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Prospects of releasing 70 terror-linked detainees

By HASSAN AL-ZAIDI

Sana'a, Sept. 21—Recently obtained information from official sources has revealed that 70 persons suspected to have links to al-Qaeda or its elements in Yemen would be released this week. These persons have pledged to respect rights of non-Muslim foreigners living in Yemen or visiting it. They have also pledged not to attack foreign embassies and interests on Yemeni territories and to rescind their extremist ideas. The state-run 26 September weekly newspaper published in its last Thursday issue that President Ali Abdullah Saleh had issued his

orders to the government to finalize measures necessary for the release of 70 detainees out of 190 from among those returned from Afghanistan and others. The security bodies had arrested them following terrorist events that took place in Yemen. The President's directives come after a report sent to him by a religious scholars committee entrusted with holding dialogue with those elements in their detention places. The committee was formed according to directives by the President. Pursuant to present statistics there are around 190 persons detained in prisons in various governorates, while other information puts their number at more than 270 persons

arrested on charges of their involvement in terrorist acts in Yemen and after the September 11, 2001 in America. Security authorities had, beginning of last August, released 34 persons out of 104 who were included in the first round dialogue. The second round of dialogue included 120 persons, 70 of whom expected to be set free after declaring their repentance and discarding extremism and terror. The persons who would be proved of their involvement in explosion incidents and acts of violence would be brought to justice during this month.

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Yemen officially protests mistreatment at US airport

YEMEN TIMES STAFF

Sana'a, Sept. 20—Yemen has officially protested on Wednesday in a formal letter sent to the White House the mistreatment of the Yemeni cultural delegation at the hands of American airport security in the latest visit to the USA.

The Washington Post had reported that the delegation of 18 guests invited to Washington by the U.S. State Department was held for five hours after arriving at Dulles International Airport while immigration officials questioned and fingerprinted them.

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Security tightening at Dulles Airport near Washington has resulted in dismay and disappointment by the 18-member Yemen delegation that had many of its members interrogated and held for hours at the airport, which is where American Airlines Flight 77, bound for Los Angeles, slammed into the Pentagon, originated from on September 11 2001. REUTERS



A passenger puts on shoes after USDA officer disinfects them at the Dulles International Airport, where the Yemeni delegation underwent hours long investigation and searching when they arrived to Washington in a visit to hold the cultural week of Yemen in the USA based on an invitation by the US government. Reuters

Spaniard's death sentence suspended

By MOHAMMED BIN SALLAM
YEMEN TIMES STAFF

Sana'a, Sept. 20—News reports on September 20 said that the Spanish King, Juan Carlos succeeded in persuading the Yemeni president Ali Abdullah Saleh to suspend the death sentence against a Spaniard national of Syrian origin convicted of spying and planning terror attacks in Yemen. The Spanish foreign ministry resources mentioned that the King Juan Carlos had

made a telephone conversation with the Egyptian president requesting him to mediate in Nabil Nankali's case. On his part, the Spanish Prime Minister Jose Maria Aznar as well as the Spanish foreign minister have previously discussed the case with Yemeni counterparts. It is believed that Spain could succeed in the postponement of carrying out the death sentence in order gain time. On its part, the Amnesty International has also made efforts to rescue Nabil's life. In a telephone call last Thursday with the Spanish prime minister Aznar, Yemeni president Ali Abdulla Saleh told him the Yemeni judiciary "is independent and the death sentence was not issued under political motives." President Saleh has recently approved the death sentence that had been issued by a civil court in Aden in 1998. Nabil Nankali had admitted during his trial that the

Saudi intelligence had recruited him to implement political assassinations in Yemen, including assassination of Dr Abdulkareem al-Iryani who was then in charge of the Yemeni-Saudi borders file, but Saudi Arabia had denied that. Nankali is linked to al-Qaeda organization but it is not believed that his alleged connection with al-Qaeda has anything to do with his trial. Nankali was convicted by the preliminary court as well as the court of appeals of planning and conducting terrorist attacks and the assassination of government officials in Yemen. He was arrested in the Yemeni capital, Sana'a, in 1997 along with a number of accomplices who were later rounded up in the capital and in the Red Sea port city of Aden. Nankali was also found guilty preparing explosives for implementing attacks.

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Yemen hands over 8 persons wanted by KSA

BY YASSER AL-MAYYASI
YEMEN TIMES STAFF

Sana'a, Sept. 20_ As part of security cooperation and according to agreement signed between the two countries, Yemen on Wednesday handed over 8 persons to the Saudi authorities.

The persons are wanted by Saudi Arabia for security issues.

An interior ministry source confirmed that among those who were handed over was Bandar Abdurahman Salem al-Ghamedi who is one of the wanted persons of the terrorist group that carried out al-Riyadh explosion.

Yemeni authorities have also handed over to the Saudi authorities the bodies of two Saudis, one was killed during the confrontations in Huttat region, Abyan governorate and the other of a Saudi citizen killed by his compatriot because of drugs.

Kidnapper of Egyptian Embassy employee identified

Sana'a, Sept. 20 - Security sources have disclosed that Ali Munassar al-Harethi, from Bani al-Hareth tribe near Mareb governorate is the one who carried out the kidnapping attempt of an employee at the Egyptian Embassy in Sana'a last Tuesday evening.

It has been reported that motives behind the incident were attributed to

financial dispute between al-Harethi and Egyptian authorities.

The Egyptian Embassy in Sana'a has lately received threats by unidentified persons accusing some of its employees of taking part in enticing the Yemeni businessman, al-Heelah who had been arrested in Egypt and planned to be transferred to Guantanamo.

Holy Qura'an graduates

Sanaa, September 20 - The Charitable Association for Teaching the Holy Qura'an has held its annual ceremony on Thursday to honor the 190 graduates of the higher faculty of Holy Qura'an. Seventy graduates, 29 of them females, were awarded for their distinguished performance. Three hundred fifty nine of the faculty's students have already memorized Holy Qura'an fully.

Sheik Abdullaah Bin Hussein Al-Ahmer, Parliament Speaker, thanked

all those who enrolled to the institution's classes and confirmed that the association is a source of pride for all Yemenis. He called upon all institutions and individuals to support such associations.

It is noteworthy that this college is not confined to male students but also teaches females.

More than 930 students are currently studying in the faculty. The number of female students is currently at 370. Around two hundred of them graduate every year.

Rusty eating utensils is a major cause of diseases, also:

Beware of expired & rotten products

BY AHMED AL-BUKHARI
FOR THE YEMEN TIMES

Taiz, Sept. 20_ Efforts have been currently made in Taiz governorate to launch incessant inspection campaigns aimed basically at confiscating materials and rusty eating utensils used by restaurant owners and bakers.

Orders have been given by Eng. Ahmed Arromaima to Mr. Tareq al-Ashwal, the Health Environment Manager of al-Qahira District for launching this health campaign in Taiz.

Those rusty cooking utensils which transmit poisonous dregs as well as the reusing of cooking oils for several times have threatened man's health

where he is exposed to several diseases such as, food poisoning and cancer.

Restaurant and shop owners also have been ordered to replace old cooking utensils with new ones, which are good for human use.

They have been also advised to adhere to hygienic conditions and should submit themselves to medical diagnosis to make sure of not having communicable diseases.

They are also obliged to wear uniforms whether in tourist hotels or popular restaurants.

The campaign also included the confiscation of decayed and expired products such as; beverages in plastic containers, fruits and milk cans, tomatoes,

biscuits and chemical industries used as dyestuffs.

Most of those goods have been smuggled in big quantities into Yemeni markets and greatly affected the state's economy.

Mr. al-Ashwal has warned against selling of those rotten or expired products and has also urged the bodies concerned to improve the health conditions of restaurants and not to use cooking oils for more than once.

Restaurant owners have to be held accountable for violating the essential health conditions.

They should adhere to public health and have to offer services in a suitable and acceptable manner.

Under the umbrella of the YJS: Yemeni journalists express solidarity with Allouni



Sanaa, Sept 20 - Yemeni journalists from various newspapers and media establishments expressed solidarity with Al-Jazeera Satellite Channel's journalist Taiseer Allouni in a two-hour solidarity show held at the Yemeni Journalists Syndicate (YJS) in Sanaa last Saturday.

Journalists were given badges to hang on their chests holding Taiseer's picture and calling for his release as an indication of their solidarity. Many journalists have given statements of support for the pioneer journalist, who is seen as one of the most courageous and respected journalist in the

Arab world, and who is currently held captive in Spain and facing accusations ranging from belonging to Osama bin Laden's Al-Qaeda network to involving in terrorist activities.

This event held by the YJS is one of many activities carried out by the syndicate to support freedom of the press locally and internationally.

The YJS will be holding its third general congress in Sana'a in December 27-29 to elect or reelect its leader. All members of the Syndicate's general assembly will be eligible to vote.

US & Yemen sign new agreements

Sanaa, September 20 - Mr. Ahmed Sofan, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Planning and International Cooperation and U.S Ambassador Edmund J. Hull signed an agreement on Wednesday to allocate funds for a number of projects in Mareb, Al-Jawf and Shabwa provinces.

Based on the agreement, the US government will finance health projects in Al-Jawf and Shabwa, build a museum and construct school desks for public schools in Marib.

The fund will also be used to train individuals who will work in the new facilities.

The museum to be constructed in Marib is planned to bring more tourists to the region and hence contribute to the preservation of Yemen's tourist sites and expose Yemen's rich cultural heritage. Hope lies in the project's

potentials in providing more revenue to the state from tourism and therefore, help in economic development. The agreement also focuses on the continuation of the current program to manufacture student desks for public schools in the region.

During the signing ceremony, Ambassador Hull stated that he is pleased that the United States and the Republic of Yemen are continuing their partnership to provide real and practical projects that directly benefit the Yemeni people. The funds for these projects come from a U.S Department of Agriculture commodity conversion program, know as 416 (b). Yemen has been receiving assistance from this program since 1999.

Ever since, the program provided a total of more than \$86 million dollars in development funds to Yemen.

Prominent Saudi cleric visits Seyun

BY SAEED O. AL-BATATI

Aden, Sept 20 - Ayedh Bin Abdullah Al-Qarni, a well-known Saudi cleric paid a historic visit to Seyun last Thursday. The aim of the visit was to participate in orphans' festival held there. His visit was organized by the Islah Society and Charity Association, which started preparing for the annual festival months ago.

During his visit, Sheikh Al-Qarni delivered a lecture entitled "Factors to strengthening faith". Thousands of people who came from different areas of Hadramout valley attended the event, which took place at the Seyun Palace Plaza.

Many in Seyun expressed their appreciation for the Islah Society in inviting the prominent scholar, who seems to be quite well-known in Hadramout governorate.

Readers' Voice

THIS WEEK'S QUESTION:

Do you think the US government will apologize to Yemen for the recent mistreatment of its delegation?

- Never, we can only dream about it.
- Yes, they will send an 'explanation' letter but not a sincere apology.
- Yes, they will send a formal and genuine apology.
- I cannot guess

LAST WEEK'S QUESTION:

How easy do you think it would be to have Arab regimes respect the free Arab media?

- Simply impossible! 44%
- It will require years of hard work and a long time, but it will happen. 33%
- I cannot guess. 21%
- They do appreciate and respect the media already. 2%

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Yemen & UAE sign postal agreement

Sanaa, Sep 20 - The General Board for Posts and Postal Savings (GBPPS) signed a cooperation agreement with its UAE counterpart and the UAE Posts Corporation last week. In the presence of Minister of Telecommunication and Information Technology, Abdul-Malik Al-Moallimi, the agreement was signed by GBPPS's General Manager, Mohammed A. Murgham and the General Manager of the UAE Posts Corporation, Abdullah Al-Dabbus. Mr. Al-Dabbus left Sana'a on Tuesday after he held "Successful talks" with his Yemeni counterparts.

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Parliament committee on rights and freedoms inspects Taiz central prison

YEMEN TIMES STAFF
TAIZ BUREAU

Taiz, Sept. 21- A delegation representing the parliamentary committee on rights and freedoms visited the City of Taiz on 20-21 to get acquainted with the extent of commitment to implementation of laws regarding detention and conditions of detainees. Member of the committee Shawqi al-Qadhi told Yemen Times that visiting of the cen-

tral prison in Taiz was to see on the ground the shortcomings inside the prison and issues such as the increase in number of prisoners that exceeds the prison's capacity. He also said the committee wanted to see about the lacking of health services, shortage of food, as well as the issue of Ethiopian prisoners whose number amounts to 155 from both sexes and stoppage of some activities such as sewing workshops. He has further said the commit-

tee intended to study the condition of the central prison's mental health department where attention had stopped after the halt of the red cross work.

The committee's delegation was composed of Mohammed Rashad al-Aleemi the committee reporter, Shawqi al-Qadhi, Ahmed Aidha, Abdulla al-Ghadir, Mohammed al-Arhab, the members of parliament in addition to Mr Abdulla al-Sudad director of rights

and public freedoms committee.

Yemen Times newspaper has praised the committee's efforts and its members' willingness to pay some money amounts payable on some prisoners and because of which they had been detained. The committee of rights and public freedoms at the parliament is one of the committees that began to prove their distinguished presence and activate their activities in a more prominent manner.



A prison as the photo shows, swarming with prisoners of all different ages. Criminologists warn of an increasing number of prisoners day by day due to the current deteriorating conditions. (Archive photo)

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Indian embassy celebrates ITEC Day

Sanaa, September 20 - The Indian embassy in Sana'a gives on Monday a reception party celebrating the Indian Technical and Economic Cooperation (ITEC) Day. Mr. O.P. Bajaj, Indian Charge d' Affaires to Yemen has invited a many political and social Yemeni and foreign personalities and media men to attend the occasion.

The co-operation between India and the Republic of Yemen under the ITEC Scheme has existed for a long time. The Ministry of Planning and Development has been implementing the ITEC scheme on behalf of the government of the Republic of Yemen in association with the Embassy of India to Yemen.

Yemen deports some Arab and foreign nationals

Sana'a, Sept 20 - The Yemeni ruling party, the General People's Congress (GPC) said on its Internet website (almotamar.net) that deportation measures have taken by Yemeni security authorities in recent days.

It has been reported that more than

one thousand nationals of Arab and foreign nationalities living in Yemen have been deported for security reasons.

Quoting security authorities, the website said that the deported nationals' number amounted to 1,055 for-

signers from various Arab and foreign countries.

But the source didn't mention whether those deportees had been handed over to their own countries or had just been sent out of the country.

Yemeni authorities have in recent years expelled hundreds of foreigners as part of a campaign against religious extremism in Yemen under the pressure by the United State to chase down those suspected of having links to al-Qaeda.

More than 1,800 persons, most of whom studies in religious institutes that teach Salafi ideas in Yemen where expelled from Yemen in 2002.

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Official sources have not yet made it clear about fate of ten elements accused of being involved in blasting of the USS Destroyer Cole. The ten elements had managed to escape from their prison in Aden at the beginning of this year. The United States of America is still demanding Yemen to give details on trial proceeds of those accused of blasting Cole on 12 October 2000. On the other hand Yemen is still demanding America to hand over 110 of its nationals detained in Guantanamo.

A third unit from central security forces on fighting terror in rural areas had on Wednesday completed a train-

ing course on fighting terror. A ceremony for the unit graduation was held at a camp of the central security in Sana'a last Wednesday. U.S. Brigadier General Mastin M. Robeson, Commander of the Combined Joint Task Force- Horn of Africa, who attended the unit's graduation ceremony, had praised the distinguished performance of the unit for fighting terror. A number of American experts have participated in training, qualifying and supporting the establishment of special forces on fighting terror from Presidential Guard and Central Security forces, as part of cooperation with Yemen for fighting terror.

Yemen officially protests mistreatment at US airport

The Sept. 3 incident, during which one member of the delegation was handcuffed for half an hour, angered the visitors, who represented members of the Shura council plus other prominent intellectuals and officials.

"I was in shock. If things are going to continue like this, why should I come to this country?" said Yahya al Habbari, 44, a member of Yemen's legislature who had come to meet with senior trade and agriculture officials. Al-Habbari, who travels on a diplomatic passport and has been to the United States dozens of times for his business as an importer of U.S. crops, said, "I'd rather import Australian or Canadian wheat and save myself problems."

The official protest comes days after the delegation completed what has been

called "a series of successful activities in promoting Yemen-US understanding" by the delegates.

According to the Yemen Observer, which was invited to the event, the event was a "massive success, well beyond the expectations of the organizers."

The newspaper added that the symposium was sponsored by "Yemen's Embassy in the US, the Freer Gallery of Art at the Smithsonian Institution, the American Institute for Yemeni Studies, the Foundation for the Protection of Antiquities and Cultural Heritage, the US Embassy in Yemen, and the Royal Netherlands Embassy in Yemen with cooperation from the Bead Museum in Washington, DC and other French and German institutions."

