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# Corruption in Yemen: Still rampant

BY WALID AL-SAAQAF  
FOR YEMEN TIMES



**TRANSPARENCY INTERNATIONAL**

SANA'A - Oct. 20 - According to Transparency International's report, which was released last week, Yemen still scored poorly in this year's Corruption Perception Index, an index of 154 countries reflecting the degree to which corruption is perceived to exist among public officials and politicians.

Yemen ranked 103 out of 158 and scored 2.6 out of 10 in the CPI for 2005. Even though Yemen's score improved slightly from 2.4 in 2004 to 2.6 this year, this was not close to the level the country held in 2003 when it was ranked as number 88, even among Arab countries Yemen is the second-last country on the Arabian Peninsula, next to Iraq, which is in a state of instability.

The high level of corruption has been noted widely in other international reports on Yemen, including reports issued by the World Bank, the International Monetary Fund and the United Nations. In these reports, it is often attributed to the weak law enforcement and judiciary measures in the country. Bribery and fund embezzlement and fraud are observed frequently in political and business circles on the governmental level, and increasingly in the private sector as well.

The Yemeni government has admitted the need to uproot corruption on many occasions, but has failed to apply practical steps towards this goal so far. According to the government, this is mainly due to lack of sufficient funding and qualified human resources to prevent corruption and hold the corrupt

persons accountable, particularly in the lower levels of the government. To apply recent measures proposed by the government, hundreds of millions of US dollars are needed to raise wages of government employees to attain a minimum standard of living that will ensure that they are not forced to receive illegal funds to survive.

The level of corruption has become so rampant in some public institutions recently that it has brought international embarrassment to the country. An investigation into the deadly attack on the U.S. consulate in Saudi Arabia two weeks ago traced two AK-47 assault rifles used in the attack to Yemen's Defense Ministry. The weapons are thought to have been sold or smuggled out illegally, falling in the hands of the terrorists who attacked the consulate in 2004 and killed five consulate employees. American and Saudi authorities have recently protested against the leak of weapons from the Ministry of Defense in Yemen.

On another level, the Federation Internationale de Football Association (FIFA) suspended Yemen from the organization last month to purge corruption in member associations. FIFA bluntly blamed Yemen's Ministry for Sport and Youth for political interference and its disrespect for the associa-

tion's "principles of independence, democracy and due process for its member associations".

According to the September edition of the Arab Reform Bulletin, Yemen's economic and political deterioration is mainly attributed to the biased judiciary and the regime's soft attitude towards corrupt officials and businessmen who have been tolerated for decades in the past. Sarah Phillips, a writer for the Arab Reform Bulletin, says that "it will require focus on the rampant corruption within the government to get Yemen on a sound economic footing; failing this, there is little hope that Yemen's already faltering democratic experiment will succeed."

International donors have informed the Yemeni authorities about their concern over corruption in government circles, who fail to implement or delay many of the projects in developmental areas throughout the country.

Yemen's reform efforts have intensified in the last several months, particularly in combating corruption and mismanagement, by direct orders from President Saleh, who has made public statements threatening corrupt figures of being punished severely for their acts. However, law experts in Yemen believe that the President will not be able to practice this strategy against

long-serving officials because it is against the policy of keeping everyone satisfied, that he has been in force for a very long time.

Unless a massive campaign of prosecution is carried out, particularly against corrupt officials who are known to have used record of public fund embezzlement, very little progress is expected.

A prominent Yemeni legal expert, Khalid Al-Anisi, believes that corruption will not be reduced significantly in Yemen unless major political reforms are applied and brave decisions are taken by the President. "We know that it is the President who is really in charge here, and unless it is him who sets precedence by splitting the three authorities [judicial, executive, and legislative], ensuring neutrality and independence of the judiciary and allowing the authorities to be run independently without interference, we cannot expect corruption to be eradicated soon" he said.

He added that "the President's decision not to rerun for presidency in next year's elections may have been triggered by his will to uproot the group of corrupt officials who have been dominating key positions in the country for a very long time and who have been relying on their loyalty to Saleh to save them from future prosecution."

Many political observers believe that Yemen will be going through a turning point in its modern history if President Saleh does not run for Presidency in September 2006, hence triggering major political and economic reforms, which could indeed contribute to eradicating corruption.

## Erdogan leads large business delegation to Yemen

BY YEMEN TIMES STAFF

SANA'A, Oct. 22- Prime Minister of the Republic of Turkey Recep Tayyip Erdogan, is scheduled Arrive tomorrow October 25th to Sana'a on the head of a large delegation representing the Turkish business community for a three-day visit to the country.

A press release issued Saturday by the Turkish embassy in Sana'a indicated that a high ranking delegation of Turkish officials along with representatives of several Turkish industries and corporations will accompany the Turkish Prime Minister Erdo\_an. The visit is being coordinated by the Union of Chambers of Commerce and Commodity Exchanges of Turkey, which will be represented in the Turkish-Yemeni Business Forum being held in cooperation with the Federation of Yemen Chambers of Commerce and Industry on October 26.

The Turkish businessmen will meet with their counterparts in Yemen in order to discuss possible areas of mutual cooperation and to evaluate the existing business opportunities in the two countries. The Turkish business community will be represented by del-



Recep Tayyip Erdogan

egates from the sectors of construction, tourism, transportation, the automotive industry, textiles, plastics, manufacturing, exports-imports, oil and its by-products, water pump production, finance, jewelry, school supplies, furniture, electrical cabling, the marble industry and the iron-steel industry.

For more details about Yemeni-Turkish relations, please refer to business page inside.

## Condolence

YemenTimes wishes to condole his Excellency Prime Minister of Malaysia Datu Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi, the Malaysian mission in Yemen and the Malaysian People on the death of Malaysia's first lady Endon Mahmoud, who have passed away after a four year battle with cancer on Thursday 20th October 2005. May her soul rest in Peace

# People of Yemen rated the unhealthiest of all Arabs

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SANA'A - Oct. 22- In this part of the world, many people give little or no importance to health issues as they indulge in activities which are hazardous to health or sometimes life threatening as well. One concern that continuously worries many people around the world is the durations

through which people are expected to sustain good health, as an indicator to the human development of the respective people.

Around the world, health statistics differ from country to country, according to Associated Press Japan has the healthiest people on the planet, followed by Switzerland and Australia where people are expected to live and stay healthy until over 74, years of age. Comparing to the early 30s in countries such as Sierra Leone, Rwanda, and Zambia

In the Arab world, Yemenis are the lowest rated in the aspect of staying healthy as they occupy last place among

Arab nations including war-torn Iraq; An average Yemeni is expected to be in good health until the age of 49, while their counterparts from Kuwait, Bahrain, Tunisia, rank as one of the healthiest in the world. According to the survey, Kuwaiti citizens could expect to stay healthy until the age of 65. People from The Emirates and Bahrain until the age of 63, Tunisia and Qatar 61, Oman and Saudi Arabia 60, Jordan and Libya 59, Syria and Algeria 58, Egypt 57, morocco 55, Iraq 52, and Yemen in last place as was mentioned.

The survey seems accurate due to the many reasons that cause deterioration of Yemenis health such as the weak infra-

structure of local medical institutions: People have lost trust and confidence in almost all Yemeni hospitals, clinics and more importantly, Yemeni medical professionals, and are willing to sacrifice whatever is dear to be treated abroad.

The perception around local hospitals is negative, patients understand that the under-funded medical institutions lack the facilities, equipment and even pharmaceuticals needed for the needed treatment, apart from the brain-drain problem that results in the best doctors leaving the country in search of a better life overseas, leaving only lousy doctors to be in charge of their lives, decreasing the confidence of its people to be treated and would rather stay at home and bare the pain even in a sad attempt to save the costs of treatment for the betterment of the lives of next generation, this depressing scenario is common among almost half the population which lives in poverty.

Nonetheless, depressed generations resort to smoking as a magical solution for their problems, smoking has been a growing phenomenon during the last ten years; smoking has been widely noticed even among a large number of children under the age of 14. Children as young as ten could be seen smoking while chewing Qat in public and have become a major concern among the

people, especially as there is no legislation against the sale of tobacco to minors.

Accidents play a significant role as a cause for health deterioration; many incidents dealing with constructions, traffic, or even the misuse of firearms because such deterioration in the health sector among the people, indeed, gunshots still constitute a considerable percentage of all deaths, especially among male young adults of the ages 14-32. Environmental factors including epidemics, pollution, and an inaccessible environment are also important factors, an example is in the water sector as almost 85% of water consumed daily for drinking in Yemen in not isn't treated to be fit for human consumption, and has been found to be active breeding grounds to Guardia and other health destructive.

These are just few examples explaining why Yemeni people's health is always at risk. The government must take a persuasive role in restoring the quality of life to its people through investing more heavily in the health sector and promoting the habits of well-being for the people of Yemen to ease their suffering. This is also a cry for NGOs and Global bodies to initiate action and lift health standards in Yemen.

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# CBY sales exceed \$ 1 billion over 9 months



By YEMEN TIMES STAFF

SANA'A- Oct. 23- Ahmad Abdurrahman al-Samawi, Governor of the Central Bank of Yemen (CBY) said last week the sales of the bank to the market exceeded one billion dollar from the beginning of the year until now. He added the CBY also saved foreign currencies to fulfill other liabilities and pledges on the government such as external loans and allocations for embassies abroad.

In a statement to the 26 September weekly, mouthpiece of the army, al-Samawi indicated that the CBY has taken a number of procedures to control inflation and reduce its rate to make the annual growth at 15% during the first half of the year and confront the increasing demand for foreign currencies.

Additionally, al-Samawi pointed out the CBY aims to restrict the tendency toward the dollar, and to confront com-

petition for the local currency, the bank raised the compulsory reserve of foreign currencies on deposits from 20% to 30%. These measures are taken without any interest to reduce profit on foreign currency deposits, turn to the Yemeni riyal to be preferred by customers to other currencies and restrict the move to transfers in dollar to ensure stability of the local currency.

Al-Samawi signaled out that Yemen follow the policy of generalized exchange rate and there is no fixed price for the riyal to the foreign currencies. The price of currencies is specified according to market factors (supply and demand). He emphasized the CBY's policy is based on the principle of stability and avoidance of market fluctuations in the exchange rate.

The CBY provide large sums of money in foreign currencies to meet the demand of the market and protect the national currency from fluctuation.

## Eight injured in armed clashes

By MOHAMMED AL-JABRI  
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Al-Mahrah - Oct. 10 - Confrontations took place between succor police forces and armed groups in a popular market in the Al-Haswain district, Mahrah governate. Eight citizens were injured during the crossfire.

Security forces detained members of the succor police force to interrogate them about the incident, and sources refuse to hold any of the two parties

responsible until investigations come to an end.

But, security sources said that this incident has no relation with the incident that took place two days ago, which resulted in the killing of three members of succor forces and one civil citizen.

Apparently, the incident took place because of controversy between the two sides in the market, after which guns were fired. The injured citizens were taken to nearby hospitals.

