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JMP spokesman criticizes government for discriminating among media

By: Saddam Al-Ashmouri

SANA'A, May 30 — Joint Meeting Parties spokesman Mohammed Al-Sabri urged members of Parliament to question the government about dangerous discrimination between state-run and party media. He also lashed out at the Yemeni government for violating press freedoms.

Al-Sabri warned against creating hatred among the press, which will have dire consequences, and questioned how journalists and politicians can understand allowing Saba News and September Mobile news services, while blocking those of Women Journalists Without Chains and Nass Establishment for Press.

Announcing JMP solidarity with Yemeni journalists and their right to

expression through the means they possess, Al-Sabri criticized the government's overlooking of quieting mouths and freedom of expression, indicating that if citizens aren't allowed, according to law, to exercise sound words and peaceful activity, then resort to other — more extreme — measures.

Speaking at yesterday's sit-in to protest the blocking of news web sites and mobile news services, Al-Sabri declared the JMP's solidarity with journalists with regard to naming the ministers' council yard a "freedom area," where they will hold a sit-in every Tuesday. He also added, "Restricting press freedom and independent and opposition media is the most dangerous type of despotism."

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Demonstrators demand the government to allow opposition SMS news messaging to continue and unblock opposition news websites.

Contrary to official declarations, Sa'ada war flares

By: Mohammed bin Sallam

SA'ADA, May 30 — Tribal and media sources from Sa'ada reveal that violent confrontations continue to flare between Yemeni army forces and Houthi loyalists in most Sa'ada districts, while official media claim that the army is seizing all of Sa'ada.

Houthis are employing guerrilla war tactics in their operations against the army, attacking military camps and barracks for several hours and then moving on to other places.

Sources also mention that Houthis are still seizing four Sa'ada districts, together with numerous strategic high positions, and that the war is still ongoing in Al-Safra district where the fourth Sa'ada war erupted four months ago.

In Al-Salim's Dammaj area, Houthis attacked Akwn Mountain on Monday, taking it back from the army. They also waged an offensive on central Al-Safra district; however, losses among both warring sides weren't reported.

Battles also are being fought on the middle fronts, particularly in Al-Saifi area where Houthis killed Maj. Bakhtan Al-Nimri, deputy general of the 15th Armored Brigade, which seized several areas in Al-Saifi 10 days ago.

Al-Nimri is the fourth high-ranking military leader from the 15th Armored

Brigade, part of the First Armored Division led by Gen. Ali Muhsen Al-Ahmar, to be killed by Houthis.

Aleshteraki.net reported on Tuesday that the 15th Armored Brigade led by Brig. Jawas Qasim is first in human losses, with more than 200 soldiers killed and around 400 injured in the past few days.

It went on to say that clashes are ongoing in Razih district southwest of Sa'ada city, particularly in Bani Rabi'ah and Sha'arah Mountains located between Al-Qal'ah and Al-Nadhir cities, and hinted that government forces are advancing slowly in Razih, which is counter to official statements earlier this week. Fierce confrontations also continue in Sahar district's Bani Mu'ath area.

"Last Monday, Houthis waged two offensives on military sites located on Unq Al-Ghazal Mountain near Wadi Nashour in Al-Safra district, but they didn't manage to seize it," the source said.

In the middle of this week, President Ali Abdullah Saleh told a Gulf newspaper that over the past few days, Yemeni army forces have managed to break into and position themselves on the main strategic mountains overlooking all of the revolt areas, which Houthis themselves also admit. "The area where Houthis are encompassed is just two square kilometers," Saleh noted.

Yemeni Information Minister Hassan Al-Lawzi stated to the Egyptian Al-Ahram newspaper that the aggressive acts by Houthis in some Sa'ada districts aim to overthrow the authority via terrorism, violence and destruction instead of resorting to democratic means to express their opinions and access the various state posts.

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Damt therapeutic baths are drying out

By: Yemen Times Staff

AL-DALE'E, May 30 - Damt, part of Al-Dhale' governorate, was declared as a tourist and therapeutic reserve according to the resolution number 135 issued in 2004. Al-Dhale' locals rejoiced at this declaration as it will help revitalize the tourism sector, something that could diminish poverty and unemployment rampant in the governorate.

Head of Al-Dhale' Tourism Office Mohammed Abdurrahman made it clear that the level of water at Damt therapeutic baths is in continuous decrease [Al-Haradhah] partly because of the random building and the absence of civil planning. Furthermore, the premises of Al-Haradhah are subjected to aggression from time to time by people who started to build their houses there.

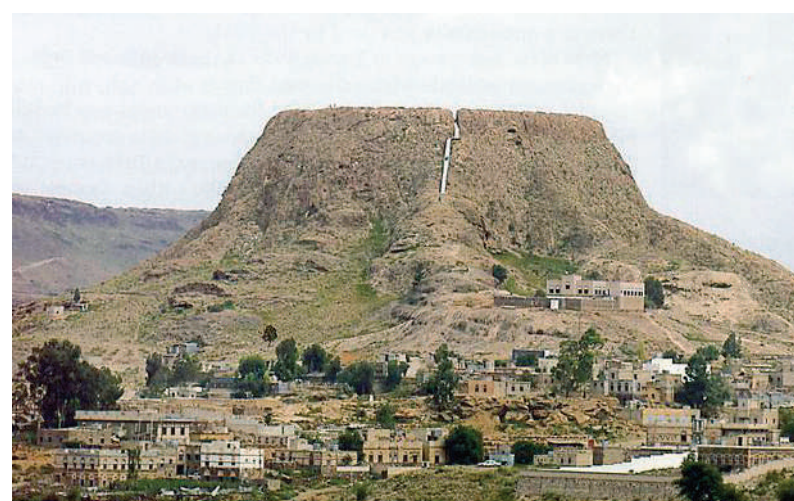
Abdurrahman added that the people were happy at announcing Damt as a tourist reserve. He added that his office put forward a plan aiming to protect and keep Damt water, as well

as to encourage investments especially of the governorate emigrants, roughly 56,000 people, who are outside Yemen.

He also indicated that his office embarked on launching a cleaning campaign targeting all areas and water basins, taking out about three tons of waste. Further, he hinted that his office is planning to provide the city with the infra-structure including water, sanitation, and electricity. Additionally, he pointed out that Damt is in need for more care in order to preserve its tourist and historical features.

"Damt therapeutic baths are not the only tourist sites, but they are also monumental sites like Amer bin Abdulwahab's bridge, which is 76 m long, 4.5 m wide, and 16 m high. It was built during the 15th Century under Tahri State and it was restored with the same stones by the support of the Social Fund for Development, costing US \$ 200, 000," said Abdurrahman.

Admitting the weak role of his office, Abdurrahman attributed such



weakness to the shortage of resources as the office has just two employees with a total absence of material resources that facilitate their tasks. He further pointed out that his office, despite shortage of resources, is working to issue a tourist guide in both Arabic and English including all the tourist sites of the governorate as well as setting up a permanent exhibition for handicrafts as to those made of wood, ceramics, and pottery. Other difficulties face investors in Damt include shortage of water to be supplied to their tourist institutions, repetitive cut of electricity, lack of sanitation services, as well as lack of public parks and gardens.

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In brief

LAHJ

Pensioners protest Defense Minister's charges

May 30 — Pensioners in Lahj governorate who served in the army denounced statements by Defense Minister accusing them of secession and apostasy. Staging a protest, the pensioners expressed their strong denunciation of these statements, which they described as irresponsible and illegal. They were urged to hold a protest by the Military and Civil Pensioners Society, located in Radfan in order to unanimously reject any negotiations or dialogues with the Defense Ministry-formed committees. The protestors insisted on the concerned authorities to solve the problems associated with forcible retirement that have been persisting since 1994.

ABYAN

Boat captain referred to prosecution over seven deaths

May 29 — Security authorities in the governorate referred a fishing boat captain to Public Prosecution when its boat capsized, causing drown of seven girls, aged between 13 and 17 years, who were on board, last Saturday. Four of the victims are sisters. Security sources attributed the boat's turnover to the heavy load and indifference of its captain. The boat was carrying the victims, plus another 5 survivors from Al-Beidha governorate, in a sea hiking. This accident forced security authorities to warn people against using small boats for hiking.

ADEN

Power institutions enraged over anonymous brochures

May 29 — Brochures of unidentified sources lashed out at the Aden Electricity Corporation and Al-Haswa Power Station's administration and accused them of exercising corruption. This enraged both institutions. Al-Sahwa.net reported that tens of workers at the station distributed the brochures in and outside their work-site, and this led the station's management to investigate some workers in order to identify the brochures' sources. The brochures accused the Electricity Corporation of establishing an illumination project for its fence at a cost of YR 50 million.

AL-MAHRAH

JMP condemns authorities' conduct

May 29 — Leadership of Joint Meeting Parties in the governorate condemned a local authority's attempt to refer Al-Noor Newspaper, which is run by the Islah Party's Media and Culture Department, to Public Prosecution and shut it down. The JMP released a statement saying that such an attempt aims to close the newspaper. "This conduct is a sign of the authorities' failure to run affairs of the government in a better way," the statement said. "The governorate suffers poor security, spread of drugs, and land grab."

SANA'A

Yemen promotes tourism abroad

May 29 — In cooperation with Yemeni embassies and Yemenia Airways' offices abroad, the Ministry of Tourism has launched a tourist promotion program in capital cities of several world countries, Yemen News Agency, Saba, reported. In a statement to 26 Sep.net, Minister of Tourism Nabil Al-Faqih declared that his ministry is due to provide Yemeni embassies and Yemenia Airways' offices with brochures and publications promoting Yemen's tourism. He ascertained that numerous booklets were translated into foreign languages to help attract foreign visitors to Yemen.

DHAMAR

Local council insists on firing officials

May 29 — In a Tuesday's meeting, the local Council of Dhamar governorate demanded that confidence should be withdrawn from four general managers of executive offices for failing to perform their duties and neglecting issues that are part of their job. Al-Motamar.net quoted local sources as saying. More than 60 percent of the Dhamar local council members insisted on the governor to fire the general managers of health, public works, roads, electricity, and tax offices. The sources indicated that the local council representatives began a campaign this year to monitor and evaluate performance of executive offices.

Regional conference discuss violence against woman

SANA'A, May 30 — A regional conference involving Egypt, Djibouti, Oman, Sudan, and Yemen kicked off on Wednesday in Sana'a. The conference is to discuss the violence against women particularly the physical violence acted in girls' circumcision as well as early marriage and deprivation of education.

In its first-day session, the participants called on Arab governments to criminalize circumcision, being not part of Islam and banned in international treaties. They also demanded to issue laws that put an end to this phenomenon.

Contrary to ladies' call for equality with men, Dr. Najeeba Abdulgani from Sana'a University asked for no equality with men as to circumcision because such an operation leaves a bad physical, psychological, and sexual effect on ladies. Those circumcised in their early age will suffer from frigidity later on.

Most researchers believe female genital mutilation came to Yemen from Africa and it is so dominant in those southern and western areas especially those overlooking the seas. They remove part of female's sexual organs on the grounds that such operation will make her chaster and minimizes her sexual desire.

Different religious scholars assured



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female circumcision is not there in Islam and Prophet Mohammed (pbuh) did not mutilate his daughters' organs. Further, they assure that there are no overt verses in Quran or narrated Hadith that obligates females' circumcision, maintaining all narrated Hadith on mutilation are weak.

Yemeni Women Union chairwoman Ramzia Al-Eryani hinted that illiteracy is a prime reason for the dominance of this phenomenon in Yemen, especially in coastal cities where people come in touch with people of different cultures by sea. She revealed that Al-Mahara recorded the highest percent as for female circumcision with 97 percent, followed by Al-Hodeidah, Hadramout, Aden, and Taiz respectively.

For her part, Minister of Human Rights Huda Al-Ban vowed to adopt the resolutions and recommendations of the conference, calling on Yemeni Women's Union and the Woman's National Committee to organize awareness campaigns in order to stop discrimination against women.

United Nations Population Fund representative Sawzan Al-Rifei stressed that the fund does not accept the violence directed to women and girls, maintaining they work with partners to prevent violence against women. "We consider female circumcision to be a form of violence against girls as it leaves physical and psychological effects on them," Said Al-Rifei.

GIA promotes Entrepreneurship Development

SANA'A, May 28 — In cooperation with the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO), the General Investment Authority has concluded an entrepreneurship development program which lasted for a month. During the training program participants were introduced to several managerial and business development concepts, as well as the latest in global trade and export strategy.

Mr. Salah Al-Attar, Director of the General Investment Authority has stated that the participants were selected on the bases of competency and potentiality, adding that the country expects a lot from young entrepreneurs in terms of boosting economic development and providing employment, he also wished them great success in developing their businesses and hoped

that they would make good use of the training they received in the General Investment Authority. He also indicated that the Authority is holding talks with the UNIDO and other developmental organizations in order to expand the span and scope of such training programs, considering the positive direct impact such programs have on the microeconomic development of the participants, as well as the macroeconomic spill-over effect it has through the development of various industries.

Upon the completion of the training program, the Team Leader of the New Enterprise Creation Program affiliated to the General Investment Authority Mr. Adel Al-Ashtal, made a presentation that demonstrated the previous success stories of previous entrepre-



Mr. Salah Al-Attar

neurship development programs graduates, focusing on the social and economic impact of such initiatives as well as the long-term objectives of such programs.

Yemen Establishes first gifted school

SANA'A, May 30 — Director of the Capital Secretariat's education office Mohammed Al-Fadhli has indicated that the first gifted school will be inaugurated for the next academic year 2007/2008. The school is being funded by the social fund for development and will focus on modern educational techniques using advanced communication technology and facilitation. And will be a very distant example from the on-going educational practices in Yemen.

He elaborated that the students will have to pass through a series of exams

and exhibit academic achievement in order to be enrolled, and that the school will have an independent budget and management, following suit to the practices of gifted schools in the developed countries with minimum interference from the Ministry of Education with regards to the curricula and administration, adding that the curricula and other educational materials will be tailor-made to meet the requirements and expectations of the gifted students, and to allow them to capitalize on their special gifts and talents in a wide array of disciplines

Al-Fadhli also added that the Ministry of Education is currently on the lookout for qualified educators who have experience dealing with gifted students, adding that such staff will be placed in a special class with a very attractive remuneration package, especially as the Ministry wants to expand the project of schools for gifted students, utilizing the lessons learnt and the experiences gained from this school in Sana'a in order to avoid any drawbacks that might hinder the success of this project and enhancing logical and technical development.

New tests to evaluate students' competency

SANA'A, May 29 — A Major Field Test has been applied in Yemen to evaluate students' achievements so as to enhance the Quality Assurance and the Institutional Planning at Arab Universities. About 100 Students, from faculty of Education, English department, took the exam on Tuesday, May 29th, at the Faculty of Education premises, Sana'a University.

Students who took this exam are going to be given certificates from the ETS (Educational Testing Service) in America. This certificate is like TOEFL; it can be used in different working places. The mark is going to be compared with other students in the region and with students from all over the world. This project costs the UNDP a lot of money (to process papers, get the result, and compare it with students in the region as well as in the world). It is a chance for everyone in the fourth year to seize. Results take about 2 months to be obtained from the Department.

The Major Field Tests are innovative undergraduate and MBA outcomes assessments designed to measure the basic knowledge and the under-



standing achieved by students in major fields of study. Test results enable academic departments to better assess and refine curricula, gauge the progress of students compared to others in the program and those in similar programs at schools throughout the country.

Available on both internet and paper-and-pencil formats, the Major Field Tests go beyond the measurement of factual knowledge; they help

evaluate students' ability to analyze and solve problems, to understand relationships, and to enhance their interpretation. The tests are designed to assess knowledge expected from students at the conclusion of a major in the specific subject areas listed below. The test is often given in a Capstone course or in the last semester of study as a part of a graduation requirement to document proficiency in the specific area of study.

ARABOSAI holds its 19th round in Sana'a

SANA'A, May 29 — The activities of the 9th round of Arab Organization of Supreme Audit Institutions (ARABOSAI) kicked off last Tuesday in Sana'a. Over the three days, the organization will discuss a series of topics relating to the World Bank as an international audit organization. It will also address the capacity-building program provided by the International Organization of Supreme Audit Institutions (INTOSAI).

Further, the participants will approve the agenda of the round and discuss the report of the ARABOSAI's executive council together with following up the activities of the organization as adopted by its General Assembly of the organization in its previous meetings.

They also discussed the report by the chairman of the executive council as to the financial position of the organization and the strategy of the next five years which aims at improving the performance of the Arab control and audit systems.

Meanwhile, the participants elected the chairman of the Central Organization of Control and Auditing Dr. Abdullah Al-Sanafi as chairman for the General Assembly for the next three years.

Attending the launch of the 9th round of ARABOSAI'S, President Ali Abdullah Saleh called control and audit institutions to make use of the



Prime Minister Ali Mujawar.

different accumulative experience among the countries' institutions and exchange such experiences.