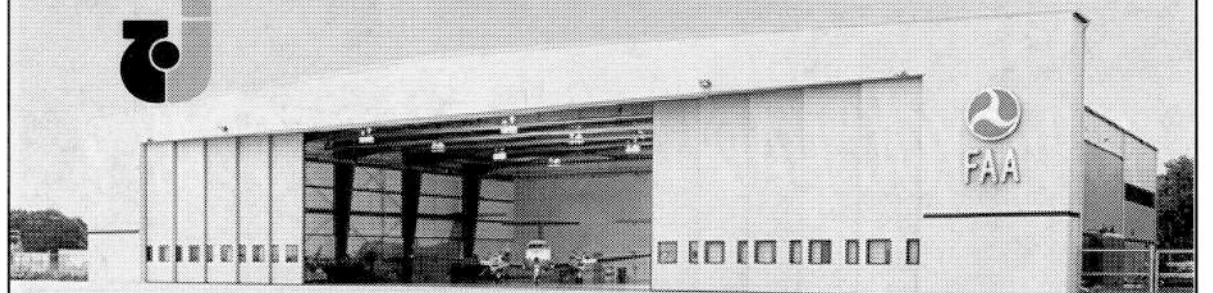


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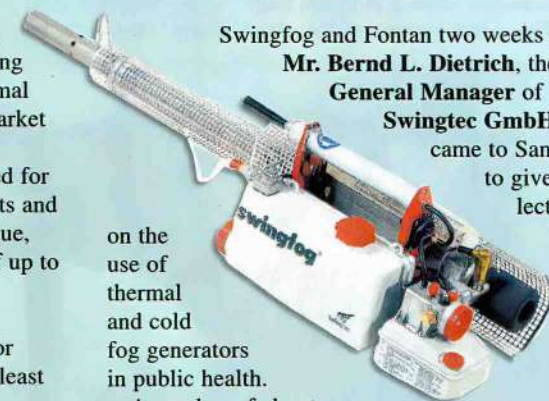
“The workshop which was held two weeks ago aims basically at improving the participants knowledge and skills on application of different spraying methods (LV – ULV – ULV PLUS) for control vector insects and latest technological improvement of the machines for such purposes.” He further added. “The work-shop also covered the practical training on the operating and

maintenance of the fogging machines. The work-shop was very positive and we take this opportunity to thank the Ministry of Public Works and Roads and the Ministry of Public Health & Population for their auspices of the work-shop and we also thank all the participants for their interest and

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Ethiopian community in Yemen:

Problems need to be resolved

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The Ethiopian Community is considered to be an institution whose members have dedicated themselves to reviewing all Ethiopian-related issues.

Among those issues is shouldering several responsibilities and burdens such as issuing IDs, passports, providing and facilitating all procedures to solve the Ethiopian problems as well as providing shelter, food and improving their health care.

Emran Mohammed Sharief, the Chairman of the Ethiopian Community has been living in Yemen for about 21 years. He has been entrusted with every Tom, Dick and Harry residing or working here in Yemen.

He is married and has got 4 children. The eldest daughter is 23 years old while the youngest son is 16.

The community was established in August in 1983 and at that time the number of the Ethiopians was too few.

According to the Ethiopian Embassy's statistics, the number of Ethiopian residents has been ranging from 10,000 to 12,000 people.

While, the community members have reached only 1,500 persons.

The community is supported by its members and they contribute YR 500 a month.

About \$ 1200 is paid as rent and that money comes from the community members themselves.

So many shops are found at the community. Those shops are allotted for selling Ethiopian goods, because, when coming here, the Ethiopians are inclined to their traditional goods.

Conditions of Ethiopian Community

The Ethiopian community has been responsible for solving so many problems such as, giving treatment to Ethiopians and following up their cases. "If for instance one of the Ethiopians is imprisoned, we then follow his/her case and if someone dies here in Yemen, he is taken to his homeland, (Ethiopia) to be buried," Mr. Sharief remarked.

On the other hand, if no relatives or family is found, the dead person is buried here in Yemen.

"We face so many problems related to the Ethiopian community residing or



Ethiopian community chairman, Emran Mohammed Sharief

working here in Yemen, particularly female servants who come to Yemen in order to make a living. When coming home we are taken aback for not having pre-work contracts.

Those maidservants are conned out of their life by the agents, Mohammed Ali al-Ashtal and Hassan Al-Usta," Mr. Sharief said.

Mr. Sharief attributed most of those problems to Mohammed Ali Al-Ashtal who has so many agents in Ethiopia and even without the knowledge of the Ethiopian government.

"No contracts are made; they don't know even how many years they should work. They are totally unaware about the situation here in Yemen," Mr. Sharief added further.

Consequently, agents worm their way into the Ethiopian maidservants' confidence. "People have been still thinking that the Yemeni Rial has been still equal to that of the Saudi Rial. Agents there pull the wool over the Ethiopians' eyes that if an Ethiopian maidservant receives YR. 8000 it means that one birr, (an Ethiopian currency) equals YR20. But, when coming here to Yemen, we got astonished of not having work contracts with them," he commented.

According to what Mr. Sharief said, those maidservants are taken by the Mohammed Ali al-Ashtal directly from the airport to their workplaces.

When having the desire to

come here, Ethiopians have to pay amounts of money totaling birr 2000 which equals YR., 40000.

More sorrow than in anger,

Ethiopian girls when working here are exposed to several psychological disturbances. They are also annoyed intensely. But, who should be held accountable for all those problems.

"Agents bring them here and provides jobs for them. We at the Ethiopian community at length have to bear their entire burdens. Because of being next of kin, we have to treat them here at the Ethiopian community; we shoulder all burdens and return them to their home.

Community Chairman with security men

So many tangled problems are shouldered by the community specifically, its chairman, Mr. Emran.

He has been taken to police stations several times. As he is the only person who chairs the community, he has become the first to be held accountable for what is going on with the

Ethiopians here working or residing in Yemen.

So many examples are given by the Ethiopian community chairman. "If for instance a wage-earner girl escapes from an official house, I am the only person who should pay the cost, "One month ago, I remained at the Criminal Investigation for one week. This is because two maid servants fled an official's house. I was taken to the Criminal Investigation office by security men from my office. I was taken immediately and imprisoned for a whole week. "Up to this moment, this case hasn't been yet resolved and we also haven't seen these two girls or even come to the community premises," he explained.

All these problems are because of the agents who bring them from Ethiopia.

In order to duck these cases, they throw stones at the community and

escape.

Community appeals

The majority of the Ethiopians here in Yemen doesn't have residence permits.

If a distinction is made between the Yemeni community in Ethiopia and the Ethiopian community here in Yemen, a big difference lies there.

Majority of Yemenis don't have any problems concerning their residencies. "We are here in Yemen facing so many problems, including 365 passports at the immigration authority, haven't yet been resolved. No response has been shown yet," he said.

Spacious piece of land is allotted for the Yemeni community in Ethiopia. This has paved the way for Yemenis there to build schools and be able to educate their children in Arabic.

"We want our sons learn their mother tongue," he concluded too.

Neglect, and medical errors claim more lives

Taiz, 20 September - The number of people victimized in Yemen because of inefficient medical services, neglect or lack of professional safety expertise has increased substantially over the last few years.

Mr. Ali Abdulrahman, a worker in a cement factory, had an accident some time ago, in which he broke his right arm. He was then taken to the Thawra general hospital, where he underwent an operation. As time passed, his case got worse and upon checking his arm, it was found that a serious mistake was committed in the first operation so he had to do another, which was a risky operation that could lead to the total amputation of his hand. Today, his arm is still not recovering.

The number of patients who die because of medical errors and lack of expertise or equipment is also on the rise in Taiz, Aden, Hodeidah and other governorates. Many activists and regular citizens have called upon the authorities to investigate the reasons behind this concerning increase in the

number of victims of medical errors.

There are currently four cases in the Aden court related to neglect and medical accidents that resulted in the death of a number of people. For example, in the Aden Jumhori Hospital a patient died upon the transfer of HIV infected blood by a hospital nurse. In other cases, four people died while being operated in the emergency room when a power blockage in the hospital lasted for 15 hours.

In Taiz, a number of people died in various private clinics after receiving anesthetic injections without proper allergy examinations.

In Hodeidah, people still remember how Neema, a 70-year-old woman, died in Ulofi hospital because of the lack of any single Oxygen tube.

The increasing number of deaths due to such accidents has

resulted in a campaign in opposition media to try to control the situation. However hospitals are becoming increasingly agitated by such media reports to the level that many have prevented journalists from entering hospitals by hiring guards at the gates.



Because of medical neglect and carelessness, minor injuries could result in amputations.

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Thousands stranded in Bangladesh flood, 14 dead

DHAKA, Sept 20 (Reuters) - Bangladeshi rescue workers struggled to get food and medicine to thousands of people stranded on islands in a flood-swollen river on Saturday as more than half a million people were affected by the latest flooding.

The death toll rose to 14, officials said.

"We are trying to get food and medicine to marooned people on some small islands on the Padma river, but the heavy current is obstructing our efforts," said relief officer Aminul Islam in the town of Chapai Nawabganj.

Relief officials said 50,000 people were marooned on the islands and the situation was likely to deteriorate with monsoon rains still falling across some upstream areas and the Padma river rising.

Half of Chapai Nawabganj, a town of about 300,000 people, had been flooded as the Padma burst its banks, town officials said.

Most of the 14 deaths in low-lying Bangladesh's latest struggle with floods were caused by drowning and most of the victims were children.

The floods cut many roads and hundreds of vehicles were stranded on both sides of the river. A ferry terminal at Pakshey town was washed away.

Officials said about 600,000 people have been badly affected and 300,000 had fled for higher ground.

Relief efforts were inadequate, officials and newspaper reporters said, and large areas of rice and other crops had been submerged.

"According to the latest reports 437,500 acres (175,000 hectares) with paddy and other crops have been inundated," said an official in Rajshahi, one of the worst-hit districts.

Palestinian premier criticises U.S. on Arafat

RAMALLAH, West Bank, Sept 20 (Reuters) - Palestinian Prime Minister-designate Ahmed Qurie told a Palestinian newspaper that the White House stance on Palestinian President Yasser Arafat is "regrettable" and harmful to a peace process with Israel.

The remarks published on Saturday in the Palestinians' second largest daily, al-Ayyam, appeared to widen a gap between Washington, which has attempted to sideline Arafat, and the Palestinian Authority on how to move forward with Israel on a "road map" peace plan derailed by ongoing violence.

On Thursday, U.S. President George W. Bush charged that Arafat "has failed as a leader" and is responsible for stalling the Middle East peace road map, which envisages a Palestinian state by 2005 and an end to tit-for-tat attacks.

"This is regrettable and does not serve the peace process. (Arafat) is an elected leader and represents the will of the Palestinian people," Qurie was quoted as telling al-Ayyam.

"We hope that President Bush and the American administration respect the will of the Palestinian people," he

added.

Arafat appointed Qurie prime minister after Mahmoud Abbas resigned from the post in protest at what he called "obstructions" by Arafat and Israel to his peace moves.

Next week, Qurie is expected to form the new Palestinian cabinet, which officials say is likely to include a Hamas supporter and a moderate favoured by the U.S.

Israeli Defence Minister Shaul Mofaz said Qurie could prove himself a peace partner only by cracking down on militant groups once he takes office.

Israel says it will not cooperate with any Palestinian government controlled by Arafat.

Palestinians say Israeli army closures and operations in the West Bank and Gaza Strip hamper any efforts to rein in militants, who Israel says are goaded on by Arafat. Arafat, 74, denies this charge.

Israel stirred an international outcry last week when it announced a decision in principle to remove Arafat as an obstacle to peace, without saying when or how it would act.

The decision helped bolster Arafat's stature and spawned massive pro-

Arafat rallies in the West Bank and Gaza Strip. In the latest show of support, over 1,000 Palestinians in the West Bank city of Hebron marched on Saturday in support of Arafat.

Washington visit

A senior Israeli government source said Prime Minister Ariel Sharon would send a high-ranking delegation to Washington next week to try to defuse U.S. opposition to the routing of a security barrier Israel is building through the West Bank.

Israel Radio said the delegation would leave for Washington on Saturday night.

The United States has said it is considering how much of a \$9 billion loan guarantee package it will deduct in response to Jewish settlement-building in the West Bank and that the barrier, which shields some settlements, could be an issue.

Israel says the barrier, a mix of fences and walls, is to keep suicide bombers out of its cities. Palestinians call it a "new Berlin Wall" expropriating farmland and in effect annexing terrain they seek for a state under the U.S.-backed peace plan.



Palestinian prime minister-designate Ahmed Qurie

REUTERS

Gunmen wound member of US-backed Iraqi leadership

BAGHDAD, Sept 20 (Reuters) - Gunmen shot and wounded one of three women on Iraq's U.S.-appointed Governing Council on Saturday, the latest in a string of attacks on Iraqis cooperating with the country's occupying powers.

The attackers fired on a car carrying Akila al-Hashemi, a Shi'ite Muslim and career diplomat. She was hit in the abdomen and three of her bodyguards were also wounded, one of them critically, staff at Baghdad's Yarmuk hospital said.

One of Hashemi's brothers who was travelling with her rushed to a nearby house to get help, his face covered with blood, local people said. Neighbours and politicians said Hashemi had received death threats for working with Americans.

Iraq's U.S. governor Paul Bremer said the attack was "against the people of Iraq and against the common goals we share for the establishment of a fully democratic government".

Some Iraqis have denounced the 25-member Governing Council for cooperating with the U.S.-led administration in overall charge of the country since the war that ousted Saddam Hussein.

Ahmed Chalabi, the holder of the Council's rotating chairmanship, blamed Saddam loyalists for the attack.

"The members of the Governing Council and ministers will not be intimidated by the terrorists," he said. "They will continue to do their patriotic duty to move Iraq towards freedom, democracy and sovereignty."

Hashemi had been due to be part of an Iraqi delegation at next week's United Nations General Assembly in New York.

Car crashed

The gunmen, armed with AK-47 automatic rifles, struck shortly after Hashemi left home in western Baghdad at about 8:45 a.m. (0445 GMT), police officers said. Her car veered off the road and crashed, witnesses reported.

Iraqi police sealed off the site and

U.S. FBI officials were also present.

Bullet holes in a tree, bloodstains by the roadside and damage to a garage and a garden wall were visible at the scene.

Firas Ismail, a security guard at a nearby school, said he heard the shots and rushed to the area.

"I started shooting at the attackers. While I was shooting at them, they turned their car around and left," he said.

"We pulled Doctor Akila out of the car and sent her to Yarmuk hospital. She was conscious. She had a wound in her stomach. I don't think it was too dangerous."

But Hind Shaker, a doctor who treated al-Hashemi, said: "There was a bullet injury in the abdomen, affecting the liver ... There was severe internal bleeding. It was a difficult case."

She said doctors had moved Hashemi, who served in Iraq's Foreign Ministry during Saddam's rule, to a U.S. military hospital where they believed she could get better treatment.

"This was a well-planned professional operation. The perpetrators used three cars and waited for her in a sidestreet," a policeman at the scene said. "When she went out in her car, accompanied by a protection car, she was shot at."

Politicians, policemen and translators working with the occupying powers have all been attacked in recent months.

Mohammed Baqer al-Hakim, head of a Shi'ite Muslim party represented on the Governing Council, was killed last month with more than 80 of his followers by a car bomb in the holy city of Najaf.

Members of Iraq's new U.S.-backed police force have been frequent targets. A car bomb exploded at Baghdad's police headquarters early this month, killing one policeman.

Guerrillas also carry out about a dozen attacks a day on occupying forces. Seventy-six U.S. soldiers have been killed by hostile fire since U.S. President George W. Bush declared major combat in Iraq over on May 1.

Syria won't bow to US pressure, vows Iraq support

DAMASCUS, Sept 20 (Reuters) - Syria brushed aside on Saturday as "futile" United States pressure to secure its cooperation with U.S. policies and argued that Washington should display a better understanding of Arab interests.

"These pressures will not have a negative impact on us," said Vice President Abdel-Halim Khaddam.

The U.S. Congress, concerned over what it sees as a failure by Syria to halt infiltration of militants into Iraq, is mulling a Syria Accountability Act which could lead to more sanctions against Damascus, a stern opponent to the U.S. presence in Iraq.

"They can decide what they want, but we also have our independent will and interests. These pressures are absolutely futile," he said.

"As far as we are concerned, we will bear the pressure and be patient because

we have a cause that we cannot abandon," he added in reference to Syria's demands that Israel withdraw from all occupied Arab land and an end to the occupation of Iraq.

Foreign Minister Farouq al-Shara said earlier this week Syria would meet any "reasonable" U.S. request for help following U.S. accusations that Damascus was not doing enough to end support for "terrorist activity".

Syria is on a U.S. list of nations accused of sponsoring terrorism on the back of its support to anti-Israel Palestinian and Lebanese militant groups which it calls freedom fighters.

"We were hoping that some U.S. politicians would appreciate the concerns and interests of others and not only (their) limited interests," Khaddam told reporters at a meeting with a delegation of an unofficial Iraqi tribal body,

Hussein Ali Sha'lan, whose tribal council wants a peaceful end to the presence of U.S.-led troops in Iraq, said the group was seeking help from Syria to stabilise the war-ravaged country.

"Syria is an important country with political and diplomatic capabilities and is a current member of the (UN) Security Council, therefore we are interested in all that Syria can do to secure a swift stabilisation in Iraq," he said.

Khaddam said Damascus will "offer all the help possible to assist the brotherly Iraqi people out of their crisis".

"What we are interested in is that Iraq regain its independence and sovereignty and that the Iraqi people are able to determine their destiny. This is the direction of our interests as Syrians and Arabs. (If) the Americans have other interests than that's their affair," he said.

MENA can better achieve its growth potential, With greater inclusion of women in the economy

Dubai, September 17, 2003 - Giving women equal opportunities to contribute to economic life, would significantly enhance the growth prospects and economic productivity of countries in the Middle East and North Africa (MENA), according to a new World Bank report released today.

The third in a series of reports highlighting the development challenges facing the MENA region today, the report is being launched on the eve of the World Bank and International Monetary Fund's Annual Meetings in Dubai - the first such meeting to take place in

MENA.

This year's meeting are expected to draw some 16,000 delegates from 184 member countries to discuss the state of the global economy and address pressing development challenges confronting the developing world.

The report Gender and Development in the Middle East and North Africa: Women in the public sphere identifies the economic and social obstacles that women in the MENA region face in seeking employment.

The report analyzes the potential economic benefits of engaging

women in the work force, and suggests a plan of action that would help pave the way for expanding their role in the economic and public life.

"No country can raise the standard of living and improve the well-being of its people without the participation of half its population," emphasizes Christiaan Poortman, World Bank Vice President for the Middle East and North Africa.

"Experience in other countries have shown over and over again that women are important actors in development to hold them back is to hold back the potential for economic growth".

