yemeni style left from the Ottoman era, which have a fabulous look of heritage and traditional value on them. The rest of the homes are no more than boxes of cement and new houses built in no cultural sense at all. They were only built to occupy villagers without any sense of art. I do not blame the people who built for them houses for their families. I only would blame local bodies in Hodeidah or its Governorate who should have given them reasonable amount of money to build in a less sensitive area, and hence preserve the ruins of the Ottomans.

Q: You mentioned that the government should pay compensations, etc. How can you imagine the government having enough funds, under the population explosion taking place in Yemen?

A: Indeed, the population problem is a major obstacle, not only for the environment, or for the modernization attempts of the government, but for even preserving the level of income of today. This is a tragic crisis that Yemen needs to address as quickly as possible. Unless something serious is done, Sanaa will probably one day turn to another Cairo. I feel that it is the sole responsibility of the government to have major awareness programs, develop the economy, and at the same time try to put into account how to invest in tourism to get more revenue from this valuable sector. However, it cannot get tourists if it cannot invest and put more funds into tourist projects, of which preserving archeological and natural site should be a priority. I do sometimes wonder why the government is concentrating on less significant issues rather than the main issues. It amazed me how the Chinese thought of building a bridge,

which is more of a luxury in the current conditions instead of repair the devastated sewage system in very important neighborhoods in the capital, Sanaa.

Q: Don't you feel that the government is still doing its best -with the little resources it has- in preserving sites, such as Old Sanaa, by renewing the Bab Al-Yemen wall, and roads, etc.?

A: I hope that the Minister of Tourism understands this. First of all, a country's heritage should be protected not only for the sake of tourism - let us forget about the tourists - while the country's heritage should be protected because first of all, nobody can live without a root and a past and that a country without a root or a past is very close to madness. A man without a father and mother, without an origin, without a history, without a past is a lost man and maybe you cannot consider him as a human being any more. For a country also, the case is the same. A country without a history and without a past and especially, without heritage, may lose its role on earth and might end to be very weak and ready to be adopted by any other civilization. The Yemeni civilization is one of the strongest and oldest in the world. That is why Yemenis have to fight and do their best to preserve it in competition with other civilizations.

As for Old Sanaa, one could mistakenly mix up between building a wall, and renovating an ancient one. Even if the government is doing something in Sanaa, it totally ignores Zabid, where the traditional market which once was a focal and significant part of the town, is today totally empty. Tourists do not care of the new renovations etc, they care about the ancient places, where archeological sites are truly ancient, and were not subject to rebuilding or renovation anytime in the last hundred years. Tourists want to see what is truly old, not what is different or renovated. I hope that the Ministry of Tourism understands this.

On the other hand, we understand the economic difficulties Yemen goes through, and depends on its oil revenues as the main source of income. Once upon a time, Italians thought of oil as their cultural heritage. For Yemen, the issue may be similar. However, oil will not last forever. A country's heritage should be the tradition people kept in their lives and in their hearts, it's the unique nature of the country, and of course archeological wonders their ancestors left for them. These are what the country should take good care of, and should understand their value.

On this occasion, I would like to urge the government to take more measures to protect the real heritage of the country, in Zabid, and other ancient sites all over the country. Architects and scientists should always be granted permission to investigate the wonders of your country's heritage and study how they evolved.

Q: Any closing words you may have?

A: As a closing statement, I want to assure the Yemeni government that it is of great importance for Yemen's heritage to be preserved and taken good care of. It should realize the great importance of the heritage and work extensively on maintaining them so that they would last forever. It is a tough responsibility, and requires a lot of funding. This is why I propose that developed countries play a major role in funding projects of preserving and exploring ancient sites in Yemen. They should be generous in providing funds for keeping one of the old sites in the world.

I am glad that there are many Yemen businessmen who came from exile in an attempt to invest in their country. This is a good signal. However, while doing this, many things should be taken into account, especially preserving the country's natural and traditional beauty, which makes it unique in the world. I hope the day when Yemen's building turn into western style never come. But if it comes, I know that it will be the major loss of a wonderful country's great heritage. Yemen cannot go through the current economic conditions with maintaining and preserving their heritage unless they get all the help and guidance they can from developed countries, and I promise once I am in the position of Minister of Culture in Italy, I will do my best in this regard.

Finally, I would like to point out that the position of Yemen in the Middle East is nearly like the position of Italy in Europe. We in Italy are the cradle of the European civilization and Yemen is the cradle of the Arabian civilization.

