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Sheiks differ on legitimacy of Nov. 3 hit that killed 6 Yemenis

Attack reaction

BY YEMEN TIMES STAFF AND NEWS SERVICES

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The Nov. 3 missile attack that killed six suspected al-Qaeda in a car near Marib has raised the ire of tribes in Yemen, says a local tribal leader. Meanwhile, Yemeni authorities have taken the dead bodies for DNA tests to know the identity of the killed men and verify

whether the other al-Qaeda suspect Mohammed Al-Ahdal is not among them. But another prominent sheik in Marib says the US had the right to carry out the bold attack because the Yemeni authorities were unable to arrest one of the dead who is Abu Ali, also

known as al-Harethi, suspected of being linked with the 2000 attack on the USS Cole. "The tribe's reaction is that the attacks are unsuitable," said one sheik, named Mabkhoot. Sheikh Mohammed Abdullah Saleh al-Qarda'ee, a prominent sheiks in Marib governorate, has

a different view. "The US has its ultimate goals to track their enemies. There is only one enemy Qaed Salem Senyan al-Harethi, a prime suspect of destroying the USS Cole destroyer in Aden. During two years the Yemeni authorities have been incapable of arresting him.

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A television image shows a Yemeni man inspecting the remains of a vehicle after an attack by an unmanned U.S. aircraft in Yemen which killed six alleged members of Osama bin Laden's al Qaeda network, Nov. 3. U.S. officials acknowledge the CIA drone aircraft Predator (Inset) carried out the attack. (Middle East Broadcast Company image)

Survey shows Public aghast

BY YASSER MOHAMED AHMED YEMEN TIMES STAFF
Based on a survey of The Yemen Times, the public seems to be outraged at the US attack Nov 3 that killed six Yemenis in Mareb on Nov. 3. The Times interviewed 95 people in Sana'a and found the following results:
- 93% objected to the strike
- 85% said that Yemen's national sovereignty has been undermined.
- 97% said that they could not imagine that the Yemeni

government blessed this action. - 40% thought that action should be taken by the Yemeni government in the form of terminating Yemen's assistance to the US in its war against terror while others thought that a public response should be formulated in the form of demonstrations and condemnations. Overall, the public believes that the situation is quite sensitive and the Yemeni government's position is critical.

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Foreigners warned Use caution

BY YEMEN TIMES STAFF AND NEWS SERVICES
American and British nationals are among those being advised to avoid non-essential travel to Yemen, in the latest tightening of measures to deal with the threat of terrorism. At the same time expatriate workers across the Gulf states of Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates have also been warned to be vigilant, particularly in places frequented by foreigners, such as hotels, restaurants and shopping malls.

Foreign offices warned this week there may be a retaliation against Western interests in Yemen following the killing last week of six suspected al Qaeda members, including Osama bin Laden's top lieutenant in the country, Qaed Salim Sinan al-Harethi. Meanwhile, the US State Department said Nov. 7 it was not yet able to confirm reports that a U.S. national had been killed in Yemen in an operation attributed to the Central Intelligence Agency.

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Yemen to receive another nine boats later on Surveillance boats on the way

BY M. BIN SALLAM

Yemen is about to receive the first batch of five patrol boats that are part of a package of US assistance, says the interior ministry.

The boats, which have good technology, are geared to supervise Yemeni coasts.

Yemen is to receive another nine boats later on.

The USA is to take part in the establishment of the operation room at the presidency of the Coast Guard Authority in Sana'a and other sub operation rooms in Aden.

The Americans are also to help train 1,600 person of different military ranks of the Coast Guard forces.

Meanwhile, the ministry has

announced plans for a new electronic surveillance project in Yemeni ports through the use of modern cameras and computers, of which six cameras are in Aden port. The surveillance will be round the clock on ships and boats coming in or out of the Yemeni regional water, which will lead to high level of protection for vessels and tankers.

Yemeni coastal authorities are assisted by a large number of army and helicopters. It is believed authorities will fire on any ship or boat that may enter the Yemeni regional water without previous notice.

This measure follows the boat attack on the French oil tanker Limburg, while landing near Al Mukalla port in Hadramout.

UNDP-Italy sign cost sharing agreement

A Cost Sharing Agreement in the amount of 330,000 EURO from the government of Italy will be signed Monday 11 November 2002, between UNDP and the Italian government during a signing ceremony to be held at the Supreme Commission for Elections and Referenda (SCER) in Sana'a.

This contribution represents an important step for the preparation of the 2003 parliamentary elections and for the UNDP Electoral Support Project that was officially launched in May 2002.

The Electoral Support Project, which is implemented by UNDP aims at developing and strengthening the capacity of the SCER to organize and deliver free, fair and participatory elections in 2003 and enhance the administration and management of the electoral process. The main objectives for the initial phase of the project are:

1) Provide expert technical assistance and advice to the SCER in the preparation and conduct of the 2003 Elections.

2) Support the professional development, institutional restructuring and decentralization processes of the SCER.

3) Expand democratic participation in the electoral process, particularly for under-represented segments of the Yemeni society.

4) Ensure greater public information and awareness on the elections.

The Cost Sharing Agreement will be signed from the Italian side by H.E. Giacomo Sanfelice di Monteforte, the Italian ambassador to Yemen and from the UNDP side by Mr. James W. Rawley, the UNDP Resident Representative. The signing ceremony was attended by the Chairman of the SCER, H.E. Khaled al-Sharfi, and representatives of the UNDP Electoral Support Team.

President visits AFZ

ADEN—Yemeni President Ali Abdullah Saleh paid a visit to the Aden Free Zone on Nov 6.

The president was received by Mr. Derhim Noaman, head of Free Zone, the executive manager for Yeminvest Company, and officials in the containers port.

The president has ordered the government to take its measures and communicate with the insurance's companies and negotiate over new insurance fees on the vessels coming into Yemen. He described the new fees list as

unjustifiable, especially after the new procedures taken by the government to insure the safety of the ships and oil tankers in Yemeni ports.

The president and officials also discussed many issues related to the progression in the free zone, and how to bring more marine companies to the zone.

He heard a detailed explanation about the Free Zone activities, considered of the biggest economic projects in Yemen.

Sheikh al-Shaef & 20 followers arrested in Aden

Security authorities in Aden are still holding for about two weeks Sheikh Naji bin Abdullah al-Shaef and twenty of his followers. The authorities had asked him to go there to discuss with him demands of Dahm tribes for the pieces of lands taken and annexed to Saudi territories in the wake of the Yemen-Saudi

border demarcation agreement.

Last September Sheikh al-Shaef had massed up around twenty-thousand people from Dahm tribes following their destruction of some equipment used by the company entrusted with fixing border markings in al-Yatma area of al-Jawf governorate.

Fishermen's conditions deteriorate

A fieldwork has confirmed that round 3000 fishermen have been negatively affected by the latest incident of the French Oil supertanker, Limburg on 6 October.

Information resources said that the overall operating boats and vessels along the coastlines extended from the Thaghr Shehr to al-Maghalla in

Hadramout governorate have been totaling 1794.

These boats have become incapable of fishing due to the buoyant oil, which have been still floating on the seawaters. The catastrophe has killed so many of the sea animals including fish, which is considered to be one the main subsistence of the fishermen there.

The fishermen have bitterly complained about the ignorance of the bodies concerned in getting rid of the oil-contaminated waters. This has led to disappearance of the majority of the fish wealth. According to 2001 statistics that around 18 million kg. of different fish were produced at the cost of YR 800 million per a year.

Athawri editor gets sentenced, al Wahdawi staff called onto carpet Press harassment in Yemen continues

BY MUJAHED AL MUSSA'ABI
YEMEN TIMES STAFF

Harassment of Yemen's press continued last week when the editor of Athawri newspaper was sentenced to three months in jail, with a stay of execution.

The sentence, given at the court of southwest Sana'a on Nov. 3, falls against Khalid Salman. It was filed by Brig. Mohammed Saleh Al Ahmar, a pilot and Yemen Air Force leader.

Salman was charged after publishing the story of an armed forces plane that was downed last August. Along with the story, the paper published the photo of pilot, Mohammed Al Maqaleh, who died in the incident.

"The frequent verdicts against

Athawri and its reporters, and continuing cases filed by the executive authority of the Ministry of Information and Publications Attorney, adds a new political taboo against publication of stories about armed institutions," said Salman, in a press release to the Times.

"Athawri had proved with evidence and pictures the validity of what has been published about the plane story," added Salman.

The verdict against Salman adds to the media's annoyance, as it already deals with frequent press violations and constrictions.

Salman is currently making an appeal but his position is very weak, as he was jailed and paid fines in a two cases filed by ministry of information.

Meanwhile, Al Wahdawi's newspaper staff, Ali Saqqaf, Hamdi Bukari, Ahmed Saeed and Abdul Aziz Ismael were summoned by the publication attorney on Nov. 5 in Sana'a to be investigated on publishing articles targeting Saudi-Yemeni relations in its last five issues.

Sources indicate that heavy pressure has been put on the Yemeni government by the Saudi Arabian embassy in Yemen to prosecute Wahdawi for how it has handled issues regarding Yemen and Saudi Arabia.

Two newspaper organs of the ruling PGC have accused Al Wahdawi of betraying the country, and of being part of a Zionist campaign against Saudi Arabia. Al Wahdawi's case was delayed to Nov. 9.

Egyptian exhibition opens

TAIZ—The Egyptian Products Exhibition was opened in Taiz last Thursday by Taiz Deputy Governor Mohammed Al Hajjem.

The exhibition is organized by Atawheed Company for exhibitions in co-operation with the Apollo international exhibitions from October 29 to November 9.

"The exhibition's purpose is to develop the trade exchange between Yemen and Egypt and inform Yemeni

consumers about our products. I can tell you that the trade exchange has increased about 30 per cent from the last year, and we are interested in buying Yemeni products like fresh fish and canned fish," said Abdulwahab Mohammed, head of the commercial office in the Egyptian Embassy.

"Holding such exhibitions is geared to open new markets for the Egyptian products in Yemen. This is the first exhibition in Taiz with the participation



Abdulwahab Mohammed Adel Khaleel

of 36 Egyptian companies, and it includes household products, clothes, shoes, comics, electronics, and furnishings.

There is also some musical shows of Egyptian folklore performed by an Apollo band for Egyptian popular arts," said Adel Khaleel, of the Exhibition organizing company. It is worth mentioning that the first Egyptian exhibition held in Yemen was in 1995 and was duplicated every year.



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Sheikh still detained

Aden political security still have Sheik Ali Mutaheer, a member of the Yemeni-German friendship organization, under detention.

He's been in detention for two weeks.

Mutaheer was arrested while visiting Aden with his escorts and trying to meet the president.

Reasons for his arrest are still unknown.

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Getting up to speed Information strategy needed in Yemen



BY FAHMIA AL FOTIH
YEMEN TIMES STAFF

Helping Yemen, and the broader Arab world, get up to speed with 21st century information technology was the topic of a recent two-day conference.

"We live in a technology era in which everything is done quickly, especially information. We cannot deny that we live in a globalization age, so the information of this day will already be history tomorrow," said Abdu Rabu Mansour Hadi, the vice-president, who attended the conference.

In the opening session on Nov. 3, Hadi, gave a speech in which he concentrated on the importance of having national strategy for information under the speedy development in information field. He pointed out that if we want to have an integrated information system, the ministries and institutions have to work together with the National Information Center.

Representatives from different ministries and governmental devices as well as various interested private companies and institutions participated in the conference.

Abdul Kareem Shamsan, chairman of the center, expressed his happiness for the good attendance from different

sectors, and government support. "Today we remember our first walk in the information field, that it's featured by President Ali Abdullallah Saleh's vision which inspires us with confidence in success," he said.

"We are passing in important phase in which the information webs, electronics and latest developments are the essential trait at present. The information is a national heritage that we all have to cooperatively develop," he said.

He also warned not to blindly imitate some other countries experiences without looking at the technological differences. The next day a discussing session was opened to give participants a chance to comment on which participants they appreciated, to help move toward a national strategy.

Taking all comments and criticism



Abdul Kareem Shamsan
Abdurabu Mansour Hadi

into consideration, the National Information Center decided to improve and develop the contents of the National Strategy Version to definitely will be an essential base.

It decided the national center should form a committee representing all the interested and concerned sides.

And it also noted the importance of putting legislation in the information field, and seeking a unified Arabic information strategy.



Side photo of participants during the conference of National Information Strategy

New health project signed

YEMEN TIMES STAFF

In order to support the reproductive health project in Dhamar, a \$5 million agreement was signed last week between the government of Yemen represented by the Ministry of Public Health and Population and the government of Holland represented by the Dutch Embassy here in Sana'a.

The new project involves 4 districts, and will wind up in 2005. The new project will improve and enhance the activities of the reproductive health in

the government along with raising awareness of health problems.

The signing ceremony was attended by Dr. Abdunnaser al-Munaiberi, the health minister, and the development program representative at the Dutch Embassy in Sana'a, Martin Diblamin.



Sheraton Gold Mohur-Aden celebrates music of youth

Aden - To help bolster the tourist season in Aden, the Sheraton Gold Mohur-Aden Hotel held a celebration to pick the best male and female singers in Aden, Oct. 24.

The competition included 11 youth competitors, and was attended by a large number of social figures in

Aden.

The competitors were judged by a committee of musicians and artists in the governorate.

"It is the first time ever such a musical celebration took place, and we held it to encourage young musicians. We already selected three winners and

they have been honored," said Aidroos Obeid, sales manager at the Sheraton Gold Mohur-Aden Hotel.

He added that such activities will be sponsored by the hotel in the future, as Aden is a first-class tourist city and needs more promotional activities to attract tourists.

New association launched

About 100 attended the launch of the British Yemeni Alumni Association last week.

The new association includes Yemeni students who have graduated from UK universities. It's part of the Yemeni British Friendship Association.

The inauguration ceremony took place at the British ambassador residence in Sana'a in which memberships cards were issued. Films on Muslims in Britain and the Queen of Sheba were shown. The event was organized by the British Council and the British Embassy in Sana'a.

British will keep Abulhamza

British Ambassador to Yemen Francis Guy has denied any change in her government's policy in treating Muslims or Arabs after the September 11 attacks.

They are enjoying their full freedom and rights, she said.

"Muslim students are shifting to study in Britain after America's stricter regulations on Muslims after the September 11 attacks," said Guy.

She also repeated her government's denial to hand over Abu Al Hamza Al Masri to the Yemeni authorities due to

the British nationality he carries.

She said that he must be tried in front of the British judiciary on his possible participation in terrorist acts.

The statements of the ambassador came during her participation in the training of university students on human rights held in Taiz from Oct. 25 to 31.

Among the course activities was showing a documentary film on the 1.5 million Muslims in Britain.

The film showed that the first Muslim community arrived in Britain in

the 18th century. It was a group of tradesmen, and the first mosque was established in 1930 by Sheikh Abdullah Ali Al Hakimi.

Many persons spoke in the film and denounced the distorted image of Muslims reflected in the Western media and the effect of Islamic art in Britain. It assures that the British library contains the best collection of Islamic manuscripts in the world. The film indicated that there is about 3,000 scripts and 150,000 books collected from all over the Islamic world.

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Public aghast

They have expressed disappointment over the attack and wished that the Yemeni government could protest this US act or at least show some concern or reservations. But this is yet to happen as the government failed to provide any response to those US allegations.

Here are some of the opinions.