Saudi attacks to curb investment near-term-SAGIA

DUBAI, Sept 20 (Reuters) - Security concerns after bombings in Saudi Arabia this year are likely to curb the flow of foreign investment into the oil giant but would not have a lasting impact, said the head of the kingdom's investment authority.

Prince Abdullah bin Faisal bin Turki, governor of the Saudi Arabian General Investment Authority (SAGIA), said on Saturday the body he heads was lobby-

ing for further incentives, such another reduction in tax rates, and was seeking new legislation or upgrading existing ones to remove restrictions on investors.

Investors from the United States, United Kingdom, Japan, India and other countries, have so far taken licences totalling about \$14 billion for investments in the kingdom since SAGIA's establishment in 2000, he

said.

But the prince has said in the past that investments needed in the power sector alone could be in the order of \$100 billion over the next 15-20 years. Asked if the total figure of foreign investment in 2003 could top last year's, he replied: "I think no, because of what happened."

The prince, who spoke on the sidelines of the Sept 18-24 meetings of the International Monetary Fund and the

World Bank in Dubai, did not give any figures.

Asked why foreigners should feel confident about investing in the kingdom given bombings by Islamists loyal to Saudi-born al Qaeda leader Osama bin Laden, he said:

"It was just an incident or two. Of course, it affected people but we don't think it will have a long-term effect .. if you handle it well, and so far the gov-

ernment has done a very good job."

He said investors should feel more secure after the Saudi government, a longtime ally of the United States, intensified its crackdown on Muslim militants after suicide bombings in Riyadh in May killed 35 people, including foreigners.

"We are confident that the success of the government in arresting many people who are connected with these terror-

ist groups will make a good impact," the prince said.

Commenting on investment opportunities in the kingdom's lucrative energy sector after the failure of talks earlier this year over a \$15-billion gas deal with a consortium led by U.S. oil major Exxon Mobil, he said his country was awaiting proposals from 50 energy companies that it had met recently in London.

Indian troops battle Kashmir rebels, six dead

SRINAGAR, India, Sept 20 (Reuters) - Indian troops killed six suspected Muslim militants in a gunbattle in Kashmir on Saturday, the latest incident in surging violence in the disputed region.

The battle in the Shopian area south of Kashmir's biggest city Srinagar began after troops combing the area challenged a group of rebels, a police spokesman said. Three soldiers were also injured in the incident.

Police said the six belonged to the Pakistan-based Lashkar-e-Taiba group. There was no independent confirmation of that.

Lashkar-e-Taiba is one of a dozen Muslim guerrilla groups that have been battling for an independent Kashmir or its merger with Pakistan since 1989 in a rebellion that has killed well over 38,000 people, mostly civilians.

Elsewhere, six militants, two soldiers and three civilians were also killed, taking the death toll in the state since Friday evening to 17.

Police say more than 200 people, most of them rebels, have been killed in September, while the rebels have said they have stepped up infiltration from Muslim Pakistan into Indian Kashmir.

The surge in violence has cast a cloud over tentative peace steps between India and Pakistan, which nearly went to war for a fourth time last year over Kashmir.



An Indian soldier stands near a group of Kashmiri children during a search operation in Srinagar Sept. 20. Indian Border Security Force authorities said their troops recovered a large quantity of arms and ammunitions from an underground hideout built inside the kitchen of a residential house in Srinagar, which they say belong to the Pakistan based militant group the Jaish-e-Mohammed. REUTERS

Kashmir, mainly Hindu India's only Muslim-majority state, has been at the heart of decades of rivalry between the nuclear-armed neighbours and has been

the cause of two of their three wars.

India has linked fresh talks on improving ties to an end to attacks by Muslim separatists in Kashmir.

Pakistan says it has done all it can to stop the militants and has repeatedly called for talks to resolve the Kashmir dispute.

Train hits bus in Pakistan, at least 40 dead

ISLAMABAD, Sept 20 (Reuters) - At least 40 people were killed in Pakistan on Saturday when a train slammed into a bus packed with students and teachers at an unmanned railway crossing, police said.

A police official said women and children were among the dead but he could not give exact figures. The accident happened near Malak Wal town, 150 km (95 miles) south of the capital, Islamabad.

"Around 40 to 45 people have been killed," police official Mohammad Ashraf told Reuters. The cause of the accident could not be immediately determined but Ashraf said the railway crossing where the accident happened had been unmanned.

Two S.Korean jet fighters crash during training

SEOUL, Sept 20 (Reuters) - Two South Korean jet fighters have crashed near a mountain in the country's south after going missing during a training mission, the air force said on Saturday.

The air force gave no cause for the crash of the two F-5E jet fighters. The planes were reported missing on Friday.

An air force spokesman said debris from the planes and human remains were found near a mountain in Chungchong-buk-do Province, about 180 km (110 miles) southeast of Seoul. It was not immediately known how many pilots were aboard the two planes.

The cause of the crash would be determined after examining the debris, officials said.

Ivory Coast mourns a year of division by war

ABIDJAN, Sept 19 (Reuters) - Ivory Coast mourned a year of division on Friday with hopes of lasting peace still tenuous on the anniversary of the failed coup that thrust the once-stable West African country into civil war.

Scores of loyalist militia volunteers with leaves twined in their hair jogged with war chants through the main city of Abidjan, where sputtering gunfire before dawn on September 19, 2002 heralded months of fighting that left thousands dead.

"This brings back painful memories,"

said Jeanne Achi, laying flowers before the Monument to the Unknown Soldier, where candles flickered under the dark sky. "I pray to God that this will pass and the country returns to the peace it once knew."

There were no celebrations in the rebel stronghold of Bouake, where former insurgents in a power-sharing government were due to meet at the weekend to discuss growing frustration over a peace accord with President Laurent Gbagbo.

Street demonstrations across the world's top cocoa producer were banned

by the coalition government, fearing trouble on the emotive anniversary of the bungled attempt to topple Gbagbo. Some Western embassies told people to stay at home.

"The Black Year", ran the headline in the state-owned Fraternite Matin newspaper. "The Apocalypse", declared Notre Voie, the paper of Gbagbo's party.

Ivory Coast's war was stoked by years of bitterness between tribes of the largely Muslim north, who felt excluded and discriminated against, and the more heavily Christian south, which has ruled

since independence from France in 1960.

Division sealed

Rebels still hold the north and chunks of the west, sealed off by French and West African peacekeepers patrolling a ceasefire line to stop any return to war.

There has been no fighting since a ceasefire in May, but there has been no let up in tension.

Gbagbo's supporters accuse the former rebels, now dubbed the "New Forces", of plotting new attempts on his life.

The rebels say new helicopters, war-planes and armoured vehicles are meant for a return to war. They also accuse Gbagbo of reneging on promises and stripping them and the new government of real power.

"It is impossible to end the crisis if Gbagbo stays in power," said rebel spokesman Sidiki Konate in Bouake, 350 km (220 miles) north of Abidjan.

War has exacerbated decline. Unemployment has risen as foreign firms and organisations like the African Development Bank pull out or cut back.

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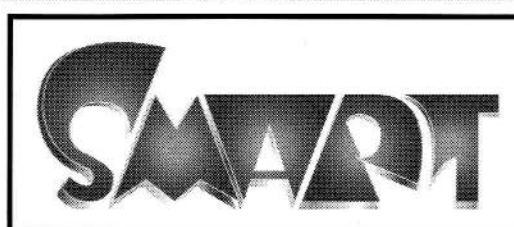
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Britain joins Franco-German growth initiative

BERLIN, Sept 20 (Reuters) - Britain agreed on Saturday to join a Franco-German initiative to boost growth through infrastructure projects, and backed calls by France and Germany for a flexible interpretation of the EU's Stability Pact.

British Prime Minister Tony Blair, speaking after talks with the leaders of France and Germany in Berlin, said all three agreed they must deliver economic growth to European citizens, without sacrificing budget discipline.

"In respect to the Stability and Growth Pact again there was very common ground in the discussions that we need of course to maintain budgetary discipline but to recognise that as economic circumstances change it is important without in any way compromising that discipline that we also deliver to European citizens the growth that they require," said Blair.

"Again there was strong support for the Italian presidency and the initiative they are taking in this."

German Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder said: "I am pleased to be able to tell you that we have agreement that all three of us will pursue the growth initiative which France and Germany agreed on last Thursday."

Germany and France on Thursday unveiled a 10-point list of infrastructure projects that Europe could cooperate on to improve its medium term growth prospects, including developing digital television, radio and broadband networks, linking national high-speed train networks and further developing the Galileo satellite navigation system.

Complement Italian plan

The projects are aimed at complementing an Italian plan that the EU's



French President Jacques Chirac, German Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder and Britain's Prime Minister Tony Blair (L to R) address a news conference after a meeting in Berlin Sept. 20. REUTERS

long-term financing arm, the European Investment Bank, increase lending for road and rail projects by 50 billion euros between 2003 and 2010 to boost growth. Italy holds the EU's rotating presidency.

Both Schroeder and French President Jacques Chirac are under fire from smaller EU member states for allowing their budget deficits to exceed the ceiling of three percent of GDP laid down by the EU Stability and Growth Pact.

They have called for the Pact to be interpreted loosely to escape heavy fines if they overshoot the deficit limit again next year.

Schroeder said: "It is vital that in the

situation we are in right now growth impulses are given in a way they were not in the past."

He noted that International Monetary Fund Managing Director Horst Koehler had backed calls for a flexible application of the Pact.

Koehler warned on Friday against interpreting European Union budget rules too rigidly.

"The aims of the Stability Pact are fair, but the three percent (of gross domestic product deficit) cap should not be seen as an absolute limit," Koehler told reporters at a briefing ahead of the September 23-24 annual meetings of the International Monetary Fund and World Bank.

Japan PM wins LDP poll by landslide, eyes election

TOKYO, Sept 20 (Reuters) - Reformist Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi was re-elected by a landslide as head of Japan's ruling party on Saturday, enabling him to keep the premiership and lead his coalition into a general election as early as November.

The win also paved the way for a cabinet shake-up that will provide clues to how hard he plans to push his agenda of reforms aimed at curbing Japan's massive public debt, curing its ailing banks and getting the economy on track for a long-term recovery.

"This party election was a step to turn the party into a party truly of the people and truly of reform," a forceful-sounding Koizumi told lawmakers after his victory.

Koizumi beat three challengers, all of whom had criticised his tight fiscal stance and urged the government spend more to boost the long-stagnant economy — now showing signs of recovery.

He won 399 of 657 votes up for grabs, composed of those of the 357 lawmakers in his Liberal Democratic Party (LDP) plus 300 from local LDP chapters that had been allotted based on ballots of rank-and-file party members.

His closest challenger, former LDP policy chief Shizuka Kamei, lagged far behind with 139 votes.

Only a few weeks ago, political analysts were saying that deep-seated dislike of Koizumi's painful policies might push rank-and-file LDP members and lawmakers to deprive him of a first round victory and set the stage for possible defeat in a run-off.

But with expectations growing that Koizumi will call a snap election for parliament's Lower House in November and a poll for the upper chamber looming next July, the prime minister's robust popularity with the voting public appeared the decisive factor.

The maverick leader also won the backing of several anti-reform heavyweights, prompting speculation that he had promised to compromise on policy and cabinet appointments.

Leading the list of ministers who old guard party members want ousted is Economics and Financial Services Minister Heizo Takenaka, an architect of tough banking reforms.

Takenaka's enemies say his banking policies are hurting many small firms — a key power base for many LDP law-

makers.

Snsp election on horizon

The large margin of victory could strengthen Koizumi's hand against those who want him to tone down his agenda for change, especially his win of some two-thirds of the rank-and-file vote.

"Koizumi got a lot of support from old guard faction members and the question is how much he can ignore them," said Muneyuki Shindo, a political science professor at Chiba University.

"But he said this LDP election was a step toward reform, so he has to avoid a cabinet line-up that suggests to the public that he made back-room deals," Shindo added.

In a show of unity after the bitter battle, the defeated trio joined Koizumi on the stage at LDP headquarters to lock hands and shout "Go LDP!" three times in a traditional post-election chant.

Koizumi, 61, who sprang to power on a wave of grassroots support in April 2001, has been criticised for being both too slow and too hasty on reform initiatives.

His public support rate, however, remains well above 50 percent, perhaps because few see any appealing alternatives and perhaps because moderate change is what many want.



Japanese Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi stands to applause from members of his Liberal Democratic Party (LDP) after being re-elected as head of his ruling party at the LDP headquarters in Tokyo Sept. 20, enabling to keep the premiership. The victory paves the way for a cabinet shake-up. REUTERS



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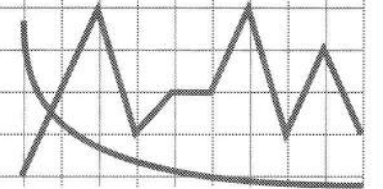
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YT Business



Stressing on attracting expatriates and new markets,

Strategic plan to revive life cycle to tourist development

By MAHYOUB AL-KAMALI
YEMEN TIMES STAFF

The Yemeni government has set up a strategic plan for reviving the cycle of life to tourist development aimed at treating the state of stagnation prevalent on conditions of the tourist sector by establishment of the necessary structure to attract tourists, especially the Yemeni expatriates in South-East Asia whose number is estimated at more than 5.6 million people.

Prime Minister Abdul-Qader Bajammal had defined, during the 2nd National Conference for Tourism held in Sana'a on 16-17 September 2003, features of the plan in activating the inter-tourism and the best investment of the Yemeni islands and attracting sons of the Yemeni communities from abroad to visit the tourist resorts in Yemen and promotion for the tourist landmarks in the foreign countries and markets exporting tourists.

The strategic plan also aims at helping Yemen restore its status in international market for tourism. Figure mention that security imbalance has affected the influx of tourist movement coming from Europe and that it has reached the lowest of its level in the year 2002. While on the other hand problems of hotel establishments has aggravated as trade and tourist recession included them. Studies presented to the tourist conference attributed the reasons of the drop in number of tourists to a group of factors, the most important of which are kidnapping of tourists, the events of 11 September in the United States, the incident of blasting the French oil tanker Limburg at the coasts of Hadramout, in addition to weakness of services at the tourist establishments.

Studies have interpreted the current tourist impediments and problems with the environmental problem represented by the lacking of public cleanliness, destruction of natural

plants and marine life, advancement of modern building in the historical cities, sabotage and theft against historical ruins and deterioration of folkloric arts and traditional industries, as well as the weakness of the essential tourist infrastructure and backwardness of some facilities offered to tourists.

Research working papers offered to the conference have considered that the capacity power of the hotel establishments are still limited, not exceeding 9 thousand beds mostly concentrated in the capital where there are six 5-star hotels, fourteen 4-star hotels and fifty-five 3-star hotels. The studies ascribed the causes of investment hindrances in the tourist sector institutions to the lack of a map determining sites of hotel establishments, in addition to weakness of judiciary, electricity and water services and imposition of taxes on hotel services. The prime minister addressed the conferees that the visit of foreign tourists to Yemen had been costing Yemen highly as measured by the volume of government spending on security bodies for providing security for them. The contrary opinion was expressed by the studies that confirmed that intensive security company generated a negative impression about the security situation in the country. Therefore the new plan contains the protection of tourists during their touring of cities and the establishment of an operation room for tourist police, providing protection for all tourist establishments and confirmed the necessity of cooperation of the private sector in supporting tourist police and offering facilities for it.

The plan pointed out the targeted markets with the old ones in Europe and the new markets in Japan, Malaysia, and the Arab Gulf. The activities there aim at the realization of a balanced and stable tourism sector. The conference has set up mechanisms for the marketing of tourist product of Yemen the most important of which the conducting comprehensive promotional campaigns at the

markets exporting tourism, producing a tourist film, modernization of Yemen's tourist site on the internet, announcement of a tender for publishing a new tourist guide and the tourist map. Among other mechanisms is the participation in the International Travel Fair in Japan, London Tourist Fair and other fairs with the aim of entering in new markets.

The conference participants have also proposed activation of the role of diplomatic missions in the tourist promotion and creating an administration at the ministry of foreign affairs specialized in undertaking the task of studying and analyzing warnings issued by foreign countries to their nationals against visiting Yemen and to deal with them with a national

responsibility and also the diplomatic follow-up for rectifying the mistaken ideas on the stable situation of security in Yemen. The specialists have expected that in case of implementing the new strategy and success of the marketing plan, visitors to Yemen in the medium-term could be between 200 to 300 thousand tourists at a rate of four days for each tourist spending 150 dollars each day. This could entail gaining huge revenues of hard currency supporting the national economy and that can be reflected on supporting the balance of payments of the foreign currency and raising the level of monetary reserve as well as pushing forward the movement of foreign and local investments for creating a large-scale commercial movement in the tourist area.



Bajammal chairs the 2nd National Conference for Tourism, Sana'a Sept. 16-17.



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Remarks on investment in Yemen



By Ismael al-Ghabiri
Yemen Times Staff

The general and comprehensive concept of investment is that of investing time and effort for the benefit of any human activity heading towards the achievement of public and private goals planned beforehand and also for meeting people's needs and common interests. This means that investment should not be aimed at only gaining private profits but essentially the public interest.

The door is wide-open for the public and private sectors, mixed sector

and for foreign investors, for investment in raw material and natural wealth such as minerals, petroleum and gas, fish, agriculture and industry. This is done according to the constitution and the laws regulating the investment work provided it is in harmony with public and private interests.

Nevertheless, investment movement in Yemen is still weak and floundering and there are a number of complications blocking it way particularly regarding implementation, the volume of production or the economic and social return. It is generally characterized by speculation in prices and running after speedy profit, even if at the expense of the consumer.

We do not support privatization if its main aim is to change public property into private property, whereas the essential goal of privatization is to solve the problems of weak production, bad quality of the product and improvement of work mechanism and entering into competition with external products. The aims of privatization could also be the reduction in costs and prices, expanding the scope of employment of workforce and raising the standard of its skills through continued training and raising wages of workers.

