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Al-Khaiwani frequently attacked

By MOHAMMED BIN SALLAM
YEMEN TIMES STAFF

The editorial staff of suspended Al-Shura weekly had on 18 October issued a statement affirming that two inmates in the Central Prison in Sana'a had attacked Abdulkarim Al-Khaiwani, editor-in-chief of Al-Shura, Monday afternoon.

Described as "urgent and important," the statement added that two others had assaulted him on Sunday October 17.

The statement accused unnamed sides to be intending to harm Al-Khaiwani psychologically and physically.

The editorial staff charged the director of the Central Prison with concocting the attacks against Al-Khaiwani, holding the director responsible for any consequent harms occurring to Al-Khaiwani.

The staff appealed to the Minister of Interior Rashad Al-Alimi, Minister of Human Rights Amat Al-Alim Al-Suswa, and the local, Arab and international public opinion to render protection for Al-Khaiwani against frequent attempts to inflict harm on him.

The staff also accused the prison's

authority of putting Al-Khaiwani among prisoners convicted of crimes, some of whom sentenced to death, without providing any protection measures in his favor, putting the responsibility of any possible harm inflicted on Al-Khaiwani on the judicial, security and political authorities.

"Continued detention of Al-Khaiwani is a shocking title for the ongoing violations against Al-Khaiwani as a journalist, writer, political activist, and human being."

Meanwhile the statement called on journalists, NGOs and political parties to continue seeking his release. Al-Shura staff urged Arab, regional and international organizations concerned with freedoms to maintain pressures on the government to free Al-Khaiwani and not to be satisfied with promises until he is outside prison.

Before the recent attacks, Al-Khaiwani had been assaulted by convict inmates. Some believe the attackers were incited by certain parties interested in demoralizing Al-Khaiwani and compelling him to ask for sympathy and pardon of the state.

Some 16 human rights organizations working in Yemen called last week for the immediate release of Al-Khaiwani.



Abdulkarim Al-Khaiwani

A statement signed by leaders and representatives of such organizations declared that their request was based on their belief in the freedom of the press and expression guaranteed by the Yemeni constitution and international conventions to which Yemen consented.

The statement was also signed by members of Amnesty International, journalists, and academics from Sana'a and Aden universities.

Meanwhile, the defense team of Al-

Khaiwani and Al-Shura sent a letter to President Saleh, Chairman of the Supreme Judiciary Council, explaining to him about the investigations and trial procedures of Al-Khaiwani, and asking him to intervene to secure his freedom.

On the other hand, the Islamic National Council (INC) sent on Tuesday October 12 a letter to the President appealing to him to set free their fellow member to be able to attend the fifth session of the council to be held soon in Khartoum, Sudan. The conference is expected to host some five hundred figures from different realms of knowledge.

Dr. Mohammed Al-Mutawakil, General Coordinator of the Council, signed the letter, too.

The letter went on addressing the President: "For the sake of Yemen's reputation in the field of human rights and freedom of expression, and after pressmen's and intellectuals' hailing of your abolishment of jailing journalists because of their opinion, your intervening to release the member of the INC, prisoner of opinion Abdulkarim Al-Khaiwani would have a pleasant effect on your brothers, members of the INC who are present across the Arab and Islamic World."



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Is it just more bureaucracy?

Government to get more control of NGOs

By MOHAMMED AL-QADHI
YEMEN TIMES STAFF

Yemeni authorities intend to set up a new plan to control the foreign funding of the NGOs operating in the country, an official said Monday.

Mr. Ali Saleh Abdullah, deputy minister of social affairs said in a workshop on the "Future of NGOs Work in Yemen" that started last Monday that his ministry along with the ministry of planning and international cooperation will address the funding NGOs and embassies to assist the Yemeni government in "controlling and organizing the funding presented to the Yemeni NGOs."

He said that his ministry is to set a new form to register the NGOs in place of the license that used to be issued to these NGOs to start operating.

"We have gone through the process and reviewed it several times and came to find out that there is no legal license; we do not exercise unaccepted monitoring or supervision; we do not want to turn into a policeman controlling the NGOs; we just want to know what is going on. In fact, we do not interfere into the business of these NGOs in the common security manner," he pointed out.

The Yemeni official did not say if such step has to do with the fight of the

fund-raising for terrorism purposes. However, the Yemeni authorities have already taken some step to control some of the suspected NGOs.

The new step has been attacked by some legalists and advocates who consider it as illegal. Advocate Mohammed Allow who participated in the workshop run by Civil Society Forum that this step "is a drawback to the reign of totalitarianism that was prevailing pre-unification."

He stressed that there has not been any change in the law of NGOs except for changes of names, adding that, it gives the state the right to license or stop the set-up of NGOs which has brought about its interference in the work of these NGOs.

According to the 2004 statistics of the Social Affairs Ministry, the number of the registered NGOs mounts to 4,576, out of which only 2,941 operate within the framework of the NGOs law, according to Mr. Saleh.

On his part, Jamal Eddin al-Adimi of CSF pointed out that the constitution has given privileges to NGOs work, but the law has restricted this to a great extent in addition to the bureaucracy of the Yemeni officials when they come to enact it.

Ambitious vision the first of its kind in region

Mokha to get \$550 million tourist project

By MAHYOUB AL-KAMALI
YEMEN TIMES STAFF

The Al-Kabatily company for oil investment and services in Yemen intends to implement the biggest tourist resort at the port of Mokha, the governorate of Taiz at a cost of approximately \$550 million.

It is expected to be the first of its kind in the Arabian Peninsula and the Gulf.

The company's chairman of the board of directors Sultan Othman al-Kabatily has affirmed that the resort would include the construction of a residential city composed of 100 villas, 100 chalets and a number of 5-star hotels.

The entire project is expected to be

finished in six years.

In a press meeting held recently during the constituent conference of the Arab Organization for tourist development held in Sana'a, Mr al-Kabatily told journalists that the project's objective was attraction of the local tourist and saving for him the sums of money he spends on tourism abroad.

The project also focuses on attracting family tourism in addition to offering services to foreign tourists.

The tourist project is to be situated in the city port of Mokha, renowned for growing the Yemeni coffee in an area called the Wadi al-Malik, which is an area of spacious palm tree groves in a form of crescent.

Mr al-Kabatily has also said that he found an encouragement in the law of investment in Yemen as his company has not faced any hindrances in the

presentation of his project.

He added that the goal from building the huge tourist resort was the attraction of tourists to eco-tourism and to serve development in the country.

The Yemeni government supported project is expected to create job opportunities for the unemployed, during the stage of building it and after its operation.

Meanwhile the Arab Company for Tourist Development and Investments, affiliate of the Saudi Bin Laden Group, is preparing for the implementation of a Tourist Village project situated on the mount of Haratha in the city of Ibb.

That project is to be constructed on area of 127,000 square meters at a cost of \$25 million. The project comprises a five-star hotel, a group of villas and service utilities.

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Attempts made to release al-Houthi's followers

By HASSAN AL-ZAYEDI
YT STAFF

Reliable sources told the Yemen Times that there are ongoing attempts to release some of late al-Houthi's followers, who have been arrested after the end of the cleric's rebellion more than a month ago. This comes after President Ali Abdullah Saleh gave a promise to do so in a meeting with the mediators and three prominent individuals representing the Faithful Youth Organization, which was founded by al-Houthi himself. Meanwhile, several prominent figures of the same organization continue to insist on the necessity to release all

al-Houthi's followers detained, and who are reportedly more than eight hundred in number and are currently held in prisons in Sana'a and Sa'ada.

The President had promised to release those detainees after some files, paperwork, and other conditions are fulfilled.

Judge Hamood al-Hitar announced recently that positive results were reached in dialogue with the extremists as one hundred and seventy-five persons out of three hundred of al-Houthi's followers, agreed to abandon their extremist ideas and revert to moderate Islam. However, Judge al-Hitar refrained from giving any clear indication

of whether those individuals will be released or not.

Al-Hitar also announced that the tribunal has reached good results with one hundred and twelve others suspected of being affiliated to al-Qaeda terrorist organization. This is an outcome of the fourth round of dialogue with the most radical elements that returned from Afghanistan prior and after to the 911 incident.

It has been a custom for many years to make the Holy month of Ramadan a time during which the President would pardon many detainees, and this year's Ramadan may witness such amnesty as well.

A call to form the Arab Court for Human Rights

By Ridhwan al-Saqqaf
Aden Bureau

More than 40 participants in a workshop held in Aden during 3-8 October issued the Aden Declaration in which they requested the Arab governments to establish the Arabic Court for Human Rights. They recommended setting up national plans for human rights that go proportionally with the current conditions of the Arab countries.

Being the fourth in a successive number of courses on human rights, the workshop was organized by Human Rights Information and Training Center (HRITC) and the Arab Institute of Human Rights in collaboration with the U.N. Higher Commissioner of Human Rights. More than 11 Arab countries participated in the event.

The conclusion session was attended by Amat al-Alem al-Suswah, Minister of Human Rights, who delivered a speech stressing the contribution of HRITC in organizing the course and

pointing out the role the center played in promoting human rights.

Ezaddeen al-Asbahi, Director of HRITC, greeted in his speech the participation of the minister of human rights considering it a source of inspiration and encouragement for the center. He also praised the participants for coming up with the declaration, which he hoped could be implemented on the ground. Then Mr. Farag Fensh, human rights' representative in the Middle East and North Africa spoke on the participants' behalf expressing the significance of the course as well as the work in this field.

In a statement to Yemen Times, Mr. al-Asbahi said "the participants learned many things about the legal and philosophical background of human rights and the relation between the economic, social, political and cultural aspects of human rights and the international legislatures, besides several other issues." The participants were also given certificates recognizing their participation in the event.

Discussion on media role in alleviating poverty

By YEMEN TIMES STAFF

The media people participated in a session held on Wednesday 11th October at the Ministry of Information on the role of media in the strategy of poverty alleviation. They confirmed that media alone can not contribute to poverty alleviation without making concrete achievements in reality.

The media people slashed at the poverty alleviation strategy because it is not clear enough to enable media

personnel to contribute purposeful programs to poverty alleviation. They also criticized the strategy for not publishing studies and researches about media program.

Attended by representatives of several media means, the session displayed numerous views and proposals on the programs to be implemented by radio, television, and other media means for the purpose of alleviating poverty.

The participants affirmed that 95%

of the poor are illiterate. This is why radio programs are preferable when it comes to supporting the strategy.

The researches and papers offered by some media institutions and journals indicated that there are many difficulties and barriers to the awareness programs of the strategy. They also reported lack of coordination between the main unit responsible for executing and monitoring the strategy of poverty alleviation and the relevant media means.

Medical channel between Yemen & Jordan

FOR THE YEMEN TIMES

The first medical Bureau in coordination with Jordan, represented by Al-Hekma Modern Hospital (one of the largest Medical Foundations in Jordan) was inaugurated on Monday 11th October in Sana'a.

The Bureau will guarantee medical treatment for many people who suffer from several chronic diseases.

Mr. Khaled Al-Babli, Relations Manager at Al-Hekma Hospital in Sana'a told the Yemen Times that this step comes as fulfillment of the persistent need within Yemeni society. "The majority of Yemeni patients feel compelled to travel to Jordan to receive treatment as this country enjoys a more developed medical sector, as well as highly-qualified physicians", he added.

US ambassador visits Aden and Taiz

U.S. Ambassador Thomas C. Krajeski visited the Governorates of Aden and Taiz last week where he met with businessmen, female NGO representatives, academics, military cooperation officials and community leaders. He also met with the Governor of Aden Dr. Yahya Al-Shu'aibi, and the Governor of Taiz, Mr. Ahmed Abdullah Al-Hajri.

Ambassador Krajeski was briefed by the Governor of Aden on the Governorate's plans to develop the Port of Aden. They also exchanged views on how the Aden Port can play a key role in boosting the economic future of Yemen. Governorate officials, local council members, and businessmen also attended Ambassador Krajeski's meeting with the Governor of Taiz.

Topics of discussion also included the various needs of the Governorate of Taiz and how the US government can

contribute to the development of the area.

In Aden, the Ambassador participated in a session marking the handover of five Internet classrooms at five carefully selected secondary schools. The event took place at the Bakatheer Secondary School for girls and was attended by local council and Aden governorate representatives. The Internet classrooms were realized through the Middle East Partnership Initiative (MEPI) E-learning Project for Yemen.