This means that even other Arab countries should help Yemen protect and preserve its rich heritage, which eventually results in preserving the Arabian heritage as well.

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Tihama Tractors & Engineering Co. Ltd. Computer & Peripherals Division in collaboration with its Principals Fujitsu Siemens concluded last week their Marketing Campaign that was launched on August 19. The Tihama company participated in the recent Computer & Telecommunication Exhibition as the first company to hold a FREE training course on Computer Science for more than 250 trainees who were carefully chosen from nearly 500 persons. It was the first initiative to hold a FREE training course on Computer Science by a leading company for more than 250 trainees.

On this occasion the Yemen Times met with Mr. Mohammed Amin Dirhem, General Manager of Tihama Group of Companies and Mr. Wadea A. Al-Medwahi, Marketing manager and filed the following:



Q: Mr. Dirhem, could you brief us on your company in general, and about your section at the IT exhibition concluded last week at the Shumaila Exhibition Center.

A: Tihama Tractors & Engineering Co. Ltd. was established in 1963 as a tractors company. Its founder, Mr. Amin Dirhem is one of the most outstanding businessmen in Yemen. Since 1963, it has witnessed rapid progress and development. Today it comprises many divisions for worldwide reputed trademarks and agencies. In addition, it is the sole agent for most of the German agencies in Yemen. For example, Lufthansa, Siemens, Deutze, etc. None can deny the role the Tihama company has played in building the infrastructure of Yemen since its commencement.

As far as the contribution of our division, Computer and Peripherals Department, is concerned, we displayed a variety of up-to-the-minute computers and related accessories.

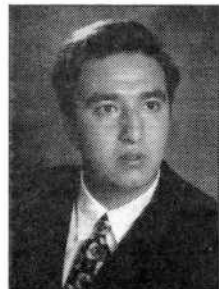
chance to introduce Fujitsu Siemens broad rang of products. So, we outlined a plan which was thoroughly studied before preparation for the exhibition.

Regarding the course activities, we tried our best to highlight contemporary major problems facing computer users and which can be classified in basic hardware and software maintenance. The course also included training on computer networks, Internet, Email and hardware.

As a matter of fact, all staff of the company contributed to the success of this event, specially our well-trained engineers who played the greatest role to make the course a success.

Q: How do you assess the future of the Internet in Yemen under the current expensive rates of the sole ISP, Y. net?

A: I think the explosive Internet growth creates unprecedented opportunities. You would be amazed, and even baffled when realizing how rapidly the Internet technology is growing. However, the modern applications and interactive services need more speed and bandwidth, which are two elements not available today. Smart users are turning to FSC for integrated Internet solutions spanning access, switching, Hi-Speed data transport and services. End to End solutions for new revenue streams. I believe we have a long way to go, but we will make it.



Q: Mr. Wadea, What is the impression students and observers had about the Seminar?

A: At the end of the course participants expressed their thanks and gratitude for the company for the highly valued knowledge they received and the high technology they were acquainted with. We have received a lot of acknowledgments appreciating the course from different governmental and private companies who also congratulated us for the tremendous success of the event.

Q: Do you feel that this exhibition and course would expose quality of Fujitsu Siemens to the Yemeni Market?

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Q: Now that you have succeeded in your campaign. What activities do you plan to have next?

A: We have plans to release our society from the constraints of expensive computer prices through new sales strategies that will facilitate people's access to computers.

Q: Any further comments?

A: I would like to stress that the course we have organized will not be the last one. It will rather be a beginning for a series of similar activities and initiatives.

I would like to thank those who directly or indirectly contributed to the success of the course, specially Sana'a International Exhibitions Center represented by Mr. Hussain Shumailah and the only sponsor of the course, the Yemen Times represented by Mr. Walid Al-Saqqaf, chief editor.



Q: Your esteemed company is considered the first company to accomplish the first 7-day spectacular training course that hosted more than 250 trainees. How did the idea come about? What were the activities that were covered during the course? How do you evaluate its success?