Yemen's economy nowadays can accommodate all forms of property and in all sectors. What is lacking is the non-introduction of enough com-

petition conditions among various sectors of production and not unifying the goals of all those sectors for the serving of the general aim that reconcile between the public and the private interest and to surmount any attempt for blackmailing by one party at the expense of another.

Our orientation in Yemen should be the encouragement of investment in all economic and social fields, including education and health, development of infrastructure, water and electricity projects and communications. Focusing should be mainly on agriculture development and industry; light and heavy in order to achieve the biggest amount of self-sufficiency and not to be under the mercy of economic globalization.

\$8 billion foreign debts, Government share of oil exports rose

By YEMEN TIMES STAFF

Yemeni government share of oil exports in the first half of this year amounted to 36, 21 million barrels compared to 35, 22 million barrels during the same period of last year. Statistical indicators pointed to drop in proportion of non-oil exports and increase in the total value of loans to reach \$8 billion and 887 million, \$ 7 billion and 563 million of which spent for funding development projects. The Central Bank of Yemen statistics clarified that the government revenues of those oil exports during the period starting from July 2003 amounted to \$1.49 billion against \$812.31 million for the same period of last year, recording an increase by \$188, 18 million.

The Bank has attributed the rise in value of oil exports to the rise of oil prices in World Oil Markets as the average price of a barrel reached \$27, 63 against \$22, and 87 of last year.

The Bank's report has indicated that the existing asset of indebtedness on June 30, 2002 amounted to \$5 billion and 138 million. Yemen receives loans from various creditors under easy conditions and long-term repayment periods.

The total loans amount of Yemen last year was about \$4.8 billion, registering a sudden rise after a drop to about \$3.6 billion following re-scheduling of Yemeni debts at meetings of donors in Paris 5 years ago.

At that time Yemen had got debt exemptions by 60%. Those debts were estimated at around \$6 billion payable to Russia.

Words of Wisdom



Many countries in the West are touting Yemen as a model for the region, in terms of political change. If this model is to succeed, then the economic performance of Yemen must also succeed. Otherwise, the whole experiment may go down the drain. That is why, I believe, the Western nations which value Yemen's political transformation, should come to the support of the development process of the country.

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



OUR OPINION

This is why we dislike US policy

I have been asked by a number of a few American friends why we in the Arab press seem to dislike US policies. It is true that we dislike the current US policy and seem to be in no agreement whatsoever with the current US government. That is true and that doesn't mean that we are against the USA as a country or nation. In fact we, along with tens of millions of Americans, are indeed against the current policies because for us, they seem to be misguided and wrong.

Take for example the latest UN vote on the deportation or threatening of the safety of Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat. The whole world has rejected this threat except for Israel and the USA. The problem is that this act of the United States is seen as a blind support to Israel regardless of everything.

This comes after the USA vetoed the Security Council text on Tuesday that would have prevented Israel by force to deport or harm Yasser Arafat. The USA's claim was also funny for many analysts. The justification that the text failed to explicitly condemn "Hamas, the Palestinian Islamic Jihad and the Al Aksa Martyrs' Brigade as organizations responsible for acts of terrorism" and call for the dismantlement of "an infrastructure, which supports these terror operations wherever located." Has been called 'ridiculous' by many observers in the Arab world because it implies that as long as the text does not condemn those factions, then Yasser Arafat can indeed be killed or sent to exile.

In other words, the USA is getting isolated more and more everyday as it is holding tight to Israel in every way possible.

This drives many people to rethink about this extremely strong alliance between the two countries. Many have come to think that perhaps the Jewish lobby in the White House is so strong that it almost controls every political decision in the country. There may be reasons known, there may be reasons unknown, but for sure, we see that the unity between the two allies is unbreakable.

Any way, coming to the point of US policy, we see that the rift between the USA and the Arab world is widening every day. The US strategy in Iraq has caused many to think about interests of the USA in oil and domination of the region. They may be wrong. But unless the USA proves otherwise, their assumption could still hold. Unless the USA proves that Weapons of Mass Destruction were actually there. And unless its administration confirms that Iraq is a major source of terrorism, then all the justifications for the war could fall apart and leave the US administration speechless and unable to justify cleverly to the world why it had gone into a war so devastating, expensive, and with an unknown future.

We in the Arab press are only reflecting a popular opinion here in the region. We are also confident that this opinion is in most of the world. After all, why would the overwhelming majority of nations vote against the removal of Arafat? Could the whole world be wrong and the current US administration and Israel be right?

The American public is slowly and steadily beginning to realize that their government is no angel. It commits mistakes. But when the American public supports those mistakes including going to war with no justification, then it will have to pay in the long run. But I am sure that they will understand why the rest of the world has a different opinion, and numbers are also indicating that more Americans are aware that the US policy should change, and change drastically for us and the world to regain our confidence in US foreign policy.

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Life sustainable



BY ISMAEL AL-GHABIRI
YEMEN TIMES

Respect of humanity and especially that for the workingman must be revised and though over again. This is to be through uplifting of the work value by raising allowances and salaries in all production and services sectors. Where the basic salary should be able to provide for the basic necessities of life such as accommodation, food and health in a respectable way.

Providing a dignified way of living to every person is the only guarantee to the glory of the country and its stability. For development of any country is based and measured according to the development of its people. However, today salaries have gone back to what they were three decades ago while the prices have been set loose causing liv-

ing expenses to soar high especially comparing with the income. And in addition to this and that, unemployment and poverty are in continuous increase threatening to subject this country to malnutrition if not famine, and family destruction with no breakthrough.

These issues are of interest and concern to all, and the solution of this problem is not impossible but only if all felt the consequences and the political dimensions of this issue, near and far-off.

People's level of living is the deciding factor for their involvement in their present and reaction to this present's issues. Therefore, the sustaining of the internal conditions is the job of the managerial and financial reform. And its base is to increase the production energy and holistic activation of the wasted energies. And it is the only way to enhance social, economic and cultural status of our country. The state is demanded to set a new employment hierarchy for salaries and wages and to

improve the quality of its appreciating citizen's work and developing his skills and abilities throughout his career.

Development of education and health and ensuring job safety is of no less importance to other aspects such as raising of political participation, economic, defense and security aspects of the citizens.

Also creating new working relations is an entrance to enhancing the citizen's status and the country. All is dependent on the enforcing of law and order in an honest responsible way considering the duties and responsibilities trade off for all at the same level without any bias or favoritism.

The enforcement of good and decent working relationships and emphasizing on the work and production as well as renovating the work force and developing it with new skills and abilities is the essence of developing this country instead of the endless disputes and unhealthy environments controlling many work places.

Letters to the Editor

Hassan Al-Haifi responds

I have two replies. One to the writer of the letter published in issue 667 entitled "Are we fooled again?" by Abdulhaq. The second is to the letter published in the same issue entitled "Jewish perspective: What Zionism is all about?" Josh Merl.

First to Abdulhaq, I would like to say, "Thank you very much for your interest in the YT and the column of the undersigned. Well most of what you said is well understood by yours truly and most Moslems, it goes without saying that Jihad entails a rational, humane and effective approach to advocacy. One only has to remember that the Koran and the Prophet Mohammed (PABUH) set clear guidelines on the motives and methodology for Jihad. Surely such rash and callous acts such as hitting skyscrapers with airplanes, both full of innocent civilians, some of whom are Moslems themselves, are simply unacceptable and abominable and have no precedence in Islam. Islam insists that the ends do not justify the means. Moreover Moslems are accountable for insuring that the consequences for all forms of Jihad are subject to clear scrutiny, in terms of their effectiveness in serving the cause. In the latter case, the consequences have been demonstratively counterproductive and devastating for all concerned! It is worth noting that Hezbollah of Lebanon has demonstrated a remarkable astute management of an effort at Jihad, notwithstanding the efforts by the Zionists to discredit and belittle the significance of Hezbollah's calculated successes, while sticking very closely to the rules!"

Secondly to Josh I would like to state that "Let me assure you it was not my intention to be upsetting but rather factual. First of all, let me make it clear that as far as Moslems are concerned, Jehovah, Yahweh or as you call him Elo-him are one and the same Allah or God (as gentile believers call Him). Therefore, there is no specific God for any denomination of monotheistic believers, and this universal God, we all believe in will simply not allow Himself to be an originator of any "blessing" or "favor" upon any of his creation at the expense of an injustice to other human beings, which is what Zionism is really all about: God is not in the real estate business! This "small country" of Israel, for your information has more destructive power at its disposal than even most of today's major powers, let

alone the "hostile" neighbors that surround it. This is in addition to the unlimited backing and support of the United States, as well as the highly organized international and resourceful Zionist establishment. The Jews do not have a monopoly on Semitic affiliation and there are many Jews who resent the Zionist philosophy all together including esteemed rabbis, therefore Zionism should not be equated with ethnic Semitic affiliation since the majority of Semites in the world are in fact anti-Zionists. I will suffice with the theological clarifications of your God-given claims, which we know God to be far above allowing Himself to be associated with any injustice of any form. One would be more inclined to believe that there is greater religious strength in the universal brotherhood of man than any chauvinistic doctrine which you seem to promote in your letter, which is really what Zionism is, no matter how you look at it."

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An Innocent Question!!

Some of the satellite channels and some of the newspapers, including which was al-Ayam newspaper in its issue published on Monday 8th of September 2003, published news on its last page saying that a police-guarded demonstration of 3000 dogs took place in streets of Berlin went for five kilometers in the centre of the city demanding more rights for dogs.

And we in our turn may ask the question; can 3000 children take to the street in any demonstration in any Yemeni city, in this democratic / human rights country demanding to be protected from and provided with the basic necessities of life such as shelter, food, clothes and education? Can the costs of school books, note books, pens and pencils, meals and medical care be provided to the Yemeni children?

This is a question dedicated to the authorities in this country, a country where rights of the human beings do not reach the level of animals' rights in other countries!

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Not about religion

Regarding the letter "It's a war against Islam" by "Craig Little abuthaar@hotmail.com" published in your newspaper, I would like to say that this is yet more -anti-west /anti-American drive by someone with a clear agenda. As an American, and a Republican at that, I state clearly, that your religion has not one thing to do with my support of President Bush and his Middle East policy. I, and many friends and colleagues are sick to death of these endless and ridiculous claims of how this is a "crusade" against Islam, and how Arabs are acting irresponsibly by not recognizing this "fact". I say —you that make these statements, and then purport to display some odd "document" to back up your claims, must think the world is full of simpletons ready to be led down your chosen road by the mere mention of "Christianity" ..There are over 140,000 American troops in Iraq. I hope this does not come as too much of a shock to you, but the majority of these AMERICANS are CHRISTIANS.

Did it ever occur to you, that while these men and women will be in Iraq for an unforeseeable piece of time, and that they risk death on a daily basis — that perhaps THEY would like to solace of their OWN religious clerics? We (most US citizens) don't care what religion you have. We are interested in capturing or killing terrorists.

Be they Christian, or Muslim, we want them. Get over it. It's not about your religion.

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Good memories from Yemen

You can't guess how many good memories Yemen Times provides me. It gives me happiness letting me know what is going on in my second soul country.

I was living in Yemen for 8 years as a consequence of the collaboration of my homeland with the Ministry of Construction, Housing and Urban Planning to make development plans for the

poorest regions of the country. Together with my colleagues I could travel throughout the country, live with simple countryside people in their homes and see and share all your daily life, your problems and virtues, things that I will never forget. In Yemen I got to know some of the best friends I have ever had.

I have been reading all your efforts to finish with weapon's possession and it makes me very happy because I believe that this is the worst and most complicated problem Yemen has. If everybody can realize how social life can change, how the economy and the international recognition can improve solving such issue everybody will put a little bit more from his side to help the government accomplish its goal.

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Is Israel always to blame?

Regarding the "Ominous Signs of the Times" article published in your newspaper recently, once again, you are so filled with hate for Israel that it clouds any rational thought process. Everything wrong with your society is "because the Jews did it—backed up by the US." Face it, you have failed societies. Get used to it and do something to fix it.

M. Hand

About Oromo refugees in Yemen

I am writing to express my concern regarding Oromo Refugees who are suffering in Yemeni Jails.

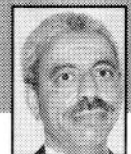
As you are aware, the Yemeni nation has been very supportive of Oromo refugees for the last 20 years. More importantly, the two nations have so many things in common: culture, intermarriage and trade.

I happen to be a close friend of the former publisher of this newspaper Dr Abdulaziz Al-Saqqaf, may Allah bless his soul. Similarly, most Oromos have families and friends in Yemen. I would expect the larger expatriate Yemeni community who lived in Oromia and other parts of Ethiopia would voice their concern to the Yemeni authorities about Oromo refugees in Yemen.

I would also request the current publisher of the most respected newspaper in Yemen, "The Yemen Times" to voice their protest about the mistreatment of Oromo refugees.

Thank you for being the voice of the voiceless.

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COMMON SENSE

By Hassan Al-Haifi

The Security Council veto:

An Israeli Privilege

It is well known that the veto (sometimes called "Executive Authority") is an exclusive right of the Five Permanent Members of the United Nations Security Council. But in actuality, the veto is also a right accorded to Israel, which is not even a member of the UNSC – permanent or non-permanent. In fact, one might surmise that the veto has been used by the United States for the benefit of Israel more than it has been used for its own indigenous needs or policy considerations. This usage would surely be considered as out of context with the intended real purposes for which this privilege was granted, not to mention the damage this does to the UN's image internationally.

Of all the times the veto was used by the United States in the Security Council, this has been done in most cases with Israel being the implicit beneficiary. In almost all such cases, most, if not all of the members of the Security Council voted for the "vetoed" resolution and the US veto of the respective decree only became an obstacle to the effectiveness of a resolution called for by the Council as an effective means of undertaking the Council's role as an international peacemaker. It is worth mentioning that even in most of the cases that a UN resolution was passed against Israel, or not to the liking of Israel, by the Security Council (or the General Assembly), these resolutions were met with outright defiance by Israel and could not find any avenues for their enforcement. This makes the Zionist state the greatest violator of UN resolutions and the worst renegade of international legitimacy.

As a founding member of the United Nations and an important contributor to the principles behind the establishment of the UN and the rules by which the international organization operates, this unusual use of "Executive Privilege" for the implied benefit of a non-deserving member gives the renegade state special status, which is not even enjoyed by countries like Japan and Germany, which have considerably more international economic weight or even India (without seeming to take sides in the Indo-Pakistani dispute), which has a sizable chunk of the world's population.

How can the United States allow itself to appear as it seems an "agent" for Israel in the Security Council? That is a question that perplexes the minds of many political analysts. This misuse of a special privilege, on behalf of another unruly member state will continue to have a severe effect on the role of the United States as a responsible user of a privilege granted to it based on the assumption that the US is a leading advocate of world peace and fair treatment of all member states. This will also have a damaging effect on the ability of the UN to carry out its peacekeeping function, responsibly and effectively.

This brings us to the last use of the "veto" by the United States in the latest session of the Security Council, which called for Israel to rescind its "Security Cabinet" decision to give the Government of the Zionist state discretion in removing (by any means) the legally and democratically elected President of the Palestine Authority.

Earlier during the week, the White House and the State Department indicated that they were not comfortable with the Israeli Government decision, in one way or another. Accordingly, one would expect that this lack of comfort should have coincided with the international community's view that such a decision is simply unacceptable and represents a serious threat to any efforts to bring about any peace in the Holy Land. Surely, this lack of consistency in US foreign policy does not help to enhance the image of the United States internationally and in the Arab World.

Perhaps the Bush Administration is under too much pressure from the Zionist lobby in the United States, especially as the Presidential Elections approaches and the chances of a victory for George W. Bush get dimmer, if performance is to be a major factor in the voters' decisions. But to purely rely on the strength of the support to be obtained from the Zionist supporters (pro-Israel organizations and so-called evangelist supporters of Israel) will only be construed as contempt for the wisdom of the American voters. If all that matters in the Bush Administration's view of Government is Israel, than surely the American public will not be taken for fools so easily. Whatever the case, the United States has, over the past three years, been led to embark on several shadowy adventures, all promulgated by Zionist or so called evangelical-Zionists, which have surely not been favorable to the United States as far as the population of the region are concerned. This continuing attitude of blind support for the Zionist state does not help convince the Arab public (we rule out any official positions at the moment, since official views and public concerns in the Middle East have yet to find converging points) that there are any genuine sincere intentions behind the present White House Administration's misguided adventures in the region and the lack of concern for the sensitivities of the Arab and Moslem people of the world.

Even President Bush's hasty news conference with King Abdullah of Jordan last week, had a strong tasteless flair to it, when Mr. Bush made his obviously undiplomatic statement about Mr. Arafat, which was probably an elaboration of the US veto. This not only indicates a lack of diplomatic courtesy toward his guest, but is damaging to the image of HM King Abdullah amongst his constituency, which is largely Palestinian.

It is worth noting that many of the leading papers in the United States were not in agreement with the wisdom of the Israeli Government's latest arrogant decision.

Are you Syria-ous?

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It would be funny if it wasn't so ominous. Remember those "weapons of mass destruction" the Iraqis were supposed to be holding, poised to strike us at any moment? Yeah, that's right, the ones that turned out to not exist — or were destroyed after Gulf War I. Or something. Well, anyway, it turns out they aren't missing, after all — they were spirited over the border to Syria! Honest! Cross my heart and hope to die. If you don't believe me, just ask John Bolton, undersecretary of state for arms control. Testifying before the House International Relations subcommittee, Bolton said the United States sees such reports "as cause for concern," although they haven't been confirmed. "We are continuing," he averred, "to seek conclusive evidence"; the U.S. has raised the issue with the Syrians "on numerous occasions."