During the session, ambassador Krajeski stressed on the importance of information technology in economic development and how these classrooms represent an important source of information to better serve education purposes, exchange of information and better mutual understanding between Yemen and the US.

Ramadan cannon kills soldier

TAIZ BUREAU

A 45-year soldier died in Saber, Taiz, when he was stuffing the cannon of Ramadan with gunpowder at the breakfasting time on Ramadan 1st.

Saeed Hasan Abdullah, from al-Quai'a, left his nine children and their mother to be orphans and a widow.

It is known that the president of the republic directed to use new cannons instead of the old Turkish ones at the time of breakfasting and predawn meal, following the customs in all governorates.

But it seems that the new cannons need competent trained people to deal with them.

Diabetic patients in Taiz face a crisis

TAIZ BUREAU
YEMEN TIMES

An unprecedented high number of diabetic patients in Taiz have reportedly complained about poor services of the Health Office of Taiz Governorate. They raised complaints about insufficient quantities of Insulin, which is prescribed for them in monthly doses. They claim that such medicine is mostly provided by International donors and is then sold for benefit of certain individuals.

Yemen Times received a copy of the memorandum directed by the Republican General Hospital Management in Taiz demanding the

Health Office and the Medical Supplies to provide the Insulin quantity prescribed for more than three hundred and sixty patients. The memorandum in question indicated that the hospital didn't receive more than ten vials caused to the hospital tremendous difficulties in delivering the appropriate medication to diabetic patients. The reply by the Medical Supplies Office to the memorandum aforementioned that there was a deficit in its budget and could not have sent any more medicine. The response also mentioned that nothing could be done until more quantities are received from the Regional office in Aden.

French centre discusses charity and social protection

By Ramzi al-Absi
Yemen Times Staff

The French Center for Archeology and Social Sciences (CEFAS) in Sana'a held a discussion titled "From charity to social protection: free access to health in Yemen, the case of Hadramout" on Wednesday Oct 13, 2004. The discussion was attended by Blandine Destremeau, from the National Center for Researches and Studies in Paris, and Thabet Baggash, OXFAM, who delivered their presentations in front of a number of the people that are interested in such events.

The discussion concentrated on the role of the charitable societies in the medical protection in Yemen throughout presenting the case of Hadramout. It aimed to raise awareness among the audience about the significance of involving the whole society in improving the social integration.

Both lecturers expressed how people in Hadramout are a model of Yemeni society, how they dealt with the differ-



From L to R: Blandine Destremeau and Thabet Baggash during the discussion

ent medical and health issues and the various efforts of individual charitable initiatives, the local societies and the international organizations in order to improve the health conditions.

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Somalis in Yemen are looking for a better future

BY PETER WILLEMS
YEMEN TIMES STAFF

Hope is running high among Somalis living in Yemen now that a new president has a chance to stabilize and rebuild the war-ravaged country.

"I have high expectations and I am very happy about our new president," said Usman Omar, Vice President at Somali Community Center in Sana'a. "For 13 years we have experienced ongoing warfare, but now we have a president who has the qualities to lead a nation."

Last Thursday, Abdullahi Yusuf Ahmed was sworn in as Somalia's president in Nairobi, Kenya, after Inter-Governmental Authority on Development headed a two-year peace process and was elected by the country's interim parliament. Over the coming weeks, Ahmed will put together a cabinet, and a new government will move to Mogadishu, Somalia's capital, in the near future.

In a United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees recent report, around 80,000 Somali refugees and those seeking asylum reside in Yemen. Over 400,000 Somalis have fled their country as the country's civil war has continued since Mohamed Siad Barre's regime was ousted in 1991.

Many Somalis in Yemen have expressed confidence in the new president.

"The president is a good leader because I believe he has the power, the will and the ability to have authority," said Abdul Rahman Jama, a Somali who has been living in Yemen for 11 years. "He is able to unify the country and bring everybody together."

Ahmed has a military history being a colonel in the Somali army. He was jailed in 1969 by Barre for not backing a military coup, fought against Barre in the eighties and led Puntland as an independent region in northern Somalia.

The last attempt to bring peace to the country came after a conference carried out in Djibouti in 2000. Abdulkassim Sala Hassan was chosen as president, but he was unable to persuade tribal groups to lay down their arms and unify the country. He controlled only a small section of Mogadishu and a few areas outside the capital.

"The president is different than the previous one, so it is a good chance that he will do some good for the people," said

Abdirizak Dhilo. "I believe he will be the president to bring unity, peace and stability while the world stands behind Somalia."

Along with their country becoming stable, Somalis are also looking for a growing economy and job opportunities to consider returning home.

"If the government creates a peaceful country, I will return," said Jama. "But what I also want are job opportunities so that I can support myself."

Many Somalis acknowledge that Ahmed has many challenges ahead. Somalia is one of the poorest countries in the world. According to The World Bank, 43% of the population lives in extreme poverty, living on \$1 a day. Only 17% of the children are enrolled in primary school, and with limited healthcare, life expectancy is 47 years. This month, the UN Food and Agriculture Organization reported that Somalis are affected by high levels of malnutrition in a number of areas across the country.

Unifying the country will not be an easy task. Mogadishu, which has been divided between factions during the ongoing civil war, is home to an estimated 60,000 armed men belonging to clans that hold different parts of the capital. One powerful warlord in Mogadishu, Adbinur Ahmed Darman, is believed to not recognize Ahmed as president. Last week, some of his militiamen fired at journalists while trying to interview people at "Camp Bosnia" refugee camp in the capital.

During his inauguration, Ahmed asked the international community to send peacekeeping forces to help disarm the militias and secure Somalia. But due to a fight that left 17 US soldiers and hundreds of Somalis dead while US and UN forces supported international aid during a famine, countries might be reluctant to commit troops.

"It might be better if the Somali leaders and people created peace without outside help," said one Somali in Yemen. "If it is done from within, there may be fewer problems."

Some Somalis question the choice of Ahmed being the leader to take on the task of ending over a decade of warfare, however. Some are worried about Ahmed's record of being involved in the civil war.

"Some of us are worried having a president who participated in warfare," said a Somali in Yemen. "We are not certain that the new government can bring us solutions, and it might have been better if the

president came from civil society, not from a war background."

Others are concerned that because of Ahmed's support from Ethiopia, there might be opposition in some areas of Somalia since there have been land disputes between the two countries in the past. "The president may not be liked in Mogadishu because he is close to Ethiopia. There might be armed clashes while he is trying to bring peace to the capital," said a Somali.

But despite the challenges the president will face, many Somalis in Yemen hope that the steps taken will lead to a brighter future after over a decade of instability and ongoing fighting.

"I now have high hopes and expectations," said Abu Bakr Abati. "We now have a government, a real government. I believe there will be peace, and all we want is peace. Most of my family lives in Somalia, so now that there will be changes, I want to go back."



Somalis at the Somali Community Center in Sana'a hoping for a peaceful solution in their home country (Yemen Times photo by Peter Willems)

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Lack of resources a major issue

University life is filled with challenges



BY RAMZI AL-ABSI
YEMEN TIMES STAFF

The life of students can be a controversial topic. It's seen as a symbol of struggle or a store of troubles. It can bring the bitterness of suffering and the grandeur of knowledge. Students have a real struggle against obstacles and difficult circumstances.

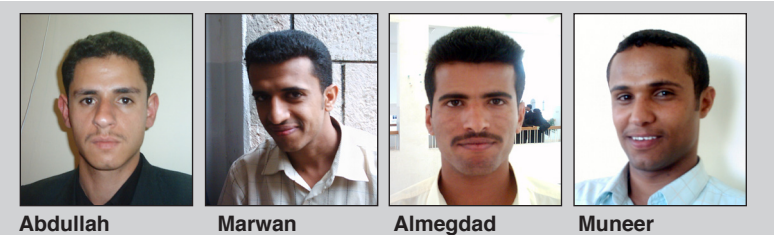
The Yemen Times made a survey in Sana'a University to show what students face, to let you see what hinders them to record better achievements. The list included a series of problems. Which ones get the priority is the question.

Sexual discrimination

It is a phenomenon that is present globally. It, however, varies from country to country. Women usually complain of discrimination, but it is not always the case. Muneer Al-Humaidi, a fourth-level student, English department, says that the main problem that disturbs his peace is the discrimination between boys and girls by some teachers as well as officers in the university.

"In all respect, girls have the priority. You can imagine the consequence. We can touch that in teachers' interaction with students; they help girls more; their treatment is totally biased. This results in attaining higher marks by some unqualified girls."

Muneer admits, however, that there are noble teachers who deal with students equally as their sons and daughters.



Ibtihal al-Agbari confirms his claim. "I suffer from this discrimination, though I am a girl. Some of our respected teachers are unfortunately influenced by the flattery of some girls. I saw some girls complimenting their teachers and they got more marks accordingly."

Ibtihal stressed that students who depend on themselves can solve the problems they face and overcome any obstacles.

Iman, from the faculty of languages, thinks that boys and girls are both liable to discrimination. "A teacher may be affected by his opinion about a student. Regardless of the sex, a teacher may give more marks to whom he knows more."

I have a dream

Dr. Ayid Sharyan, Assistant Professor, Department of English, Faculty of Education explained: "There are problems related to the students themselves; others like economic factors and academic environment affect students. Some problems are among students if they ally to this party or that. This causes a gap of communication between some of them. For example, two days ago, there was some form of demonstration in the college for it was said that some students had some problems with the security in the college."

"Other problems are related to education. I do not feel happy with the performance of many students for they have no access to recent books, journals, and newspapers though we are living in an information era. Workshops, seminars, competitions, debates, journeys, paper readings; extra-curriculum activities are not very common at the university. E-learning, internet and multimedia labs are not common either. A place for setting, prayer, seminars, reading room, in a university department is not available. For this, one finds many of the university students, par-



This picture was taken for some university students gathering together standing hopeless. The picture is narrating a part of the student's life and reflecting a miserable daily situation faced by the university students when waiting under the scorching sun at noon for transportation to get them home. "It is a serious problem to wait for a bus for more than one hour. Can't it be solved?"

"It is a fight for a bus; boys do rush to a bus pushing me away. Unsolvable problem!" a girl said. "Where are the enormous numbers of buses that have been in the streets?" she added. "If the private schools have hired all the buses at this time and caused the problem, can we find a solution to it with the university and the Traffic Police Administration in Sana'a?" any passer-by will curiously ask.

A teacher replies

Prof. Abraham, Professor of literature, Department of English, Faculty of Education:

"The teacher should be very honest and sincere, that's the precept of the

maybe because girls are not chewing Qat. The majority of boys have other works. So, naturally girls will get better marks. This is everywhere, in all faculties."

Lack of references

Abdullah al-We'rah, a former university student, believes the problem that dominates the entire academic life of a university student is the lack of book references.

For him, it is a first-hand experience. "When conducting a research, we need references. I know that we can use the Internet, but the book is still a great reference we can refer to. It is too difficult to find books about my research topic; in case I get one that is somehow about it, the book would be more than thirty years old. They are outdated!"

Iman agrees that the books represent a problem. "There are no specific books to refer to or to study; every year we have different books. Besides, the books in the libraries are so archaic that we don't get benefit from them."

Another student of the faculty of languages said "In the library, we may find titles of books but we don't find any when looking for them. They are missing"

Faculty member Marwan al-Murwi identifies another problem. "We don't have language labs."

to be under social pressure more than the female students. They need to work for some time or the other to support themselves for living and studying. Some are responsible for their families. Others may be coming from rural areas or disadvantaged sector of the society and they need to study and live like their peers: chew qat (though unhealthy), dress in a proper way, invite others, go to visit some friends, buy books, newspapers, handouts, use internet, etc. Accommodation, transportation and other necessities need some regular income. Such hurdles lead to decline in creativity of the university students.

"But I have a dream that university students will have a resting place in and around their colleges, telecommunication centres and telephone booths in the university, canteens, busses, journals, newspapers and books as well as Internet in every college. I have a dream that the university students will be able to enter any college without a checkpoint at the gate. It is hoped graduates will get easily their documents and will discover no problem in the control when they process their mark sheets."



Dr. Ayid Sharyan

ticularly at college of education roaming around, wasting time, while classes are on for they have no place to sit between classes. This leads to a weak output among university students.