"Mohammed Hassan Saeed said "The US has no right to assassinate any Yemeni regardless of whether they are al-Qaeda suspects or not. Our country's legal system should not be overlooked. It is truly illogical for the Yemeni government to agree or provide support to such action by the USA.

"If the explosion of the car was proven to be an act of the US without Yemen's knowledge, then that is considered a violation of our national sovereignty and Yemen should mobilize a strong response. If it was done with the blessing of the Yemeni government, then it is up to the public to protest."

Abdoh Ibrahim Mahyoob said that the "US has no right to assassinate any human beings without trial. The Yemeni government cannot bless any act of killing of its own people. This is indeed a violation of our national sovereignty and we should terminate our relations with the USA. But if the Yemeni government insists on its stance in supporting this act of the US, then the street should protest this action openly."

However, not all those who were asked in the survey knew about the US confession concerning the attack. As a matter of fact, some Yemeni citizens simply do not have dishes or read newspapers. So, all the information they get is that which comes on the local TV channels, which didn't mention a thing about

the strike.

Abdullah Ali said, "I have not heard about this incident at all. I only watch our national TV channels and they have not mentioned this. I believe that if our channels didn't mention it, this indicates that all that has been said is false. I believe that the government tells us all that is going on in our country on TV."

Hamoud Qaid says, "The USA failed to capture Osama bin Laden and will never succeed in that. Hence, it is trying to search for victims elsewhere. Yemen does not bless any attack against its citizens and will be able to capture those law violators without the help of others. I believe that this action resembles a violation of our sovereignty and Yemen should discontinue its assistance to the USA. The street will probably be outraged if it finds out that the Yemeni government helped the US in this assassination."

However, Rasheed Ghaleb has another opinion on the reaction of the public if it is found that the Yemeni government knew or blessed this US-attack, "Even though I cannot imagine that Yemen would agree on such action by the US, but I also think that the public will not react at all even if they find out that the Yemeni government assisted in this action. The public as always will obey the government and do what it says thinking that what it does is always appropriate."

Tawfiq Ali Hameed says that "The US has no right to assassinate any citizen of another country simply because there are international laws that regulate the dealing with such terrorists or suspects. The incident was outrageous and shocking, yet I believe that any hasty official statement at this time will not be in the gov-

ernment's favor. No doubt our sovereignty was violated and as government, Yemen should express its objection and protest to the international community and as people, we should start demonstrations."

Isam Mohammed Jawba has demonstrated the opinion of the majority of the population by saying that Yemen Times should "leave all those questions aside because the people are busy after their own affairs. We are in the holy month of Ramadan and our homes are full of many open mouths to feed. I never listen to the news and I believe in nothing and all I want is to survive those harsh conditions."

Interestingly, many of the interviewed Yemenis expressed their disbelief in that the Yemeni government could assist the US in such an act. However, many of them also expressed their doubts concerning the news about the US involvement. "We were told that the car exploded because of the explosives it carried. Even if the whole world says otherwise, we will only believe our government," said Hussein Ali.

Ahmed Mohammed Hussein said that "The US has no right to act in such a way, which resembles a war on sovereign nations. Yemen cannot bless or agree on such action. Whether this assassination was done with or without the Yemeni government's approval, it still undermines our national sovereignty. The Yemeni government should express its anger and present an official protest to the UN. On the other hand, if you are asking about the public, then I can safely assume that Yemenis are too busy looking after how to make ends meet and to survive the harsh economic conditions the country is going through."

CORRECTION

Yemen Times would like to inform its readers that a mistake occurred on this page (page 4) in the continuation of the front page article entitled "Official 'Kidnapped'" of last week's issue (45/2002).

The article referred to the letters (CCC) by mistake. The company

intended in this article was the Arab Contractors Company, an Egyptian registered company.

Any mention of CCC in this article is supposed to be a reference to the Arab Contractors Company.

This is to inform you that it was a mistake to mention the letters CCC,

which is a company that has no involvement whatsoever in the subject matter of the article, and has an excellent reputation in Yemen. The letters CCC were published as a result of a technical mistake. We apologize to our readers and to the company for this error.



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Weapons kill the innocent

BY MAYASA MOHAMMED JAWAD
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TAIZ

Carrying weapons in Yemen is a phenomenon that hurts our society, and puts the lives of innocent people in danger.

Actually, it's a habit for some people to carry guns in the streets in front of ordinary people, and, for some, a game to play. Can not they give up such a habit?

How many times do our hearts hurt when hearing of someone who shoots his closed friends with no intention while playing with the gun?

And how many times do we hear about someone who, while showing his

friends he can shoot the gun towards his head thinking it has no bullets, kills himself by his own hand? Does it not happen like this on an action film? But, it also happens in reality.

The most dangerous and worst cases are incidents involving weapons at home in front of little children. Some of them fear them, and never approach guns, while others, feeling curious, pick them up and end their lives. I've heard of a recent story in Taiz.

A judge, accustomed to carry weapons and keeping them at home, brought a tragic end to his son's life. His young son, about 16-years-old, took his father's gun at an evil moment into the bathroom. This gun killed the boy, as it killed his parents in their grief

when seeing his blood on the floor.

You fathers who make it a habit to carry weapons, and you fathers who keep weapons at home, keep them away from your children. If you do not care about your lives, care about theirs, because it is a danger they should never approach.



Yemeni men take aim during target practice.

Dishonest merchants spoil Ramadhan

BY YASSER AL-MAYASI
YEMEN TIMES STAFF

Muslims around the world are receiving Ramadhan with joy because it is the best month of the year.

Muslims learn many spiritual lessons and meaningful morals like patience, mercy and understanding the suffering of the poor.

Yemenis receive Ramadhan in dif-

ferent ways. Some receive it with songs, some prepare different foods, and some get closer to God by worship, getting rid of sins and asking for God's mercy.

But Ramadhan in different Arab countries also means a season of fast profits and price hikes of food materials.

In Yemen, it is evident that some faithless traders also pass on spoiled

and expired goods. The Yemeni markets are full of smuggled and spoiled goods which no inspections.

Observers say they believe unjustifiable hikes will come for corn, flour, and other food items.

Even clothes have suffered from price hikes.

And it's believed that items such as jelly, caramel, oils, spaghetti, tomato paste, milk, drinks, and sweets that

have no production and expiration dates may cause a lot of diseases to consumers.

Yemeni with low incomes are particularly susceptible to buying products that may be spoiled.

The concerned authorities should put an end to it. If we do not handle the problem early, it will only get worse and diseases will be the result of such spoiled goods.

Will the ministry help?

Ramadhan is spoiled without light

BY FAHMIA AL-FOTAIH

Ramadhan is distinguished by its wonderful nights, when family has the opportunity to sit and stay up and enjoy spending the time together.

However it seems that Yemen's Ministry of Electricity has decided to deprive people and keep Ramadhan the same as any time of year - without power.

Many people were wondering if they were going to spend their nights in absolute dark or if they would be given a gift of light for Ramadhan.

But the first day of Ramadhan has been definitive and decisive. As people were ready to put the first date in their mouth, they found they would be sentenced to have their al-Fatour in the dark.

Instead of happily having their

meal, they were crying for a light and searching for a candle.

So, people are forced to eat under a romantic light of the candles and to sit as if they are not part of this century.

We used to put up with electricity going out all months, but we inquire maybe the Ministry of Electricity will have mercy to let us enjoy the holy month.

UCHP finishes awareness campaign

BY MUJAHED AL MUSSA'ABI
YEMEN TIMES STAFF

The Urban Cultural Heritage Program (UCHP) organized the closing ceremony of its two-month awareness campaign on November 3 at the Yemeni Cultural Center in Sana'a.

In the closing ceremony, speeches were delivered, including by En. Ali Oshaish, who announced the end of the closing the awareness campaign but not the awareness activities.

He pointed out that the UCHP has long term activities to raise the public awareness on the importance of the

cultural heritage.

Another speech was delivered by Helmut Gosskreutz, director of the GTZ who assisted the UCHP in implementing awareness activities in Shibam, Sayoun, Tareem, Al-Qatn in Hadramout.

Hussein Al-Wali, deputy minister of public works and Urban development, stressed on the importance of the cooperation to best preserve the cultural heritage of Yemen.

The ceremony included a puppet show "the old house," religious singing from a group from Zabid, Al Ahqaf dancing group from Hadramout and

dancing group from Sana'a.

The UCHP photo competition winners were also announced and prizes were delivered. The first prize was screened.

Second winner was Mr. Mohammed Ali Al-Simah, third winner was Mohammed Abdullah Al Junaid, fourth winner was Nabil Ali Mansour, fifth winner was Boris Allard, the sixth winner, Abdulkader Hussein Naji, seventh winner Khaled Ahmed Al Sufyani, eighth winner Mohammed Salem, ninth winner Mudad Ali Akhlan and the last winner was Sa'ad Suliman Haroon.

'Link' needs help to bring aid to Yemeni children

MOHAMMED BIN SALLAM
YEMEN TIMES STAFF

Najat Abdu Al Zuheiri, chairwoman of the French organization Link, says Yemeni officials need to do a better job allowing humanitarian aid to help Yemen's children.

The French organization which is representing Najat has sent various medicines and aids as a gift to the Yemeni children, particularly for those disabled, who were provided with equipment such as that in Athawra Hospital in Sana'a.

But Najat claims that Air Yemeni has recently not co-operated.

She said she felt disappointed over Air

Yemenia for refusing to carry these medicines to Yemen, in spite of the clear instructions given by Yemen's public health minister.

"We face a lot of difficulties. Firstly, we have to convince each citizen that Yemen is not a castle of terrorists, and secondly we have to draw the attention of the Yemenia and Embassy of Yemen to help their country," said Najat.

"Link will come on August 2003 to bring medicines to Aden, Sana'a and Mukalla and in the future, bring the Yemeni children for surgeries in France," she said.

It's been 10 years since Najat, of

Yemeni origin, began helping the underprivileged people, and taken an interest in the Arab world.

Najat worked for the French cultural center in Yemen before the 11th of September. She went to Palestine twice for peace workshops with Israeli organizations and French minister.

She also worked in the Arabic World Institute in Paris in the Department of Meetings and Lectures.



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HE Queen Rania of Jordan president of Arab Women's Summit

Improving the lives of Arab women is focus of summit

BY NADIA ABDULAZIZ AL-SAQQAF
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Under the theme "Arab Women, New Vision", the second conference of the Arab Women's Summit took place in Amman, between the 3rd and 4th of this month. The organizers of this conference were the Jordanian Preparation Committee for the Arab Women Summit, and the Arab Executive Committee for the conference. Among the organizers are HE Queen Rania Al-Abdulalah, Mrs Laila Sharaf, Women's People's Council (Egypt), Alhariri Institution (Lebanon), of the Arab League Mrs. Hana Masroor, and the coordinator of the conference.

HE Queen Rania headed the Summit this year, which was attended by Their Excellencies Mrs. Suzanne Mubarak first lady of Egypt and president of the First Summit, Mrs. Fatima Albasheer first lady of Sudan, Mrs. Indirah Lahood first lady of Lebanon, and Princess Lala Mariyam of Morocco. Mr. Amr Musa general secretariate of the Arab League also attended the conference.

Representing their countries, high level delegations participated in the summit as well; from Jordan, Egypt, Lebanon, Morocco, Sudan, Mauritania, Algeria, Tunisia, Libya, Djibouti, Oman, Yemen, United Arab Emirates, Bahrain, Iraq, Kuwait, Syria and Palestine.

The conference

The conference took place in the Information Palace and the Intercontinental Hotel in Amman. It was well attended by thousands of intellectuals and media representatives. It was inaugurated with reciting of the Holy Quran then speeches by the first ladies took place, followed by a speech delivered by Amr Musa general secretariate of the Arab League, then Mrs. Bahiya Alhariri of the Alhariri Institute and finally Dr. Farkhinda Hassan of the People's Council.

In the second session of the first day, chairs of the delegations presented their speeches as well as the international communities.

This conference was aimed to follow the great efforts made in the first summit in 2000, and the five intellectual forums which were conducted since then. These forums discussed vital issues regarding Arab women where the first forum was under the title "Woman and Law" in Almanama- Bahrain, the second forum was titled "Woman and Politics" in Tunisia, third was regarding "Woman in Foreign Countries" in Amman - Jordan, fourth discussed "Woman and Media" in Abu Dhabi - UAE, and the last was conducted in Kuwait taking the issue of "Woman and Economics".

The conference presented the following objectives:

- To build on the previous achievements.
- Use and approve strategic mechanisms that highlights women role in the Arabic Society in all aspects.
- To concentrate on the urgent high priority issues affecting the Arab Community generally and the Woman in it especially and to conduct a number of effective forums relating to the theme of this conference, "Arab Woman, New Vision".

The second day was dedicated to discuss the outcomes of the preparation committee's meeting and the Intellectual Forum which took place on the 2nd.

The conference was concluded by producing three main documents:

"From Summit to Summit" Report, "Strategies for Advancing of Arab Women" and "Amman Declaration".

The Yemeni delegation:

The Yemeni delegation was headed by Dr. Wahiba Fare'a Human Rights Minister. And the delegation consisted of 6 more members: Mrs Hooria Mashhoor deputy of the Women's National Committee, Mrs. Ramzia Aliriyani of Ministry of Foreign Affairs- Women Union, Dr. Aisha Mohammed Ali Mohammed consultant in Education Ministry, Mrs Maha Alburahi producer and presenter in channel-1 Yemeni TV, Miss Muna Alawi of the Human Rights Ministry and Nadia Alsakkaf of the Yemen Times.

In her speech, Dr. Fare'a thanked the organizing committee of the conference and especially HE Queen Rania of Jordan. She presented HE President Ali Abdulla Salih's regards to the organizers and attendees and congratulated the committee for its efforts and achievements.

She proceeded to talk about the Yemeni Woman's experience and the difficulties and achievements she has come across. Dr. Fare'a emphasized on the importance of combined work between all Arab nations in order to enhance and promote development in the Arab world, and she pointed out the importance of signing international agreements such as CEDAW, which relates to the elimination of discrimination against women, which Yemen had already signed and hence took a step forward in the advancing of the Women's situation in Yemen. Dr. Fare'a said that the revising of many of the laws lately has helped in avoiding many of the legal problems women were suffering, especially Nationality, Prison laws, and a few articles in the personal status law. Also she stated that woman's participation in most of the vital roles in the society has been concentrated on in Yemen, and that the Yemeni woman is on her way in achieving equity with her male partner, especially after the agreement on establishing the Arab Woman Organization by the Council of Ministers.

She highlighted the large number of female participation in the election registration currently taking place in Yemen. With this, following the promising examples of having 37 female members in the local councils and two members of parliament, a government minister, an ambassador and a number of under secretaries in different ministries and leaders.

In her final statements Dr. Fare'a said that we need an active stance and not just to conduct conferences if we were to

enhance the situation of women in all our countries. She pointed out that there are many unutilised resources available for our societies, and women being more than 50% in most of the Arab nations should not be ignored as productive agents.



Dr. Wahiba Fare'a representing Yemen in the conference

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Participants in the conference - "Arab Women, New Vision"



Intellectual Forum Discussing UNDP Human Development report

issues. About what she hopes from the conference, Dr. Wahiba Fare'a told the Yemen Times that she is optimistic about the outcomes of the conference, and that she as a representative of Yemen supports such initiatives. Dr. Fare'a told the Yemen Times that she met with all the delegations on bilateral basis and discussed issues that concern the Arab world and Yemeni woman especially. She said that in her meeting with Mrs. Randa Barri, wife of Lebanese speaker of parliament, there has been a tentative agreement to send a number of trainees in physiotherapy and handicapped treatment to Lebanon and benefit from the Lebanese experience in this field. She also met with the Jordanian Minister of Social Affairs and discussed topics of concern to the two countries.