## Yemen & Djibouti sign cooperation memorandums

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Yemen and Djibouti have recently signed a memorandum of understanding on demarcation of sea borders as well as signing a number of agreements and memoranda of understanding and cooperation mechanism, among these a cooperation agreement on mutual cancellation of visas for those citizens bearing diplomatic and special passports. The executive program of cooperation

includes coordination mechanisms between the two countries' foreign ministries, educational and scientific cooperation for the years 2005 - 2007 and cooperation in higher education and research for the years 2005 - 2007.

Concluding the fourth session, another two cooperation memorandums were signed in the fields of technical and vocational training cooperation program and health cooperation for the next two years.

Most importantly, the two countries

have signed in Sana'a an agreement on participation in oil production in sector number three at the Jaryan area in Shabwa governorate, this agreement was signed by the Yemeni ministry of oil, the Yemeni organization for oil and gas, Yemen Oil Exploration Company and the Turkish company Bet oil. This agreement stipulates that the two companies will invest ten million dollars during the first and second stages of exploration, five millions for each stage.

## Yemen round of negotiations Fruitful outcomes of the second WTO

YEMEN TIMES STAFF

Held by a panel headed by the Yemeni Minister of Trade & Industry Dr. Khalid Rajeh Sheikh; the second round of negotiations reviewed the first offers presented by Yemen to access markets of commodities and services, in which 117 enquires were attended to concerning International trade agreements, fiscal & economic policies of Yemen, and intellectual property rights among other issues.

Yemen has been awarded the observer status within the WTO after its application in April 2000, subsequently formulating the national committee for preparation and negotiation with the organisation has undertaken the revising

of a number of laws and regulations in this regard and their conformity to agreements of the organisation through revising a number of Yemeni regulations and laws related to their institutions agreements with the WTO, and presenting the new proposal which should be in conformity with the organisation's agreements concerning the movement of trade exchange among the member states in the WTO.

The Yemeni government has in its comprehensive program for economic, financial and administrative reforms observed inclusion of those proposal and preparation of relevant law amendments drafts to finalise constitutional procedures till their passing, the latest of which the amendments made to the laws

of customs tariff and the general tax on sales, which accordingly the tax and customs duties have been reduced.

The working team with the World Trade Organisation embraced the participation of a high ranking delegation comprised of representatives for a number of official parties concerned with issues of joining the WTO and also the presence of Dr Faraj Bin Ghanim, Representative of the Republic of Yemen to the United Nations Office in Geneva.

The meeting came out with positive results and on sidelines of the meeting, there had been a number of bilateral negotiation meetings with Yemen's trade partners from major members of the organisation.

## Mental hospital holds annual festival

By YEMEN TIMES STAFF

SANA'A- Oct. 20- Under the auspices of chairman of al-Shura council and head of the supreme council for psychological health, Abdulaziz Abdulghani, the mental hospital in Sana'a held its annual festival titled: "more care for people who suffer from mental diseases".

The event coincided with the World Psychological Health Day, as well as the national occasions of the 26 September and 14 October revolutions.

The hospital received donations from governmental parties, private institutions, businessmen and donors, to improve the level of medical services

for those suffering from mental diseases.

The event included among other things, a recitation of verses from the Holy Quran and speeches by Abdulaziz Abdulghani and Dr. Hamid Zeyad, chairman of the hospital.

Dr. Zeyad and Abdulghani praised the efforts exerted by people working in the hospital and expressed their gratitude to donors who offer different kinds of support to raise the quality and level of psychological health services in the hospital.

Dr. Zeyad renamed the hospital as "hospital of hope" and reviewed what has been achieved by the hospital since it was established and how much

thousands of sufferers has gained from it.

General Manager of the hospital, Dr. Abdulwase' al-Was'e, told that the hospital is in need of joint cooperation and efforts to offer better services for patients of special needs. According to him, these patients differ from others and their treatment takes a long time and requires intensive care.

Dr. al-Wase'e, concluded: "we call on all organizations that are concerned about the mentally ill people to visit the hospital and render helps for the patients. He stressed the importance of the media in assisting the hospital by giving more information about it and the services it provides.

### Readers' Voice

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## Infiltrators caught in Shabwah coasts

SANA'A- Oct. 22- Security sources said that the total number of illegal residents and infiltrators reached 12 thousand. These were caught in the period from January up to mid October. 90% of these were caught in Shabwa coasts, and there were 600 women and children among them.

September net said that security sources said that about 650 of those persons who were caught were Ethiopian nationals. The number of Somali among them was about 11,250. 155 other persons who were from different nationalities were also caught in other Yemeni towns.

The security sources said that in cooperation with coast guards they caught 350 infiltrators during the first part of October. 20 of these were Eritrean, 45 Ethiopians and the others were Somalis. Security sources added that 200 of those infiltrators were caught in Shabwa coasts, whereas the rest were caught in Hodidah and Almaharah governorates. A few were caught in the Capital Secretariat.

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Sony Computer Entertainment Europe (SCEE) has identified a possible safety concern with certain AC Adaptor units supplied with the new slimline PlayStation2.

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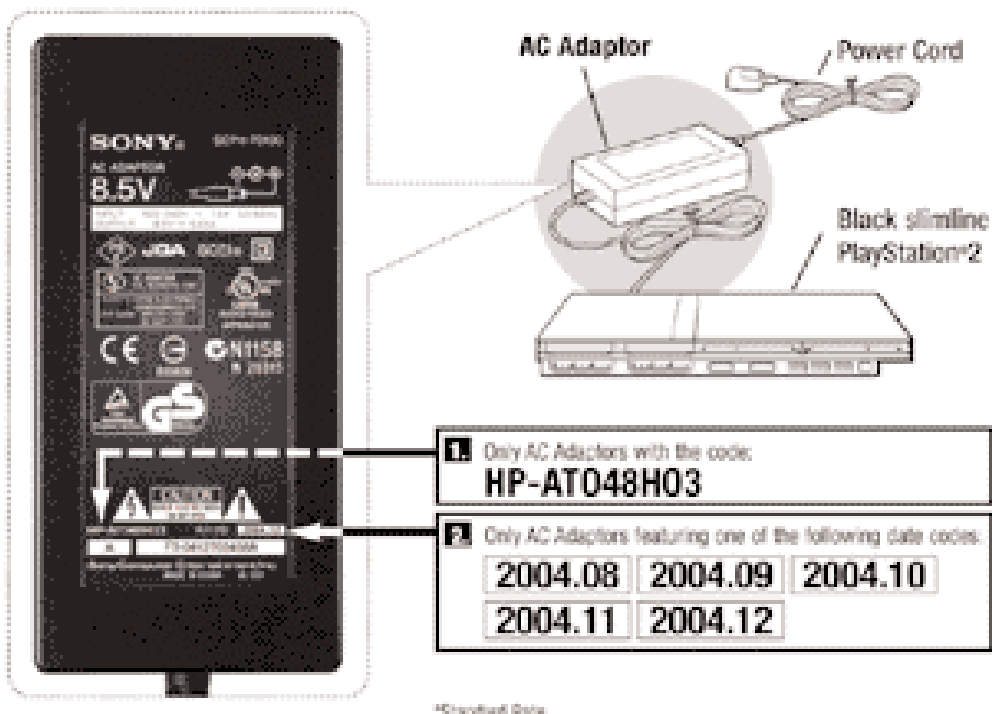
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We would like to apologise for any inconvenience caused.



## Job Vacancies

The Yemen LNG project involves the construction and operation of a gas pipeline, a harbour and a liquid natural gas processing plant at Balhaf which will export 6.7 million tones of LNG per annum. The project offices will be based in Sana'a and the project has an anticipated lifespan of over 20 years. Yemen LNG Company is now preparing to recruit the temporary and permanent staff who will construct and manage the project.

All candidates applying for these posts must be Yemeni nationals

### Head of Human Resources Administration - Reference No. 31

Reporting directly to the HR Manager, the Head of HR Administration will have a wide-ranging and challenging remit within Yemen LNG Company.

Duties will include the development of the company's compensation and benefits policy, the selection, implementation and operation of the electronic HR management system, the establishment and supervision of the Payroll section and the provision of a cost control service for all HR activities. Supervising a team of 7 employees, the incumbent will also manage the induction and administration of Yemeni national and expatriate staff, and will play a major role in the development of a proactive and effective internal communications and employee relations service. The management and supervision of the company's medical support programme and the development of the employee savings plan will be additional significant responsibilities, and the incumbent will also participate in and maintain the results from the YLNG Company job evaluation process.

The ideal incumbent will be a mature individual with a minimum of 10 years' experience of HR or senior-level administration responsibilities within a multinational organisation. Candidates aged 35 or below are unlikely to possess the experience and personal attributes necessary for the post

Deadline: Monday, 31 October 2005

### Community Liaison Officer - Reference No. 030

Construction at the Balhaf LNG terminal site has now begun, and Yemen LNG Company (YLNG) is committed to maintaining excellent relations with local communities. A vacancy now exists for a Community Liaison Officer, based in Balhaf area, in Shabwa Governorate, will coordinate relations with all affected local parties in the vicinity of the site. The Community Liaison Officer will report to and act under the guidance of the YLNG Sustainable Development Manager in Sana'a, and will also liaise closely with the YLNG Project Team Site Representative.

This is a demanding and intensive role, and during at least the first six months of the project, an active presence on site is required. Accordingly, the incumbent will be required to work a rota of 3 weeks on site and one week of leave during this period. The subsequent work cycle will be determined in due course.

Specific responsibilities for the post will include the collection of accurate data on the vicinity, and the discussion with local communities of mutually beneficial, sustainable solutions to local issues. The job holder will also meet regularly with local authorities to foster good will and support for all project activities and to establish a meaningful dialogue. Additional essential duties will involve the presentation of YLNG Project Team needs to local communities, and to governmental representatives. The ideal candidate will have extensive knowledge of the Balhaf region, and previous experience of devising and implementing sustainable community projects, especially small scale economic enterprises. The ability to live and work in relatively isolated environments while meeting company and project deadlines, and proven data collection and report writing skills are essential qualities.

Deadline: Thursday, 27 October 2005

All applicants for these positions must have excellent IT skills including extensive experience of Microsoft Office systems. Fluency in written and spoken Arabic and English are essential, and candidates will be tested to assess their current level and training needs.

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# Three shifts with no budget in Taiz Urinary & Burns Department

By Yemen Times Staff  
Taiz

opened. Yemen Times filed this report about the two departments

center and the Plastic surgery department, and obstacles which they were met with. He continued to say that the idea became true through the support of Mr. Ahmed Alhijari, the Governor of Taiz. The main obstacle that faces the center is the shortage in medical serums and the lack of financing them. The medical solutions could finish at any time while the center is facing a rush of patients form all over the Republic.

In an answer to who is responsible for financing the project and the role of the Ministry of health; he said that the Governor has contacted Kamaran Company, which is headed by Tawfeeq abdulla Saleh and Ahmed Aqlan. They offered two equipments to the center and agreed to fund it for six months. He said that they also went to Germany and made an agreement with the financing company. Dr. Alsiani said that they received extra ten equipments.