For his part, Yemeni Prime Minister Ali Mujawar assured that his government gave a special attention to the activation of audit and control institutions in order to enhance transparency and fight corruption.

Mujawar further hinted that the Central Organization for Control and Audit will witness positive changes during the coming period in a way that enhances its independence and improves the capacities of its employees, adding that its legislations will be reviewed in order to enhance its control role over centralized and decentralized institutions.

British Council to restart Teaching English

SANA'A, May 29 — During a meeting held last Monday in honor of British Ambassador to Yemen who is about to leave the country, Director of the British Council in Yemen Elizabeth White announced that the study in the British Council will be launched next November, indicating that the council was restored in 1999 in partnership with the University of Science and Technology after halting its activities in 1995.

She also pointed out that the British Council is planning to expand teaching English in primary schools of Yemen, a project that has been launched in 16 schools across the country. Further, she pinpointed that the council plans to extend the concerned program to other typical schools in main cities as a first step and then to adopt it later on in all primary schools across the republic.

Additionally, she indicated that the council reacts to the demands of Yemeni people and thus they depend on bespoke curricula prepared with



special attention to cover the needs of Yemeni students.

For his part, Yemeni Foreign Minister Abu Bakr Al-Qirbi praised the efforts of the British Council as it helps boost the cultural and educational relations between Yemen and UK. He also demanded the expansion of teaching English in primary schools as well as increasing the postgraduate fellowships and scholarships.

The British Council was opened in Yemen in 1973 under the directorship of Clive Smith and the support of the British Embassy. It used to provide English courses together with sponsoring cultural activities. With Yemen's reunification, the council opened a branch in Aden; however, this venturing was suspended in 1995 following Yemen's civil war in 1994.

Yemeni Embassy in Malaysia marks Yemen's 17th anniversary

KUALA LUMPUR, May 29 — Celebrating the 17th anniversary of Yemen's reunification, Yemeni students in Malaysia made an artistic ceremony under the patronage of Yemeni Embassy there. The ceremony was staged in University Putra-Malaysia's (UPM) grand hall and it was attended by the embassy affiliates and the UPM University teachers.

Yemeni Ambassador to Malaysia Abdunnasser Munibari delivered a speech during the ceremony in which he congratulated the students on the occasion, indicating that unity was a dream to all Yemeni people. He further pointed out that many democratic and development successes are achieved day by day.

Munibari also hinted that the success of London's Donor Conference and Investment Opportunities Exploring Conference will have positive impact on people's life, maintaining further successes can be achieved through the support of brothers in Gulf and other friendly countries. He also praised President Saleh's announcement of suspending the military operations on Al-Houthi rebels during the celebration day.

Additionally, he called students to exert more efforts and prove themselves in their studies in order to make their country takes pride in them. Students' representatives also delivered similar speeches, expressing their happiness over the occasion.

Meteorological Service warns against weather instability

SANA'A, May 30 — The National Center for Meteorology predicted weather instability and more rains associated with thunder storms in almost all Yemeni areas, especially in southern areas, stretching from Al-Maharah to Aden, and western areas as well as highlands including Sana'a, Amran, Taiz, Raymah, Al-Baidha, Ibb, Al-Dhale', Socotra Island, and some desert places.

In its statement distributed on Tuesday, the center called on drivers to

take the utmost precautions during their driving due to the low visibility. It also asked citizens to stay away from flood routes. The warnings come after most Yemeni areas witnessed constant rain; however, no damages or casualties have been reported so far.

Official statistics released last March indicated that over 20 people died including women and children following three-day rains which resulted in huge material damages, mostly in Hadramout, Ibb, and Lahj.

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In this context, MP Mansour Al-Zindani considered his attendance at the sit-in a result of being "personally harmed by the government's decision," explaining, "I was enjoying reading the news of my country through these channels, represented by different internet sites and mobile news services, but today, the government has deprived me of my cultural right, which is a right of citizenship as well as a constitutional right. Millions of other people have been deprived as well, both inside and outside Yemen. It also deprives all Yemen-lovers abroad of knowing the situation in Yemen."

Al-Zindani considers it a normal right to be able to choose whatever means of bringing the country's news, just as there's the right to choose political plurality. He went on to say, "I wonder about a government that talks about pluralism and says it will export its experiences to the entire world. I'm surprised it would export such experiences before providing them to its own citizens. If so, no one will believe in democracy."

He added, "We say to the government that it's a shame to pretend that it represents the Yemeni people and we say to it, 'You are not. The people want their liberty, but you aren't signifying that.' Citizens want belief in the objectives of the May 22, 1990 revolution, but the government doesn't know them or believe in them." He affirmed that under democracy, plurality means citizens' right to choose "how they hear, see and read, if there is a belief in freedom and democracy."

Al-Zindani further considers the Yemeni government a government of price hikes, knowing neither the culture nor the media.

By blocking web sites and disrupting mobile news services, Al-Zindani pointed out that the government has deprived some followers and viewers of its heavy programs; however, he noted that a member of the media on the front lines in the fighting and international struggle is one of the highest grade. "There's no way for dictators or tanks, but if the media and intellectuals are capable of communicating their thoughts, the government wants them disabled," Al-Zindani asserted.

During a simple speech, Brig. Mohammed Ali Al-Akwa' said, "I say to people to run out into the streets in peaceful demonstration every Friday in every square in every town, demanding to lessen corruption and return to the principles of the revolution and the

republic, as well as the original articles of the constitution; otherwise, we'll return to what Imam Yahya threatened, that he will rule Yemen for 40 years. Is Imam Yahya still ruling here?" he asked.

Al-Akwa' called on journalists to address public opinion and be informed that they are not the only oppressed and their message is to help citizens distinguish between right and wrong.

Likewise, parliament Member Sakhr Al-Wajeeh, pondered the Yemeni Cabinet's refusal to meet with several journalists and why it let bodyguards treat them in a disgraceful manner. "Journalists shouldn't be treated like that," he maintained.

He went on to say, "We are a country of democracy and liberty, but we fear mobile GSM services by Without Chains and Nass Mobile news services, as well as Aleshteraki.net and Al-Shoura.net web sites."

Al-Wajeeh requested the Yemeni government, which pretends to the world and demands funds under the pretext of democracy, to release such services and not force citizens to gather at its gates to prove that it allows the freedom to hold sit-ins and demonstrations.

He added that such sit-ins don't meet their demands because the Yemeni government doesn't feel what society needs. He requested the government release the services, meet their claims and apologize to those insulted.

Contrary to official declarations, Sa'ada war flares

Al-Lawzi added that the Houthi revolt is an internal issue and among democracy's negative aspects, where some are avid beyond political work. Instead of reaching the authority through democratic means, they are attempting to overthrow the state via violence and terrorism. For example, they attack military caravans and citizens while chanting slogans such as "Death to Israel and America!" because they know the Yemeni public is against the pro-Israeli policies of the United States.

Regarding Iran's role in the Sa'ada events, Al-Lawzi maintained that the Tehran Channel has become a bugle disseminating Houthi lies and further hosting those who defame Yemen's political system and armed forces and are attempting to sow sedition among Yemenis.

He added that the Tehran Channel is a bad channel with bad programming and that it seems the brothers in Iran are being pressured by groups working against the interests of the Arab world

and Islam itself.

"When you talk to them [Iranians], they say such groups exist in all countries and that they [Iranians] are keen about Arab-Iranian relations. Further, they say that what's going on isn't in the interest of the two countries' relations and that it's our duty in Yemen to fight those attempting to harm Yemen's political system, while they [Iranians] support some streams against the legitimacy," Al-Lawzi said.

Yemen's First Deputy Foreign Minister Mohiaddin Al-Dhabi met Tuesday with Mohammed Jalal Fayrouzian, head of the Gulf Department at Iran's Foreign Ministry, to discuss Yemen's accusations regarding Iran's support for Houthi loyalists in Sa'ada. The Yemeni side asked Iran to halt any support provided by Islamic Hawza located in the Iranian city of Qum, in addition to support by Shi'ite parties in some Gulf countries.

Yemen also requested Iran not use its media or satellite channels to discuss the Sa'ada events or portray it as a conflict between Sunnis and Shi'ites.

Official media reported that Fayrouzian, Iran's ambassador to Yemen in 1990, assured his nation's keenness to enhance Yemeni-Iranian relations at all levels, as well as its support for Yemeni unity, security and stability, indicating that Iran's stance on such issues is definitive.

Likewise, Al-Dhabi assured that Yemen is keen to develop its relations with Iran and aspires to overcome any difficulties that may stand in the way.

Aleshteraki.net reported that an Arab satellite channel is investigating allegations that its Sana'a correspondent is receiving money from the Yemeni government in return for presenting the government's view on the Sa'ada war.

It added, "Information leaked by the Yemeni Armed Forces indicates that Yemeni correspondents for some Arab channels have received money in return for not speaking about the war in Sa'ada or for reflecting the state's viewpoint."

The source maintained that three Yemeni correspondents, including one for a Gulf channel, have received YR 50,000 daily from several military units' financial departments since the war erupted in January.

Yemeni and Arab viewers of satellite channels and media outlets find it strange that the fourth Sa'ada war hasn't received its due coverage; however, journalists allege that Yemeni authorities have prevented them from making field coverage of the war there.

Yemenia Honors its Employees

SANA'A, May 30 — To commemorate the International Labor Day, Yemeni Airways (Yemenia) made a celebration in honor and as recognition of its employees' exerted efforts. The celebration, attended by the company employees and officials, was made at the Yemenia's headquarters.

In his delivered speech, Yemenia's chairman of the board of directors captain Abdulkhaliq Al-Qadhi pointed out that labor day is an occasion to all company employees and it is celebrated after year-long work, adding that honoring some employees is an honor to all because all of them represent the company.

"As a result of our hard work, we were granted the ISO certificate which we all take pride in it," noted Al-Qadhi. "The certificate is awarded to those companies which observe quality and safety and we work according to international standards."

He added, "This certificate was not given as a compliment or for political reason, but in recognition of the efforts exerted by all company employees. Meanwhile,

we ask you to exert further efforts as competition is still there and Yemenia should always remain leading and distinguished." Concluding the celebration, Yemenia high ranking officials handed certificates and awards to the honored employees.



Islamic Relief Funds a Charity Health project

SANA'A, May 29 — The British Ambassador to Yemen has recently inaugurated a Medical clinic constructed at the premises of the Yemeni Education and Relief Organization (YERO), in order to provide free basic medical care as well as preventative health check-ups for the 215 orphans and disadvantaged children as well as their families, as a part of YERO's charitable activities.

Construction of the clinic was funded by UK-based Islamic Relief, which also funded the purchase of medical equipment, first-aid items, and basic medication. The clinic is one of several services YERO provides. It is worth mentioning that YERO will run this clinic with the support of qualified volunteer doctors twice a week.

YERO was established in Yemen in

April 2003 as a branch affiliated to the UK-based Yemeni Education & Relief Organization, with the aim to fight child illiteracy and poverty by providing education to them in spite of whatever circumstances that forced them to drop of the formal educational system. Other services include primary education, basic literacy skills, and couture classes for women.

Khalid Al-Muwalad, Country Director of Islamic Relief, stated that clinic funding comes as a part of Islamic Relief's poverty-reduction strategy, which was formulated in line

with the Yemeni Government's poverty Reduction Strategy, established on October 20, 2006, which identifies the development priority areas as eradicating extreme poverty, water sanitation, empowerment of women health, and basic education.



UNFPA Country Office in Yemen, Sana'a, is looking for the National Experts in specialized fields to be included into the special roster. The expertise is required in the following areas:

1. REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH
The Consultant will work in the area of Reproductive Health and Family Planning, and under the programmatic responsibility of the Assistant Representative, will undertake the following tasks:

- The undertaking of specific tasks within activities within the CP, including needs assessments, situation analysis, and analysis of raw data provided by CO;
- Facilitation of workshops in the area of RH, including training in specific areas of Reproductive Health of health managers and health providers.
- Any other programmatic activity within UNFPA's mandate that may be assigned to him/her by the management of the Country Office.

2. POPULATION AND DEVELOPMENT
2.1 Integrating National Population Policies into National Plans
Analyzing Public Policies and enabling Government planners to integrate such policies into national and sectoral plans. Planning and implementing advocacy strategies to influence decision makers.

2.2 Budgeting for local public interventions
Budgeting for public institutions particularly at the decentralized level with governorates and district government offices.

2.3 Assessment of Public Institution
Conducting situation analysis of a given public institution in the terms of: Legal issues in relation its establishment and function, institutional capacity, financial management system and internal auditing.

2.4 Data Improvement

- Building capacity in the area of data collecting, analyzing and disseminating.
- Supervising and providing technical backstopping in conducting surveys.
- Using data for planning, monitoring, and evaluating programmes and projects.

3. GENDER
3.1 Human Rights/Reproductive Rights
Ensuring the removal of all barriers to women's access to health services, education and information, including in the area of sexual and reproductive health, and implement programmes directed at adolescents for the prevention and treatment of sexually transmitted diseases, including HIV/AIDS.

3.2 Gender-Based Violence
Programming to address all forms of gender-based violence, including:

- Physical and physiological violence occurring in the family, including battering, sexual abuse of female children, dowry related violence, marital rape, female genital mutilation/cutting and other traditional practices harmful to women;
- Physical and psychological violence occurring within the general community, including rape, sexual abuse, sexual harassment and intimidation at work, in educational institutions and elsewhere, trafficking of women and forced prostitution.

3.3 Gender Audit
Analyze and evaluate policies, programmes and institutions in terms of how they apply gender-related criteria.

3.4 Gender Advocacy and Communication
To advocate a gender perspective to promote gender equality, equity, and empowerment of women through population and development programmes. Undertake actions to introduce, change or obtain support for specific gender related policies, programmes, legislations, strategies or causes. Develop gender-sensitive informational, educational and motivational messages aimed at achieving measurable knowledge, attitudes and behavior changes with the overall goal to achieve gender equality and equity.

3.5 Gender Research
Review, analyze and summarize gender publications relevant to UNFPA gender work. Conduct qualitative and quantitative studies using primary and secondary data.

4. PROJECT MANAGEMENT CONSULTANT:

- Assist in the development of Annual Work Plans (AWPs) with implementing partners.
- Facilitate training workshops in logistic framework planning and Result based management.
- Ensure completion, precision and alignment between CPAP, Master Work Plan (MWP), AWP, GP, the AWP per each governorate, MYFF, UNDAF, Office Management Plan (OMP), PURPAL
- Assist in developing tools for project management including for planning, implementation, monitoring and evaluation.

QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE REQUIRED

- Post graduate degree in Reproductive/Public Health social or other relevant sciences;
- At least 5 years of related professional experience;
- Excellent professional knowledge of English and Arabic and the ability to clearly communicate and report in these languages;
- Adequate computer skills, good interpersonal communication and team building skills.

Please note that these are part time, consultancy recruitment for a specific period. UNFPA offers an attractive compensation package commensurate with experience. Please send your application to: UNFPA, P.O. Box 7272, Sana'a. Deadline for application: **14 June 2007**

Please note that only candidates who fulfil the above requirements will be considered and notified.

The UNFPA Country Office in Yemen, Sana'a, is looking to fill the post of:

National Monitoring and Evaluation Officer

Under the overall guidance of UNFPA (Deputy) Representative and the direct supervision of the Assistant Representative, the incumbent for this post will contribute to the establishment of an effective Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E) system and serve as the focal point for the M&E activities of the UNFPA Country Office.

I) Responsibilities
He/she will undertake the following:

- Coordinate, systemise and provide substantial inputs and initiatives to realise the Country Office's efforts for establishing a well functioning M&E system;
- Coordinate and contribute to conducting of the Rapid Baseline Survey (RBS) for the UNFPA Country Programme and undertake the liaison role with the implementing and participating partners;
- Advocate and contribute to establishing a joint M&E system and networks within the UN System and within the national context and contribute to the national capacity building in the area of M&E.
- Prepare and present position papers, briefs and notes on M&E for relevant forums and contributes to special events related to UNFPA.
- Follow up on preparation and submission of regular M&E project/programme progress reports and ensure dissemination and discussion among Country Office staff and national counterparts;
- Apply UNFPA M&E guidelines, tools, and approaches and ensure their application;
- Coordinate and participate in the regular and ad-hoc monitoring field visits as well as prepares feedback reports with recommendations;
- Develop and maintain a roster of national/international experts and institutions qualified in the area of M&E;
- Coordinate and facilitate technical missions related to M&E activities;
- Maintain effectively all correspondence related to M&E activities and a digital archiving system for M&E activities;
- Undertake any additional professionally relevant task requested by the immediate supervisor.

