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Government, employees, and students for Gaza

By: Enas Ahmed and Nisreen Shadad

SANA'A, Jan. 7 - Yemeni activities in support of the Palestinian plight in Gaza are on going as a national campaign on various levels.

Over 700 students at Sana'a University lead by the General Union for Yemeni students held a number of activities in a two day solidarity event with Palestinians in the Gaza Strip.

On the governmental level, the Cabinet approved a full day's pay of all state employees' salaries, general and mixed sectors, and private funds as a humanitarian donation for the residents of Gaza.

Similarly, a six day solidarity event was launched Jan. 5, under the logon "Al-Quds Arab Culture Capital 2009", by the Yemeni foundation for Sponsorship of Palestinian (Takaful). Culture Minister, Abu Bakr Al-Maflahi, condemned the attacks and commented that such an event is an opportunity to support our brothers in Gaza financially as well as spiritually.

Abdul Sheikh Abdulmajeed Al-Zendani member of the Showra Council and director of the Iman University, condemned the silence of Arab governments and for immediate cessation governments should open the fences for people to go to Gaza or establish a military camps to be able to support them.

Moreover, a media alliance to support Palestinians was lunched by Fathya Abdul Wasee, Women and Child





Assistant Deputy of the Ministry of Legal Affairs jointly with the women section of al-Quds foundation in Yemen.

Sadiq al-Ahmar, the leader of Hashid tribe in Yemen called on Yemenis to support the Palestinians to continue their struggle with absolute strength and steadfastness

Mohammed Siyam, an official at Hamas office, attended this festival and said a poem, which describes the situation of Palestine.

Osama al-Ashqar, the head of the Arab Culture Capital national campaign: "Gaza is experiencing shortages in medicine, power and basic supplies due to the Israeli blockade and attacks; therefore, this campaign is to display the pitiful situation of Gaza Strip. Since Gaza cannot celebrate with us, so we should celebrate to highlight their situation more."

The two day university students' activities, included a visual exhibition that



Hundreds of Yemenis continue their campaign in support of Gaza.

good and just," he said.

Professor Khalid Tameem, Head of Sana'a University, attended the carnival and spoke about the situation in Gaza. He thanked the government of Yemen for being cooperative.

"These kinds of activities are usually useful because it could be a threat to the enemy and show it how much we care about Gaza," says Fahd Wahead, a student in the faculty of Linguistics.

Almost 700 Palestinians have been killed in Gaza and over 3,000 wounded since the war began on December 27th. Seven Israeli soldiers and three civilians have died in the same period.

In a statement made by Palestinian Interior Minister Sa'eed Siyam, Israel bombed most of the civil defense buildings and a number of fire trucks and ambulances. He called on the Red Cross and the international human rights organizations to shoulder their responsibilities



Redwan Masood, Head of the General

Union, "These activities have been a suc-

cess, with the donated amount exceeding

YR 500,000 (approximately USD 2,500).

very glad they could express their feel-

ings and stand in solidarity with the peo-

Egypt is collaborating with Israel on

what's going on in Gaza. It's so clear

they're afraid that if Hamas would win

that might strengthen the Muslim

Brotherhood movement in Egypt,"

In this festival, there were stands for all

foundations in Yemen that have been

working for supporting Palestine. In the

stands, there were many posters and all

crime wars took place in Palestine,

including the new attacks across the

besieged Gaza Strip. Moreover, there was

ple of Gaza," Masood said.

Masood added

"Most Sana'a University students are

"We all know that the government of



diate ceasefire in Gaza. Ging described what is happening in the Gaza Strip as "madness" that never occurred before in human history.

About 100 people were wounded in Tuesday's strike on the school run by the United Nations Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA), the third school to come under fire in a single day

Ging also asked Israel to allow entry of fuel to the Gaza power plant, underling that one million Palestinians (two thirds of the Gaza population) were living without electricity while 700,000 (almost half the population) were living without running water.

He told the world leaders that they should stop eating, drinking and even sleeping until they stop the killing of innocent people in the Strip.

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The International Committee of the Red Cross said Gaza was now in a "fullblown" humanitarian crisis.