**Didn't live up to their promise**  
Unfortunately the ministry of health didn't fulfill their promise of financing the center. We were surprised that the ministry didn't approve the operating budget for the center up to now.

**The first center in Yemen**  
As for the plastic surgery center and whether new centers will be established, Dr. Alsiani said, 'The center was built by the Ministry of Health and was supported by the German Hamilton Society. The Society trained the medical staff and sent medical teams all the year round. The center is the only center in Yemen and furnishes medical services to patients who come from all over the country. Other sections

that are under construction include a special section for child surgery, central laboratory and a blood bank. They are all financed by the government. He said that the numbers in the administration departments reveal the beneficiaries from each of the sections and the environment they are working in.

### Facts about artificial kidney center

We met the general manager of the artificial kidney center, Dr. Abdullah Alnadeem Seri. He spoke of the number of cases which come to the kidney washing center ever since the center was opened. He continued to say; 'The center was informally opened in 4th Jan.04, because of the stoppage of the Military hospital artificial kidney section, which used to have ten operating sections in addition to the water filtration station. A sample was sent to Germany to establish a water filter station in Taiz. All the patients who come to this center are of the poor community. The costs of the washing treatment are as follows:

- YR11.000 per wash; YR 22.000 per week with a monthly rate of YR88.000.


- by a simple calculation we can find out that the number of sittings since 4 January 2005 up to the 30 of June in the same year were 2453 and the number of patients being registered up to last June were 108 patients.

- Number of patients who were cured was 7


- The cost of the washing sittings during these six months was YR20.111.159. This cost was supposed to be covered by the ministry of health. We were working without operation costs since the center was opened. Had it not been to the help from the Governor and Mr. Tawfeeq Abdulla Saleh chairman of the Yemeni company for matches and Tobacco and other charitable persons, we would have stopped because of serum shortage.

### Chronic and acute cases

We asked Dr. Faisal Saeed Alqorashi of the causes of kidney failure. He said that there is a wrong assumption that kidney stones are the main cause of kidney failure .Diabetes, Hypertension and the wrong usage of malaria drugs could also be blamed for kidney failure. Some heart patients could be subjected to kidney failure too. These are of two types; acute and chronic. The acute ones could be cured after 3-4 wash treatments. The chronic could continue all life long until another method is found and that could be kidney transplantation. This is a simple operation, and the surgeons are available, but the



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equipment for tissue research and the know of whether the body doesn't repel them, are not available.

**Three shifts**  
We asked about the number of the staff that works in the clinic. Dr. Faisal said that they are 3 doctors and 5 nurses who work for three shifts, day and night and in all religious and national vacations. They receive very small salaries. Had it not been for the support of the hospital to give their salaries, work would have stopped.

**Statistical facts**  
Dr. Adel Qasem Alsiani is the manager in the plastic surgery

Center. We met him in the center. He gave us a detailed number of the beneficiaries from each of the sections and the specialized staff in each section. The numbers were as follows:

- Brain and nerves: 189 cases, to which 25 of them underwent surgeries.
- General surgery: 154 cases in the outpatient section, 5 of them underwent surgery.
- Face, Jaws and cosmetics: 162 cases, 20 of them were surgical cases.
- Number of physicians of the mission: 10 doctors headed by Prof. Iman Leeds head of the German mission.

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# Ramadan in America: A look at Islam in the west

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Anxiously, Muslims of America wait for the precious month of Ramadhan to arrive. Preparations are taken place months prior to its arrival. Ramadhan is commonly known in the United States as the month of repentance, forgiveness, modesty, love, and a chance to get ones self-closer to Allah (God). Many Muslims around the world cherish every minute of Ramadhan. But surprisingly, Muslims in the United States treasure Ramadhan more then many places around the world.

### Brief history of Muslims in America

As of now, according to numerous estimations there are over 12 million Muslims spread throughout America, ranging from different nationalities and origin. Muslims from over 80 countries exist in the United States. An estimated 800,000 of the Muslim in America are originally from Yemen. American States with the biggest Muslim population include New York, Michigan, California, Illinois, New Jersey and Texas.

Over 1,300 mosques (Prayer Houses) are spread throughout the United States. The first known Muslim



community settled in North Dakota, where they began to participate in organized prayer. The oldest existing mosque in America is located in Cedar Rapids, Iowa established in 1936. Muslims who move to the U.S. practice their cultural activities on many occasions. People from Yemen are known to be the most culturized Muslims in America. The first existence of Yemeni people in the United States dates back to the early 1900's.

### Preparation for Ramadhan

Muslims prepare months ahead of time, getting ready to welcome this

great month. Shieks and scholars from around the world flock the United States during Ramadhan, giving lectures and speeches throughout the day. Hafiz's of the Quran (people who memorize the entire Quran) prepare for Taraweeh prayer (A special joint prayer) by revising all the chapters of the Holy Quran. In most situations the entire Quran is recited during the length of the month in Taraweeh prayer. Quranic recitation could also be heard on every street corner of Muslim societies. People walking and driving to offer prayer in local mosques numbering the hundreds. Life has suddenly changed in the face of all Muslim in the United States. One month before Ramadhan, you will notice over 500 worshippers in Fajr prayer alone in some American Muslim societies.

### Iftaar in Ramadhan

Love, kindness, and brotherhood are all visible in the important moment of fast breaking. You will easily notice people busying themselves in prayers and worship before the call of Athaan (The call to end ones fast). Hundreds of people bring small meals to the mosque before the call of Athaan, sharing it with friends and family. Dates and Sambousa are usually common fast breaking appetizers, while soup and tea are passed to everyone.

"Students get together numbering in the hundreds, and eat in the mosque it always being our meeting place", said

Hashim Mansoor a Syrian national studying in the United States. "In Ramadhan we never eat in restaurants, for we either eat in the Mosque or are invited over a friends house", he added.

Its not easy living in the United States during Ramadhan if you are a student or single, for no family members are there to make you feel at home. For this, joint Iftaar sessions free of charge are taken place daily in many mosques around America. Many married couples also join these Iftaar sessions, making it feel more like a place to get to meet people, and enjoy every moment of this precious month. For Yemeni people, famous dishes noticed in Ramadhan include Shafout, Bint Al-Shan, Kabsa, meat soup, and much more. Custard and jelly are famous desserts taken after the Iftaar meal.

### Eid celebration

The Day of Eid is usually taken place in a more traditional way. Everyone is wearing cloth resembling the culture of his/her country. People are seen visiting family members greeting them a happy Eid. Eid prayer is usually held in big halls, which can occupy thousands of people. After the Eid prayer, family members meet together in a specific place where they chat, feast, laugh, and greet one another.

On Eid day, Detroit, Michigan is probably the most exciting place to be in America. Nearly half a million Arabs crowd this American city making it the Arab hub of the United States. There are over 900,000 Muslims spread in Michigan alone. "It seems like we are living in a Middle Eastern country, as most people in Detroit are Arabs", said Mohammed Nagi, a Yemeni engineer residing in the United States. "The importance of brotherhood is felt on this day as we are all here for each other", he added.

Such religious events give Americans a chance to understand more about Islam as well as a better look at the beauty that Islam holds within it. It also shows the importance of unity, as all Muslims are together and united, not looking at culture or race.

Mike Longley, a native American

who has been living in an Arab society for the past 15 years said, "I hope that Muslims could continue there beautiful conduct throughout the remaining of the year, as Islam is a religion that must be practiced on a daily basis, and the beauty of ramadhan should be spread throughout the year".

Governmental schools give all Muslims a day off on this special day. This in return gives children time to cherish this lovely day with family and friends. "The beauty of Eid celebration in America is much more treasured and loved then of that which is celebrated back home in the Middle East or Asia",

said Mohammed Ali, a Muslim preacher living in San Francisco, California.

No doubt that Muslims in America are drowning in U.S. culture, but during Ramadhan things seem to change to the better. What could be the reason for this sudden change? Could it be the environment, the change of feelings, or is it the will to change to the better. We dearly hope that American Muslims continue to cherish their Islamic values throughout the entire year in general, furthermore representing Islam in the west in the best of their ability.



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## Words of Wisdom



The rate of population growth is an extremely vital factor in the ability of the country to successfully develop. It is imperative that the government, Non government organizations, the media, educationists, and intellectuals join hands to make it clear to families that a large number of children is a burden which neither the parents nor the society can handle

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OUR  
OPINIONReinventing  
the wheel

Every country lives through various economic challenges one time or the other. It is up to the country's policymakers and economic experts to help the nation's economy survive the damage and rise from the fall. With globalization and exchange of expertise and experiences around the world, countries should no longer have to reinvent the wheel whenever economic crises knock on the doors. This is why learning from other countries' success stories is a must, and this is what Yemen particularly lacks. In fact, unfortunately the Yemeni policymakers does not seem to even learn from its own experiences let alone others. However, it remains the duty of independent media to remind, probe and question just in case the story of Yemen is to be told one day.

The visit of the Turkish prime minister to Yemen under the context of the Turkish-Yemeni Business Forum is a live proof of how wise economic strategies and dedicated implementation of economic reform can drastically uplift a country's economy. Turkey experienced two major economic crises in November 2000 and February 2001. The cost of these crises and of the subsequent transformation of the economy was substantial. Public sector's net debt-to-GNP ratio nearly doubled within a year and the economy experienced its most serious contraction since the Second World War. Economic activity dwindled and unemployment rose drastically. However, the Turkish government had implemented a wise and comprehensive process of economic reform and restructuring focusing primarily on the banking sector and financial markets. Starting with finance and privatization, sweeping reforms included agriculture, social security, energy and telecommunication sectors have been successfully carried out by the Government. These are focused particularly on the reform of the public sector itself through measures in a number of topics ranging from successful policymaking to transparency and good governance.

Another example is Italy; Italy was able to rise from ashes of the Second World War to becoming the 7th most progressing country in the world today. Italy successfully achieved this because of its investments in the small and medium scale industries, which lead to retrieving the economy from the remains and was rebuilt again. Mr. Sergio Marini, President of the Arab-Italian Chamber of Commerce commented on Yemen's economy as in is a state of reform now this is why concentrating on these industries would help the economy to a great extent. "Today because of globalization and the rapid movement of the world economics the challenges are more but they could be overcome through investing in the small and medium scale economies." He said this last year.

Mr. Marini offered Italy's economic expertise to the Yemeni government last year, Turkey is currently launching a grand economic exchange program with Yemen, and Japan and Malaysia have been politely offering their services and expertise throughout the years yet there is no actual response whatsoever as our policymakers intent to reinvent the wheel! These countries are a few examples of successful economic transformations. Yemen does not lack resources, or help, the only thing Yemen lacks is real political will for reform and good governance. Official sources blame donor countries for their recent reduction of development funds as if the government has no concern or plan for funding national development. This is one of the reasons the development process in Yemen has slowed down. But I think anyone with good senses would understand that Yemen lost its credibility as a responsible government trying unsuccessfully to reinvent the wheel.