Bolton — a key figure in the neocon clique that lied us into war with Iraq — drew up a familiar indictment: the Syrians are assembling "weapons of mass destruction," sponsoring terrorism, and are even suspected of secretly building nukes. In short, the same accusations that turned out to be lies last time around, this time are leveled at Damascus, with the extra added twist that the Syrians are supposedly encouraging foreign volunteers to

cross the border into Iraq to fight the occupation forces.

Readers of this story in the Forward will remember that Bolton was supposed to have testified in July, but the CIA and the State Department objected: in their view, the same people who gave us the Niger uranium forgery didn't deserve an encore. Bolton's assertions were reportedly debunked in a 38-page internal memo, and his testimony was delayed. Now the Energizer Warmonger has popped up again, spouting "intelligence" that has already been vetted and found wanting. What is going on here?

What we are witnessing is the culmination of a strategy clearly outlined in a 1996 paper prepared for the Institute for Advanced Strategic and Political Studies, entitled "A Clean Break: A New Strategy for Securing the Realm." This was a collaborative effort by Richard Perle, James Colbert, Charles Fairbanks, Jr., Douglas Feith, Robert Loewenberg, David Wurmser, and Meyrav Wurmser — a good number of whom are now ensconced in high positions in this administration. The paper outlined for then Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu a new Israeli strategic vision that would not only rid the Israelis of their Palestinian problem, but give them "breathing space" and revitalize the Zionist dream of a Greater Israel:

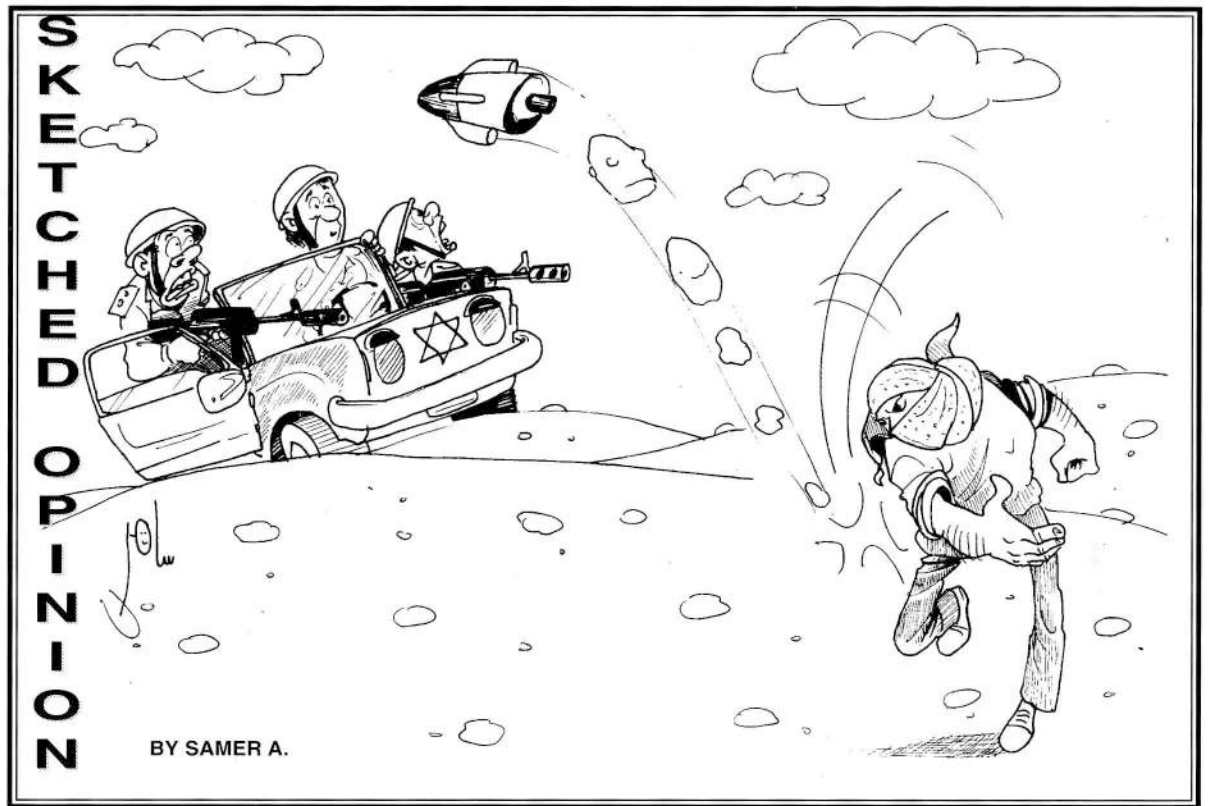
"Israel can shape its strategic environment, in cooperation with Turkey and Jordan, by weakening, containing, and even rolling back Syria. This effort can focus on removing Saddam Hussein from power in Iraq — an important Israeli strategic objective in its own right — as a means of foiling Syria's regional ambitions. Jordan has challenged Syria's regional ambitions recently by suggesting the restoration of the Hashemites in Iraq."

Rolling back Syrian influence in Lebanon, and even calling for strikes within Syria itself, the authors of "A Clean Break" laid out a road map for making the Middle East safe for Israel — one that had nothing to do with creating a Palestinian state. Syria was seen as the main enemy, but, in their view, the road to Damascus had to start in Baghdad — as it has. Using the U.S. as a blunt instrument, Israel has shaped its strategic environment. While the Coalition Provisional Authority hasn't restored the Hashemites quite yet, Bolton's testimony signals that the second phase of Operation Clean Break is underway.

Among the most militantly obnoxious of the neocons, Bolton's beligerence is underscored by his tone of unbridled arrogance:

"Of course," he testified,

"I will have much more to say on all of these subjects during the closed hearing, and I look forward to a more



specific and detailed discussion than we can have in an open hearing. As we all recognize, the importance of protecting and preserving vital intelligence sources and methods necessarily and properly restricts what we can say publicly. Nonetheless, the conduct of national security requires that we take all available information into account, which I believe we will be able to do in a classified session."

In other words: it's none of the public's business why or how we might go to war. The neocons know what's best for us. And, no, we can't say who is the source of this endless stream of fabrications, fibs, and crude forgeries. That information is "properly restricted."

In his concluding remarks to the committee, Bolton invoked the specter of "the destructive potential of terrorism on September 11," leading one to wonder when we'll be hearing that the Syrians were really

behind 9/11. Maybe we can put Laurie Mylroie on the job, under contract with the Office of Special Plans.

According to the Council on Foreign Relations, Syria has been our ally in the war against Al Qaeda:

"Syria and the United States have shared intelligence about al-Qaeda, according to U.S. government sources, and FBI and CIA officials have reportedly traveled to Syria to meet with Syrian intelligence officers. The two countries are also said to be cooperating to gather information about what the September 11 hijacker Mohammed Atta did while researching his university thesis in the Syrian city of Aleppo in the 1990s and about Syrian-born individuals who investigators say were connected to the al-Qaeda cell in Hamburg, Germany, involved in the September 11 attacks. Syria has reportedly allowed U.S. officials to put questions to an alleged al-Qaeda associate

who it's holding, a Syrian-born German citizen first detained in Morocco."

Syria is a regional test for the U.S. Here is an Arab country, seen by Israel as an implacable enemy, uniquely positioned to give the U.S. invaluable cooperation. The American interest is clearly rapprochement, while the Israeli interest is just as clearly confrontation. As to whose interests will prevail, in the struggle within the administration, I am in no position to predict — only to hope.

Israel's lobby in the U.S. is pushing hard to impose economic sanctions on their next target, and pressuring this administration to ratchet up the rhetoric. Karl Rove's "no war in '04" rule, discussed in my last column, may not be able to withstand their machinations. We are a border incident away from taking the war into Syria, and beyond.

Nuclear ... from Pyongyang to Dimona

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The United States' war launched against the world incorporates a crucial venture aiming at compelling the world to give in to the concept of a single supreme power, and the domination of this power over the land and under the Sky.

This venture is not only looming in the horizon but just around the corner in a manner that arouses menaces and devastations and threatens security and stability in vast areas of this world, to the extent of frightening the most optimistic analysts and experts in strategic affairs:

Firstly: the primary venture is that the United States is acting in deception while handling the military and political details concerning other countries. While it threatens the North Korean regime in Pyongyang if it continues developing its nuclear industry, and continues its military campaign against Iraq through mobilizing its fleets and air power to the extent of developing conventional bombs such as cluster and air-fuel bombs designed to cause large devastation in a short time, and putting Iraq in the corner of suspicion, alleging feebly Iraq's possession of weapons of mass destruction, obviously less destructive than the nuclear weapons. In the same time it avoids talking or discussing the Israeli undisclosed possession of weapons of mass destruction, nuclear and even biological. Such weapons are known to the Americans and Europeans who helped in building the Israeli nuclear arsenal.

This issue is disturbing! Since in the course of alliances it is presumed that Washington's attitude is based on the strategic alliance with Israel, hence casting doubt on whether any alliance can last for ever.

In spite of the difficulty of the contrast, nonetheless this region simply has witnessed several strategic alliances with the US and have collapsed or severely damaged in the light of difference or variance in interests. It is true that this example does not apply to Israel but it is not

unfeasible.

On the other hand the realistic inquisition might lead us to question the American reason in allowing Israel to acquire nuclear power and weapons of mass destruction in a region, which is in a constant tension more than any other region, and also if Israel uses such weapons in its vicinity or even in nuclear surgery?!

In order for the answer of this question to be more realistic and logical, the United States, including those obsessed and biased to Israel in the American administration and the Congress, should examine the statements of Aviat Liebermann, chairman of the Israeli National Union party, who declared that "their shall be no peace", and proposed a scheme to "re-allocate" the Palestinians in five separate and isolated cantons, in order to eradicate forever their dreams in establishing a Palestinian state. And the Lebanese, they would be given one last warning to comply with the Israeli conditions, or else "We'll have to invade and occupy Lebanon as far as the Litany issue, and if they Syrians interfere, we would strike them and destroy their infrastructures within hours!" The Egyptians, "if they mobilize their forces, even to Sinai, we will strike the High Aswan Dam into rubble".

Although Liebermann didn't say that destroying a large dam such as the High Aswan Dam isn't possible without a nuclear warhead, such a dangerous assumption raises a question, what if Liebermann rises to be in the Israeli government?

Facing this question, no one can understand the United States position toward calling North Korea to disarm their alleged nuclear weapons, and to the claimed weapons of mass destruction in Iraq, while being completely silent in front of the assured Israeli weapons, their imminent use in light of the rapidly deteriorating situation in the region. Even if Liebermann wasn't elected as prime minister, Sharon isn't far away from Liebermann's opinions!

Secondly: History may not repeat itself, and it's not necessarily true that historic events and wars are the same, or transmit the same lessons, but Washington must look well

between the lines to get the idea, because history have never introduced an empire that ruled the world from the far east to the far west. Every empire that tries to do so has failed, and in a record time. The thing now is not military superiority or domination like what it used to be, but rather reached to a sharp interference that is unprecedented in the history of mankind. Washington is now interfering with the bank accounts, not only of companies and governments, but has interfered with individuals'. This goes beyond political and economical domination into governing individual freedom, ideology and personal life.

This kind of venturing requires attention and examination, not by the United States alone, but by those being targeted today and probable targets of the future, regardless of their today's might.

This venture has many faces, as the United States is relying on Israel in its current loyalties, and doesn't perceive it as in the eyes of Liebermann, who declares that this region must not reap the fruits of peace, especially that it [the United States] had several experiences in the field of alliances it made for the purpose of waging wars, and then it was back-stabbed by the allies when the operation was shifted.

The world must wake up and pay attention to what is coming, because the super power, no matter how great and destructive it may be, can't put down the urge of resistance inside the people, even if they were forced to resist in primitive and simple means. Is it possible to say that Washington's covering up for the Israeli occupation and colonization because it is planning for the biggest occupation in history, aimed against some nations, and warns others of wars and carnage to come?

There's only one precise and effective assessment that would do miracle in controlling all kinds of crises, and drive away the shadows of war: exercising one standard, based on justice and respect of human rights. In that matter, the confirmed Israeli nuclear in Dimona and weapons of mass destruction should precede the anticipated nuclear weapons in Pyongyang and the alleged weapons of mass destruction in Baghdad.

Illusions of the 'War on Terrorism'

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Writing the obituary of al Qaeda has proven premature. Recent attacks in Saudi Arabia, Morocco, and Pakistan by al Qaeda and affiliated groups demonstrate that the war on terrorism is far from over. Indeed, there are likely to be more attacks against Western targets in coming weeks. Yet the Bush administration, and by extension the American public, are laboring under two misapprehensions about the conduct of this war.

The first miscalculation is that the war in Iraq was relevant to the war on terrorism. In reality the Iraq war was a sideshow, albeit an expensive one in terms of blood and treasure. Most Americans who saw the stirring television pictures of the statue of Saddam Hussein being toppled in Baghdad breathed a huge sigh of relief believing that the fall of Saddam's regime represented an important watershed in the war on terrorism. And who could blame them? Although Bush administration officials never explicitly claimed that Saddam had anything to do with the September 11 attacks (because the largest criminal investigation in history never turned up such a link), they repeatedly made speeches conflating Saddam's regime with September 11, with the result that a majority of Americans came to believe that there was such a link. In fact, the connection between Saddam and al Qaeda has always been tenuous at best. Iraqi functionaries may have met al Qaeda officials a handful of times in the past decade, but having meetings, as the United Nations continuously reminds us, does not make alliances, or even marriages of convenience. Indeed, al Qaeda has always been an NGO, a non-govern-

mental organization, which was not sponsored by any country. (To the degree that al Qaeda had any official sponsorship it has historically come from Saudi Arabia.) In sum, while the war in Iraq deposed a despicable tyrant, it will have little lasting impact on the war on terrorism except insofar as large numbers of American troops indefinitely occupying Iraq will provide tempting targets for Middle Eastern terrorists for years to come.

The second misapprehension that the Bush administration has about al Qaeda is far more serious as it represents a fundamental misunderstanding of the threat we all face. To treat al Qaeda simply as an organization is to miss the fact that al Qaeda has now mutated into an ideology with many adherents who may have never traveled to bin Laden's Afghan training camps. President Bush reportedly keeps a scorecard in his desk of the top twenty or so terrorists, putting an X through each one when they are captured or killed, while other administration officials point to the fact that half of al Qaeda's top leadership is now off the streets. Certainly capturing or killing those key leaders makes all of our lives safer as they are the terrorists with the knowledge and skill to mount devastating anti-Western operations. However, al Qaeda is not like the Gambino crime family where if you eliminate the various capos and lieutenants of the organization it eventually goes out of business. Rather, al Qaeda, the organization, has also evolved into an ideology of "bin Ladenism" or "al Qaedaism." Bin Ladenism will never enjoy the mass appeal of other destructive ideologies of the modern era, such as communism, but it certainly enjoys wider support today than the secular Arab socialism that gripped much of the Middle East in past decades. And this is important,

because many thousands of underemployed, disaffected men in the Muslim world will continue to embrace for years to come bin Laden's violent anti-Western doctrine and call for Taliban-style theocracies around the Muslim world.

This has important implications for the war on terrorism. The recent attacks in Saudi Arabia were almost certainly the work of al Qaeda, and were likely sanctioned by bin Laden himself. The subsequent attacks in Morocco were conducted in a less professional manner than the Riyadh attacks and were likely the work of Moroccan groups loosely affiliated with al Qaeda. At more or less the same time there was also a rash of small-scale attacks in Karachi, Pakistan directed at Shell gas stations that were probably the work of al Qaeda sympathizers unaffiliated to the organization. This is likely to be the pattern of terrorist attacks in the future. Al Qaeda, the organization, will continue to carry out well-planned spectacular attacks, while al Qaeda affiliates will implement their own less well-organized operations, and others unknown, freelancing in the name of al Qaeda, will mount their own small-bore attacks. Thus while eliminating the top leadership of al Qaeda will be useful in terms of seeking justice for the victims of September 11 and heading off other spectacular attacks by the group, make no mistake: this will not end the war of the terrorists. Bin Laden's ideas have circulated widely and will continue to attract adherents for years to come. Arresting people is a relatively simple matter. Arresting ideas is another thing entirely. All that one can hope for in the long term is that bin Ladenism will eventually wither away, burdened down by its own internal contradictions, as have other bad ideas in the past.

ISLAM is not the source of terrorism, but its solution (1-2)



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During the last two decades in particular, the concept of "Islamic terror" has been often discussed. After the September 11 terrorist attacks on targets in New York and Washington which caused the death of tens of thousands of innocent civilians, this concept has once again returned to the top of the international agenda.

As Muslims, we completely condemn these attacks and offer our condolences to the American people. In this report, we will explain that Islam is by no means the source of this violence and that violence has no place in Islam.

One point that should be stressed at the outset is that the identities of the perpetrators of the acts of terrorism which targeted the United States are not yet determined. There is a chance that these horrible attackers are linked to quite different centres. It may well be a communist organisation harbouring rage and hatred against American

values, a fascist organisation opposing federal administration or a secret faction in another state. Even though the hijackers have Muslim identities, the questions regarding by whom and for what purposes these people were used will remain to be a mystery.

The fact remains however, that even if the terrorists have Muslim identities, the terror they perpetrated cannot be labelled "Islamic terror", just as it would not be called "Jewish terror" if the perpetrators were Jews or "Christian terror" if they were Christians.

That is because, as we will examine in the following pages, **murdering innocent people in the name of religion is unacceptable.** We need to keep in mind that, among those who were killed in Washington or New York, there were people who loved Jesus (Christians), Prophet Moses (Jews) and Muslims. Unless forgiven by God, murdering innocent people is a great sin that brings torment in Hell.

Thus, a religious person who has fear of God can never commit such an act.

The aggressors can commit such violence only with the intention of attacking religion itself. It may well be that they carried out this violence to present religion as evil in the eyes

of people, to divorce people from religion and to generate hatred and reaction against pious people. Consequently, every attack having a "religious" facade on American citizens or other innocent people is actually an attack made against religion.