The International Criminal Court says war crimes are defined as the violation of the laws and customs of war. These include the murder, ill-treatment, or deportation of civilian residents of an occupied territory. War crimes also include the extensive destruction of cities, towns, and villages, and any devastation not justified by military necessity.



Around the Nation



Activist groups criticize government's reaction to Jewish plight

By: Mohammed Bin Sallam

SANA'A, Jan. 6 — The Yemen Human Rights Observatory (YHRO) criticizes attacks and offenses launched by irresponsible men and teenagers against Jews in the Raida district of Amran governorate.

In a statement distributed Tuesday, YHRO said that tens of students at Al-Zahra School in Raida assaulted members of the Jewish minority during a random demonstration in protest against the ongoing Israeli attacks in Gaza.

The human rights organization added that it reported many violations that were committed by students of the above mentioned school and citizens against Jews in Raida. They verbally assaulted Jews, threw stones at their houses, and intimidated their women and children.

According to the statement, Jew Zaher Gafri sustained critical injuries, his face swelled up, and his appearance was stained with blood. Other Jewish citizens were subject to various injuries while on the street. The protestors hurled stones at houses of Jews Haim Yaeesh, Shakr Sulaiman, Salem Shaghdari, and Yahya Jaradi, and the houses' occupants were intimidated.

YHRO said it observed the violations experienced by members of the Jewish minority, adding that the security authority's intervention came late. The security personnel arrested some of the assailants and detained them but did not announce the results of their investigation.

The observatory went on to say that the Jewish citizens were subjected to several forms of harassment over the



Amran popular market. Many Jews stopped their usual trade in the Amran popular market fearing they might be attacked or hurt by extremists especially in light of the Israeli aggressions on Gaza.

past time period while local and official authorities did not take any actions to protect Jews and refer perpetrators to court.

The human rights organization held the security authorities responsible for what happened to the Jewish citizens in Raida, accusing them of being indifferent toward Jewish minorities. It continued that the authorities only asked Jews to move to Sana'a, which is another violation against their right to settle wherever they want.

The observatory condemned all the violations committed against the

Jewish citizens that make the human rights culture deteriorate and breach values of forgiveness and intellectual and religious freedoms. It also held the government accountable for protecting its citizens and ensuring their freedoms, as stipulated in Article (18) of Universal Declaration of Human Rights, which is ratified by the Yemeni Constitution.

YHRO also urged the responsible authorities to take all necessary procedures and actions to prevent the repetition of such attacks, adding that the government is responsible for respect-

ing citizens' rights to practice their own ideologies. The government must ensure that all citizens enjoy equal rights and freedoms without any discrimination towards religion, race, or color.

It claimed that the government compensates Jewish citizens who were targeted by the assaults and protects them inside their homes in order to reinforce Yemeni law and to respect human rights and forgiveness principles.

YHRO called on all civil society organizations and human rights groups in and outside Yemen to stand in solidarity with the Jewish minority and to press the official agencies to protect them, respect their rights, and spread the human rights culture countrywide. Dozens of Amran citizens took to the streets on Sunday in solidarity with the people of Gaza who are currently suffering under the cruelest Israeli offensives. However, some of the protestors turned to throw stones at Jewish citizens in Raida, wounding many of them. The behavior was criticized by human rights groups, describing it as contravening the principle of peaceful coexistence and forgiveness.

Government decides Jews' transition Media sources reported Tuesday that the government decided to transfer willing Jewish citizens from Raida to Sana'a and temporarily rented two blocks for them in order to avoid any attacks by so-called irresponsible people and teenagers enraged by what is currently happening in Gaza.

During a telephone conversation with Yemen Times, many Jewish citizens said they are unsatisfied with the recent government procedure as being temporary and not ensuring their rights as Yemeni citizens. They urged the government to protect them.

Regarding their transition to Sana'a, a Jewish citizen, who requested to remain unnamed, said, "We told government officials to transfer us to the tourist city, east of Sana'a, where other Jews coming from Sa'ada live. This area is safer and more secure and suitable for children to play. The government officials, however, refused to do so, and instead rented blocks for us in crowded zones." Abu Shawarib's Document to Jews Members of the Jewish minority submitted a document to Sheikh Kahlan Mujahid Abu Shawarib, which was written by his late father Mujahid Abu Shawarib on August 25, 1993, reading: "This document must remain at the possession of Jews residing in Raida, Al-Suq Al-Jadid, Naet, Mahmam, and Athar in Amran. Those Jews are in our protection and their houses, money, and other property must be protected like those of Muslims according to the Islamic Sharia. Any attack against Jews is an attack against us. It is our duty to confront assailants and punish them. This document remains at their hand to show it to those concerned when required."

