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Yemen, U.S. to Sign Security Pact

President Ali Abdullah Saleh begins today an official visit to the U.S., where he is scheduled to meet on Tuesday Nov. 27 the US president George W. Bush at the White House. He is likely to meet with high ranking officials like the Vice-President, State Secretary Colin Powell, Secretary of Defense, Donald Rumsfeld, and other senior officials. His meetings will focus on the two countries' security cooperation, mainly on fighting terrorism.



Yemeni official sources said that during the visit an economic, security and intelligence pact between the two sides will be signed. The pact will focus on terrorism and Yemen's efforts to establish marine patrol police, which the US is expected to support directly

or through donor countries, mainly the German and Dutch. Yemen believes this police force is very important to control the security of the southern Red Sea and the Arab Sea, preventing any sort of piracy or terrorist infiltration into Yemen.

According to well-informed sources, this pact will allow FBI investigators to directly interrogate suspects of the USS Cole incident of last year. Previously, they weren't allowed to question the eight Yemeni suspects.

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Opposition Unhappy with the New SEC

At last, the representative of Islah in the newly formed Supreme Elections Committee (SEC), Mr. Abdullah al-Akwa'a, was sworn in before President Saleh last Thursday. Reliable sources disclosed that President Saleh exerted pressure on the Islah leadership to let its representative be sworn in. The sources said Saleh threatened that he would nominate another person to fill the place of Islah in the SEC.

Islah was not happy with the formation of the SEC as it was given, with only one seat instead of the two it had in the past. Islah believes its role as an influential party in the political fabric of the country is being marginalized by the ruling party (PGC), which has been represented by four people in the ESC. Of course, Sheikh Abdullah al-Amar, Islah President, conducted talks with President Saleh. He pressured the Islah leaders not to boycott the SEC. Islah policy, in addition, never believes in the boycotting of political or public associations. Political observers believe that the low representation of the opposition (Socialist Party one seat, Democratic Nasserite, PGC

alliance, and Islah one seat) will be more or less marginalized and will not guarantee any fairness in the coming elections. PGC will be able to pass any decision.

Another trick PGC has pulled on the opposition is that the SEC General Secretariat (executive authority) will be run by the PGC, for President Saleh appointed Dr. Rashad al-Rasas, Deputy Minister of Legal Affairs, as Secretary General of this authority. This limits the representation of the opposition in the SEC.

Mr. Khaled al-Sharif, Minister of State, has been nominated as Chairman of the SEC, with al-Akwa'a as Vice-Chairman. Mr. Abu Mohammed al-Janadi, Democratic Nasserite Party Secretary General, has been given the post of the Chairman of Media and Culture. The rest include Dr. Abdulmumen Shuja'addin, PGC, Chairman of the Legal Sector, Dr. Mohammed al-Sayani, PGC, Planning and Technical Sector, Alawi al-Mashhur, PGC, Chairman of the Finance Department, and Salaman al-Khanbashi, Socialist, Chairman of the Secretariat & Documentation Department.

Saudi Arabia to Provide Yemen with Security Aid

The Middle East News Line Service said Gulf defense sources confirmed that the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia will indeed fund joint projects with Yemen to improve security and fight insurgency and smuggling along the Yemeni-Saudi borders.

Besides the Kingdom's commitment to provide Yemen with aid to purchase systems such as night-vision and sensors, Saudi authorities stated that there is a plan to provide assistance to Yemen's navy in the form of training and systems.

Since the Jeddah border treaty was signed more than one year ago, the two countries have enhanced their security cooperation and the prospect of Saudi aid to Yemen. This comes as the two sides have also agreed on increasing cooperation in fighting terrorism by all possible means.

Canada to Extradite Al-Hadi to USA

Canada has confirmed that Nageeb Abduljabbar Mohamed Al-Hadi, a Yemeni detained in Canada, will be extradited and submitted to the USA.

Al-Hadi, whose extradition was demanded officially by the USA, was detained after his Chicago-bound Lufthansa flight from Frankfurt was diverted on September 11, and he had four passports in his possession.

According to the AFP, a Canadian government lawyer told the presiding judge of the Ontario

Superior Court on Thursday that the Canadian government issued an authority to proceed document.

The Canadian authorities had earlier outlined seven charges corresponding to those outlined by the US authorities in their request of extraditing Al-Hadi, including entering Canada with a false passport, forgery and other charges.

On the other hand, Al-Hadi denied any links to any terrorist groups and rejected accusations of

forgery of passports. Gary Batasar, the lawyer of Al-Hadi, said he would try to move up the date of extradition and file a motion on Al-Hadi's detention conditions.

It was mentioned that Al-Hadi was held in solitary confinement at Toronto's Metro West Detention Center. The authorities concerned in the Canadian government declined to comment on the reason behind detaining Al-Hadi in that center before any final conviction.

The lawyer of Al-Hadi added that he was concerned about his health, as he said "He is gaunt, pale and has lost weight. I'm concerned about his state (of mind)."

Yemen to Seek IMF and WB Assistance

Yemen will be seeking financial aid from the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and the World Bank (WB) during the official visit of President Saleh to the USA which begins today. The assistance is intended to support the economic reform program that the country had started in 1995 following the 1994 Civil War. Yemen, which is the poorest Arab country, is suffering from a foreign debt exceeding USD 4 billion.

Stiff Measures against Illegal Immigrants

The Ministry of Interior on Tuesday warned illegal immigrants in Yemen that it would take strong measures against them if they do not renew their resident permits. An official source confirmed to YT news of strict measures taken against those who do not hold legal papers in an attempt to crackdown on illegal immigrants.

This comes at a time Yemen is trying to round up foreigners believed to have ties to Islamic fundamentalist groups in an effort to limit terrorist threats in the country.

It was reported earlier that a number of Arab Afghans, some who are not Yemeni, were arrested for suspected involvement in terrorist groups.

Suspect Financial Office Closed in Yemen

A Sana'a-based office of the Baraka Financial Group, which was accused by the U.S. of funding terrorism, was temporarily shut down by Yemeni security authorities, Yemeni informed sources said on Monday.

Investigations were underway to check whether the office, as the U.S. claimed, had managed funds belonging to the al-Qaida network of Osama bin Laden, the prime suspect in the September 11 terror attacks in the U.S..

The office is expected to be reopened this week in case the charge proves to be baseless, the sources said. Earlier, the U.S. put the group, which handles money transfers around the world, on a list of organizations whose assets should be frozen on charges of using their profits to fund Osama's al-Qaida network.

At the U.S. request, the Yemeni Central Bank has already frozen accounts of individuals and groups on the list of organizations suspected to be terrorism-related.

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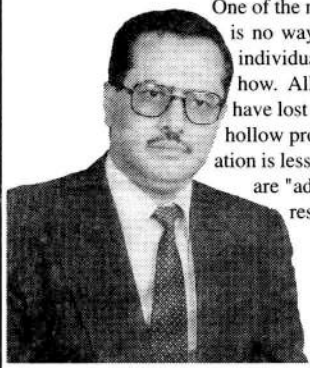
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One of the major problems of Yemen is that there is no way of identifying the true worth of an individual in terms of knowledge and know-how. All levels of examinations in schools have lost their meaning, and they have become hollow procedures. Cheating is rampant, evaluation is less than objective or thought, and grades are "adjusted and re-adjusted" long after the results are announced.

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



Our Opinion

Hope in Yemen's Tourism Renewed

A glimpse of hope and anticipation has emerged lately in the tourism sector in Yemen. Despite the tough conditions Yemen has gone through in the recent past, and despite the September 11 attacks that have caused tremendous losses to the tourism sector in general, many tourists still believe that Yemen is among the most beautiful and attractive destinations for tourism.

Last week, while I was having dinner in one of the hotels in Sana'a, I was truly delighted to see what I didn't expect to see anytime soon. I saw around 30 foreign tourists who were having dinner at the hotel.

After inquiring about the objective of their visit, I realized that they were tourists from Germany. Those tourists came despite the negative travel advice of European governments regarding traveling to Yemen. They have challenged this warning and insisted on coming. This courageous step has indeed overwhelmed the emotions of the local staff at the travel industry in Yemen.

"There always is hope. There must be hope," said a travel agency manager who expressed his faith in Yemen's beauty and attractions stressing the importance of not giving up hope. On another level, the Yemeni government is now slowly getting out of the September 11 shock and its consequences. Efforts are underway to implement a security master plan to evaluate and work on eliminating all the problems tourists face, including insecurity and armed escorts, as well other issues that disturb tourists significantly.

However, there are many more steps to be taken to bring Yemen's image to what it used to be. The government needs to take care of the phenomenon of carrying arms in cities, and also that of military escorts who instead of protecting tourists are getting used to harassing and getting money from them.

As Yemen Times, we thank this particular group for breaking all barriers and resisting all warnings by coming to Yemen. We also want to notify the Yemeni government that it should take advantage of this trust that those tourists gave to the Yemeni security enforcing bodies and act responsibly by providing better security and ridding tourists of indecent and corrupt military escorts that tourists have complained about in the past.

There is hope in Yemen's tourism future, but this hope should not be shattered by insecurity or instability. We should all work hard on paying back those tourists who trusted us despite all the local, regional, and global events by pushing for more progress in security and stability in Yemen.

(CBY) Demands Banks Exchange European Currencies for Euro

The Central Bank of Yemen (CBY) issued a note to commercial banks, companies and individuals dealing with European currencies to exchange them for euro, planned to be officially used starting the beginning of next January.

The CBY informed all banks about the decision of the European Central Bank to use the Euro for business and also has set dates at which using the European states' currencies will terminate. Dates range from one to two years.



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A Decree to Ban Dua'a Before Morning Prayers

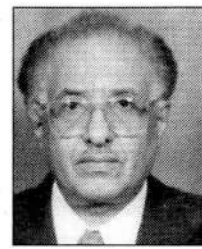
Official sources at the Ministry of Endowments & Guidance said that the ministry was about to issue a decree banning reciting religious "mwasahats" before morning prayers, because it disturbs patients and children during sleeping time. The same sources added that the ministry had a plan to generalize a standard timing for

prayer calls at all Yemeni mosques. The ministry is currently striving to get a "fatwa" from the Association of Yemeni Clerics so as to legitimize its decision. Recitation of some religious poetry before morning prayers is very common in Yemeni mosques, particularly in Sana'a where a great deal of religious musical groups are based.

Historic Monuments & Sites Project Completed

The General Authority for Antiquities & Manuscripts has completed preparations for announcing the results of a program pertaining to the directory of the historical monuments and archaeological sites in Hadramaut valley within the next couple of days. The program was funded by the government of Italy at a cost of USD 500,000 according to an agreement between the World Bank and the Ministry of Culture of the Republic of Yemen. The program includes a set of components such as preparing a record of photographs and information about the historical sites and monuments in Hadramaut valley, which exceed 400 sites. The program has also produced detailed maps which can be used for future excavations and renovation projects. In

a statement to Saba News Agency, Dr. Yusef Abdu Abdallah, Chairman of the General Corporation for Antiquities & Manuscripts, said that the project had come within the policies and strategies aiming at preserving the national heritage, adding that the project will be a cornerstone for all surveys in the Republic of Yemen. Dr. Yusef noted that the Authority was planning to create two technical departments for documenting all historical sites and monuments at the headquarters of the Authority and its branch in Sayoun.



US Offers Yemen Commodity Assistance by \$ 24 Million

On November 3, 2001, the first shipment of United States commodity assistance, 8,189 metric tons of wheat flour, arrived in the port of Hodeidah. Other shipments are scheduled to arrive in the ports of Aden and Hodeidah over the coming months.

This shipment is part of a total commodity grant of 107,500 metric tons from the United States Department of Agriculture's 416-(b)-commodity assistance program. This grant consists of 7,500 metric tons of non-fat dried milk and 30,000 metric tons of wheat flour. Thus, commodities are donated by the United States government to the Republic of Yemen Government, which are, in turn, sold to the private sector. The proceeds of the sales are utilized to finance small and medium-sized social-related development projects with the

objectives of alleviating poverty, promoting economic and agricultural development, improving health and education services and creating employment through labor-intensive infrastructure projects that are developed in conjunction with local administrators and non-governmental organizations (NGOs). Such projects in the past have included constructing schools, orphanages health clinics, small water projects, and farm-to-markets roads, as well as rehabilitating the Yemeni National, the Magashem in the Old City of Sana'a and building the Sa'ilah (road/floodway) in the heart of the Old City of Sana'a. In FY 2000, the proceeds totaled \$ 27 million and FY 2001 is estimated to total \$24 million. The US grants Yemen an annual basis \$40 million to support development.

YSCC Holds Annual Meeting

Yemeni official sources said that Yemeni and Saudi officials agreed that the Yemeni-Saudi Coordination Council (YSCC) will hold its meeting on an annual basis instead of every six months. The sources said this change in the schedule of the YSCC will give its committees a chance to discuss issues of concern to both sides. The YSCC, which was established in the 1970s, used to be held every year, but during the 12th round held last year in Saudi Arabia, both sides agreed that it should be held every six months. The YSCC is a means to strengthen the Yemeni-Saudi relationship and discuss all aspects of cooperation between the two sides. Through this body, the Saudi government has provided Yemen with billions of dollars to boost the development process.

Fires flares up in Al-Safia

Huge fire had flared up in the used furniture market in Al-Safia area last Wednesday, during Al-fatoor time (a time in which Muslims finish their fasting). The fire had resulted in great material losses which had been estimated at YR twenty millions. The fire brigades had reached the place after everything had been lost. The resources said that there were no casualties.

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Yemen, U.S. to Sign Security Pact

The news reports about this security pact ripples in the mind of the opposition, mainly the Islamic party, Islah, which called for questioning the government on the content of this pact. The Islah said it is of a national concern and has something to do with the sovereignty of the country. News said the pact assumes that Yemen has to cleanse its territories of terrorists or Islamic extremists and extradite other Arab Afghans to the USA. In return, the US is to provide Yemen with around \$400 million to carry out development projects, mainly in the remote tribal areas where kidnapping incidents and other lawless acts are a daily routine. The USA will undertake advanced training courses of Special Forces in Yemen, under command of Colonel Ahmad Ali Abdullah Saleh. The special forces assumes the responsibility for countering terrorist acts in the country.

Jordan is also involved in assisting Yemen in this matter. The delegation of the president which includes Ministers of Foreign Affairs, Defense as well as Chief of Yemen's intelligence reveals that the visit will discuss intensively security issues and how Yemen

Yemen Seeks International Support to Establish Maritime Patrol Police

Sources said the U.S. is willing to support Yemen in establishing maritime police and to provide it with 15 boats as a start. Saudi Arabia is also offering technical assistance. To this end, Yemen started two weeks ago an air survey for its coasts to find out the monitoring points of the maritime patrol police. It has also started imposing strict security measures around Sana'a and halted the issuance of access visas to Europeans and Americans at airports and other main terminals. Other Arab and Muslim students studying at Yemeni universities have been denied return visas for security reasons. Some of these students refused to leave Yemen for Ramadan vacation, for they are afraid they will not get access visas again. Arab and foreign people residing in Yemen have been given a month's period to renew their residence visas or register their documents at any police station or passport and visa authority, or else they will be deported.

Yemen has spoken openly about its inability to control the security and that it needs international support, particularly to control its marine and land borders.

can play a role in the worldwide campaign against terrorism. The US Ambassador to Yemen, Edmund Hull said earlier that Yemen is not a target but a partner in the war against terrorism. He also spotlighted the damage this infamy caused to Yemen's economy, particularly the tourist sector. President Ali Abdullah Saleh on Saturday 24 Nov. began his European and America tour by heading for Netherlands where he his talks with Dutch prime minister and other officials would focus on bilateral relations and mutual cooperation. President Saleh is also expected to visit both Germany and France and discuss with their leaders bilateral relations and the Palestinian cause, and Europe's role in reaching a peaceful solution with Israel. Saleh will also discuss with them international efforts made to crack down the evil of terrorism.