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Arab League awakening  
and Iraq's wounds

After blood in Iraq has reached the knees and sedition attained its explosion point, the "liberators" Americans have got into a bad fix and amidst the quagmire asking for help, I can hardly believe that the Arab League has accepted for itself to play the role of the saviour, saviour

of the American administration rather than the people of Iraq. It is a help for the people of Iraq delayed for long. The Arab League and all its so-called Arab member states have for long turned a deaf ear to listen to the Iraqi distress calls for extending Arab helping hands to them in the appropriate time even before the invasion of the Arab territories of Iraq by the forces of occupation. At that appropriate time the Arab League backed down or feared even to advise the Americans against invasion, let alone a warning or condemnation of the occupation of an Arab country, member state of the Arab League itself, while today they have begun to describe it the Easter Gate of the Arab Homeland.

Since when Iraq has become the eastern gate of the Arab Homeland and what has given rise to that idea to the Arab League and its Secretary General and its members. Those members have forgotten or feigned to forget their Arab affiliation for more than two years during which mass killing and chaos prevailed in Iraq, the eastern gate.



By Prof. Dr.  
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The Israeli Mosad was the leader and steering element during these two years, it was the killer exploding mosques and churches and igniting fire among sons of the one homeland, Shiites and Sunnis. The Shiites and Sunnis have brushed aside their sectarian differences and proved in many stands and situation they are united force in the face of dangers facing their country from wherever they come. One wonders what the Arab League and its Secretary General would do now to deliver the Americans from their killing impasse or more specifically their quagmire that is expanding and deepening and tightening its grip day by day.

Verily, they are queries none has one reasonable answer to them or to explain the late adventure of the Arab League. Since the first months of the change in Iraq, the Arab League received Iraq's foreign minister with hospitality and welcome. He said he was not an Arab and did not want his country to be member of any league or organization calling itself Arab, when it would be like the former Baghdad Pact or a Middle East League, the foreign minister of that regime would think of joining it and to honor its membership. Nevertheless, the Arab League has not stopped receiving 'brave' ministers from the succeeding regimes ruling the "American" Iraq. Some of them describe the Arabs as Bedouins riding camels, after the Mosad

and the Americans have brainwashed those ministers and have become in an overnight disavowers of their Arab origin seeking a nationality fit for anyone who betrays his homeland and receives invaders with open arms. This minister or that, after getting awake from the nightmare of illusion and senses the extent of shame that affected his homeland and his own person, would come back seeking help and launch the call of distress, although its far too late.

If I was to be the Arab League Secretary General; something I never wish to be in any day, I would have discarded the question of Iraq for good at this stage. I would have instead turned the direction of my efforts to focus on preventing repetition of Iraq's destiny to befall another Arab country. In this way I would prove to the Arabs and the world that the League is after restoration of an Iraqi non-Arab regime to the Arab League to pay its share to the League's budget. It is commonly known that the Arab League is keener on share of the Arab countries in its budget, regardless of their genuine affiliation of Arabism, than its keenness on affiliation of those countries or the soundness of their nationalist approach. Hence, this Arab organization has made numberless mistakes since its very foundation fifty years before. Would the Arab League and its Secretary General respond the genuine call of Arabism and leave the Anglo-American occupation entertain the booty and maintain the operations of "liberation" and dissemination of the principles of democracy and human rights?

## Is Yemen at the urge of war?

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These recent comments by vice prime minister Sofan perhaps say more than what he intended to reveal, responding to Flavia Pansieri, the resident representative of the United Nations Development Program while questioning the wisdom in distribution of the countries' resources, knowingly that Yemen's military expenditure is around 7.8% of the Gross Domestic product, ranking it as the 8th largest percentage of a country's GDP in the world, comparing to the 1.5% spent on health, one of the tiniest.

"Development and Security go hand in hand" Sofan said, making military expenditure as important an investment in the future of Yemen as investing in development. Or perhaps this military power might come in very handy in the near future? Let's analyze a few other issues to see where this leads us. Obsessed?

A couple of months ago, after the crash of the 2nd Meg aircraft which

while training in two months, a new red-line was formulated against the freedom of the press; that is to forbid publishing any news items, opinions or any other press materials exposing, discussing or even mentioning any military activities, which has been increasing in number and in nature rapidly during the last year.

In addition to that, the reaction of the government in response to the public demonstrations protesting the oil prices hike in which tanks and other military vehicles were marshaled into the streets of major cities to combat the demonstrators provides an insight into what actions might we expect should 'things go wrong'.

Yemen has a long history in arms trade and smuggling, this dissolves any information around what types of weapons may be existent in the country and the nature of the organized groupings which undertake this systematic arming and smuggling of weapons, was it Islamic militants, separatist groups or even, ironically, the regime itself.

There is a lot of uncertainty around the future of Yemen, especially if presi-

dent Saleh maintained his desire not to run for elections the coming year, considering the non-existent of any reputable candidate to replace him either nominated by opposition parties or even from the People's General Congress. More arguably we would see a scenario similar to that of Mauritania in which a board of militants took power in a peaceful manner. However, such a scenario to happen in Yemen may as well remain an illusion because Yemenis are not known for their love of peace or their desire to negotiate transition of power peacefully.

If you are as pessimistic as I am, dear reader, then stock your emergency supplies and hope that thereafter vice prime minister Sofan is right when justifying that military expenditure and development come "hand in hand".

I have genuine respect for vice prime minister Sofan, however, I can't appreciate how spending scarce resources on expensive heavy artillery and fighter jets is as important as seriously combating corruption, eradicating poverty and investing in health which remains a minor priority, unless, of course, Yemen is at the urge of war.

Yemen: Benevolent attention  
in the Horn of Africa

In 2003, the Horn of Africa grouping with Yemen was established. This group includes Yemen, Somalia, Eritrea, Djibouti, Ethiopia and Sudan. This grouping aimed to reinforce the relationships between the countries, resolve conflicts among them, stop the civil war in Somalia, and fight terrorist organizations that exploit the politically instable situation in the region to attack western interests. In addition, the group will work on combating poverty and organized crime through supporting the economic programs and watching the borders and the coastal areas that link the countries of the region.

Although Yemen does not belong to Africa, Yemen's ability to tackle regional problems was conducive to more stability. As was the case with the Hunaish islands problem between Yemen and Eritrea. Instead of the military alternative, Yemen referred the problem to the International Court of Justice that settled

the problem and forced Eritrea to recognize that the islands belong to Yemen. Moreover, Yemen's strategic geographical location serves as a link between three continents - Asia, Africa and Europe - and the control of the Bab al-Mandab Strait, have helped to play a key role in the region.

The Yemeni president has played a crucial role in establishing this group through his participation in the regional meeting held in Yemen, that marked the birth of the group. He has also contributed to solving border disputes between Eritrea and Ethiopia when he held a meeting in Yemen to discuss the problem. He also visited Ethiopia to meet with high officials there for the purpose of discussing the situation. He succeeded in persuading the Ethiopian leaders to refer the problem to the International Court of Justice, which issued a verdict and set up a committee to define the borders.

President Saleh has also assumed a significant role in the peace process in Somali land. He called on the Somali factions to put an end to the civil war and urged the military factions to come to the negotiation table to make peace. His efforts culminated in the formation of a national government that included most of the warlords in Somalia. It is noteworthy that the new Somali government has launched its activity from Ethiopia and could persuade the warlords to withdraw their militia from the capital city Mogadishu.

As for Yemen's future role within this group, plans have been made to establish a regional council for economic, political and social cooperation, expected to contain the Horn of Africa countries and Yemen. Yemen is also trying to expand the activity of the group and ensure safe navigation routes to make the countries benefit from the international commercial activity. Yemen's efforts will further stabilize the volatile Horn of Africa and contribute to a better world. Yemen has proved itself to be a good and benevolent neighbor much concerned with the war ravaged countries next door.

COMMON  
SENSE

By Hassan Al-Haifi

What does Mr.  
Bush want from  
the Arabs?

For five years now, we have been watching George W. Bush doing everything possible to intimidate and antagonize the Arabs, on the grounds that, if you are not with us you are against us. Not only that, Mr. Bush has sought to incriminate Arabs for everything that has happened in the world that was not to his liking, ever since 9/11. One is surprised that Mr. Bush has not blamed the Arabs for all the hurricanes that have hit the Gulf of Mexico and Caribbean Basin. One Arab observer remarked somewhat jokingly that Mr. Bush has already filed a suit demanding that the oil rich Gulf states pay for the reconstruction of the City of New Orleans, because the US Embassy in Riyadh told Condoleezza Rice that several Saudi Mosque Sermonizers were praying that God bring havoc and destruction to the United States, because of its one sided attitude in dealing with the Palestinian problem.

Last week, this observer could not help but notice how coldly and somewhat undignified Mr. Bush met with Mr. Abbas Abu Mazen, the Chairman of the Palestine Authority and spoke his mind about what the Israelis expect of the Palestinians in the forthcoming few days, months and years. Yes, for all intents and purposes, it is safe to assume that when Mr. Bush speaks about the Middle East, one can assume that the words were either written in Tel Aviv or approved in advance in Tel Aviv, before Mr. Bush spoke them. Mr. Bush in fact was almost complimenting and praising the Israelis for their one sided initiative of "withdrawing from Gaza, as if the ball was now in the Palestinian side. Moreover, rather than promising anything to the Palestinians, Mr. Bush reiterated the Israeli demand that the Palestinian authority "disarm the Palestinian gangs", as he often refers to the resistance movements of Al-Jihad and Hamas. As usual, Mr. Abbas left Washington without so much as even a promise that Washington, would start to make its leverage count most where it is needed. There was not intention shown of exercising any pressure on the Israelis to halt settlement activity or the construction of the apartheid wall. Mr. Bush doesn't have the faintest idea that the Israelis are building a wall on stolen land to "protect" stolen property or territory and to imprison the indigenous inhabitants of the land that the Israelis have stolen. This is really the biggest rip-off in human history. Yet Mr. Bush still insists that Ariel Sharon is his close friend, while he lectures visiting Palestinians on his God sent mission to destroy Iraq and Afghanistan. The Palestinians are under the impression that God has only spoken to one man and that is Moses, but they forgot that Mr. Bush, since he is President of the world's Superpower, has a hot line to Heavens! This is the kind of intimidation that has been characteristic of Mr. Bush, in his attitude towards the Arabs and it seems to be a clear indication that the Arabs should not count on American justice, even if they are Arab-American citizens, whose only crime is that they had a hassle with their (American) wife and the Department of Home Security insists that they are dangerous to American society.