Preparation committee meeting for the II conference:

The preparation committee of the conference chaired by Mrs. Laila Sharaf met one day before the conference so as to discuss the agenda and issues of the conference. There were three main themes discussed in the meeting: the "From Summit to Summit" report, "Strategies for Advancing of Arab Woman", and "Amman Declaration" project.

The meeting was attended by Dr. Farkhinda Hassan representing the first summit and general secretariate of the national council in Egypt, who talked about the founding of the Arab Women Summit idea and creation of an Arabian institution to follow and execute the recommendations and decisions of the summit.

The first theme "From Summit to Summit", conferred the results of the five intermediate forums. Revising the recommendations coming from the forums, the "Woman and Law" forum in Almanama- Bahrain April, 2001, recommended that personal status laws and regulations should be developed so as to protect women interests and rights, and removal of discrimination in the nationality and elections laws. And in the second forum "Woman and Politics" which took place in Tunisia, May 2001, recommendations were to increase woman representations in decision making positions and providing quotas for them in such fields. The third forum was regarding "Woman in Foreign Countries", Amman - Jordan in September-October 2001, recommended strengthening migrated women's relation with mother land, and building a complete information database about Arabs abroad and their details. Results of the fourth forum "Woman and Media" in Abu Dhabi - UAE, February 2002, stated that a correction of woman's image in the media should be done, and more focus should be given to the Arab Woman achievements and promoting positive role of the Arab woman. The last forum "Woman and Economics" conducted in Kuwait in April 2002, recommended enhancing women's role in education through reha-

bilitating them and abolishing illiteracy. It also stressed on true estimation and appreciation of woman's contribution in local production. And participation of the civil societies in the economic development especially that concerned with women.

The second theme: "Strategies for Advancing of Arab Woman" was based on several aspects:

- Education
- Health and environment.
- Media.
- Social spheres.
- Economic Spheres.
- Political Spheres and
- Legal Spheres.

The Arab Woman Organization which is currently under establishment is considered the key executing factor of these strategies.

The third theme being "Amman Declaration" and the "Concluding Statement" was a production of both the preparation committee meeting, and the recommendations from the Intellectual forum which took place on the sidelines of the conference. The declaration was submitted to a phrasing committee before it was authorized in the final sitting of the conference.

Amman Declaration concentrated on four points:

1. Current situation of the Arab woman and the instability of the political environment.
2. Condemning the Israeli occupation and highlighting the magnificent role which the Palestinian woman plays.
3. The civilized and humanitarian method of solving the conflicts and crises in the region comes only through abiding by the UN regulations and International Law with no bias or favoring.
4. The American Congress decision to approve Jerusalem as a capital for Israel is against the international laws and the UN regulations and is seen as an unaccepted breaching of human rights laws.

Recommendations

Of the recommendations which came in the Concluding Statement:

1. Approving the "From Summit to Summit" report.
2. Approving the "Strategies for Advancing of Arab Woman".
3. Stressing on the importance of funding women development programs.
4. Correcting the Arab woman image in the media.
5. Enhancing and developing legislations which are to protect women rights and assure their role in decision making positions.
6. Encourage and facilitate woman's representations in the parliaments.
7. Eradication of illiteracy and increasing awareness among women.
8. Creation of Fund for the Palestinian woman.
9. Calling on the UN and the Arab Social and Economic Development Fund to establish projects that aim to enhancing woman's situation and providing her with abilities to take role in the advancing of the society.

Intellectual Forum

and the UNDP Report

Prior to the conference and simultaneously with the preparation meeting, an intellectual forum was conducted to discuss the UNDP Arab development Report. This forum took place one day before the conference and was headed by Dr. Reema Khalaf. It was divided into three topics: Building Human Capabilities, Utilizing Human Capabilities and Liberating Human Capabilities.

Presentations in this forum were delivered by several specialists and activists in Human Resources and development. In the first section of the forum, Miss Nada Alnashif of UNDP whose presentation stressed on health, environment and education as three pillars which any human development must be based on. Dr. Klovis Maqsood Arab League representative at the United Nations also delivered a speech on this topic saying that this UNDP report could be considered as an alarm bell in the Arab society and we must pay attention to the subjects approached in the report.

The second topic; "Utilizing Human Capabilities" was discussed through a presentation by Dr. Ghieth Hamdi Freez of UNDP, who talked about the importance of research and development and continuous development of science. He commented that in the Arab world, unfortunately so far very less importance given to these issues. He ventured then discussing the meaning of Humanitarian poverty, a concept which is now followed in UN assessments of societies. And he presented a number of solutions regarding these issues.

In the third session, "Liberating Human Capabilities", Dr. Nadir Farajani preferred to call it Liberating Women", because he insisted that the essence of a free society is free women. He discussed Human freedom from four aspects: Political freedom, economic freedom, social freedom and security. Talking about drawbacks of the Arab society as a whole he condemned the Crises in Palestine and Iraq. And the situation of women in the Arab world in general, "slaved mothers can not bring free children" he commented.



Amal al-Aleem Alsusowa

Among the participants in the forum, Mrs. Amat al-Aleem Alsusowa Yemen's Ambassador to Holland and Belgium and post information minister was present. Miss Amal Albasha of the Arab Sisters Forum also attend the conference.

Mrs. Alsusowa participated with a statement in the forum in which she emphasized that knowledge of our deficiencies will not make a difference unless coupled with the will to change. She remarked that the report did not pay attention to the Arab nations individually but to the Arab society as a whole, which is a disadvantage if we were to analyze particularities of nations. She also pointed that in all the outcomes of the report, it seemed that the woman factor was always proved under developed. Taking the political situation in view, she encouraged a united stand where no internal conflicts should pose against humanitarian development, concluding that the Arab existence is actually threatened by not only external factors, but because of the holes within.

In an interview with the Yemen Times Mrs. Alsuswa welcomed the Arab Women Summit initiative and the institutional evolving of it. However, she accentuated that if these recommendations were not translated into action, then this conference and forum would be just another intellectual change of views gathering and they would not produce the results aimed at from it. When asked what she thought about this summit, she said mentioned that a good thing about it is that it discusses national issues which concern the local people. She was impressed by the large number of attendants and participants in this summit, and said that this is a good sign. "It is comforting to see so many women activist from all around the Arab world, this is a good sign", she told the Yemen



HE Queen Rania of Jordan, President of the Conference

Times.

Talking about her personal experience as an activist from Yemen and the first female ambassador she said that it was tough to become what she is now, and tougher than that to keep going on, but she remarked that when discussing these woman development issues she can speak from her personal experiences and not second hand information. That is to say that these topics present themselves in her everyday life concerns in the work place. "I know what it means when women are not given their fair chance to produce, but I want to comment that it's not just a woman's concern, because the society is not built on one gender without the other." She said.

The forum came out with many recommendations; which were presented as an input in the preparation committee meeting of the conference.

The recommendations were encapsulated in the three titles discussed in the forum:

"Slaved mothers cannot bring up free children."

Building capabilities:

* Reforming the educational system and expanding compulsory education to 10 years.

* Enhancing the quality of education and caring for the young talents.

* Concentrating on childhood and supporting children rehabilitation.

* Constructing and maintaining scheme which focus on health and environment

* Special catering to issue of minorities, especially children and women and guaranteeing a better social, economic and political environment for them.

* Creating an Arab Fund to support women activities and mini-scale projects.

* Stressing on the importance of Zakat (Islamic donations to the poor) in the social reforming.

Utilizing Capabilities:

* Importance of serious commitment from the decision makers.

* Encouraging scientific projects and investments.

* Spreading quality education and with highly advanced tools.

* Creating a technical and information system base and network for sustainable development.

* Activating economic growth in both private and public sectors and encouraging return of migrated capitals.

Liberating Capabilities:

* Expanding rights and freedom domains under the guidelines of laws and regulations.

* Honest and transparent representation of the public in the governments and parliaments.

* Demolishing all types of discrimination against women.

* Fighting the Israeli occupation in the Middle East.

* Allocating special quota for woman in the various sectors.

* Liberating media and providing access to information to all.

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Attack reaction

The US has the right to kill their enemies whenever they are and that the US has the right to defend itself," he said.

Concerning the silence of the government, Sheikh Mohammed al Qarda'ee said: "There is a confusion on the part of the Yemen's policy. They don't have a fixed policy whether external or internal, and this will lead to conducting further operations."

He also said, "If our government along with other governments have declared the war against terror hand in hand with the US, it is undoubtedly that these governments have been remiss of their sovereignty and independence," he said.

"The authority has given the green light to the US to conduct such an operation against Yemeni citizens and on the Yemeni lands," he further added.

Concerning the tribes' reactions in Marib, al-Qarda'ee said that he couldn't judge because the issue according to him is still unknown.

"Generally speaking, Yemenis are so furious of the penetrations whether against the Yemeni citizen or against the country. Taking revenge against innocent citizens accompanied al-Harethi by some tribesmen is perhaps true," he concluded.

Sheikh Mabkhoot Hathal's view

Mabkhoot Hathal however takes a stronger stance against the missile attack. He said that the tribes had no objections to hand Abu Ali over to the state if he was involved in any sabotage acts.

"The judiciary system has been created for every one, for Abu Ali and others," he said.

Concerning the tribes' protection to Abu Ali and the state's incapability to arrest him, Mabkhoot said that it is customary for tribes to protect any person who seek refuge with them.

"As a result of this, tribes will protect anybody in case he is content to hand himself over along with providing guarantees to a fair trial," he noted.

Tribal conventions play a vital role in this respect. A tribal community has the right to protect any body even if he is a Jew, said Mabkhoot, who is also a member of the local council.

"We have watched TV channels and reports of Abu Ali rooming around throughout the desert. He protected himself and not the tribes," he further highlighted.

Concerning the tribes' expectations of the US conducting further killings of al-Qaeda suspects, Mabkhoot said: "The way the six people were killed will turn against the state itself. The door that has been closed in front of Abu Ali will cause another to be opened," he said.

Tribes & weapons

Tribes and weapons are considered to be one of the greatest blessings that are endowed to tribesmen, Mabkhoot said. "We sometimes fall prey to some officials in the state, so we have to defend ourselves and dignity."

The weapon the tribesman carries resembles the brother of the soul," he commented.

The long-term tribal disputes have made tribes fight against each other and that is why the majority of the tribes have been maintaining their weapons.

It is true that the government has made every effort to put an end to the tribal clashes, to disunite the tribes' unity and to weaken its power, but this according to Mabkhoot, "that's a wrong policy".

As for the tribes and their links to the Saudi Arabia Mabkhoot said:

"People sometimes have attributed the tribe-Saudi relationships to the borderlines. But now relations have deepened and enhanced for the better," he said.

Despite of being a very prominent member at the local council, he and his tribal members choose not to engage in partisan politics. Tribal relations are stronger than the party, and the state's central support is weak.

American debate over

Meanwhile, the debate raged within the American CIA for years: Should the United States hunt down and kill its terrorist foes, or would Israeli-style "targeted killings" only invite retribution and feed an endless cycle of violence?

But it now appears the debate is over, and operations have begun. Even those who applauded the strike said that it is sure to inflame militants, including those belonging to the Al Qaeda network, and expose U.S. diplomats and other over-



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seas officials to possible retaliation.

The attack triggered outrage in some quarters of the Arab world and forced U.S. officials into the difficult position of defending a tactic it has criticized Israel for using.

But Bush administration officials made it clear that they see those risks and diplomatic discomforts as worth enduring when confronted with an opportunity to kill a high-ranking Al Qaeda figure linked to previous attacks and considered likely to be planning more.

In fact, U.S. officials and top Pentagon advisers said Tuesday that Al Qaeda should expect more of the same. Deputy Defense Secretary Paul Wolfowitz called the strike "a very successful tactical operation."

"We've got to keep the pressure on everywhere we're able to," he said on CNN.

"We've got to deny the sanctuaries everywhere we're able to, and we've got to put pressure on every government that is giving these people support to get out of that business."

The Nov. 3 attack was in keeping with the so-called Bush doctrine that, among other things, commits the nation to preemptive military strikes in the U.S.-declared war on terrorism. It was carried out by an unmanned CIA surveillance plane armed with laser-guided missiles. The Predator drones had been patrolling Yemen in recent months, tracking the movements of dozens of Al Qaeda figures who have been operating in the country's barren northern territory.

First hit outside Afghanistan
Until Nov. 3, U.S. strikes on suspected Al Qaeda members had been confined to the

war theatre in Afghanistan.

Elsewhere, the CIA's activities had appeared to consist mainly of assisting in raids and other operations conducted jointly with foreign intelligence services.

At the State Department, spokesman Richard Boucher refused to discuss the attack in Yemen and trod carefully around questions on whether U.S. involvement in the strike contradicts long-standing U.S. disapproval of so-called targeted killings. The State Department has repeatedly criticized Israel for using such tactics against Palestinians.

Asked whether the United States has altered its opinion, Boucher replied, "Our policy on targeted killings in the Israeli-Palestinian context has not changed."

He went on to say that the U.S. position reflects concern that such killings harm prospects for peace negotiations. Those reasons, he said, "do not necessarily apply in other circumstances." Israeli scholars rejected such distinctions and said the attack in Yemen is tantamount to a U.S. endorsement of the Israeli policy of pre-emptive attacks on militant foes.

The U.S. shift, the scholars said, shows that the Bush administration has rejected the long-held American view that refraining from violence offers at least some protection from retaliation. "Israel knows that it's going to be attacked no matter what it does," said Barry Rubin, head of the Global Research and International Affairs Centre.

"The U.S. situation has become more like the Israeli situation. It is the impact of September 11." Current and former intelligence officials said reprisals are possible, if not inevitable.

"Not everybody has been gung-ho about going out and doing this," said a former CIA official previously involved in high-level commissions. "It may be the right policy, but it's not going to be without consequences." Others, however, said September 11 showed that U.S. restraint earned it no protection from Al Qaeda and that the show of force in Yemen was long overdue.

"Maybe they'll try to do something else to us," another former senior CIA official said.

"The fact is, we've been getting shot at for the last 30 to 40 years. The weaker they think you are, the more they'll go after us." **Israeli style?**

The attack in Yemen prompted criticism from some in the Arab world. The London-based Arab newspaper Al Quds Al Arabi carried an editorial Tuesday condemning the attack.

"We believe the Americans are adopting the Israeli style of bombing - it is appalling," editor Abdebari Atwan wrote.

"This is not the work of a civilised democratic power but in the style of Osama bin Laden." Atwan predicted that the attack will antagonise Arabs and "will encourage membership (in) Al Qaeda."

But Yemen's president, Ali Abdullah Saleh, issued a statement Tuesday timed for

the start of Ramadan urging Al Qaeda members to "repent" and "renounce all means of violence." The official Yemeni news agency cited reports from local tribesman near the scene of the attack, about 150km east of Sanaa, confirming that Al Harthi was among those killed. Al Harthi had been under U.S. surveillance for months.

A onetime bodyguard to Bin Laden, he was believed to be Al Qaeda's operational leader in Yemen, where many Al Qaeda members have fled from war-torn Afghanistan.

Some former intelligence officials said the strike is certain to deliver a psychological blow to Al Qaeda, perhaps explaining why word of U.S. involvement in the attack leaked so quickly from the Bush White House on Monday.