II) Skills
In addition, he/she:

- acts in accordance with UNFPA performance standards and values and reflects them in the fulfilment of all his/her functions and roles.
- demonstrates commitment to UNFPA's mandate and accountability for the professional work delivered under this mandate;
- works collaboratively with colleagues inside and outside UNFPA for achieving common goals and shared objectives.
- shows team spirit;
- keeps abreast of UNFPA policies and programmes and applies them;
- delivers oral and written information in a timely, effective and easily understood manner;
- keeps abreast with conceptual and methodological developments and techniques in the area of M&E and share them with the UNFPA staff, national and development partners;
- integrates him/herself into the work unit and the team as whole, seeking opportunities to originate action and actively contribute to achieving results with other members of the team.
- seeks new challenges and assignments and exhibit a desire to learn.
- uses appropriate analytical tools and logic to gather, define and analyze information, situations and problems to draw logical conclusions from data.

III) Qualifications and Experience Required:

- Post graduate degree in management, economics, administration or other relevant social sciences;
- At least 5 years of professional experience, preferably in projects management.
- Excellent professional knowledge of English and Arabic and the ability to clearly communicate and report in these languages;
- Adequate computer skills, good interpersonal communication and team building skills.

Applications should contain P11 Personal History Form that can be collected from our Country Office or downloaded from our web site: yemen.unfpa.org. UNFPA offers an attractive compensation package commensurate with experience. Please send your application to: UNFPA, P.O. Box 7272, and Sana'a. Deadline for application: **14 June 2007**

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Field Facilities Engineer

(Job Number Y001)

Essential Job Duties

This is a key field based position requiring an experienced Facilities Engineer capable of managing changes to the physical plant. Directly supervises the construction effort in the field. Works closely with the engineering team in Sana'a to implement the OOGC Management of Change (MOC) system. This field position reports directly to the Operations Manager in the field, but reports to the Sana'a based Facilities Engineering Team Leader for the technical aspects of his work.

Specific responsibilities include but are not limited to the following:

- Directly supervises the mechanical and civil construction efforts in the field.
- Understands and implements the OOGC MOC program.
- During large project implementation, will provide the construction management and reporting working on the project team.
- Responsible for maintaining the facility documentation with respect to mechanical and civil works.
- Provides the interface between the Production Operations requests for change and the Engineering team's implementation of the change.
- Keeps the field facilities documents up to date and ensures that they are synchronized with the Sana'a copies of the documents.
- Ensures that all quality control systems are implemented for new construction and keeps records of those controls.
- Uses AutoCAD to maintain the accuracy of the facilities drawings for minor changes. Major drawing effort will be done by contract or dedicated draftsman.
- Responsible for understanding piping codes related to the construction of production facilities. These include but are not limited to; ASME B31.3, ASME B31.4, ASME B31.8, API 520, API 5L, OOGC engineering guides.
- Leader of the HES effort with respect to facilities construction personnel.

Required Qualifications

- B.S., Mechanical Engineering or equivalent.
- 10 - 15 years experience in all major facets of facilities construction, particularly in piping fabrication.
- Competence in Word, Excel, AutoCAD and Microsoft Project.
- Strong communication skills with the ability to be a liaison between Yemeni construction personnel and the Sana'a engineering team.
- Ability to work on multiple projects simultaneously.

Senior Operation Engineer

(Job Number Y004)

Essential Job Duties

This is a key position responsible and accountable for operations support activities for Occidental's Yemen assets. Key accountabilities include directing and coordinating the Production Operations activities including well workover program, production data management, and artificial lift systems application. This position would assist the Operations Manager in all his responsibilities related to production operations. The Field Managers will depend on this position for technical support. This position will be consulted on all matters related to running the Production Operations both technically and organizationally. Specific responsibilities include but are not limited to the following:

- Directly responsible for efficiently managing all production and facility operations to ensure maximum production of oil and gas in a safe and efficient manner.
- Develops the project plans for production maintenance.
- Achieves major & minor project deliverables, including financial and schedule targets.
- Consults on the operation of the field as the principal resource for the Field managers.
- Coordinates between all corporate HES resources and the field operation to ensure adherence with company policy.
- Coordinates with Operations, Drilling, HES and other stakeholders to implement production maintenance projects.
- Supports the technical/project needs of Yemen Operations with a focus on life-of-field operability to ensure rate, reserves and HES goals are met.
- Cultivates and maintains an effective working relationship with Occidental of Yemen personnel and the PEPA partners in order to facilitate the attainment of business objectives.
- Develops and Justifies production or operations improvement projects and manages the project budgets related to production monitoring and improvements.
- Provides operating group input to Develop and justify the capital budget and associated AFE's (22 million dollars in 2006).
- Ensures contracting and procurement activities satisfy Yemen's objectives of meeting project schedules at competitive prices with maximum cost recovery.
- Keeps the Yemen Leadership Team informed about progress, opportunities, potential threats and critical problem issues.
- Provides expertise and resources to support development of new business initiatives.
- Responsible for the monitoring of training programs to facilitate the Yemenization of all expatriate positions in the Operating Group.
- Ensures that all safety procedures are understood and that all work is performed in the safest manner possible.

Required Qualifications

- BS or higher degree in engineering.
- Minimum of 10 years O&G industry experience.
- Recognized expertise in production management, particularly well performance and artificial lift.
- Experience in operational troubleshooting, process risk management
- Ability to effectively communicate vision, strategies and programs to OOGC management, employees, Yemen counterparts and other stake holders.
- Knowledge of production analysis software, Prosper and Gap preferred.
- Managing and measuring work through the use of appropriate metrics and key performance indicators
- Competence in Word, Excel, PowerPoint and Microsoft Project.
- Strong communication skills with the ability to be a liaison between Yemeni staff and upper-management.
- Strong organizational and time management skills.
- Ability to work on multiple projects simultaneously.
- Emergency on call service 24hrs.
- Travel to and from the field is required on a frequent basis.
- Ability to work overtime as needed
- Ability to travel as required

Instrument Technician

(Job Number Y007)

Essential Job Duties

- Maintains, calibrates and repairs pneumatic and electronic controls, meters, and equipment, used in Block S-1
- Repairs equipment as per work request from Operations. Obtains all the necessary permits and ensures that it is safe to start work. Must have knowledge and utilize the Lock, Tag, and Try system.

- Maintains control panels on all reciprocating and centrifugal gas compressors. Maintains control room instrumentation and repair associated field equipment within Block S-1.
- Responsible for control and commissioning of any new instrumentation on new equipment or plant installations. Works with engineering to recommend changes or improvements.
- Must be able to use a variety of test equipment, such as, dead weight tester, multimeter, pressure testing equipment, oscilloscope, decade box, temperature bath, current and signal simulators, P.C. frequency and pulse generators, fire & gas sensor calibration. Be familiar with 24volt and 110volt power supplies.
- Must be able to work on a variety of laboratory equipment, chromatograph, O2 analyzer, moisture analyzer, PH meter, vapour pressure analyzer, RO units, and be familiar with PLCs. Should be able to do orifice plate calculations, control valve sizing, repair control valves, controllers, valve positioners and position indicators.
- Must read and interpret schematics, drawings and technical manuals. Should be able to make "As Built" drawings.
- Reviews daily work requests with Maintenance supervisor, assigns a priority to each request and works accordingly.
- Complies with company Safety, Environmental and Health rules and regulations. Reports all accidents, injuries and hazards to immediate supervisor.

Required Qualifications

- The technician should have a secondary education.
- Must be able to speak, read and write English.
- Must be able to read and comprehend parts books, service manuals and technical literature.
- Must have knowledge of standard craft tools and safe working practices.
- Should have a minimum of a two years technical certificate in the instrumentation field and completed a three to four year apprenticeship training program and have up to one year experience.
- Should have experience with production separators, desalters, LACT units, oil and gas wells, heaters-treaters gas compressors, air compressors, gas turbines, NGL plants, pneumatic and electronic instrumentation.

Operations Technician

(Job number Y008)

Essential Job Duties

- Creates and distributes the Block S-1 Daily Production Report.
- Performs administrative functions of the Operations Department. Updates ID card database. Reviews and verifies invoices and requisitions. Responsible for personnel timesheets and scheduling, catering activities.
- Supports Operations Supervisor in the coordination of materials, operational logistics, preparation of SO's and PO's for all Operations activities
- Must know basic methods of liquid and gas measurement. Knowledge of various devices used for measurement, and physical properties affecting measurement. Monitors and operates positive displacement, turbine, eddy current, and orifice flow meters, and change orifice plates and meters as process demands.
- Must have fundamental knowledge of general well drilling and completion for production and injection monitor all conditions and activity at well site as related to well performance. Must be able to recognize anomalies and reports to immediate supervisor.
- Must comply with all company Safety, Environmental and Health rules and regulations. Must understand and practice guidelines set forth in the HES handbook.

Required Qualifications

- Should have high school diploma or equivalent.
- Should have a minimum of 2 years experience in related areas of crude oil production or administration.
- Must have a very good knowledge of English, spoken and written.
- Must be able to work at a high level of efficiency.
- Must be able to set priorities. Multi-tasking a necessity.

Operations Supervisor

(Job number Y009)

Essential Job Duties

- Maximizes oil production and processes fluids in an efficient, safe and cost effective manner. Job function encompasses all related activities from the well bore to the sales terminal.
- Coordinates and directs joint activities of Operations, Maintenance, Construction, and Drilling to ensure efficient execution of projects.
- Ensures that training of Operations personnel is accomplished through prescribed training courses and active mentoring.
- Coordinates field chemical and corrosion activities.
- Direct all Operations activities of a remote developing oil concession. Monitors, guides and assists a multi-national work force to form a cohesive organization.
- Coordinates Operation activities with those of other departments and staff at all levels. Meets the operating requirements by allocating resources in a timely manner. Always be available for unplanned events and assist with critical operations.
- Validates field operational data. Participates/Provides feedback in well workover design and procedures. Coordinates rigless activities and ensures timely reporting.
- Communicates with drilling and workovers to ensure that Operations is ready to receive new wells/workovers for commissioning and production as soon as possible.
- Assists in the preparation of an annual budget. Ensures well work and plant maintenance and repair records are kept updated to provide for future planning and budget analysis. Develops a strategic plan showing where costs could be optimized or funds utilized to enhance production or mechanical efficiency.
- Complies with all Company Safety Environmental and Health rules and regulations. Reports immediately all accidents, injuries and hazards to immediate supervisor.

Required Qualifications

- BS Degree in Petroleum Engineering or equivalent discipline. Additional college along with technical training desirable.
- Minimum 15 years in work related to drilling, completion, stimulation and production, a good knowledge of both down hole and surface facilities, and a good knowledge of plant facility operations. A basic knowledge of reservoir and geology is desired in this position.
- Highly developed leadership / decision making skills
- Minimum 10 years experience working in remote, hostile environments.

Lead Production Operator

(Job Number Y010)

Essential Job Duties

- Coordinates the activities of the field and plant operators with the Operations Supervisor.
- Directs all activities in the production, processing, treating, pumping and oil-related gas compression facilities. Ensures that all work is performed in the prescribed manner to maximize production safely and efficiently.
- Responsible for data collection, recording, and analysis.

- Must have experience and thorough knowledge of the principles of gas, oil, and water separation. Must have thorough operational experience with a variety of equipment used in the processing of crude oil, gas, and water. Supervises the operation of the separation facility, including product treating, storage, and shipping. Maintain stable conditions throughout the process flow and sales. Maintains proper stock inventory.
- Must understand the principles and purpose of product meter proving. Should have experience in actual meter proving, obtaining data, and calculating meter factors. Will observe and affect meter proving. Determine whether there are discrepancies and the general cause of discrepancies.
- Complies with company Safety, Environmental, and Health rules and regulations. Immediately reports all accidents, injuries and hazards to immediate supervisor.

Required Qualifications

- Should have high school diploma or equivalent.
- Should have a minimum of 3 years experience in related areas of crude oil production.
- Must be computer literate.
- Must be able to communicate in both the verbal and written English language.
- Able to lift/move 50 pounds.

Production Operator

(Job Number Y011)

Essential Job Duties

- Operation of oil, gas, gas injection, water injection and water producing wells.
- Operation of separators, oil and water treating facilities, and metering station (LACT).
- Operation of gas compressors and fluid pumps.
- Performs production tests to the industry standard.
- Be able to assist the Lead Production Operator in any and all areas and tasks.
- Works directly with other Production Operators, the Lead Production Operator and Operations Superintendent on assigned tasks and reports any problems encountered.
- Monitors operations, including engine fluid levels, engine and compressor temperatures, start/stop, load/unload, recognize abnormal sounds, vibrations, and potential safety problems at inception and takes appropriate action to prevent damage to equipment, loss of production, or a serious safety hazard to develop.

Required Qualifications

- Should have high school diploma or equivalent.
- Should have a minimum of 2 years experience in related areas of crude oil production or other oilfield activity
- Should have good discretionary skills in determining the extent of problems and how to affect solution.
- Must be willing to work at a variety of tasks.
- Must be willing to work a flexible schedule.
- Must understand the principles & purpose of product meter proving. Must have experience in actual meter proving, obtaining data, and calculating meter factors. Must observe and affect meter proving to determine whether there are discrepancies and the general cause of discrepancies.
- Must have knowledge and experience in the operation of various types of compressors including single and multi-stage reciprocating gas compressors.
- Familiar with the Permit to Work system. Complies with all company Safety, Environmental and Health rules and regulations. Conducts basic housekeeping.
- Able to lift/move 50 pounds.

Instrument / Electrical Supervisor

(Job number Y012)

Essential Job Duties

- Reviews daily work request, assign a priority to each request and assign technicians to work accordingly.
- Ensures that all electrical equipment and instrumentation is fully functional and available when needed.
- Ensures that training of Instrument-Electrical personnel is accomplished through prescribed training courses and active mentoring.
- Plans schedules to ensure sufficient manpower is available for prescribed work load. Fills in or assists other team members when work load dictates. Always be available for breakdowns and to assist with critical operations. Maintains daily logs and records updated.
- Monitors and supervises maintenance or installation projects to ensure they are carried out within company policy, manufacturers recommendations and in a safe manner.
- Minimizes equipment downtime, cost and loss of production.

Required Qualifications

- Minimum 2 years technical degree in Instrumentation or Electricity, with some additional college.
- Completion of a four year apprentice program is desired.
- Minimum of 15 years experience is necessary in the area of electrical and pneumatic instrumentation, Oil processing equipment, NGL Plant, Gas Injection Compressors, Gas turbines, Refrigeration, and Catering facilities.
- Highly developed task management skills.
- Computer literate. Experienced in the use of computer programs to trouble shoot equipment faults.
- Must be able to identify and correct potential problems.
- Must be able to use technical manuals to find pertinent information and order spare parts for warehouse stock and repairs.
- Must be willing to work a flexible schedule.
- Be able to handle a large group of diverse personalities and nationalities. Be aware of and follow rules of conduct for foreign nationals.

Maintenance Supervisor

(Job Number Y013)

Essential Job Duties

- Organizes and manages the maintenance department.
- Maintains all mechanical equipment functioning in optimum condition in all areas of Block S-1
- Ensures that training of Maintenance personnel is accomplished through prescribed training courses and active mentoring.
- Coordinates maintenance activities with those of other departments. Meets the operating requirements by allocating resources in a timely manner. Always be available for breakdowns and assists with critical operations.
- Develops and administers preventive maintenance programs.
- Establishes practices consistent with company policies and procedures on safety and environment.

- Ensures all personnel are aware of and follow these policies and procedures.
- Assists in the preparation of an annual budget. Ensures maintenance and repair records are kept updated to provide for future planning and budget analysis. Develops a strategic plan showing where costs could be optimized or funds utilized to enhance production or mechanical efficiency.
- Advises management of field requirements. These areas include manpower, vehicles, facilities, tools, and repair and testing equipment.
- Maintains contact with outside vendors through the material department to coordinate repairs, identify appropriate parts and maintain technical awareness of current technologies.

Required Qualifications

- A minimum 4 year degree in Mechanical Engineering or equivalent discipline. Technical training or military training would be desirable.
- Minimum 10 years working knowledge of oil production equipment service and repair required with attention to the problems associated with remote areas.
- Minimum 15 years of industrial maintenance a requirement.
- Highly developed decision/leadership making skills.

Electrical Technician

(Job number Y014)

Essential Job Duties

- Performs maintenance and repair of all electrical equipment in Block S-1
- Reports expected downtime and any unexpected problems to Maintenance supervisor on communicate any delays to Operations.
- Reviews daily work requests with Maintenance supervisor, assigns a priority to each request and works accordingly
- Recognizes equipment or component failure and suggest remedies.
- Be conversant with correct and safe maintenance procedures and practices on equipment of Block S-1.
- Maintains all electrical equipment from generator to distribution and consumption (total load approximately X Megawatts). Initiates requests for material, identify marginal areas and recommend improvements. Be familiar with the requirements of the NEC and works to these standards paying particular attention to hazardous areas and personnel safety. Participates in training.
- Responsible for ordering spare parts and setting up materials stock with Maintenance supervisor.
- Must be able to troubleshoot a variety of equipment such as Deutz and Caterpillar generator packages, Reda pumps & Keltronic controls, Trane & Carrier air conditioning units. Westinghouse motor control centers, etc.
- Must read and interpret schematics, drawings and technical manuals. Should be able to make "As Built" drawings.
- Must comply with company Safety, Environmental and Health rules and regulations.