Members of the Jewish minority met Sheikh Mohammed Naji Al-Shayef, Head of the Parliamentary Rights and Freedoms Committee, and Mrs. Visia Mayris, Human Rights Officer at the U.S. Embassy in Sana'a Monday afternoon and discussed those same issues once discussed with Sheikh Abu Shawarib, which included procedures and actions to ensure their protection.

The Jewish minorities have been living in the governorates of Amran and Sa'ada for hundreds of years, but thousands of them migrated to Israel in 1948 and the following years. There are currently nearly 1000 Jews living in Amran. Some of them occasionally travel to Israel, the U.S., and the U.K. to visit their relatives.

The majority of Jews work as carpenters and sliver shapers. However, many of them lack essential living necessities, such as health insurance and access to education.

Arguments aroused by Youth Court in Taiz

By: Ola Al-Shami

SANA'A, Jan 7 — The Youth Court in Taiz recently called on officials at Taiz University to decrease the registration fees for students who have financial difficulties in Taiz, Aden, and Hodeidah.

During meetings held last week, arguments on ways to improve the university's syllabus and means of enhancing the curriculum by integrating practical work were discussed.

The Dean of Taiz University, Mohammed Al-Sofi, did not agree to many of the ideas presented by the Youth Court.

He cited financial difficulties as the



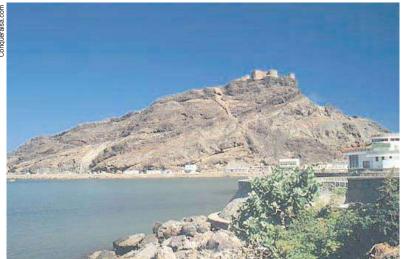
Tourism industry opposes electricity tariff increase

By: Ali Saeed and Ridhwan Al-Saqaaf

SANA'A, Jan 5 — Hotels owners in a Sana'a, Aden, and Hodeidah have expressed their rejection of the governmental decision to start implementing the new electricity tariff paid by tourist facilities in the country.

The 78 percent increase, which is from YR 17 to YR 30 per kilowatt per hour, is expected by many hotel owners to discourage tourists from visiting the country.

In Aden, 40 percent of hotels owners recently closed down their facilities for two days in protest and in hope that the local authorities will take appropriate measures and repeal the decision. They also held a protest in front of the Aden Governor office for the same reason.



reason that many projects could not be implemented. "Taiz University has less financial input as compared with other universities," he said. He addressed the issue of enhancing the curriculum by saying, "The Ministry of Higher Studies is responsible for this issue."

Since the beginning of 2006 the Youth Court invited representatives from the Ministry of Education and the deputy principals of the schools in Taiz, Aden, and Hodeidah. They demand that they respond to their opinions and address their concerns.

Discussions mainly focused on possible ways to apply the free registration decision in those three governorates as stated by Abdullah Sallam, manager of the National and Cultural Center of Youth (NCCY).

Sallam added that these youths are trying to investigate why the curricu-

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A Youth Court session on the education system, which is a simulation of an actual trial with defendants and prosecution demanding answers and action on a particular issue

lums in universities in the aforementioned cities depend on theoretical rather than practical work, and how that can be changed.

The Youth Court activities, which started in 1997, have trained more than 300 male and female trainers every month. "These young people are considered a means to pressure authorities to listen to their demands and to try to enhance some actions in society, like raising awareness of democracy among them and having the required skills in team building, among other things," said Sallam. He also pointed out that the Youth Court is regarded as a space for free discussion.

Youth representatives are facing problems such as a lack of funding, and they also lack required responses from the needed authorities. "What we try to do is to let authorities hear our voice. We sometimes find people who try to avoid us as much as they can," said Soltan Abdulhamid, the youth representative in the Education sector. He pointed out that this court is a good chance for them to form their own independent opinion. "The hotels and tourism sector will suffer from this decree because it will affect the expenditures and then hotels will not be able to improve their services," Deputy Director of the Tourism Promotion Council Alwan Al-Shiebani said.