"You want to take credit for this operation," said one former CIA official.

It sends a message that Al Qaeda "is not even safe in North Yemen. That's the back of the beyond. Al Qaeda owns that lawless border area, and I'm sure they've been wandering around there with impunity."

Others were sceptical that militants would be cowed even by an impressive display of U.S. weaponry. "I'm not sure you can frighten them," another former CIA operative said.

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The Social Fund for Development Achievements and Ambitions (PART 2 OF 2)

The Social Fund for Development (SFD) was established in 1997 by Law No. 10 as an administratively and financially autonomous agency governed by a board of directors chaired by the Prime Minister. The SFD aims to improve the living conditions of the poor by increasing access to basic services, supporting income-generating activities, and providing employment through labor-intensive projects. These goals are achieved through three main programs:

- Community development, covering interventions in areas such as basic education, primary health care, water resources, rural roads, environment, and cultural heritage.
- Capacity building, targeting partners of communities, non-governmental organizations, governmental agencies, local councils, consultants, and contractors.
- Development of small and micro-enterprises.

These programs are implemented by five projects' units: the Infrastructure Unit, Water and Environment Unit, Social Protection Unit, Training Unit, and Small and Micro-enterprise Development Unit.

SFD support for education

The SFD is strongly committed to supporting basic education, particularly in deprived and needy areas. Education holds a special position among Social Fund interventions, accounting for more than half of investment. Education efforts focus on:

- Increasing basic education enrollments in severely poor and needy areas by building and equipping schools.
- Encouraging and aiding communities in their efforts to solve education



problems and empowering parent councils.

- Giving the highest priority to female education.
- Easing overcrowding.
- Supporting illiteracy eradication activities.

SFD support for health

After education and water, the health sector is the third largest recipient of SFD investments. The Social Fund's health interventions:

- Establish and expand primary care in the most poverty-stricken areas.
- Train health care workers in rural areas and build the capacity of health institutes in various governorates. Interventions focus on improving health education and expanding health institutes.
- Ensure an adequate supply of female health care workers in rural areas, because the presence of female health professionals enables women to benefit more fully from health services. The Social Fund supports training to increase the number of female health workers, nurse midwives, and traditional birth attendants. It also encourages health institutes to accept more female trainees by providing socially appropriate housing.
- Contribute to health sector reform by fostering the participation of local communities in the management and

provision of health services.

- Support national-level efforts such as programs for reproductive health, school health, AIDS eradication, and malaria eradication.
- Encourage the use of preventive services.

SFD support for water

The Social Fund's water interventions:

- Focus on appropriate technologies, such as rainwater harvesting and gravity-fed systems to lower costs for communities operating and maintaining mechanical devices such as pumps and to ensure sustainability.
- Provide institutional and technical training to projects geared toward ensuring sustainable water supplies. This support focuses on the operations and maintenance of these projects and on providing health and environmental awareness education to beneficiary communities. The SFD also ensures effective project follow-up, drawing on its extensive cadre of experienced consultants and on community participation in solving sustainability problems.

SFD support for civil society

SFD activities in the civil society sector focus on building the capacity of NGOs and on enhancing the activities of government agencies that support these



organizations.

SFD support for groups with special needs

Since its inception SFD interventions for groups with special needs have included support for:

- 26 projects for the disabled.
- A project that transferred juvenile delinquents from the central prison to a social welfare house.
- Three centers for social care of juvenile delinquents.
- Nine orphanages – seven new ones and two that were restored.
- Two infirmaries for the elderly.
- Two hospitals for psychologically disturbed patients.
- Six projects to improve the situation in prisons by building and equipping educational, health and environmental facilities focused on the needs of female prisoners.
- A project to support a center for street children – the first of its kind in Yemen.

Integrating women into the development process

SFD follows an approach aimed at ensuring the optimal benefits of participation by both male and female members of society in selecting, designing, and implementing development projects financed by the SFD. At the same time, the SFD respects the culture and traditions of the Yemeni society. To achieve its objective of integrating women into the development process, the SFD applies the following policies:

- Raising social awareness of the importance of women's participation in the development process by holding meetings and conducting discussions with local communities.
- Developing and applying mechanisms to involve rural women in identifying their needs and priorities.
- Encouraging women to nominate themselves to community development committees.
- Continuing to give priority to projects serving women and girls.
- Involving women in field study teams to facilitate reaching and communicating with rural women and recognizing their needs and problems.

Encouraging Community Participation

Among the SFD's top priorities is increasing community participation at all stages of the project cycle, including definition, development, implementation, activation, operations, and maintenance (box). Several steps have been taken to ensure the participation of targeted beneficiaries in local communities. Community participation special-

Phases of community participation

Project identification phase: prioritize community needs in targeted areas.

Project planning phase: determine of project components, location, and financial, including financial or in-kind contribution of the community.

Implementation phase: community participates in project management through committees such as a water users committee, a health committee, or a parents council, members of which are elected directly by local recipients to manage the services to be presented and improved according to need.

To promote community participation, the SFD has taken the following steps:

- Employed a group of specialists in community participation, most of them women.
- Trained project officers in communication skills such as dialogue and persuasion and in participatory reality studies.
- Qualified consultants in the same field.
- Made preliminary field visits aimed at targeting regions for interventions and fostering community participation in determining their priority needs.
- Made secondary field visits in which project planning and its location and formation of local project committees takes place.

ists of both genders arrange discussions with beneficiaries to determine their interests and priorities and to help solve their problems.

The SFD has also worked to increase the communication and participatory appraisal skills of project officers and advisers. In addition the Social Fund has used direct contacts with beneficiary communities to implement rainwater harvesting projects – an approach that will also be used for rural road projects and a special program for education. Four training programs have been carried out for participatory rapid appraisal and mobilization of health units with community participation.

Investment Commitments and Disbursements

The SFD's project implementation schedule sought to conclude 715 project agreements in 2001, including both branch office and headquarter activities. By the end of the year, 774 projects were at various stages of implementation – exceeding by nearly 10 percent the target for the year. Investment commitments totaled \$56.2 million – almost twice as much as in 2000. Meanwhile, disbursements increased by nearly two-thirds, to \$32.5 million.

Water

In 2001 the SFD signed contracts to provide about \$10 million in financing for 197 water projects. Since its inception the Social Fund has provided \$23.2 million to 393 water projects – with 304 focused on rainwater harvesting, 79 on mechanized supply systems, and 10 on building managerial capacity for such projects.

Group with special needs

For 2001 it was projected that the Social Protection Unit would contract 16 projects for groups with special needs, at an estimated cost of \$635,500. But, reflecting the appointment of additional female project officers to most SFD branches, 34 projects worth more than \$2.0 million were under way by the end of 2001.

Most projects involved public social care centers and NGOs that work with special needs groups, building their institutional and training capacity and strengthening their infrastructure to better serve targeted groups. Interventions

covered a diverse range of training and service provision activities including: training in management, accounting and communication skills, supporting social integration initiatives, special education for the blind and deaf, support of rehabilitation for integration, provision of basic services to special needs groups such as education, vocational training and physiotherapy. Other interventions include improving living conditions at social care centers, and improving conditions for female prisoners and for residents in homes for the elderly. In addition, some establishments and associations were equipped with administrative facilities, enabling them to improve their performance.

Train Unit

In 2001 the SFD's Training Unit engaged in 60 projects that provided a wide range of training and organizational support to improve project performance and implementation.

Outline of the SFD action plan for phase 3 (2004-2008)

SFD Objectives and Strategy

Taking into consideration the evolving role of the SFD, it has to be underlined that it has already been a major change agent in Yemen in alleviating poverty by applying a community driven approach that was developed and fine-tuned gradually during phases 1 and 2 through a learning by doing process. To fulfill its role as major actor of the Social Safety Net and main participant in the implementation of the Poverty Reduction Strategy, SFD will apply a multi-pronged strategy to improve the living conditions of the poor. This strategy encompasses:

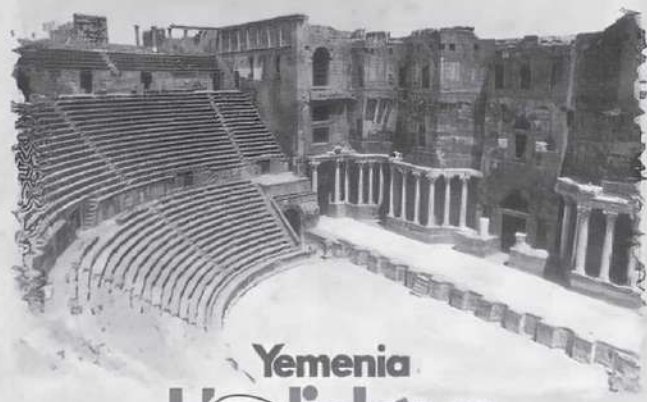
- Raising human resource development in the framework of social and economic development'
- Fostering cooperation with government institutions active in the social field;
- Supporting local councils by enhancing their capacity in planning and executing community-driven projects;
- Empowering of people in society that are subject to poverty and unemployment.
- Gender mainstreaming to involve women as much as possible in SFD activities.

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"We've seen the reports," spokesman Richard Boucher said. "I suppose we may hear more from the Yemeni authorities. We don't have enough information to determine whether this name is a particular American or not, AFP reported.

Yemeni sources told AFP that the six killed were "dangerous elements" of Osama bin Laden's Al-Qaeda terror network wanted for "involvement in terrorist acts that harmed the national interests of Yemen."

Meanwhile, Amnesty International has written to US President George Bush to express its deep concern over the Nov. 3 American attack killing six Yemeni.

Amnesty International has also writ-

ten to the President of Yemen asking whether there had been attempts by the Yemeni authorities to arrest these persons, and urging them to provide clarification about the cooperation and possible knowledge of the Yemeni government in this incident.

"If this was the deliberate killing of suspects in lieu of arrest in circumstances in which they did not pose an immediate threat the killings would be extra-judicial executions, in violation of international human rights law," Amnesty International said in a Nov. 8 press release.

"The United States should issue a clear and unequivocal statement that it will not sanction extra-judicial execu-

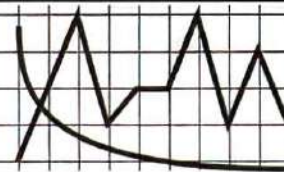
tions in any circumstances and that any US officials found to be involved in such actions will be brought to justice," the organization added.

Amnesty International urges the US government to provide full clarification of the role played by US personnel in the death of the six men.

Those killed include an alleged leading member of al-Qaeda Salim Sinyan al-Harethi.

Amnesty International say it recognizes the obligation of the US to protect its nationals. Nevertheless, any measure taken must be in accordance with US commitments under international human rights law, even in times of national emergency, it said.

YT Business



New council formed

Motivating the private sector for investment

BY MAHYOUB AL-KAMALI
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The private sector's main shortcomings have been, until recently, confined to the idea that it could not take the initiative to lead the free market and contribute effectively in investment operations and development.

It has also been criticized for not playing new roles which the state has abandoned in favor of this sector after it has adopted economic reforms.

The private sector, with all its organizations consisting of companies and establishments and financial and banking sectors, stayed clear from the policy of changing to a market economy because of the weakness of the systems.

These situations have given the public an impression that the private sector needs activation and support to be able to face challenges of its tasks.

New program

A group of Yemeni businessmen and investors have comprehended the suffering of the private sector, especially its absence from the economic effort, and have established a Yemeni council for businessmen and investors.

The council's program has pointed out the following points:

- The private sector and its organizations must understand the economic situation.
- Political and economic developments and changes that took place in Yemen, dictated certain tasks on the private sector. The state has pulled out from the policy of protection and subsidy to the free

market, competition and liberalization of prices. The private sector in a position where it has to shoulder big responsibilities. Thus the need has appeared for the establishment of an entity representing the private sector within new ideas capable of playing effective part in regional and international activities.

With expansion of business activity area, the Yemeni business sector became active in all economic, social and services activities. Economic globalization imposes on the private sector finding effective tools for coping with these changes. Hence, the founders of the Yemeni council for businessmen and investors have realized these changes impose an urgent need for establishing this council to achieve the goals set for in its program.

Economic activities

The council represents all economic activities practiced by Yemeni businessmen and investors. The council's main goals are:

- It aims at developing and expanding the private sector in development areas in integration with institutions of the state.
- It provides an appropriate investment climate.
- It aims for better guarantees for investments and freedom of capital.
- It defends the rights of the council's members.
- It upgrades the level of performance by businessmen, capitalists and investors.
- It works for creating ties and

strengthen contacts with similar Arab and international organizations.

Mechanisms for achieving goals

The council has set up a number of mechanisms for realizing its objectives. Among these are:

- preparation of studies on general and special situations and their reflections on businessmen,
- periodical preparation of memorandums and working papers giving prominence to businessmen viewpoints on political and development policies,
- offering technical advice aimed at developing programs for training members of the council,
- contribution to studying the establishment of new companies and institutions,
- cooperation with local and international parties for founding a centre for businesses development in cooperation with regional and international funds concerned with funding and growth of private sector activities,
- organizing local and abroad courses and symposiums related to private sectors matters, and
- building an information base for businessmen and investors.

Serving the community

The Yemeni Council for Businessmen and Investors message is summed up with providing proper climate enabling the private sector to play its role in harmony and integration, and urging its members to carry out economic and social tasks and serving its members for supporting the private sector for backing Yemen's economy.

The council sees serving Yemen's economy through implementation of several strategies:

One is to develop and activate the role of the businesses and investment sector in achieving economic development and serving various business sectors.

There must be a contribution to administrative development of businesses and investment sector institutions and creating more job opportunities for the unemployed.

Another strategy is the enhancement of Arab and foreign investors confidence in investment in Yemen.

The other strategy is the creation of cooperation areas and economic integration with sectors and organizations in sisterly and friendly countries, such as joint protocols on cooperation and

establishment of joint councils for the exchange of information and expertise.

The strategy concerned with developing capabilities of companies to raise rates of exports and activation of torts council in addition to supporting the government measure for joining the World Trade Organization.

The sixth strategy is to give prominence to role of the sector of businesses and investment in economic and social development before all government sectors and local and foreign organizations.

From this program it is obvious that the Yemeni Council for Businesses and Investors would prop up the role of the private sector in the ongoing local, regional and international changes.

To streamline services

IMF offering new product

BY YEMEN TIMES STAFF

I-Flex Solutions, a leading global provider of integrated IT solutions for the financial services industry, announced last week that the International Monetary Fund has selected I-Flex's flagship product, known as Flexcube, to replace its legacy core banking application and operations infrastructure to address growing technology needs.

A press release issued by the company said Flexcube will enable the IMF to streamline operations in the areas of lending, deposits, financial accounting and business intelligence. It added that the IMF has completed the fit-gap analysis and is starting implementation with a target date of May 2003.

"This will help the IMF deliver an unparalleled standard of service and offer its 184 member countries easy access to all relevant financial information," said R. Ravisankar, CEO, International Operations and Technology.

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The Road Ahead

Revealing the risks

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In good times, it is easy to ignore minor faults and problems that occur inside a business, as long as markets are growing and profits are up. Unbounded optimism makes managers and decision-makers unable to foresee possible risks, and later end up silencing any signs of bad news. Sometimes the bad news lies in hidden internal risks that increase along with profits and growth.

Taking risk is an integral part of any business strategy, but understanding the pros and cons of the strategy can help control and prevent unhealthy levels of preventable internal risks which are responsible for many business failures.