Required Qualifications

- The technician should have a secondary education.
- Must be able to speak, read and write English
- Must be able to read and comprehend parts books, service manuals and technical literature.
- Should have a minimum of a two years technical certificate in the Electrical field and completed a three to four year apprenticeship training program and have up to one year experience.
- Must be able to use a variety of test equipment, megger, multimeter, amp meter, frequency meter, power factor meter, cable and pipe locators etc.
- Must have experience with power generation, power distribution, motor repairs, cable sizing, conduit bending, air conditioning and refrigeration, submersible pumps, desalters and other oil field related equipment.

Chemical & Corrosions Engineer

(Job Number Y015)

Essential Job Duties

- Coordinates the analysis and monitoring of water and steam quality on a daily base, including scale and solids, crude oil, gas, lube oil, and microbiological analysis. Paraffin, asphaltene, and metal identification. Chemical testing and analysis.
- Develops and administers all corrosion control and mitigation policies
- Coordinates Environmental compliance testings.
- Provides for system quality control monitoring of water treatment equipment, crude oil treating facilities, potable water, steam generators, and falling film evaporators (MVCs).
- Ensures compliance with all company and governmental safety, environmental and health regulations.
- Identifies developmental needs of chemists and lab technicians

Required Qualifications

- B.Sc. in Chemical Engineering or analytical chemistry.
- 10 years oilfield production laboratory experience.
- Experience in water treatment and control of oilfield water treating facilities.
- Valid Drivers license.
- Computer skills and good knowledge of the English language.
- A good knowledge of relevant API and chemical industry codes and standards.

Additional Desired Qualifications

- Team player, good organizational skills, ability to work independently with little supervision, training and mentoring capabilities.

Lab Technician

(Job Number Y016)

Essential Job Duties

- Analyzes samples according to industry approved methods. Must be knowledgeable with BS&W, PTB, API, Distillation, Gas liquid chromatography, oil in water testing, lube oil analysis plus full range of water analysis tests.
- Maintains Laboratory apparatus and equipment in good working condition.
- Ensures samples are correctly collected and that they are representative of the process streams from which they are derived.
- Understands chemical requirements and safety aspects of chemical usage as related to water treating processes.
- Ensures efficient execution of all laboratory activity and testing programs.
- Complies with all Company Safety Environmental and Health rules and regulations.

Required Qualifications

- Minimum of 3 years related experience.
- Associate degree in Chemical Engineering or equivalent discipline.
- Excellent Written and verbal English language.
- Must be proficient in computer skills (Microsoft Excel, Word, etc.).
- Must possess valid Drivers License.



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Lab Assistant

(Job Number Y017)

Essential Job Duties

- Ensures that samples are correctly collected and that they are representative of the process streams from which they are derived.
- Training in Sampling and quality control testing of products associated with the oil production facilities and the Gas Plant/Gas Injection System. Works under supervision of Lab technicians and Chemist but expected to improve technological skills to eventually do all lab technician work without supervision.
- On Job Training for analysis of: BS&W, PTB, Distillation, Gas Liquid Chromatograph, Oil in Water, Lube Oil, and the full range of water analysis tests.
- Maintains Laboratory apparatus and equipment in good working condition.
- Complies with company Safety, Environmental and Health rules and regulations. Reports all accidents, injuries and hazards to immediate supervisor.

Required Qualifications

- Should possess a Secondary School Diploma (or industry equivalent).
- Minimum of 1 year related experience.
- Must have initiative to work at daily tasks without supervision.
- Must be capable of maintenance and repair of laboratory equipment.

Mechanical Supervisor

(Job Number Y024)

Essential Job Duties:

- Reviews daily work request, assigns a priority to each request and assigns technicians to work accordingly.
- Ensures that all mechanical equipment is fully functional and available when needed.
- Ensures that training of mechanical personnel is accomplished through prescribed training courses and active mentoring.
- Ensures maintenance and repair or overhaul activities are carried out in accordance with company policy.
- Maintains and updates all equipment histories to effectively project equipment utilization and efficiency.
- Complies with company Safety, Environmental and Health rules and regulations.

Required Qualifications:

- 15 years experience in maintenance of high horsepower engines gas compressors and general oil field equipment, with 3 years supervisory experience.
- Good personnel relations and communication skills are necessary.
- Highly developed leadership/decision making skills.

Senior Mechanic

(Job Number Y026)

Essential Job Duties:

- Must have knowledge and experience on low and high-pressure reciprocating compressors; Gas and diesel engines; and centrifugal and piston pumps.
- Performs daily routine inspections and periodic inspections as per manufacturers' recommendations.
- Disassembles and overhauls mechanical units and components.
- Uses troubleshooting techniques to analyze equipment or component failures and suggests or corrects problems associated with the failure.
- Knowledge for checking and correcting alignment.
- Knowledge of hydraulics and pneumatics.
- Ensures that a high standard of housekeeping is maintained in all designated areas.
- Must participate in all phases of Safety training.
- Follows directions, set by his immediate supervisor.
- Serves as leader to the Mechanical Maintenance team.
- Suggests refinements to work program.
- Complies with company Safety, Environmental and Health rules and regulations. Reports all accidents, injuries and hazards to immediate supervisor.

Required Qualifications:

- The Mechanic should have a high school education.
- Requires a minimum of 10 years experience in the oil and gas industry.
- Must be able to speak, read and write English.
- Must be able to read and comprehend parts books, service manuals and technical literature.
- Must have a knowledge of standard craft tools and safe working practices.
- Should have a valid driver's license or documentation to procure.
- Must be able to relate with all other nationalities, respect laws and customs.

Mechanic

(Job Number Y025)

Essential Job Duties:

- Knowledge and experience on low and high-pressure reciprocating compressors; Gas and diesel engines; and centrifugal and piston pumps.
- Daily routine inspections and periodic inspections as per manufacturers' recommendations.
- Disassembles and overhauls mechanical units and components.
- Troubleshoots equipment or component failures. Analyzes and suggests or corrects problems associated with the failure.
- Knowledge for checking and correcting alignment.
- Knowledge of hydraulics and pneumatics.
- Ensures that a high standard of housekeeping is maintained in all designated areas.
- Participates in all phases of Safety training.
- Follows directions set by his immediate supervisor.
- Complies with company Safety, Environmental and Health rules and regulations. Reports all accidents, injuries and hazards to immediate supervisor.

Required Qualifications:

- The Mechanic should have a high school education.
- Requires a minimum of 4 years experience in the oil and gas industry.
- Must be able to speak, read and write English.
- Must be able to read and comprehend parts books, service manuals and technical literature.

- Must have knowledge of standard craft tools and safe working practices.
- Should have a valid driver's license or documentation to procure.
- Must be able to relate with all other nationalities, respect laws and customs.

Asset Protection Manager

(Job Number Y029)

(Sana'a Based)

Essential Job Duties

- Continually reviews the effectiveness of CPF and Sana'a office Security Operations, with particular focus on the type of resources employed. Makes recommendations for change/improvement where necessary.
- Liaises directly with the Military Commander on CPF Security requirements, with support from the Military Liaison and Security Manager.
- In conjunction with the Asset Protection Director has responsibility for facilitating required training resources for all CPF Security personnel working in support of CPF Operations.
- Participates in the weekly CPF Management Meetings.
- Maintains contacts and oversees the services provided by third Party Contractors in support of the CPF Security issues.
- Provides Security briefings for Visits etc., as required.
- Facilitates the efforts of outside Consultants, working in support of, and providing training to, the CPF Security personnel.
- Provides regular written reports to both the Asset Protection Director, Military Liaison and Security Manager, and Operations Manager on operational and administrative aspects affecting the Security of the CPF, including cost benefit analysis where necessary.
- Organizes and facilitates quarterly exercises involving Security aspects of the Crisis Management Plan for the CPF.
- Performs other duties and responsibilities as assigned by the Operations Manager or the Asset Protection Director, and liaises regularly with the Military Liaison and Security Manager.

Required Qualifications

- Must be fluent in English, both spoken and written.
- Security Management training and experience of at least 10 years (Military/Police background).
- Thorough competence of originating plans and procedures.
- Minimum proficiency in computer skills including MS Word and Excel;
- High-level communication skills, written, oral and presentation.
- Contracts and negotiations experience.
- Cultural sensitivity in dealing with subordinates contractors and expatriates. Must have the interpersonal skills and sensitivity needed to be effective in dealing with Arabic cultures and work in a multi-cultural environment.

Travel Coordinator

(Job Number Y037)

(Sana'a Based)

Essential Job Duties

- Coordination with the in-house travel agent on local travel arrangements w/ hotels, transport, meet/greet assistance.
- Administration and coordination of all company business and rotational travel w/ department staff.
- Serves as system administrator for company travel database to ensure company paid tickets have properly documented approvals according to company policy.
- Coordinates w/ HR teams for smooth on-boarding and off-boarding processes for employees, regarding visas, travel accommodation and transport requirements.
- Coordination of hotel, transport and visa requirements for personnel, contractors, vendor and VIPs both internationally and locally.
- Coordinates venue, hotel, transport and visa requirements for training courses, conferences and business meetings both internationally and locally.
- Negotiates and secures preferential corporate rates with Yemen-based and international hotel and car hire companies and chains.
- Administration, financial tracking and coordination of Oxy Yemen's air travel and vehicle rental services.
- Assists to design, competitively bid, and administer contracts for Oxy Yemen's air travel and vehicle rental services.
- Provides support to others in the human resource department, when required, in order to optimize the utilization of the Company's resources.

Required Qualifications

- Diploma in Business or Finance/Accounting.
- Minimum of 3 years experience in administrative support services.
- Should be able to work with minimum supervision, and deal with rapidly changing priorities in a dynamic situation.
- Must be flexible with regards to working hours.
- Capable of maintaining good working and interpersonal relations with a multi-national workforce.
- Ability to understand and interpret Company policies and explain their applicability given an employee's specific circumstances.

Health, Environment and Safety Director (open to all nationalities)

(Job Number Y021)

(Sana'a Based)

Direct Report to: Vice President and General Manager
Direct Supervision of: HES Field Advisors (2-4)
Location: Sana'a Office

Essential Job Duties:

- Develops and coordinates HES Training matrix for Oxy Yemen staff and coordinates the activities of the HES department.
- Develops long term plan for continuous improvement.
- Works together with the Geoscience and Drilling Managers in setting field direction and ensuring environmental, safety, health and risk engineering standards are achieved.
- Recommends and develops health, environment and safety policies/programs that accomplish Oxy and government/safety compliance.
- Develops and maintains effective reporting and recordkeeping systems and provides meaningful analysis.
- Maintains an active field presence through frequent field visits and participation in safety meetings and safety assessments.
- Monitors and recommends company program changes and improvements to optimize the safety and health of employees and contractors.

- Monitors contractor safety performance and identify opportunities for continuous improvement.
- Communicates key HES issues to contractors.
- Manages environmental protection permit compliance
- Responsible for administration and ongoing evaluation of the Oxy Yemen Health, Environment, and Safety Management System (HESMS) along with the VP/GM and other members of the management team.
- Arranges internal HES & RE assessments and tracks open active items to closure.
- Serves as Primary Lead for Accident/Incident Investigation.
- Serves as representative of the OPQL management team charged with responsibility of supervising the HESMS and Risk Engineering areas with assistance from the GM and other members of the management team.
- Oversees HES department activities and ensures alignment with Company goals.
- Provides HES consultation to Management Team.
- Provides HES performance reports to OOGC as required.
- Participates in activities and programs dedicated to improving contractor safety performance.
- Ensures regulatory plans and manuals are current and updated
- Conducts Employee coaching and performance evaluations.
- Assumes role Emergency Preparedness Coordinator in emergency response activities.
- Develops Division/Department Goals and Staffing Plan.
- Develops and Maintains Training plans for Yemenization

Required Qualifications

- Bachelors degree in engineering, HES or equivalent
- Certified Safety Professional or equivalent
- 10 years of Industry Experience with at least 3 years in a Management HES role
- Additional production, drilling, construction is a +
- Must have international work experience

Human Resources Manager

(Job Number Y032)

(Sana'a Based)

Essential Job Duties

The successful candidate will assist with management of human resources functions for Occidental in Yemen. This includes but is not limited to all of the following:

- Recruitment, selection and hiring.
- Benefits, Payroll Administration, Compensation, and pay and administration.
- Policy and procedure administration.
- Employee relations.
- Training and development.
- Performance management.

Required Qualifications

- Bachelor's degree in HR or Business with a minimum of 5 years of experience.
- Demonstrated ability to perform all essential job duties.
- Demonstrated proficiency in administering payroll to include a strong working knowledge of Yemen Labor Law, Income and Social Security tax regulations.
- Demonstrated proficiency in providing consultation to line managers.
- Excellent written and verbal communications skills (Arabic and English).
- Excellent interpersonal skills, high degree of comfort working in a team-oriented environment.
- Self starter with a high energy level, and the ability to deliver results independently in a multi-tasking, fast-paced environment.
- Analytical and critical thinking skills, with high attention to detail.
- Problem-solving skills – demonstrated ability to consider, analyze and recommend multiple solutions to problems.
- Strong computer skills including a high level of proficiency in MS Outlook, Word, Excel and PowerPoint. Experience using and creating databases is also desired.
- Willingness to travel.

Petroleum Engineer

(Job Number Y036)

(Sana'a Based)

Essential Job Duties

- Monitors production of all producing fields on Oxy operated Blocks in Yemen.
- Identifies opportunities to enhance production.
- Develops work over and completion procedures to enhance production.
- Ensures the quality of all data collection regarding producing operations.
- Post appraisal of work over and drilling programs.
- Identifies economic drilling locations.

Required Qualifications

- BS degree in Petroleum Engineering.
- Minimum 5 years petroleum engineering experience. Recent PE graduate may be considered, if graduate was in the top of the graduating class.
- Demonstrated ability to use petroleum engineering theory to solve problems and identify enhancement opportunities.
- Demonstrated ability to design, implement, and post appraise cost effective and economically successful work over and completion programs.
- Proficiency in performing economic evaluations of projects including risk analysis.
- Ability to make technically and economically sound recommendations with incomplete information.
- Strong interpersonal and communications skills, written and verbal.
- Experience with reservoir production surveillance techniques.
- Ability to conduct reservoir performance predictions applying pressure transient, geologic modeling, fluid flow properties determination and numerical simulation analyses.
- Team oriented and ability to interact effectively with cross functional team members (geoscientists, operations, drilling and facilities engineers).
- Well - developed basic computer skills including the use of Microsoft Word, Excel, PowerPoint.
- Successful applicant will work in Houston (Texas – USA) with the technical service team on temporary assignment for several months prior to relocation to Sana'a.

Geophysicist

(Job Number Y034)

(Sana'a Based)

Essential Job Duties

Regional

- Integrates subsurface data (well logs and seismic surveys) to identify undrilled potential in the basin.

Prospect Generation

- Generates drillable prospects integrating well control, seismic data and subsurface engineering data.
- Assesses reservoir, seal, and structural risk from analogs, depositional trends, seismic, geochemical data, and geomechanical data.
- Interacts with other team members and with engineers to incorporate production information into evaluation of exploration plays and prospects.
- Performs post analysis of drilling results.

Documentation

- Produces final reports (written and oral) for each project that includes results, summaries of data used, processes, observations and conclusions.

Required Qualifications

- Minimum of Bachelor's degree in Geophysics, Geology, or Geoscience. (MSc preferred.)
- Minimum of 3 years oil industry experience which includes regional play evaluation, exploration prospect generation, field development, and interpersonal/presentation skills.
- Experience with Structural geological concepts with understanding of geomechanical modeling and principals.
- Strong background in clastics, including shallow water deposition and understanding of stratigraphy and environment of deposition.
- Advanced skills in 2D and 3D seismic interpretation, inversion and attribute mapping.
- Ability to integrate 2D and 3D seismic interpretation with geologic data. Ability to conduct structural and stratigraphic analyses with geologic and geophysical data, including seismic attributes, to define and constrain the geometry of traps.
- Familiarity with data acquisition, acquisition project planning, QC and processing.
- Experience with the use of PC and Unix based (Landmark) geoscience computer programs.
- Ability to communicate information and evaluations in a clear and concise manner both verbally and in written format.
- Ability to contribute effectively and creatively as an individual and as a member of multidisciplinary teams.
- Time management skills to plan work personally and participate in multidisciplinary projects – meeting goals within time constraints.
- Willingness to relocate within the US on a temporary basis (11 months)
- Familiarity with petroleum system concepts.
- Ability to work on multiple tasks concurrently.