Religion commands love, mercy and peace. Terror, on the other hand, is the opposite of religion; it is cruel, merciless and it demands bloodshed and misery. This being the case, while looking for the perpetrators of a terrorist act, its origins should be sought in disbelief rather than in religion. People with a fascist, communist, racist or materialist outlook on life should be suspected as potential perpetrators. The name or the identity of the triggerman is not important. If he can kill innocent people without blinking an eye, then he is a disbeliever, not a believer. He is a murderer with no fear of God, whose main ambition is to shed blood and to give harm. For this reason, "Islamic terror" is quite an erroneous concept which contradicts Islam's message. That is because; the religion of Islam can by no means concur with terror. On the contrary, "terror" (i.e. murders committed against innocent people) in Islam is a great sin and Muslims are responsible for preventing these acts and bringing peace and justice to the world.

The Values of the Qur'an Demands Goodness, Justice and Peace

Terror, in its broadest sense, is violence committed against non-military targets for political purposes. To put it in another way, the targets of terror are entirely innocent civilians whose only crime is, in the eyes of terrorists, to represent "the other side".

Terror means subjecting innocent people to violence, which is an act bereft of any moral justification. This, as in the case of murders committed by Hitler or Stalin, is a crime committed against "mankind".

The Qur'an is a Book revealed to people as a guide to the true path and in this Book, God commands man to adopt good morals. This morality is based upon concepts such as love, compassion, tolerance and mercy. God calls all people to Islamic morals through which compassion, mercy, peace and tolerance can be experienced all over the world.

You who believe! Enter absolutely into peace (Islam). Do not follow in the footsteps of Satan. He is an outright enemy to you. (Surat al-Baqara: 168)

The values of the Qur'an hold a Muslim responsible for treating all people, whether Muslim or non-Muslim, kindly and justly, protecting the needy and the innocent and preventing the "dissemination of mischief". Mischief comprises all forms of anarchy and terror that remove security, comfort and peace. As God says in a verse, "God does not love mischief makers". (Surat al-Qasas: 77)

Murdering a person for no reason is one of the most obvious examples of mischief. God repeats in the Qur'an a command He formerly revealed to Jews in the Old Testament thus:

So we decreed for the tribe of Israel that if someone kills another person - unless it is in retaliation for someone else or for causing corruption in the earth - it is as if he had murdered all mankind. And if anyone gives life to another person, it is as if he had given life to all mankind. Our Messengers came to them with Clear Signs but even after that many of them committed outrages in the earth. (Surat al-Ma'ida: 32)

As the verse suggests, a person who kills even a single man, "unless it is in retaliation for someone else or for causing corruption in the earth", commits a crime as if he had murdered all mankind on earth.

This being the case, it is obvious what great sins are the murders, massacres and, attacks, popularly known as "suicide attacks", committed by terrorists are. God informs us how this cruel face of terrorism will be punished in the hereafter in the following verse:

There are only grounds against those who wrong people and act as tyrants in the earth without any right to do so. Such people will have a painful punishment. (Surat ash-Shura: 42)

All these reveal that organising acts of terror against innocent people is utterly against Islam and it is unlikely that any Muslim could ever commit such crime. On the contrary, Muslims are responsible for stopping these people, removing "mischief on earth" and bringing peace and security to all people all over the world. Being a Muslim cannot be reconciled with terror. Just the contrary, it is the solution and prevention of terror.

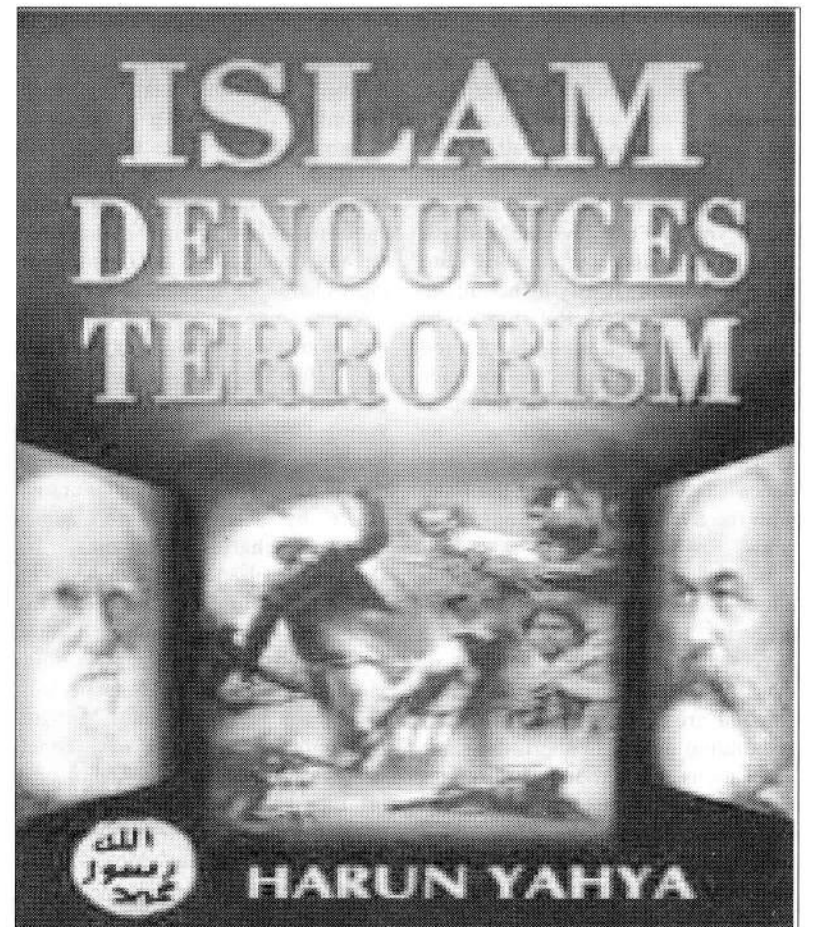
This being the case, how did the popular term "Islamic terror" emerge?

What has been examined so far reveals that it is not possible to talk about an "Islamic" terror. Indeed, a closer look at the characteristics of the perpetrators explicitly reveals that this terror is not a religious but a social phenomenon.

Crusaders: Barbarians Who Trampled Their Own Religion

The true message of a religion or another system of belief can be at times exposed to distortion by its pseudo-adherents. The Crusaders, who constitute a dark episode of Christian history, set a good example of this.

Crusaders were European Christians who undertook the expeditions at the end of the 11th century to recover the Holy Land (the area around Palestine) from the Muslims. They set out with a so-called religious goal, yet they laid waste each acre of land they entered with fear and vio-



lence. They subjected civilians to mass executions and plundered many villages and towns.

Their conquest of Jerusalem, where Muslims, Jews and Christians lived under Islamic rule in peace, became the scene of immense bloodshed. They violently killed all Muslims and Jews by striking their necks. The Crusaders' barbarism was so excessive that, during the Fourth Crusade, they plundered Istanbul, also a Christian city, and stole the golden objects from the churches.

No doubt, all this barbarism was utterly against Christian political doctrine. That is because, Christianity, in the words of the Bible, is a "message of love". In the Gospel according to Matthew, it is said that Jesus said "Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you" to his followers (Matthew, 5/44) In the Gospel according to Luke, it is said that Jesus said "If someone strikes you on one cheek, turn to him the other also." (Luke, 6/29) No doubt, in no part of the Gospels, is there reference to the legitimacy of violence; murdering innocent people, on the other hand, is unimaginable. You can find the concept of "murdering the innocent" in the Bible; yet, only in the cruel Jewish King Herod's attempt to kill Jesus while he was a baby.

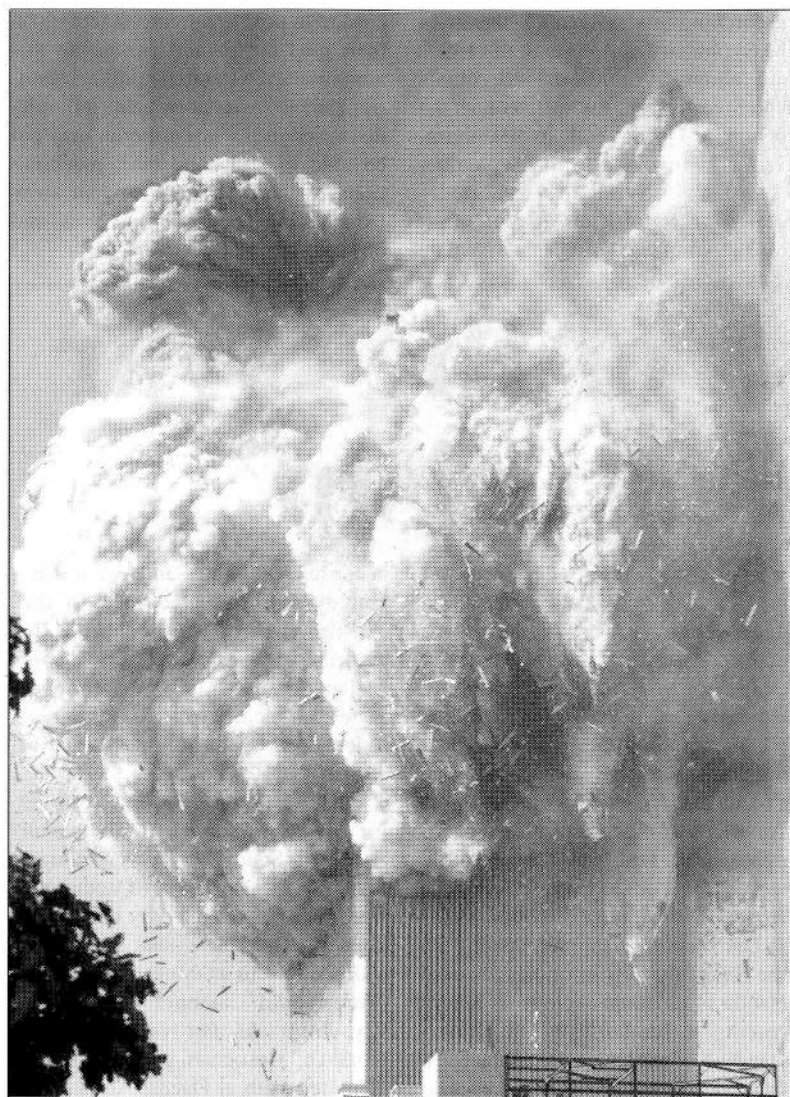
While Christianity is a religion based on love that accommodates no violence, how did Christian Crusaders carry out the most violent acts of history? The major reason for this is that, Crusaders were mainly made up of ignorant people who could better be defined as "rabble". These masses, who knew almost nothing about their

religion, who had never read or even seen the Bible once in their lifetime, and who were therefore completely unaware of the moral values of the Bible, were led into barbarism under the conditioning of Crusaders' slogans which presented this violence as "God's Will".

It is worth mentioning that in that period, Eastern Christians - the people of Byzantium, for instance - who were culturally far ahead of Western Christians, espoused more humane values. Both before and after the Crusaders' conquests, Orthodox Christians managed to live together with Muslims. According to Terry Johns, the BBC commentator, with the withdrawal of the Crusaders from Middle East, "civilized life started again and members of the three monotheistic faiths returned to peaceful coexistence."¹ The example of the Crusaders is indicative of a general phenomenon: The more the adherents of an ideology are uncivilised, intellectually underdeveloped and "ignorant", the more likely they are to resort to violence. This also holds true for ideologies that have nothing to do with religion. All communist movements around the world are prone to violence. Yet the most savage and blood-thirsty of them was the Red Khmers in Cambodia. That is because they were the most ignorant.

Just as ignorant people may take a violence-ridden opinion to the point of insanity, so they may confuse violence with an opinion against violence (or to religion). The Islamic world also experienced such cases.

To be continued next issue



The World Trade Center tower two turns into a mushroom cloud as it falls to the ground after a fire in New York Sept. 11, 2001/file photo. REUTERS

Need for perpetual skepticism

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Although skepticism is largely a philosophical concept, I fail to see why it shouldn't be incorporated into the lives of all people. Unfortunately, it is generally viewed negatively, and is associated with such words as cynical and pessimistic. Skepticism is simply the questioning of commonly and traditionally accepted ideas and ways of thinking. It is our right as human beings.

Those who do not question are sheep; following the commonly accepted way of thinking. They do not think of where they are going or why they are going there, and do not think to care. They simply let out insignificant baas, as is expected of sheep. This is the herd that sane human beings should be careful not to join.

I grant that it is frightening to question the very concepts that we once thought solid.

We think many of them solid only because we are misled, by ourselves in fact, due to the fact that we hadn't really looked at these handed down concepts closely before.

But when we do look at them closely, we realize they are far more imperfect than we had thought; and this is when our skepticism is justified.

If we do not question, however, we are confronted with a much more frightening idea later on: an uncertainty and even regret as to how we lived our lives.

Unfortunately, it is part of our nature as human beings to accept that which is handed to us rather than to look for what fits us best as individuals; a sort of intellectual laziness - if you will. That is, we are offered the answer to a potentially complex and difficult question (the question of how to live our lives), and we accept it

based on the ideology that "somebody else already had this concept figured out, so I'll just take that".

For those of you who do not see the need for the questioning of seemingly universal truths, I wish to present to you one main point: the very idea of a broad concept applicable to all is, in its essence, ridiculous (let's not forget, we are indeed individuals). But sadly, due to the inertia of our ancestors, we now have a set of -call them rules that we need to follow. If we do not we are subject to abuse by the even more stupid members of our society, those who wish to enforce these rules.

I feel that, in order not to be misinterpreted, I should clarify two points. The first is that I am not saying that all that conform to a certain belief are wrong to conform. What I am saying is that history has taught us that no one broad belief has been accepted universally; otherwise we would all have a broad belief in common. Until this happens (which I believe is highly

unlikely), I think we all have the right to question, and very likely form our own different opinions on many concepts. Another point I would like to clarify is that I do not think that after a certain concept is questioned, it is always proven (by ourselves at least) wrong. In fact many times, it is probably regarded as right and adhered to. But skepticism is still required in such cases because it increases our conviction in whatever belief may be in question; and, incidentally, that belief is no longer taken "for granted".

Allow me to justify my view of skepticism in a way that is perhaps more appealing to the more self-oriented and ambitious of us. Those of us who simply conform and do things the traditional and accepted ways are rarely acknowledged as anything -say- special. It is only when we do things in a new, original, and even unprecedented way that we are set apart proudly from those sheep mentioned earlier.

After the fall of USSR

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The world became unipolar
And power comes in one's hands
Third world heads have been sands
And offered airports and even homelands
To seal the humanity in cans
To bleed the blood in lieu of rands
To wrap the civilization in bands
To war and sufferings go hand in hand
Be good with your hands
And keep hands in the hands
The hydrogen and nuclear bombs empowered

To keep the world under the direction
Don't keep weapons of mass destruction
Gifted by the power now under suspension
As it gives future determination
To use weapons of reconstruction
The system changed into democracy
Each and every thing
Part and parcel or prohibited
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Yemen celebrates World Ozone Day



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Sana'a, September 21 - Yemen has celebrated on the 16th of this month the World ozone Day in Sana'a. The United Nations declared the 16th of September an International Day for the Preservation of the ozone Layer. This day commemorates the day when the Montreal Protocol was first signed in 1987. The signing of the Montreal Protocol in 1987 was a historic occasion set to recognize the importance of international co-operation in the world's endeavors to reduce ozone loss over the Antarctic region to pre-1980 levels. This landmark agreement in 1987 was in response to the discovery of a

depleted ozone layer over Antarctica in late 1985. South Africa has done its part towards the implementation of the Montreal Protocol by entering as signatory in January 1990, and has succeeded excellently in implementing the protocol, through wide cooperation from the local industry.

In Yemen, the occasion is celebrated annually. Celebrations in past years were held in Sana'a, Aden, Seyun, and other regions. However, this year's celebrations were supposed to be held in Hodeidah City, but that did not happen, according to the Environment General Association due to a number of reasons. However, the association has held a number of activities including a discussion session for its employees on the ozone layer and its preservation, and later on two training courses will be organized for selected staffers from different govern-

ment, who will be taught how to explain the ozone layer problem and how to reduce the use of ozone depletion substances and machines and how to collect information about those substances. The participants will then visit regions in the country to raise awareness of people using the substances causing the ozone layer depletion.

The association is also planning to print wall calendars for the years from 2003 to 2007 explaining the ozone layer's story from the start to the end in both Arabic and English. The calendar will also include photos of the activities carried out by the government in this regard.

Numerous studies based on observations that have provided new key findings have strengthened the overall understanding of the ozone layer and its effect of UV radiation. Very recently emphasis is also

being placed on the interconnection aspects of ozone Depletion/probable recovery and Climate Change.

The process of ozone recovery is getting closer, due to drastic steps taken to reduce the use of ozone depletion substances. Predictions indicate that normal, pre-1980 ozone levels will only be reached by the middle of this century, if the world maintains its protection actions. It is emphasized that failure by all nations to comply with the Protocol would not only delay the ozone layer recovery, but it could also prevent it.

This International Day provides an opportunity for the international community to reflect on the progress that has been made, and to remind decision-makers and the public of the need to protect this valuable shield that safeguards our planet. Without the ozone layer all life forms on earth will not exist and the bat-



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tle to repair this life-sustaining atmospheric system is still far from over.

The ozone General Association has called upon all citizens who deal with

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Local Press

Prepared by Mohammed Khidhr

Al-Wahdawi weekly, organ of the Nasserite Unionist Organisation, 16 Sept. 2003.