We now come to the matter of Syria and Lebanon. The latest effort to incriminate Syria (at the same time that the trial of Saddam Hussein was proceeding), for a crime that clearly Syria has no interest whatsoever to carry out (the cold blooded murder of the late Lebanese Prime Minister Rafiq Al-Hariri and 22 other innocent people - surely the world of the Mossad) is another mind boggler on American policy in the Middle East. There is no question in many an Arab observer's mind that the Syrians would be somewhat digging their own graves if they sought the killing of Rafiq Al-Hariri let alone conspire to have it carried out. Oh there may have been Syrians and Lebanese involved in the killing. One should not forget, however, that Israel had a force of some two thousand Lebanese agents under the command of Antoine Land, and it is not difficult to see why Israel would seek to implicate Lebanese and Syrian officials. Israel is pursuing a relentless war against Syria, through the State Department and America's allies, in an effort to hit back at Syria (as well as Iran) because of Hezbollah. Israel has a big dilemma in Hezbollah and it is seeking to close all avenues of support that Hezbollah may have relied on over the years to build its strong citadel in the Beka'a and other areas of South Lebanon. It has tried every way to try to confront Hezbollah, but found that directly confronting Hezbollah has no payoff and in fact may even be costly. Thus, Israel has no choice but to railroad the US into direct confrontations with Hezbollah's most dependable friends in the region, Iran and Syria.

No one is sure how far all this negative diplomatic maneuvering will lead to, but one is under the impression that further violence in the region would not be a healthy climate for world peace. Although Israel would love nothing more than to see the US carry out its military objectives in the region and to keep the Arabs bogged down in a messy sea of violence and destruction, the US would be wise to start adopting a more even handed policy and close its ears for once to Israeli prodding.

There are ample American interests in the region and as the War on Terror has not produced any dramatic successes so far, it is not far fetched to assume that America is pursuing a self-defeating policy in the region that is actually nurturing terrorism for many years to come. This would be more the case, while Israel is allowed to carry out official state terrorism under the protection of the United States and the blessings of the self proclaimed "Prophet Bush".



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# Yemen Press Review

Review By Mohammed Khidhr

**Ash-Shumou weekly, 15 Oct. 2005.**

**Main headlines**

- Sana'a insists on his demand, politicians: the ball at Riyadh field and the treaties of Jeddah and Taif at stake, Officially and popularly Yemen waits for Saudi Arabia handing over al-Asnaj
- WTO sets a condition of establishment of stock market and cancellation of exclusive trade agencies
- Al-Mouyad in intensive care, the national committee accuses Washington of intentional negligence
- A GPC newspaper mentions in the name of the CIA, claiming transcontinental Yemeni terror

The newspaper's political editor mentions in his article that the American ambassador to Yemen must realize well what kind of responsibility on his shoulder as a diplomat representing a superpower that must be characterized by many values and behavior rising to the level at which they should be. The American ambassador in this context probably realizes his authorities and tasks that do not give him the right to exceed them and to install himself a ruler in our country to issue his evaluation on the Yemeni internal affair particularly the issue of democracy which he deals with between the conditions of tide and ebb as he likes, in addition to his meetings with some of those who intend to go beyond the national constants. This matter has reflected itself on all segments of the Yemeni society producing resentment to those provocations especially that they are voiced by a personality that should not involve itself in such matters and sayings.

It is not among democracy high standards for another to interfere in our own internal affairs or to grant to or withhold his blessings whenever he wishes. Such a stance has nothing to do with diplomacy and adroitness as much as violation of what is known in the international community and rules of diplomatic career. Such behavior also expresses a state of pride and gratification of a self desire for hegemony and demonstration of power beginning from the head of the White House to the American ambassador to our country and to other countries. The result would be non-respect of sovereignty and independence of states, interference in internal affairs and creation of a kind of confusion in the democratic process.



**As-Sahwa weekly, 13 Oct. 2005.**

**Main headlines**

- Islah party condoles with government and people of Pakistan on the earthquake
- American ambassador denies his statements on halt of democracy in Yemen
- Demonstrations demanding the release of al-Aryan
- Students elections, financial report may be the cause behind postponement
- Minister of civil service promises journalists of an increment appropriate to nature of their job

Columnist Zaid al-Shami says when a catastrophe befalls a state like America or Australia the rich and the poor rush to offer urgent help and relief and soon the impact of destruction is contained, the affected are rescued and the killed dead bodies are

evacuated. He says this does not happen when such disasters befall the Muslims and only small help is offered, citing the world's dealing with the tsunami earthquake last year. The efforts were little to the extent that America was desisting from informing those states on predictions that its monitoring apparatuses spread all over the world.

If we have to put the blame on the fanatic west and the east weighing under burdens of its woes, blame should be put also on the Muslims themselves who have appeared to be unable to stand by themselves and to make preparations to encounter these catastrophes. There are no effective initiatives, correct mechanisms or future vision although Islam has dictated cooperation in such instances.

The regimes in power in the Islamic world countries are preoccupied in protecting and keeping their stay and getting closer to the west at the expense of their peoples' security and stability. They busy responding to American pressures to fight charitable societies and relief organizations all over the Islamic world. These organizations have become accused and watched and many of them have been closed down and therefore the popular effort has become weak.



**An-Nahar weekly, 13 Oct. 2005.**

**Main headlines**

- New amendment of wages strategy
- Sheikh al-Zindany: The day will come when we would be proud of these accusations
- Seven Korean and Taiwanese ships suspended from fishing in Yemeni waters
- Al-Asad: We would punish any

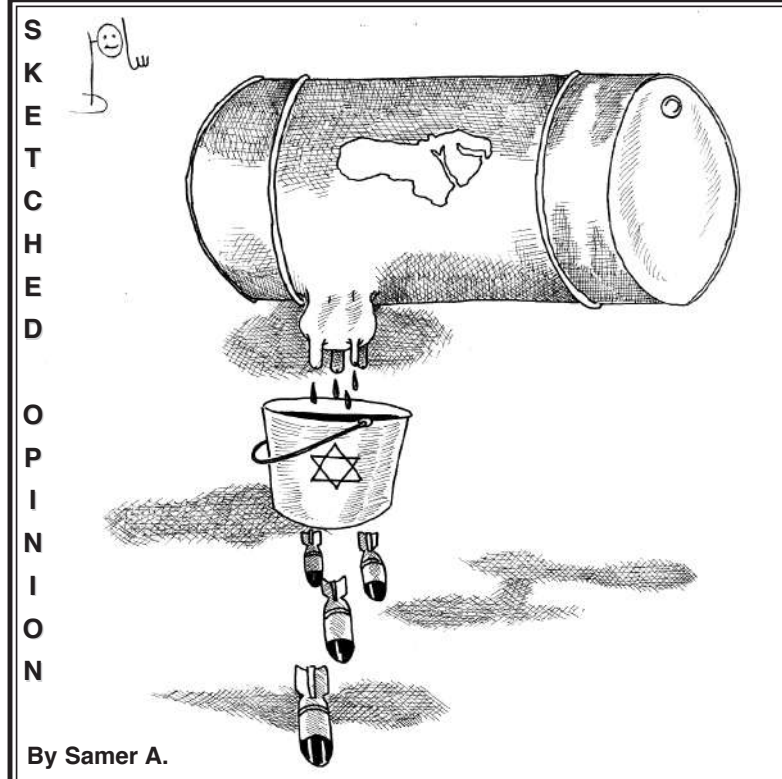
Syrian involved in assassination of Al-Harriri

- GPC and the YSP approve a document ending political dispute
- Saudi accusations to Yemen of smuggling weapons to terrorists
- FM al-Qirbi: Outside opposition aims at impairing rapprochement between Yemen and Saudi Arabia

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## Invitation for Prequalification

1. The Civil Aviation and Meteorology Authority (CAMA) invites eligible, qualified Contractors to apply for the prequalification of the construction of the new airfield, infrastructure and ancillary buildings in Sana'a International Airport phase III of the Sana'a International Airport Development Project. The construction works comprise the following:

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**Al-Nidaa weekly, 12 Oct. 2005.**

Writer Salwa Sanaani wrote an article mentioning that there has been knowing of the secret behind the ongoing conflict between the head of the government and the private universities. The prime minister issued two months ago his decision of closing down the private universities despite the fact that their administrations possess licenses of practicing the profession issued by the ministry of higher education in implementation of investment in the field of teaching the human and qualifying him. Those universities have branches in Arab countries whose ministries recognize the certificates granted to their graduates and allow them to be employed in their institutions. The paradox is that certificates of the graduates of those universities are not recognized by the Yemen ministries of labour and civil service.

Whatever the cause of conflict is, the important thing is the fate of the students. What about the Yemeni students of the third and fourth years who are close to graduation? Has the government of Bajammal taken decisions countering its decision of closing down those universities concerning those students to be accepted in government universities or would it leave them on the streets?



**Annas weekly, 17 Oct. 2005.**

**Main headlines**

- After 25 years in exile, Saudi delegate to discuss demand for handing over al-Asnaj to Yemen
- Conflicting news on sheikh al-Mouyad's health deterioration
- British ambassador in steps of the American ambassador in criticizing situations in Yemen
- Yemen denies relation to Somalia weapons and Jeddah guns
- Columnist Ali Mohammed al-Sarari also writes on he American ambassa-

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## Investing in Military Versus Development

Several international organizations have alarmed of the potential catastrophe that we are heading to in Yemen due to the deterioration in many aspects. Recently the Human Development Report for 2005 launched in Sana'a last week warned of the low pace of progress in development and listed Yemen, as usual, as one of the poorest countries in the world despite efforts to reduce poverty. For this, reaching most of the Millennium Development Goals by 2015 is becoming impossible. Yemen's rank did not show any progress but to the contrary, we went back two points lower than last year's ranking, putting it at 151, according to the new report. These indicators which have been shared by several international agencies are disappointing and shocking at the same time, entailing the gloomy future awaiting this country and its people. However, our political regime has never stopped talking about its "great achievements."

When the US ambassador said that democratic progress had stalled, hell broke loose as if he committed a great felony for which he deserved all the hostile writings in the official media. Now, what is our regime going to say about the UN report ranking Yemen at 151 among the world countries. Is this also a conspiracy that is targeting the stabilized situation and the republican regime, as they always allege?

Flavia Pansieri, Resident Representative of UNDP in Yemen was completely right when she criticized Yemen's high military spending compared to its low output for development and services.

How come that Sufan is being critical to donors' low support while the people in charge are not investing our resources in development but

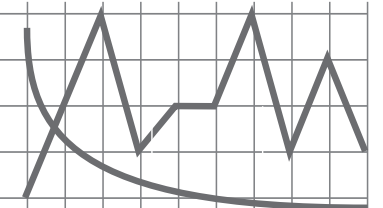
building military capacity.

Only 1.3% of GDP goes to public health expenditures, while military expenditure accounts for over 7%. This is nonsense and a waste of money. Our priority is not buying military aircrafts right now but building schools or hospitals. Our priority is not scud missiles but providing medicine and vaccinations against polio, dengue and many other diseases our country is plagued with.

Foreign experts, not Yemeni opposition figures, are concerned that the war on terror and cooperation with the US in this regard has built the security capacity of the regime rather than stabilizing the situation; it has increased the repression capabilities of the regime rather than the potentials of state's strength. That is, tightening security, which Sufan claimed to be priority and goes hand in hand with development, is not building a state of the rule of law; it has not beefed up the sector of tourism or oil as they claim as well. If the security situation is ok and our border disputes with neighboring countries are sorted out, then we do need to allocate hundred millions of US dollars to military expenditures.