Social Charitable Society implements its Ramadhan Projects

Islah Charitable Society implemented several projects in Ramadhan, which aim at assisting poor people in the Yemeni society. In a statement to news agencies, Secretary General, Dr. Hameed Ziad has mentioned in a press conference that these projects that have been implemented during the holy month of Ramadhan are distributed among the wretched families, traffic policemen, prisoners, the orphans, the handicapped and others

in the remote areas. Secretary General, Dr. Hameed Ziad indicated that the number of beneficiaries of these projects since its foundation has been amounted to more than 5,935,000 and the number of families has reached to 351,698 until the year 2001. The Secretary General has highly praised the efforts played by the benefactors and called those who are able to assist their Muslim and their poor brothers.

Jordanian Spy Executed

The 26 September Weekly Newspaper issued by the Armed Forces last Thursday said that a Jordanian citizen was executed by Yemeni authorities in May 1998 after he was accused of killed an Egyptian religious scholar in Sana'a. The accused Gamal Al-Akaleba had confessed in front of Penal Prosecution Head that he was spying for the Israeli Intelligence Agency when he was enlisted by Israeli forces. According to sources, the accused had worked as a spy to monitor the Islamists' activities in Yemen and gathering information about them and raising disputes and

discrepancies among Islamists. The accused had been brought to justice and said at first that he was Syrian and spying for Fatah Palestinian Movement and he was under the assumed the name, Abu Tahseen Abdulakader and the real name was Naser Hamdan Mohammed and that he was Palestinian and he was born in Kuwait. All these information proved to be false. The accused had killed the Egyptian scholars. Sheikh, in his apartment in Sana'a on May 22 1998 when he came to him demanding the legal contracts to marry a woman from Bosnia.

Al-Bayhani School Still Closed

Security forces prevented students and teachers from entering Sheikh al-Bayhani Religious School after the school administration refused orders from the Education Office to appoint a new principal. Earlier, a resolution was issued by the Ministry of Education to seize the building of the school. In response, the society in

charge of running the school has filed a lawsuit at Sura Court for settling the dispute. The closure of al-Bayhani School comes within the new orientations of the government to merge religious institutes and schools within the general education system run by the government.

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Yemen's economy has suffered under the weight of a number of burdens since the 1990s, a matter causing considerable difficulties for the government as well as the common man. Among these are the heavy debts owed by the former People's Democratic Republic of Yemen to the former USSR; an over-staffed bureaucracy; the withdrawal of crucial financial assistance from Saudi Arabia and Kuwait; the explosion in the number of Yemeni workers who returned from abroad, which led to a sharp drop in remittances; and - last but not least - the Civil War in 1994. All of the problems mentioned have wreaked havoc on the national economy, and both the war and the expatriates' return have put an additional burden on the country in social terms as well.

In order to streamline the national economy, Yemen has embarked on an IMF-supported structural adjustment program, which has led to foreign debt relief and restructuring. In addition, many donor countries have given Yemen a hand in an attempt to help solve some of its crucial economic, technical and social problems. Among the very active donors in Yemen is the European Commission, one of whose activities is highlighted in this interview with Mr. Gerd Winkelhane, Manager of the EC-supported project "Strengthening Priority Areas of Vocational Training in Yemen" (SPAVT).

Q: You mentioned in a previous interview with the Yemen Times that you were leaving Yemen to work at the Orientation Department of the German Development Service (DED) in Berlin. Did you expect that you would take up another assignment in Yemen, and how did it happen that you were able to return so soon with a project from a different organization?

A: At the end of May, when the interview was conducted, I had no idea that I would be offered a new post in Yemen. As it turned out, a short time later a consultancy that specializes in recruiting international development experts approached me regarding the position of manager of the project "Strengthening Priority Areas of Vocational Training in Yemen."

Though I had always enjoyed my association with DED, given the challenging nature of the assignment, I decided to apply for the position. The official offer was made after an interview with the relevant bureau of the European Commission that took place in Brussels in mid-July. Needless to say, I was deeply honored to receive their approval. I am very happy to have the opportunity to continue in my endeavor to make a positive contribution to the development of Yemen and to extend the cooperation with my Yemeni partners in this important activity.

Q: Would you please give us some information about your new project?

A: As I mentioned, the project's official title is "Strengthening Priority Areas of Vocational Training in Yemen", a long name, which we abbreviate to "SPAVT." I believe the title clearly explains what our goal is. The financial contribution of the European Commission is 7 million euro, and the contribution of the government of Yemen amounts to 1.76 million euro. The bilateral agreement was signed in 1997, and activities started at the end of the year 2000. The project's priority areas are Hotel & Tourism, Oil & Gas and Women's Qualification.

The overall goal of the project is to support the reform of Yemen's vocational education and training system, and thus contribute to the reduction of unemployment and to the alleviation of poverty.

We foresee several different major areas of activity. In the Hotel & Tourism sector, it is envisaged to create a new National Hotel & Tourism Institute (NAHOTI) in Sana'a. For the Vocational Training of Women, special institutes will be installed in Sana'a, while it is probable that institutes already existing in Aden be made use of by equipping them with the needed teaching tools and materials. It is planned that the training for technicians in the Oil & Gas sector will be undertaken in a special department within the National Institute for Trainers and Instructors in Dar Saad



(NITI Aden).

In order to meet the overall objectives, the institutional capacity of Yemen's vocational training system will be strengthened at the local level through the involvement of the private sector in determining the type, level and content of the training to be provided.

Q: Why do you think concentration on vocational training is so important for the country?

A: The Yemeni Government's awareness of the importance of vocational training is clearly demonstrated in its Human Development Report of 1998. Accordingly, in April 2001 it merged the former General Authority for Vocational and Technical Training (GAVTT) into the Ministry of Technical Education and Vocational Training.

I personally agree completely with the government's assessment that vocational training is of major significance for Yemen. We need only to look at the fact that within the next several years, it is estimated that some 600,000 school graduates will flow into the labor market annually. This, combined with the country's unmistakable need for skilled employees, establishes high-quality vocational training as a major development priority. Women's qualification also needs to be given high emphasis. I would like to use this opportunity to announce that we are planning a Communication Strategy Workshop for this project component which will be held at the Taj Sheba hotel at the end of this coming December. It is foreseen that representatives of different governmental institutions as well as NGOs and donor organizations will participate.

Q: There are other international organizations that support vocational training. Will there be coordination between your project and any of them?

A: Yes, of course. Given vocational training's high importance for the overall development strategy of the country, it is quite logical that various international organizations are supporting this endeavor. Close cooperation with all other donors in the field will be an integral part of our work.

Q: Do you think you will benefit from your previous position as Director of DED Yemen in your new post?

A: No doubt. The experience I gathered through my former position will help me in many regards. Throughout the duration of my assignment, DED always gave special emphasis to the vocational training sector and provided Yemen with quite a number of development workers in this area. Therefore, I have an excellent relationship with the leading figures in the field.

Also, I am happy to have established an excellent level of cooperation with the Ministry of Planning and Development and to have gathered important experience in working with Yemeni institutions in general. Over the years, my personal relationships with colleagues and counterparts in all of the relevant Yemeni government agencies have proven to be very fruitful and friendly.

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National University Graduates Fourth Class of 2000/2001

Under the auspices of the governor of Taiz, H. E. Ahmed Abdullah Al-Hajry, the Graduation ceremony of the class of 2000/2001 was inaugurated on Tuesday the 13th of November 2001 at Atta'won Park. The Deputy Governor of Taiz, Sheikh Mohammed Bin Mohammed Al-Heyagim, delivered a speech express-

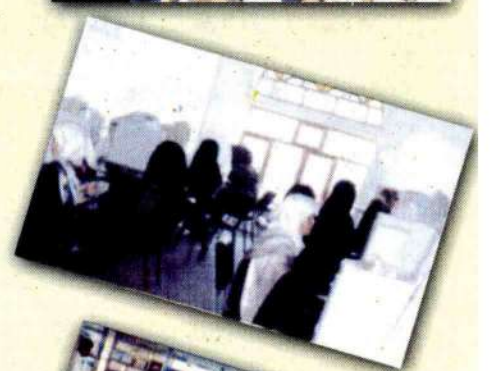
ing his warm congratulations to the graduates. He also expressed his pride in regard to the great achievements made by the universities in our country. At the end of the ceremony along with the University Rector Dr. Shakib M. Al-Khameri, and Vice Rector, Dr. Bassam M. Saeed, he participated in handing the certificates to the students.

The Rector of the University, Dr. Shakib M. Al-Khameri, expressed in his speech his intense joy about the graduation of the fourth class. He stated that among these graduates were the first university graduates from the colleges of Medicine and Engineering (Doctors, Pharmacists and Architects). The rector also recalled the President of the Republic Ali Abdullah Saleh's statements on the emphasis of the role played by private universities. The President said that these private institutions serve as a complement to the governmental universities and, therefore, it is necessary that they receive the adequate support from the government. In reference to the President's statements, the University's rector said: "We are extremely grateful for the substantial moral support provided by the President. This support will help catalyze more creative capabilities in favor of developing better societies in Yemen and the Arab world." He added that the University does its best for the benefit of the students and particular attention and priority is

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PGC to Get the Upper-Hand in Running Elections in its Favor

The President of the Republic on November 15 issued a decree regarding the appointment of new members at the Election Supreme Committee (ESC). Currently, the ESC consists of six members, including four from the ruling party, the People's General Congress (PGC), and one from Islah (who has not so far taken an oath). The new ESC will see the appointment of two new members from the Nasserite Party and the Yemeni Socialist Party. Yemen Times gathered the views of different personalities involved in political affairs. Excerpts:

Mohammed Ali al-Saqqaf, prominent legal specialist

There is a direct link between the composition of the ESC and the results of elections. However, what is amazing is the representation of the PGC at the Election Supreme Committee and the size of its victory in both the parliamentary and local council elections. The ESC was formed in August 8, 1992, before the parliamentary elections of 1993. At that time, it included

17 members in accordance with the amended Election Law of 1992. Actually, nine political parties as well as the then two ruling coalition parties (the Peoples' General Congress and the Yemeni Socialist Party) were represented in the ESC. In 1993, the PGC won 122 seats. As a result of the additional 23 seats coming from independent representatives who joined the PGC, the party obtained 48% of the seats; that is 145 out of 301. Similarly, for the 1997 parliamentary election, the ESC counted seven members of which two thirds were belonging to the PGC. In 1997, the People's General Congress won a comfortable majority of 187 seats in addition to the 34 independents who joined the PGC. It reached so 73.9% of the seats or 221 of them. In 1999 presidential elections for which the PGC and Islah nominated president Saleh for presidency, both parties had two to three members in the ESC.

Since the inception of the Election Supreme Committee, all its chairmen have been from the People's General Congress. In the beginning, two of them were civil personalities: Yahya al-Arashi for the 1993 elections and Alawi al-Atassi for the referendum and local council elections. Then, the PGC decided to appoint military personalities to run the ESC. The party chose Muhsen al-Awlefi in 1993 to supervise the 1996 elections. Abdullah Barakat, another military official, was appointed to run the ESC for the presidential elections. He was followed by Khalid al-Sharif recently appointed as chairman for the Election Supreme Committee. The new Election Supreme Committee, responsible for organizing and supervising the April 2003 parliamentary election and the following presidential elections, is composed of four of its previous members surely from the PGC. Furthermore, the appointment of a new member representing the National Council for Opposition (pro-government opposition parties) will ensure the PGC holds two thirds of the ESC's members. According to the new elec-



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tion law amended in 2001, this majority will actually give the ruling party the right to form all the election supervisory committees. Similarly, the newly-created General-Secretariat of the ESC as well as the chairmanship of the ESC itself will give the PGC the upper-hand in running elections.

Abdulbari Taher, well-known personality

I have no objection regarding the formation of the Election Supreme Committee, as I think that such formation is a good thing. Indeed, the current formation enhances understanding and dialogue between the government and the opposition and helps to consolidate the democratic experience in our country. In fact, the majority of the members of the ESC enjoy a very good reputation. I know some of them and have no doubt about their morals or competence. However, I think that the problem does not lie in the formation of the ESC but rather in the electorate registration lists, voting cards, and above all in ensuring the neutrality of the ESC as well as of the public funds. Moreover, solving the electorate locality of the armed forces is of main concern as voting for the ruling party has become one of the army's duties. Consequently, all the election registration lists should be cleaned up by removing duplicate names which would put an end to falsification in one of its different forms.

Abdulaziz Sultan, Editor-in-Chief of Alwahdawi

This time, the formation of the new ESC came unexpectedly. The ruling party used to have the overwhelming majority in the ESC, and if other members were to be appointed, they should

then be supporters or friends of the ruling party. Yet, the first ESC formed in 1992 in order to supervise the parliamentary election of 1993 included three members for the ruling party out of a total of 18 members. Since then, the domination has been rising steadily to reach four members out of seven this year.

Said Thabet Saeed, journalist

The new membership structure of the ESC reveals the future orientation of democracy in Yemen. Indeed, this is an attempt to redraw the map of political parties in Yemen in a way that gives the last blow to the democratic space present in the country. In general terms, the current changes aim at restricting the supervisory role of the opposition parties and giving all power to the ruling party. The fresh formation of the Election Supreme Committee may lead to the marginalization of all the political parties in its running of the election process and by mandating the so-called General Secretariat to run the elections. The General Secretariat itself has been set up by the government which will consequently allow the PGC to hold the upper-hand in running the upcoming elections. This will be undoubtedly in its favor with the use of falsification. Regrettably, the independent forces have been excluded from the ESC's current structure as none of their members has been appointed. In short,

the new formation of the ESC will not contribute to correct the electoral process but will generate further irregularities.

Abdulkarim Mohammed al-Khuani, journalist

The appointment of the new members of the ESC came in accordance with the law and in the same way that the former members were appointed. Accordingly, the majority of the members are affiliates to the ruling party even though other parties are represented. Thus, it is difficult to say that the current formation fulfills the required neutrality or solves the election-related irregularities. However, what is new in this regard is the confirmation of the ESC's neutrality as a

principle, something which was not stressed upon before. Clearly, the inclusion of partisan members in the Election Supreme Committee is a praiseworthy decision amidst the setbacks and reduction of the available democratic space in the country. It is clear that the agreement reached between the president and the opposition parties has played a major role in making up the law, particularly after the dialogue between the opposition parties and government reached a dead end. The new structure of the ESC could be a success in an effort to limit its deterioration, but it does not change anything with regard to the neutrality of public funds or official media. In addition, the existence of such a committee will lead to the acceptance of a new election system instead of the constituency-based system. This will also be coupled with expanding the ESC or forming it based on new standards insisting on competence and capacity. Unfortunately, the current ESC was formed on political affiliation, loyalty and conformity. Therefore, its neutrality will not be more than a word.

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Erratum

In issue 46 of Yemen Times, it was mistakenly mentioned that Faruq al-Hakimi is the Counselor of Ministry of Culture, while he is a former Vice-Minister of Culture & Tourism. Plus, two paragraphs of his article should be like this:

- As a consequence of the existing conflict between Britain and the late Egyptian President Jamal Abdunnasser, the British authorities based in Aden supported the Royalist forces in the North.....

- The decision was taken by the British authorities after the National Front forces defeated, with the support of the security forces of the Federation of the South Arabia, the FLOSY rebel forces in Aden. Our apologies to Faruq Al-Hakimi and to the readers.