Geologist

(Job Number Y035)

(Sana'a Based)

Essential Job Duties

Regional

- Makes regional play evaluations integrating petrophysical, core data, seismic, and reservoir engineering data.
- Integrates subsurface data (well logs and seismic surveys) to identify undrilled potential in the basin.

Prospect Generation

- Well correlation and seismic integration for structural and stratigraphic analyses.
- Well log analysis for the determination of reservoir properties, missed pay, etc.
- Generates drillable prospects integrating well control, seismic data and subsurface engineering data.
- Assesses reservoir, seal, and structural risk from analogs, depositional trends, seismic, geochemical data, and geomechanical data.
- Interacts with other team members and with engineers to incorporate production information into evaluation of exploration plays and prospects.
- Performs post analysis of drilling results.

Operations

- Prepares well prognoses.
- Monitors the directional progress of new wells that are being drilled.
- Provides quality control assurance for open hole wireline logs, LWD/MWD, and cased hole logs.
- Ensures completion operations remain within the defined limits of well prognoses.
- Provides quality control and logistical support for coring, mudlogging and well site operations.
- Maintains communication between field and office staff.

Documentation

- Produces final reports (written and oral) for each project that includes results, summaries of data used, geologic trends, observations and conclusions.

Required Qualifications

- Minimum of Bachelor's degree in Geology. MSc preferred.
- Minimum of 3 years oil industry experience which includes regional play evaluation, exploration prospect generation, field development, and interpersonal/presentation skills.
- Experience with Structural geological concepts with understanding of geomechanical modeling and principals.
- Strong background in clastics, including shallow water deposition and understanding of stratigraphy and environment of deposition
- Familiarity with petroleum system concepts.
- Experienced in the use of PC and Unix based (Landmark) geoscience computer programs.
- Ability to communicate information and evaluations in a clear and concise manner both verbally and in written format.
- Ability to contribute effectively and creatively as an individual and as a member of multidisciplinary teams.
- Time management skills to personally plan work and participate in multidisciplinary projects – meeting goals within time constraints.
- Willingness to relocate within the US on a temporary basis (11 Months).

Additional Required Qualifications

- Seismic interpretation.
- Ability to work on multiple tasks concurrently

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An insight into the life of a Yemeni Jew

Prior to the 1948 "Magic Carpet" operation, the Jewish minority in Yemen was around 50,000. However, under the direct supervision of Imam Yahya, Yemeni Jews were deported to Israel and very few Jews remained in Yemen. They now only number about 600 mainly living in Amran governorate's Raydah area and Al-Salim in Sa'ada governorate, approximately 170 km. from Sana'a.

What distinguishes Jews from others in Yemen are the men's yarmulke (a small, round skullcap) and long curly sideburns, whereas their other features, language and accent are the same. Approximately 57 Al-Salim Jews were evacuated to Sa'ada following the eruption of the fourth war there this past January and later transferred to Sana'a where they were given apartments and salaries by the Yemeni government.

The Yemen Times spoke with 28-year-old Yemeni Jew Daoud Suleiman Marji, a married father of one son, and what follows are the details from that meeting.

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What's the total number of Jews in Yemen and where are they?

There are Yemeni Jews in Amran and Sa'ada, but I don't know the exact number. Maybe there are 600.

Why did you come to Sana'a?

We came here to escape the war ignited by the terrorist Abdulmalik Al-Houthi, may Allah punish him.

Were you connected with the war between Houthis and the state?

We have no connection with it. We used to live our normal life until we received a letter from Houthis asking us to leave the area and giving us a 10-day ultimatum to do so. We informed the state, which airlifted us via helicopter to Sa'ada and provided us accommodation there.

What did you do when you received the Houthi ultimatum?

We informed the authorities and they transferred us to Sa'ada and gave us protection for 10 days in a Sa'ada hotel. They later moved us to another government building.

What made Houthis do this and do you know who sent the letter?

We don't know; however, they told us that we profaned the land, despite the fact that we're Yemenis and our values are Yemeni. We used to hear about the one who sent the letter, but we only knew him when he brought it.

You're accused of trading in alcohol?

This isn't true. We lived there for a long time and [Houthis] used to say this in order to increase enmity against us.

Did you have problems like this in the past?

No, this is the first time, as we didn't

experience anything before.

Are there any Jews left in Al-Salim and what about your property there?
No one is there, lest Houthis implement their threats. We couldn't take anything, except what we could manage to carry.

Did you try to negotiate with Houthis or meet with them?

No, we can't do anything. Because we're unarmed, we couldn't face them. The state and President Ali Abdullah Saleh are on our side.

If you had remained there, what would have happened?

Allah saved us, but if we had remained there, for sure, they would have killed us.

Did you decide for yourselves to remain in Sa'ada or did someone tell you to remain there?

When we arrived in Sa'ada, the authorities told us to remain there, hoping for a quick end to the war; however, when the war intensified, the state moved us to Sana'a for fear Houthis would infiltrate and kill us if we stayed in Sa'ada.

You said you stayed in a Sa'ada hotel. Who paid for that?

The hotel rent was paid by some pro-state sheikhs.

What was your life like during the previous Sa'ada wars?

We used to live like brothers, sharing the same environment and life with our Muslim neighbors. We also used to chew qat together. There were no problems between us and them; however, Houthis came before the fourth war and told us to leave, so we did.

Did your Muslim neighbors stand by you?

Our Muslim neighbors stood by us



Top: Daoud Suleiman Marji in his temporary residence in Tourism City, Sana'a.

Right: Daoud's son, serving tea to the guests as an example of Yemeni hospitality in spite of the odds, he is just another Yemeni boy hoping to grow and live in Yemen.



because we're friends; however, the matter was beyond their capacity.

How long have you been away from your home?

I don't remember exactly, but perhaps more than three months.

Following your arrival in Sana'a, what was provided for you?

Under direct orders from President Saleh, the state gave each family an apartment and provided us with everything.

What about money?

Each individual is given YR 5,000, but this sum isn't enough.

How do you spend your time?

We usually go out or shopping and we

sometimes sit together and chew qat.

Zionists.

Why didn't you go to Israel?

Because Yemen is my homeland. You're Yemeni, so you know the feelings of those who leave their country. My father traveled to Israel but returned after three months because he was uncomfortable there. Israel is Zionist and you know the difference between Zionist and Jew.

Were you offered to go to Israel?

Yes, but we don't want to go there. My cousin traveled to Israel 12 years ago and told me that life is difficult and there's difference between Yemenis and

How are you treated regarding rights, employment and voting?

We're treated like Muslims. As for jobs, we don't care [about government employment] because we prefer private enterprise jobs. Regarding voting, no one is forced and participation is open to all.

What do you think about the current Sa'ada war?

May Allah save us and thwart the Houthis, who drove us from our land. We hope the war will end soon.

Saba News Agency: A pioneer in Yemeni media

By: Yemen Times staff

Saba News Agency, Yemen's only news agency, resulted from the merging of two news agencies, one in the north and the other in South Yemen, in 1990 when Yemen united. In essence, the agency dates back to 1970 when both parent agencies were created, one in Sana'a and the other in Aden.

Saba consists of 12 departments in addition to Al-Siyasiah newspaper, which recently became an independent department. The total number of employees at the agency is 500 and continues to expand.

Saba News Agency is a member of the Federation of Arab News Agencies and the Organization of Asian news agencies union, in addition to having cooperation agreements with numerous regional and international news agencies. Nasr Taha Mustafa is director of the agency, as well as chairman of the Yemeni Journalists Syndicate.

Director's office

This office of Saba's director is responsible for drawing up the organization's strategy and following up its performance. It also is responsible for

coordination and agreements with other news agencies or other parties inside or outside of Yemen. Conferences and activities of the agency also are this office's responsibility.

Editorial department

This department gathers news and reports on local and international events. News is gathered from local offices in Yemen, as well as from Saba's nine international correspondents around the world. The agency also has a branch in Saudi Arabia. The department produces 120 to 130 news items per day from approximately 15 reporters.

The editorial department has three main sections located on different floors of the Saba premises; audio & video broadcast monitoring, the editing department, and the Arab and international news monitoring department.

On the fourth floor is audio and video broadcast monitoring which, according to public relations officer of Saba News Agency the monitoring department is the second highest department of its kind in an Arab news agency.

An average of 40 employees work in the broadcast monitoring depart-

ment, which is considered a stepping stone for every journalist and reporter at Saba. Most trainees or new recruits spend at least six months to a year working in the department monitoring and documenting various news.

The broadcast monitoring department has two parts where outdated equipment previously was used to record news and relevant reports from television and radio channels, but a new computerized digital system now is used for the same purpose.

Department head explained that staffers in this department work on a three-shift rotation with each monitoring 160 television and radio channels.

The third department is the Arab and international news monitoring department where news and events from the Arab and international world are monitored and retransmitted via Saba's general broadcast transmission.

Special reports

Adjacent to the monitoring department is a seven-member special media department concerned with filtering all regional and international newspapers and media. Staffers select sensitive news, whether about security or politics in Yemen or other parts of the world, and then summarize it into classified reports sent to VIPs and Yemeni decision makers. The department doesn't publish its reports; rather, a list of subscribers receives daily reports every evening.

Research and Information

A floor below is one of Saba's strongest departments run by a woman, Nabihah Al-Haidari, and consisting of a unit for information and another for research.

The information section documents all information reported and collected by Saba and then archives it into a sophisticated digital archive system. In a joint project with the BBC, the agency has created its own style manual called, "Saba Style," whereby archiving, classification and terminology are fixed. Archives include those for photos, video, audio and text files. All of Saba's information has been

digitally archived since 2000 and there's been a slow transformation of the agency's paper archives since 1970 to the digital system.

The research section is tasked with doing research and producing publications. The department consists of 16 researchers and several trainees and university students who use the department's archives for their research. This section issues an analysis supplement every Wednesday, in addition to producing other regular publications, such as the Saba Yemeni Foreign Affairs Encyclopedia and annual yearbooks.

The "brain" of the agency

This is the computer console containing the agency's server and transmitters. It has wire cable connections whereby information is received and sent. This department controls communications within the agency, as well as satellite connections, in addition to regulating the mechanics of subscriptions and networking.

General news

Including 45 reporters and 10 photographers, this department develops news items in six sections: correspondents, the economy and development, sports and youth, following up and coordination unit, Sana'a International Airport and photo services. The department is electronically connected to 19 offices in Yemen's various governorates.

This department also is responsible for producing news published on Saba's web site. Additionally, it provides a special service where news reports, analysis and a press review of regional and international press is done and sent to subscribers. Reports are available in four languages: Arabic, English, French and German.

Electronic press

This department handles four main tasks: an SMS news service (in English and Arabic), managing Saba web site, investigative journalism and foreign news editing. The department is completely automated and staffers are being trained to use the automated system. Languages used in this



Director of Saba news Agency Nasr Taha Mustafa having a conversation with Nadia Al-Saqqaf, Editor-in-chief of Yemen Times.

department are Arabic, English, French, German and Russian.

The future

Saba News Agency currently is constructing new, larger and more suitable premises for its work. The printing machines are top notch and more equipment is coming in order to facil-

itate printing the various publications produced by the agency. Offset printers also are used for commercial business to help meet the agency's expenses.

Until recently, Al-Siyasiah was part of the Saba's editorial department, but today it is its own department with a beautifully designed office.



At Sabanews, staff are always on the lookout for international developments and the news coverage of Yemen in the International Media.

Vacancy Announcement

A Chinese oil service company seeks to recruit a
Security Manager

The ideal candidate should be a **Yemeni national** and possess the following essential qualifications and experience:

1. Good working knowledge of English and Arabic.
2. Ability of analyzing and predicting safety conditions, collect security information from adjacent tribal areas, and making the security plans for remote areas.
3. Coordinates with the local and fixes dispute if arised, control and lay out the security and safety measures.
4. Having relevant Safety and Security experience with Foreign Oil Companies.

The vacancy is open to males. He who find himself fit for this job should send his application along with curriculum vitae to fax: 01442326.

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Sana'a: The 40-day Al-Wilad birth celebration

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Yemeni women have their own celebrations and occasions to share among themselves, practicing traditional customs and heritage in their daily life as daily rituals during such occasions.

Since giving birth is considered a big and important event in a Yemeni family, they must hold a big celebration for such an event. In Sana'a and other Yemeni governorates, women celebrate a new birth in a specific manner by holding a continuous 40-day party called Al-Wilad.

Al-Wilad is full of activities and exciting events arranged by the families of the new mother and her husband. Every household must spend time preparing for such a celebration, but mostly the same events and activities are performed during the festivities.

Al-Wilad requires much preparation from the parents of the new baby. Within days of having a baby, the celebration begins with simple parties. Actually, Al-Wilad goes according to the activities arranged for the party, which are ordered as follows:

Al-Faraha Week

The first days within having a new baby are called Al-Faraha Week, during which only close neighbors and relatives of the new mother, or Al-Walidah, visit her. It's a short visit wherein visitors express their happiness for her following her delivery.

Actually, Al-Faraha visits are short because women understand the new mother's condition after delivery and that

she can't host them for a long time. During Al-Faraha, visitors give the new mother money as an expression of happiness and to help with the expenses of Al-Wilad party.

Visitors to the new mother must perform Al-Zagarad when entering the new mother's room. Considered a tradition in Sana'a, as well as its surrounding areas, there's a rule about doing it according to the baby's gender. If the baby is a boy, the visitor must perform Al-Zagarad three times consecutively, whereas if it's a girl, once is sufficient. The second week of Al-Wilad is distinguished by more events, during which the new mother hosts guests until magrib. When she's able to host guests, her family prepares a small, simply designed room.

The formal activities and events of Al-Wilad party will begin after the second week of the celebration. According to Sana'ani custom, the new mother goes with her friends to a hammam or steam bath from the early morning while her mother-in-law and some of her neighbors complete the final preparations for the big afternoon party.

The day before taking her to the steam bath, her family arranges the largest room in the house for the big party. This place is called the diwan or Makan Al-Wilad.

Al-Martabah is a special high place for the new mother which requires more efforts to arrange in a nice way. The new mother sits on the high place, which looks like a throne, in a corner of the diwan. Traditional weapons, kitchen earthenware and fabric are used to design the Makan Al-Wilad



Wearing traditional clothing, a new mother, or Al-Walidah, sits on the throne-like Al-Martabah in the corner with some of her friends.

The new mother must enter the Makan Al-Wilad with Al-Mawlid procession, which is distinguished by singing religious songs in a happy atmosphere. Attendees participate in the mawlid procession by doing Al-Zagarad. Once she arrives, Al-Walidah is treated like a queen and everyone is ready to serve her.

The party involves a special visit from Al-Walidah's family, which must present her with expensive gifts. The Mutafrataat actually wait to see what

type of gifts her family gives her. During her family's visit, Al-Walidah's mother shows the gifts to all of the Mutafrataat to satisfy their curiosity.

Al-Wilad activities

In a humorous atmosphere, some attendees like to do activities such as performing a sketch, imitating other attendees or telling jokes, while other visitors prefer to present religious lectures. Basically at such gatherings, women like to talk about new neighborhood events, political and social issues. If something happens in a neighborhood or area, they discuss it during daily occasions such as Al-Wilad.

A wonderful folklore fashion show Yemeni women still retain their traditional customs, mixing traditional clothing with new modern fashions as a type of pride in their heritage.

On the first day when Al-Walidah enters the Makan Al-Wilad, she wears the most beautiful traditional clothing with silver and flowers on her head. Also, most of the Mutafrataat wear all of their decoration when attending Al-Wilad party, especially during the last part of the celebration. Al-Walidah wears different traditional clothing every day and acts like a queen who ascends her throne and welcomes her guests.

After 40 days of celebrating, Al-Wilad concludes with a big tea party on Al-Wafa' or the final day, which the mother-in-law announces to all relatives, neighbors and friends. For this day, Al-Walidah decorates her body with naksh or henna and the Mutafrataat pray for her to have a healthy and nice life.

Ali bin Zaid: Yemen's wisest man

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Ali bin Zaid is the most famous wise man in traditional Yemeni history. No one comes close to him in wisdom, except Luqman the Wise. Another famous and wise Yemeni was Al-Humaid bin Mansour, a contemporary of Bin Zaid, as partly evidenced by the latter's poetry. Bin Zaid's fame prompted many to attribute any wisdom or nice poetry to him, even those by other poets or wise men. Historians and men of letters dispute Bin Zaid's origin, but they agree that he lived somewhere in the Yemeni midlands. Some ardently hold that he was from Manketh, a village in Yarim district in Ibb governorate, citing the story of his daughter's elopement with a Jew as evidence of his homeland.