"This is one side of the problem of university students. The other is related to economic life. In this respect, there are many things that may not be familiar to me, e.g. accommodation, transportation, place of study and so on. However, the male students seem



Dr. P. A. Abraham

Also, the faculty of languages has no building. Students spend the years of study between the Faculties of Education, Law and Arts.

A vital issue was indicated by Ibtihal: democracy. "The absence of the democratic methods in teaching hinders students to express themselves."

Boring routine

"The student's life is a collection of troubles" Al-Migdad Dahesh said. "They are relatively different from one to another. But, here, in the University of Sana'a, the bothersome administrative routine is easily noticeable. If a student loses his university ID card, he will waste his time and sacrifice classes for the sake of having a new one. Other problems include higher fees, discrimination, etc."

Another shares the same view, because "to do the simplest thing, one needs at least a month."

Samuel Johnson (1709-1784) has his own way to express his viewpoint, regardless of his different era. In his 'The Scholar's Life', he says:

"When first the college rolls receive his name,

The young enthusiast quits his ease for fame;

Through all his veins the fever of the renown

Burns from the strong contagion of the gown;

...

Deign on the passing world to turn thine eyes

And pause awhile from letters to be wise;

There mark what ills the scholar's life assail,

Toil, evil, want, the patron, and meanly just,

To buried merit raise the tardy bust. If dreams yet flatter, once again attend,

Heart Lydiat's life and Galileo's end."

Ramadan implies health

BY YEMEN TIMES STAFF

Fasting has many medical benefits and it teaches Muslims to take care of their health and to build strong bodies. The Prophet (Peace be upon him) said, "A strong believer is better and is more beloved to God than a weak believer, and there is good in both."

Fasting has been used in medicine for medical reasons including weight management. Doctors recommend fasting because it has favorable effects on the body. The physiological effect of fasting includes lower of blood sugar, lowering of the cholesterol and lowering of the systolic blood pressure. Fasting can also be a good treatment of mild to moderate stable non-insulin diabetes, obesity, and essential hypertension.

The original meaning "sawm" is to be at rest. Fasting gives a break to the digestive system and liver. The digestive system is constantly working all the time. There is quite a bit of left over waste products in your system that basically stay there forever. When you fast, it gives your body a chance to loosen those up and clean the walls of the system and eliminate some of the stuff that might not get a chance to

be eliminated.

Fasting is an additional safety device for the repair processes of the body and the brain. Sleeping during Ramadan is much deeper than in other times. Two hours of sleep during Ramadan are more satisfying and refreshing than more hours of sleep otherwise.

During fasting, serum magnesium is increased. Magnesium has cardio-protective effects and it is being used in prevention and treatment of heart attacks. It has anti-platelet properties and prevents extension of the clot, and prevents cardiac and cerebral dysrhythmias. It also prevents the formation of atheroma as well as dissolves atheromatous plaques, which are responsible for heart attacks and strokes. Hence, fasting takes an active part in the rejuvenating processes of the body.

During fasting, there is increased secretion of the growth hormone by the pituitary gland. It is an anabolic hormone for synthesis of proteins and collagen, which produces a positive nitrogen balance.

Moreover, fasting helps synchronize the biological clock. This means less liability to jet lag and health problems of shift workers.

If the right dietary lessons learned during Ramadan are carried on after it, it is beneficial for one's whole life.

Conclusion of conference on Arab Tourism in Taiz

TAIZ BUREAU
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The representative of sixteen Arab states concluded last week the second conference aimed at establishing the Arab Tourism Organization under the motto "Towards Integrated Tourism", at the Sofitel Hotel in Taiz.

The conference started on October the second and aimed at approving the charter articles of Association of the Organization so as to submit it to the committee of the Arab Tourism Ministers Council in its coming session to be held in Cairo.

One of the resolutions the conference came up with was the recommendation to agree on having Sana'a the Capital of Arab Tourism for the Year 2006.

The final statement of the Conference, which was called Taiz Declaration, has called the private sector in Arab countries to shoulder its role in contributing to the efforts of the Arab Tourism Organization and make use of the privileges availed to fortify its role in establishing a comprehensive and integrated Arab tourism industry.

In the final meeting of the conference was attended by the Governor of Taiz, Judge Ahmed Abdullah el-Hijri and representatives of sixteen Arab countries, namely Jordan, Bahrain, Algiers, Comoros, Saudi Arabia, Sudan, Syria, Iraq, Oman, Palestine, Kuwait, Lebanon, Libya, Egypt, Mauritania, and Yemen. The event was also attended by representatives of the local authority along with a number of prominent businessmen, including the Chairman of Hayel Saeed Group, Shiekh Ali Muhammad Saeed Ana'am, and the Deputy Chairman of the Board, the Dr. Ahmed Hayel Saeed Ana'am.

Participants, press correspondents, as well as several intellectual individuals interested in the tourism sector attended the final session of the conference.

A message of gratitude was conveyed to the President of the Republic for his auspices of the conference and for his support to facilitate such conferences that bring greater unity among Arabs.

The Governor of Taiz called for more investment in the tourism industry in Yemen in general, and particularly in Taiz. He reminded the participants of the natural beauty that Yemen enjoys, which is represented in plains, mountains, tourism landmarks, and

important historical sites. He added that Taiz is also enjoying all these tourism components as well as moderate weather throughout the whole year.

The head of the private sector committee in the Arab Tourism Ministers Council, Bandar bin Fahd Al Fuheid praised the efforts of Yemen in hosting this conference, pointing out to the generous hospitality he found in Yemeni people. He expressed his admiration of the tourism features that Yemen possesses, which show that the country has potential to bring about tourism prosperity, especially for Taiz. He also added that the Arab tourism development is a strategic step towards comprehensive development of Arab countries, beginning with human resources. He said that it is essential to invest funds in the tourism sector in the Arab countries instead of investing them in other countries in the West.

Member of Parliament, Shiekh Hameed Abdullah bin Hussain al-Ahmer, who headed Yemen's team in the conference delivered a word pointing out to the importance of the conference. He added that the tourism industry could help in absorbing the unemployment and create job opportunities for the youth and serve as a substantial source of income for Arab governments.

It is worth mentioning that the conference was inaugurated in Sana'a by H.E. Prime Minister Abdul Qader Ba-Jammal in the presence of the Minister of Culture & Tourism, Khaled al-Rowaishan, and H.E. the Assistant Secretary to the Arab League, and a number of Arab countries ambassadors, along with representatives of Yemeni and Arab media.

The Governor of Taiz also arranged a visit for the participating delegations to Taiz to familiarize them with its historical and tourism landmarks, including Jebel Saber, Shiekh Zayed Cafeteria and al-Qahirah historical Fort. The delegation also visited the al-Saeed Library for Science and Culture, and viewed the Arab, Islamic and international publications it contained, and which covered science, culture, and arts. The guests were also briefed on the annual reward of the late Haj Hayel Saeed Ana'am for science, culture and arts.

At the end of the visit, the participating delegation members expressed their appreciation to the host and to the al-Saeed group for the efforts that they are exerting in various developmental lines including the tourism and cultural development.

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Two Palestinians, Israeli killed in Gaza, W. Bank

GAZA, Oct 19 (Reuters) - Israeli soldiers killed two Palestinian gunmen in Gaza on Tuesday and Palestinian militants shot dead an Israeli in the West Bank.

The violence followed the killings of five Palestinians in gun battles with Israeli troops on Monday, two days after Israel ended a 17-day offensive in north Gaza in which 105 Palestinians, three Israelis and a Thai farm worker died.

An Israeli military spokesman said soldiers opened fire on two Palestinians as they crawled toward Gaza's border fence with Israel with the apparent aim of planting a bomb.

Palestinian security sources said they had been informed by Israeli authorities that two gunmen had been killed in a confrontation east of the north Gaza town of Beit Hanoun.

In the northern West Bank, Palestinian gunmen shot dead an Israeli near the Jewish settlement of Mevo Dotan, Israeli security sources said.

The Israeli news web site, YNET, said it had spoken with a commander of al-Aqsa Martyrs Brigades who claimed responsibility for the attack on behalf of the group, part of Palestinian President Yasser Arafat's Fatah faction.



Palestinian relatives of Islamic Jihad militant Sadi Abu al-Eash, who was killed by Israeli gunfire on Monday, mourn during his funeral at the Rafah refugee camp in southern Gaza Strip, October 19. REUTERS

Mortar attack kills four Iraqi National Guards

BAGHDAD, Oct 19 (Reuters) - Insurgents killed four Iraqi National Guards and wounded up to 80 others in a mortar attack on their base north of Baghdad on Tuesday, the U.S. military and the Iraqi Defence Ministry said.

A Defence Ministry statement said the attack occurred at Tarmiya, about 25 km (16 miles) north of Baghdad.

"Four Iraqi National Guards were killed and up to 80 wounded in a mor-

tar attack on an Iraqi National Guard base," a U.S. military spokeswoman said.

U.S. helicopters helped evacuate the wounded after the attack at 9:45 a.m. (0645 GMT), a military statement said.

Iraq's nascent security forces are frequent targets for insurgents bent on driving U.S.-led forces out of the country and undermining the U.S.-backed interim government.



An Iraqi soldier keeps watch outside a National Guard facility after a mortar attack in Mushahida, 40 km north of Baghdad October 19. Four Iraqi National Guards were killed and up to 80 wounded in a mortar attack on their base north of Baghdad. U.S. helicopters helped evacuate the wounded. REUTERS

Kidnappers seize charity chief in Baghdad

BAGHDAD, Oct 19 (Reuters) - Kidnappers seized the British-Iraqi head of an international charity group in Baghdad on Tuesday and later she was shown sitting anxiously and alone in a video broadcast by an Arabic television station.

Margaret Hassan, who has dual nationality and has lived in Iraq for about 30 years, was seized by kidnappers at 7:30 a.m. (0430 GMT), a spokeswoman for Care International in London said.

Her capture comes just two weeks after militants in Iraq beheaded another Briton, engineer Kenneth Bigley. Two Italian aid workers kidnapped and held in Iraq last month were later released.

Hostage-taking, suicide bombings and sabotage have kept Iraq in bloody chaos since last year's U.S.-led invasion.

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Margaret Hassan, a British-born woman working as the head of Care International in Iraq was kidnapped in Baghdad early October 19, the charity said. REUTERS

The Care International spokeswoman said Hassan had grown deep roots in Iraq. "We want to stress that she sees herself as an Iraqi. Iraq is her home. She has been living there for many years and would never consider coming back to Britain," she said.

Hassan is the head of operations for Care in Iraq. Most international aid agencies withdrew their foreign staff after two Italian women aid workers were kidnapped last month.

The Italians were released after three weeks. Kidnappers have taken scores of foreign hostages since April and killed at least 35 of them. They have also targeted Iraqis seen as cooperating with U.S. forces or the interim government.

Arabic Al Jazeera television later aired footage of Hassan after her capture, sitting in a room and looking anxious. It showed close-ups of her identification cards and said an unnamed Iraqi group had said it had kidnapped her.

A militant group led by Jordanian Abu Musab al-Zarqawi, America's top enemy in Iraq, said it had beheaded Bigley and

two Americans seized with him last month.

British Prime Minister Tony Blair, who was attacked by Bigley's brother Paul for not doing enough to save him, said his government would do everything possible to secure Hassan's release.

"This is someone who has lived in Iraq for 30 years, someone who is immensely respected, someone who is doing her level best to help the country," he said.

"It shows you the type of people we are up against, that they are prepared to kidnap somebody like this."

STRIKES ON ZARQAWI TARGETS
U.S. planes struck overnight at what the military said were Zarqawi-linked targets in the rebel-held city of Falluja.

The government has threatened to attack Falluja unless Zarqawi's men are handed over, as part of its drive to pacify all of Iraq before parliamentary elections due in January.

U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan said a crackdown on rebels in hotspots like Falluja had to be carefully calibrated.

"In these kind of situations you have two wars going on," he said in London. "You have the war for minds and hearts of the people as well as efforts to try and bring down the violence."

U.S. Secretary of State Colin Powell said his country was doing all it could to enable Iraqis to conduct elections.

"It's still possible to have the kind of election we want to have by the end of January. The key is security and building up Iraqi forces to make them competent, fully equipped and able to do the job," he told USA Today newspaper in an interview.