- Main headlines:**
- Hundreds of teachers in Taiz randomly re-distributed
 - Death sentence to Jarallah Omer killer, YSP expresses fears
 - Parliament adjourns its sitting without questioning education minister
 - Prosecution fails to release Beit al-Faqieh hostage
 - Dahil agricultural lands destroyed

Columnist Ahmed al-Ashwal appeals in his article to the government to take care of a group of data that would strengthen the value of the Yemeni rial after it has succeeded in the stabilization of its present price. He says there are indicators showing a number of financial factors for the recovery of the rial, especially the revenues coming to the state from tax collection, oil revenues that are witnessing steady increase in addition to foreign aid and loans, if they are used properly. He says that from information he got from specialists in this field that chances of the rials are good to be 50 rials for each dollar as an exchange rate.

The writer suggests that the government should think of organizing a seminar or any kind of activities serving the tackling of this important political syllabus. He proposes the invitation of experts to these activities contributing with their visions and ideas to this issue leading to raising the value of the rial and preparing for our country winning a full and equal membership of the GCC instead of partial membership.

Al-Mithaq weekly, organ of the GPC, 15 Sept. 2003.

- Main headlines:**
- Plundered properties, body for land transportation instead of the establishment
 - Unifying teachers unionist work, stopping of financial deductions
 - Ships premiums back to before Cole and Limburg incidents
 - Al-Asbahi confirms necessity of organizational commitment, contacts continue with GPC leaders and members

Columnist Dr Abdulaziz a-Maqaleh says in an article discussing the Arab present reality and problems says no doubt the failure of the regimes that succeeded in ruling the Arab countries in digesting the conditions of development and the means of this development, the responsible no. one in the present state and what bad situation engulfing it. It is also without any doubt that examples of development that transferred peoples from a lower position to a better and higher one are available for all. It is not true that what

is said about the peoples that were backward and then developed were far from ambitions and adversaries. No people on this earth were safe from suffering from enmities and difficulties but being aware of them and how to deal with them were the factors that gave those peoples the capability of how to surmount them and change them into possibility of challenge and development.

It is quite true and firm that the Arab nation is now more capable of overcoming its situations were its rulers have got higher in their visions and stands and transferred to the stage of feeling that they are ruling countries of one nation not countries characterized by separate entities.

RAY weekly, organ of the Sons of Yemen League party, 16 Sept. 2003.

- Main headlines:**
- Yemeni call for civilizing the combat of terror
 - 12 Egyptian police officers referred to justice
 - Yemeni journalists join training course on using the internet

Columnist Mahdi Othman al-Masfari says in his article that the Yemeni society has grown up on agriculture and with it grew the need for agriculture. Thus agriculture has always been associated with the Yemeni society or the Yemeni society has been linked to agriculture. The writer says our vision that oil and gas is the economic alternative to agriculture is an ignorant one because oil and gas do not last forever and Yemen society would find other than its need for agriculture. Continued negligence of agriculture would certainly badly affect the modern dam of Mareb in a space of some years. On the other hand that our historical ruins we would discover could not be an alternative to agriculture. Tourism is an important economic factor but would not cover the needs of then population who are increasing every year. The wheat e import is a contribution to the war on our wheat and importing food stuffs from abroad would decrease the food stuffs we produce from our agriculture.

Al-Wahda weekly, 17 Sept. 2003.

- Main headlines:**
- Government approves the establishment of the Higher Military Academy
 - Yassin Nouman Assistant Secretary-General of the YSP
 - Three governorates cleared from land mines and explosives
 - Government approves Journalists Syndicate Law, Syndicate's conference to be held late this year
 - Oil ministry undersecretary: Presenting investment opportuni-

Main headlines

- General Ali al-A'nisi chief of the National Security Body, Ammar Saleh his deputy
- Murad Hashim head of al-Jazeera office in Sana'a
- Yemeni delegation detained at an airport in America
- New appointments in Yemeni diplomatic missions abroad
- Al-Mouyad health deteriorating, his case to be decided soon
- Government receives delegation of observing and chasing al-Qaeda members
- Tehran next to Baghdad and Kabul
- Ministry of communications employees demand quick appointment of a deputy minister
- In a meeting chaired by the president, Higher Council for alms tax formed
- Killer of Jarallah Omer sentenced to death
- Parliament rejects a draft law regulating relation between tenants and landlords
- Political Security arrests supporters for boycotting American and Zionist goods
- Political criteria in distributing teachers of Taiz
- In compliance with American demands, storming and detention of 60 persons
- As the Congress admits of 300 killed a month, occupying forces in Iraq admits of 261 killed, 667 wounded
- Killer of Jarallah Omer sends a message to al-Balagh newspaper on the eve of sentencing him o death
- America allots \$500 thousand for building a permanent headquarters for the American Institute for Yemeni Studies
- Yemeni delegation retained at an airport in America, a member chained with shackles
- Washington detains 660 persons from 40 countries, speaking 17 languages in Guantanamo
- Unionist Assemblage Party welcomes return of Dr Yassin Said Nouman
- Endorsement on Nankly death sentence tensions Yemeni-American relations
- Riyadh fire kills 67 prisoners
- Installing last border markings on Yemen-Saudi borders
- Riyadh discusses with Sana'a handing over al-Ghamedi and others
- Italy writes off Yemen debts to be spent on development projects
- Republican decree on appointment of university presidents

ties in mineral wealth at the relevant Arab Conference

- Security forces abort an attempt for infiltrating Yemeni shores
- Dar al-Salam organisation organizes a national campaign for fighting weapons carrying

Columnist Qadriya al-Jifri says in her article that the large-scale Arab interaction with the Yemeni initiative on activating the Arab joint action by various Arab political and social organisations has clarified the extent of interest and welcome of it. This comes as a result of accuracy of its presentation and explanation of its clear and direct content which has pinpointed the Arab reality and defined its requirements without engaging into details that have been previously mentioned and exhausted the Arab action for a long time. Since the beginning of founding the first entity of the Arab League it has remained without any development or addition to the charter save that which has been introduced by the Yemeni initiative in 1999 concerning the regulation of the mechanism of the League's summits meetings.

Nowadays Yemen is presenting a new vision for development that would result in the best outcomes when it would be discussed and activated after enriching it with various practical Arab deliberations and changing it into a tangible reality giving much evolution to safeguard the interests of the Arabs and safety of their destiny.

Annas weekly, 15 Sept. 2003.

Main headlines:

- Siege is still against Harmal school girl students staging a sit-in
- Investment recession by 50%, \$700 to 800 million transferred abroad each year
- Judicial orders to Aden security director to commit to law
- In Dhamar, a citizen commits suicide because of ten thousand rials

Columnist Khalid al-Humadi writes in his article that t be an Arab or Muslim you are accused, whatever achievements you have realized in the domain of your job. All your achievements could be means for charging you and doubling doubts about you and could be used as evidence against you. This can be clearly seen in the media field in particular. In the west journalists compete to realize a beat of this kind in order to acquire fame, whereas in the east those who get such a scoop would be victims of their venture. Many western media men managed to conduct interviews with Usama bin Laden and gained stardom in their jobs while Arab media men managed to achieve much better media achievements but did not get the same amount of reputation. An example is the journalist Tayseer Alouni who had conducted interviews with Usama bin

laden and carried out very unique television reports on the war in Afghanistan in addition to his coverages during the war in Iraq. Because of his media activities Mr Alouni has become a prisoner in Spain just because he is an Arab despite of his Spanish nationality. The case of Alouni is not just a simple one or an individual as much as it is a collective one touches all Arab media men rights. It is an outrageous example of violating Arabs' journalists' rights and it is repeated with whomever an Arab or Muslim. Alouni's case urgently needs for showing solidarity, condemnation and support in order to put an end to it and the like.

Al-Balagh weekly, 16 Sept. 2003.

Man headlines:

- New appointments and transferring in taxes offices in all governorates
- Killer of Jarallah Omer sends a letter to al-Balagh newspaper on the eve of condemning him to death
- Arab Journalists Union holds its meeting in Cairo next month
- Teachers union elects its chairman
- Public works undersecretary says the ministry to begin implementation of construction law in this month

The newspaper editor in chief says in his article when an attack is carried out against any official of the state at any level and the cause is motivated by the post he is occupying then the attack is directed to the state itself and its institutions and prestige. The latest example is the attack on director of the Jumphouri hospital in Sana'a. Therefore the tarrying of the concerned bodies in punishing perpetrators of such a crime is a black spot against these bodies. But when the attack is against a citizen in the street or in his house it is then more dangerous because it is a challenge of one of the reasons why the state is existent, which is providing security for the people. It is therefore the state authorities should move quickly in such cases. In our third world there is another kind of aggression and that is when the citizen comes under the attack at the hands of an army or police officer for merely personal reasons. This constitutes a strange contradiction. In this case the state bodies are changes from protecting the citizen to attacking him. Here the security man is converted to a terrorist and the army officer is changed into a criminal in the eyes of the citizen. This is a main reason for the spread of wrong ideas and the citizens could be exploited to be recruited by certain sides for implementing criminal and terrorist acts. All those forms need the prestige of the state and prestige of the order and law and its application on the citizen and the official and armed forces members equally.

World Press

Major news items in leading international newspapers *Provided by Xinhua*

Britain

The Times

British Prime Minister Tony Blair and main opposition Conservative Party leader Iain Duncan Smith were facing renewed pressure from their parties on Friday night after the Brent East by-election left the Liberal Democrats claiming that they were on the way to becoming the main Opposition party.

The Guardian

The British government on Friday night admitted that it had received a "bloody nose" from voters after suffering a crushing defeat in the Brent East by-election.

The Independent

Senior Labor figures blamed a backlash against the war in Iraq and the

aftermath of the conflict on Friday for the party's humiliating defeat in the Brent East by-election.

The Guardian

An antidepressant which GPs have been prescribing to thousands of children, despite the fact that it is not recommended for their use, can cause youngsters to want to kill themselves, the government's regulatory agency warned on Friday.

The Financial Times

The heavy drinking culture of England and Wales costs the economy 18 billion to 20 billion pounds a year, with 14m working days lost to hangovers and related illness, according to a Cabinet Office study released on Friday.

Pakistan

The News

Visiting US Treasury Secretary John Snow Friday urged Pakistan to put in place regulations and rules in a transparent manner to eliminate the scope of money laundering or terror-related flows.

The Nation

The federal cabinet Friday rejected the key demand of Muttahida Majlis-e-Amal, a religious alliance, for President Pervez Musharraf to quit as army chief latest by Dec. 31, 2003.

Kenya

Kenya Times

Kenyan President Mwai Kibaki will on Sunday officially open the 13th International Conference on AIDS and Sexually Transmitted Infections in Africa (ICASA) at the Kenyatta International Conference Center in Nairobi.

Daily Nation

The Kenyan capital of Nairobi is ready to host the weeklong 13th International Conference on AIDS and Sexually Transmitted

Infections in Africa (ICASA), which brings together thousands of scientists, health providers, government officials, and nongovernmental organizations to share experiences on Africa's response to the epidemic.

East African Standard

Kenya has got a new mobile telephone service company to compete with the existing Safaricom and KenCell following an auction of the rights Friday.

Japan

Yomiuri

Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi will likely be reelected as president of the Liberal Democratic Party on Saturday.

After being reelected, Koizumi suggested that party Secretary General Taku Yamasaki and Chief Cabinet Secretary Yasuo Fukuda would retain their posts.

Nihon Keizai

Nissan Motor Co. will pump 25 billion yen (217 million US dollars) into

Nissan Diesel Motor Co.

Asahi

Heavyweights of the Liberal Democratic Party (LDP) on Friday asked Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi to remove Taku Yamasaki, LDP's secretary general, after Saturday's presidential election.

Mikio Aoki, head of the LDP's upper house lawmaker members, and former Prime Minister Yoshiro Mori threatened to reconsider their support to Koizumi if he fails to do so.

India

The Hindustan Times

A special court on Friday cleared Indian Deputy Prime Minister L.K. Advani in the Babri Masjid demolition case but ordered the framing of charged against seven others including Human Resources Development Minister Murili Manother Joshi.

The Times of India

A bilateral working group to boost bilateral trade was constituted by

India and Turkey on Friday as Indian Prime Minister Vajpayee urged the business communities of the two countries to raise the relationship to a new level.

The Hindu

The Dhaka-Agartala bus service was flagged off Friday, opening a new surface route between India and Bangladesh after the Dhaka-Kolkata direct bus service opened nearly four years ago.

Philippines

The Philippine Star

President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo said Friday that a military dragnet is closing in on fugitive terrorist Fathur Rohman-Ghozi as she prepared to fly to a jungle redoubt in the southern Philippines to lead the search for the Indonesian bomb maker.

Philippine Daily Inquirer

A German bank in Singapore has refused to release a portion of the 683 million US dollars in late President Ferdinand Marcos' ill-gotten wealth

that the Philippine Supreme Court has ruled belongs to the government until a Singaporean court rules on how it would be disposed.

Manila Bulletin

Senator Aquilino Pimentel Friday welcomed the United States' commitment to help bring peace and development in the southern Philippine island of Mindanao and urged US President George W. Bush to visit the south during his state visit to the Philippines in October.

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I. What to Say

Situations and Expressions (55):
Expressing emotions (XI)

Besides expressing a whole range of human feelings and emotions, poetry sometimes expresses philosophical thoughts and the meaning, as the poets understand it, of the great drama of the universe. So a poet is "a mighty prophet, a seer blest". We present below a selection of some poetic expressions capturing such thoughts and ideas of an abstract nature.

• Thus in the stilly night
Ere slumber's chain has bound me,
Sad memory brings the light
Of other days around me.
— T. Moore: *The Light of Other Days*

• Alas! I have nor hope nor health,
Nor peace within nor calm around,
Nor that Content, surpassing wealth,
The sage in mediation found,
And walk'd with inward glory crown'd —
Nor fame, nor power, nor love, nor leisure;
Others I see whom these surround —
Smiling they live, and call life pleasure;
To me that cup has been dealt in another measure.
— P. B. Shelley: *Lines Written in Dejection*

• My thoughts are with the Dead; with them
I live in long-past years,
Their virtues love, their faults condemn,
Partake their hopes and fears,
And from their lessons seek and find
Instruction with an humble mind.
— R. Southey: *The Scholar*

• "My name is Ozymandias, king of kings:
Look on my works, ye Mighty, and despair!"
— P. B. Shelley: *Ozymandias*

• If this belief from heaven be spent,
If such be Nature's holy plan,
Have I not reason to lament
What Man has made of Man?
— W. Wordsworth: *Written in Early Spring*

• Be through my lips to unawaken'd earth
The trumpet of a prophecy! O Wind,
If Winter comes, can Spring be far behind?
— P. B. Shelley: *Ode to the West Wind*

• The World is too much with us; late and soon,
Getting and spending, we lay waste our powers;
Little we see in Nature that is ours;
We have given our hearts away, a sordid boon!
— W. Wordsworth

• The Child is father of the Man
— W. Wordsworth

• Our birth is but a sleep and forgetting;
The soul that rises with us, our life's star,
Hath had elsewhere its setting
And cometh from afar;
Not in the entire forgetfulness,
And not in utter nakedness,
But trailing clouds of glory do we come
From God, who is our home
.....
To me the meanest flower can give
Thoughts that do often lie too deep for tears
— W. Wordsworth: *Ode on Intimations of Immortality*

II. How to Say it Correctly

Correct errors, if any, in the following sentences:

- Time is precious, don't let it go waste.
- He talks as he knows everything.
- Youngmen dream glory and riches.
- What is the reason of an eclipse?
- All the streets are full of men.

Possible answers to last week's questions

- We walked to the river and back.

- I was listening to her sweet song.
- Can you supply me with all I need?
- We stayed in a very good hotel.
- The murderer was caught and hanged.

III. Increase Your Word Power

A) How to express it in one word

- To provide for the payment of.
- To cause to become unfrozen.
- Quick, clever and effortlessly skillful.
- Law which has finished the course of life or existence.
- To make something less dangerous.

Suggested answers to last week's questions

- Attack the good reputation of: **defame** (vt)
- Thinking and acting in a way that shows an expectation of being defeated: **defeatism** (n)
- The act of deserting a political party to join an opposite one: **defection** (n)
- A person in a legal trial against whom a charge is brought: **defendant** (n)
- To deceive so as to get something unlawfully: **defraud** (vt)

B) Foreign phrases

Give the sources of origin and meanings of the following:

- monograph;
- morpheme;
- mot;
- motto;
- mycterism

Answers to last week's questions

- meter** (Gk. 'measure') (The pattern of stressed and unstressed syllables in verse.): In English verse iambic, trochaic, anapaestic, dactylic meters are fairly common.
- metonymy** (Gk. 'name change') (A figure of speech — the name of an attribute or a thing is substituted for the thing itself.): Ex. 'The Bench' for the judiciary; 'the crown' for 'the monarchy'; 'Shakespeare' for his works.
- mime** (Gk. 'representation'): Imitation which relates to verisimilitude.
- mnemonic** (Gk. 'mne' meaning 'memory'): A device in verse or prose.
Ex. 'Thirty days have September
April, June and November
All the rest have thirty one
Excepting February alone.'

C) Words Commonly Confused

Bring out differences in meaning of the following pairs of words

- hard, hardly;
- most, mostly;
- scarcely, fairly;
- late, lately;
- fairly, rather

Suggested answers to last week's questions

- sometime** (adv) (at some uncertain or unstated time in the future or in the past): I shall meet you sometime next week. Our house was built sometime around 1965.
sometimes (adv) (at times; now and then; occasionally): Sometimes I wonder what is the purpose of life.
- orchard** (n) (a field or part of a garden where fruit trees grow): Our farmland includes an orchard.
meadow (n) (field of grassland on which cattle, sheep may feed): The cattle are grazing in the meadow.
- truism** (n) (a statement of something that is so clearly true that there is no need to mention it): It's a truism that teachers are nation builders.
altruism (n) (principle of considering the well-being and happiness of others first): His unselfish service to the mankind is a reflection of his altruism.
- travail** (n) (very hard work): We won our freedom after lots of travail.
travel (n) (the act of travelling): I am very fond of travel.
- shop** (n) (building where goods are shown and sold): I am going to a barber's shop.
soap (n) (substance used for washing and cleaning): Use plenty of soap and water to clean the dirty room.