Oh, Manketh ladies,
Please do not speak much.
I swear by God,
You will see Badrah's head.
They (people) say she dined in Maytam
And washed in Audinah.
Badrah was his daughter's name. Maytam is a district in Ibb and Audinah is the ancient name for Taiz.
Likewise, there's disparity over the period in which Bin Zaid lived. Some, including Yemeni poet and thinker Abdullah Al-Baradouni, believe he lived before the

coming of Islam, while others assert that he lived after that. Still others maintain that he lived in recent centuries; however, no one has any proof.

Those who say he lived in pre-Islamic times cite a line of his poetry to prove their claim:

Oh! Help Thuria!

The features of summer have elapsed.

Thuria is the name of a star. Yemeni farmers depend upon the stars to determine the different agricultural seasons.

Proponents of this opinion hold to the idea that Bin Zaid wasn't a Muslim because he pleaded with Thuria instead of seeking Allah's help, while opponents assert that it is the nature of Yemeni farmers to seek the stars' help because they calculate the different seasons according to the movement of the stars.

Those in the Yemeni midlands, which stretch from Ibb to Sana'a, know of Bin Zaid more than those in other Yemeni areas. For example, he's hardly known in the Tihama or in southern Yemen, whereas he's available in nearly every minute of speech by those Yemenis from the midlands, as most cite Bin Zaid's lines (usually in the form of proverbs) to prove their viewpoint because once Bin Zaid's name is mentioned, the other party will accept his opponent's idea.

Bin Zaid was a wise and mature man with vast experience in human existence and

situations. His poetry reflected the nature of man's relations to his society on one hand and his relationship with his environment on the other. Additionally, he had a deep knowledge of agricultural seasons. According to Bin Zaid's sayings, man is a social animal forced by circumstances to socialize and mix with others.

As he said:

The one whose father did injustice to others
Will be revenged upon his sons.

He also said:

There is no city to be counted except
Sana'a

And Risaba in the countryside.

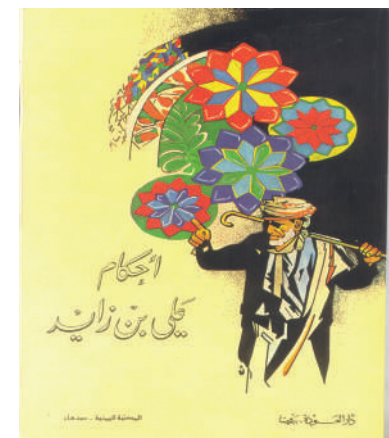
And:

Man's prestige is in his own country,
Even if he found troubles.

Bin Zaid strongly believed in his land and was aware of the agriculture norms and the laws that control the seasons. In fact, he was an authority in this regard. Women also are reflected in his poetry; however, their mention is covert because that was the nature of Yemeni tribal society, which considers it a shame to name your own wife or women relatives.

He further considered poverty to be the reason for humiliation, indicating that money is power. His theory of power for rural peoples rested on four pillars: cows, agriculture, camels and women.

Nothing overcomes poverty,



Save cows and agriculture,
Or the caravans that bring all commodities,
Or a woman of high origin,
Who shift the time.

Bin Zaid's wisdom goes beyond time and place and is as fresh as it was in his own time.

The one who feeds someone else's son
Will surely depart with him with tearful eyes.

And the one who plants someone else's land
Will leave it even at the time of reaping.

To reiterate, Bin Zaid is Yemen's favored wise man who was well-acquainted with tribal norms and agricultural seasons. His poetry, usually short passages with short lines, reflected wisdom and genius in its real sense, as it depicted nearly everything about rural Yemeni man's life.

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Literary Corner

By: Abu Al-Kalima Al-Tayybah

Culture and the revolution in Yemen (4)

The book under review becomes pertinent these days in light of the upcoming celebrations of the National Day of Yemen or the 17th Anniversary of the Unification of Yemen, which would be the holiday that has supposedly replaced all the other dates that used to represent the National Holiday of the country. The author asserts from the start that Revolution should be represented by change, not so much change of the ruling regime, but rather a change in the way of thinking – change of culture – about our ways of doing things and running our affairs. Baraddooni also continues to portray the efforts of a series of administrations that took the helms since the Revolutions of September 26, 1962 and October 14, 1963, in both North and South Yemen respectively, to view the revolts as merely an erasure of a past error and all that the rulers of previous administrations or regimes. The author projects this line of thinking under all the different post Revolutionary regimes, especially in the North (the Yemen Arab Republic). In what he calls the First Republic of President Abdullah Al-Sallal, he understandably sees good reason why the Government should do all it can to instill upon the minds of the citizenry to remember the horrible state of backwardness the country was in under the rule of the Hamid Al-Din Dynasty. At the same time however, Baraddooni regards such exaggerated misrepresentation of the Revolution as no more than a waste of time, resources and, more importantly, intellect. Revolution can only be promoted with a clear propagation of knowledge as to what needs to be done now that the "archaic regime" has been removed, how should the evils of the past be replaced by modern institutions and actions that will herald the country on a new path of progress and proper civil conduct.

Baraddooni notes that this really only occurred on two occasions in the history of Yemen: the first was the bloodless coup of Ibrahim Al-Hamidi and of course the Unification of Yemen. In the former case, the late Colonel Al-Hamidi, being of an educated and cultured background rose to the helms of power on a platform of reforms directed at removing the ills of the post revolutionary administrations of Abdullah Al-Sallal and Qadhi Abdul-Rahman Al-Iriani. Noting that both of these administrations were paradoxical in many respects (one was military in nature and the second was more civilian, having a popularly elected Parliament and a President of a Presidential Council elected by Parliament – which was clearly a notable feat of progress for Yemen at the time), the author also suggests that the latter's good intentions were offset by the loss of civilian control of governmental affairs, which the former (Al-Iriani) clearly projected, although the military brass continued to fill the air with unrest and partisan association with a totalitarian content.

In essence the revolutionary cultures in North and South Yemen did differ in aura and in content, noting that the South had undergone over a century and a quarter of foreign control and the North had just come out of control of a dying Ottoman caliphate that has been battered to the last cell by continuous warfare to maintain the Caliphate of Islam, despite pressures from a rising Europe and internal disapproval of persecution and repression by the Porte in Istanbul.

All this was bound to create obvious differences, as the South was more in touch with the outside world, especially with Aden being an important vibrant sea port in a strategic position in the sea lanes that needed to be guarded heavily to keep the lifeline of the British Empire intact. The North, however was not welcome by the imperialist powers for its economic significance, although it was given serious considerations in the equations of big power global politics. Thus the isolation of the North, while maybe being good reason for demanding change from within, did not produce an adequate aura for fomenting cultural adaptation to a rapidly changing world and thus many of the changes being sought were more a reflection of egoistic drives for solidification of power amongst a clique that represented a configuration of blocs ranging from a representation of the traditional tribal and religious establishments to the infusion of mercantile and of course tribal elements that perhaps may be regarded as the added inputs that the Revolution had to absorb, because the latter could not be erased from the established order (as was the case in the South). In fact, with the National Reconciliation that was arranged, under the astute administration of Qadhi Abdul-Rahman Al-Iriani, thus ending the First Civil War (1962 – 1970) after the Revolution, most of those who fought to reinstate the monarchy had returned to the folds of the citizenry, either as government officials at all levels or as common citizens with some participation in the quasi formal established civil and social institutions (primarily religious). Even the military was not removed from the infusion of some of these "returnees", who played significant roles in subsequent Post Revolutionary Administrations, including the current regime.

In essence, the author is suggesting that it is useless to continue presenting diatribes against the old regimes that preceded the Revolution, because most of the elements that ran the subsequent regimes were themselves elements of the overthrown orders and thus representative of all its good or bad connotations. In the following couple of issues we look at some of the various governing principles that prevailed in the post revolutionary eras and how they played a role in giving directions to the regimes and the constituencies that existed hence.

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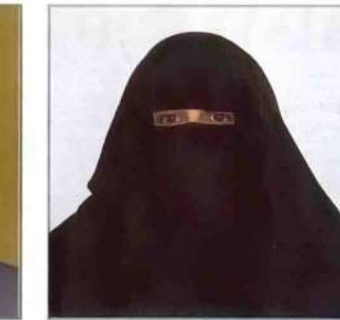
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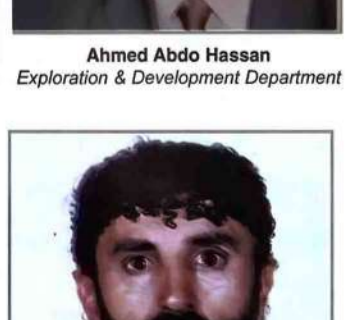
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On the Occasion of the World Labor Day SEPOC recognizes outstanding employees

On the occasion of the World Labor Day, SEPOC recognizes its outstanding employees for the second year in the presence of Their Excellencies Minister of Oil & Minerals Khalid M. Bahah, Minister of Social Affairs & Labor Amarrarraq Ali Hummad, members of Parliament and Shura Council, VIPs and personalities in the oil and gas sector, the management of Safer Exploration & Production Operations Company (SEPOC), as well as members of the media. The ceremony was held on May 16, 2007 at the Sana'a-based Movenpick hotel, coinciding with the celebration of the 17th anniversary of the national day, on May 22.

Forty-five SEPOC employees were recognized for their excellent performance throughout the last year. Three types of awards were presented during this special recognition including the Outstanding Achievement Award, the Special Achievement Award and the Executive Manager's Special Recognition Award. All of the company's Yemeni nationals can compete for these awards. Employees were nominated by their departmental managers for the Special Achievement Award and selection was made by the Executive Manager and a special award committee. The honored employees each received a cash bonus as well as a certificate recognizing his or her selection.

The Special Achievement Awards were presented based on the following criteria: employee's contribution to the overall success of SEPOC, leadership ability, initiative and creativity, dependability and reliability. Four other employees were chosen by SEPOC's Executive Manager Eng. Mohammed Hussein Al-Haj, to receive the Special Achievement Awards. Eng. Ahmed Saleh Abdulla, was selected by SEPOC's Executive Manager Eng. Mohammed Hussein Al-Haj, to receive the Executive Manager's Special Recognition Award. This award recognizes the employee who best exemplifies the performance criteria mentioned above. The recipient was given a special certificate and a cash award recognizing his selection.

Mr. Mohamed Hussein Al-Haj, Executive Manager of Safer Exploration and Production Operations Company, delivered a keynote address on the occasion welcoming the Minister of Oil and Minerals Khalid Mahfoudh Bahah, members of parliament and Shura Council and all Safer employees. "We celebrate the second occasion and we meet with you for the second time" said Al-Haj. "It is for the second time for me because we managed to establish well qualified staff who prove their abilities to bear the responsibilities of running the business of Safer.

"It is an excellent assembly for all of us to review what we have achieved successfully and un-successfully in the management level, site engineering, and constructions," said Al-Haj. "In this company, work is more important than talk. We managed to raise the name of Yemen in a very professional manner for the first time and we performed our duty according to a perspective plan. "Honoring is for all," said Al-Haj. "In spite of selecting only some of the staff, we have never heard or faced any single complaint in this regard. We are not here to display the word but to say facts; this is for the first time in the business field that there is a harmony between the company and the labor union. I wish you a great success—for you, and for the country."

"The direct support of President Ali Abdullah Saleh and the Minister of Oil & Minerals helped us to build a strong management system for the company and for the first time in block 18," Al-Haj added. "We had made a new discovery in the site. We had a professional field study for the sites by well-qualified international companies in association with SEPOC's staff. In the financial sector, we have established a new financial system according to international standards and we have trained the employees to manage transactions with international buyers and vendors. Finally, for your future motto: do not say 'I cannot do,' but say 'I want' or 'I don't want.'"

Minister of Oil and Minerals Khalid Mahfoudh Bahah attended the ceremony and shared with the management and employees of Safer the Labor Day celebration.

"What you have achieved in the last two years is beyond our expectations and that reflects the sincerity that each one of you has; you have demonstrated your excellent performance and industriousness," said Bahah.

"The staff and employees of Safer are very special, and by them we can challenge the future oil operations in other blocks. You are the positive example to every one," the Minister added.

"Our meeting is very important, not just for honoring some staff, but also for discussing the challenges and taking decisions on solutions to overcome the problems," said Bahah. "The scientific theory in the oil sector teaches us not to say 'We can't,' and it proves that there are enough oil, gas and mineral reserves in Yemen. We have just started," said the Minister.

"We should adopt scientific plans supported by figures. If we say five hundred thousand barrels, it means we should meet this challenge and reach this limit. We have the ability to do everything. We should continue to be optimistic and hardworking. This will lead to excellent results. Our congratulations go to the honored employees in the oil sector gen-



erally and SEPOC particularly," said Bahah. "The patronage of President Saleh and his calls on SEPOC's employees should greatly encourage you. His telephone call during this celebration is another kind gesture towards all of you. Keep it up for the sake of Yemen," he said.

On behalf of the General Union of Petroleum, Minerals & Chemical Workers, Mr. Saber Al-Nadari, delivered a speech expressing gratitude towards the Ministry of Oil & Minerals, SEPOC's Executive Manager Mohammed Hussein Al-Haj, and all employees who stand behind the current progress and success of the company. "Two years have passed in this national company. We had enjoyed the kind attention of the leadership headed by H.E. Ali Abdullah

Saleh, since the first day we worked in this great block 18 in Marib" said Al-Nadari. "It is crystal clear that we have lived up to the challenges as local employees and we managed to overcome all obstacles to prove that we are able to steer the ship together with the support of all of you and the wise leadership."

He added, "The government's decision to handle the works of SEPOC has created strong passion to see the clear vision for a better tomorrow and continue working hand in hand. The example of the success of Aden refinery that has been achieved by Yemeni employees gave us a strong push to look for a strategic partner in this matter." "We were on the frontline during the difficult moments and our ceremony today is a

result of our success in the past two years, as we have left very distinguished marks on the social, political and economic arenas. This has made us more capable than ever to produce even more" said al-Nadari.

"The ceremony today is a celebration of the value of the human being. It is nice to celebrate it in such a lovely atmosphere. We cherish the hope that this company will be instrumental in creating a better situation as we aspire to see it stand out in the business crowd and epitomize the success of a national company with 100 percent Yemeni staff. We are a part of this process and we will continue to be honest employees, achieving all the national hopes, and seeking to increase pride in our homeland, Yemen," concluded Saber Al-Nadari.



Eng. Kamal Abdul Malik Al-Megdad, Contracts and Budget Manager receiving the Special Achievement Award



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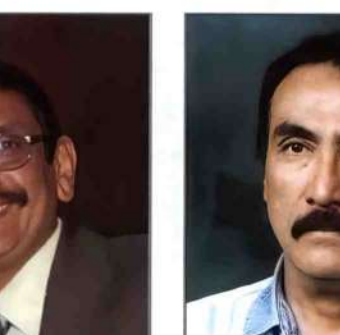
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Arabs and Africa

United vision for several challenges

By: Mohammed Al-Ariqi

The Senators and Consultative Councils' League in Africa and the Arab world is getting successful in maintaining the contact and coordination program since it was established in 2004. The League enhances the understanding and cooperation among the concerned countries. It is worth mentioning that its third meeting is currently being held in Sana'a.

The need for such contact is urgent even though the outcome of this contact is not touching for the people of the countries that are members in this league. This is not remissness or liberalism of the conference's significance, rather it is step by step procedure to prepare the union system and built its programs and strategies that reflect its validity to continue and accomplish practical achievements later on.

The League members said, 'We are completely confident that the coming meetings will be a remarkable move ahead for the output, contributing to tackling the problems and challenges

copied by the Arab and African communities.' In fact, this League is pondered upon as a real reflection of the mutual bonds the Arab and African communities have in common with one another, particularly in the economic, social, political, and cultural aspects.

It is not only this, but the geographical interchange of Arab - African worlds is exalting to the extent that it forms a strong region based on the natural resource foundation. In addition, the site features as well as the civil and cultural variances are affected by globalization impacts and its negative consequences upon these countries' peoples, requiring authorities of these countries to address these outcomes with complete visions and potentials as well as to utilize others' experiences.

Undoubtedly, forming this League in the Arab and African worlds will represent the first core for a complete work based on organized criteria within which the rest of the effective and influential sectors in all countries towards achieving positive help liberalize and widen partnership.

In this respect, it is hoped that this League will achieve many steps and

procedures, as the senators' and consultative councils are considered important to the constitutions of these countries. Furthermore, these constitutions have legislative, legal, political, and economic influence related to the League's fundamental decision. Moreover, these councils handle significant, social, political, and economic issues regarding study, analysis, and presentation of decision proposals.

When dealing and exchanging opinions between the league members, certainly, no issues will be new or strange for every member of the league. There are some problems and challenges that have the same trait for everybody. This is especially in the political participation or fighting unemployment issues related to education or health.

Additionally, such issues are highlighted in communities where the need for organized communications and meetings of the league members arise in view of investigating and reviewing the experience of the concerned countries, as well as the role of these councils in adopting the legislations, laws, and decisions so as

to prevent these phenomena.