He added that hotels are already going through financial difficulty as there are less tourists and the decree will only expand the problem.

In Sana'a, hotel owners organized a demonstration in front of the cabinet building to trigger the cabinet to look into the issue. They also sent complaints to the President, the Mayor of Sana'a, the Electricity Office, and the Tourism office.

The Hotels Association in Sana'a crit-

Hotels in Aden have been on strike for over two weeks now because of the electricity tariff. Local and international tourists who had planned to spend the New Year in Aden could not do so.

icized the decision and demanded the government to change the decree since it will have a negative affect on the performance of the hotels and tourism sector.

According to Al-Shiebani, the president directed the government to look at the hotels issue and to tackle the issue of the increasing electricity tariff in order to serve the general wellbeing.

In addition, the Governor of Aden directed the electricity office in Aden to take 50 percent from the hotels in Aden till the government carries out the president's instructions.

Jalal Shafeeq, General Manager of Tourist Affairs and Hotels in Aden, called on the government to facilitate "The entire world supports the tourism sector because it helps the national economy. More facilitation and help should be given to the tourism sector, such as the discharging of taxes and the decrease of power tariffs for tourist facilities," Shafeeq added.

and assist the tourism sector.

He explained that the power fees in Aden are too expensive given the high consumption rate which is due to warmer weather.

Al-Shiebani asserted that the time of increasing the power tariff is not appropriate since it coincides with the world financial crisis.

He suggested the government should reconsider the decision.

Taiz honors excellent students

By: Salah Al-Warafy

TAIZ, Jan. 3 — Three hundred excelling graduates of 2008 in Taiz beamed with pride as they received their honorary awards at the fifth Excellence Program Festival on Wednesday.

Organized by the National Organization of Development of Society (NODS), graduates of Taiz University, post-school Technical institute, Vocational Institute, and

Health Institute, as well as the top-ten students of secondary school in Taiz were awarded at the ceremony at the Taiz Tourist Club.

The students not only received certificates of excellence, they also received computers and scholarships for English, computer and human resource courses.

Shawqi Alqadi, Director of NODS in Yemen, said they are looking forward to depending on the outstanding students. He stressed the

importance of acknowledging their achievements lauded efforts to encourage them. He cited other nations whose exceptional students made a significant contribution to development and progress.

Alqadi also stressed the need to develop education.

"Our hopes, aspirations and ambitions are focused on these students. However, education in our country needs to be reformed. Education should be independent and separated from the partisans and politicians," he said.

Abdualwahab Aljunaid, Deputy Governor of Taiz Governorate said," When we honor these excellent students, we honor ourselves and every father and mother who helped their children to excel in their study."

Abdulfattah Gamal, Consultant of Ministry of Education, stated that the brilliant students are the only way to follow the developed nations, he added, "Honoring this batch of

students is as a response to our enemythe Zionists".

He also said that with the excellent students, the country will face economic and development challenges, and tackle the problems that hinder development.

Dr. Anisah Dawkam, General Director of Excellence Programme, said, "It is an honorable conduct to award the excellent students. The Excellence Programme has long-term goals. I am sure it will have an impact. In addition, it aims at encourage them and provide them with skills through the courses that they will be funded to take them in away that it will contribute to serving the country."

About 1500 excellent students have been honored by NODS since its foundation in 2003.

According to the latest statistics of National Information Centre Taiz has the most number of students among the governorates of Yemen.



Around the Nation

In Brief

HUDAIDA

Construction of first steel plant in Hudaida begins

The Chinese-Yemeni Steel Company Star' has already started the construction of the first steel plant in the industrialized zone in Hudaida province.

The project which would be implemented in three phases will cost \$ 75 million.

The company started in November implementation of the first phase of the project which included the setting up of concretes of the plant and residential complex that covers 194 thousand square meters, director of the Industrial Zone in Hudaida Abdullah al-Bukari said.

The cost of the first phase is estimated at \$ 25 million and the plant will produce during his phase 200 thousand tons of steel a year.