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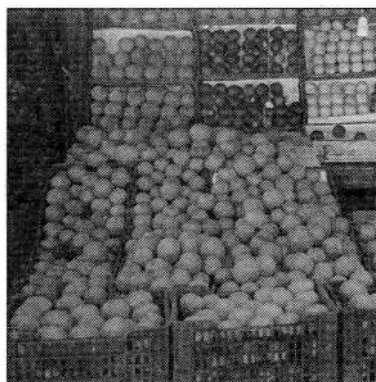
Mahyoub Al-Kamali

The Fish and Agriculture Promotion Fund has supported the fishermen and farmers in order to increase the agricultural and fish production as well as to meet the demands of local markets, such as fruits, vegetables, and fish. Until now, the Fund has been seeking to reduce the burdens on farmers and to provide the essentials needed to establish main infrastructure facilities such as production, marketing, and storage buildings. The recent statistics indicate that the Fund has so far financed more than

3,341 programs and projects at a cost of YR 71 million. The statistics also show that the Fund has implemented more than 739 projects in the field of irrigation and water construction at a cost of YR 7 million.

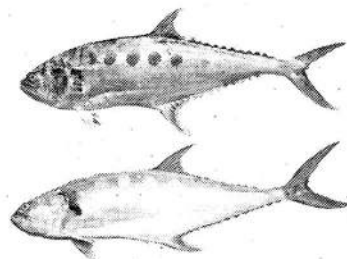
The Fish and Agriculture Promotion Fund carried out all these projects by contracting out the large construction projects.

Agriculture in Yemen needs scientific and financial support to increase its production level. Fishing productivity must also be increased as fish resources are exposed to decay and carelessness. Consequently, the Fund granted loans based on simple interests which were given to the Ministry of Agriculture and the Rural Credit Bank. The Fish and Agriculture Promotion Fund was established in 1993 to



improve the economic and living conditions of farmers and fishermen. It contributed a great deal to improvements in agricultural and fishing, as it heavily supported these areas by purchasing, among other things, 420 fishing boats in Meedi, Luhia, Suqatra, Abyan, Bab Al-Mandab and Kamaran. This number represents 50 percent of the total fleet. It also helps them by setting up marketing centers, trade harbors, and factories to can and refrigerate fish.

On the agricultural level, the Fund granted 300 tractors for the cooperative societies under the form of loans without interest. In addition, it supports the infrastructure of the agricultural union.



Despite all these forms of assistance, farmers still complain about their low financial conditions and demand the government decrease diesel prices, as it adversely affects their financial revenue and agricultural activities.

Furthermore, farmers as well as fishermen have stressed that loans granted by the Fund are inadequate for them to meet the requirements of their fishing and agricultural activities, in which the diesel share has been increased to 70 percent. Accordingly, they demand an increase of the Fund allocations in the upcoming budget of 2002 in a drive to grant additional simple loans.

In conclusion, the main issues in agricultural and fish production to increase production are the setting up of a successful marketing policy and the construction warehouses providing refrigerators.

Economy News

Al-Otaiba Group in Yemen

The businessman from the United Arab Emirates, Mohammed Abdullah Al-Otaiba, has confirmed that the Al-Otaiba group was granted a concession to explore for oil in Yemen. He added that the group has already started conducting seismic surveys to find oil. The first digging works are to begin next year.

New Financial Japanese Grant

Yemen was granted by Japan a new financial grant of USD 920,000 in order to relieve debt burdens. A part of this sum was allocated to finance revenues in order to improve the Yemeni economy in all aspects, particularly in human needs.

Loans Allocated to Women in Aden

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loans to Yemen for a total of USD 75 million to support the Social Development Fund and providing job opportunities for motherhood, childhood, and orphans.

Urging Yemeni Banks to Substitute European Currencies for Euro

The Central Bank of Yemen (CBY) has urged the commercial and national banks, companies, businessmen, and citizens to substitute the old European currencies for the Euro. The Euro will be available at the beginning of January. The bank specified the old currencies to be replaced by the Euro: the German Mark, the French Franc, the Italian Lira, the Greek Drachma, the Spanish Peseta, the Belgian Franc, the Austrian Schilling and the Irish Pound.

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COMMON SENSE

By: Hassan Al-Haifi

On the True Spirit of Ramadhan

“**R**amadhan is such a beautiful month”, said Furdous to her husband, who was sitting there calculating his income and expenditures for the day. He heard his wife but, just sat there grumbling, with a number heard every now and then. She continued to try to attract her husband's attention: “Look Mukhtar, it is much easier than that, just remember that there is nothing for the income side and only worry about the expense side, and all you have to do is ask me and I will give you an up to the minute tally, of all that has been spent by this household since we got up this afternoon.”

“Furdous, can't you see that I am not just calculating what you have spent, I am planning and budgeting for the rest of the month. You know Ramadhan is a beautiful month for the hundreds in the Bab Al-Sabbah market, who are ready to empty our pockets, every time we decide to take a walk across this Market. All those sweets, juices, fruits and leftover canned goods from the Gulf somehow become so tempting and one feels that all he has to do is buy them and the hunger of Ramadhan disappears. But for us people, who depend on our miserly government salaries, it is a nightmare trying to come up with any budget,” said Mukhtar to his wife, while he was counting the folds in his fingers to complete the arithmetic he was involved in before his wife interrupted him.

Furdous commented: “Look Mukhtar,

it is your fault really, you should not have gotten yourself glued to a government job, where all the doors of bounty close up on you, because you close your eyes to all the riches that your colleagues seem to pick up by the spoonful. You ought to find either some way to get on the list of favored employees with the management or find your own channel of wealth by using your position to influence decision makers to make the most profitable decision for you”. From looking at the wives of your friends, one would think that it would be stupid to be employed with the Government and not get wealthy. They are dressed out of this world. Gold bracelets cloak their arms from the wrist to the elbow. They were gold belts that shine to the top of Jabal Nuqum. I am not going to talk about the clothing, because sometimes you wonder if they are dressed or not. In fact, for some of the women their gold may take up more of the area in their body than the fabric of their attire!”

“Calm down dear, before we get into more nastier details about our friends' wives, this is Ramadhan!” Mukhtar interrupted his wife.

“God forbid, that I should get to wear such kind of clothing,” said Furdous. “God forbid, that you should ever want to wear such kind of jewelry also!” remarked Mukhtar.

“Why? Don't you think that I deserve to be so adorned?” asked Furdous. For once Mukhtar had the right answer at the right moment: “Come on Furdous, you know that your natural adornment far outdoes all the fancy jewelry that the wives of crooked offi-

cials could ever wear. When I look into your eyes, I know that the two gems before my eyes are the most expensive jewels anyone can have?”

“Oh, how you make me blush with your sweet words! Come to think of it, you are right, God was kind to me, but there is no harm in wearing some nice things every now and then. I don't mean to try to outdo those showy wives, God forbid. Besides that kind of adornment requires Zakat, and with your salary, there is just no way we can afford to even meet the Zakat on such jewelry. However, I do not mind to wear earrings that hang down the earlobe and not just get concealed by the protrusions that jut out of the earlobe, here and there.” Furdous was flattered by her husband's comment, but wanted to let him know that she is a weak woman as well!

“Furdous, if you want me to cut out those protrusions on your earlobe, we can try that, if it will make you happy. Or would you like me to buy you one of those pins they stick to the nose? That is it. Then you will not have to worry about any hair or protrusions covering the fancy jewelry you are wearing. Besides, the Zakat on that is going to be small! I always wonder how they get those pins stuck in the nose like that? I once saw a man bump into a woman wearing one of those just to see if it will fall off her nose or not? Sure enough it did not fall off! Because the woman was huge, the poor guy ended up on the ground himself, while her nose and its jewelry remained intact. She also whacked him on the head with the crutches of a beg-

gar who happened to be nearby, and who all of a sudden was able to stand on his own two feet, and off and running in no time, frightened that he would be hit himself by the crutch, because the lady had discovered that he was nothing but an imposter. I tell you dear, this is a crazy world, we live in” “I've got to hand it to you, Mukhtar, you have a way of making everything seem so sarcastically beautiful. Not any jewelry in the world can delight me more than that, especially in this holy month, when we forget all the material wants out of life, and leave them for the imposters of the world, who forget that public service or the trust given to people is a real burden that must be carried gracefully and honestly, for the wrath of God will escape no one who does not heed the Lord's presence in all that we do and say” said Furdous, reassuring her husband that there is no one that can replace any of them for each other! Mukhtar said: “It really underscores the fact that the best lives are not what are worn or *not worn*, as is the style in today's fashion world – but then, only Elsa Klensch knows for sure – but in how much people enjoy each other, are kind to each other and go out of the way to alleviate human suffering where ever it is found. That is the true spirit of Ramadhan, isn't it my dear! But how sad, that so many people fail to see the wisdom behind the fast and the meditation that should come with it”. It is normal, that only a few can see the wisdom of life in general, let alone the beauty and enrichment that Ramadhan truly means to the spirit we all want to enliven with us.”

House of Representatives has been delegated by the Constitution with the task of controlling how the levied taxes are spent, and they have the power to withhold funding for specific programs. During the Reagan Administration, the House voted to withhold funding for the Contras in Central America, which in effect was supposed to prevent the US from funding these individuals. The White House decided to fund them through other means, which is how the Iran-Contra scandal occurred.

The Middle East is very far away from the Southern Tier of New York, and because of this, the majority of people in my area weren't interested. However, this changed after September 11. People are now beginning to ask questions. They want to learn. Many people, like myself, want

to have a dialogue with the Middle East. America wants to get its message out to the Middle East, but many also want to hear what the Middle East has to say.

In regard to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, we understand the grievances of the Arabian Peninsula. However, this can only be resolved in a way in which both parties are satisfied. We recognize that both sides have religious zealots that are bent on achieving victory through violent ends. The Israeli settlements in the West Bank contain individuals not far removed from the so-called Palestinian “martyrs” that choose to blow themselves up, not at a military target, but at a pizzeria at lunch time with children inside. We need to resume talks and find an acceptable solution. Just imagine what the region would be like if peace was

Did you know?

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Did you know that non-Jewish Israelis cannot buy or lease land in Israel?

• Did you know that Palestinian license plates in Israel are color coded to distinguish Jews from non-Jews?

• Did you know that Jerusalem, both East and West, is considered by the entire world community, including the United States, to be occupied territory and NOT part of Israel?

• Did you know that Israel allocates 85 percent of water resources for Jews and the remaining 15 percent is divided among all Palestinians in the Territories? For example, in Hebron, 85 percent of the water is given to about 400 settlers while the remaining 15 percent must be divided among Hebron's 120,000 Palestinians.

• Did you know that the United States gives Israel USD 5 billion in aid every year?

• Did you know that annual American aid to Israel exceeds the aid the US grants to the whole African continent?

• Did you know that Israel is the only country in the Middle East that has nuclear weapons?

• Did you know that Israel is the only country in the Middle East that refuses to sign the nuclear non-proliferation treaty and bars international inspectors from visiting its sites?

• Did you know that Israel currently occupies territories of two sovereign nations (Lebanon and Syria) in defiance of United Nations Security Council resolutions?

• Did you know that Israel has for decades routinely sent assassins to other countries to kill its political enemies?

• Did you know that Israel refuses to prosecute its soldiers who have acknowledged executing prisoners of war?

• Did you know that Israel routinely confiscates bank accounts, businesses and lands, and refuses to pay compensation to those suffering from these confiscations?

• Did you know that Israel blew up an American diplomatic facility in Egypt and attacked a US warship in international waters, killing 33 and wound-

ing 177 American sailors?

• Did you know that the second most powerful lobby in the United States, according to a recent Fortune magazine survey of Washington insiders, is the Israel-financed AIPAC?

• Did you know that Israel stands in defiance of 69 United Nations Security Council Resolutions?

• Did you know that Israeli settlements in Israel are color coded to distinguish Jews from non-Jews?

• Did you know that Israel has renamed almost every site in the country to cover up the traces?

• Did you know that it was not until 1988 that Israelis were barred from running “Jews Only” job ads?

• Did you know that four Prime Ministers of Israel (Begin, Shamir, Rabin and Sharon) have participated in bombing attacks or massacres of civilians, or conducted expulsions of civilians from their villages?

• Did you know that the Israeli Foreign Ministry pays American public relations firms to promote Israel to Americans?

• Did you know that Sharon's coalition government includes a party called Molodet, which advocates the expulsion of all Palestinians from the Occupied Territories?

• Did you know that Israel's settlement constructions increased in the eight-year period since Oslo?

• Did you know that settlement building under Barak doubled compared to settlement building under Netanyahu?

• Did you know that the Palestinians have already accepted Israel's existence on 78 percent of what was Palestine according to the Bible. God said to Abraham, “Unto they seed, I will give the land.” Abraham had two sons, Ismail - the Arab son, and Isaac - the Jewish son. So even if one wants to go back to the Bible, the land would belong to both.

• Did you know that Palestinian Christians are considered the “living stones” of Christianity because they are the direct descendants of the disciples of Jesus Christ?

• Did you know that, despite a ban on torture by Israel's High Court of Justice, torture continues and is perpetrated by Shin Bet interrogators on Palestinian prisoners?

• Did you know that Palestinian refugees make up the largest portion of the refugee population in the world?

concerns. It is important for everyone to think in a critical manner and not dehumanize each other and think of others in a stereotypical way. I wish all of you a happy Ramadan. May peace be with you.

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Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

Being an American, I can relate to your viewpoint “We Have a Public Relations Problem.”

I am interested in hearing Arab viewpoints and so are most people that I know, in fact, almost all of us. I have spent time in three Arab countries and know that the pictures I see on American TV are not completely accurate views of all the Arabs (the American hatred protests). I have made friends in the United Arab Emirates and Bahrain, and the Arab people basically want the same thing as the Americans - peace and opportunity. From what I've seen on TV, I want to say to Arabs, being an American, nobody I know is interested in destroying Islam. The suggestion that we are willing to do so is ridiculous. Religion is an extracurricular activity in the US, and nobody here cares about what you do in your spare time. So you cannot say that we are a nation of Christians and Jews, because we are a country of all religions. Between our very different worlds, we both have extremely ignorant people among us that are our own. We can't let them start a war, or we are just as ignorant as the ones that create hate.

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Dear Editor,

In reply to your editorial, “We have a public relations problem” published in issue 46 (12 November, 2001 thru 18 November, 2001, Vol XI), let me say that this article, in my opinion, clearly defines the main problem that the Arab world is confronted with, that is disseminating information regarding the main regional issues. I am one of these average American citizens who is hungry for “real” and “true” information on those issues. American citizens have always relished truth and despise any attempt of self-serving and biased reporting.

I, like most of us, do not understand why the “Palestinian cause” can be of such “prime” importance to the people of Yemen, Saudi Arabia, Iran, or any other nation not a direct neighbor of

Palestine/Israel. Not that it is not important, but it appears to supercede everything else. I do understand the Israeli/Jewish position, primarily because it is presented in a forthright, erudite and consistent manner. I do not always agree with the positions taken but I can understand them.

This is not often the case when these issues are presented from the Arab/Muslim perspective. Many times, the spokesman attempting to solve an issue presents himself in a decidedly defensive and confrontational manner. This leads the viewer/reader to the question and conclusion: “Why so defensive? There must be something to hide!” This seems clearly to be the result of ineffective public relations abilities, for whatever reason. I truly would like to understand the real issues, as there are always “two sides to EVERY story.”

I encourage the Arab nations to work on their PR image. Americans are not against them, they just don't understand them - and want to!