Internal risks lie in more than financial risks. Organizational and operational risks may also be just as critical. Managers should initiate actions regarding possible future crises, and take reasonable measures to avoid them. Some of these can come from growth, culture and information management.

The main risks associated with a rapidly-growing business comes from the aggressive can-do environment created as a result of the rapid growth. It results in management executives raising goals and expectations of their employees. Accordingly, employees may feel extreme pressures in order to reach their goals at all costs, even if that means overstepping ethical boundaries and company policies, or gambling with business assets and reputations, all in order to enhance their short-term performance.

In addition to that, further expansions in business operations can lead to overloading the business production capacity. The result is sacrifices in quality, delay in order delivery, and a public relations disaster. To avoid this, managers should make proper plans and allocate resources in a way that keeps control over expanding operations.

Risks may also occur due to the organizational culture. Business executives, as they get ahead in their careers develop a resistance to bad news. They want to be surrounded with people who share their pride in business and exude confidence about reaching high performance goals. This results in a gap between these executives, reality, and changes that take place, especially if it is in a "the boss knows best" culture.

Internal information management is critical for minimizing risks. Employees should know about corporate strategies. Managers should also engage in conversations about strategies and strategic uncertainties with their employees.

Such engagements can raise important questions about customers, technology, competitors, markets, or anything that can change the company's way of doing business. These conversations can also enhance and support cooperation and coordination between different departments and branches. And hence, that ensures the best use of share information.

Endnote: The last thing business executives want to hear is: Watch out- risk looms! Internal risks if not controlled can be the reasons behind business failure.

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Words of Wisdom



I am dead worried about how well we qualify our children to interact positively with the rest of the world. It is crucial that we raise children who will feel comfortable in interacting with the world, and who will have a good chance in doing well in the future. That is not happening, given the kind of culture and education we give our kids.

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OUR OPINION

A moment of truth for our national sovereignty

Many Yemenis have spoken out that Yemen's sovereignty was undermined by the US strike of Nov. 3 killing six Yemenis in a car near Marib.

Indeed, we launched a small survey asking average Yemeni citizens if they thought that our sovereignty was affected by this action, and most respondents replied that our country's sovereignty was undermined, regardless if the Yemeni government agreed or did not agree on this action.

What is even more pathetic in my opinion is the way the Yemeni government has dealt with this issue. Even though there seems to have been coordination between the US and Yemen in the attack, it also seems that there has been no coordination between them in terms of how to deal with the aftermath of the incident.

The Yemeni government continued to insist for some time that the most probable result of the explosion were the explosives within the car. However, the US confession that the attack was preplanned and implemented by the CIA with the knowledge of the Yemeni government has put the Yemeni government in a difficult situation.

People have once again remembered the stories of the USS Cole. The Yemeni government said it was an internal explosion, then it turned to be otherwise. The government said that an electrical shock was the result of the bomb at the UK embassy after the USS Cole. Then came the Limburg case, when our government jumped to a conclusion that it may have been a gas problem, and it proved otherwise.

Today, we see that the Yemeni government was put again in the corner. More than four different US sources say that Nov. 3 was a CIA attack and it was confirmed by even more sources. Just today, I was browsing the Internet for more news and I found the Pentagon officials saying that this act was normal and it serves the war against terrorism.

What will the government say? Is the US lying about it? Is this a conspiracy? Why doesn't the government just say the truth, which will be known sooner or later? I guess the government fears public reaction.

I want to comfort the government that there would be no public reaction. People - as can be concluded from the survey in this issue - are in such desperate economic hardships that they can barely raise an objection. They want to get on with their daily lives regardless of what happens. They have other priorities to deal with, especially in the holy month of Ramadan, when Yemenis tend to have a time to relax and sleep until noon.

In my opinion, Yemenis should not worry too much about their sovereignty and national pride simply because all the Arab world is lacking complete sovereignty because of the Israeli occupation and the US influence. We have become weak, defenseless, and unable to react to any sovereignty violation.

Why should the government try to hide those facts any more? We all know they are true. And continuing to hide them will only damage the trust of Yemenis in their government further. Our government must have a moment of truth for our national sovereignty. We already know that it was undermined, and there's nothing more to hide.

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In response

Why hate Americans?

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I would like to respond to the opinion of Allyn Cee published in Issue 44 of Yemen Times entitled "Responding to: 'Has U.S. learned a lesson?'"

First of all, let me introduce myself. I am a British middle-aged nurse who has no family connections with the Arab world, except that as an aid worker I became a privileged witness to suffering of Arab people.

You inadvertently answer the question "Why do Arabs hate us (Americans)" in your first paragraph when you say that Americans don't really care why this is so. Unless you see a two-way relationship between America and the Middle East we will not achieve peace for the West or Arabs.

My reply was "Exactly!"

When were the Middle East consulted on who is to rule America or European countries? Whether we like democratically-elected leaders in another country is surely not an issue for us. But the Arab countries still have a right to a democratic process, unhindered by paranoid American and Western policies. If we start to treat Arabs like the intelligent adults that they are rather than treating them as incompetent we will start to get somewhere.

'You conveniently forget that we supplied Saddam with weapons including gas; when it suited us to do so the West encouraged him into war with Iran.'

I would like to answer your questions relating to Palestine and Palestinian people. I don't know whether you have had chance to witness at first hand Israeli occupation. I have, twice, once when I worked in South Lebanon and once in West Bank.

What I saw surprised me greatly because it was not what I expected to see and shocked me to the core: ordinary, innocent Arabs killed, tortured, dispossessed, living in a state of perpetual insecurity as attempts were made by the illegal Israeli occupiers to drive Arabs from their rightful land.

Look at the settlements in West

Bank and they tell a story without words. The settlement of Gilo which faces Bethlehem and Beit Jala looks to me to be in perfect condition. The condition of the houses of Arabs facing that settlement are totally bombarded, windows broken, extensively damaged by gunfire from the direction of settlements to the extent that they are totally uninhabitable.

Negotiated for independence

Remember, Palestinian Arabs under occupation tried to negotiate for independence with Israel from 1967 to 1988 with very little violence and were rebuffed by the West and got nowhere. It was in desperation that they began their first Intifada.

They have been rebuffed and misrepresented in their serious participation in the peace process and America has not been an honest broker. The Palestinian response, and some tactics I disagree with totally, follows a long vicious military occupation and it is not unprovoked aggression, and to find a solution we must view the Palestinian/Israeli conflict in that context.

If you want to check that this is so I would be more than willing to take you on a trip to West Bank to see for yourself. You can meet ordinary Arabs who are not fanatics, some of them Christians, some Muslims, who are at their wits end as they are gradually pushed into smaller and smaller areas in the West Bank, deprived of all that is rightfully theirs including their human dignity.

Nobody steps in

Nobody in the world, either Arab nor other country, steps in to stop it happening simply because they are frightened of offending America, Israel's powerful friend.

You conveniently forget that we supplied Saddam Hussein with weapons including gas when it suited us to do so; the West encouraged him into war with Iran. And incidentally, just a point relating to Kuwait, some believe there's evidence that April Gillespie the American representative was consulted by Saddam Hussein before he illegally invaded Kuwait and was given a go-ahead. He walked into an American-set trap.

This adds a different dimension into America's reasons for wanting to attack Iraq now. It also demonstrates how we in the West may at times be misled by our governments and our media.

You are assuming the war (and I agree it is war) between the Middle East and the West is driven by religious fanaticism. You are wrong. However I think that both Muslims and the West abuse Islam by using it as a reason for the conflict.

The reason is not ideology, but simply because we in the West are trying to grab all that rightfully belongs to Arabs, including their land, water and oil, without considering their human rights, property rights and security rights. You assume that killing by terror tactics somehow is worse or more cowardly than killing by our high tech weapons. You are naive. As an aid worker who has worked in war zones, there is no more or less pleasant way

of being killed in conflict - both are dreadful and inexcusable, and in both instances the leaders sit in relative security whilst the ordinary militants/soldiers and civilians are killed.

What I ask is that you look at your own attitudes. Racism against Arabs unfortunately is rife in USA and you are a product of your own culture. What a pity. Arabs are just as nice as other people in the world and you are missing out on their friendship. What did you expect to happen by sending an anti-Arab racist letter to a newspaper in an Arab country? Did you expect that they would all read it and say "Now I know where I am going

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wrong" and then lie down and allow your country to dominate them?

Of course they won't. You are fuelling the misunderstanding between cultures by making us in the West appear racist and intolerant, whereas many of us (including Americans) are supportive of Arab rights. You are causing us to be essentialized just as you are essentializing Arabic people. You are causing conflict, not diffusing it.

You are assuming that if Communism had won the Cold War, the world would be a lesser place and thus we have all been "saved" by America. This is conjecture and comes from a distorted world view; we simply don't know if this would be so, as those in the Communist countries were led to fear us in the West and vice versa.

You are expressing a fear based on potent imagery which now can not be proved one way or another. What we do know is that we are heading into a very dangerous world now as America confronts the Islamic world and misrepresents the Arab with images of irrationality and aggression in order to try to win the propaganda war.

Let's hope for peace mad leaders

Let us hope that at some point in the future we will all have leaders who are peace mad. Then maybe we can make progress and start to appreciate each other for what we are and learn from each other how to live our lives better. Learning between cultures is a two way process and not as you assume, a one way street. This is something which I am privileged and grateful to have found out for myself.

COMMON SENSE



By Hassan Al-Haifi

We need security

As much as Yemen was backward and deprived of many of the amenities of life, many of us cannot fail to forget that up to the 1980s and even the early 1990s, for all intents and purposes Yemen was perhaps one of the most secure countries in the world. There was hardly any news to be heard about such things as robberies, killings and other violent social disturbances, most of which would have raised great outcries among the population. One can even recall that in the prosperous 1970s, people were seen riding or walking around with sacks of money behind their backs (and the Riyal then was worth 22 Cents) without armed escort, let alone without even bearing arms. But now, the stories of pickpockets and even armed robberies are readily exchanged between people as if they have become the norm of society.

On the other hand, intertribal disturbances, disputes over land and many other violent disruptions of the peace have become prevalent, not only in the rural countryside, but even in the hearts of the cities. One wonders why so much money is paid to tribal chiefs by the Government, while they have failed to bring calm to their respective domains and have found comfort in building luxurious palaces in the capital city, while they insist that without them there can be no peace in the country. Most people are beginning to wonder if there is an obvious waste of public funds, if these Sheikhs cannot insure the pacification of their domains.

Disturbing atmosphere

At the worst situation, one would hope that these tribal chiefs could keep tribal feuds out of the cities, since traditionally cities are considered as peaceful enclaves and tribal conflicts should never be allowed to enter into the cities, especially the City of Sana'a. But, these days, especially in the periphery surrounding the city, one has become accustomed to hearing the sound of rattling Kalashnikovs and even heavier military arsenal breaking the peace of the night. It is hard to imagine any environment conducive to progress and economic growth in such a disturbing atmosphere.

As for disputes over land, very seldom does one ever hear of such disputes ever taking on violent manifestations, in most of the countries of the world. Even if there are disputes over property rights, in these places, they are often easily dealt with by civil litigation and clearly defined mechanisms for assessing legitimate ownership. In Yemen, however, despite the existence of land disputes for decades now, especially with the uncontrolled urbanization that has plagued the country, we have failed to come out with an effective property registration system, which will put the government behind the legitimate owners and send any unlawful claimants back where they originated. If property rights cannot be secured well, then it is difficult to envision any investors, whether they are Yemenis or foreigners willing to risk their capital in projects that are to be constructed on land subject to litigation, let alone having to face armed takeovers by claimants, who probably have never seen the land, let alone owned it.

Shocks to Yemen

The observer is quick to understand that Yemen has witnessed several traumatic shocks that have erupted, especially over the last decade. However, one cannot fail to note that many of these shocks are not just due to external circumstances, but go back to the absence of clear policy guidelines on dealing with the most minor of issues, most of which have little or no connection with such external circumstances. Furthermore, one should bear in mind that we cannot separate ourselves from events in the world, especially since the Yemeni people have opted to abandon their former tight isolation and join the international community of nations.

There is no reason why it should be difficult for Yemen to find the peaceful atmosphere that will promote the adherence to law and order and the respect for the rights of citizens to sleep at night without having to be aroused by the loud outbursts of gunfire here and there. Only if the government concentrates on resolving the security situation in the country will it be able to provide the right setting for the ample promise that the future can hold for the country. Given the many encouraging economic, social and cultural factors that lend weight to this promise, one would expect that the Government would address the issue of security and adherence to law and order by all the elements of the society as the first priority of sound government. Otherwise its quest to find the conducive setting for

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Recent terror crises show need to . . .

Deal with the roots of conflict

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It is relatively easy for an Arab writer, safely ensconced in his office in Jeddah or Beirut, to criticize the Chechens for abducting civilians and putting their lives in danger - as they did in Moscow recently - even if it was for the noble cause of putting an end to the savage war Russia has been waging in Chechnya. He can say, quite truthfully, that terrorism benefits no one, and even accuse the Chechens of agreeing to become pawns in a conspiracy calculated to undermine the "spirited" Russian opposition to a US attack on Iraq.

Yet if our fictional writer were living amid the squalor and destruction of Grozny, fearing for his life every minute of the day and night, he would undoubtedly say something different.

Simple
It is also simple for Human Rights Watch to classify Palestinian suicide attacks against Israeli soldiers and civilians as crimes against humanity. In fact, increasing numbers of Arabs and Muslims also wish such attacks would cease, and share HRW's opinion that they target the innocent.

Yet these opinions would be different had all these people had the experience of returning from the Gaza cemetery after burying three children, a woman, and an elderly man, some of whom bled to death the previous night after an Israeli soldier (just arrived from Brooklyn or Ukraine) prevented them from being taken to hospital. The injustices visited upon the Chechens and the Palestinians are enough to

drive them insane. These two peoples have not only been suffering from occupation and oppression, but also from the indifference of the international community. Worse, they are sometimes treated as if they are the criminals.

I am certain that Chechens don't enjoy kidnapping people in a theater that is supposed to be a place where people enjoy themselves, rather than be shot and gassed to death. Similarly, Palestinians don't want to kill Israelis savoring a pizza on a night out - even if the pizza parlor in question was built on land stolen from them - had the horrific injustices visited upon them not robbed them of their ability to distinguish right from wrong.

If the Palestinians and Chechens had just a little bit of hope left, they would not have found refuge in extremism.

This is not an attempt to condone acts of terrorism that do not agree with man's ability to rise above injustice; it is rather a description of a reality that cannot be changed unless the Palestinians and Chechens are given hope that there is another way out.

Crimes condoned

The crimes of occupation and oppression are condoned by those who support them (like the United States), and those who actively practice them (like Israel and Russia). Russian President Vladimir Putin tried to portray himself to his people as the victor of the theater massacre. Yet he cannot guarantee that similar massacres will not take place so long as there are angry and desperate Chechens for whom life and death have come to mean the same thing.

The American official who told a Russian newspaper that the theater kidnapping was a "well-planned operation designed to sow confusion" and linked it to the attacks in Bali and Yemen did not reassure ordinary Russians with these naive assertions. In fact, at the time, the official in question did not even know the identity of the kidnapers.