There are other issues that necessitate crystallized and unified vision, particularly the changes that constitute one block in the region. This is because there are some problems affecting some countries but it has impacts and consequences not only in the African and Arab countries but also on the world as a whole.

The bloody events taking place in the Horn of Africa endanger many Arab countries as they have widely spread in the black continent. Likewise, the contagious diseases or the proliferation of agricultural plights that leave no borders affect more than one country.

All these phenomena and consequences require coordination, contact, serious and effective work, as well as an exchange of viewpoints, information, and experience to help reduce problems of these countries which have the potentials and experiences that enable them overcome all the difficulties and move toward the horizon of progress competently.

Source: Al-Thawra State-run Daily

COMMON SENSE

The absurdity of it all Lebanon and Al-Qaeda

Thanks to the Bsh Administration and the worst eight years of American History (after the Depression years of course), the world seems to defy all rational explanations for all the events



By: Hassan Al-Haifi

that transpire here and there. With obviously unbelievable toughness, Mr. George W. Bsh declared himself to be the savior of the world from all forms of terror, especially that of Al-Qaeda. But it is clear and obvious that Al-Qaeda and the other dubious clandestine organizations have never found a more favorable venue to operate in than that provided by the so called "War on Terror". Perhaps it would be more appropriate if it was labeled the "War By Terror". This kind of an environ is not by any means coincidental or unexpected, at least by those evil forces in the world that seek to turn the world into a free for all for all evil drives to find their niches among the weak and the gullible of humanity. There is no chance of positively predicting the expected trends of the world in such a hopeless climate, because predictions of forecasters are usually based on the good nature of human beings in general and thus heavily rest on the hope that all evil can be set aside, while one paints a happy go lucky world that turns out caramel candy for the young at heart and roses and honey for the naïve amongst the adults of the world, who somehow still lounge in the fallacy that evil simply can never overcome good.

For seven years, American foreign policy has been guided by the very same evil institutions that helped bring about the ugly cancer that was nurtured by the international Zionist establishment in the heart of the Middle East. That is nothing new of course, but the new thing now is that American foreign policy has totally been geared to serve the Zionist cause from A to Z! In other words, the American people have lost touch with their own destiny.

If we take Lebanon, for example, we see an American policy that is geared to nurturing evil in all its manifestations. There is no question in any Arab mind that the big beating inflicted upon the Israeli War machine by Hezbollah last Summer was the most refreshing event that has happened in the history of the nation, since Saladin drove the Crusades out of the Holy Land to return the peace to the region witnessed for almost six centuries before the Crusades turned Jerusalem into a slaughterhouse of hate and destruction. Because of this, the American pro-Zionist elements within the Administration resorted to their favorite hidden weapon of terror and mayhem by ordering their underground "enemies" of the international terror machine (disguised as Al-Qaeda and Fath Al-Islam) to launch their evil machine in Lebanon after the grounds were set by the Lebanese 14th March political establishment, which has found political favor in attaching itself with the New World Order. The question - which is indeed a tough one - that would raise itself to prominence is: Will Hezbollah and their kind friends in the Lebanese establishment, who are a far better and more resourceful clique, culturally and nationally than their peers in the "majority", be able to take on this sleazy direction that the Lebanese political scene has turned to? It is understandably a tough challenge on which the Zionist establishment has placed all its bets, in the hope that the spine of the indefatigable Hezbollah can be broken and evil can continue to direct events in the Holy Land in service to the Zionist cause? What a risky gamble indeed. Hezbollah is surely aware of the background of this new development and all the concoctions of evil that the Mossad in cohesion with the CIA can churned up to spread their venomous evil throughout the region. The recent backing that the other forces of the February faction have demonstrated towards combating this new evil in Lebanon, does indicate that Lebanon indeed has more good in it than meets the eye. The question that then arises is, when will the American people realize that putting their foreign policy on the same track as the Zionist establishment desires will eventually bring American hegemony in the world into the long list of historical has-beens faster than even James Michener predicted some ten years ago?

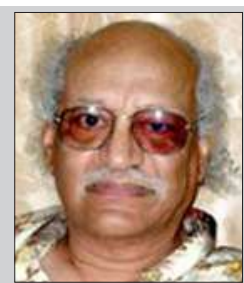
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When political dialogue may be possible

The political dialogue can only be possible in the proper political environment where independence of the political area is complete. Then the dialogue needs a special invitation from any political organization since it will be part of the practices taking place in the political area. This generally happens in the countries of growing and ailing democracies.

For us, the political field isn't independent, starting from the point of the legitimacy issue (the highest authority). Wherever the country president is the army commander, the order is based on the principle of force not the principle of right. The controversy that has been held in Egypt since 2004 up to today, as well as the previous and coming referendum on the constitutional articles, reveal that the pivotal problem is linked with this principle. And, since 1952, such a duality in the Egyptian political environment was established, as 35 of the constitutional articles grant 65% of the effective authorities to the President of the Republic. From this point, an Egyptian liberal opposition leader says that the Primer Minister is a driver assistant while ministers are not eligible for running foodstuff stores. The core of the mock is that since 1952, the Egyptian Primer Minister doesn't interfere in politics and this is not an exaggeration. When the Prime Minister is described as technocratic, this means that the social politician is separated from technology. He tends to be a craftsman working according to directions while the state has become the presidency institution.

The issue appears more terrible, as



By: Abu Bakr Al-Saqqaf

the judgement is personal due to the low development rate of the Yemeni political feature in the area of building the state and the tribal culture, which are manifested in: the ongoing war in Sa'ada, issue of South Yemen, and corruption, that has become an independent system reproducing itself with unique efficiency. It is difficult for the regime to resolve these issues, even by dialogue or other means. The regime accuses those who don't back it in the Sa'ada war of treason and considers discussing the issue of South Yemen as an apostasy treason. The regime says it resolves the issue of corruption and is forming an anti-corruption authority. Such a task is impossible, particularly if we admit that corruption has become a system and it has a relation of identity with the regime. Both the regime and corruption are present together and should end together. The regime that is able to correct itself is only the democratic one.

What happens in the political life confirms that doors of change are ever open, but the persistent problem is that the current regime doesn't have even the slim possibility to tackle the three issues. It has become the most complicated issue. All the problems of

the society and the state originate from the main problem associating with building the state. It is surprising that the political address of parties avoids talking about the issue of combining the two presidencies (presidency of the republic and council of ministers). This is a very essential introduction to implement the principle of separating between authorities, but without this, it is impossible for politics to survive.

In South Yemen, we returned to invasion forms, which we knew in the pre-Islam history and after Islam, and in North Yemen, the conflict of comprehensive fanaticism, which was embodied in the pre-unification wars, has culminated with the 1994 Civil War. Corruption is a beginning, as well as an end circulating in the world of business and interests while researchers in the science of speech acknowledge that the self-identity problem and characteristics have similar cognitive, social and political dimensions.

When the regime is a problem in itself, it has to be born in mind that dialogue with this regime is an approach to resolve the persisting problems. And, the failure of all the rounds of talks before and after the Document of Pledge and Accord, and what happened for the accord during the most recent presidential election, which currently reconfirm that dialogue is merely an attempt to make the circle a square. We remember that the Foreign Minister during the period of 1994 Civil War cancelled the Document of Pledge and Accord before the war ended. After the war, the President described the Document of Pledge and Accord as a document of treason, ignoring that he signed it in Amman in a televised scene.

For the regime, the call for dialogue is merely a whimsical need, as well as a goal by itself. The political parties insist to reapply the experience whenever an official spokesman indicates the necessity of resorting to dialogues to reach possible solutions to problems. In the meantime, the political scene becomes more comic, when all the people in the government and the opposition wear a thick mask of wisdom and talk about the most serious and critical historic stage.

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Europe's two futures

By Joschka Fischer

Europe today presents a contradictory picture. It is a land of peace, democracy, and the rule of law. It is also a land of prosperity: its economy is competitive, its currency strong, inflation is low, and its standards of living are among the highest in the world. Europeans benefit from very high levels of social protection, inexpensive, high-quality education, strict environmental standards, and excellent infrastructure. In addition, Europe has unmatched cultural diversity and great natural beauty. It all sounds like a utopian dream.

With its 500 million people and the world's largest single market, Europe, even if not seen by the world as a real union, is still an economic giant. But politically it is a dwarf – and shrinking. Ours is a century of large states, and the further rise of China, India, the United States, and Japan will soon make the largest European powers look puny. Even today the three largest EU members barely manage to offset Europe's loss of political weight, much less to stem the tide. Without a strong EU, this development will only intensify.

The world outside Europe is changing rapidly, and it won't wait for Europeans mired in an agonizing process of self-discovery. The alternatives are clear: keep up or be left behind.

In America, despite the current obsession with Iraq, a strategic view is taking hold that defines the twenty-first century mainly in terms of the triad of China, India, and the US. Japan's role as an American ally is viewed as a given. The relationship with Russia is placed somewhere between partnership and renewed rivalry, but Russia is not really seen as

a strategic challenge. And, in strategic terms, the rest is silence – which applies also to Europe.

The bottom line for America is that while Europe no longer creates problems, for the foreseeable future, Europe, due to its lack of unity, will not be willing or able to contribute to solving the world's problems. Europe's involvement in NATO's efforts to stabilize Afghanistan only emphasizes this ambiguity.

On the one hand, Europe's role in Afghanistan is appreciated by the US, but on the other, it also exposes the Europeans' weakness and the Alliance's limited capabilities. While the US political elite has not written off NATO, expectations about its crisis-solving competence are fast being scaled down. This view of Europe as a negligible political entity is fully shared in Beijing, Moscow, and New Delhi.

This is the starting point at which a new generation of leaders is taking over the reins in the EU's three largest member states. Gerhard Schröder, Jacques Chirac, and Tony Blair are history. In Germany, the government of Angela Merkel has been in power for one and a half years. Nicolas Sarkozy has just assumed the French presidency. Gordon Brown will soon take over as prime minister in the UK.

Within just a few weeks, this trio will be called on to make a vital decision on the future of the EU. That decision concerns the Constitutional Treaty and its prospects. What the new foundational document is called in the end is a minor point; what is essential for Europe's future is that constitutional reform is revived and gives Europe a strong foundation. The question, then, is whether the new leaders, as early as next month, succeed in a new effort to adopt the vital institutional reforms that the enlarged Union requires.

Bush expects everything to be solved with a bang

A word popped up in my mind. I looked it up in the dictionary and there it was; it's an onomatopoeic word and its connotation is tragic: bang. I've probably never used it in my life.

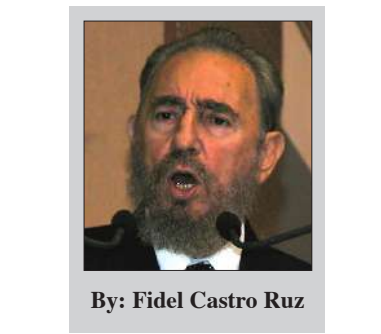
Bush is an apocalyptic person. I observe his eyes, his face and his obsessive preoccupation with pretending that everything he sees on the "invisible screens" are spontaneous thoughts. I heard his voice quaver when he answered criticism from his own father about his Iraq policy. He only expresses emotions and constantly feigns rationality. Of course he is aware of the impact of every phrase and every word on the public he addresses.

What's dramatic is that what he expects to happen may cost the American people many lives.

One can never agree, in any kind of war, with events that take the lives of innocent civilians. Nobody could justify the attacks of the German Air Force on British cities during World War II, nor the thousands of bombers that systematically destroyed German cities in the decisive moments of the war, nor the two atomic bombs which the United States dropped on Hiroshima and Nagasaki in

The best way to proceed is to focus on the essentials. Part III of the blocked Constitutional Treaty is merely a compendium of the existing EU treaties, which – because these treaties will remain in force regardless of whether they are part of the new document – can be decoupled from the rest.

Part II of the stalled document, the Charter of Fundamental Rights, can be postponed. To be sure, this would be painful because, as the EU bureaucracies gain more authority, the EU's democratic deficit will widen without clearly defined fundamental rights. If Part II is postponed, the European



By: Fidel Castro Ruz

an act of pure terrorism against old people, women and children.

Bush expressed his hatred of the poor world when he spoke on June 1, 2002 at West Point, of the pre-emptive attacks on "60 or more dark corners of the world".

Whom are they going to convince now that the thousands of nuclear weapons in their possession, the missiles and the precise and exact delivery systems they have developed are just to combat terrorism? Could it be perhaps that the sophisticated submarines being constructed by their British allies, capable of circumnavigating the globe without surfacing and reprogramming their nuclear missiles in mid-flight, will be used for that as well? I would never have imagined that one day such justifications would be used. Imperialism

Court will have to define these fundamental rights for the time being. This is only a second-best solution, but it is better than nothing.

Part I of the treaty, however, is indispensable, as is the new voting procedure, with its "double majority" rule balancing the role of the states and the population. To reopen this part of the debate, and thus to allow a dilution of its substance, would be a historic failure and a major setback for Europe's future. If this is the price of going ahead with the treaty, it is better to do nothing at all and bide one's time.

The stakes are thus very high for

intends to institutionalize world tyranny with these weapons. It aims them at other great nations which arise not as military adversaries capable of surpassing their technology with weapons of mass destruction, but as economic powers that would rival the United States whose chaotic and wasteful consumerist economic and social system is absolutely vulnerable.

What's worse about the bang upon which Bush is hanging his hopes is the antecedent of his actions during the September 11th events, when, knowing full well that bloody attack on the American people was imminent, and having the capacity to foresee it and even to prevent it, he took off on a vacation with his entire administrative apparatus.

From the day of his appointment as President – thanks to the fraud orchestrated by his friends from the Miami mafia, in the manner of a "banana republic" – and prior to his inauguration, W. Bush was informed in detail of the same facts and in the same way as the president of the United States, who directed that he be informed. At that moment, the tragic events symbolized by the fall of the Twin Towers were still more than 9 months away.

Europe in the coming weeks. If the substance of the Constitutional Treaty is saved, Europe will increasingly develop into a global player. Only then will the transatlantic alliance also have a future. To be sure, this process will take time, and there will be other setbacks. But the fundamental direction will be correct, and there will be real cause for optimism. If, on the other hand, this attempt, too, should fail, or end in a lazy, useless compromise, Europe's decline will accelerate and transatlantic relations will become increasingly turbulent.

It is now up to Merkel, Sarkozy, and Brown to prove – despite all the

If something similar were to happen with any kind of explosives or nuclear material, given that enriched uranium flows like water throughout the world since the days of the Cold War, what would be the probable fate of humanity? I try to remember and analyze many moments of humanity's march through the millennia, and I wonder: could my views be subjective?

Just yesterday Bush was bragging about having won the battle over his adversaries in Congress. He has a hundred billion dollars, all the money he needs to double, as he wishes, the number of American troops sent to Iraq, and to carry on with the slaughter. The problems in the region are increasingly aggravated.

Any opinion about the president of the United State's latest feats grows old in a matter of hours. Is it perhaps that the American people can't take this little moral fighting bull by the horns?

Fidel Castro Ruz is a Cuban socialist leader who overthrew a dictator in 1959 and established a Marxist socialist state in Cuba, during his more than 40-year rule, he has emerged as one of the most controversial political figures in the world.

differences that may exist between them – that they understand the challenges that globalization poses for Europe: the EU member states will be able to defend their interests in the world of the twenty-first century only to the extent that the EU itself is strong.

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Researchers: Uncontrollable inflation, why?

By: YemenTimes Staff

A seminar organized by the Yemeni Center for Strategic Studies discussed the continuous price hikes and the uncontrollable inflation levels being witnessed in the Yemeni markets, several researchers participated in the seminar as well as government officials, businessmen, and representatives of civil society including the consumer protection society, which continues to criticize the continuous unannounced price hikes especially in foodstuff such as wheat, sugar, milk, cooking oil and also other consumer goods which affected mostly the most deprived segments of the society with very limited income.

During the seminar, Minister of Trade and Industry Dr. Yahya Al-Mutwakel has admitted that the prices of foodstuff and other consumer goods have increased, however, he stated that such increases are normal and correlate with the increases in global prices of these items, as Yemen continues to depend on the international market to buy its food. He also added that the public financial reforms have played a role in increasing the inflation which made the Yemeni Riyal weaker in the global market and hence it costs more Riyals to buy the same amount of foodstuff from other countries.

However, the Minister has stated that the government is executing a long-term strategy that would



eventually stabilize the prices and keep inflation at acceptable levels, adding that the Yemeni market is still volatile and fragile and such policies would help strengthen the underlying market fundamentals with the view of creating an open and competitive market.

On his part Dr. Moahammed Al-Maitami, Secretary-General of the Union of Yemeni Chambers of Commerce, has called on the government as well as the private sector to responsibly and jointly solve this problem, as well formulate a workable

plan in order to solve the problem of increasing prices, adding that the government should do its role and monitor the retail prices of all products on periodical bases, and take correctional measures against any increases in the prices.