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Dear Editor,

I know that you have received numerous letters addressing current US foreign policy within the Middle East. Many have given scathing criticism of the US, while others have outright criticized you, as well as the view held by some within your region. I would like to take this opportunity to try to explain how the people in my part of the United States, upstate New York, feel about the Middle East. Contrary to the belief of many within the Middle East, most of the people, at least within my region, do not really have an opinion on Israel and Palestine. It is not because they are uninformed citizens, but because this issue does not concern their daily lives. We, as individual citizens, do not have much control over US foreign policy, which is delegated to the Executive Branch of our government. The only time an American has a voice on our foreign policy is when we elect the President. Now, this rule is not set in stone. The

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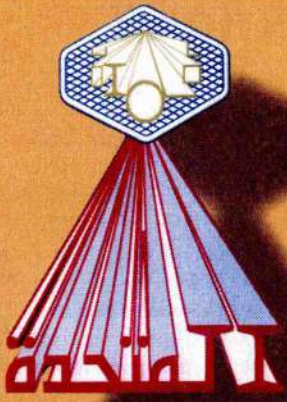
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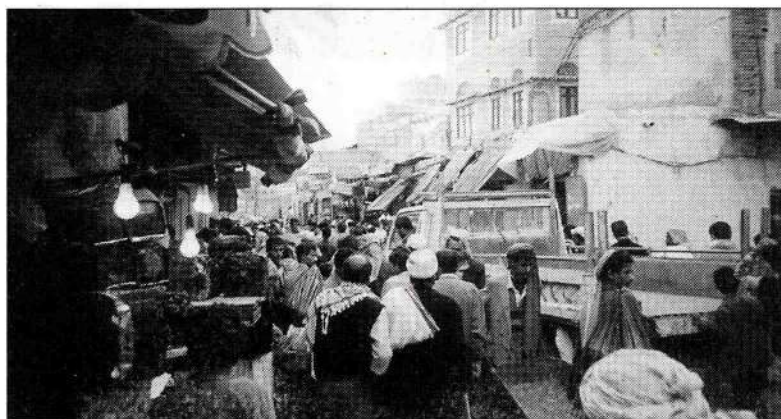
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Ramadan in Yemen Special Customs



Saleh Abdulhbaqi
Yemen Times

Ramadan is a special holy month for Muslims and includes valuable concepts and practices. Its sacredness and delightfulness are bestowed with a virtuous atmosphere of sympathy and solidarity of people. It also makes people feel and see the suffering of the poor. Life changes almost completely. Night turns into day, as most of the people stay awake the whole night doing several things. Whatever they used to do during the day, they do at night during Ramadan. Although people suffer from fasting during the daytime, people are always happy in Ramadan. Nights turn into a lively, joyful atmosphere with people going out. Some go to work, and some just enjoy their time. This seems to be almost identical in most of the Islamic countries. However, there are still some things



that are unique to each country. In Yemen, we find some customs shared in almost all governorates of the Republic. Despite hardships which make the population suffer from their deplorable and hard living conditions, you can only see simple and innocent smiles on the people's faces during this holy month. During Ramadan, spirituality is personified by the fact that people stop eating. This is known as abstinence. It is one of the most favorable months, in which mercy and forgiveness prevails

in the entire Islamic nation (Ummah). It is the month in which the true Muslim shows his self-restraint and forbearance. As it is customary for Yemenis to celebrate this holy month, people, vendors selling toys and local desserts gather next to any ancient mosque. In the mosque, people spend the night chanting psalms and verses, but this is limited to some governorates. In short, life is completely changed, as houses and mosques become like bee cells where people recite verses of the Holy Koran.

Some Socotra Traditions

Traveling to Yemeni cities is always a pleasure. Besides enjoying beautiful scenes in each city, he/she is astounded by the rich culture and various aspects of tradition and daily life. In the 'last place in Yemen,' that is Socotra, one encounters a totally different and unique world, not only in terms of biodiversity but in terms of people's life there. Some of the people's traditions are unique to the Socotra people. Among them, we find traditions of marriage, circumcision and dances by which the population of Socotra tries to express their situation. Usually, the Socotra girl gets married at an early age (13 years old, for example). It is a surprise that the decision of whether or not the bride is mature and capable of shouldering responsibilities

of a wife is made by an adult person, not her parents. As usual, men enjoy more freedom. Even those at their 70s can marry young brides. Until the 1970s, bridegrooms would pay the dowry in livestock. Poor families would sometimes attempt to marry their young daughters to old rich men. Children's circumcision after their birth is not a tradition in Socotra. A man should wait until he decides to marry before being circumcised. Among a crowd of people singing and dancing, the bridegroom would stand confidently waiting to be circumcised. He should demonstrate that he is a real man who is able to endure pain. Otherwise, he would become a laughingstock in the society. People who die early should also be circumcised before being buried. The habit of having women circum-

cised vanished many years ago. Only those who intend to perform a pilgrimage to the holy lands of Saudi Arabia would have to do it as a symbol of purity. For many decades, Socotra people were far from any sign of civilization. No public services were provided. But as the saying goes, need is the mother of invention. People were therefore able to create the means to satisfy their needs. One of the marvelous features of the island is its luxurious plants and numerous trees that have been greatly used by the Socotra population to meet many of their demands. Those plants and trees provide sweet scents and perfume for women and medicine for many diseases. For example, the white clay near Hedibo, the capital of the island, also has magic effects on some diseases, especially those of the skin.

Woman Forum for Studies & Training

Media and Plastic Art and its Role in Highlighting Women's Issues

A media and plastic art symposium was held from November 6 to November 9 in Al-Nubala Hall at Al-Helal Hotel in Aden to highlight women's issues in society and promote self-initiatives. It was attended by the Assistant Deputy, Ahmad Al-Dhlaee, the General Manager of Labor and Social Affairs, Anees Hamsheri, and the Canadian Program Manager, Fuad Jowhri. During the symposium, the Assistant Deputy, Ahmad Al-Dhlaee, stressed the importance of organizing such symposiums which are able to promote the tasks of the informative and media corporations and women's issues in particular. The Chairwoman of the Women's

Forum for Studies and Training delivered a speech in which she spoke highly of the joint cooperation between the forum and the Canadian program and the significance of holding such symposiums. The three-day discussions concentrated mainly on women's issues in Yemeni society, pointing out the role of the media and the plastic arts in shedding light on women's issues. The participants insisted on the necessity of women's participation in the media and the enhancement of their role in the decision-making process. The participants came out with the following recommendations:

- Making use of the cultural heritage in its positive depiction, such as respect and esteem.

- Encouraging informative programs depicting the social and national role of women.
- Coordination among the media, including the official and non-official corporations, civil society and international organizations.
- Outlining a comprehensive plan by the pedagogical and educational corporations, and putting an end to women's discrimination.
- Reconsidering media which humiliates women.
- Necessary participation of the plastic arts through providing support to plastic artists and re-establishing the basic infrastructures such as a museum for modern art, and starting again to offer artistic education as subjects in school.

Pages from Yemeni Traditional Heritage



Sa'ad Sharif Taher
Al-Nadira, Ibb

Al-mujabera is a symbol of social unity and one of the biggest social occasions representing this unity in the Yemeni community. Al-mujabera are the "condolences" during death ceremonies. At home, when one dies, the body and the shroud will be washed according to Islamic rituals, sometimes by special people. Then, the coffin will be held on men's shoulders until they reach the mosque, while a chorus praises God loudly: "Allah is the greatest" and "There is no God but Allah, and Mohammed is His messenger," so that sorrow can be spread in the city or the village. In the mosque, special prayers are performed on the coffin. Then, it is carried to the cemetery in the midst of recitations, such as praising God. The people holding the coffin switch by saying,

"Sellim il ajr," (let me be blessed like you). The answer is, "Ajerna wajerkum Allah," (God may bless you and us). In the cemetery, a grave is dug, only a few meters deep with a side pit where the body can lie. Afterwards, the pit is closed with stones and mud. During this operation, the undertaker recites the Azan. Then, the undertaker climbs up and every person throws three handfuls of dust to fill the grave, which is called "Al-Istijar" (begging blessing from God), while saying the following Qur'anic verse three times, "We've created you from it (the earth) and will send you back to it, then will bring you out of it again." On the other side, a group of people recites the chapters Yasin and Tabarek of Qur'an. In addition, the last verses of Kehef, Saff, Badara and Ikhlas are recited three times. They conclude with the Fateha, and then prayers to the dead and all Muslims. Consoling the relatives of the dead one is also performed, and women are also consoled at home by saying, "Addan Allah ajrekum wassam Allah qulubekum bil seber," (May Allah

bless you and help you to bear with it). Then, everyone goes back to the house of the dead one to have lunch, which is served by the villagers or neighbors, but the meat should be provided by the relatives of the deceased. During the afternoon, people gather again in a big local hall to chew qat which is also offered by the relatives of the dead man/woman. Any gathering for joyous or sad occasions goes with qat chewing. It binds people together. In other Arab countries, they praise God and the Prophet Mohammed in their prayers to the deceased and his relatives. Religious songs and recitations are done by a man called "fageeh" (the pious) or "saedna" (our master), while attendants repeat lyrics and verses after him. Finally, they recite the Fateha silently and depart in the evening. This ceremony goes on for three days. Note: on the first day, people recite surat yasin after evening prayers, and money (YR 4,000 to 10,000) is paid to the fageeh and others. Perfumes and incense are spread in the mosque by relatives.

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I. What to Say

Planning a Strategy III: Strategy Application

Adel: It's rightly said that strategy management is one of the most powerful concepts in the modern world. As such, goal setting is obviously the most vital prelude to the whole enterprise. Our discussion on this interesting concept is getting more and more stimulating. Yes, let's discuss what the writer is highlighting after goal-setting.

Amin: The next important thing, of course, is paying close attention to timing and rhythm. For every goal we set for ourselves, there has to be a definite time frame. The advantage is that when goals become time bound, they become a 'do-it-now' assignment rather than 'do-when-ever-I can' one. A time planner helps us to stick to the time schedule and periodically review our progress.

Adel: I think this focus on the completion of a task well on time makes the task more goal-oriented and easy to achieve.

Amin: In addition, a strategic principle gives us a sense of direction. It is a concrete statement grounded in reality telling us which opportunities to pursue and which to reject. However, adhering to one's strategic principle isn't always easy. Sometimes it means, as the author quotes to say: 'following your brain even when your heart is crying'.

Adel: What does that mean?

Amin: As I understand, it means that while tackling our goals there may be certain hard and unpleasant decisions that one may be constrained to take.

Adel: I see. It seems to me that it is necessary to prioritize our sub-goals and in accomplishing that, one should be guided by a sense of objective reasoning rather than by one's impulse.

Amin: That's a good elucidation of the point. The next point the author talks about is, setting the goals sequentially. That means one goal should logically lead to the other in a hierarchical order so that there is continuity. In the process if we find sub-goals are clashing, we can readjust them according to the needs and situational constraints.

Adel: I think at this stage it is very important to try and get feedback regarding one's efforts. Don't you think so?

Amin: Absolutely. We must be judicious about our strategy and critically analyze its possible consequences. In taking stock of things, we need to carefully look into all the steps we have taken to verify whether there was a lacunae somewhere. If we happen to discover a short-coming, we should consider whether the snag was due to misdirection or misapplications of the strategy resulting in time loss. In other words, we need to introspect whether the time loss was justifiable or avoidable. We have to bear in mind that time is the most valuable resource we are handling. If errors in strategy application lands us up in time loss, we must gear ourselves up and get more organized.

Adel: Amin. It appears to me that in addition to time management and strategy application, any enterprise, especially in the corporate sector, cannot but depend to a large extent on the successful utilization of teamwork.

Amin: Exactly. Team work is a foundational assumption which has immense significance in the present context. There should be mutual trust among the members, with each partner contributing their best for the success of the endeavor. These are, in fact, the concluding remarks of the author.

Adel: It's such a refreshingly original approach. In the age of globalization, it is the strategic principles enunciated and implemented which are the chief determinant of success for an organization. You have correctly understood the approach and very lucidly presented the salient ideas to me. This is, indeed, a treat. Keep reading new books presenting stimulating ideas and give me the privilege of being

a beneficiary of your newfound acquisition. Thanks a lot for your time.

Amin: Not at all. By discussing these ideas, some of my own misconceptions are being clarified. So the benefit is mutual and we thank each other. I have an idea. Let's set up a small book club and periodically meet to share the new ideas one might have gleaned from a book or some other source over a short span of time. After all, knowledge shared is knowledge doubled.

Adel: What a wonderful idea! Let's pursue it together in right earnest.

II. How to say it correctly

Correct errors, if any, in the following sentences

1. He has been a deaf and dumb since birth.
2. Since drinking alcohol in public place was abandoned, the crime rate has decreased.
3. Automobile vehicles are destroying our ability of walking.
4. There were above a hundred students in the class.
5. Since my childhood I have always dreamt to go to abroad.

Answers to last week's questions

1. Much as he tried, he couldn't prevent him from doing that mischief.
2. Sana'a is the capital of Yemen.
3. They lost the game by an innings.
4. When I was six years old, I was sent to school.
5. This is worse of the two books.

III. How to express it in one word

1. Made up of different parts or materials.
2. Mixture of rotten organic matter for use in horticulture.
3. Enclosed area with buildings.
4. Settlement of a dispute by which each side gives up something asked for.
5. Something that must be done.

Answers to last week's questions

1. Collect information and arrange it together: **Compile**
2. A sense of self satisfaction or quiet contentment: **Complacence**
3. Natural color or appearance of the skin or the face: **Complexion**
4. Taking part with another person in some crime or wrongdoing: **Complicity**
5. Expression of admiration in words or action: **Compliment**

IV. Choose the correct words from the alternatives given to complete the following sentences.

1. He promised that he — the goods.
a) will deliver b) shall have delivered
c) would deliver d) must have delivered
2. You have done very well, —?
a) haven't you b) Have you c) isn't it d) is it
3. This is the first time I — a computer.
a) ever had used b) will ever use
c) have ever been using d) have ever used
4. If you need a coat, you will have to buy —.
a) it b) one c) some d) any
5. You — have wasted your time.
a) did not b) had not
c) ought not to d) never ought

Answers to last week's questions

1. Many people in Yemen die of malaria because the preventive measures taken are **inadequate**.
2. The thief entered the house **secretly**.
3. The groom took the **rein** of the horse and drove off.
4. He works hard, **doesn't** he?
5. When I reached the shop it **had** closed.

V. Words of wisdom

"Choose your companions, then choose your road"

Canadian Playwriter James Reaney: A Profile



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It was in 1990 that, for the first time, I had the opportunity to meet James Reaney, one of Canada's finest writers, in Canada. I was there on a Research Fellowship at the University of Western Ontario, Canada, where Reaney was teaching at that time. I met him a second time when, six years later, Reaney visited India to attend the International Conference on Canadian Studies and he delivered the keynote address at the conference. What struck me more than anything else in this world-renowned writer was his humility and child-like nature. This made me curious to know more about this man and his works. Incidentally, the element of child-like play and fantasy is present throughout Reaney's works and is one of its important features. Reaney believes that if we, like children, can learn to transform even the simplest material objects into a thing of human wonder and significance, we will have found the key to transforming the frightening modern world into a place worth living in.

Three-time winner of the Governor General's Award, Reaney wrote numerous plays and poems. His most famous dramatic works include: *The Killdeer and Other Plays*; *Apple Butter and Other Plays for Children* (includes *Names and Nicknames*, *Ignoramus*); *Geography Match*; *Let's Make a Carol*; *A Play with Music for Children*; *Listen to the Wind*; *Colors in the Dark* (premiered at the Stratford Festival in 1967 under John Hirsch's direction); and, his magnum opus, *The Donnellys: A Trilogy - Sticks and Stones, The Saint Nicholas Hotel, and Handcuffs*. This trilogy constitutes Reaney's finest achievement so far, and perhaps the finest achievement in Canadian theatre. The play is based on the true story of the legendary Black Donnellys, the sturdy Irish pioneers, who were hounded and killed by their neighbors in Biddulph, a town not far from Reaney's birthplace, Stratford in Ontario. The first two parts of the trilogy explore the legend of South Western Ontario's hated and feared Black Donnellys and describe the origins of the murderous feuds between the defiant Donnellys and their community. The last part presents the culminating event, that is the massacre of the Donnelly clan. The focus in this play is on violence and rebellion. Violence as an act of aggression and self-preservation, which has historical and political dimensions, and which, by its emphasis on man's vulnerability and helplessness, places him in a 'no exit' situation. Reaney wrote about the play, "When you immerse yourself in this play, you may find that your experience matches my own when I immersed myself in documents which had lain for years and years in the attics of two local courthouses. After a while I couldn't stop thinking about them." Since its first publication in 1975, *The Donnellys* has become a classic in Canadian literature.