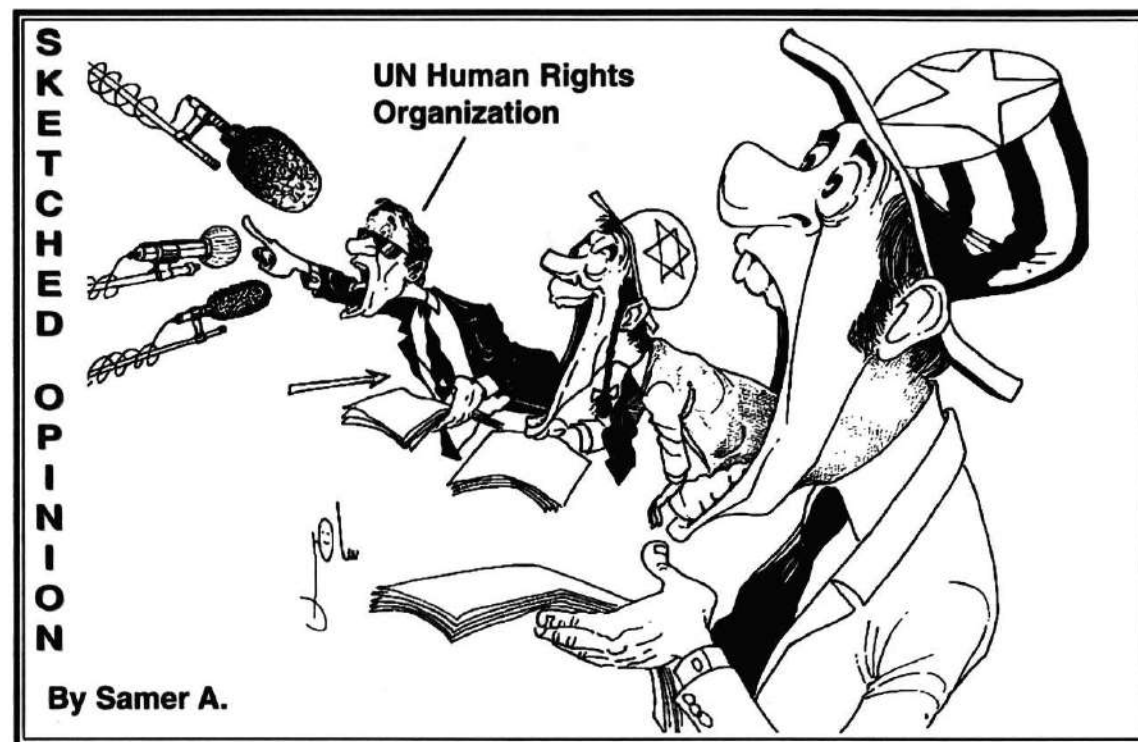
Nor were those Arab commentators who spoke of a conspiracy to undermine Russia's "brave" position vis-à-vis Iraq any smarter than the American official. All, it seems, were prepared to exploit the Chechens' misery for their own purposes.

Address root of terror

The Chechens have enough suffering, misery and injustice of their own. They don't have time to think of Al-Qaeda, Iraq, or anything else. The fact that they launched such a major operation in the center of Moscow was a message to the world that no "war on terror" will ever succeed anywhere if the root causes of terror are not addressed.

The Americans must admit that the policy of double standards they employ in dealing with the world's Muslims has resulted in intractable problems. Whereas problems such as those of East Timor and Sri Lanka have been solved or are on their way to a solution, only conflicts involving Muslims seem intractable.

Why should conflicts involving Muslims remain the only ones beyond solution? The use by the Americans of theatrical terms such as "no negotiations with terrorists" and "we shall not reward terrorism" is only designed to encourage and excuse occupation and



oppression. Had the British heeded this American counsel, they would still be fighting a terrorist war in Northern Ireland.

New ways of fighting

Those languishing under occupation, oppression and violence won't stop fighting just because they have their backs to the wall. On the contrary, they will find new and innovative ways to express their anger and to exercise their right to resist. Some of these ways might violate the laws promulgated by the victors and the so-called "civilized" world. Yet it is superfluous of a writer sitting safely in Jeddah or New York, assured of the safety of himself and his family, to tell the Chechens how they should fight their war. The Chechens, surveying their burned-out country and seeing the Russian Army - driven no doubt by revenge - indiscriminately bomb it to oblivion undoubtedly have other ideas.

Remember Stalin

The Chechens could not have forgotten how Stalin ordered them all to be deported to Siberia in 1944, and how hundreds of thousands of their people well killed. The proud and

independent Chechen people could not but remember all this when they considered how to respond to the Russians who, having secured a green light from the Americans post-Sept. 11, proceeded to teach their wayward Muslim subjects a lesson. The Americans, by the way, gave similar green lights to Israel's Ariel Sharon and to India's Atal Bihari Vajpayee to deal with "their" respective Muslims.

The US never even tried to implement international law and UN resolutions in Palestine and Kashmir. The only thing Washington did was try to contain both crises in the hope that the Israeli and Indian armies might succeed in breaking the will of the Palestinians and Kashmiris. Only then would the US intervene to impose solutions favored by its clients on the two vanquished peoples.

Russia is a great power, and consequently, the US has never intervened directly in the Chechen question since the war in Chechnya broke out with a vicious Russian offensive in 1994, two years after the Chechens - in a free and democratic referendum - chose independence.

West reacted slowly

As it did during the Bosnia and Kosovo wars, the West reacted slowly to the atrocities then taking place in Chechnya. Despite the fact that human rights organizations recorded numerous Russian violations in Chechnya, the West only protested meekly from afar. Post-Sept. 11, even these protests faded. The tragedy of Chechnya will not end anytime soon, and neither will the terrorism that has become the way the weak respond to state terrorism. Putin will seek to exploit international condemnation of the Moscow theater siege to contain and degrade what he calls "Chechen terror," most probably adding the title "Islamic" as President George W. Bush did after Sept. 11.

The US is unlikely to do anything to stop Russian intervention in Chechnya, since it has not regained its own composure after Sept. 11. Yet it is odd that the Europeans are doing nothing, especially since Chechnya is in their own backyard.

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Family Planning

Family planning is considered to be one of the preventive methods of maternal and infant deaths in addition to being a direct method for regulating fertility levels and thereby enhancing the welfare of families and wider society. There is evidently a co-relation between the downward trend in the level of desired fertility and the increase in demand for family planning services. About 56% of married women of reproductive age have expressed a need for contraceptives, either to space or limit pregnancy. Despite this increased total demand for contraceptives, the actual supply (contraception prevalence rate) does not exceed 21%, of which 10% use modern methods and the rest rely on traditional methods with a remarkable prevalence of breast-feeding (80%).

Consequently, the unmet need for contraceptives is as high as 35%, an issue, which requires an extensive effort to extend the coverage of reproductive health/family planning services. There is a significant difference between rural and urban areas in the use of contraceptives. The use level in rural areas is 16% compared to 36% in urban areas, this calls for more attention to be directed at rural areas. As regard reason for not using contraceptives, statistics indicate that 20% of women reject them for fear of side effects or due to other health considerations. However, this percentage may be reduced by increased awareness-raising, improving the quality of the service and expanding the choices of the contraceptives provided. It was also found that 17% do not use contraception for religious reasons and 9.3% refrain because of family/husband objections. It is evident from figure 7 that 37% of the total need for family planning services



es is met and 64% not. Therefore, to meet the present and future demand, more human resources and contraceptives are to be made available.

The environment

In Yemen, the environment is undergoing significant deterioration in various aspects as a result of increased economic and social activities, which do not take environmental conditions into account. Besides, the persistent increase in the rise in population places an increased burden on already limited natural resources.

The most obvious environment challenges are: waste disposal in all its solid and liquid forms, scarcity of water, soil erosion and desertification, in addition to the extinction of species of wild animals and the disappearance of various types of plants.

Water Resources

Water resources represent a strategic dimension, which has a direct bearing on the economic and social development of the country. Yemen is characterized by scarcity and depletion of its water resources. Moreover, the recovery of depleted water is limited since replenishment of underground water depends on rainwater. Yemen is considered to be one of the poorest countries in terms of water availability compared to the interna-

tional standard, which sets the water poverty line at 1000 cubic meters per person per annum. In the year 2000, however, the water resources per capita in Yemen went below 138 cubic meters i.e. 13.8% of the minimum per capita water requirements.

The statistics relating to annually recoverable water amount to 1.5 billion cubic meters of surface water, about a billion c.m. of underground water and 28.5 million c.m. of treated water, while consumed quantities of water amount to about 3.4 billion c.m. per annum. Therefore, there is an annual deficit of 872 million cubic meters in the water balance.

In view of the above figures, the scale of the water problem in Yemen is clearly exacerbated: the water shortage faced in Taiz recently and now in the city Sana'a stands in evidence. The problem has been experienced on a wide scale and its severity has become apparent not only in urban but also in rural areas where the level of available surface water has dropped considerably in many areas. The deficit in surface water is compensated by subterranean water reserves collected over millennia. The extracted water is used as follows: 93% for agriculture (of which 40% is solely used for qat growing), about 5% for human consumption and 2% for industrial purposes. With an increase in population, the per capita share of water from available water resources will decrease as shown in the Chart (figure 8). It is therefore imperative that necessary measures be taken to create a balance between available water resources and population growth, through an extensive search for additional water sources on the one hand and efforts to slow the pace of population growth on the other.

Do it correctly, and . . .

Fasting can be good for the body



By DR. FARIS AL-TAY *
FOR THE YEMEN TIMES

Fasting in Ramadhan, if done properly, can be beneficial to one's health.

First, it may continue for more than 12 hours and have a good effect on the general health of people.

Relating to oral hygiene it can be beneficial because with fewer meals, less food is getting stuck between teeth so there is less incidence of dental problems. Also, while fasting, the person has a chance to get rid of his or her dependency on smoking and Qat chewing, also leading to fewer oral infections.

The function the stomach is to reservoir for ingested food. It also serves to break down foodstuffs mechanically and commences the processes of digestion. Fasting decrease its function, so it

can rest, which also cuts down on diseases like gastritis, gastric ulcers, gastric cancers and duodenal ulcers.

The functions of the liver are many. It maintains body temperature, balances acids and protein levels, maintains metabolism and hormone levels, helps form hemoglobin degradation, and removes antigens.

Fasting gives temporary rest from all thus functions and prevents overload working. It also decreases toxins coming from smoking and Qat chewing, which can lead to viral infections, liver failure and liver cancer.

Fasting helps the digestive system all-round, and reduces the incidence of irritable bowel syndrome, infections and tumors.

It can also lead to the decrease of hemorrhoids, fissurs, infections and fistulas. It helps the urinary system, preventing the overloading of kidneys ureters, and urinary bladders.

During fasting there is no smoking, which prevents lung diseases like bronchitis, T-B asthma and other chronic

obstructive airway disease.

Regarding the cardiovascular system, fasting decreases salt, oil, cholesterol and excessive fluid intake, all which helps fight hypertension, angina or myocardial infarction, and heart problems.

Fasting is good for the locomotive system. It leads to consumption of glucose for energy to the body cell from liver gluconeogenesis and from adipose tissue. This will lead to decreased body weight, so there will be no overloading on joints especially weight-bearing joints like the knee joint and that leads to less incidence of arthritis and joint pain.

For the central nervous system, fasting cut reduce one's dependency of Qat, smoking and alcohol;

In the first few days of fasting, withdrawal symptoms appear, like agitation and restlessness and then all these symptoms of dependency will subside.

* General Surgeon at Al-Khazan Hospital.

Doctors to study in Italy

Yemen doctors Nouradden Al Jaber, Mohammed Al Ashaibani and Galal Abdulhadi Abdullah, — MDs currently working for Al Thawra Hospital in Sana'a, have recently been selected to attend a year-long master course in Cardiology, Cardiac Surgery and Anesthesia at the

Pasquinelli Hospital in Massa, north of Florence.

The course was organized by the Italian National Research Council; a governmental institution aimed at international coordination in the field of scientific research.

It also provides students from Italian universities and other European countries with both theoretical specialization courses and practical training-on-

the-job sessions.

Al Jaber, Al Shaibani and Abdullah are the first Yemeni doctors to qualify for the National Research Council medical master courses.

Pasquinelli hospital had already hosted Yemeni students attending post-graduate programs at Italian medical schools, within the framework of the Italian Government scholarship program.

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DOONESBURY

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The Universal Crossword

Edited by Timothy E. Parker

ACROSS

- 1 Emma, the Avenger
- 5 Arrive at "Street" (Sinclair Lewis novel)
- 14 Meat inspecting org.
- 15 Major aluminum producer
- 16 "It can't be!"
- 17 Capital of Antigua and Barbuda
- 19 Hawaiian goose
- 20 Starsky's partner
- 21 One more time
- 23 Cupid
- 26 Worn away
- 27 Capital of the Dominican Republic
- 32 Tarzan pal
- 33 Element number five
- 34 Actor Milo of "Ulysses"
- 38 Vikings' brew
- 40 Summanze briefly
- 42 Obtain justly
- 43 Kick out
- 45 Bush
- 47 Humorist
- 48 Capital of Haiti
- 51 Goddess of wisdom
- 54 Peter or Ivan

DOWN

- 1 This might come to shove
- 2 Jacob's twin
- 3 Correct text
- 4 Surgical knife
- 5 British rule in India (with "The")
- 6 "Telephone Line" group
- 7 Sore all over
- 8 Ice cream holder
- 9 Hurry
- 10 Cobra's nemesis
- 11 Leading
- 12 Belly-button type
- 13 "...with ___ in sight"
- 18 Pulsate
- 22 Jason's ship
- 24 Stench
- 25 Most irritated
- 27 Equivalent

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WORD IN ASTROLOGY

BY EUGENIA

ARIES (Mar 21-Apr 19)
Take time to call those you don't get to spend time with. You will be very glad that you did and your company will be appreciated.

TAURUS (Apr 20-May 20)
If you get really creative you can mix business with pleasure. Your mate will be passionate and ecstatic to be included and you can sign an important deal at the same time.

GEMINI (May 21-Jun 20)
You will enjoy yourself more if you have made arrangements to include older family members in your plans. Don't hesitate to lend a helping hand. You will look back on this time spent together with fond memories.

CANCER (Jun 21-Jul 22)
You may be missing someone who can't be with you today. A phone call may ease the pain. If you make an effort to enjoy yourself, you can turn your day around.

LEO (Jul 23-Aug 22)
Don't be upset if someone in your family is critical of the way you do things. Everyone has their own opinion and you must do what you feel is right. You might want to end your get-together early.

VIRGO (Aug 23-Sep 22)
This is a wonderful day to spend with children, friends or relatives. You have planned everything down to the last detail as usual, and will be praised for your obvious talent.

LIBRA (Sep 23-Oct 22)
You may find your family just doesn't understand what you're doing with your life. Remember that you are the only one who can make yourself happy. As long as you are on track with your plans, don't worry.

SCORPIO (Oct 23-Nov 21)
You may be disturbed by the way others treat you. Don't let them push you into doing things you'd rather not. You can accomplish lots if you put your intentions in writing.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov 22-Dec 21)
Get some work done before you enjoy your family get-together. Don't let someone put a damper on your good mood. Take advantage of the time you are spending with loved ones.

CAPRICORN (Dec 22-Jan 19)
Try to keep your emotions well hidden today. If you react, you may add fuel to the fire. Keep yourself involved in other pursuits so you don't think about it.

AQUARIUS (Jan 20-Feb 18)
You will be working hard to make things right for your family. Don't be dismayed if your efforts go unnoticed. Eventually they will appreciate what you have done.