The United States has asked staunch ally Britain to send troops now based in southern Iraq to more volatile areas closer to Baghdad to free up U.S. units to fight insurgents.

Britain is expected to agree in the next few days to the request. A British team was on the ground on Tuesday to look at the logistics of such a move, which has revived anger in Britain to Prime Minister Tony Blair's support for the war.

Referendums on Turkey EU bid 'dangerous'-Green MEP

ISTANBUL, Oct 19 (Reuters) - Any future referendums on Turkey's European Union membership would set a "dangerous" precedent by stoking anti-Muslim sentiment in Europe, a leading European Parliament lawmaker said on Tuesday.

EU candidate Turkey hopes European leaders meeting at a December summit will set a date to begin entry negotiations next year after the bloc's executive commission said this month Ankara had made sufficient human rights reforms to start talks.

But French President Jacques Chirac's promise to put Turkey's membership to a public vote when the time comes has stirred debate about whether this populous Muslim nation belongs in overwhelmingly Christian Europe.

"I am against referendums in one country against another. A referendum about Turkey ... I think it's very dangerous," said Daniel Cohn-Bendit, the Greens' parliamentary leader, who was exiled from France for 10 years for his role in the 1968 unrest.

"Can we guarantee that a referendum won't be on whether (voters) like Turks or not? It won't be a question on whether you want to integrate, but a referendum on 'Do you like Muslims?'" Cohn-Bendit told reporters at an Istanbul conference on Turkey's EU prospects.

Under pressure from a public largely opposed to Turkey's entry, Chirac said this month France would hold a referendum on whether Turkey can join in some 10 years time when negotiations with the



Greens/European Free Alliance Co-Presidents Daniel Cohn-Bendit (2nd L) and Monica Frassoni (2nd R), are flanked by Dutch Joost Lagendijk (L), chair of the EU-Turkey parliamentary committee and German Green MP Cem Ozdemir (R) as they hold a joint news conference in Istanbul Oct. 19. The Greens/European Free Alliance held a conference named "Turkey in the EU: A common future" in Istanbul on Tuesday. REUTERS

bloc are expected to draw to a close.

Italy's right-wing Northern League party, part of the coalition government, also came out on Monday in favour of a referendum on Turkey's membership, despite widespread Italian public support for Ankara's bid.

Germany's opposition party, the Christian Democrats, also opposes Turkey's full membership in the bloc, but has said it currently has no plans to push for a referendum. Under Germany's constitution referendums are not allowed.

Cohn-Bendit acknowledged the inte-

gration of Turkey, a relatively poor country of 71 million people, would be a difficult process that would require a different approach to that adopted with other EU candidates.

"We need a special negotiation between Turkey and Europe because Turkey's integration is a special problem that is much more complicated, much more difficult for Turkey and Europe," said Cohn-Bendit, who supports Turkey's EU bid.

"The integration of Turkey is a big historical move."

Darfur faces unprecedented food crisis-ICRC

GENEVA, Oct 19 (Reuters) - Villages throughout Sudan's Darfur region face an "unprecedented food crisis" worse than the famines of recent decades, the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) said on Tuesday.

The warning was based on a study of food supplies in 20 selected villages across the huge region where villagers — those who have not taken refuge in camps — reported they had more trouble coping than in earlier severe droughts, it said.

ICRC officials interviewed 400 villagers and made house-to-house visits in all three provinces last month after poor crops, looting and theft of livestock, a spokesman said.

"Most rural communities in north, west and south Darfur are facing an unprecedented food crisis, worse even than the famines they faced in the 80s and 90s," the ICRC said in a statement.

"Insecurity is the root cause of the collapse of agriculture and trade in Darfur," it added.

The United Nations has threatened sanctions against Sudan over what it calls one of the world's worst humanitarian crises. The United States has called the violence in Darfur genocide.

Attacks on villages by bomber planes

and militias on the ground since a rebel uprising began in early 2003 have helped to drive more than 1.5 million people from their homes.

A spate of incidents over the past 10 days near the West Darfur capital of El Geneina highlighted dangers for the displaced and aid agencies, the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) said.

STOPPED AT GUNPOINT

An UNHCR team was stopped at gunpoint by police last week, days after two staff of Save the Children were killed by an anti-tank mine in North Darfur, spokesman Ron Redmond said.

"This gives some indication of the problems we are facing in just trying to provide some kind of protection presence in Darfur. We feel the more international staff on the ground who can go to these places — the more eyes and ears from the international community — the better for everybody," he said.

Rebels launched a revolt in western Sudan in February 2003 after years of skirmishes between mainly African farmers and Arab nomads over land.

They accuse the government of arming Arab militias, known as Janjaweed, to crush them and their civilian sympa-

thisers, a charge Khartoum denies.

Sudanese Foreign Minister Mustafa Osman Ismail said talks between Darfur tribal leaders, which includes rebel group representatives would begin in Libya on Tuesday to try to help restore stability in the troubled region.

"You need such a meeting of the all the tribal leaders so that they will have their impact in confidence building, insecurity and in administrative arrangements," he said on Tuesday.

He added he hoped the tribal leaders would help push the rebels to be more cooperative at peace talks due to begin in the Nigerian capital Abuja on Oct. 21.

According to the United Nations, about 70,000 people have died from hunger and disease in Darfur since March when international agencies began a massive aid effort. The Sudanese government disputes the figure.

The U.N.'s World Food Programme — the main food agency operating in Darfur — says that access to and food security in the camps are generally improving despite logistical challenges.

The ICRC said that it was maintaining food aid to rural areas "well into next year" to avoid further mass movement to camps for internally displaced people.



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Tony Simmons

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National Bank Of Yemen



National Bank of Yemen
Head Office

Bid Announcement No (2) for the year 2004 National Bank of Yemen Development and Modernization Project.

1-The National Bank of Yemen wishes to invite Bids for the appointment of a qualified consultant firm to provide consultant services for the restructuring of the Bank's organization structure and to develop its banking, financial and administration systems and procedures, and to introduce the latest modern technology adaptive to banking industry, in accordance with the terms and conditions specified in the booklet of the Terms and Conditions of the Bid.

2-The National Bank of Yemen invites interested international and local firms which are specialized and qualified in this field to present their Bids to provide the services mentioned in paragraph (1) of this announcement.

3-The Terms and conditions of the Bid could be purchased against a payment of a non-refundable fee of USD1000/-or its equivalent in Yemeni Riyals, by a written request to the Manager of Finance and Administration Department at the following address:

National Bank of Yemen
Head office-The Finance & Administration Department
Queen Arwa Road-Crater Aden
Republic of Yemen

4-The Bids must be subject to local taxes specified in the Tax Law.

5-The Bids proposals should be sealed in an envelope consisting of two separate sealed envelopes. The first one will consist of the technical proposal and the second one the financial proposal.

6-The Bids should be valid for (90) days from the date of opening the technical proposal.

7-The technical proposal should be accompanied by a bank guarantee for USD 15000/- valid for 120 days from the date of opening the technical proposal. Bids unaccompanied by the guarantee will be rejected.

8-Local firms are required to present valid copies of their income tax cards and trade registration licenses.

9-Bids complying with the Terms and Conditions of the Bid should be delivered on 10.00 am. Saturday, 4 December 2004, to the above mentioned address at the latest. Bids which do not comply with the booklet of the Terms & Condition of the Bid will be rejected.

10-The Technical proposals envelopes shall be opened in a public session at 11.00 am on the same day mentioned in paragraph (9), in the presence of the Bidders or their representatives, at the premises of the National Bank of Yemen-Head Office-Queen Arwa Road, Crater- Aden.

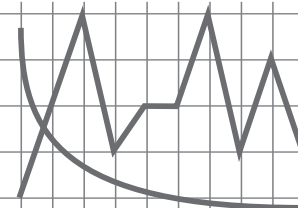
البنك الأهلي اليمني
الإدارة العامة
إعلان إنزال مناقصة رقم (2) لعام 2004م
مشروع احتياجات البنك الأهلي اليمني من أعمال التطوير والتحديث

1. يرغب البنك الأهلي اليمني في طرح مناقصة لتعيين شركة استشارية مؤهلة لتقديم خدمات استشارية لإعادة هيكلة البنك وتطوير الأنظمة والإجراءات المصرفية والمالية والإدارية وإدخال التكنولوجيا المتطورة لمواكبة آخر التطورات في المجال المصرفي والتقني وذلك وفقاً للشروط المحددة في كراسة الشروط والمواصفات الخاصة بهذه المناقصة.
2. وعليه يدعو البنك الأهلي اليمني الشركات العالمية والمحلية العاملة والمتخصصة والمؤهلة في هذا المجال الراغبة في الدخول في هذه المناقصة لتقديم عروضهم للقيام بالخدمات الموضحة في الفقرة (1) من هذا الإعلان.
3. يمكن شراء كراسة الشروط والمواصفات الخاصة بهذه المناقصة بموجب طلب كتابي باسم مدير الدائرة المالية والإدارية على العنوان التالي:

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الجمهورية اليمنية

4. مقابل دفع رسم لا يسترد وقدره (\$1.000) (ألف دولار أمريكي) أو ما يعادله بالريال اليمني.
5. يجب أن يكون العرض المقدم خاضعاً للضريبة المحددة بالقانون.
6. تقدم العروض في مظروف مختوم يحتوي على مظروفين مختومين بالشمع الأحمر أحدهما فني والثاني مالي.
7. يجب أن تكون العروض سارية المفعول لمدة (90) يوماً من تاريخ فتح مظروف العرض الفني.
8. يرفق مع العرض الفني ضماناً بنكية بمبلغ (15.000) دولار أمريكي (خمسة عشر ألف دولار أمريكي) سارية المفعول لمدة (120) يوماً من تاريخ فتح العرض الفني، وسيرفض أي عرض غير مصحوب بالضمان.
9. تقديم صورة من البطاقة الضريبية والسجل التجاري مجددة وسارية المفعول للشركات المحلية.
10. تسلم العروض مستوفاة الشروط في موعد أقصاه الساعة العاشرة من صباح يوم السبت الموافق 4 ديسمبر 2004م، وذلك حسب العنوان أعلاه. ولن يتم النظر في العروض الغير مستوفية للشروط المبينة في كراسة الشروط والمواصفات الخاصة بهذه المناقصة.
11. سيتم فتح مظاريف العروض الفنية في جلسة علنية في تمام الساعة الحادية عشر صباحاً من نفس اليوم المذكور في الفقرة (9)، بحضور من يرغب من مقدمي العروض أو من يمثلهم بمقر الإدارة العامة للبنك الأهلي اليمني، شارع الملكة أروى، كريتير، عدن.

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Biological diversity is fundamental to agriculture

Celebrating the World Food Day means raising awareness



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From the millions of genes that serve as life's building blocks, to the thousands of plants and animals that inhabit the Earth, to the almost limitless combinations of organisms that make up natural ecosystems, biodiversity makes an essential contribution to feeding the world.

Living things are interdependent intricately linked in birth, death and renewal. Human beings are just one small part of this vibrant mosaic yet put increasing pressure on species and the environment. As a result, many plants and animals are at risk as well as essential natural processes such as pollination by insects and the regeneration of soils micro-organisms.

To feed a growing population, agriculture must be intensified to provide more food. It will also be essential to increase the resilience of agriculture by maintaining a wide

array of life forms with unique traits, such as trees that survive drought or cattle that reproduce in harsh conditions. Sustainable agricultural practices can both feed people and protect the oceans, forests, prairies and other ecosystems that harbor biological diversity.

To pay tribute to biodiversity's role in ensuring that people have regular access to enough high-quality food to lead active, healthy lives, "Biodiversity for Food Security" has been chosen as this year's World Food Day theme.

The day was Oct. 16.

Also in 2004, the world celebrates the entry into force of FAO's International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture. The Treaty will play an important role in achieving lasting food security and sustainable agriculture.

FAO programs in Yemen

FAO's association with Yemen goes back to 1960's. Since then it has collaborated in providing technical assistance in almost every aspect in food and agricultural sector from policy issues to marketing.