In past years, Reaney has been busy creating a series of plays about the life around him in Southern Ontario. These plays range from the deep past - *Wacousta*, *Baldoo* - to celebrations in his hometown, Stratford, Ontario (*King Whistle*), in London, Ontario (*Antler River*), and in Waterloo, Ontario (*I, the Parade*). Though his plays are regional in nature, they often transcend from the local to the universal as they deal with issues relevant to people of all nationalities and cultures.

Reaney was born on September 1, 1926, as the son of James Nesbitt Reaney and Elizabeth Henrietta in a farmhouse in Stratford, a beautiful hamlet on the outskirts of London, Ontario. I have vivid memories of this beautiful prairie land where Reaney drove me. While sitting in his car and enjoying the vast and panoramic landscape of Ontario, Reaney kept giving me details about the different places we were passing by. These neighborhoods were inhabited by diverse ethnic groups, like the Scots, the Irish, the Germans, the Dutch and so on, which explains the multi-cultural nature of Canada.

Reaney's childhood was beset with numerous problems because of a mentally ill father who left him and his mother at a time when the young boy needed a lot of love and guidance from him. The problems aggravated with the arrival of his stepfather, who took over the farm and started to dictate his behavior. In his essay published in *Brick Magazine* "A Memoir in Progress

in Three or More Voices," Reaney wrote, "The trouble was I was asked to fill too many roles: house boy, barn boy, farm boy, school boy, horse boy. Eventually the tug of war between helping my mother and helping her mate led to a mighty explosion." During this hard time, only his mother's love allowed him to survive. So, high school was also a quite awful experience for Reaney, due to the unbearable life he had at the farm and the constant nagging of his stepfather. As a result, Reaney's identification with the farm disappeared at an early age. Yet, he continued to live and work on the farm during his father's illness. At the age of 14, Reaney left the one-room country school at Elmhurst and went to Stratford Collegiate Vocational Institute. Upon graduation, he won an entrance scholarship in Greek and Latin at the University College of the University of Toronto, as well as a County scholarship (established by George Drew) which took care of his board and lodging.

Reaney received his Master's degree from the University of Toronto in 1949. That same year, he published *The Red Heart*, which won the Governor General's award. It was at this time that he came under the influence of Northrop Frye at Victoria College. During his graduate years, he read *Fearful Symmetry*, Frye's study of William Blake's prophetic vision, and this book had a tremendous influence on developing Reaney's creative imagination. It gave him an archetypal vision of the Bible in which the logos is equated with the imagination. This, in fact, helped him in changing his earlier religious world into a literary one.

At the University College, Reaney greatly enjoyed his freedom from the narrow evangelical world that earlier surrounded him, not giving up without protest what at the time he considered "the Frye cult at Victoria College." As an undergraduate, Reaney did not attend Frye's lectures, although he could not avoid the endless discussions arising from them among his friends. Later, Reaney wrote in the editorial of the first issue of *Alphabet*, a literary magazine Reaney had founded (1960-71), "Those were the months when young men and women sat up at night reading *Fearful Symmetry* which had just come out. I think I have been present at more conversations about the Fall than even Adam could have thrown a certain withered apple at, and assuredly more speculation concerning Leviathan than Job scratched his boils at."

In fact, Reaney's reputation as a creative writer was first established on the basis of his poetry rather than his dramatic essays. However, he denies that he is simply a lyric poet who decided to become a dramatist instead. When asked about it, Reaney confessed to me, "That period when you are writing poetry, all the metaphors are coming for physiological and psychological reasons and then it dies... Evidently, they get all their equations when they are young and then they work at it for the rest of their lives. The lyric period is very short. I reached the end of my tether by writing poetry. There was something in me that then took over and that was to write plays. I felt rather sad..." The best of his early poetry, much of it published in *The Undergrad* and *The Varsity*, was then brought together in a single volume, *The Red Heart*, and accepted by McClelland and Stewart for publication. During this time, Reaney also wrote a story, which was published in the mass circulation *New Liberty Magazine* (July 19, 1947), about a young man's sexual relationship with a damsel of his neighborhood. He is confronted in a particular macabre way with the aborted fetus of the girl who he made pregnant. The story provoked a lot of furor among its readers and, according to Reaney, "there were 800 letters to the magazine demanding that I be hanged."

When Reaney completed his MA in 1949, he left for Winnipeg to teach, among other things, creative writing at the University of Manitoba. Meanwhile, he also had a Fellowship to the United States in Iowa to write a program, but Reaney turned it down because he thought he had to stay in Canada. "The Fellowship would have gotten me out of the teaching program. And I'd have become a freelance writer. But you don't know what happens to a creative writer if he has to freelance. You have to keep writing, and you can easily become a hack if

you don't watch out," Reaney says. In 1956, Reaney returned to Toronto to begin work on his Ph.D. He registered immediately in Frye's course on literary symbolism (out of which emerged Frye's *Anatomy of Criticism*) and chose as his thesis topic "A Study of *Spencer and Yeats*." Probably, no Canadian writer has managed more successfully than Reaney to fuse the poet and the scholar for the benefit and enhancement of both.



The writer with James Reaney when the latter visited Gandhi Ashram in Ahmedabad, India in 1996.

After spending six years in Winnipeg, Reaney returned to the East in 1951 during Christmas break and married Colleen Thibodeau, who was Reaney's college mate and was at that time a member of the small literary group on the campus and also a recognized poet in Canada. She studied French poetry with the Canadian poet Robert Finch and was influenced by French poets such as Mallarme and Valery. Reaney had great respect for her poetic talent and some of his lyrics after *The Red Heart* owe much both to her presence and her influence. Reaney admits that his marriage to Colleen played an important role in the opening and maturing of his poetic imagination. It is interesting to note that *The Red Heart*, written before his marriage, was about a negative vision of love, marriage and family. But, after his marriage, his literary works became more and more a celebration of them.

In 1956, Reaney returned with his family to Toronto to undertake his Ph.D. Within two years, he completed the coursework, the general examination and the thesis. During his Winnipeg years, Reaney wrote *Night Blooming Cereus* and *A Suit of Nettles*. Upon completion of the thesis in the spring of 1958, Reaney returned again to Winnipeg to fulfill a two-year obligation arising from his leave of absence to complete his thesis. Then, he began to work on *The Killdeer*, which was finally performed on January 13, 1960 by the University College alumnae at the Coach House Theatre in Toronto. In 1960, Reaney joined the Department of English at the University of Western Ontario in London, 38 miles from Stratford and 120 miles from Toronto. Since then, this place has been his home both physically and psychologically.

The publication of *Alphabet* was a turning point in Reaney's career, as he became more and more actively involved in the development of a Canadian identity. Soon after settling down in London, Reaney mailed the first issue of *Alphabet*, dedicated to what he termed "the iconography of the imagination." In fact, the concept of *Alphabet* was nurtured during Reaney's graduate year at the University of Toronto, when he first came under the influence of Northrop Frye. Each issue of *Alphabet* was to be devoted to a particular myth. The first issue was about the myth of Narcissus. In his editorial, Reaney wrote, "It suddenly came to [him] that here was proof that life reflects art. The myth of Narcissus reaches out and touches with a clarifying ray the street scene where the two human beings glide by also in the toils of reflection. That's how poetry works: it weaves street scene and twins around swans in legendary pools. Let us make a form out of this: documentary on one side and myth on the other: Life and Art. Into this form we can put anything and the magnet we have set up will arrange it for us."

Here, Reaney discovered the imaginative form that was shaping his own work. Later, using the myth as a magnet to assemble his documentary, Reaney made a series of collage-like plays that finally brought him to a vision of his life around Ontario. However, the publication of *Alphabet* was disrupted after a decade of fruitful literary output. Since then, Reaney has never looked back as a creative writer who has given a new shape and form to Canadian drama. September 1, 2001 marked the 76th birthday of this great writer who is still active in creative writing and drama workshops. Let us wish him many more years of a creative and productive life.

TIMES QUIZ - 8

Questions

1. Why do astronauts keep floating in air inside a space shuttle?

- a) because there is no gravitational pull
- b) because they do not feel the rotation of the earth
- c) it is due to the centrifugal force of the space shuttle

2. Who developed the concept of atom for the first time?

- a) J. Dalton
- b) Bohr
- c) G. Marconi

3. The source of kerosene is

- a) Coal tar
- b) Wine distillate
- c) Crude petroleum
- d) LPG

4. It is difficult to see through fog because

- a) The refractive index of fog is infinity

b) Fog absorbs light

c) Light is scattered by the droplets in fog

4. Besides the owl which other animal can turn its head 180 degrees?

- a) Bat
- b) Sloth
- c) Cockroach

Solutions to Times Quiz 7

1. A body on moon would weigh **1/6th of its weight** on earth.
2. The technique **Remote Sensing** provides data over vast areas about natural resources, meteorology and environment in a short time.
3. **D. Iwanowski** first discovered the virus.
4. The Nobel Prize in literature for 2001 was awarded to **V. S. Naipaul**
5. The outermost layer of the skin is called **Epidermis**.

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Qaboos the Leader: Thirty-One Years of Dedication



Yaser M. Al-Mayasi
Yemen Times

The air is filled with joy and people are rejoicing. The butterfly shaped lights decorate the streets and highways. The capital of Oman, Muscat, is a clean and beautiful city. What attracts my attention is the sprawling urban growth, clear evidence of a construction boom and rapidly improving standards of living. Since coming to power, Sultan Qaboos has initiated and completed a massive overhaul of the country's infrastructure, such as building hospitals and schools. The year 2001 not only marks the advent of a new millennium, but also celebrates thirty-one years of progress and development under the guidance of his Majesty Sultanate

Qaboos bin Saeed. Oman looks forward with confidence on entering this new century. The country's population is not only proud of its endeavors and achievements under the guidance of His Majesty, but they are also very optimistic about the future of Oman under his inspired leadership. Many world leaders and statesmen have since highly praised the qualities of His Majesty, his dedication to his country and to his people, his commitment and unswerving determination to achieve progress and development, his role on the world stage, and his work for peace and human rights.

On November 18, the Sultanate of Oman celebrated the 31st anniversary of the beginning of his reign, as an announcement of a new era of progress and prosperity, with the ability to cope with modern technology in all its aspects. The Omani history shows us the greatness and the originality of this country and its people. The Omani renaissance has been progressing by leaps and bounds. The Sultanate of Oman has achieved its wonders by itself, relying only on its will. As soon as you put a foot on this land, a sense of change haunts your mind. Every aspect of this qualitative change in the Sultanate has been carefully considered under the wise leadership of the Sultan Qaboos bin Saeed. The first sentence pronounced by the Sultan was, "The people of this country must cooperate for the sake of change and construction." This

short sentence was not just mere words, but has been crystallized into concrete actions in the fields of economics, culture and environment for example.

The Sultanate of Oman enjoys a stable political, economic and social system. The excellent relations fostered with neighboring countries have enabled Oman to play an active role in promoting regional political and economic cooperation. On the economic level, the Omani individual income has drastically risen and has become one of the highest incomes in the region. One of the major features of the five-year plan of 2001/2005 is the priority to achieve and develop human resources along with encouraging the private sector in order to develop the Omani national economy towards heavy industries. As a result, the Sultanate has been seeking to protect local and foreign investment processes. The natural liquefied gas projects represent the main steps to find diverse sources of income. In addition, projects in water services and electricity have also reached remote places in the country. Modern education is the main pillar of the achievements made in the Sultanate. Human development is given priority, considering that man is an important factor in the process of construction and development. Therefore, the government has done its best to provide him with adequate education. The Sultanate of Oman has indeed the basic pedagogical and educational means of learning. The number of male and female students at schools has reached 800,000. At the same time, the teachers total 25,000 and adult illiteracy has been eradicated. Another aspect of development is based on agricultural products, which constitute 35 percent of the overall exports. The agricultural and fishing resources represent 35 percent of national products, while both agricultural and animal resources have reached 40 percent of the overall non-oil exports.

For a country that only thirty years ago

hardly had any good health care, the achievements of Oman in the development of its health services are outstanding. Even the World Health Organization (WHO) hailed the Sultanate's excellent health achievements and placed the country 8th with regard to providing the best comprehensive healthcare at an international level. According to a worldwide analysis of 191 countries, Oman also won the first position at a world level in health system efficiency and good utilization of financial resources and health services. On the sanitary level, the entire Sultanate has been given the essential services. Furthermore, the Sultanate established a social security network, which provides the necessary requirements and essentials. The social development programs have taken great care of the workforce, ameliorating its capacity and means of stability.

Media and its Progress in the Sultanate



With respect to media, the Information Minister H. E. Hamed Mohammed Al-Rashdi, briefly talked about the progress of the media by outlining that the development of media can be attributed to His Majesty, Sultan Qaboos Bin Saeed. The information revolution is mainly the result of Oman's renaissance, which strengthens the national identity and the people's ambitions for a better future. The Omani News Agency (ONA) is considered to be the main media source in the country for television, radio and newspapers. The ONA has become a valuable link in the mass media both at home and abroad. At home, it is the distributing channel for all official press releases concerning foreign affairs, economic development, as well as for social and cultural activities. The agency follows international news through its correspondents in Arab and foreign capitals who provide pictures from Arab and foreign countries. There are also Arabic and English

newspapers constituting a major form of support to the Omani media.

Environment

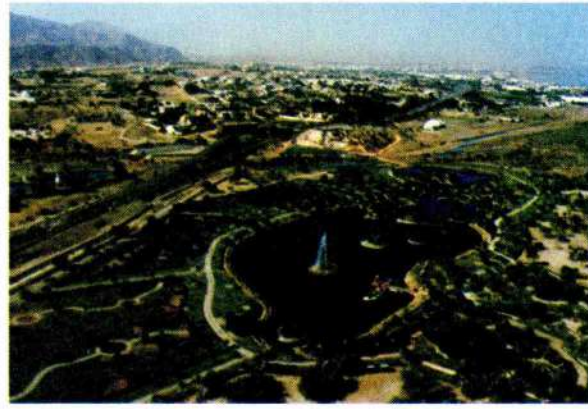
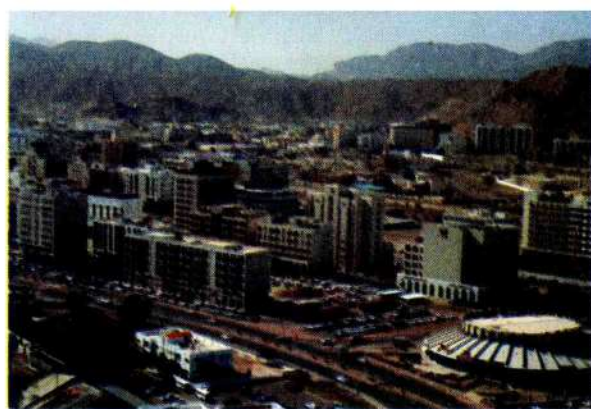
The Sultanate has taken essential initiatives in environmental preservation as a response to the peculiarities and needs of the nation. The Ministry realized that the physical development could endanger the quality of the environment if the process disregarded the sustainable use of natural resources or flouted rules for environmental safety. Therefore, it has in the past year redoubled its efforts for the creation of a suitable climate for public and private privatization. "As a result of great concern for the protection of the environment and our achievements in this respect, Oman has gained a respectable position among nations concerned with environmental protection. Yet, we still have to exert more efforts and consider the special conditions relevant to this

issue, when we come to plan and implement development projects. We must proceed in developing contacts with the regional and international organizations concerned. It is a duty which must be undertaken by each citizen to guarantee the protection of our natural effects and protect the beautiful and distinguished nature which God Almighty granted to our beloved Oman," His Majesty Sultan Qaboos Bin Saeed said.