PISCES (Feb 19-Mar 20)
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Al-Wahdawi weekly newspaper, organ of the Nasserite People's Unionist Organization, 5 Nov. 2002:

Main headlines:

- U.S. plane behind killing al-Harithi, Washington's ambassador was present in Mareb.
- Missile kills 6 al-Qaeda-linked members
- Al-Mikhlaifi: Iraq pays the price of its supporting stands for Palestinians cause
- Saudi pressures to sue "al-Wahdawi"
- Zionist forces continue killing the Palestinians, demolish their homes
- Bin Laden's wife not in Yemen.

In his weekly column, al-Wahdawi editor in chief Ali al-Saqaf says before and after issuing arbitration on islands disputed over by Yemen and Eritrea, Eritrean provocations did not stop. Many times we have drawn the attention that those harassments impinge upon Yemen's sovereignty. Unfortunately, our mentions on Eritrean behavior have annoyed the some in the Yemeni government, who considered the remarks as a kind of instigating troubles. Some have also went further to accuse al-Wahdawi newspaper of purposefully intending to destroy Yemen's relations with its neighbors, though they know well that the remarks aimed only at defending the homelands' interest.

Recently, Eritrea has resumed its military harassments in the Red Sea. Its media are re-recruited to offend Yemen's national symbols as well as the homeland.

It is the duty of all to stand against the Eritrean practices and to stop them because Yemen is for all.



Al-Ihya, al-Arabi weekly, organ of the Arab Ba'ath Socialist party, 31 Oct.2002.

Main headlines:

- JMP branches in Ibb, meet the governor
- Tareq Aziz: We are prepared to confront America
- Sheik al-Shaef: Attackers on my house escaped towards Sheik al-Ukaimi
- Sheik al-Ahmar: Yemen participation in military maneuvers with America in Jordan, a bad act
- Joint Meeting Parties condemn violation and excesses in elections registration

Columnist Zakaria Tareq Sallam says the American administration thinks it could be the major source for governing destinies and will of people, even in the form of the regime existing in this or that country of the Arab homeland. Because of its psychological and military defeat in the US-led aggression on Iraq in 1991, the administration tries to appear as the always victorious. Thus we find it threatens any country opposing its neo-colonialist policy.

The American administration which creates havoc here and there, it interfere one time under the name of democracy, demanding the regimes to open space for democracy for peoples, forgetting that it does not have of democracy but its name. Minorities in American and their suffering from racial suppression is the best evidence on that. It also feigns to forget that it is the source of terror in the world. The American administration interferes in the name of humanity, forgetting that the first suffering of humanity was it its hands when it used nuclear bombs against Hiroshima and Nagasaki. It demands disarmament Zionism entity possesses the biggest arsenal of these weapons in the region.



Al-Wahda weekly, 6 Nov. 2002.

Main headlines:

- The president calls on al-Qaeda elements to announce repentance
- Two persons accused of shooting at "Hunt" helicopter, arrested
- Archaeology authority discovers "Sabaya al-Himyari" palace
- Salem Saleh: results of registration reflect our people's awareness of the democratic option
- 75% of Yemeni-Saudi border demarcation operation finished
- More than 10 thousand Somali emigrants in Aden

Columnist Ahmed Muhidin says in his article that the establishment of peace and stability in the Middle East does not only mean in favor of the region's peoples and countries interests but rather the interests of peoples and countries all over the world. When America, that has become the sole super power in this world, seeks to convert the Mideast area into a mass of fire through its plans of imposing its control on the region's countries by force, this means that this great power is intentionally going in the direction of harming interests of most or all peoples of the world. This orientation and policy by the US administration under Bush form the fuel inflaming the feelings of hatred towards

the United States of America, even by friendly and ally countries. Signs of such feelings towards the U.S. have begun to appear in a number of countries through targeting the American interests and nationals. This development in itself supposedly make the U.S. president Bush's administration reconsider its policies and calculations towards the world peoples and their interests.



Al-Usboa weekly, Nov. 2002.

Main headlines:

- Al-Harithi attracted into a trap with help of sheikhs
- Hunt plane incident, a terrorist
- Condemned in kidnapping incident of a German diplomat released

Columnist Abdulfattah al-Batoul writes that parties of the Joint Meeting have mentioned that the practices made by the ruling party indicate clearly to confiscation of the electoral process and deciding its results beforehand. Against that the ruling party confirmed that the number of excesses made by parties of the joint meeting have been contained in more than one thousand pages and most of them are of a penal character and some of them violating the law of elections and that of political parties and organizations.

Personalities of the joint meeting parties and of the ruling party should work for calming down the situations and restoring matters to their nature and giving the electoral process its actual size and realistic role.



Al-Thawri weekly, organ of the YSP, & Nov. 2002.

Main headlines:

- Al-Harithi assassinated martyr Majid Murshid, F-18 fighters take part in Mareb operation
- Second imprisonment sentence against al-Thawri newspaper editor in chief
- Armed engagement between expatriates minister guards and finance director general
- Al-Wahdawi weekly editorial staff before press prosecution

Columnist Jamal A'mer says it has become evident that American authorities deal with Yemen as if it is a natural extension of Afghanistan. They perhaps have defined certain cities and residential groupings as areas protecting terrorism, probably the city of Mareb is

among the first of such cities which has become a version of Kandahar in order that the CIA sends its planes to carry out a combat operation there despite that it was inside the territories of a sovereign country. Spokesman for the Yemeni interior ministry dealt with the incident as if it had occurred in a country other than Yemen as he restricted his announcement on the incident by mentioning that the car exploded and there were explosives inside it and its passengers were

suspected to be linked to al-Qaeda. Movements of the American ambassador to Yemen and tours of the areas of Mareb and al-Jawf, his direct contacts with tribal personalities and meeting with them send a message and give the impression that the American intelligence apparatus would undertake hunting down the suspected of their relation with al-Qaeda organization and bin Laden. It means that the American intelligence would take the responsibility of

gathering information and evidence without depending on Yemeni security bodies.

It is undeniable that the America is practicing all forms of blackmailing on Yemen authority and its pretexts all always ready with justification that Yemeni authorities are incapable of providing secure atmospheres for western interests in addition to its repeated "failure" spreading their control over tribal areas.

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I. What to Say Situations and expressions (30): Giving advice (I)

Advice means giving one's opinion about what to do, how to behave or act. In other words it consists in telling someone, after careful thought, what one thinks should be done. It is a matter of common experience that giving advice is not too pleasant a job, especially because in the present age there are very few takers of advice. This makes it all the more advisable to be well guarded in tone, temper and choice of words while giving advice.

Some of the expressions generally used for this purpose are as follows:

- The best thing you can do is DO...
- Your best course would be to DO...
- I would advise you to DO...
- I may recommend you to DO...
- It would be proper for you to DO...
- In the fitness of things you need to DO...
- It's only prudent that you DO...
- It's an imperative for him to DO...
- Naturally you are to DO...
- If you take my advice, you will DO...
- As far as I am concerned, you should DO...
- I think it is sensible for you to DO...
- If I were you, I would DO...
- If you are serious about your business, you should DO...
- It will be proper on your part to DO...
- A sense of propriety demands that you should DO...
- In my humble opinion, no man with any sense of integrity, should DO...
- If you are to live in the society as a civilized human being, you cannot but DO...
- Any man in your place would DO...
- If there is any drop of humanity left in you, you should DO...
- One with any degree of rationality should DO...
- As one with a sense of proportion, you can DO...
- Be more modest if you want to pass off as an agreeable person.
- Have a greater dose of common sense in all your actions.
- What you need most is a higher degree of presence of mind.
- You are expected to demonstrate a high sense of responsibility.
- Utmost restraint and a sense of discretion is what you need.
- Look before you leap.
- Give everybody thy ears, no body thy tongue.

Note: The word 'DO' in the above expressions represents a suitable verb.

II. How to say it correctly Correct errors, if any, in the following sentences

1. You, they and we must work together.
2. The roads of Sanaa are wider than Taiz.
3. Neither the officer nor the clerks could get his salary.
4. These three girls love each other.
5. Each boy and each girl was in their best dress.

Solutions to last week's questions

1. It took us one and a half hours. Or, it took us one hour and a half.
2. Mastour is better than any other student.
3. He is senior to me.
4. It is a unique book.
5. The higher you go, the cooler you feel.

III. How to express it in one word

1. One who studies the fine arts.
2. Steady effort to achieve the goal.
3. Waste time by not making up one's mind.
4. Make a liquid thinner by adding water.
5. Not bright enough to be seen clearly.

Answers to last week's questions

1. Turn or wander away from the main point: **Digress** (vi)
2. Long wall of earth to keep back water: **Dike** (n)
3. Of building falling to pieces: **Dilapidated** (adj)
4. Cause to make wider or larger: **Dilate** (vt)
5. Situation in which one has to choose between two things: **Dilemma** (n)

IV. Grammar and Composition

a. Composition

In the following sentences, complete the blanks and put the correct form of the words in the brackets.

1. 'Would it be — for you (come) and see me on Friday morning?'
2. 'I'm afraid I — Friday, but I (love) to come on some other day.'
3. '(come) you on Saturday? I'd like you to meet my friend — has recently come from India.'
4. 'That sounds a good idea. Would you (interest) coming with me sometime next week?'
5. 'I (be) delighted. I want to meet your friend — I have heard such a lot about.'

b). Idioms and Phrases

Use the following phrases in sentences of your own.

1. bag and baggage
2. let the cat out of the bag
3. a bag of bones
4. bags of
5. put in bail

c. Words Commonly Confounded

Bring out differences in meaning of the following pairs of words

1. bough, bow
2. bought, but
3. abuse, misuse
4. boy, buoy
5. brake, break

Answers to last week's questions Grammar and Composition

a) Composition

1. I would be delighted to be in your village during the Ramadhan. (Accepting a friend's invitation)

2. This has reference to your letter for inspection of the house. I'm afraid Friday will not be a convenient day for me to let you inspect the house. (Declining a request for the inspection of the house on Friday.)

3. In response to your letter asking me to come for an interview, I would like to

confirm that I shall be at the embassy at 11 AM on next Monday in connection with the interview.

(Confirming the appointment for an interview)

4. I'm afraid I'll not be able to lend you my lecture notes over this weekend as I am using them now.

(Expressing inability to comply with a friend's request to lend him your lecture notes over the weekend)

5. I would love to attend your graduation ceremony. Thanks for the invitation. (Accepting the invitation to attend one of your friend's graduation ceremony).

b) Idioms and Phrases

1. **a bad word** (swear word): I don't believe his bad word.
2. **(be) in bad** (with) (be in disfavor): He is in bad with his employer.
3. **go bad** (become unfit to eat): This soup has gone bad: don't eat it.
4. **bad shot** (wrong guess): You got it wrong this time; it is a bad shot.
5. **bad for** (injurious for): Smoking is bad for health.

c) Words commonly confounded

1. **blush** (vi) (be ashamed): She blushed at the thought of marriage.
2. **brush** (vt) (use a brush to clean): I have brushed my teeth.
3. **blab** (vi) (talk foolishly): Don't blab!
4. **blurb** (n) (description of the contents of a book, printed on the paper jacket): I skim the blurb of a book before buying it.
5. **bode** (vt) (to be a sign for the future): This bodes us no good.
6. **abode** (n) (dwelling place): Your heart is the abode of Allah, the most generous and the most compassionate.
7. **bombard** (vt) (attack with gun shells): Israel has bombarded a Palestinian military base.
8. **bombast** (n) (high sounding talk): I have got tired of his bombast.
9. **bonanza** (n) (something that brings good luck): The government's announcement of a hike in salary was a Ramadhan bonanza for the employees.
10. **extravaganza** (n) (spectacular entertainment): Everyone enjoyed the musical extravaganza marking the Unification ceremony.

V. Pearls from the Holy Quran

"To Allah belongs all that is in the heavens and on earth. Whether you reveal what is in your minds or conceal it, Allah will bring you to account for it. He will forgive whom He wills and punish whom He wills. Allah has power over all things."
S2: A:284

VI. Words of wisdom
'A noble deed is a step towards God'
—J. G. Holland

The philosopher and the novelist: On Bertrand Russell and D. H. Lawrence

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There existed a friendship between Bertrand Russell and D. H. Lawrence that had lasted for one year altogether. In spite of the brevity of this friendship, it was rife with differences and bitter debates between the two men because of the diametrically different philosophical perspectives each had. Russell was a rationalist who believed in the mind/brain as the only seat of consciousness and its ability to encounter the phenomena of the world and give answers to them. Lawrence, on the other hand, was intuitive/instinctive who looked down upon the brain and believed in the existence of another seat of consciousness and that is the 'instinct' or 'blood-consciousness' which exists in us independently of the ordinary mental consciousness.

Friendship of rivals

Russell wrote about this friendship in his "Portrait from memory" which appeared in Harper's in February 1953. Lawrence, however, did not live long to write about this friendship. But

Mrs. Lawrence wrote a reply to what Russell mentioned in his essay on Lawrence which appeared as a letter dated 16 February in the April number. Later on, this letter was included in the book "Frieda Lawrence: the memoirs and Correspondence" which appeared in 1961.

The two men were brought together by lady Ottoline Morrell who admired both of them and thought they ought to admire each other. Their first meeting gave Russell the impression that they agree on one basic principle: "Pacifism has produced in me a mood of a bitter rebellion", says Russell, "and I found Lawrence equally full of rebellion. This made us think, at first, that there was a considerable measure of agreement between us." Unfortunately, however, they gradually discovered that they differed from each other "more than either differed from Kaiser", as Russell puts it.

"Dead, dead, dead"

The cause of the first difference was the question of war. "In Lawrence", says Russell, there were "two attitudes to the war: on the one hand, he could not be whole-heartedly patriotic, because his wife was German, but on the other hand, he had such a hatred of mankind that he tended to think both sides must be right in so far as they hated each other." When Russell came

to know these attitudes, he realized that neither was one with which he could sympathize. Nevertheless, he invited Lawrence to visit him at Cambridge and introduced him to many of his friends. Lawrence hated them all with a passionate hatred and said they were "dead, dead, dead." For a time Russell thought Lawrence might be right: "I liked his belief that something very fundamental was needed to put the world right. I agreed with him in thinking that politics could not be divorced from individual psychology. I felt him to be a man of a certain imaginative genius and, at first, when I felt inclined to disagree with him; I thought that perhaps his insight into human nature was deeper than mine." It was only gradually that Russell came to feel that there was in Lawrence a "possible force for evil" and he came to have the same feeling about him.

Letters of hatred

They exchanged a number of letters. In these letters the gradual awareness of the consciousness of their fundamental disagreements can be traced. Russell was a "firm believer in democracy." Lawrence was not. "I don't believe," he wrote to Russell "in democratic control. I think the working man is fit to elect governors or overseers for his immediate circumstances, but for no more. You must utterly revise the electorate. The working man shall elect supervisors for the things that concern him immediately, no more," Russell thought that Lawrence was a fascist who "in his imagination supposed that when a dictatorship was established he would be Julius Caesar." And that he had no real wish to make the world better, but only to indulge in "eloquent soliloquy about how bad it was."

Lawrence's letters grew gradually more hostile. He wrote to Russell once: "what's the good of living as you do anyway? I don't believe your lectures are good. They are nearly over, aren't they? What's the good of sticking in the damned ship and haranguing the merchant pilgrims in their own language? Why don't you drop overboard? Why don't you clear out of the whole show? One must be an outlaw these days, not a teacher or preacher?" This seemed to Russell as "mere rhetoric."