The most projects and assistance given by FAO to Yemen as:

FAO assisted the respective Ministries. Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation and Ministry of Fish Wealth in the implementation of the following projects:

Animal Health

"Surveillance and Strategy Formulation for Rinderpest and other Major Diseases-Second Phase". The objective of the project is to facilitate completion of the remaining activities in line with the original project agreement as follows:

1. Understanding of the rinderpest status of the Yemen, through analysis of the results of the sero-surveillance, and investigation of the suspected outbreaks.
2. Strengthening the strategy for attaining and sustaining rinderpest freedom elaborated.
3. Reinforce the capacity of surveillance and diagnosis of RVF.
4. Preparation of the emergency contingency planes for RP and other major epidemic diseases.
5. Strengthening of the surveillance for RVF.
6. Determining the prevalence of "peste des petits ruminants" (PPR) and brucellosis and disease confirmed throughout the serological studies and investigation data.

Irrigation Sector

"Water Control Component of the Special Programme for Food Security in Yemen". Project is implemented to assist Government in a) participatory demonstration of the potential of available improved production technologies. B) participatory identification of constraints to technology adoption; c) participatory formulation of appropriate solutions.

Crops

- "Improvement of Date Palm Production": Project is implemented to strengthen and develop the capabilities of the Government to improve date palm production, as a means to increase food security, through the provision of selected technologies, expert advice, training and planting materials.
- Use and Control of Prosopis".



Hahsim G. al-Shami, FAO Representative in Yemen

Project is implemented with the aims at supporting the Government of Yemen in developing suitable and adapted management strategies and plans for the use and control of Prosopis juliflora in local agricultural systems, with a view to improving household food security and income generation opportunities.

Poverty Alleviation

- "Poverty Alleviation and Employment Generation - Strategy for the Community - based Regional Development": Project is implemented to assist regional governmental institutions and NGOs in establishing at the level of local communities a fully functioning organizational framework and process for participatory planning and implementing community - based social development / poverty alleviation initiatives in five selected areas, representing, five different ecological zones.
- "Enhancing Rural People

Understanding and Participation in RH/FP and Gender Issues": Project is implemented to (a) Increase awareness about RH/FP issues among women, men and youth in the targeted areas (b) Decrees in socio-cultural practices that inhibit the improvement of female reproductive health and of the status of women in general.

Environment

Excavation and Disposal of Obsolete Pesticides Buried in Surud State Farm": Project is implemented to for the disposal operations of pesticides in Surud.

Food Security

- "Support for the establishment of a National Food Insecurity and Vulnerability Information and Mapping System": The long-term goal of the assistance is the reduction of food insecurity and vulnerability in the country.
- "Introduction of the FAO-GTZ MicroBanking System in the Co-

Exchange Rate for the Yemeni Rial

Currency	Buying	Selling
US Dollar	184.9300	185.1400
Sterling Pound	333.6600	334.0400
Euro	230.7300	230.9900
Saudi Rial	49.3100	49.3700
Kuwaiti Dinar	627.5000	628.2100
UAE Dirhem	50.3500	50.4000
Egyptian Pound	29.6100	29.6400
Bahraini Dinar	490.5100	491.0700
Qatari Rial	50.8000	50.8600
Jordanian Dinar	260.8300	261.1300
Omani Rial	480.3600	480.9000
Swiss Franc	149.7400	149.9100
Swedish Crown	25.3200	25.3500
Japanese Yen	1.6916	1.6936

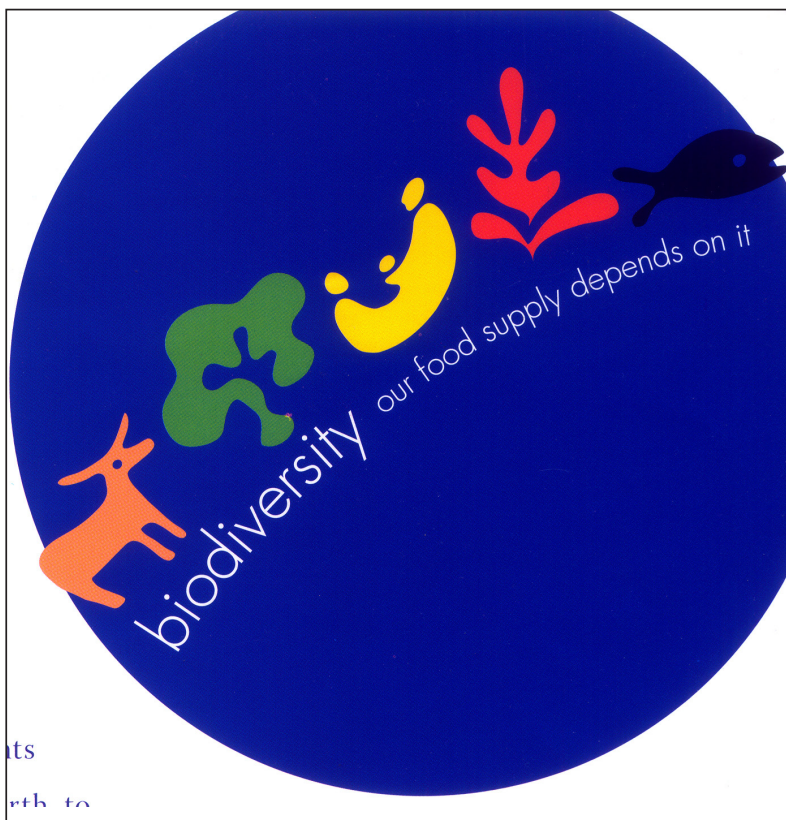
Source: Central Bank of Yemen

operative and Agriculture Credit Bank (CACB)": The objective of the project is to support CACB restructuring through the introduction of an adapted management information system (the FAO-GTZ MicroBanking system) that would ensure efficiency, timeliness and low cost operations for CACB to properly operate as a Viable financial institution and to secure a reliable source of agricultural credit for an increased number of farmers, small ones in particular.

"Technical Assistance for the Strengthening, Restructuring and Decentralization of the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation - Yemen": The project's development objective is to contribute to sustainable broad-based poverty alleviation and food security while contributing to environmental protection. The project purpose is to contribute to better service delivery to farmers and other rural producers through the review MAI's performance in that respect, the strengthening of its current capacities at central level, a study on different restructuring options to be tested, and a project proposal to that end.

Fisheries

- "Assistance to the Union of Fishermen's Cooperatives": The objective of the project is to assist the newly created Union of Fisheries Cooperatives in the establishment of a functional national system that will ensure the effectiveness of the fisher cooperative structure with the full participation of the fisheries cooperatives located in the remote areas of the coast.
- "Fisheries Development (Phase IV)": The Project is implemented to expand fish catches and improve processing for both local consumption and export, to improve the efficiency of domestic and export marketing of fish, to improve the assessment and management of the fish resources in Yemen waters and to help improve the position of women in fishing communities.



For safety of navigation in the Red Sea and Aden Gulf,

Yemen installs sophisticated lighthouses

By YEMEN TIMES STAFF

The Yemeni Authority for Maritime Affairs has recently installed a high-tech lighthouse in the Greater Hunaish Island with a height of 200 meters above the Red Sea level. That is part of the efforts Yemen is exerting in cooperation with the regional organization for protection of marine environment in the region and in the south of the Gulf of Aden aimed at

servicing the safety of navigation.

While the Authority, in cooperation with the International Marine Organization, is during the upcoming period preparing to study the situation of lighthouses pertaining to servicing navigation in the Yemeni regional waters, it has installed an automatic equipment for monitoring ships movements in the South Region of the Red Sea for the purpose of implementing goals of the international agreement for marine safety and the international agreement for prevent-

ing collision of ship, as Yemen is one of the member countries of the agreement.

According to executive chairman of the Authority Khalid Ibrahim al-Wazir, the new two-way navigation route was defined in the south of the Red Sea and the Gulf of Aden with an area of 750 square meters in an area that has not been surveyed for more than 140 years. The aim of this measure is to secure safety of international navigation and avoid ship collision incidents as well as prevention of occurrence of damage to

the marine environment.

Mr al-Wazir has said in a statement to the Yemeni news agency that what supports Yemen's efforts for protection of safety of international sea navigation is the Yemeni parliament's approval of criteria governing training and qualification of ship captains and engineers. For this purpose the Authority has dispatched a group of its cadres to the Alexandria Sea Academy to acquire skills for training seaports, coast guard and navigation companies' employees

on implementation of terms of the international regulations for the safety of ships and issuing certificates proving application of the regulations by Yemeni ports. That has been done through the International Marine Organization.

The State Authority for Sea Affairs has appropriated a sum of YR 60 million in the budget of the year 2005 for financing a training program to be held abroad for the training of its cadres in specialized academies in the United Arab Emirates, Egypt, Syria, Singapore and

the United Kingdom. The Authority dispatched trainees to Syria for training on operating modern electronic navigation equipment and the receiving of distress calls from ships and also on monitoring them.

By carrying out these training programs, the authority intends to activate its monitoring for the securing of international sea navigation safety and building new lighthouses wherever their installation is needed in the Yemeni regional waters.

Hadramout: "The Pearl of Yemen"

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The governorate of Hadramout is located in the eastern part of Yemen, 770 km from Sana'a. It is surrounded by the Empty Quarter desert from the north, Al-Mahrah from the east, the Arab sea from the south and Shabwa from the west.

I visited Hadramout last week for the first time after being invited by some businessmen to cover the functions of an entrepreneurial project of cement for Yemeni and Saudi businessmen. My visit to this coastal city was so pleasing, I felt somehow guilty for not visiting it before, even though I promote tourism.

Hadramout is characterized by tropical hot and dry weather, which also prevails in the southern parts of the Arabian Peninsula. In summer, the temperature sometimes exceed 38C in some areas of the province, and 35C in the coastal areas owing to the seasonal storm full of humidity coming from the southern direction. In winter, the temperature does not exceed the 20C.

Hadramout has many historic towns, various sights and green valleys that experienced the flourish of ancient civilization. Among its important towns is Mokalla, the capital and one of the ports in the Arab sea.

Mukalla is distinguished for being the only coastal city that possesses an instinctive architectural style; an original one combining the elements of the Arab and Yemeni architectural styles as well as those of the east southern parts of Asia.

Other significant sites

- Mukalla, which has Al-Ghawaizi castle, located at the entrance of the city and Al-Sultan castle, and Bawazeer string, which is 35 km to the east of city. In these areas, we see the best kinds of tobacco products and other agricultural products.
- The city of Al-Shehr, one of the most famous Arab markets, is 62 km to the east of Mukalla and was known as a port after the deterioration of Gana historical port. Wonderful turtles lavishly exist in the coast Al-Shehr.



The sea, shore and the trees combine to form a jaw-dropping scene



A view of the city center

- Hadramout valley which is one of the large, fertile and tourist valleys stretching over 165 km and includes various tourist cities.
- Of the historic cities of Hadramout is Tareem, which is still an Islamic landmark and a cultural city with its library, covering thousands of transcripts.

- The city of Shebam, situated in the middle of the valley, comprises distinguished architecturally designed castles and skyscrapers.
- Daw'an valley, which is famous for producing the best sorts of honey all over the coastal villages.

Hadramout is still a city that collects

the constituents of development and is in a need of investors who could know and assess its tourist sights. It is a city of oil, of tourism, of culture and of fine arts that attract visitors.

If we focus much more on Hadramout and its infrastructure, we will realize that it is the best solution for getting rid of the unemployment.

Yemeni ma'awiz weaving: A popular handicraft

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It would be rather interesting to speak more precisely on ma'awiz (sarongs) weaving traditional handicraft which is very much obscure. However, I could as well mention something noticeable to point out that weaving of ma'awiz in fact made its appearance not only in Shabwa, Taiz, Wosab, or Hadramout, but also in Aden and other districts throughout Yemen.

Ma'awiz weaving, especially in Shabwa, has been concentrated in some districts such as Lahieah, Hawtah, and intensively Rawdhah- the main center for handicraftsmen, such as carpenters, blacksmiths, weavers etc. They are full of energy and are fully and enthusiastically engaged in their activities.

The old kinds of ma'awiz consisted of a simple piece of white cloth called 'kar' soaked in a black substance called 'neel'. Such neel-dyed clothes are known as 'kisa' and used popularly. They are worn and prevalent among people in rural areas, and were particularly fashionable among bedouin tribes of the former times.