Stability and Development
The country has



become the land of prosperity and stability in a troubled world. Today after thirty-one years of outstanding achievements, His Majesty, Sultan Qaboos bin Saeed is still seeking to change his country in a drive to keep up with the economic demands of the 21st century and the new aspirations of his people. In this regard, another fundamental transformation in Oman's fortunes is taking place with the private sector, which is replacing the public sector as the vehicle for progress and prosperity.



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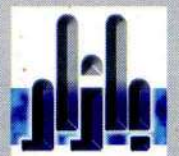
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Press Scanner

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In addition to tackling various local and Arab issues, local press has this week put special emphasis on president Ali Abdullah Saleh's visit to the United States of America highlighting its importance in various fields of relationship between the two friendly countries.

Excerpts from articles published in some local newspapers of this week..



Saut Ash-Shoura weekly, organ of Yemeni People's Forces Union, 18 Nov.2001

Columnist Dr Mohammed Abdulmalik l-Mutawakil says in his article that during the past years the world witnessed a mad cow phenomenon but this year the world is seeing the phenomenon of mad cowboy. The writer maintains that the difference between the two phenomena is that the first one's damage and harm were confined to cows only when thousands of them were killed with gunfire. As for the phenomenon of mad cowboy its damage and calamities have hit the human, the trees and the stone and expected to result in catastrophes to humanity the world over.

Paradoxically the world that joined forces to fight the mad cow phenomenon is the same world that is now offering support to the madness of the cowboy.

It is an offense to kill a civilian in New York but it is rather allowable in Afghanistan. The Zionist drives his tank into Gaza and the West Bank to demolish Palestinians' houses a kill their owners, nevertheless, he is seen by the cowboys as defending himself whereas the stone thrower Palestinian child is according to them leads organized terror.

Palestinian organizations, such as HAMAS, Jihad and the Popular Front fighting for liberating their homeland from Zionist occupation are categorized as terrorist ones. On the other hand the Zionist entity that is occupying the land and using its helicopter gunships and warplanes against defenseless people is considered as defending itself. Doesn't that indicate that the mad cowboy disease has out-matched mad cow disease?



Al-Wahdawi weekly, organ of the Nasserite People's Unionist Organization, 20 Nov. 2001

The political editor at the newspaper has this week front-paged an article on results of forming the Supreme

Committee for Elections, confirming that the formation has disclosed the Authority's intentions in the coming elections.

The editor says that the nature of the formation of the Elections Supreme Committee disclosed insistence of the authority and the ruling party on appropriating the electoral process with all means and canceling any margin allowing others' in the political participation. After elongated discussions and political debate over months between the ruling party and the opposition on amendments of the elections law, the government and the ruling party have brushed aside all that they have previously agreed upon with the political forces. It has been thus proved that the government is no longer taking into account any weight for others or towards any political or moral commitment. Its only objective is to render the narrow margin of democracy into merely a dEcor for a partisan life whose members have no right to dream of any democratic development of the political situations for the better.



Ath-Thawri weekly, organ of the YSP, 22 Nov.2001

Columnist Mansour Hael says in an article that since the beginning of the September 11 events and declaration of "the world war" on terrorism and inauguration of the military operations on Afghanistan on October 7, many strong traditional alliances established since the cold war got shaken and some got disengaged. It has appeared that the U.S. faced the biggest problems with its traditional allies; Saudi Arabia and Pakistan, for instance. Someone has allowed himself to confirm that the ongoing war in Afghanistan is between former allies: the United States and ideological Islam, the two of whom were in the same trench i.e. the enemy to the former Soviet Union. In this regard a question can be raised on whether the latest Afghan war be an opportunity for liquidation of old alliances inherited from the cold war and to establish new ones.



26 September weekly, organ of Yemen Armed Forces, 22 Nov. 2001

The political editor of the newspaper has written an article discussing and analyzing the visit of President Ali Abdullah Saleh to the U.S. The political editor says the meeting of the two Yemeni and American presidents in these circumstances represent an important turning-point in the two countries' relations. It emphasizes that

Yemen is an important partner for the United States and not as some would prefer to publicize as target of strikes on terror. The meeting would also display America's desire to explore the Yemeni vision on many regional and international issues as well as combating terrorism because the Yemeni stands are characterized by frankness, sincerity and moderateness. The two presidents' talks would also give the Yemeni side an opportunity to convey an image of the actual feelings of the Arab and Muslim citizen under such circumstances that are exploited by some to instigate spirit of hatred against the Arabs and Muslims. Yemen can secure and contribute with a vision guaranteeing for the Arabs and Muslims a status they deserve in the world.

President Saleh's visit to the United States come in an important stage in the world history and it will lay the foundation for stronger ties between Yemen and the U.S. It would also enhance economic, investment, security, development and military cooperation in a manner consolidating the two countries interests and would not contradict the national and Islamic constant. Those who feel cautious about the visit should realize that Yemen makes its history by its own will and would not give up sovereignty on its land or right.



As-Sahwa weekly, 22 Nov. 2001

A weekly editorial this week says those pondering reactions of the political arena in our country would notice clearly change of desires of the corruption lobby. As the most important institution possessing the legal and constitutional legitimacy for supervising elections, the elections supreme committee is for the first time dominated by a majority representing the ruling party. The danger of this situation exceeds the party representation to the declaring that the ruling party feels that all political forces together have not the right to be equal to it. The editorial says further that since the parliamentary elections of 1997, the ruling party has practically moved towards getting rid of certain statements whose leaderships were considering as commitments towards democracy.

The editorial also says that whatever that can be said about the opposition, it remains the more democratic. It witnesses practices having nothing to do with democracy but nonetheless it remains committed to democratic pluralist option and peaceful action that would certainly serve the country and support democracy.

Political opposition parties and civil society forces are all in need of reconsidering their performance so that to be more representative of the citizens woes and aspirations.



Annas weekly 19 Nov. 2001

The newspaper's editorial is devoted to discussing the president's visit to Washington saying that news and various sources mention about American measures against Yemen going on for more than two months since the events of 11 September.

The government has also warned against an arrest campaign including thousands of Yemenis, expatriates in America. A report issued by immigrants ministry of Yemen disclosed that Washington has prevented remittances operations between Yemen and America. News also reports about American requests of handing the U.S. Government lists including names of mosque preachers in Yemen, a matter suggesting of collapse of improving relations between Yemen and America.

Circulating such news, regardless of being correct or not, forms part of American pressures put on Yemeni government. Such pressures caused postponement of president Saleh's visit to Washington till this time.

The editorial elaborates that president Saleh's visit to America is one of his duties as one of the Arab leaders of principle. Nevertheless, the president is requested to move towards Washington, not only for curbing the ill

treatment of Yemeni expatriates there or for abolishing any American measure impinging upon Yemeni citizens, but also for playing a national and humanitarian role regarding America's harassment against Arab and Islamic countries and their civilian institutions.



Al-Jamaheer weekly, organ of the Arab Baath Socialist party, 18 Nov. 2001

Mr Mohammed Assayed wrote a front-page article saying the Yemenis have received Ramadhan fasting month under soaring rates of prices that covered major foodstuffs exceeding 30 percent. This has produced a negative effect on the purchasing power of the citizens, especially those of limited incomes.

A number of citizens have in this regard confirmed that the "doses" imposed already on them have made them miss the joy for the advent of Ramadhan month. They have pointed out that they have been forced to do without many important food meals they used to have on such occasion.

On the other hand many merchants have complained that their sales are very low due to customers reluctance from buying. Economists have on their part affirmed that economic reform program the government has started its implementation the beginning of 1995 is considered among the main causes that led to deterioration of the living condition of the citizens. Their average incomes have dropped to more than 70%. Some studies confirm that the presence of more than 90% of families whose incomes are lower that expenditure value on basic commodities.



Ath-Thawra daily, 24 Nov. 2001

Ath-Thawra daily has devoted its today's editorial to the Yemeni-American summit in Washington. President Ali Abdullah Saleh visit to Washington has been scheduled before the events of 11 September which have not only shocked the American people and administration but also the entire nations on Earth. That terrorist attack on America represents an attack on humanity as a whole and threatens security and peace.

President Saleh will carry with him to Washington our domestic and national woes and concerns starting from resisting all forms of terror and ending with achieving regional and international cooperation to encircle the forces of terror and uprooting it. Yemen is like the U.S. has become victim of terrorist practices and thus it has become necessary to hold the Yemeni-American summit to come out with a common vision and programmed coordination and cooperation.

The president's agenda will also include Yemen's view towards the Palestinian national struggle for achieving independence and establishment of the Palestinian viable state. This is a topic of high importance because what the Arab Israeli arena conflict is witnessing would remain as justifications for some forces of extremism and terror. The president would also carry the image of Yemen's conditions in fields of economy, development, human rights, combating poverty, stabilization of democracy and people's participation in political, economic and social life. All these will no doubt be solved with simple development means but need sustainable American and European support to be applied to education, human development and infrastructure.

The United States should understand peculiarities of the Yemeni political system that does not hide its friendship towards America and struggles for enhancing democracy, human rights and adoption of modernity systems in all walks of life.



Saut Al-Mua'aradha weekly, organ of the Opposition National Council, 22 Nov. 2001

Advocate Abdulaziz Al-Samawi writes an article confirming that private jails as one of the most dangerous phenomenon our Yemeni society and a defect of the government. He maintains that there is no country in the civilized world having jails owned by persons or companies or institutions. The state all over the world are alone that have the right to run prisons as punishing facili-

ties under supervision of the government.

The economic institution is but one of such parties possessing private jails for imprisoning merchants without any right and without observing rules of the constitution and laws.

Legislators who worked out the valid constitution and laws have not

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

Thank you for publishing my letter in your esteemed magazine. My letter is about the current crisis the world is living in after the suicide bomb attack on the United States. As a result of publishing my letter with my e-mail address, I have received a flood of E-mails (17 E-mails so far). As I read them, I could clearly see how my letter has been misinterpreted.

Through your magazine, I want to make one point clear, that is that I am by no means trying to justify or celebrate the death of the innocents. No rational person should think in this way. But one should be reasonable and realistic. What you do expect from the oppressed ones who tried every means to change their miserable situation but without any result (this applies also to the Palestinians)? The moment of explosion would be imminent, even if the price to pay is their life, since without dignity their life will be meaningless. However, the reaction of the attacked ones is of great importance. The wiser the reaction, the greater the possibility to smooth out the differences and avoid future terrorist actions. But if the reaction is (as we are seeing now) a quick retaliation without even sufficient evidence, I think this will solve nothing and rather worsen the situation.

Addressing the problem properly by answering the questions: "Why did this happen?" and "Why America and no other country?" would be more useful and better than wasting time in accusations and blaming one another for being responsible for what happened. The next stage will be through working in light of the appropriate and reasonable answers to these questions. Eventually, terrorism in all its forms will disappear from the face of the earth, and all people regardless of their race and religion will enjoy everlasting peace.

Mohammed Altom

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Dear Editor,

"The Answer" you publish is laughable. I could not believe it was written by an American, or perhaps by the Taliban Propaganda Minister. I also cannot believe this represents at all the American opinion as you claim. I dare you to publish this.

In this "answer," America is criticized for being hypocritical in maintaining relationships with non-democratic and repressive Middle Eastern regimes. Other than Israel, they are ALL non-democratic and repressive regimes. To blame Israel for the deaths of Palestinians is disingenuous. Israel has the inherent right, as do all nations, to defend itself. If the Palestinians stopped their violence, there would be no more deaths. But, if the Israelis stopped violence, there would still be continued violence by the Arabs.

The Israelis moved substantially from their previous position in an attempt to achieve peace. If the Palestinians felt that was inadequate, they could have submitted a counterproposal. Instead they prefer to resort to violence.

After 50 years, it is obvious that the Arabs don't want and never did want peace. They would rather suffer for eternity than make peace. The sad part about it is that they are granted their wish.

Robert Johnson
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Dear Editor,

I would like to explain that the root of 'Jihad' is ja-ha-da. The radical verb is 'jihada,' meaning to strive, to make effort. 'Jihad,' one of the verbal nouns, is basically to make efforts and to struggle against all evil, in one's self firstly and then around. Armed strug-

gle is an extreme implementation of this concept. A 'Mujaahid' is someone who makes jihad. The plural of the word is 'Mujaahideen', and when declined in the accusative or genitive cases, it becomes 'Mujaahideen'.

So, basically the 'Mujaahideen' are Muslims who, conscious of their duties as creatures of God on earth, struggle against any form of evil and injustice. The struggle starts within one's self. The first enemy, after Satan, is one's self. This struggle then extends to the surroundings. Means to conduct jihad are mainly intellect, good words, good actions; mutual encouragement, preaching and reminders, the pen (and lately Internet), etc., and as a last recourse, in case all the previous fail, are arms.

This is made only on a defensive basis, against injustice and tyranny. Since Muslims are constantly, everyday, in self-jihad. The appellation 'Mujaahideen' is normally conferred to those who fight militarily for the cause of God. The world of today knows the soldiers of the Northern Alliance as Mujaahideen. This nickname has been given to them by the world's media, but WRONGLY so! My call is to refrain from calling these people Mujaahideen, as the word would be vulgarized and defamed. Soldiers of the Northern Alliance are people of a brutal nature. They rape, kill, massacre, and loot unjustly. People with this kind of register will dishonor such a noble word as Mujaahideen. Mujaahideen struggle for the establishment and maintenance of God's word on earth. Where they enter after victory, goodness is spread and evil goes away. It was the contrary when the Northern Alliance entered Kabul and the other cities. When they came back, satanic music started being heard, pornographic pictures were displayed, many women gave up on their chaste behaviors, and many men abandoned themselves in wine drinking and so on. To top it off, hundreds of people were massacred in cold blood, after being humiliated and paraded. These are satanic acts totally against the principles of Islam. Relatively speaking, the Taliban far more deserve to be called Mujaahideen than the soldiers of the Northern Alliance. If you don't want to call the Taliban Mujaahideen, at least stop calling soldiers of the Northern Alliance Mujaahideen. Keep that word noble and let it be given to noble people.

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Dear Editor,

The editorial "We Have a Public Relations Problem" is right on the mark: "Arabs have a public relations problem." But it isn't just limited to how politicians interact with news media. Probably the best thing to happen to Arab public image in America in recent years was the Disney release of the animation film "Aladdin," not that it represents life in the Middle East any more than their subsequent "Tarzan" illustrates life in the jungle. But it introduced a human, caring image of Arabs that was previously absent in American consciousness. If Osama bin Laden wanted to win peace and a beneficial outcome to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, he should have spent his millions buying a studio and produced movies that won hearts. A few action thrillers and a few love stories and the American consciousness will have shifted. Then get some incredibly famous stars to take part in an epic religious-struggle movie and there's no telling what might follow.

Jim Kelly
Seattle, WA, USA

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PGC to Get the Upper Hand in Running Elections in its Favor

Abdullah Ali al-Sadah, Secretary-General of Sons of Yemen League

The Sons of Yemen League accepted the new structure of the ESC as we expected such a formation, especially after the government and the opposition parties reached an agreement stressing the necessity of having all political parties represented in the ESC. Clearly, the new formation of the ESC is dominated by the PGC, even though two personalities outside the ruling party were included. The current changes are undoubtedly meant to prepare the ground for the post-President Saleh generation. This move is clearly represented by the increasing number of young people in government and public institutions, such as the People's General Congress itself. We think that the freedom and fairness of any election lies in supervising elections jointly and not unilaterally.

Mohammed Abdulmalik al-Mutawakil, famous political analyst

I am no longer concerned with giving a diagnostic on a well-known disease, which is clearly present in most parts of the ruling party's practices and conduct. The ruling party has a backward totalitarian mentality and is therefore

unable to adjust with the new demands and factors of the modern age. Actually, so far the ruling party has failed to cover its weakness, as the problem is not really related to the appointment of some officials in certain positions, including those in the Election Supreme Committee, but rather lies in the mentality that demands that people be puppies and parrots.