On another occasion, Lawrence wrote to Russell: "Do stop working and writing altogether and become a creature instead of a mechanical instrument. Do clear out of the whole social ship. Do for your very pride's sake become a mere nothing, a mole, a creature that feels its way and doesn't think. Do for heaven's sake be a baby

and not a savage any more. Don't do anything more but for heaven's sake begin to be. Start at the very beginning and be a perfect baby, in the name of courage." The frantic contents of Lawrence's letters reached a climax when he wrote once: "I hate you all, liars and swines, and I am out to set upon you, or stick to mathematics, where you can be true." Reading this, Russell felt that he was not "fit to live and contemplated committing suicide." But then he rebelled and informed Lawrence to remember that he was no longer a schoolmaster and that he was not his pupil. In the end, their friendship faded away without any dramatic termination.

Reasons and intuitions

In retrospect, Russell mentions: "what at first attracted me to Lawrence was a certain dynamic quality and a habit of challenging assumptions that one is apt to take for granted. I was already accustomed to being accused of undue slavery to reason and I thought perhaps that he could give me a vivifying dose of unreason." As to Lawrence's ideas he sees that they do not have any merit in them: "They were the ideas of a sensitive would-be despot who got angry with the world because it would not instantly obey. When he realized that other people existed, he hated them. But most of the time he lived in a solitary world of his own imaginations, peopled by phantoms as fierce as he wished them to be."

In defense of her husband

In her reply, Frieda Lawrence defended her husband against Russell's attacks saying that had Russell accepted some of Lawrence's concepts he might have become a great philosopher as he had been a great mathematician: "Lawrence was a raw twenty-six at the time they met and his tone seems presumptuous. Russell was already well known and Lawrence was not. Lawrence thought together they could work out a scheme, a kind of reform for England but Russell, as he tells himself, thought of what he himself could get out of Lawrence. So Lawrence was disappointed. And Lawrence had friendship enough for Russell to try and tap some human energies in Russell. It was obvious that Russell was a 'slave to reason'."

However, in spite of that short-lived friendship and its turbulent nature, it was interesting enough because it had shown us some aspects of the characters of two great men who had left their marks on their time.

WONDERWORD by DAVID OUELLET

HOW TO PLAY: First read the list of words, then look at the puzzle. The words are in all directions — vertically, horizontally, diagonally, back and forth. Circle each letter of a word found and strike it off the list. The letters are often used more than once, so do not cross the mind. It is best to find the big words first. When you find all the words listed in the clues, you'll have a number of letters left over that spell the Wonderword.

CLUES

Accents	Colleague	Email	Lecture	Staple
Accept	Color	Fame	Logo	State
Actor	Consultant	Field	Name	Suite
Address	Contacts	Finance	Number	Teacher
Avenue	Contest	First	Nurse	Titan
Bend	Coordinator	Fonts	Pocket	Title
Boss	Coroner	Franchise	Prefix	Tows
Briefcase	Crease	Free	President	Trades
Business	Credentials	Glossy	Print	Tutor
Call	Credibility	Grade	Profession	Type
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Certification	Dealer	Hire	Protocol	Work
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SOLUTION:

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ANSWER NEXT WEEK Last Week's Answer Magnets

YOUTH FORUM

Farewell It's so hard to explain Why it all happened Love terminated in the abyss of pen!	I'd keep my promise Come to me You beautiful dove Be kind to my thirsty heart For goodness sake Oh my queen I'll accept anything and I'll do anything My eyes are your throne. my heart is your court	something, it should be allowed by religion. Since the concept of globalization comes from the west, people may feel doubtful about the purpose of being cosmopolitan. They may apprehend that the strong influence of technology, which violates many religious values, may affect their religious faith, too.
Tears, Tears I sail in an ocean of tears But without eyes! I hear the roses' wail But without ears! Because you were my eyes and ears:	How can I prove my love Want you tell me how? Since I met you I care not The wildest storm Let me express my emotion Heed my plaintive songs I'm sure you'll come to feel the throngs	When you look at the Yemeni society, you can observe that it is closed, conservative and provincial. Therefore, they might feel that homogenization is a way of losing their individual identities. Not only that, they have fear of a sense of shallowness that could come from living in the global village. Politically speaking, people are afraid of being controlled. When nations get integrated, the power will be in the hands of the most powerful country. Consequently, the poor countries will not benefit from this blending. Also, the rich countries will gain a monopoly of the global market. That makes us think deeply about the positive and negative effects of the global business on our politics as well as economy. In conclusion, it may be said that the quality, state or condition of globalization has played a significant role all over the world, which we are a part of. Whether we want it or not, it has already happened. What we have to do is to face it carefully and get benefits from it.
Your departure has left a void I'm now as a ship without sail As a house without cover! Now I'll say what it's so hard to say Farewell, my darling: I won't forget you at all! So, please remember me in the other world! Farewell, my darling: Farewell	Oh, you who broke my heart Don't forget my love For me it's the last hope and you are my last dream Forgive me, if I come someday Asking my heart, my freedom back My queen My queen My queen	
My Queen Oh, my queen My darling, my princess Your love my heart bears the impress Your love runs through my blood Take me away beyond the sea and the cloud	Globalization in Yemen Globalization is the process by which countries all over the world become connected to each other as in a network. In order to achieve the true spirit of globalization, each individual or culture has to be amalgamated. In my country, Yemen, the basic tenets of globalization are determined according to our religion, culture and politics. Religion is the most important aspect in Yemen. To accept	
Oh, to you I bequeath my best words My music and my sweetest songs Let my thrubs explain, if I couldn't my tongue		

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Times Quiz 46

Answer the following questions

1. How is the bright tail of a comet produced?
a) By gravitational pull of the sun
b) By radiation from the sun
c) By some mysterious mechanism
d) By some activity on its surface
2. 'Windows 95' is a user friendly program, has been developed by
a) IBM
b) Microsoft
c) Cray Computer
d) None of these
3. Mutations in plants are induced by
a) visible light
b) UV-rays
c) Infrared rays
d) Radio waves
4. Minamata disease is due to
a) lead poisoning
b) DDT poisoning
c) Zinc poisoning
d) Mercury poisoning
5. What is the full form of the abbreviation WEP?

Answers to Times Quiz 45

1. One leans forward while climbing a hill because it helps in climbing due to the center of gravity shifting forward
2. Equal volumes of all gases under the similar conditions of pressure and temperature contain equal number of molecules. This is stated by Avogadro's Hypothesis.
3. The minimum energy required for chemical reaction to take place is activation energy
4. Of the two main compounds of nuclear fuel one is strontium. The other is Iodine
5. The full form of the abbreviation IPLC is International Private Leased Circuit.

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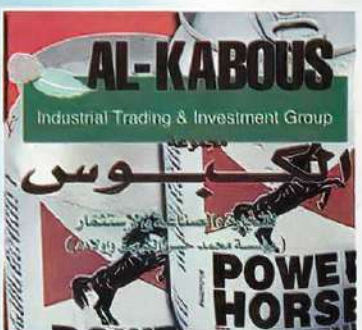
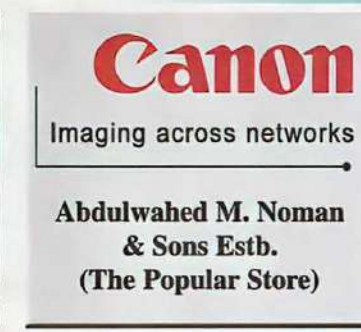
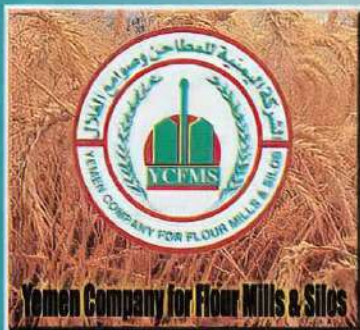
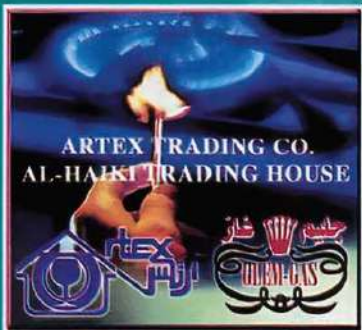
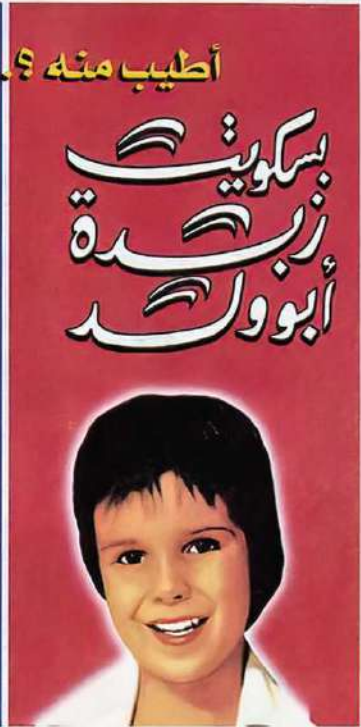
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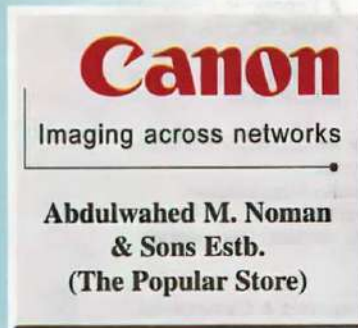
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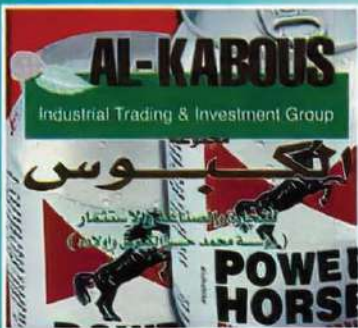
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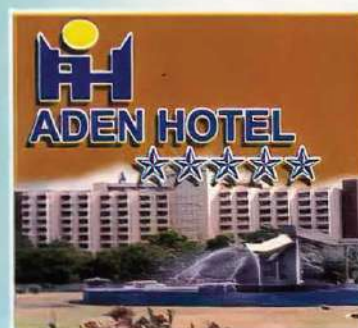
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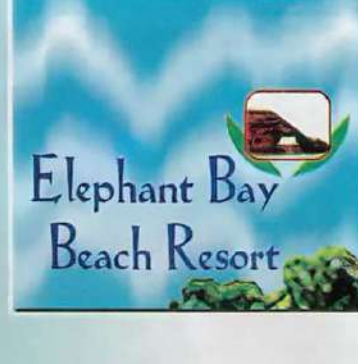
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استمتع بطعم الشوكولاته الرائع

Questions for Issue 46

أسئلة المسابقة للعدد ٤٦

Check the right answer

اختر الإجابة الصحيحة

- The product whose motto is "National Milk" is:
 - Al-Mumtaz
 - Tilal
 - Al-Hana
- What is the name of the company that signed an agreement with Al-Haidari Group of Companies for the latter to be its agent in Yemen?
 - Hudson
 - Aiwa
 - Fuji Film
- Yemen Airways (Yemenia) published an advertisement in this week about special flights to:
 - Syria
 - Egypt
 - Jordan
- Krups mixers have:
 - One speed
 - Two speeds
 - Three speeds plus ice crusher
- A new oil produced by the National Company for Vegetable Oil & Ghee Industries has found its way in the Yemeni market. What is this oil?
 - Shurooq
 - Shams
 - Salamatak
- The Yemen Gulf Bank is unique in presenting the following services to its clients:
 - Internet and Mobile Banking
 - ATM and Telebanking
 - All mentioned services
- One of those products is not a Kunuz product:
 - Al-Basha Chocolate
 - Al-Finar Tahiniye
 - Sindibad Chocolate
- Videocon seeks to present and distribute its products to citizens of all levels. How many branches in Yemen does Videocon have?
 - 11 branches
 - 12 branches
 - 13 branches

1- المنتج الذي شعاره (الحليب الوطني) هو:
 الممتاز
 تلال
 الهنا

2- ما اسم الشركة التي تم التوقيع بينها وبين مجموعة شركات الحيدري مؤخراً لتكون وكيلها في اليمن?
 هيدسون
 ايوا
 فوجي فيلم

3- لدى الخطوط الجوية اليمنية اعلان في هذا العدد عن عرض رحلات خاصة إلى:
 سوريا
 مصر
 الاردن

4- تحتوي خلاطة كرويس على:
 سرعة
 سرعتان
 سرعتان - تكسير الثلج

5- نزل في الاسواق اليمنية زيت طبخ جديد للشركة الاهلية لتصنيع الزيت والسمس:
 شروق
 شمس
 سلامتك

6- يتميز بنك اليمن والخليج بتوفير خدمات متميزة للعملاء وهي:
 المصرف العتيمز والبنك الناطق
 الصراف الاتي والبنك العتري
 كل ما سبق

7- احد المنتجات التالية ليس من منتجات كروز:
 شوكولاتة الباشا
 طحينية الفانار
 شوكولاتة سندباد

8- تسعى فيديوكون للاجهزة الإلكترونية المنزلية دائما لتوفير منتجاتها وتسويقها على اكبر مستوى. فكم عدد فروعها في الجمهورية:
 ١١ فرع
 ١٢ فرع
 ١٣ فرع

Name: _____

Age: _____

ID number: _____

City: _____

Tel: _____

الإسم: _____

العمر: _____

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المدينة: _____

رقم التلفون: _____

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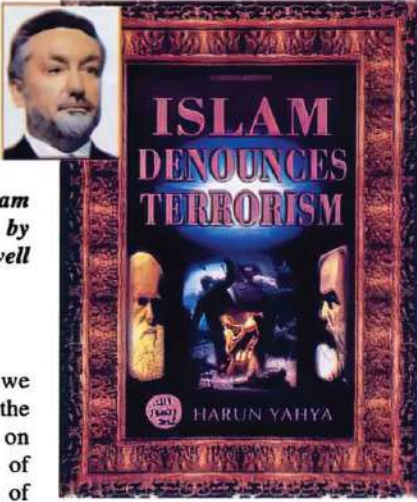
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Islamic morality: Source of peace and security

On the occasion of Ramadhan, Yemen Times is publishing a series of informative articles on some aspects of Islam's concepts and stands towards various issues. The newspaper staff has chosen to quote from the book "Islam Denounces Terrorism" written by Mr. Harun Yahya who is a well versed author in this field.



Introduction
As Muslims, we strongly condemn the terrorist attacks on two major cities of the United States of America on September 11, 2001, which caused the death and injury of thousands of innocent people, and we offer our condolences to the American nation. These attacks propelled the important issue of the true source of terrorism to the top of the world agenda. Thus, it has been announced to the entire world that Islam is the religion of peace and tolerance that summons individuals to compassion and justice. Many world leaders, leading media organizations, television and radio stations that true Islam forbids violence, and encourages peace between people and between nations. The Western circles that have come to a full grasp of the religion of Islam and are well-informed about Islam as commanded

by God in the Qur'an noted clearly that the words "Islam" and "terror" cannot stand side by side, and no divine religion permits violence. This book maintains that the source of the terror that we condemn is definitely not from a divine religion, and that there is no room for terrorism in Islam. This is made clear in the Qur'an, the main source of Islam, and in the practices of all true Muslims rulers, the Prophet Mohammed being the foremost of them. This book reveals, in the light of the verses of the Qur'an and with examples from history, that Islam forbids terrorism and aims to bring peace and security to the world.
More on the book next week.

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