The project would be launched officially in May providing jobs for 300 Yemenis and 100 foreigners.

The 13 megawatt-electricity station which would be used to operate the plant will arrive in Yemen during this month.

At the second phase of the project, the plant will produce 400 thousand tons of steel a year and by 2010 after the three phases of the project complete the plant is expected to produce 1 million tons annually.

As we find the project shows success, other Yemeni-Chinese companies would be set up that will produce foods, phones and electronics, Chinese executive director of the project Yang

Shumen said. The Yemeni-Chinese Steel Company,

in which China holds 80 percent, obtained in July a license to establish the plant at the Industrial Zone in Hudaida province.

SANA'A

New historical site unearthed

A new historical site has been discovered in Jabal al-Jar of Sanhan districtclose to Sana'a capital, chairman of the general organization for antiquities and museums Abdullah BaWazir told 26sep.net on Sunday.

BaWazir said that the side dated back to the Bronze Age.

He made it clear that a commander of the Special Guards Brigadier Tariq Mohammed Abdullah Saleh informed the GOAM that the discovery happened during open of a road in the region which looks like an ancient housing settlement.

Animals such gazelles had been drawn on the rocks of the settlement, he added.

Date set for trial of Israel-linked spy ring

The Specialized Penal Court is to start next Saturday the trial of three members of a spy network accused of working for the Israel's Mossad intelligence agency.

After investigations with the accused during which three of the six-member network confessed to working for Israel through communication with the office

of Israeli PM Ehud Olmert and Mossad, Prosecution handed over the case file to the court in prelude for trial.

During investigations Basam al-Haidari, Emad al-Raimi and Ali Mahfal said they told Israelis they were ready to transfer information about Yemen, an offer which was welcomed by the Israeli side.

Israelis then told them they wanted them to conduct spy operations at the regional level.

Three will go on trial; however, three other members of the terrorist network, arrested in October, were set free for lack of evidence.

A security source earlier said the sixmember ring was a jihadist network and had threatened to attack foreign and Arab missions in the country including the embassies of Saudi Arabia, Britain and the United Arab Emirates.

During the raid on the network's hideout, security forces found items including a computer set, which revealed there was contact between the network and an Israeli intelligence serv-

During the correspondence, the network asked for help to carry out terrorist activities inside Yemen, the security source said.

Nine stores found selling weapons and munitions

Governmental field committees entrusted with monitoring prices have found 9 stores in Sana'a selling weapons and ammunitions. A report by the committees noted that while on a mission to monitor prices at stores throughout the capital, they found nine shops in the Arhab district selling light rifles, pistols and grenades as well as munitions.

The committees urged security authorities to immediately take necessary measures and close the stores as the trade of weapons affect national security

First batch of UAE assistance of wheat to be distributed

Minister of Industry and Trade Yahya al-Mutawakel said on Tuesday that the first batch of the UAE wheat assistance arrived at al-Salif seaport of Hodeidah governorate.

It would be distributed in accordance with mechanisms approved by the cabinet via the Yemeni Economic Corporation starting from next Thursday.

In his statement to Saba, the minister said that the 65,800 tons of wheat arrived in the port and would be distributed to around million beneficiaries of the Social Welfare Fund under sponsorship of the local councils.

The assistance would be distributed transparently within determined timetable to these beneficiaries, the minister said.

He criticized some media outlets, which doubted on honestly of the distribution for the UAE assistance of wheat, saying such reports are kind of political and partisan spites.

He expressed thanks of the Yemeni government for the gift presented by the President of the United Arab Emirates Khalifa Bin Zayed Al-

Nahyan, highlighting level of the bilateral relations between Yemen and UAE

Last May, the UAE president ordered to send 500,000 tons of wheat to Yemen as gift from the Emirates people to the Yemeni people.

Workshop on population issues held

The National Council is to organize on Tuesday a workshop on sharing with the local authorities in implementing the goals of the National Population Strategy.

The two-day workshop aims at defining population issues as well as the ways to share the local councils in the strategy of population.

Speaking to althawra.net, secretary general of the National Population Council Ahmed Borgi highlighted that the 30 participates will discuss four work papers regarding population issues and the role of local councils in population and family planning awareness .