The Election Supreme Committee, the amended law and the Constitution itself are all part of a farce created by the ruling party in order to give itself false legitimacy. The latter comes from issues such as the constitutional amendments, which were previously rejected by the people. Clearly, the ruling party has failed even in its attempt to be democratic. So, I do not see any possibility that this party has a real intention to change its tyrannical and totalitarian culture. Consequently, the struggling forces working for the sake of freedom and democracy have no alternative but to develop the people's awareness in a drive to exert strong pressure on the political will in ways that leave just two alternatives: the ruling party reorganizes itself and accepts the people's will, or it simply falls down.

Assessing the President's Visit to the US

Ahmad Mohammed Abdulghani
Director of the al-Jazeera & al-Khaleej Center for Studies

The President's visit to the US was planned to take place in mid-2001, coinciding with increasing American attention towards knowing more about the situation in the region through a number of meetings with Arab leaders.

The September 11 terrorist attacks on the US has created a new international and regional situation. Hence, the visit of the President to the US, scheduled for November 27, is very important because of the current critical time. This time is sufficient to allow each side to present its worries and priorities, thus revealing each side's understanding of the other's interests.

Since terrorism is currently the most urgent issue for the US, this topic will certainly be the main topic on the agenda of the visit. However, the US should not limit itself and its friends to this narrow angle. Yemen has been very cooperative with the US in this field and has condemned all sorts of terrorism.

The US should bear in mind the present circumstances their friends live in, so it shouldn't go so far in its demands pertaining to eradicating terrorism. The war against terror has proven that this issue is not everything. It is rather one of the issues that needs vital solutions. Therefore, the big countries, including the US, should be attentive to the other issues of the region.

The Palestinians' case is the most important among those issues. A fair solution to this issue is the first positive step in easing tension in the region. One of the responsibilities of the US, then, should be restraining the Zionist's terrorist acts against Palestinians.



Security and stability of the region concern both sides, Yemen as well as the US. Yemen has proven to be an important partner in achieving such a state. Yemen's role in the security of the Red Sea, the Horn of Africa and the Arab Sea can not be ignored.

The US should also pay attention to and support Yemen's economic and democratic issues and those related to building a modern Yemen.

Yemen looks forward to a rise in the amount of the American financial aid it receives, so that it will include all spheres of development. It also looks to directing American capital for investment here. Yemen's ambitions in

this regard seem to be at their minimum level in comparison with the importance of enhancing and developing Yemen-US relations, which is a strategic issue. The Americans are more aware of their future strategic worries and the volume of the needs of Yemen's role in this connection. Personally, I don't think that the US would ignore calls for building balanced bilateral relations that take into consideration interests of both countries and are based on transparency, clarity and mutual respect. This necessitates that the US mitigate extortion policies and give their friends a chance to look after their interests.

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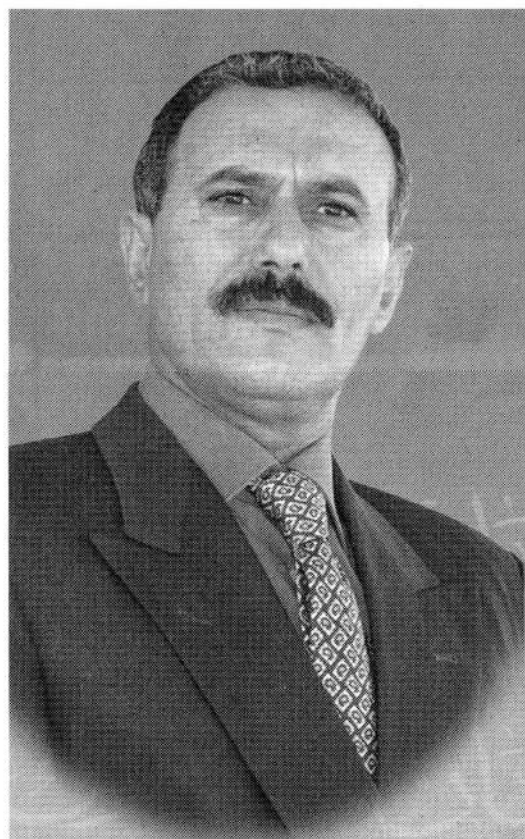
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the first group of such a number to arrive in the Sheraton Hotel in Sana'a since the September 11 attacks on the World Trade Center. The trip was planned a long time ago. Some of the group members were motivated to visit Yemen by the country's pavilion in the Hanover Expo 2000. "I spent more than four complete hours in Yemen's pavilion in Hanover," one of them said. "Yemen was really representative and



Mr. Schillings (right) and some German tourists

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- 1- من هو الرئيس الأفغاني المعترف به من قبل الأمم المتحدة?
☐ قلوب الدين حكمتيار ☐ برهان الدين رباني ☐ سيد الرشيد دستم
- 2- أثناء شهر رمضان عند شرائك لحظ (إيزي) من سبيستل يمن، تحصل على:
☐ حط بنظام المؤترة ☐ كرت إيزي مجاناً
- 3- أين يقع ميناء التصدير النشط التابع لشركة كنديدان تكسن بتروليم يمن?
☐ بالقرب من مدينة الشهر ☐ بالقرب من مدينة المكلا ☐ بالقرب من مدينة عدن
- 4- ما هو المنتج الجديد المتوقع نزوله للأسواق من منتجات الشركة اليمنية لصناعة المنظفات والصابون?
☐ سوبر فلاش ☐ تليت الجديد ☐ ركس
- 5- متى تم إدخال خدمة البنك المركزي ضمن الخدمات المصرفية لبنك اليمن والخليج?
☐ 2001م ☐ 2000م ☐ 1999م
- 6- شارك فيديوكون للأجهزة المنزلية بأكثر من معرض مقام حالياً في الجمهورية اليمنية، فهل هو:
☐ معرض أبولو اكسبو 2000م - صنعاء ☐ معرض المؤسسة الاقتصادية - بتعن ☐ كلا المعروضين
- 7- في يوم الاثنين من كل أسبوع تطير اليمنية إلى:
☐ باريس ☐ لندن ☐ روما
- 8- ما هو الحدث الجاري في شميلة هاري حالياً?
☐ توفير الاحتياجات المنزلية ☐ سحب كبير ☐ تخفيضات
- 9- تميز الموديلات الحديثة في طبخات جليم غاز بالمواصفات التالية:
☐ 100% أمان كامل ☐ الطبخ والشوي معاً وباب الفرن مغلق ☐ الاثنين معاً
- 10- دشنت شركة ألفا في الأسبوع الماضي مهرجانها السنوي. بماذا يمتاز هذا المهرجان?
☐ يعرض منتجات جديدة ☐ يقدم تخفيضات جديدة ☐ كلا الخيارين
- 11- ما هو البروتوكول الذي يستخدمه الانترنت للاتصال:
☐ TCP/IP ☐ HTML ☐ ATM LAN
- 12- كم عدد الجوائز المقدمة في مهرجان سوني?
☐ 20 جائزة ☐ 50 جائزة ☐ أكثر من مائة جائزة
- 13- أين يقع المقر الرئيسي للمجموعة المتحدة للتأمين?
☐ صنعاء ☐ تمز ☐ الحديدة
- 14- ما هي الميزة التي تميزت بها الشركة المنتجة لسمن القمرية وصابون كريستال عن غيرها?
☐ حصولها على شهادتي الأيزو 9001 و 2002 ☐ تفردتها في هذا المجال ☐ أدائها الجيد
- 15- ما هي منتجات بريماما?
☐ ملابس مواليد ☐ ملابس حوامل ☐ غرف نوم
- 16- شركة المخازن اليمنية للشواكه واللحوم والتجارة ش.م.م. الوكيل المعتمد لجبنة البقرة الشاحكة فما هي البلد التي تنتج هذه الجبنة?
☐ فرنسية ☐ ألمانية ☐ بريطانية
- 17- ما هي مزاي مشروب الطاقة، باور هورس?
☐ ينشط الأداء البدني والذهني ويساعد على استرداد الحيوية والنشاط بسرعة ☐ ينشط الدورة الدموية والجهاز العصبي ويساهم في الوقاية من حالات التسمم الغذائي ☐ كل ما سبق

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- 1- Who is the Afghani president currently recognized by the UN?
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- 2- When you buy the EASY line from Spacetel. You will get:
☐ Free EASY line ☐ Free EASY card ☐ A billing system line
- 3- The oil terminal of Canadian Nexen is located:
☐ Near to al-Shahir ☐ Near to Mukala ☐ Near to Aden
- 4- What is the new product to be marketed soon by the Yemen Dairy & Juice Industries Co.?
☐ Super flash ☐ New Tite ☐ Rex
- 5- Which bank in Yemen that has the motto "a Bank for Everyone"?
☐ Yemen Bank for Reconstruction ☐ Yemen-Gulf Bank ☐ International Bank of Yemen
- 6- Vediocon participates in several exhibitions nationwide. What are these exhibitions?
☐ Expo 2000 ☐ Taiz Economic Corporation ☐ Both exhibitions
- 7- On every Monday, Yemenia flies to:
☐ Paris ☐ London ☐ Rome
- 8- What's the event that Shumaila Hari has?
☐ home fair ☐ lucky draw ☐ big sale
- 9- Modern Glem-Gas Cookers Models are distinguished by:
☐ Being 100% Safe ☐ Cooking and Grilling at once while oven is closed ☐ Both feature prizes
- 10- What distinguishes ALFA Company in its annual festival:
☐ New products ☐ Big sales ☐ More than 100 prizes
- 11- Which Protocol, the internet uses for communication:
☐ TCP/IP ☐ HTML ☐ ATM LAN
- 12- How many prizes does sony present?
☐ 20 ☐ 50 ☐ More than 100
- 13- Where is the headquarters of the United Insurance company?
☐ Sana'a ☐ Taiz ☐ Hudeidah
- 14- What is the Yemen Company for Soap and Ghee Industry distinguished for?
☐ Being ISO 9001 & ISO 9002 certified ☐ Being the only factory in this field. ☐ Being run by foreign experts
- 15- What are the products of Prémaman?
☐ Infant Clothing ☐ Pregnant Clothing ☐ Bedroom Furniture
- 16- What is the country of origin of (la vache que rit) imported by Yemen Stors for Fruit, Meat & Trading
☐ France ☐ Germany ☐ Britain
- 17- What is the effect of the Power Horse drink?
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Osama bin Laden Not in Pakistan: Musharraf

ISLAMABAD_ President General Pervez Musharraf said here Saturday that Osama bin Laden is not in Pakistan.

He said this in response to a query by a Belgian journalist accompanying the EU delegation at a press conference.

Musharraf said, "To the best of my knowledge, Osama is not in Pakistan."

"I don't know his whereabouts, but he has not crossed into Pakistan," he stated.

Pakistan, he said, has put in place a strict security check system. The Army and law enforcing agencies have been alerted and the cooperation of the tribal leaders has also been sought in this behalf, to ensure that Osama bin Laden does not sneak into the



country, Musharraf added.

This comes as Pakistani forces are strictly monitoring the borders with Afghanistan to prevent any flow of Al-Qaeda members into Pakistani soil and to prevent any Pashtun tribesmen who may be sympathetic towards the network and Osama bin Laden to facilitate their escape into the country.

However, observers believe that Osama could indeed be able to escape taking into consideration his financial and moral resources, which could not only have him escape being caught, but also organize another secret hideout for him anywhere in the world due to the fact that he has active supporters in many countries across the globe.

Xinhua/Agencies

Abu Dhabi Satellite Channel Rejects Israeli Complaints

A TV show produced by Abu Dhabi Satellite Channel, to be named "Sharon's Atrocities", provoked the Israel government, which expressed its dismay at this show and threatened to file a lawsuit against the channel at the United Nations. Moreover, Israel had requested from two companies to stop running ads at the channel. Emirates Media Corporation Director-General, Ahmed Ali al-Balushi refused the Israeli allegations and declared that the Corporation will not dispose the idea to produce a second series of the show. The comical 30-day show produced for the month of Ramadan depicts the



Israeli Prime Minister, Ariel Sharon in one of its series carrying a bottle full of blood belonging to Arab children, while saying that he had drunken up till he got satisfied.

Arabs had expressed delight in the program, which had its ratings go up since the news of the complaint.

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Egyptian FM to Visit U.S. for Mideast Situation Next Tuesday

CAIRO_ Egyptian Foreign Minister Ahmed Maher will head for Washington Tuesday to discuss with officials the new U.S. efforts to help restart the stalled Mideast peace process, the state-run MENA news agency reported Friday. Maher is expected to explain Egypt's views over U.S. Secretary of State Colin Powell's speech on Mideast peace, as well as ways of achieving stability and security in the post-Taliban Afghanistan. His visit, the second within two months, comes before Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon's round of talks in Washington on the Mideast situation to be held early next month.

In a speech at the University of Louisville in Kentucky on Monday, Powell made

public the long-awaited new U.S. Mideast policy on the basis of U.S. President George W. Bush's endorsement of the establishment of an independent Palestinian state.

Powell called on Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat to make "100 percent" efforts to halt attacks on the Israelis, while urging Israel to "end occupation according to the United Nations resolutions and accept a Palestinian state."

While hailing Powell's words about the establishment of a Palestinian state, Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak on Thursday emphasized the importance to put these statements into effect.

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Palestinian Boy Killed in Palestinian-Israeli Gunfire

GAZA_ A Palestinian boy was killed and several others wounded Friday in an exchange of fire between Israeli soldiers and Palestinian gunmen in southern Gaza strip. The tragedy occurred in Khan Yunis after the funeral for the five Palestinian boys who were killed in a tank shell explosion Thursday morning.

Israeli tanks also opened fire in Friday's gunfire.

The five Palestinian boys, aged between seven to 14 and from the same extended family, were killed when one of them kicked an unexploded tank shell in their school, which the Palestinian side said was fired by the Israeli army recently.

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Palestinian people pray beside the bodies of five schoolboys killed yesterday by an unexploded Israeli tank shell as they walked to school at Khan Yunis refugee camp, in southern Gaza Strip November 23, 2001. Xinhua Photo by Ma Xiaolin

Iraq and Iran, which fought a war in 1980-88, have been unable to normalize ties because of thorny issues including prisoners of war and support for each other's rebel groups.

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Iraq Foils "Terrorist Action" Against Baghdad District

BAGHDAD_ Iraq's security forces have caught "Iranian agents" trying to "commit a sabotage and terrorist action" against one of the most populous districts in Baghdad, the official INA news agency reported on Saturday.

"The criminals have admitted their crimes and identified agent and terrorist sides which pushed them to fulfill their hostile goals schemed by the vice circles in the Iranian regime," INA said, quoting a statement from a security official.

However, the report did not say how many people have been detained or when

they were captured.

Iraq said on November 1 that it defused a car bomb in Baghdad's Al-Karkh residential area, adding that "some criminal elements tried to commit a criminal and treacherous act" by leaving an 11-kilogram bomb in a car in the area "to kill innocent people and destroy their property."

Iraq has often blamed Iran for explosions in and mortar shelling to Baghdad, and held "Iranian agents" accountable for an explosion in the capital in February, which left two people dead.

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U.N. Confirms Delay in Talks On Afghanistan

BERLIN_ Next week's planned talks on Afghanistan's political future, originally scheduled for Monday, will be delayed until Tuesday because of logistical problems, U.N. sources said on Friday. The U.N.'s special envoy to Afghanistan, Lakhdar Brahimi, told German officials that the organization is having difficulty bringing so many Afghan faction leaders together at the same time.

Despite the hitch, officials continued fevered preparations for the summit at Petersberg, a palace near Bonn.