Our problem is not a question of low or high support. It is rather, the distribution of these loans and donations in light of needs. These people in power do not care about the people and if they have good services or not. They just care about protecting their stay in power and this is why they are spending through their nose on military and security. It is not a problem if people do not have electricity, clean water or schools. The most important thing to them is to purchase military hardware or build war colleges. This really shows that the regime has not any agenda for this nation and will lead it to complete collapse.

# YT Business



Ambassador H.E. Türel Özkarol to the Yemen Times:

**“I believe that many countries will observe Yemeni-Turkish relations with envy in the coming years.”**

**Y**emen's relations with Turkey are of the strongest and oldest throughout the region, in which cultural, political and economic relations has been going from strength to strength. H.E. Ambassador Türel Özkarol has been heading the Turkish mission in Yemen since April 16th, 2005, and has put strengthening the Yemeni-Turkish relations even further as his ambition, as he revealed in this interview with Ms. Nadia al-Sakkaf, Editor in Chief of Yemen Times.

Mr. Özkarol has been a diplomat in the Turkish Ministry of Foreign Affairs for over 33 years, and has extensive experience in diverse bilateral and multi-lateral political, economic, cultural and consular affairs. Prior to his appointment as the Turkish ambassador to Kyrgyzstan in 1996, he was the Deputy Director General for Human Rights Issues for over five years at the Turkish Ministry of foreign affairs in Ankara. More recently during the years 1998 – 2001, Mr. Özkarol was appointed as the Turkish Ambassador to Chile, after which he played an important role as a member of the Ministry's Inspection Board, along with assuming the duties as the National Coordinator for the Balkan Stability Pact and the Southeast European Cooperation Initiative (SECI).

Mr. Türel Özkarol is originally from Istanbul and has been married for 33 years and has a 30-year old daughter, as well as a granddaughter who is three-and-a-half years old. Mr. Özkarol graduated from the Faculty of Political Science at the University of Toulouse, France, in 1968, and his master's degree in the economics of developing countries.



H.E. Ambassador Türel Özkarol

## Yemeni-Turkish relations, from strength to strength

Relations between Yemen and Turkey continue to develop in every aspect, especially during 2005 which laid the groundwork for an ambitious cooperation plan and an intensification of Turkish-Yemeni bilateral relations in the years to come. Yemen was honored twice in 2005 with the visit of Turkey's Chief of Staff, General Hilmi Özkök in May, followed by Mr. Abdullah Gül, Turkish Minister of foreign affairs on the occasion of the 32nd Islamic Conference for Foreign Ministers. The Yemeni-Turkish relations were enhanced further after the

third session of the Turkish-Yemeni Joint Committee sessions in Ankara last month.

More importantly, the Turkish Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdoğan will also be conducting a three-day official visit to Yemen tomorrow, accompanied by a delegation of government officials and over a hundred Turkish businessmen. Furthermore, H.E. Bülent Arıncı, Speaker of the Turkish Grand National Assembly, is scheduled to visit Yemen in the months ahead. Melih Gökçek, Mayor of Ankara, will be visiting Sana'a as well, probably in December.

The fact that Turkey and Yemen, along with Italy, are government co-

sponsors of the Democracy Assistance Dialogue (DAD) of the G-8's Forum for the Future allows our countries to achieve the necessary coordination for approaching Middle Eastern issues from a common standpoint.

All high-level Government officials in Yemen, with H.E. President Ali Abdullah Saleh foremost among them, are determined to develop political, economic and trade relations with Turkey; the Yemeni government stresses the importance of these bilateral relations for the economic development and prosperity of the nations. These views are shared by Turkish officials and businessmen alike, which provides us with a perfect set of circumstances: all relevant actors are being given the message that they should "make optimum use of the present and future potential".

I am certain that this message has been understood by both sides, and I believe that many countries will observe Yemeni-Turkish relations with envy in the coming years.

## Outcomes of the 3rd session of the Turkish-Yemeni Joint Committee in September

The Turkish-Yemeni Joint Committee was established in accordance with Article VII of the Agreement on Trade, Economic and Technical Cooperation between the Governments of Turkey and Yemen, dated August 26th, 1991. The third session of the Joint Committee was held September 6th-8th of this year, in Ankara in which the Yemeni delegation was headed by H.E. Dr. Khaled Rajeh Sheikh, the Minister of Industry and Trade while the Turkish delegation was headed by H.E. Assoc. Prof. Abdullatif Ener, State Minister and Deputy Prime Minister of Turkey. The Joint Committee discussed various issues in the fields of trade, standardization, investments, industry, energy, agriculture and fishery, transportation, contracting and consultancy services, tourism, environmental protection, health, culture, archives, higher education and youth and sports.

One important result of the session was that it facilitated signing the agreement on the avoidance of double taxation between the two countries, which is expected to be finalized soon, which should pave the way for exports and investments among the two countries.

Other agreements on which progress was made during the third session of the Joint Committee were the Maritime Transportation Agreement, a Memorandum of Understanding in the field of environment and the Long-term Cooperation Agreement in the field of youth and sports. The two sides agreed to sign this last agreement during Prime Minister Erdoğan's upcoming visit to Yemen.

Also during the joint committee, steps were taken to ensure future cooperation in the area of small and micro

enterprises (SMEs). The Turkish side also requested that the Yemeni side encourage local corporations to invest in Turkey, thereby benefiting from the new Foreign Direct Investment Law, which entered into force in June 2003. The fourth session of the Joint Committee will be held in Sana'a soon.

## Turkish Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdoğan's visit to Yemen

H.E. Recep Tayyip Erdoğan, Prime Minister of the Republic of Turkey, is arriving tomorrow for a 3-day visit in response to an invitation from H.E. President Ali Abdullah Saleh, this trip will be the first visit of a Turkish prime minister to Yemen since Prime Minister Özal visited Yemen in 1987, hereby creating another milestone in the brotherly and productive relations between the two countries. Aside from this official delegation and members of the Turkish press, Prime Minister Erdoğan will also be accompanied by over 100 businessmen and representatives of the major Turkish corporations and industries, which are eager to investigate and explore suitable investment opportunities. The Prime Minister's visit therefore presents a unique opportunity to boost the Turkish-Yemeni economic and trade ties further which marked an astonishing growth of 25% in 2004 totaling in 214 million US\$, due to the good quality, suitable pricing and most notably, the positive consumer attitude towards Turkish brands and products.

Prime Minister Erdoğan will meet H.E. President Saleh on the first day of the visit, while procedural meetings with the cabinet of ministers will take place on the second day of the visit. It is also very likely that Prime Minister Erdoğan and his delegation will visit the Aden Free Zone in order to survey the current capabilities and development prospects of the port, with special emphasis on investment possibilities to benefit both nations. The Turkish and Yemeni Prime Ministers are likely to address the assembled Yemeni & Turkish businessmen on the subject.

Yemen's Ministry of Industry and Trade has been closely collaborating with the Yemeni Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry to arrange a fruitful program for the Turkish businessmen accompanying H.E. Prime Minister Erdoğan, in which a high-level briefing on trade and business opportunities available in Yemen from the perspective of the private sector in Yemen, and to arrange meetings with Yemeni businessmen with the prospect of becoming future trade partners, while hosting *iftar* meals in honor of the Turkish businessmen.

Meanwhile, The Initiation of the Turkish-Yemeni Business Council during the Prime Minister's visit would provide an ideal and necessary institutional framework for future trade relations between the two countries, and we are sure, as the Turkish Embassy, that the entire delegation will enjoy an excellent reception in the brotherly country of Yemen, and will be delighted to research the prospects of investing in Yemen.

## Lessons learnt from the recent developments in Turkish economy

Over the past two decades, the Republic of Turkey has undergone a profound economic transformation. Combined with an outward oriented trade policy, the Turkish economy has been pursuing a progressive growth in most sectors. In spite of certain difficulties, the Turkish economy has become more resilient to external and domestic fluctuations.

Turkey experienced two major economic crises in November 2000 and February 2001. The cost of these crises and of the subsequent transformation of the economy was substantial. Public sector's net debt-to-GNP ratio nearly doubled within a year and the economy experienced its most serious contraction since the World War II. Economic activity dwindled and unemployment rose.

As a result of these developments, a

new economic reform program was announced in April 2001, focusing primarily on the banking sector and financial markets. The overall strategy of the program comprises of three measures: Reforming the banking sector, ensuring stability in the money and foreign exchange markets and providing a sustainable growth environment in macro-economic balances.

## Turkey integration with the European Union

Turkey's membership to the EU is a process, which has its roots back in late 1950s. It has been the main pillar of Turkish foreign policy, and consolidated over the years. Turkey was declared a candidate destined to become a full member in 1999. Since then, Turkey has undergone a very comprehensive reform process geared at meeting the membership criteria as stipulated by the EU. Consequently, based on the recognition by the European Commission and the Council on 17 December last year to have met sufficiently the Copenhagen Criteria, Turkey was given a firm date (3 October 2005) to start the accession negotiations.

The start of the accession negotiation on 3 October has opened a new page in Turkey - EU relations. Now, Turkey is becoming an accession country. However, economic integration between Turkey and the EU is even more advanced due to the Customs Union, which has been in force for almost a decade now. Turkey is the only country to have entered into a Customs Union with the EU prior to accession. While the EU holds a big share in foreign investment in Turkey, it is also a major trade partner of the country.

The progress in accession process accompanied by significant structural reforms in the Turkish economy will appeal to more foreign investors, which will reflect on the economic relations between Turkey and the EU positively. Turkey's economic contribution to the EU will not only be limited to its own economic potential but also encompass the strategic geography it is located in. Turkey is situated on a key location for the increasingly important energy, transportation, and communication networks that link the East to Europe. Aiming for leadership in foreign trade in its geography, Turkey has developed extensive trade relations with the Central Asian, Black Sea Economic Cooperation and the Economic Cooperation Organization countries. Turkey will thus be able to contribute both to the EU's opening to these markets and to the procurement of raw materials and inputs that are of vital importance for the European economy.

## Yemeni-Turkish Friendship Association activities and future perspectives

The Yemeni-Turkish Friendship Association was founded January 2003 through the joint efforts of Yemenis educated in Turkey and Turkish citizens residing in Yemen. The Association is chaired by Presidential Advisor Mr. Abdulhadi Al-Hamdani, and includes among its members such high-ranking Yemeni officials as the Mayor of Sana'a and the director of Yemen's national archives, and Mr. Walid Al-Saqqaf the ex-editor of Yemen Times.

The Association, financed by the monthly contributions of its members, will be actively engaged in the social and cultural fields, promoting closer ties between the brotherly peoples of Yemen and Turkey in these areas.

The founding of the Yemeni-Turkish Friendship Association has been very fortunate for Turks and Yemenis alike. Yemen and Turkey have common historical ties, and both countries have rich cultures which can become a mutual advantage. The Friendship Association, which will be organizing various activities to this end, can always count on the Turkish Embassy's support.