HADRMOUT

Scientific symposium on addressing flood post-disaster to be held

Specialized scientific symposium will be held on Thursday under the title "Together to Address the Flood Post-Disaster."

The four-day symposium is organized by the Center for Studying of creativity and Cultural Heritage Service and Wadi Hadrmout forums, and will focus on practical solutions and the contribution required for joint action to overcome the problems caused by the flood.

About 18 Yemeni university professors are to participate in the symposium which will discuss urban planning, infrastructure re-structuring, focusing on the environment, agriculture and sewage floods restructuring as well as financing of housing and construction projects in the stricken areas.

ADEN

32,000 metric tons of diesel unloaded in Aden seaport

A Liberian oil tanker unloaded on Monday about 32,000 metric tons of diesel in Aden refinery seaport coming from India.

The shipment will be distributed to all gas stations and seaports throughout the country.

Worth mentioning is that about 168,000 metric tons of diesel were unloaded in Aden refinery seaport last December.

Six Somalis rescued in international waters off Mukalla coastline

A ship of international alliance forces has rescued six Somalis in international waters off Mukalla coastline, media center of the Interior Ministry reported on Monday.

The center said that the forces handed over them to the Yemeni security authorities in Mukalla who are now investigating with the Somalis to make sure if they are fishermen or pirates.

Their News

UNICEF Statement on the Crisis in Gaza

The humanitarian crisis due to the current violence in Gaza is hitting children and women most. Children form over half of Gaza's population of nearly 1.5 million and are bearing the brunt of the conflict. Being the most vulnerable part of the population, children are the first to be psychologically distressed, the most in need of medical support and the most exposed to injuries among civilians in times of conflict.

As at 3 January 2009, the casualties had accounted for the death of 70 Palestinian children and the injury of at least 650 children, out of a tally of 550 deaths and 2800 injuries, according to data provided by the Palestinian Ministry of Health. UNOCHA estimates that 25% of casualties in Gaza are civilians. Among the Israeli fatalities reported are 4 civilians. Over 20 have been injured. A school has also been hit in Southern Israel.

Gaza has been facing an 18-month long blockade which has resulted in the destruction of livelihoods and a significant deterioration of infrastructure and basic services.

This is unacceptable. The number of children in Gaza affected by the loss of a parent, damage to their home, displacement, lack of needed medical equipment and treatment and the interruption of their education is yet to be fully measured. But it is significant.

The children in Gaza are currently being deprived not only of the basic human rights any human being should enjoy but are also being denied the fundamental rights specific to children, to which the signatories of the Convention of the Right of the Child are duty bound. These include the right of children to be protected from all forms of physical or mental violence, injury, the right to education, development and access to healthcare services.

The intensity of the current violence renders impossible any action to relieve their plight.

UNICEF reiterates its call for an immediate end to the violence, to allow humanitarian aid and relief efforts to be fully deployed and urges all parties to the conflict to abide by International Humanitarian Law to ensure that children are protected and receive essential humanitarian supplies and support.

Children should never be the silent victims and unheard voices of a conflict. Their long suffering must end.

Guterres urges adherence to humanitarian principles in Gaza conflict

UN High Commissioner for Refugees António Guterres today called for strict adherence to humanitarian principles in the ongoing conflict in Gaza, including respect for the universal right of those fleeing war to seek safety in other states

Although there has been no largescale movement out of Gaza because of a blockade, Guterres reminded neighboring states of their responsibility to provide access to safety for those civilians fleeing violence.

"Those who are compelled to flee the Gaza Strip should be able to do so and to find safety and security in other countries according to international law," he said. "I thus urge that all borders and access routes concerned should be kept open and safe, and Palestinians endeavoring to leave Gaza should not be prevented from doing so."

Guterres also expressed strong support and solidarity for UNHCR's sister organization, the UN Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA), which is in charge of providing support to Palestinians and is struggling to carry out its mission in Gaza's steadily worsening humanitarian environment. "It is absolutely imperative that the immediate delivery of humanitarian assistance to the civilian victims of this conflict be facilitated, including access from Egypt and Israel," the High Commissioner said. "We call on the international community and all humanitarian actors to support UNRWA's efforts to help the innocent victims." UNHCR has provided some emergency assistance to Egypt's Red Crescent Society in case it is needed for the care of any Palestinians admitted to Egyptian territory. The refugee agency stands ready to deploy an emergency team and equipment to the area as required.