Andreas Michaelis, spokesman for the Foreign Ministry, said he hoped that next week's discussions will enable leaders to

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Linux closes on Windows XP

Dave Morris

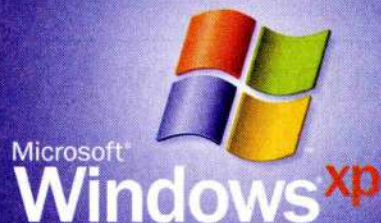
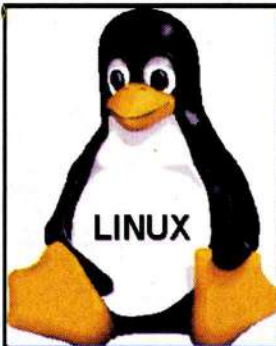
Most people take modern consumer life and all the gadgets that go with for granted. We buy a mobile telephone, switch it on and within a few seconds start to use it. After a few uses we maybe even read the manual and start to exploit some of the sophisticated features that bedeck even the simplest mobile. They have memories to store names, fuzzy logic programmes that can predict text messaging words and security codes to prevent unwanted access. All these features are built in, and the manufacturer looks long and hard at his customers, their ages, sex, demographics and socio-economic groups before he decides what to put in and what to leave out. Mobiles phones work straight from the box. So do televisions, cameras, stereos, DVD players and VCRs. But personal computers don't.

One fundamental difference between common domestic appliances and PCs is that the former all have these functions built in to programmes that are hardwired into microchips. Computers need software, and before they can even start to accept that software they need an Operating System. Without an operating system, a computer is a non-starter.

The first operating system was developed in 1973 and was called a control programme for microcomputers

(CP/M). By 1979 Apple had developed their own DOS programme (Disk Operating System) and in 1980 the Seattle Computer Products company sold the rights of 86-DOS (so named after the microchip it was designed to run...the 8086 chip) to Microsoft, and in 1981 MS-DOS ran for the first time on IBM's prototype microcomputer.

Since then it has been something of a one horse race for operating systems. Many companies have tried and many have failed, or been bought out, but Microsoft has continued to take the lead role worldwide, in supplying operating systems to the massive PC marketplace. The reason why we continue to buy these products? Well as I said earlier, computers just don't work without them...



There may be several reasons why customers in 2001 are not so hasty. Firstly there is the hardware issue, XP requires a lot of high level computing power and memory, whilst not a problem for today's PCs, it is estimated that only 21 per cent of computers in the USA have enough RAM memory to run Windows XP. The underlying issue is that most people who are going to have a computer, have one, and don't want to have to change them every year or so. The market growth has slowed down and the new machines are mostly replacements for the old, the hardware market has matured but the software is still in its adolescence.

Secondly there isn't that much new and exciting about XP, unless you own a host of digital accessories, and even

source code was free.

This freeness of source code and the army of advocates around the world has produced a marked contrast in attitude to the corporate Microsoft, who, for instance have built in a one-PC-only copy protector in Windows XP. Most Linux resellers allow as many machines to be loaded from one pack-

age as is required without any crime being committed. Most of them also bundle the common applications freely on the installation disk, and in any event there is a mass of free software, and shareware (try before you buy) available from enthusiasts and vendors on the internet.

One week after Microsoft launched

Windows XP, Amazon, one of the worlds largest internet retailers, announced that it had shaved \$17m from its technology budget (about 25 per cent) by switching to the Linux operating system. And with an estimated 12million users worldwide, Linux and its quirky penguin logo, looks set to have a big future role in the way we operate our computers.

then the software is discretely available from other sources.

Thirdly I, like many others don't want to pay \$99 or \$199 for another operating system when I have just been sold 'Windows 2000' in the last year and am quite happy with it.

And finally, there is now an alternative that is beginning to look like a real contender.

Back in 1994 a student at the University of Helsinki in Finland, Linus Torvalds, released a new operating system under a general public license, called 'Linux', and, represented by the image of a penguin (Torvalds liked the association). Since then it has been developed further by thousands of programmers worldwide who liked its elegance and simplicity and then realized the potential in producing software for something so robust. And of course, the public license meant the

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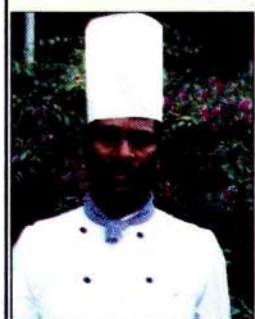
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| 1. Arborio rice | 500 GMS |
| 2. Chicken stock | 1000ml |
| 3. Tomatoes | 200 GMS |
| (peeled & seeded) | |
| 4. Shallots | 100 GMS |
| 5. Parmesan | 150 GMS |
| 6. Full cream | 150 ml |
| 7. A few chopped chives or parsley | |
| 8. Sun dried tomatoes | 50 GMS |
| 9. Olive oil | 60 ml |
| 10. Salt to taste | |
| 11. Pepper to taste | |

- Heat oils in a heavy bottom pan, add chopped shallots and sauté.
- Add rice and slightly fry for a few minutes, add chopped tomatoes and stock and bring to a boil. Add seasonings and cook on a slow fire.
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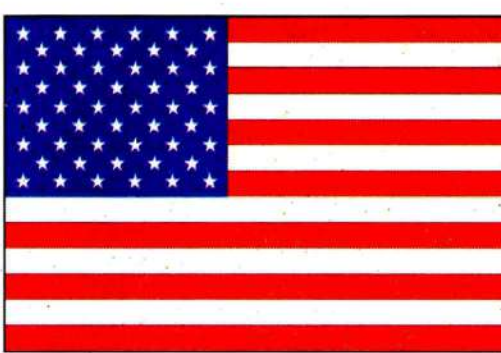
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الجميع يتقرب النتائج التي ستسفر عنها الزيارة الحالية للرئيس علي عبد الله صالح. لما لهذه الزيارة من أهمية قصوى في تحديد مسار العلاقة اليمنية الأمريكية في النواحي الأمنية، الاقتصادية، والسياسية.

ولا شك أن العلاقة اليمنية الأمريكية قد مرت بعدة تحديات وعوائق نتجت عن الأحداث التي

أوضح وجهة نظر تصب في مضمار استخدام أمريكا لمركزها كقوة عظمى إلا أن آخرون بما فيهم الأمريكيون أنفسهم يؤكدون أن إغلاق القنصلية وتخفيف عدد موظفي السفارة لم يكن إلا لأسباب أمنية ولتقريبهم بعض التهديدات من عناصر مجهولة. ولكن لا يمكن لأحد أن ينكر أن من أهم المتفصلات للعلاقات اليمنية الأمريكية هي مسألة عدم إغلاق ملف تهجير المدمرة كول والذي مضى عام عليه دون أن يفتل بل أن الإدارة الأمريكية تبدو أكثر تمسكاً بربط التهجير بجامعة أسامة بن لادن وتنظيم القاعدة الذي يرعا. خاصة بعد أحداث سبتمبر الأخيرة وخلق ذلك هوة في الرؤى بين البلدين، يسعى الرئيس اليمني لتقليصها بقدر الإمكان.

ورغم أن للزيارة العديد من الأهداف إلا أن المسائل الأمنية ستحتل الصدارة في المناقشات بين الرئيس علي عبد الله صالح وجورج بوش الابن الذي بدوره سيطلب من اليمن تكريس المزيد من الجهد في ملاحقة المشتبه بهم وتثبيت الأمن في البلاد لا سيما أن اليمن ستطلب الدعم الاقتصادي لمشاريع التنمية المختلفة والتي اشترطها السفير الأمريكي في صنعاء، آدموند هول، على الأمن لتنفيذها.

ويتقرب الكثير من اليمنيين بقلق وحذر نتيجة الزيارة والصفة النهائية للاتفاقية الأمنية التي سيوقعها البلدين خاصة وأن كل من البلدين قد أتى بصيغة مختلفة لها لما يخدم مصلحة بلده.

ونحن إذ نتمنى للرئيس زيارة موفقة نذكره أن المسؤولية كبيرة وأن الشعب بأكمله قد منحه الثقة الكاملة ووضعه محل اختبار في هذه الأيام ليحقق لليمن ما تتطلع إليه من استقرار وتنمية شاملة دون الكثير من التضحيات المؤلمة.

الموقف اليمني المتشدد والصارم تجاه القضية الفلسطينية ومبادئ وطنية أخرى كالامتناع من تقديم المتهمين في أحداث التهجير كول والمشتبه بهم من العرب الأفغان إلى السلطات الأمريكية. حيث قال أحد الكتاب لدى "Islamonline.net"، عبر البيان الذي أصدرته الخارجية الأمريكية بشأن إغلاق القنصلية الأمريكية في صنعاء، وتحذير رعاياها بعدم السفر إلى اليمن، وتقليص عدد الدبلوماسيين الأمريكيين العاملين في السفارة، عن حجم الضغوط التي تمارسها الولايات المتحدة على حكومة صنعاء للقبول بشروطها بشأن عدد من القضايا الداخلية والخارجية، التي تعدها الأخيرة من صلب شؤونها السيادية، التي لا يمكن أن تتنازل عنها لينوب بتنفيذها طرف آخر. ويبدأ للمراقبين أن التبرير الذي ساقه البيان الأمريكي بشأن الأوضاع الأمنية في اليمن ليس كافياً لأن تتخذ الولايات المتحدة قراراً بهذا المستوى، لكن المراقبين يرون في القرار نوعاً من الضغط المباشر على صنعاء للقبول بمطالب أمريكا المتعلقة بجعل ملف المدمرة كول مفتوحاً إلى أجل غير مسمى.

وعلى الرغم من أن صنعاء تعاملت بحزم وقوة مع المشتبه بهم في حادثة تهجير المدمرة الأمريكية كول، التي تعرضت لعملية تهجير قام بها شخصان يمنيان في 13 أكتوبر الماضي، في ذروة الانتفاضة الفلسطينية، كرد عنيف على المواقف الأمريكية المتحيزة للعدوان الإسرائيلي المستمر ضد الشعب الفلسطيني، وقامت بعمليات اعتقال واسعة ضد العشرات من المواطنين اليمنيين، بهدف الكشف عن ملاسات العملية، وقبلت بمشاركة عناصر من مكتب التحقيقات الأمريكي في استجواب المشتبه بهم، على الرغم من كل ذلك فإن واشنطن ليست - كما يبدو لدى العديد من المراقبين - راضية على الأداء اليمني، وتعتقد أن بمقدورها

وقعت في العامين الماضيين. فتجسير المدمرة كول كان له تأثيراً بارزاً في هذه العلاقة التي تعتبر وطيدة ولكنها مليئة بالمفغرات التي كانت لأسباب داخلية وخارجية على مر السنوات.

ولكن مما شك فيه أن الوقت الراهن هو في غاية الخطورة، فاليمن قد ساهمت في دعم الحملة الأمريكية ضد الإرهاب بشكل غير مباشر وقد أدانت بشدة الهجمات الإرهابية ضد أمريكا في الحادي عشر من سبتمبر الماضي كما أكدت استعدادها للوقوف مع حليفتها الولايات المتحدة في هذه الحملة طالما كانت متزنة وغير مبالغ فيها.

ولكن في نفس الوقت، صدر أكثر من موقف رسمي يمني ينتقد السياسة الأمريكية في الدعم المطلق لإسرائيل والإكتفاء بالتوبيخ الشفهي لممارساتها الإرهابية والقمعية ضد الشعب الفلسطيني الأعزل.

وبهذا تكون اليمن قد عبرت عن موقف واضح رافض للدعم الأمريكي لإسرائيل. وهنا يأتي التوازن الهام والحيوي في هذه العلاقة التاريخية التي بدأت منذ الأربعةينات من القرن الماضي، فاليمن لا تؤيد كل ما تقوم به الولايات المتحدة ولكنها أيضاً تدعم حملتها على الإرهاب العالمي بشكل صريح وواضح.

وعند النظر إلى الإجراءات الاحترازية التي قامت بها الولايات المتحدة في الفترة الأخيرة من إغلاق مؤقت لتقنيلاتها في صنعاء قبل بضعة أشهر وكذا إبطاء عملية منح تأشيرات السفر إلى الولايات المتحدة لليمنيين بعد أحداث 11 سبتمبر قد تم تفسيرها من قبل بعض الكتاب والمحللين السياسيين على أنها وسيلة ضغط ضد الحكومة اليمنية لتقديم بعض التنازلات.

وقد ربط عدد كبير من الكتاب العرب هذه الضغوط المزعومة مع

تمتع بخدمة التواصل مع سبافون أينما كنت، داخل أو خارج اليمن المدن... الطرق... القرى... الصحاري... الجزر

أصبح اليوم بإمكان مشترك الشركة اليمنية للهاتف النقال "سبافون"، التمتع بخدمة التواصل دون انقطاع إطلاقاً، أينما كانوا في أي بقعة من بقاع الجمهورية اليمنية حتى تلك التي تفنقر إلى خدمات الاتصالات (قرى، صحاري، جزر)، وفي ٩٩ دولة حول العالم تشمل أوروبا، شمال ووسط أفريقيا، الشرق الأوسط وشبه القارة الهندية.

وذلك يتم بفضل اتفاقية "التجوال" التي وقعتها "سبافون" مؤخراً مع شركة الثريا للاتصالات الفضائية. وبموجب هذه الاتفاقية يحق لسبافون استخدام نظام القمر الصناعي التابع للثريا، كما يحق للثريا استخدام نظام الـ GSM التابع لشبكة سبافون.

ولتكون واحداً من المستفيدين من هذه الاتفاقية التي تمنحك التواصل الدائم مهما كانت الظروف التي تحيط بك وأينما كنت سواء داخل الأراضي اليمنية أو خارجها، ليس عليك سوى الاشتراك بخدمة التجوال الدولي من سبافون (لأبد أن تكون مشتركاً بخدمة الاشتراك الشهري) وتملك هاتفاً نقالاً خاصاً بالثريا، وعندما تكون نطاق تغطية سبافون سوف يتم تحويلك تلقائياً إلى نظام الثريا الفضائي بمجرد أن تقوم بنقل (شريحة سبافون) الخاصة بك من هاتفك النقال ووضعها في هاتف الثريا.

والجدير بالذكر، أنه يمكن للمشارك تحديد الموقع حسب النظام العالمي لتحديد المواقع GPS. إضافة إلى إمكانية الحصول على العديد من

الخدمات منها: الكاشف، تحويل المكالمات، انتظار المكالمات، مجموعة المستخدمين الخاصة.

إن سبافون تعمل بشكل مستمر من أجل توفير التواصل الدائم وتعزيز خدماتها بما يخدم كافة المشتركين. واليوم أصبحت قائمة اتفاقات خدمة التجوال الدولي تضم عدداً كبيراً من المشغلين يصل إلى ثلاثين، موزعين في عدد كبير من الدول التي تمت إضافتها من خلال فتح هذه الخدمة معها، وهذه الدول هي التالية:

السعودية	الإمارات	ألمانيا	اليونان
الأردن	المغرب	سويسرا	إسبانيا
مصر	جنوب أفريقيا	بريطانيا	ماليزيا
الكويت	كينيا	بلجيكا	هونغ كونغ
البحرين	سنغافورة	فرنسا	الهند
لبنان	الفلبين	إيطاليا	ليشتنشتاين

انتظروا المزيد من الدول التي ستدخل في هذه القائمة أيضاً والمزيد من الخدمات الأخرى. وللإستفسار عن كافة المعلومات حول خدمات سبافون، خدمة العملاء بانتظار اتصالاتكم على الرقم ٢١١ من هاتف سبافون أو ٧١-١١١٢١١ من أي هاتف آخر.

سبب إضافي لتختار سبافون

خدمة البريد الصوتي المتميز

مع خدمة البريد الصوتي المتميز يمكنك أن تستفيد من:

- عدد رسائل أكبر
- مدة رسائل أطول
- حرية التحكم ببريدك الصوتي
- لتفصيل هذه الخدمة وللمزيد من المعلومات، اتصل على الرقم ٢١١

يتم تشغيل خدمة البريد الصوتي تلقائياً في الحالات التالية:

- عندما يكون جهازك النقال مغلقاً
- عندما يكون خارج الخدمة
- في حال عدم الإجابة

هذه الخدمة متوفرة لمستخدمي سبافون خدمة الاشتراك الشهري