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Reflections on Ramadan

# Giving in the way of Allah (Infaq) is a defining characteristic of Muslims

**T**here is a most important truth revealed in the verse "You will not attain true goodness until you give of what you love," (Surah Al 'Imran, 92) One of the most basic qualities that leads people to "goodness" in the true sense is "altruism." The word itself means the willing and immediate renunciation of

Allah will achieve a state of morality capable of exhibiting altruism at any moment of his life. That is because in the verse "It is the people who are safeguarded from the avarice of their own selves who are successful" (Surat at-Taghabun, 64), Allah has revealed that it is safeguarding their desires from this vice that will lead people to salvation in this world and the next.



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resources to resolve all these issues, so let them do it." It means those with a "vestige of good," as revealed in the verse: "Would that there had been more people with a vestige of good among the generations of those who came before you, who forbade corruption in the Earth, other than the few among them whom We saved. Those who did wrong gladly pursued the life of luxury that they were given and were evildoers" (Surah

Hud, 116), Muslims who believe, who listen to the voice of their consciences and fear Allah, acting in the knowledge of their responsibilities.

When we look at the events experienced by Muslims throughout the course of history we see that they have always been able to overcome troubles and difficulties in this way. Beginning with the Prophet Muhammad (saas), made a role model for all humanity by Allah, and his companions, Muslims have always lived this moral framework in the best manner possible and have been a means whereby, with their superior solidarity and instances of self-sacrifice, Islam and the moral values of the Qur'an have spread all over the world. The superior moral values

Allah has created the human conscience in order for people to protect their passions from evil and to attain the kind of moral values beloved of Him. The voice of that conscience shows people the way to avoid all forms of wickedness and to attain what is good. The deep love and powerful fear of Allah in the heart of a true believer prevents him from being vanquished by the wickedness of his desires. Knowing that the true purpose behind his existence in the life of this world is to attain Allah's approval, such a person seeks to spend every moment of his life behaving in such a way that will be pleasing to Allah. He knows that the life of this world is but short, and that a person must strive for the eternal life of the Hereafter. He

*Some people set up equals to Allah, loving them as they should love Allah.*

*But those who believe have greater love for Allah... (Surat al-Baqara: 165)*

things a person possesses, loves and values. It means being prepared when necessary to undergo all kinds of difficulty and trouble for the values one believes in or those whom one loves, and to do all in one's power on their behalf with enthusiasm, determination and will. It means being able to renounce one's own interests when faced with a choice between them and the values one upholds and the people one loves and to make all kinds of material and other sacrifices for their sake.

However, human passions have been created with a predisposition towards poor moral values such as selfishness and egotism. Unless properly trained, these selfish emotions come to completely dominate a person's moral framework. Such a person thinks mainly of himself rather than of anyone else. He always wants the best, the most attractive, the most perfect of everything for himself. Yet he also expects everyone else to demonstrate understanding and self-sacrifice. Whenever he encounters any difficulty he expects those around him to undergo risks and inconvenience for him, and to support him even to the extent of foregoing their own interests. He



never forgets that all the interests he obtains here are transitory, after which he will have to render account to Allah. He knows that those who seek to ensure their own desires and interests in the life of this world, instead of seeking Allah's approval, mercy and Paradise, may be rewarded with eternal suffering in the Hereafter. On the other hand, Allah will recompense altruistic moral values with goodness and beauty in this world and by eternal, incomparable blessings in the next. In the Qur'an, Allah imparts these glad tidings to people who behave morally.

**Those who do good will have the best and more! Neither dust nor debasement will darken their faces. They are the Companions of the Garden, remaining in it timelessly, for ever. (Surah Yunus, 26)**

When one thinks of self-sacrifice, however, what comes to mind should not be solely giving away part of one's material possessions, that part which represents more than one actually needs for oneself. Self-sacrifice is a way of life that stems from strength of faith and dominates a believer's entire life.

This spirit of altruism needs to be present within a sensitivity of conscience to everything going on around a person. Altruism means a person seeking to feel himself responsible on every matter, from social problems to the oppressed, persecuted, starving and needy people all over the world, and striving to find a solution to them. It is the employment of one's reason and conscience at the highest possible level, without ever saying, "There are plenty of people with the means and

and generosity of the Prophet (saas) are revealed thus in the hadiths:

- \* *The Prophet (saas) was the most generous of people in auspicious deeds. The Prophet (saas) was more generous even than the wind blowing from the direction of good.*
- \* *He never said "I do not possess such" when asked for something and never begrudged anything asked of him.*
- \* *Abu Zerr told me the following: "Son of my brother! I went to the Prophet's (saas) side. Taking my hand, he said, 'Abu Zerr! Even if I had as much gold and silver as Mount Uhud I would wish to spend it in the way of Allah, leaving not a farthing behind'."*

The companions of the Prophet (saas) who were ready to unquestioningly give up their goods and lives in order to gain the approval of Allah exhibited great examples of self-sacrifice throughout their lives. Since they possessed a sure and certain belief in Allah and the Hereafter they never regarded giving in the way of Allah (infaq) as representing any kind of loss; on the contrary, they saw it as an important opportunity to gain the love of and closeness to Allah. As revealed by Allah in the verse: "And how is it with you that you do not give in the way of Allah, when the inheritance of the heavens and the Earth belongs to Allah? Those of you who gave and fought before the Victory are not the same as those who gave and fought afterwards. They are higher in rank. But to each of them Allah has promised the Best. Allah is aware of what you do." (Surat al-Hadid, 10), those who sacrificed their property in times of difficulty acted in the knowledge of the value of that action in the sight of Allah.

Therefore, all Muslims must take these superior moral values of our Prophet (saas) and his companions as role models for themselves, and must compete with one another to help those in need. It must never be forgotten that self-sacrifice performed with true sincerity is most valued in the sight of our Lord and a marvellous opportunity for Muslims who seek to attain the infinite blessings of Paradise.

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*Those who are most aware of death and prepare themselves for it. They are the wisest of people. (Muslim)*

desires to protect his own wishes and interests and to ensure his own ease and comfort. In an adverse situation a person may be able to renounce many things he values - in the name of protecting his or her interests and preventing any harm from coming to him. Allah has revealed this excessive selfishness in the human spirit in the Qur'an:

**Truly man was created headstrong - desperate when bad things happen, begrudging when good things come. (Surat al-Ma'arij, 19-21)**

It is possible to free one's spirit from this weakness by understanding faith and living by the moral values of the Qur'an. Someone who understands the truths revealed in the Qur'an and the moral conception commanded by



# Ramadan Kareem

## Ramadan is the month of struggle

**Ramadan requires more good deeds:**

**N**ow most rich fasters realize better than in any other month the meaning of doing the good to other people although they hear the verses of the Holy Quraan recited by the imam (preacher) at the end of every Juma (Friday congregation prayer) in which Allah directs all human beings to be aware of the importance of rendering good deeds and behaving with courtesy towards other people especially relatives.

This is what remains forever and what Islam recommends mankind to do on the earth.

**Justice is sleeping:**

During the month of Ramadan, judges prefer not to work. They go into their recess throughout the whole month. For them, this is an annual tradition. All courts in Yemen are closed and people have to wait for the coming of the judges to courts after Eid al-Fitr, that is, to the month following Ramadan, in order to have their cases settled.

**Power outages:**

Electricity problems have not been resolved up until now in Yemen. Although we are accustomed to living in darkness (to staying up in the light of lanterns and candles), we feel more frustrated in Ramadan to experience such an inconvenience. Because we do not seriously want to curse the darkness- as a proverb suggests - we shall continue endlessly light lanterns or candles. May be!

**Look like genuine features:**

Some fasters, especially in

villages, never get perfumed or spruce themselves up during Ramadan. They believe that a faster should look shabby to reflect their austerity and non-worldliness. This is a mistaken notion.

**Overcrowded markets:**

After the 15<sup>th</sup> of Ramadan, streets and markets get very crowded especially with ladies who go shopping and buying things for the happy day of Eid.

Many policemen carrying cudgels and guns can be found roaming lanes and crowded streets to help girls and ladies have the peace of mind and to hinder adolescents' attempts to act improperly.

**Some afternoon chanting:**

Wearing white thobe (dress) and holding rosary praising:  
Oh the most forgiving,  
Forgive us,  
Forgive dads and moms,  
And all believers  
The dead and who are still living  
Forgive us, forgive us.

**An old lady chanting:**

Oh the Most Merciful, here we repent,  
We have come hungry, thirsty, and about to faint,  
Please forgive us, oh compassionate

**Badr is among other great exploits:**

During Ramadan, the Badr Battle took place in the second year of Hejra (Islamic Calendar) the battle differentiated between the truth and



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the untruth. This is already mentioned in the Holy Quraan.

An interesting fact in that battle is that despite the number of Muslim fighters being 319 against a thousand of non-Muslim warriors, the Muslims won the battle.

Another example is the conquest of Mecca which took place also in

Ramadan in the eighth year of Hejra crowning some twenty years of struggle.

Not only that. History still remembers the famous battle of Ain Jalout against the Tatars. It took place on Ramadan 25, 658 Hejri. It was a defensive battle which protected the Muslim territories and diminished the barbaric expansion of Tatars.

Thus, history stands witness to the fact that Ramadan used to be the month of struggle and victory. From it did Muslim derive an unlimited spiritual power which they used for reaching lawful great ends.

On the contrary, most of us consider Ramadan to be the month of sleeping, relaxation and idleness.

The absence of all these virtues is deeply felt today let alone the callous deterioration and retrogression.

**The big question:**

Aren't those glorious incidents enough to remind Muslims of what Ramadan should mean to them?

All facts recalled prove that victory is not always dependent upon the number of people. Rather it is dependent on faith and willpower. Shall we ever CONSIDER this?



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# GITA: An epitome of the spirit of universal brotherhood and unity underlying apparent multiplicities

FOR YEMEN TIMES

**O**n Friday, October 7, Mr A. Karuppaiyah, Ambassador of India, released, in the auditorium of the Indian Embassy, a book of philosophy written by Dr Damodar Thakur, Professor and Chairman of the Department of English, Faculty of Arts, University of Sana'a. Famous for being an excellent teacher of teachers and a writer of several books on language and linguistics, Dr. Thakur has now come out with a book on philosophy. His book on philosophy is a new and original interpretation of an inspirational Sanskrit text written in India more than two thousand years ago. This inspirational text has been translated in more than fifty languages of the world including Arabic and has been a source of inspiration to eminent Indian personalities like Gandhi, scientists like Oppenheimer, Heisenberg and Erwin Schroedinger, internationally well-known poets and authors like Henry David Thoreau, Emerson, and Walt Whitman, and Nobel Prize winners

bold and original by more than one reviewer. Dr Karan Singh, the Chairman of the Indian Council of Cultural Relations, released the book at the India International Centre in New Delhi and the book was locally released here in Sana'a by the Ambassador of India.

Dr A. K. Sharma, Professor and Head of the Department of English in the Faculty of Languages, welcomed the guests and said no book exercised a wider or deeper influence on the Indian psyche than the Gita, which presented a coherent view of life in its totality. Writing a book on the Gita was like re-writing it; for an original and perceptive interpreter has to go through the same creative process as the composer. He further said that with the publication of a book like Dr Thakur's, our world view changes and in that sense our world changes a little. Presenting the book in modern aesthetic, philosophical and scientific perspectives, Dr Thakur has not only re-discovered the multi-layered message of the Gita but has also re-discovered knowledge constituting a living whole.