D) Phrases and Idioms

Use the following phrases in sentences

- annals of;
- animosity against;
- run amok;
- take something amiss;
- make amends (to someone) (for something)

Suggested answers to the previous week's questions

- lay down one's arms** (put one's weapons down and stop fighting): The captive soldiers laid down their arms and surrendered to the victorious army.
- take up arms** (to go to war or rise in rebellion): The rebels took up arms against the loyalists.
- to be armed with** (to provide weapons in order to prepare for a war): Both the warring countries are armed with nuclear and biological weapons.
- with open arms** (in a warm and friendly way): We were received by the host with open arms.
- a babe in arms** (not yet able to walk): He is still a babe in arms.

IV. Grammar and Composition

A) Grammar

Complete each sentence with a word connected with 'health' or 'sickness'

- Fatima is studying — at university because she is going to be a doctor.
- Unless you are very —, it is not advisable to run extremely long distances or lift heavy weights.
- He needed an — to remove the bullet from his leg.
- Nowadays many diseases can be — if they are diagnosed and treated early enough.
- I was seriously — during the week end and had to go to hospital.

Suggested answers to last week's questions

- The **cost** of sending holiday postcards to all our friends was enormous.
- When you go abroad, make sure you take enough foreign **currency** with you.
- Could you give me some **change** for the telephone, please?
- A country's **wealth** is measured not only in financial terms but also in respect of its natural resources.
- When you travel on business, you are allowed to claim **expenses**.
- Teachers' **salaries** are lower in this country than in many other parts of the world.

B) Composition: Paragraph writing

Expand the idea contained in the saying:

36: A FRIEND IN NEED IS A FRIEND INDEED

Last week's topic:

35: PREVENTION IS BETTER THAN CURE

It is wiser to arrest a disease when it is in its initial stages than to let it worsen and grow more serious. Preventing a disease when it shows early signs is more effective, safe and inexpensive than in its later stages. This holds good in all spheres of human life. Parents should guard their children very carefully from the beginning. They should be firm and not ignore any sign of waywardness when they are observed in the children's behavior. Negligence in the beginning may prove very costly later. In the social sphere public discontent should be controlled by fair means before it snowballs into a revolution. As a matter of fact, most of the ills the society is being afflicted by can be overcome if they are checked in time and early remedial measures are taken. The maxim calls upon all of us to be alert and take action against any harmful phenomenon early.

V. Pearls from the Holy Quran

"Allah will not leave
The Believers in the state
In which ye are now,
Until He separates
What is evil
From what is good."
S3: A179

VI. Word of Wisdom

"The reward of one duty done is the power to
fulfil another."
—George Eliot

A LETTER TO THE TEACHERS OF ENGLISH: 27

Create learning opportunities for the learners in the class



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Dear Fellow teachers,

Some of you may be surprised about my request in the title of this letter, because you may wonder what else is happening in the classrooms. All that happens in the classroom cannot be considered as learning opportunities. A real learning opportunity is when your learners have something to learn from on their own, of course with your help. This is possible only when you allow them to participate in the teaching/learning activity. Participation is not merely repeating whatever you speak or read, but making efforts to say something on their own, for example, 'Say it again, teacher' or 'Can I answer the question?' or 'Please spell the word'; or ask you a question, for example, 'What is the meaning of word x?' or 'Which page is it?' and so on. Such efforts enable them to learn English in the real sense of the term.

Such efforts do not happen on their own; you have to create opportunities for them to make such efforts. You should first of all instill confidence in your learners; they should get rid of the fear and feel free to express themselves in the classroom. This is what I mentioned in an earlier letter: you should become a student-friendly teacher in your English classes. Confidence before competence should be your dictum. This means that only confident students will try to participate in the classroom activities whatever their competence be; the more they participate, the more they competent they become.

Teaching the lessons in the Pupil's Book and the Workbook will no doubt

create learning opportunities, but they are often less realistic, because most often the learners are expected to reproduce the sentences you speak or read or write; they are useful to the learners, especially to begin with. But gradually and steadily, you should encourage them to use English on their own, in simple activities such as the ones mentioned above in the beginning classes, in complex activities such as asking for permission to go out or asking for information about the examinations and tests etc. in higher classes. Such opportunities should be created in the classes and when such activities happen in the classes, they should be made use of. This can happen only when you are alert. I have seen many teachers lose such valuable opportunities in the classroom when they happen because they were not alert.

I think you are aware of the saying 'you can take a horse to the pond but you cannot make it drink', this applies to the teaching/learning situation also. We can never make our students learn anything, what we can do is to create learning opportunities for them to make use of and learn, as learning is personal activity and it has to happen at the learner's initiative. This is true of the mother tongue too; no child is forced to acquire its mother tongue. The acquisition happens as a sapling comes out of a seed or a flower comes out of a bud; a natural process. As the child's atmosphere is filled up with the mother tongue for it to acquire from, our learner's atmosphere should be filled up with English for him/her to learn from. But remember what I have said in my earlier letter: it is not the quantity of English that matters but the quality of it which matters and useful for the learning purpose. Good luck.

Yours fraternally,
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New science emerged Neuro Linguistic Programming (PART 2)



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Advantages of NLP can be summarized as the following:

- Personal benefits : discovering our abilities and talents.
- Better planning to achieve our goals.
- Establishing relationships and intimacy.
- Discovering self programs and habits , modifying them into better programs.
- Getting psychological stability, specially anything concerning roles of humans in our life.

What we learn from NLP:

We can summarize the following insights gained from Neuro Linguistic Programming as follows:

A- Mode of the majority of people:

NLP classifies people into different classes according to their reactions and responses to different internal and external stimuli. So we can understand sources of people's reactions and realize ways to make relations with them and how to affect them positively. Examples of these classifications:

-Classifying people according to three human states (mental, behavioral, and emotional)

-Classifying them according to the predominance of senses (visual, audible, and perceptual).

-Classifying them according to their reactions to time (in time and through time).

-Classifying them according to their interests – seven classes (care about people, actions, places, things, data or information, time, and money).

-Classifying them according to their perception and understanding (living as himself, living in counter person's position and living in a position of observer).

- Classifying them according to their behavior modes (always blaming, self satisfied, realistic, sensible, confused).

Classifying people according to their mentality:

- those who tend to be closer and

- those who have internal references or external references
- those who seek internal support or external support
- those who like to generalize or to specialize
- those who have a possibility character or a necessity character
- those who prefer open choices or close choices
- those who live in the past, the present or the future.

For each mode of these modes we have different signs that lead us to these modes. Examples: physical and behavioral traits, spoken language. They are the two strongest indicators for these modes.

B- Counter mental and emotional indicators:

NLP teaches us to understand the state of counter mental and emotional mood, from the eyes, facial expression and even the voice. So we can differentiate between the picture if it is from the memory or newly created, real or delusional from the eyes.

C- Finding the positive states and applying them:

In NLP we can teach the learners skills to control their memories to apply them in their life. By this way they can succeed and improve their feelings and remove painful memories from their minds. So they can treat many mental and psychological problems caused by these memories.

D- Treating cases and problems like

Psychological problems, paranoid, feelings of weakness, delusional fears, antisocial behavior, lack of desire, bad behavioral habits, bad memories, poor educational levels, family problems, and wrong beliefs.

E- Good planning for success:

Focussing on psychological aspects to achieve our goals.

F- Modeling:

One of the important skills in NLP relates to studying some special traits in some people to understand the factors leading to success in their lives so that we can transfer these experiences and learn from them.

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, backward. 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 them out. 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

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| Aromatic | Cars | Frosties | Party | Strawberries |
| Assortment | Carton | Ginger | Pineapple | Sugar |
| Automatic | Celebration | Grape | Preformed | Sweets |
| Automobile | Cherry | Gratify | Purer | Taps |
| Bakery | Chew | Guest | Raisin | Tavern |
| Banana | Chocolate | Gulps | Raspberry | Teenagers |
| Banners | Clerk | Ice cream | Restaurant | Theme |
| Bays | Clones | Kinds | Retail | Towering |
| Bench | Cone | Lick | Runners | Tray |
| Biker | Cook | Local | Satiate | Vans |
| Brewery | Creamery | Loiter | Scraper | Variety |
| Bulk | Crew | Lump | Single | Waiter |
| Burger | Cups | Milk | Slurp | Water |
| Busboy | Dessert | Neon | Snack | White |
| Butterscotch | Drive in | Occasion | Soft | |
| Cafes | Extra | Often | Soiree | |
| Caramel | Float | Package | Squirt | |
| Carry | Fresh | Pails | Stores | |

ANSWER NEXT WEEK

Last Week's Answer: Alternative

DAIRY BARS

Solution: 7 letters

R	A	G	U	S	D	H	L	L	S	N	O	I	S	A	C	C	O	A	
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Yemen Tennis Federation: First Tennis Championship kicks off

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Sana'a, Sept 20_ Under the sponsorship of the Ministry of Youth & Sports, the First Championship for the Ground Tennis started on September 17 at the Police Officers Club Courts in Sana'a.

The tennis championship has coincided with the Yemeni anniversaries, September and October Revolutions. The tennis championship will last till September 25 where 28 tennis players have taken part in the tennis championship.



The championship has been organized by the Yemen Tennis Federation and supported by the Hael Saeed Ana'am Group of Companies, (Natco), the Arab Bank, the International Bank of Yemen and supervised by the Competition Committee which includes, Ahmed Assadeq, Lutf Athurrah, Abdulkareem al-Marwani, Abdulmaleq al-Haimi and Waleed al-Fusail.

Single ground tennis winners, Sept, 17
- Ismael Mohammed Hajar against Mohammed Rezaq Asseremi, 6/0, 6/2
- Ali Dhebian against Shaef Zahra, 6/0, 6/0
- Waleed al-Fusail against Abdullah al-Jarmouzi, 6/1, 6/1
- Ahmed Salah against Saeed al-Khameri, 6/0, 6/0 with withdrawal
- Abdulmalik Suraih against Sami Athurrah, 6/0, 6/1
- Basel against Salah al-Khameri, 6/0, 6/2

Double ground tennis winners, Sept, 18
- Faisal Assabahi, Nabil Mezwad against Sami Athurrah and Mehrez, 6/1, 6/0
- Ali Arredha and Yahya Arredha against Abdullah al-Jarmouzi, 6/2, 6/0



- Ahmed Yahya al-Kebsi and Mahdi Allawi against Abdullah Sunain and Ahmed Salah, 6/1, 6/3

Single ground tennis winners, Sept, 18
Khaled Sanhoub against Yahya Arradhi, 6/3, 6/1

Single ground tennis winners, Sept, 19
Sherief Ali Abdulaziz against Ali Ali Arradhi, 6/3, 6/2

Double ground tennis winners, Sept, 19
Basel al-Kameesi and Shaef Zahr

against Mohammed Asseremi and Kamal Aqlan.

The final championship results are to be covered in the next issue.

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PCC beats ACC by 5 wickets after a tense match: Cricket excitement continues

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Sanaa, September 20 - Yesterday, 19 September the Second Friendship Series Match was played between the Pakistan Cricket Club (PCC) and Arabian Cricket Club (ACC) at ASBAHI GROUND on Taiz Road in Sanaa. ACC won the toss and elected to

bat first. ACC Hit 171 Runs for the last of three wickets in allotted 20 overs. In this match ACC changed his strategy and made some change in Bating line. These changes were a good decision by ACC's captain Amin and viewers enjoyed the good performances. Hirish (43 runs), A.A.Bajwa (43 Runs) and Bhaskar 34 Runs were top scorers from ACC sides.

In reply, PCC started batting to chase

171 Runs, a good total 177 and after a very crucial contest, PCC chased this target in 19 overs. From PCC's side Ihtiham and Jehanghir played well and PCC won this match by 5 wickets.

ACC and PCC have decided to play a friendship series until the Cricket league series starts in the near future with five teams. The next match will be on October 3 at 10:00 at the Asbahi Ground as well.

		7-Day Weather Forecast						
		Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
Sana'a	Hi	28	28	28	28	28	27	27
	Lo	11	11	10	10	11	9	8
Aden	Hi	37	38	38	38	38	37	37
	Lo	29	29	29	29	29	28	26

TOO MUCH SUN ISN'T GOOD FOR YOU

IF YOU SAY SO

BUT SOME SUN IS OKAY

IF YOU SAY SO

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THE LAST WORD IN ASTROLOGY

BY Eugenia

Aries (Mar 21 - Apr 19)
Put your great ideas into play. The more you can get done, the better you will feel. The end result will be a good mood, fabulous new connections and a feeling of satisfaction.

Taurus (Apr 20 - May 20)
You may be trying too hard to win someone over who is just not worth it. Take more time to study your situation. If you become stubborn, you will end up in a far worse position.

Gemini (May 21 - Jun 20)
You will have lots of opportunity to talk to friends who can contribute knowledge about something you are involved in. If you are going to make some changes, be sure to go all out.

Cancer (Jun 21 - Jul 22)
Don't be fooled into thinking that you have more cash on hand than you do. Work will pay off today, but spending will not. You may not be as secure as you first thought.

Leo (Jul 23 - Aug 22)
Your emotions will fluctuate, and you will change your mind quickly today. You will have to show compassion toward those who depend on you. Don't exaggerate.

Virgo (Aug 23 - Sep 22)
Not everyone you live with will welcome the changes you are initiating. Investment opportunities that include property or something that you have been working on personally must be implemented quickly.

Libra (Sept 23 - Oct 22)
You will get the help you need if you ask for it today. Any research you do will get your personal projects up and running. A partner may be just what you need.

Scorpio (Oct 23 - Nov 21)
You may have trouble putting things in perspective if you become jealous today. Concentrate on creative projects to spare yourself the anxiety and frustration that accompanies emotional speculation.

Sagittarius (Nov 22 - Dec 21)
You'll have some hot ideas and everyone will be willing to listen. Make sure you have checked out the logistics before you put your plans into motion. A few extra inquiries can save you a lot later on.

Capricorn (Dec 22 - Jan 19)
An opportunity appears to be in the making. Check out how you can make your money work for you. A secret financial deal could very easily lead to future freedom.

Aquarius (Jan 20 - Feb 18)
Turn your stress into passion, or work on something creative that requires imagination. You have far more to gain if you are positive and lots to lose if you aren't.

Pisces (Feb 19 - Mar 20)
Work, work and more work. It may sound boring, but if you can get into what you are doing you can make money. If you are concerned about your future, keep your eyes open for new positions.

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Hurricane brings horror to US East Coast

WASHINGTON (Reuters) - Communities along the U.S. East Coast were engaged in a massive clean-up after Hurricane Isabel on Saturday, with authorities sending truckloads of relief supplies, but local officials said it would take months to fix damage from floods and wind.

President Bush signed disaster declarations for North Carolina, Virginia and Maryland, the hardest-hit areas, opening the way for federal assistance and aid programs.

With homes and businesses still struggling in the face of lingering flood waters and lack of electricity, the Department of Homeland Security said it was coordinating the federal government response after Isabel ripped through the mid-Atlantic region, leaving at least 25 people dead.

Two more deaths were reported by officials in Virginia on Saturday — one man was killed by a falling tree and another died from fumes from a poorly ventilated generator.

More than 70 truckloads of water, emergency meals, tents, cots, blankets, portable toilets, generators, plastic

sheeting and roofing material have been sent to areas hit by floods and high winds, the department said.

The director of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, Michael Brown, told people to be cautious when returning to their homes.

"While the immediate danger is past, there are downed power lines, high water and other dangers that still threaten public safety," he said in a statement. Brown and Homeland Security Secretary Tom Ridge were touring disaster areas by helicopter on Saturday.

Clean-up crews worked to clear thousands of fallen trees and fix downed electrical power lines as utilities said they were restoring services to millions of homes knocked off the grid when Isabel tore through the region on Thursday and Friday.

By early Friday evening, power companies said 3.9 million homes were still without electricity compared with nearly six million at the height of the storm.

The Coast Guard began flying search patrols along the path of the hurricane with helicopters equipped to pluck to safety people stranded on rooftops or in



A woman takes video footage of the damaged caused by surging waves to Highway 12 in Kitty Hawk on the Outer Banks of North Carolina, Sept. 18. REUTERS

Federal government offices were closed for two days in Washington but Isabel let the nation's capital off lightly.

The hurricane hit hardest when it made its landfall on North Carolina's Outer Banks, a barrier island chain that loops out into the Atlantic.

Fifteen-foot (5-meter) sand dunes were flattened, beachfront cottages wrecked, roads wiped out and swimming pools piled on top of each other.

"All the towns along the coast have lost houses or hotels ... It will be months before we get back to normal, it will be next summer," said Renee Cahoon, a commissioner for coastal Dare County.

Insurers said the total damage bill may be between \$500 million and \$1 billion, far less than the \$4 billion feared earlier in the week when Isabel was still over the Atlantic and graded as a category 5 hurricane.

Its strength had diminished by the time it made landfall in a relatively thinly populated area, but it still packed a destructive punch as it headed inland and up toward the Great Lakes and Canada.

Officials in Dare County, which encompasses part of the Outer Banks including hard-hit Hatteras Island, Nags Head and Kitty Hawk, made a preliminary estimate of some \$544.9 million in damage county-wide.

That included \$313 million in damage on Hatteras Island alone, Cahoon said. "The Outer Banks took a good licking here. This is about as hard as they've been hit in a long time," North Carolina Gov. Mike Easley said.

Of Hatteras Island, Easley said, "What I saw was a lot of sand pushed over the road. There's no way you could travel on that. Where there wasn't sand, there was water."



Residents of the beachfront town of Kitty Hawk walk past a Landrover Discovery thrown onto its side and semi-buried in sand as Hurricane Isabel hit the Outer Banks of North Carolina, Sept. 18. REUTERS

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