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Yemen (IBY) held an honoring cere-

mony to its employees in December

29, 2008. These employees have

honoring ceremony is not only for celebrating but also to stimulate new generation to take examples and experiences from these honored employees and encourage these young leaderships, in the first place, to look forward for the future.

Indirect address, he said, is targeting them educationally and encourages and guides them. Ending his speech, he hoped that this honoring day could repeated to other leader-

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Felix Airways launches the second plane within 2009 operation program

Felix Airways' Technical Apparatus received the second CRJ 700 plane from Canadian Bumpardy factories. Joining this plan to 2009 trade operational program, the daily flights from Sana'a Airport to Aden, Taiz, Hudeidah , Mukalla, Say'oon and Suqatra will increase from 33 to 44 flights a week.

Felix Airways' Executive Director Mohmmad al- Arasha stated that measures for handing over the plane are going as planned and according to due time and programs for operating the plane. He asserted that the third plane will join the company on January 15 and the forth one in the end of January 2009.

By the end of this January, we will have four plans operating in Felix Airways. He says the aim of these planes is linking the political Capital Sana'a with all country's governorates and then linking Yemeni cities with each other. This process is easing local transportation and ease also tourist activities and activities of investors.

Our program, he says, has been made upon economic study conducted by the US specialized company for establishing this company. The program was made for covering some regional areas.

"God willing, we will start linking al-Ghaidha City with Salalah City in Oman and then with UAE cities and



Eng. Mohmmad al- Arasha

some cities of Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. There will be regular flights in the future, "he said.

Concerning the African Horn, the program will include Addis Ababa, Djibouti and Asmara. All these plans come under the support and encouraging of political leadership represented by President Ali Abdullah Saleh and his government for encouraging investment and easing investors' movements and tourist activity in the country. Furthermore, the prime aim is easing citizen's movements and avoiding traffic accidents in the highways.

He affirmed also that the Felix Company has achieved great success beyond initial expectations. The number of passengers has reached 20,000 by the end of 2008.

The High Commissioner expressed grave concern over the conflict's toll on civilians.

"The heavy casualties suffered by innocent civilians, including many children, are heartbreaking," said Guterres. "As a humanitarian agency which must deal with the repercussions of violence and persecution worldwide, UNHCR expresses its profound shock and sadness at the suffering and loss of life we are now seeing. I join Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon in calling for an immediate cessation of all violence."

The World Summit Youth Award (WSYA) invites young designers and e-Content creators to participate in an international competition. Sought-after are e-Contents that address in an inspiring manner the UN Millennium Development Goals, and use internet and mobile contents to create awareness of the MDGs.

An application form is now available

gender equality and empow eliminate gender disparity in education and at work places, facilitate access of women to all levels of political decision making and that strengthen women's contribution to peaceful resolution of conflicts.

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Please note that the online platforms need not be youth-led so long as the specific project is.

An international jury of 12 experts will evaluate the projects, determining three winners for each category. Winners will be given the opportunity to showcase their platform to heads of state, business leaders and civil society at the World Summit Award (WSA)

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Loyalty and love to this edifice, living in their hearts and sentiments, are the motives for their sincerity in their work

General Manager of the bank Ahmad al-Absi spoke in the occasion, highlighting the role of the honored employees in making banking work a career deserve to be belong to and promoted it to reach level of love and sanctification.

He made it clear that the aim of

Gala and Winners Conference in June, 2009 in Monterrey, Mexico.