It is noticeable that the coloured ma'awiz weaving is virtually an art pertaining to Lahj which in fact took precedence in it. It is practiced by certain families who pass it on from father to son. This art is manifested in the Saidooni style which was popular nearly at the beginning of 1960s. This kind of ma'awiz was named so after Al-Saidoon, a well known Lahj family who are celebrated weavers admirably producing a beautiful sort of ma'awiz. Later on, in the time of the Federal Government, this kind of maawiz was replaced by the name ma'awiz Ithadi, in allusion to the so-called the Federal State of South Arabia which was estab-



A Shabwa man dressed in traditional ma'awiz and an embroidered cloth band

lished in 1959. Ma'awiz produced in Lahj were worn only by sultans, princes and wealthy people.

Professional coloured ma'awiz weaving was gradually transferred from Lahj, scattering over other districts of the country. Such kind of marketable products ceased to be dyed by neel, and took on new creative patterns.

At the beginning of 70s, the Cooperative Society for Weaving Industries was established in Rawdhah, Shabwa governorate. It was meant to promote ma'awiz weaving in the province. The aim was primarily economic in nature: members of the society wanted to improve their living standards. Not long after, a loom was imported to help increase production. By virtue of the Yemeni unification, which encouraged investment and competition, ma'awiz weaving spread remarkably.

Coloured ma'awiz are classified into three types: "assafi" which are ma'awiz with one colour, "al-kada," with two colours or more, and "annaqshah," which means the ones with one colour or more but are thick. The raw materials used in manufacturing ma'awiz include fibers, threads and combs for weaving. They are imported from Indonesia and India.



Different types of ma'awiz with various patterns and colors

The wisdom & benefits behind fasting

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Now that we are in the holy month of Ramadan, it is rather useful to present to our readers the true wisdom and benefit associating with fasting, which may seem a bit strange to non-Muslim readers, but is in fact a wonderful thing if one looks into its depth and meaning.

There are several reasons and great wisdom behind every single act in Islam, no matter how small. In time, we may know the wisdom for such acts, and for others we may never know. *Salaat* (act of worship in Islam), for instance, is a daily training to purify the believer and remind him that he is a member in a community of believers. Fasting, on the other hand, is an annual institution containing all conceivable attributes for human excellence. It is also training for the body and soul, a renewal of life, encouraging the spirit to share and give.

The following are some of the general benefits of fasting:

Self-Restraint (Taqwaa)

Allah (SWT) states: "O you who believe! Fasting is prescribed to you as it was prescribed to those before you, so that you may (learn) self restraint." (Al-Qur'an, 2:183)

This verse indicates the first lesson or wisdom to be gained from fasting,

which is self-restraint (*Taqwa*) or the fear of Allah (SWT). That is to say, fasting instills in the heart the essence of consciousness of the Creator, moral courage both in secret and manifest, guiding the heart, the seat of emotion from spoilage and moral indecency.

It has been reported that Abdul Malik bin Al-Asma'e was in Makkah when Ramadan came, so he decided to leave for Taif to escape its heat. On the way, he met a Bedouin, who told him that he was heading for Makkah. Abdul Malik asked him, "Aren't you afraid of Makka's heat in Ramadan?" The Bedouin replied, "It is from the heat (hellfire) I am running away."

Fasting instills *taqwaa*, fear of Allah, and does so by controlling two parts of the human body, which are the root causes of human downfall, namely the stomach and lust. The human body is constructed with the need to please the two desires and, in the process, man transgresses the rights of others, fellow human beings, and the commandments of Allah are violated. Fasting is complementary to life, because with the level of *taqwaa* being raised, the person avoids sins, which are detrimental to life itself.

Change in Behavior

One of the most important things that fasting grants the individual is the ability to control or change his or her habits. To change or control a habit is to wage a war on your regular behavior. If *jihad* is mandatory on every believer because it is the peak of

the essence in Islam, and it entails changing habits, fasting is the training ground for the inevitable war to occur. The believer cannot wage a war and hope to defeat an enemy if he or she cannot wage war against his own soul that calls for sin. Thus, the faster is admitted to the compulsory training opened only in Ramadan, the learning in this school is mandatory and succeeding or scoring high is mandatory, otherwise it is like you never entered. The Prophet (SAAS) said: "Many a faster receives naught from his fast except the pain of hunger and thirst."

If he scores high the reward is guaranteed: "Three people's prayers are not rejected-among them - the faster, until he breaks his fast." (Ibn Hibban) Now, does a Ramadan fast control one's habits? Simple, two of the most important habits are eating and drinking. An average person eats three meals a day, 21 meals a week. The way the fast is structured, with its basic and drastic alteration of eating habits, a faster takes light meals early in the morning and late in the evening. If the believer can control these two habits, food and drink, it will undoubtedly be easy for him to control other habits, including the habits of smoking, drug abuse and sex illicit. Do you not see that, if you can control your tongue, hands and all other parts of your body, it will be easy for you to apply the same training for the rest of the year?

Heath Care

The benefits of fasting transcend guiding the faster from idle talk and indecent acts. It is a sentinel against disease and provides the faster follows the strict dietary rule: eat during fast breaking and avoid over-eating. Allah (SWT) states: "...Eat and drink, but waste not by excess, for Allah loves not wasters." (Al-Qur'an, 7:31)

A great deal of ailments originates from stomach indigestion. This is why the Messenger of Allah (SAAS) says: "The son of Adam will never fill a container with something worse and evil than his stomach. It will suffice him some morsels (food) that will keep him on his feet, otherwise, he should divide his stomach into three parts: one third for his food, the other for his drink and the other third for his breath." (Ibn Hibban)

This hadith indicates that the stomach is the origin of illness. Even in the age of sophisticated machines, you can hardly find a machine so fragile but yet so remarkably durable and efficient like the stomach. This is the machine that receives food particles, processes and refines them, and distributes the products to different parts of the body. This is a lifelong operation. For the non-faster, the stomach will have no chance to rest. When the stomach is empty, as a result of fasting, it gets well-deserved rest to renew and rejuvenate its energy. Through fasting, the stomach is forced to go through a discharge whereby harmful residue are eliminated through

perspiration as the body searches for food during fast.

Patience

Fasting helps in conditioning the heart, the soul, and the body on the virtues of patience, tenacity, and firmness in the face of adversity. Patience is the pinnacle of self-mastery, discipline and spiritual agility. Patience is to turn the phrase "I can't" into "I can." It is to say, the difficult is easy. It is an inner and psychological demolition of things perceived by others as impossible. Fasting helps in all these shades for the virtuous, patient person. The conditioning is that if a believer can exercise patience, and forsake gourmet food and drink, and the exhilaration we enjoy while eating or drinking our favorites, as well as marital association, the gratifying of other normal appetites for a whole day, for a month the realization that the barrier between you and food is your consciousness of your Creator. This can better make you able to exercise patience virtually in everything in life.

Social Outlook

Socially, fasting is an expression of solidarity with the poor, the family and the whole society. This is a period in which the rich have first-hand experience of what it is to be poor; the pains the indigent suffers in normal living conditions. The process of disciplining resulting from Islamic fasting, instills in the rich the virtue of mercy, *Rahmah*, which is very

important in terms of social well-being and proliferation of harmony. Allah bestows his mercy upon those who themselves are merciful to others. "Those who are merciful to others, the Merciful will have mercy upon them," the Messenger said. He continued, "Have mercy upon those on earth, and those in heaven will have mercy upon you." (Abu Dawud/Tirmidhi)

Family Ties

Fasting strengthens family ties, especially in that the family is an endangered institution in Western society. It helps the family gather together to break fast, at *Iftar*, and eat *sahur* together at least twice a day for a month. The family even makes *Salaat*, together with the father as Imam.

Fasting enhances and energizes friendship, as Ramadan is known as the month of invitations and visitations. Friends, family members and neighbors extend invitations to each other to come to their homes to have *Iftar* together. The Messenger said, "When a believer invites you, you should respond." Besides, Muslims gather together in the mosque for eve services.

Hence, one concludes that fasting in Ramadan is a true blessing, whose real meaning and benefits may never be fully realized. That is why we believe that as Muslims, we are lucky to have this obligation for a month every year. This indeed makes us different, unique, and blessed.

Eat smart for good health

Diet and heart disease are linked

BY ABDULHAFIDH ABDULKADER AL-SHA'BI
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Lipids are a large compounds that are essential for the human body serve a large of important functions and exist in a variety of shapes, size and structures separated into four groups: cholesterol "ester and free," triglycerides or glycerol esters, "the most abundant" fatty acids, and phospho-

lipids.

Cholesterol and triglycerides are the two most prominent lipids in the plasma. The association of triglycerides and cholesterol with heart disease, hepatic disease, and other disease explain the importance to be known cholesterol and triglycerides are may taken in food or synthesis endogenous by body.

Cholesterol is played a very important rate in the body because it is a precursor to many physiological important steroids such as vitamin

"D" which is important for bone synthesis and steroid hormones androgens and oestrogens which are important for reproduction functions in addition to other hormones like a "cortisol" of 800mg/day.

Liver is capable to synthesis about from simple material. This amount is about one-third the amount that the body needs every day.

The amount of cholesterol consternation are usually about 100 mg/day. Women have lower cholesterol than men during their first decades, "the

productive years". Estrogens are the main cause for that low concentration.

Young men have a cholesterol concentration that may reach 220mg/dl but it is may increase at the fifth and sixth decade to more than 240mg/dl.

High cholesterol concentration is considered as one of the risk factors for cardio "disease". There are many cases for the elevation of cholesterol concentration such as the food which contains saturated fatty acids.

In addition to the hereditary factors, the risk of developing cardiovascular disease increase as the plasma cholesterol concentration rise above the 200mg/dl.

The risk of developing is chaemic "heart disease" and a raised plasma total cholesterol and cholesterol which is the main transported of cholesterol to the cells.

When the content of LDL from cholesterol is increased the risk of cardiovascular increased, and vise versa, it leads to hypercholesterol

anemia or high cholesterol concentration in the blood.

Major risk factors of cardiovascular disease include smoking and hypertension, two main transporters of cholesterol to the body tissue.

There is HDL, which elevation is very useful and the other is LDL, which elevation with high concentration of cholesterol is very dangerous. HDL: means high density lipo protein which contains more protein and low lipid. LDL means high lipids and very high concentration of lipid.

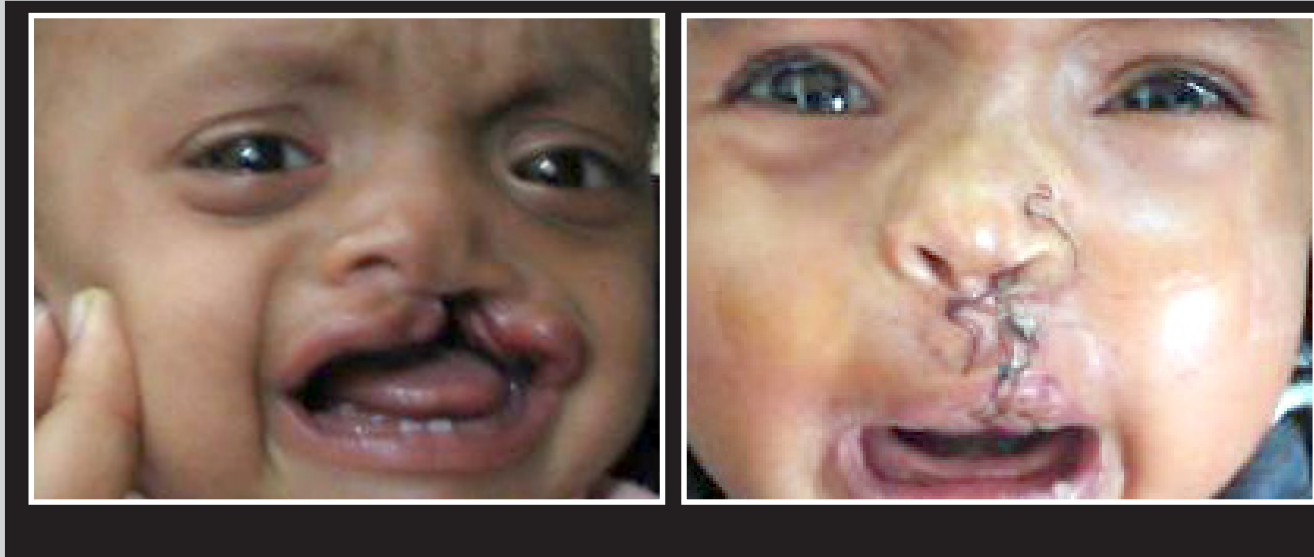
Yemen Smile concludes 5-day marathon surgery camp in Saadah and Seiyun

In a five-day marathon surgery camp, Yemen Smile successfully operated on a total of 34 cleft lip and palate patients in Saadah and the Seiyun hospital. Yemeni trainee surgeons, Dr. Mohammed Aidaroos, Dr. Fahim Al-Hollandi and Dr. Abdulla Al Matary performed some of the surgeries in the different Yemen Smile camps.