Being an economist, Dr. Al-Maitami described the Yemeni consumer as highly price-sensitive, and that the on-going trend of augmenting the prices of foodstuff isn't justifiable and points to a serious problem that should be dealt with rationally and promptly.

Dr. Mohammed Al-Afandi, director of the Yemeni Center for Strategic Studies and the host of the conference, has stated that blaming international markets and global trade economics isn't rational, he said that although global trade has something to do with the increases in prices, there are many other factors which played a role in prices hiking and those factors are internal, constant, and do not correlate with the changes in market powers or consumer demand, he also coined the phrase "Price Lunacy" in describing the trends of prices in Yemen.

Dr. Al-Afandi also said that the remedy for this price lunacy lies in revising the on-going macroeconomic policies which are "wrong" and also reforming government economic

interference mechanisms which have become a liability, he specifically stated that the economic misery being survived by Yemeni consumers are a direct outcome of the government's economic mismanagement and the failure of the regime in creating sustainable economic growth that might help stabilize the domestic economy.

Inline with that, Opposition leader Mr. Yehya Al-Shami has agreed with the notion of government economic mismanagement and added: "the objective of this regime is not to create a future for the country, but to continue extorting the people for more money to keep up the lavish lifestyle of top officials and corrupt employees in government circles" he also called on the government to adopt a productive and value-addition economic policy to boost national output and efficiency in order to create any sort of development.

However, the private sector got a significant share of the blame, as it takes advantage of the economic mismanagement, non-existence of efficient government monitoring mechanism, and the dire need of the people to purchase food at any cost "the private sector has absolutely no corporate social responsibility" said Professor Taha Al-Fusail, professor of economics at Sana'a University, he also indicated that the on-going economic scenario in Yemen is that of a controlling oligopoly where a number of businessmen control almost all the trading in foodstuff especially wheat, and that these businessmen set the prices with higher-than-ethical profit margins knowing that the consumer is forced to purchase it or starve.

In essence, the seminar concluded that the main cause of increasing prices is the government's ineffective economic policies, as the government should be playing the role of the watchdog to protect the basic human rights of its citizens, including the right to food, however, the government is unable to spur economic activity or development in spite of the funds it collects in terms of taxes or other sources of revenue, and eventually the most deprived segments of the society have to suffer.

Business In Brief

Yemen educates its top officials on good governance

Over 50 cabinet minister, undersecretary, and high ranking officials in the government are currently participating in a training workshop in order to explain the concept of good governance and transparency. The workshop is being administered by regional experts on good governance and is the first in a series of such workshops backed by the Prime Minister himself.

WB's program in Yemen: Worth US\$ 700 million

The World Bank has stated that its 2008-2011 country program for Yemen is worth US\$ 700 million, and studies are being undertaken in order to ensure that the allocation of these funds have a maximum positive impact on Yemen's Development, with a focus on good governance, education, water resources and building an oil refining facility in Yemen.

President Saleh offers lessons in Public Finance

President Saleh has called on the presidents and directors of financing monitoring agencies and organizations for control and audit in Arab countries to learn lessons from the experience of Yemen's Central Organization for Control and Audit (COCA) in terms of proper monitoring for public finance, adding that the COCA has had great success in limiting corruption in Yemen and ensuring proper allocation of public funds.

Businessman to invest 1.3 billion Riyals in New National Park

Sources at the Ministry of Tourism has stated that a local businessman has allocated 1.3 billion Riyals to be invested in Al-Saleh national park to be located in Al-Dhabab valley in Taiz governorate, the project will include a recreational park, a garden park, along with other planned facilities.

Yemeni Embassies to take part in tourism promotion

Minister of Tourism Mr. Nabil Al-Faqih has stated that his ministry has developed a

tourism promotion in partnership with Yemeni Embassies overseas. Al-Faqih also stated that a wide-ranging publicity campaign is a part of the strategy, and will include the printing of brochures, tourism guides, and other promotional materials in various languages to be distributed through Yemeni Embassies.

Korean Oil Company wins exploration rights for two oil blocks

A consortium led by South Korea's National Oil Corporation has won rights to undertake Oil exploration activities in two block 39 in southeastern Yemen and block 4 in central Yemen. The two blocks are estimated to hold up to 750 barrels of Oil.

CBY: Updated anti-money laundry measures

Governor of the Central Bank of Yemen has stated that Yemen is very keen on implementing the updated international measures on Money laundering and counter-terrorism, he stated that while inaugurating a staff workshop organized in cooperation with the United Nations Organized Crime Office. The workshop will discuss the updates and will introduce CBY affiliates to the latest in the international arena with respect to money laundering and organized crime.

Yemenia Registers with IOSA

Yemenia, Yemen Airways, has successfully registered with the IATA Operational Safety Audit (IOSA) program, in order to further enhance Yemenia's safety procedures and record. Such Accreditation benefits Yemenia in terms of meeting the internationally recognized operational audit standards and the continuous updating of safety standards in order to reflect regulatory revisions and evolve best practices within the aviation industry.

Chambers of commerce to hold elections next week

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Short story

Girl scream

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Iraq, Baghdad. It was a silent night when Mona's family felt safe more than the nights before. It was nine, time for dinner. Mona, eight years old, her parents, her older brother, and her youngest lovely brother, were having their dinner. Every one was telling what they had during the day. It was moment filled with love and affection, but they weren't aware that was their last meeting. All of them were exhausted after a long day; they finished their dinner and the bed was surely the best place to go to.

The parents take the youngest brother to their room. Mona and her older brother went to the other room. The lights were turned off, but Mona

was still whispering to her brother. She was asking her innocent questions "why do the people kill each other? Do you think they will kill us?"

"I don't know we all wish to live in peace" the brother said.

"They slept, but that night swears to answer Mona's questions.

Four hours later, while Mona's family was deeply sleeping, suddenly a tremendous striking noise was heard...it came from the kitchen's window. The older brother was the first to wake up. The moment he heard that, he realized that one of the armed bands broke in the house. He took his gun and went to the kitchen. He didn't expect to see that the three armed men were already in the kitchen. He tried to shoot them, but they were faster. The shot sound woke

Mona up, she immediately went to her brother's bed, but she didn't find him. At that time the armed men were already at her parents' room. The shooting sound was repeated

"Dad, Dad..." it was her youngest brother's voice. Mona went to her parents' room. She found her father laying on the ground and bleeding, and her mother was crying and holding her son tightly between her arms. "help, help..." Mona shouted. One of the armed men tied Mona's hands. "What do you want from us? Why do you kill us? Mona was crying and shouting.

"What about the woman and the son, kill them" the armed men were heard talking. Mona couldn't believe what she heard, but there was not time even to say goodbye. Mona watched her mother and brother die.

The neighbors heard the shot. But it was too late. The armed men escaped, and they left Mona alive. Mona couldn't hold it....she screamed "Dad, mom, my brothers... God, help us...please Arabs wake up stop this...or do you enjoy watching and listening to the number of killings every night in Iraq. Forty, fifty, seventy. If you only knew what seventy means, it means seventy children became orphans, it means seventy mothers lose their sons, it means more fright, more scare, more sadness, more death and death... please Arab nations, I don't ask you to cry or regret for who were killed, leave that for our tears to wet their tombs, I just ask you to save who are still alive.... I wish the killers added one more number to their victims' list by name "Mona"

Arab Youth: Definition and impact

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No doubt that 9/11 has turned the whole world up side down; creating new socio-political interactions and an unknown frontline – leaving the Arab and the Islamic World wondering and questioning their basic values and goals. Thus, the Arab youth activists and workers as one of the main component of their societies and communities found themselves standing in front of a tempest. A huge earthquake hit the towns of their minds questioning their paths and approaches that "signify nothing". They started redefining themselves and their role. They started to reread world history in their words and passion.

The concerned Arab youth rediscover that in order to play an active positive role within their surroundings they have to implement and think seriously of Community Youth Development.

The youth, who enjoy that glorious era of their lives; of marching, acting, creating, participating, and involving rapidly and positively, are those who are absent from the scene as key players. They aren't those who are between 15 and 35 as some may be more or less being very energetic and giving; full of spirit, visions, and innovativeness.

Community Youth Development is about individuals who found common interests and grounds among themselves to formulate a unity of/for hopes and positive development. They are equipped, before any thing else with that eagerness to serve to help and to work voluntarily and voluntarily in favor of their society.

They are creative walking angels, who know only the joy of sadness, the limitless endings and "the second coming". They might have some skills in public relations, focus group work, campaigning, and/or management...etc. But they may as well have no distinctive skills at all except those sharp eyes, white heart, and promising attitude of those clean minds of understanding the

other being as responsive as possible. Such groups may be interested in cultural projects, arts touches, music tones, political impact and changes, economic prosperity, and/or tangible development...etc. but they are all sharing that day of better future that yet to come.

They may start networking with other similar groups close and around them, coordinating and supporting each other. But in order for them all to change and exchange reaching the best outcome and concrete results the leadership has to be there. There must be first(s) among equals. A he or she or a he and she to lead, to guide, to enlighten, to instruct, to conclude, to chair, and to initiate.

Yet, their example of a great act of leadership may come out of no leader at all. A small heroic student in school, a handicapped champion, a fireman responding to a scream of help or an anti-terrorism racism or Semitism is the page they have to read. Their example is that moment of creativeness and invention. Their example is the successful story of a small blind girl. Their motivation is world leaders and elites who make peace for better life for their generation and generations to come.

Youth involved in all sorts of fields and at all levels have to direct their march for the widest audience and the longest sustainable positive social impact. So, either they work in development or economics or whatsoever they do recognize that shortest way for tomorrow is the sociopolitical field. Their demands, their achievements, their social services have all to be shaped in forms/norms of rights and duties. They know that the call for democracy and human rights in terms of theories and practices has to be screamed and responded to.

The search for ideologies and laws in terms of leftism and justice within and under the bigger umbrella of liberal democracy is the road for tomorrow, for youth positive participation and distinctive leadership, and for a wider Community Youth Development – so help us Lord.

From revenge to migration

By: Ahmed Abdu Qadhi

The phenomenon of revenge is still one of the most dangerous social problems the Yemeni community faces. Its most important impact is youths' immigration.

Youths escape from revenge and its outcomes. This is because revenge does not target the only murderer but also it goes through brothers as well as family and sometimes the tribe. This is the reason behind youths' immigration to nearby or far countries.

Nassir Mokbil Al-Haimyari, who is

a Yemeni fugitive for along time and stayed in England could not be able to come back because he knows that he will be killed in Yemen, albeit there were many futile attempts to solve the problem friendly.

The cause behind that was the murder of another family person at the hand of a man of the aforementioned family. The consequence is that Nassir Mokbil is the revenge target due to the escape of the true murderer. This is a typical example of the revenge impacts and what is hidden is worse.....So, how long will this phenomenon continue in the country of wisdom and belief? I am just wondering.

Love at first sight...

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One day at night
I caught a sight
In the sky, there shone a light
A beautiful lass dressed up in white
So cool, so charming, and so quiet
She mesmerized me...! Such a fright...!

Before, I might...!
I mean I could resist and fight
But at her astonishing sight,
I could move neither left nor right
And life, at once, became loose
and tight

My head, I felt, heavy and light
She then courted; she did me cite:

"You are my sight"
She said, "and knight,
So take my heart; it is your site"
I picked a paper; made a plane...
It wasn't a kite..!
And within a blink, I set out a flight

I caught my lady: She is my height,
Buxom and slight
To whom I used to rhyme and write
We had Love void of spite
And our future we made so bright
That's my tale with Love at First Sight...

إعلان عن إنزال مناقصة عامة للمرة الثانية

تعلن شركة مصافي عدن للمقاولين من الدرجة الأولى وشركات المقاولات الأجنبية المتخصصة في بناء المستشفيات عن رغبتها في تشييد مبنى مستشفى شركة مصافي عدن على أن يستوفي المتقدم الشروط التالية :

١- ان تكون الشركة لديها خبرة سابقة في بناء المستشفيات وعلى ان لا تقل عن ثلاث مستشفيات

٢- على المتقدمين ارفاق صورة من خبرتهم في تنفيذ مشاريع مشابهة لنفس المشروع وذلك للتأكد (كسابق خبرة).

٣- يشترط على المتقدمين ان يكونوا مصنفيين من الدرجة الأولى محليا والى جانب الشركات الأجنبية ذات الخبرة في مثل هذا المجال

٤- نسخة من البطاقة الضريبية سارية المفعول (المحليين)

٥- نسخة من البطاقة التأمينية سارية المفعول

٦- أرفاق شهادة مزاولة المهنة سارية المفعول

٧- ضمان بنكي أو شيك قابل للدفع بواقع ٢,٥٪ من قيمة العطاء صالح لمدة ١٢٠ يوما صادر من بنك معتمد

٨- تقدم العطاءات من أصل + نسختين بظرف مغلق مختوم بالشمع الأحمر ومعنون للأخ مدير المصافي - رئيس لجنة المناقصات - مشروع تشييد مبنى مستشفى شركة مصافي عدن .

٩- على من ترسو عليه المناقصة دفع ١٪ من قيمة العطاء ونلك رسوم تحسين المحافظة

١٠- لن ينظر في أي عطاء ما لم يكن مستوفيا جميع الشروط المذكورة

١١- يتم شراء كراسة المناقصة من إدارة المشاريع بمبلغ ٥٠,٠٠٠ ريال يمني لا غير لا ترد

١٢- يتم إعادة كراسة المناقصة مختومة مع العطاء

١٣- الشركة غير ملزمة بقبول ادني عرض

١٤- يقدم العطاء خلال ستين يوما من الإعلان

١٥- يتم تسليم المظاريف يوم الأربعاء الموافق ٢٠٠٧/٧/١٨ الساعة ١١,٠٠ صباحا وهو نفس يوم فتحها بحضور لجنة المناقصة والأخوة المتقدمين أو مندوبيهم

١٦- للاستفسار وزيارة الموقع الاتصال بالأخ مدير المشاريع - تلفون رقم ٣٧٦٢٣١ وقت الدوام

Bidding farewell to a good friend

By: Moneer Al-Omari

Departing British ambassador to Yemen, Michael Gifford, who is much more than a good friend of Yemen and its people, is due to leave the country in June. Yemen will miss a noble and helpful friend, one who boosted Yemeni-British bilateral relations in every aspect, along with helping and supporting Yemeni non-governmental organizations.

The Yemeni-British Friendship Association chaired by Foreign Affairs Minister Abu Bakr Al-Qirbi held a luncheon Monday in honor of and as a farewell to Gifford, who was an active member during his posting in Yemen.

Gifford has tried hard to boost Yemeni-British ties at both official and unofficial levels and as a result, British aid to Yemen has reached the highest level during his posting. Further, the British government has decided to raise the ceiling of aid to \$100 million by 2020, according to Sarah White, head of the Department for International Development in Yemen.

The department currently is working to reform Yemen's education, justice and financial systems, with future plans involving taxation reform, water and planning sectors, in order to enable Yemen to implement its third five-year development plan.

Additionally, official visits between the two countries became more frequent and at higher levels, including a visit by President Ali Abdullah Saleh in 2004. London also hosted the Donors Conference for Yemen, at which Yemen received around \$5 billion in aid from various donor countries.

"London has become one of Yemen's largest donors," Al-Qirbi said, praising Gifford's efforts, adding that his successor should continue on the same track.

Regarding Yemen's future, Gifford indicated that he has high expectations from this country, however, he stressed the importance of continuing Yemen's reform program, which has proven fruitful, and continuing the fight against



Ambassador Michael Gifford

poverty and corruption.

"Britain strongly supports Yemen's reforms" Gifford asserted.

He also hinted that there's great interest among British businesses in Yemen, especially those already present in the region, but only after security concerns are overcome. "When the conditions are right, investors will come," he noted.

Gifford's appointment wasn't confined to just official activities, but also extended to unofficial ones. For example, he supported Yemeni NGOs and raised money for orphanages, the desti-

tute and the needy in Yemen; he often gave charity from his own pocket and collected funds to that end from both inside and outside of Yemen; and finally, he participated in various civil society activities and gave a great boost to the activities of the Yemeni-British Friendship Association.

"I know you'll care for Yemen's interests on the other side of the world just as you cared for Britain's interests while in Yemen," Al-Qirbi said, demanding further partnership with Britain in order to solve Yemen's problems regarding poverty, corruption and unemployment.

At the sendoff, Gifford presented an outline of Yemeni-British relations from the past, present and future, noting that such relations date back to 1839, when Captain S. B. Haines and his forces landed at Aden. British presence in Aden and other southern Yemeni areas continued until 1967, when British forces left the country were driven out of the country and South Yemen was declared an independent state.

Gifford hinted that British presence in South Yemen still is remembered, especially in Aden; however, he concluded, "We should preserve what's good and forget about what's bad."



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