Speaking on the occasion, Dr

of seven colours, provided by literature, linguistics, statistics, stylistics, ethics, philosophy and science. He complimented Dr Thakur for highlighting the philosophy of "and" as opposed to the philosophy of "either or".

The two persons who, on this occasion, presented a review of Dr Thakur's book were Professor M.N.K. Bose of Ibb University and Professor V.S. Dubey of Hudeidah University. In his review, Professor Bose said that Dr Thakur had de-mystified the Gita though he had not de-sanctified it. Dr Thakur, he said, had shown, great academic courage by trying to attempt his own translation of the text and by providing his own bold, original but highly convincing interpretation of this great text, bringing it close to the aspirations of today. He said that Dr Thakur has referred to as many as 160 sources and these references were from a large variety of disciplines like rhetoric, philosophy, physics, cosmology, medicine, and ecology; and when reading this book, the readers were bound to be amazed at the vast range of scholarship that had gone into making the

ideological structure of Dr, Thakur's book.

Dr V. Dubey, who was the second scholar who reviewed Dr Thakur's book on this occasion said that in more than a thousand years of interpretations of this book, Dr Thakur's was the first to explicate the propriety of the title of this great classic. He said that Dr Thakur had beautifully explained that just as there could be no symphony without a harmonious orchestration of the notes, there could never be peace, prosperity and harmony in the absence of a harmonious togetherness. He particularly complimented Dr Thakur for referring to some of the recent findings of theoretical physics, to some of the findings of Quantum Physics, for example, and drawing the readers' attention to the fact that the ultimate reality was nothing but interconnectedness, interdependence and interwovenness and that the Gita had pointed this out thousands of years ago.

Dr Thakur himself said that what the world today needed was not mere materialism or mere spiritualism but a harmonious togetherness of the two. He supportively quoted Einstein who said that science without religion was lame and religion without science was blind and added that the world today needed that integrated philosophy of the two together, and that was what he had emphasized in his book. He said that the world today needed the philosophy of "and" and not the philosophy of "either or". He said that the history of the world has seen and bitterly experienced so many philosophies that divide. It is time we identified the philosophy of universal brotherhood that emphasizes the unity underlying the apparent multiplicities.

Dr A Karuppaiyah, Ambassador of India, released the book and said that Dr Thakur deserved to be profusely thanked for writing that book of philosophy, the message of which was the message of unity and not of separation. The meeting ended with a vote of thanks and the giving away of complementary copies of the book to the Ambassador, to Professor Saqqaf, to Dr Abdelwahab Magaleh, to Prof. Dubey, to Professor Bose and to Prof. AK. Sharma as an act of appreciation of their assistance at various stages of the completion of the book.



Mr A. Karuppaiyah, the Ambassador of India, giving his response on the book "GITA: The Song Extraordinary"



Mr A. Karuppaiyah, the Ambassador of India, formally releasing the book in the presence of Dr. Thakur as Dr. Sharma applauds



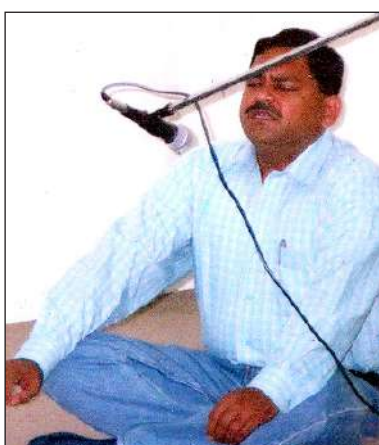
Prof. Thakur reflecting about his experiences of authoring the book



Dr Abdelwahab Magaleh, Prof. Thakur, Dr. Abu Baker Al-Saqqaf, and Mrs. Thakur on the occasion



H. E. Mr A. Karuppaiyah, presenting the first copy of the book after its release to Prof. Thakur and Mrs. Thakur



Dr. Satyarth Tripathy presenting an invocatory anthem



Dr. Magaleh's observations about translating the book into Arabic

like T.S. Eliot and W. B. Yeats. Gandhi was so overwhelmingly impressed by this inspirational text that he described it as his eternal mother and said, "When I am in difficulty or distress, I seek refuge in her bosom". Thoreau was so impressed by it that he said that in the morning every day, he bathed his "intellect in the stupendous and cosmogonical philosophy" of this book. To give a new interpretation to a book like this which has been so widely known all over the world was a big challenge but Dr Thakur accepted this challenge and his book has been declared to be

Abdelwahab Magaleh, who has already translated Dr Thakur's book on the Gita into Arabic, paid profuse compliments to Dr Thakur for the unique book that he has written and said that Dr Thakur symbolized the three important concepts explicitly defined in the Gita, the concept of a pundit, the concept of a yogi and the concept of a sage. Dr A.K. Sinha, Professor and Chairman, Department of English, Faculty of Education, University of Hudeidah, said that by writing this out and out original book, Dr Thakur had created a beautiful ideological rainbow



A section of the august audience

## Book Review

### GITA: The Song Extraordinary by Damodar Thakur

**W**riting about this extraordinary book is like squeezing eternity into a grain of sand. But the very fact that a lethargic common reader like me is motivated to come out with some comments shows how positive is the influence of the book.



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The book has given ample proof of an encyclopaedic knowledge, and it can certainly be described as a significant contribution not only to world literature but to a study of human thought all the world over.

When things are falling apart and the centre seems unable to hold, this book makes human beings conscious of universal brotherhood.

Now let me address myself to a simple question: How far is this book relevant to the common man today?

In order to answer this question, I would like to refer to some assertions made in the book itself:

A typical man of today would like to know whether this text has for him a recipe saying how he can achieve the delicate balance that we need for combining the best of material prosperity with the highest degree of the serenity and equanimity of mind. (Pg.29)

It is this harmony between spiritual elevation and material progress that is going to save man today in the Wasteland of the modern age.

Another ability that the Gita would like the people to emulate is the ability

to withdraw at times from the outward world of sense experiences and to dive deep into the innermost depth of one's being for the source of energy lying dormant there (Pg.42)

This ability to withdraw at times and meditate is also going to save the modern man from all the tensions he is carrying.

The Message of the Gita is intended to affect the inner psyche of man. And its message is of a profound spiritual nature, its impact goes deep down into the innermost depths of one's awareness and energizes the very essence of his being (pg.60)

This energizing of the very essence of being is indeed yet another positive contribution to the people today

The book further observes:

In the perspective of the Gita, we can say that the environment in which we find ourselves is nothing but the manifestations of the divine. The trees, the plants, and the shrubs around us and, similarly, the lower and the higher forms of animal life around us are nothing but the man-

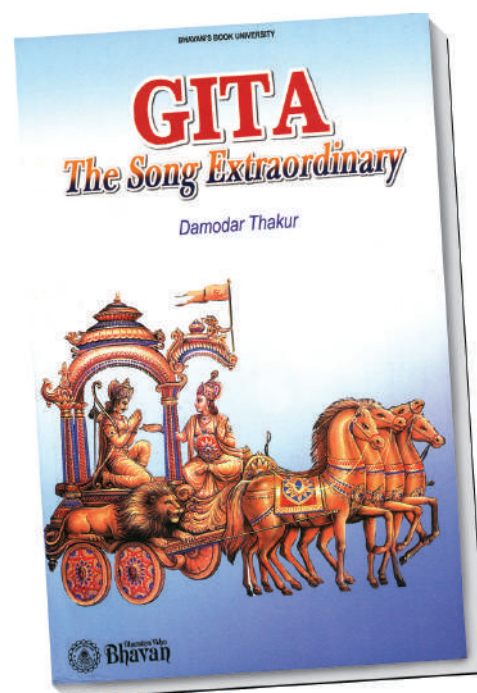
ifestations of the divine. We have started destroying the manifestations of the divine and so the divine has in its turn started destroying us. (pg.182)

How relevant and useful is the conclusion drawn from the book!

The book aptly observes in its concluding chapter:

The beauty of the Gita lies in the fact that although it was written more than two thousand years ago, it continues to be relevant and intellectually stimulating even now. (pg.238)

And he is right. The book Gita :The Song Extraordinary is indeed relevant and useful for the common reader of today and for all times to come



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# Raimah: A history of man

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Raimah is situated between the Western Yemeni Mountains range. It is surrounded by a number of provinces: Al-Haimah Al-Khargiah and Anss to the east, Tahama and Boura'a to the west, Haraz to the north and Wesabeen and Otomah to the south. Raimah is 3100-2400 m above sea level.

Raimah is divided into six departments: Al-Jabeen, Belad Al-Ta'am (Food City), Al-Salafiah, Kasmah, Al-Gafariah, and Boura'a.

It has a cold weather in winter and moderate in summer but the heavy rain falls down in autumn, summer, and spring.

You will feel by the harmony of the history, natural and man features when you come to Raimah.

You will hear the sound of water and birdsong, and the green lands and mountains far away attract your eyes.

Raimah distinguishes by its natural sites and views, which are located in Kasmah and Al-Gafariah provinces. Numerous springs are flowing perennially in the valleys. It has very beautiful agricultural amphitheaters and attractive views, which form a wonderful painting; it



historical and archeological sites in Al-Salafiah province where there is a village called Al-Hakba, built on the ruin of an archeological site.

It goes back to the pre-Islamic historical period and is built with very distinguished and ornamented stones.

## The Historical Mosques and

manuscripts of the holy Quran and prophetic traditions.

Dalamlam Mountain's Mosque is situated in Dalamlam Fort at Kasmah province. It is 10 m long and 7 m wide. The mosque was built of very large stones, and there are marvelous patterns in the roof.

Hussenh Castle is situated on the top of Al-Gaon Mountain; it dates back to the first period of Ottoman command in Yemen. A number of defensive installations and towers appear between the walls that surround the castle. Water cisterns and stairs are engraved into the rocks.

Al-Montasser Fort is located in the center of Al-Salafiah province,

Bain NAFTA zone. This fort dates back to the 1208 A.H. and consists of two castles surrounded by a wall. The fort has a tank of water and 15 vaults to store the grains and provisions and a mosque that dates back to the 1214 A.H. There is a dam to store rainwater in the western side of the fort.

The two castles still rise in their place and are inhabited by grandsons of Al-Montasser family.



welcomes its visitors with an amazing artistic tableau and a marvelous symphony, which emanates from its streams, birds, and trees.

Kasmah and Al-Gafariah's waterfalls play a great role in creating the pretty scenes. There are number of waterfalls in Raimah, such as Al-Zarhe waterfall in Yamn-Kasmah, Al-Mawrid waterfall in Bni Mousaab-Kasmah, and Daheat Al-Roukab waterfall in Al-Gafariah province.

Raimah has also many historical castles and a large number of archeological locations, which dates back to pre-Islamic ages. The tourist can find many of these

## Forts

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