Many Yemeni government hospital workers from Saadah Republican hospital and Seiyun General hospital came forward to help make this camp a success.

The number of cleft lip and palate operations in the last year alone has now surpassed 170.

In addition, some leading Yemeni business houses like Sabafon and Arabian Group of Companies offered their best wishes and support for this small



charity. Mr. Tariq Al Haidari, CEO of Sabafon visited the Yemen Smile Center and offered to sponsor many of the children who have suffered from cleft lips or palates.

Mr Sam Al Badani, employee of the UK embassy and Local Chairman of Yemen Smile commented, "Yemen Smile will try to help all the cleft children in Yemen in the next few years by bringing in newer technology and expertise from other countries".

French Embassy officials also offered to promote the work of Yemen Smile by forming a jazz band called Sourire de Yemen (Smile of Yemen) under the supervision of Philippe Gunet and professional jazz pianist Mr. Patrice of Credit Agricole Indosuez.

With the active participation of Yemenis and expatriates, Yemen Smile hopes to make many more cleft children in Yemen smile again.

It's no brain food

Qat is a waste of time

BY NAWAL ZEID
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If we concentrated on the talk about qat and as a negative phenomenon, we will discover a disease difficult to cure.

Chewing qat became a familiar and desirable habit practiced by the majority of people within the Yemeni society.

Qat chewing is not useful more than being wastage of time and money with the passage of days. Besides, it has bad effects on the health of the chewer as well as his mind.

The person who always consumes these leaves is almost perceived in abnormal mood, and the addicted of such narcotic substance live most of their life in miserable economic circumstances.

We find that there are many people who prefer spending much money on Qat to the basic needs of their children and houses. These people do not care even for the upbringing and education of their children.

The majority of Yemeni youths waste much of their time on Qat sessions and ignore doing some important activities. Of the harms of Qat is its being an economical and agricultural problem; a lot of farmers are found to uproot useful trees of fruits and vegetables and replace them by thy plantation of Qat, thinking that it will add to their income.

Health problems widely spread among people in the Yemeni society are undoubtedly the consequence of eating the leaves of Qat, which are exposed to several poisonous pesticides used to help

Qat trees grow within a short period of time.

For many chewers, including women, old men and teenagers, this narcotic substance became the source of energy and self-satisfaction. School children who are addicted to Qat chewing neglect their study and drop out their education. In addition, parents join Qat sessions outside their houses while their children seize it as a chance to stray in the streets and then to be immorally deviated. This situation of the children became more difficult to manipulate later on.

Dozens of people, heavily addicted to this narcotic substance, are often perceived in abnormal states and bad temper. After removing this substance of their mouths, they find difficult interacting with each other or even understanding one another.

Finally, I suggest some solutions that can help overcome the phenomenon of Qat and its effects as:

- Spreading awareness among people all over the country and looking at the matter more seriously.
- Farmers and landowners must gradually reduce the plantation of Qat and the increase the plantation of other useful trees.
- Parents should pay attention towards their children; not to allowing them approach this substance.
- Parents themselves are recommended to give up chewing Qat and care for the education of their children.
- Parents should instruct their children about what is harmful and what is useful for their future.



Birth control need for well-being

Population and health are linked

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The rapid population growth has harmful influences on health, the environment and development. The deterioration of health usually leads to the loss of productive energy quantitatively and qualitatively.

At the human level, it leaves tragedies and ailments affecting the health of the family and the society. The health situation is the main reason for diseases and death cases.

Meanwhile, the population growth, from which Yemen suffer, plays a negative role in the downing of the health services and the spread of infectious diseases. It also negatively contributes to the deterioration of the Yemeni environment that experiences a high fertility rate (7.7 births per woman).

Children under the age of 15 constitute 50 percent of the overall population, the economic and cognitive levels go down and the shortage of natural resources and water adds to the miserable situation. Early and short-interval pregnancy is remarkable nationwide.

Population and health interact

The controversial relationship and interaction between population and health can be clearly seen from the following two reasons:

- 1) The rapid population growth caused by the high fertility rate, which increases the pressure over the health services and negatively affects health care,
- 2) The density of population results in the terrible spread of infectious diseases and epidemics as well as the pollution of the environment. In addition, the recurrent and early pregnancy cases within short

intervals are responsible for fatal diseases and mortalities and the hierarchy of population ages indicates the quality of health services required for the society. Health its influence upon the population growth, as good health care contributes to the decrease of mortalities, and birth control helps in the control of population growth on the other.

Health in Yemen

Health care witnessed progress in the last few decades and led to proportional decrease of mortalities. The mortality rate among newly born infants went down to 81 cases per thousand in the 1990s, however the 1960s saw a negative rate reaching the 230 cases per thousand.

The mortality rate of infants under five went down to 100 cases per thousand in 1994, while it was 340 death cases in the beginning of the sixties.

The population increase and the shortage of health-related resources, which does not exceed 4 percent of the State general budget and the individual's share of medicine does not exceed YR 10, make the health situation more difficult to improve. Physicians are not proportionally distributed all over the parts of Yemen.

We could realize that 74% of the total physicians throughout the republic are holding careers in the main cities Sana'a, Aden and Taiz, whereas 26 percent of them work in the remaining areas.

Regarding the specialized physicians, we perceive that 79 percent of them are in the three main cities and 21% in other places.

Finally, planning and proposing strategies to serve the reality of health in Yemen, call for adopting serious steps in the medical field.

Yemeni Press, A week in review

Presented by Mohammed Khidr

Main Headlines

- Islah and GPC parties hold dialogue for encountering the Shiite and the Salafis
- Sheikh al-Zindani asks the government to file lawsuit against America
- WB: The government was unable to benefit from rise in oil price, performance spoiled reforms
- Somali interim parliament elects General Abdulla Yousuf Hassan president for Somalia
- In a press conference, Al-Zandani denies American accusations, supports JMP
- In the case of Sheikh al-Mouyad, Defence team demands improvement of imprisonment circumstances
- Nasserites of Iraq: State of Arab dismemberment confirms credibility of Nasserite vision
- Bandar Bin Fahd: Yemen the first country in the Arab world in terms of tourism
- President Saleh call for more national cohesion
- President Saleh: We will stand by Somalia with all our efforts for its reconstruction
- Directives on banning exportation of scraps abroad
- Sana'a hosts a Gulf-European conference on the woman role



By Samer A.



Al-Sahwah weekly, 14 Oct. 2004.

Main headlines

- Attempts for admitting a shipment of decayed poultry
- Oil wealth in need of wise leadership
- Arhab college inaugurates the new regulation, security prevent students from celebrating revolution anniversary
- Criminal court adjourn considering al-Qaeda suspects until November
- The president's advisor for sciences and technology: Yemeni successive governments did not offer a thing for scientific research
- In Hudeidah, motorcycle drivers complain of extortion
- Clashes renewed in Al-had district
- On the bloody incidents between the

Shiites and Sunnis in Pakistan, writer Mustafa al-Fotih says we feel pained and sorry for any drop of blood shed between brethren. The bloody events that took place in the recent time by blasting a Shiite mosque caused the death or wounding of tens of people from worshippers and that was followed with a mosque for Sunnis and also resulted in tens of killed or wounded and also many other incidents that shed abundant blood of the Moslems. The enemy watches such events depicting quarrel and fighting among the Moslems and it benefits from their split and fighting. We realise that the problem between the two sides was not solved and the dispute is so wide. It is wanted from the Sunni and the Shiite brothers in Pakistan to be aware of the conspiracy machinated against them, their unity, and the strength of their country, which is the strength of the

Islamic nation entirely. We affirm for our Moslem brethren in Pakistan that the conflict any party other than the enemy benefits the enemy's interest and harms the just issues of the Moslems and represents a kind of cooperation with the enemy in its conspiracy to weaken the nation.



Al-Wahdawi weekly, organ of the Nasserite Unionist Organisation, 12, Oct. 2004.

Main headlines

- M9ilitary troops in Taiz shell citizens' houses and seize their lands
- Wide-scale resentment for postponing the consideration of releasing al-Khaiwani
- 625 personalities demand ending occupation of Iraq

- Education minister advisor exposed to attempted assassination
- Information ministry prevents printing the Saut al-Shoura newspaper

The newspaper's editorial says the change the 26 September revolution effected after the great victory over the imam rule had hastened the eruption of the armed struggle in Radafan in the south.

The homeland was under the burden of the colonialist but by virtue of the great national sacrifices, our people managed to restore their freedom and independence. The triumph of the 14 October revolution after a long march of struggle had embodied historic facts confirming the Yemeni people rejection of all types of tyranny and oppression of despotism, whether by an internal or an external power. This explains that the Yemeni people by the power of their

will are always behind their victories, starting from the Persian invasions and ending with the British colonialist invasion. What our people have achieved of throughout their march until gaining their freedom and regaining dignity is considered among the greatest events in the struggle of the people in modern history. It also forms a qualitative addition to the nationalist liberationist tide.



26 September weekly, organ of Yemen Armed Forces 15 Oct 2004.

Main headlines

- Algeria's foreign minister visits Sana'a
- Gas used in cement factories, conversion industry and power generation
- Industry minister to lead Yemen's

delegation to meeting of WTO

The newspaper's political editor says in his article the advent of Ramadan on Friday has deep indications and meanings dear to hearts of Moslems especially that they are suffering from weakness and division. In this holy month, the Moslems devote themselves to worshipping and pondering their conditions and situations. The writer adds that the Moslem should in this month pray for the Almighty God for showing and leading him on the road of virtue and keeping away from wrongdoing and the work for the public interest.

In this holy month, thinking should be devoted to the issues of the Arab and Islamic nation, especially the suffering of the Palestinian people at the hands of the occupation army. This month also calls on the Arabs and Moslems to extend their helping hands to the Palestinians and the Iraqis.

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Yemen defeated by North Korea

World Cup 2006 dreams vanish

BY ADEL AL-KHAWLANI
YEMEN TIMES STAFF

Last week, the national football team suffered a 2-1 loss in its fifth game against North Korea in the first round of the Asian group 5 qualifiers for the World Cup 2006 in Germany.

In the twelfth minute of the first half, the Koreans scored the first goal and doubled the result in minute 19 of the second half. Yemen scored only one goal in minute 30 of the same half through the substitute Fathi Jaber.

Despite the hard circumstances, heavy rains and strong storms in the match, the Yemeni footballers performed well. Their tactical level was to some extent convincing though they endured during their travel from china to North Korea capital which took longer than 4 days.

The team members did not reach the required

preparation due to their short time training.

The first half saw a Korean dominance over the course of the play, especially after the surprise goal in the first few minutes. The opponents played in an offensive manner through their side players, especially the right side one Mon who supplied forward strikers with several horizontal balls to yield the first goal by the head of advancing Ianbic.

He exploited the defense gap among Yemeni players to hamper the numerous offensives raged by the opponent. The players organized their queues and started to attack but couldn't pass through the Korean hurdles, tightly closing the area that in turn made the Yemeni strikers Ali Al-Nono, Al-Kuhali, and Rudhwan Abduljabbar shoot from a further distance going in awry.

The goalkeeper Mu'ath Abdul-Khaliq saved his net from several fast re-offensives by the

Koreans.

After recurrent attempts, the successful attacker, Fathi Jaber could cross the Korean fence and scored for Yemen in minute 30 of the second half by placing a crawling ball to the right of the Korean goalkeeper.

Heavy rains and bad weather are not only the reasons behind the defeat but there are others including:

- * weakness of defense organization; playing on the same line facilitated the task of the opponent.

- * the absence of a reactive answer to the early Korean surprise goal.

- * the center line of the players neither showed control nor prevented some attacks of the opponent, although the plan adopted indicates concentration of center players.

- * lack of coordination between defense and

forward players.

* the long distance between main striker Ali Al-Nono and the sideliners Nasser Ghazi and Rudhwan Abduljabbar posed no threat to the Korean goalkeeper.