A: This idea stemmed from the need to create a qualified cadre and to familiarize people with new computer technologies. The idea was welcomed with great enthusiasm by the company board of directors as it aimed at developing the skills of our national cadre in the one of the most important sciences. It was also a good

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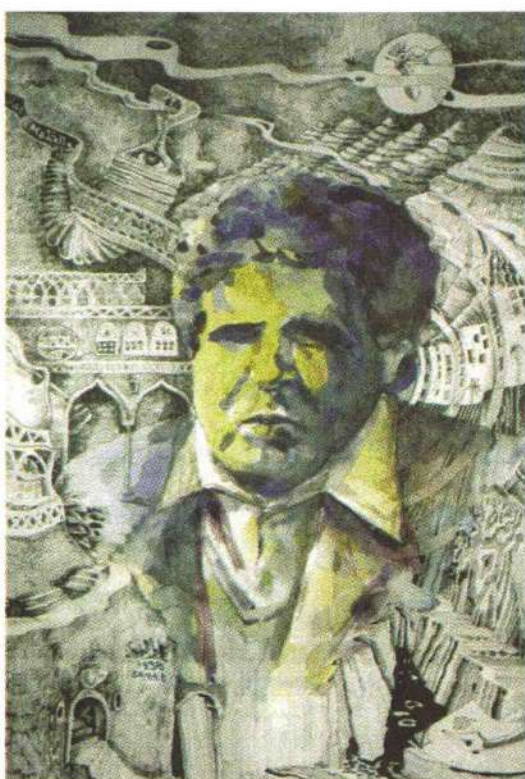
Plastic art is a genre of fine arts which through time demonstrates the culture of a nation as well as her customs and traditions. The aesthetic heritage of industry and antiquities souvenirs remain in circulation for generations depicting different images of history. Through art our forefathers' creative works remained engraved in our memories.

We Yemenis possess a large collection of heritage from successive civilizations and bygone dynasties. History has preserved these facts through those artists who lived those events.

In our country creative works face a lot of problems and uncountable difficulties in form of complicated routine measures and non-encouragement of artists in different fields of art. This makes many artists avoid coming up with their creative works. Out of all arts let us take the plastic art which is surviving only through personal efforts of our plastic artists.

At the Culture House an exhibition has been opened to last until December 5. A large number of male and female artists, representing creative capabilities, are represented at this exhibition. Sixty-eight works speak of the past and present different aspects of cultural, social, economic, political life and other mode of life. These works do reflect the harmony of man's creative abilities. It was an opportunity to meet and talk individually with a number of participant artists on their works.

Abdulwasa Mohammed Al-Olofi, a Faculty of Information student, said: "It all started just like a hobby. Gradually I became an amateur artist and then developed myself what you see me today. I participated with my works at local level including the 1st Immigrants Conference held in Sana'a last year, the 50th anniversary of Human



Baradouni looking at us

Rights and once at University level where I won the second position."

Olofi added: "The future of plastic art in our country is ambiguous. We have a lot of artists but the problem is how to bring them to the level and encourage them. We never wish to see such talents buried."

He went on to say: "At least 70% of the present day artists have developed themselves all by themselves. There ought to have been awareness and artistic and cultural programs; which unfortunately are absent. The Artists Union, too, is facing a lot of differences. And, finally, an artist has to suffer everything alone." Olofi complained saying: "Just imagine an artist spending his money in buying his requirements and doing all

arrangements to prepare his painting; but at last he is shocked to learn that there is no means of displaying or exhibiting his work: no gallery, no publicity. The Ministry of Culture & Tourism offers very limited assistance; but it is occasional."

"To give care and show interest in artists' works in our society should mean reflection of civilization and culture," he said.

Then Olofi explained details of his two works. The first was "Al-Mafoon" (the name of an old Sana'a area) and another "The Other Land" depicting a citizen's departure with the purpose of immigration.

Another artist was Aadel Saleh Abdullah Al-Mawri whose mere hobby took him out of Yemen to become a student of Publicity & Advertisements in Algiers. There, talented Mawri's capabilities were honed to become a perfect plastic artist.

"Awareness, in my view, is the way to create plastic art," he said pointing to his work "Al-Baradouni". Explaining his work he said let us think how we look at "Baradouni" and how he looks at us. Talking about his grievances he complained: "We constitute the base of art in Yemen; but alas! our link with the officials is occasional."

Leading us to his another work: "Symbols of Yemen" — with a hoopoe in the background — Mawri expressed his desire to organize an exhibition of his own.

After going through different works and the arrangements undertaken to organize this exhibition, the dim interest of the Ministry of Culture & Tourism was obvious. Before leaving the exhibition hall we wished the Ministry showed genuine interest and cared for an art which really plays an important role in our life.



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