Thailand's win over UAE ensured Korea's qualification

Another play in the same group staged on the same day in Bangkok combined Thailand with UAE.

The former downed the latter 3-0 to guarantee the North Korea's qualification for the World Cup 2006 from among group members. Korea, which has 11 points followed by the UAE with its credit remaining at 7, Thailand with 6 and Yemen with a 4-point credit, will have an inconceivable play against UAE in the away encounter.

Footsal competition for President Cup

ADEN BUREAU

Under the auspices of Mr. Mohammad Al-Kuhali, Chairman and General Manager of the National Bank of Yemen (NBY), the NBY and Aden Hotel are organizing, from October 17- November 6, the footsal competition for the President Cup at the area of Aden Hotel. The championship is being staged on the occasion of the Yemeni Revolutions. This event is pondered upon as a kind of pleasure during the evenings of Ramadan as well as being a fruitful contribution to the progress of sports in Aden.

12 teams from different government institutions and administrations in Aden are participating in the event. The organizing committee is formed of Dr. Ahmad Ali, General Supervisor, Abubakr Al-Mass, Manager of the Championship, and Wojdan Mohammad, Secretary of the Championship. The organizing committee also includes five other members, namely, they are: Shihab Thabit, Mohammad Saleh, Ahmad Hussein, Hadi Abdullah and Ridhwan Al-Saqqaf. Two plays are to be held every day.

The participating teams were divided through the draw into two groups, and the games of each group will be run according to the one-round scheme. First and second win-



ners of each group are to qualify for the second round of the competition. The final meetings will involve the four winners of the both the groups. The first of group one will encounter the second of group two and the second of group one will play against the first of group two. In the final meetings, if the game time ended with a draw, the two teams will resort to the penalty kicks.

San Diego chargers acquires wide out McCardell

SAN DIEGO (Sports Network) - The San Diego Chargers have acquired wide receiver Keenan McCardell from Tampa Bay in exchange for two picks in next year's draft. The deal was made roughly an hour before the NFL's trading deadline on Tuesday.

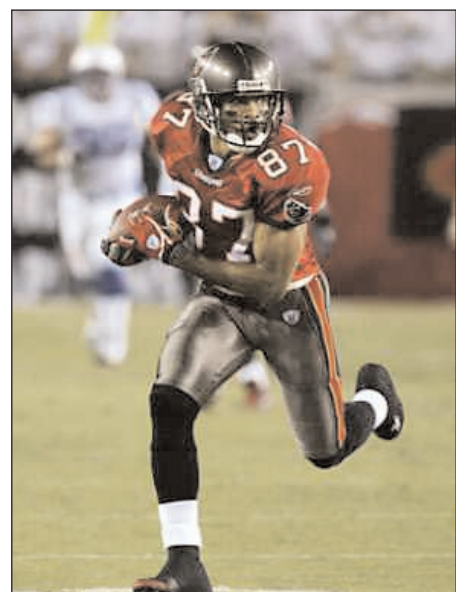
"Keenan is a proven talent in this league," said Chargers head coach Marty Schottenheimer. "He has caught a lot of balls, played in a lot of big games and had a great deal of success. We welcome him to the Chargers."

McCardell, who held out during training camp, did not see any action in the Bucs' first six games this season. The veteran McCardell started 33 games as a Buccaneer, including the playoffs.

Tampa Bay GM Bruce Allen, who was trying to ship out McCardell, stated that the team will file a grievance to get back some of the disgruntled receiver's signing bonus.

The move to get rid of McCardell might prove to be the best thing for the 1-5 Bucs. Tampa Bay, which is in the midst of a youth movement, will get a pick in the third and sixth rounds of the 2005 draft.

After being waived by Jacksonville in June of 2002, McCardell recorded 61 catches with six touchdowns in the Bucs' Super Bowl campaign of 2002. Last season, he made the Pro Bowl as an alternate after a solid season in which he caught 84 passes for 1,174 yards with eight TDs. In 162 career games, McCardell has 724 receptions for 9,370 yards and



The San Diego Chargers have acquired wide receiver Keenan McCardell from Tampa Bay in exchange for two picks in next year's draft. Reuters

76 touchdowns with Cleveland, Jacksonville and Tampa Bay. He was drafted by the Washington Redskins in 1991 but never saw the field.

"This is an exciting day for us," said team general manager A.J. Smith. "Keenan brings a tremendous amount of experience, leadership and play-making ability to the Chargers."

The move for McCardell will help a San Diego squad that suffered a major blow to its offense when receiver Reche Caldwell was injured this past Sunday during a 21-20 setback to Atlanta.

The Chargers also added another deep threat on Tuesday, signing WR Bobby Shaw, who was released by Buffalo last week.

THE LAST WORD IN ASTROLOGY BY Eugenia

<p>Aries (Mar 21 - Apr 19) Take a creative approach to whatever you do and you will stand out. Your uniqueness and ability to get so much done will impress the people who can do the most for you.</p>	<p>Cancer (Jun 21 - Jul 22) A little creative accounting will get your money matters back into tip-top shape. You can make some good decisions regarding your setup at home. Consider expanding a moneymaking venture.</p>	<p>Libra (Sept 23 - Oct 22) You can stop procrastinating and follow your game plan. Relationships will develop and long overdue changes can be put into play. You will hear valuable information at a social event.</p>	<p>Capricorn (Dec 22 - Jan 19) Don't be afraid to speak up and voice your ideas. You could turn your professional life around. Follow through with your plans, but don't overspend to impress others.</p>
<p>Taurus (Apr 20 - May 20) Stick to the truth. Problems with a client or colleague may be due to knowledge that hasn't been shared. Don't be too quick to judge partners or those you work with.</p>	<p>Leo (Jul 23 - Aug 22) Romantic relationships will be on your mind. You may want to talk over your future plans with someone who counts. You will do much better with your partner's help and blessing.</p>	<p>Sagittarius (Nov 22 - Dec 21) Don't make a decision based on the information you are given today. Wait until someone who is trying to get the better of you shows his or her true colors.</p>	<p>Aquarius (Jan 20 - Feb 18) Confusion can lead to poor choices at a romantic or emotional level. Let everyone around you talk before you reveal the way you feel. Travel will be in your best interest.</p>
<p>Gemini (May 21 - Jun 20) Be a little selfish and treat yourself to something special. You'll want to look and feel your best. A special relationship will develop further.</p>	<p>Virgo (Aug 23 - Sep 22) Take an interesting approach to everything you do today and you will receive recognition for your insight and vision. Advancement is quite possible if you push forward aggressively.</p>	<p>Scorpio (Oct 23 - Nov 21) You will have luck on your side when traveling or dealing with friends or family. Your advice will be taken, giving you the advantage of a lucrative partnership.</p>	<p>Pisces (Feb 19-Mar 20) Don't let your heart rule your head. Focus on making money, not giving it away. A residential move or renovations will be a good investment.</p>

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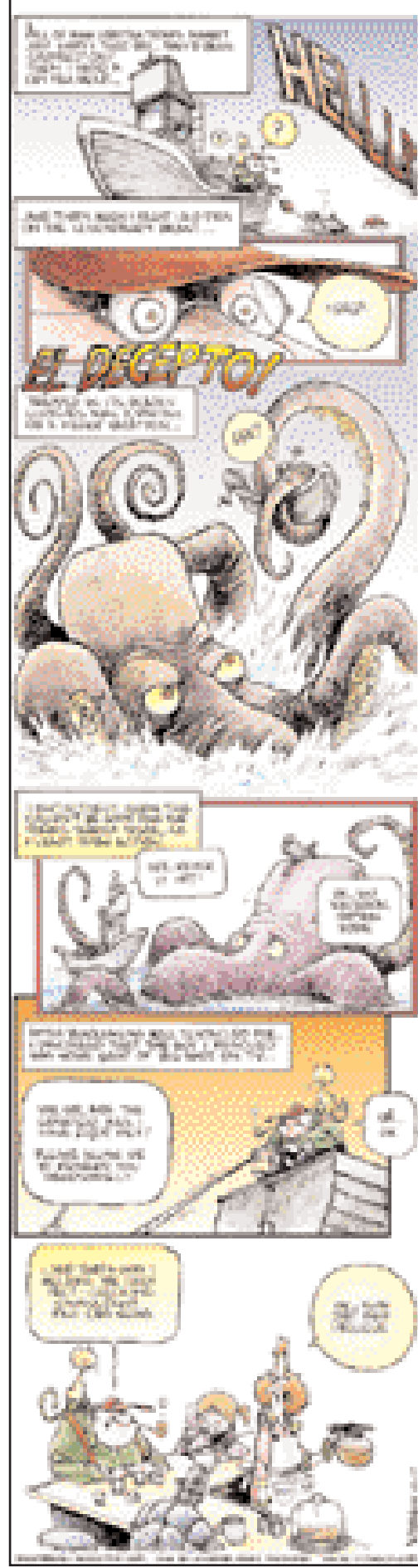
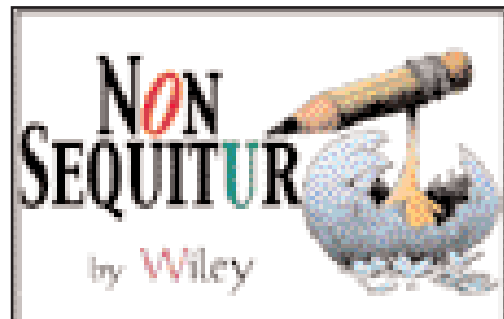
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Socotra: The diachronic value of multi-cultural societies (1-2)

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The importance of Socotra according to the Periplus of the Red Sea, and considerations of the ground-breaking role Yemen can play in the Global World of Education

In a series of previous articles, we insisted on the importance of historical culture preservation, on the stimulation given to the national development by the Humanities, on eventual breakthroughs in the Yemenite educational system, and on ways of seeking cultural authenticity and creative historicity.

The current globalization is an excellent opportunity for many countries left behind, and this is because, whereas in the colonial world only some parts of the earth matter, in the global world all parts matter. This is the great difference between reactionary Europe and progressive America.

France needs Algeria engulfed in civil war, Syria interfering in Lebanon, Iran ruined by the Ayatollahs, and Abyssinia plunged into disastrous totalitarianism and oppression of most of its peoples.

America on the contrary wants to release the real, great forces of the peripheral countries of Asia and Africa, Europe and Oceania. Liberal deregulated post-Reagan America does not view the world as a static cake for which one fights to strip the other of the portion the other owns. Particularly in the 90s, after the collapse of the opposite, Marxist – Leninist, ideology, America gave us excellent proofs that the American method to address the global needs for genuine Growth and ultimate Development is the vision of the dynamic cake.

Briefly, the American way is the following: "You will not try to extirpate my 30% portion of the global cake, and I will not attempt to deprive you of your 10% share; we will work together to increase the entire, global, cake from 100% to 500%. It will be a fivefold increase for



A spectacular view of Socotra beach

you and the same for me! Why fighting against each other and registering loss, since we all can record a great augmentation of our wealth?"

One may find the method as quantitative, but it has a qualitative dimension as well! Peace, global cooperation, and mutual understanding, authentic respect for the other are all there! We have full proof that the developments go towards this direction. Afro-centrism was born in American universities; Black Athena of Martin Bernal emanated from the American university milieu; Eduard Said, the famous Palestinian scholar who contributed a lot to our understanding of Cultural Colonialism thanks to his renowned 'Orientalism', is – truly speaking – 'prohibited bibliography' in Europe. Whereas America came up with all these vital steps of progress in the direction of a more holistic understanding of the History of the Mankind, Europe persists in its divisive policies of colonial and racist character, sticks to the erroneous and obsolete Greco-

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article, we will continue our effort to delve in the Ancient History of Yemen by means of the text of the Periplus of the Red Sea, and we will then examine what the target of a national Yemenite effort in the sector of Higher Education should be.

Completing the entire narratives about Yemen, at the end of the description of the Hadhramawti state of the 'Frankincense – bearing Country', the Alexandrian Egyptian author of the Periplus of the Red Sea refers to the island of Socotra, the Island of Dioscourides as he does name it (in Greek: Dioscouridou Nesos). Quite interestingly, the text does not mention at all the other islands of the Socotran Archipelago, Abdel Kuri, Samha, and Darsa.

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