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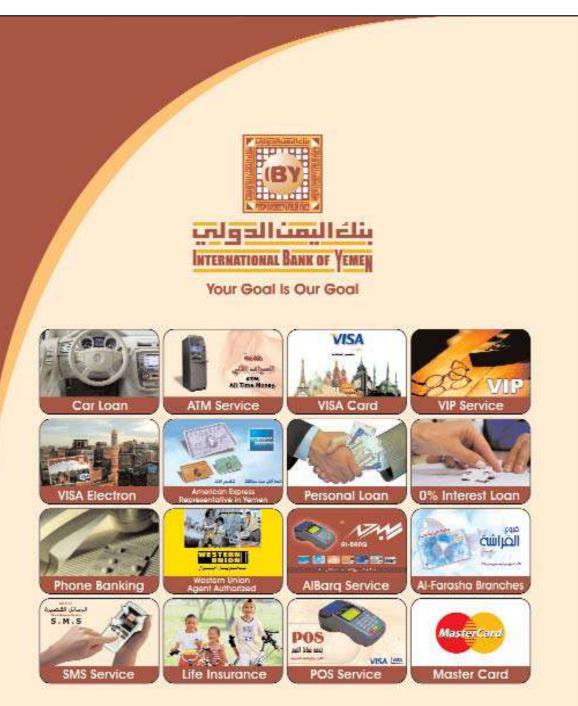
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Interview

"Success is preparation meeting opportunity"

Najwa Ahmad Ibrahim is testament to the fact that women can have the best of both domestic and career life. She is the first woman to be appointed as a Labor Consultant with an Egyptian Embassy, a position yet to be held by a Yemeni woman, and is considered a pioneer for women in this field. She is also an excellent mother. Though her work is exhausting, the rewards are rich. Interviewed by Salma Ismail

father, God may rest his soul, always used to say that I was just like him," related Najwa. "My father was also involved in Labor syndicates and unions. At that time I couldn't understand what he meant because there is almost 50 years of age difference between him and me, the youngest of his children. Now I understand what he meant. My passion for my work, concern for others and protection of their rights are some of the traits he had. I love to see the world and the experience and exposure that come with that."

Tell me a little bit about yourself. How do you describe yourself?

"I appreciate myself as person. Success as a mother and also as a working woman has given me a strong confidence and sense of self esteem. My four children are a source of great pride. One studying to be a doctor and the other a pharmacist in universities in Egypt, the other two are still in school. It is not easy to raise children and provide them with an excellent education, especially with Egypt's education system. As a Business graduate, I took it as a challenge to study English, to develop myself and read every book that I could get my hands on.

My current education ambition is to complete my doctorate in international agreements in the field of labor. This is something I used to lecture my colleagues on and I have experience.

After so many years of totally focusing on domestic life, what challenges did you face when you re-entered the workforce?

During the first part of my life I had no idea that I would be as successful in the workforce as I was successful at home. Besides raising my children, I was protecting my daughter from a medical condition that affected her eyes. My goal was to bring her up in such a way that she would not feel that she was less capable or less beautiful than her peers. It was a challenge. After the success of operations to cure her, it was apparent that her medical condition would no longer take so much energy, time, and resources to overcome. I felt that I could finally let go. Today, she is a blooming young girl that is ready to face any challenge head on. My primary goal was to teach my children to study and learn so that later in life they would be independent and able to stand on their two feet. This goal overwhelmed me for almost 10 years.

What prompted you to make this drastic change?

After she grew up a little, I felt that I wanted to find myself. After being overwhelmed with the chaos of raising my children and my domestic responsibilities, and I started to think about what I can do. I worked and started pursuing my career. After graduating from university, I was assigned to work at a government ministry.

How easy was it to integrate into the workforce?

My success was a combination of a blessing from God and a lot of effort. I feel it was very challenging. My job entails going to organizations and making sure that they implement the Labor laws in the best way possible. And for me to do that I had to know and understand these laws. Everyone around me was so familiar with these laws and I had to prove myself. I bought books and started studying and preparing myself.

It was a coincidence that one day there was a mission and there was nobody to assign. I seized the opportunity. Success is a combination of preparation meeting opportunity. I always felt challenged and at this point I felt



Najwa Ahmad Ibrahim

that I had arrived.

Then there was a new law issued and I felt that I was on an equal footing with everyone else. I studied hard and was ahead of many employees around me.

Have any other women served as role models or played a role in your success?

The Minister of Workforce and Social Affairs, Ayesha Abdel Hadi is also a woman; she was the first person to encourage me. Other than being an example to other aspiring woman, when she came to the ministry she was always open to ideas and would listen to our concerns. She made six pre-conditions to fulfilling this position [of labor consultant]. Among them were courses, research and exams. Anyone man or woman - was allowed. She is considered to have opened this field to working women. There are men that stood by me, but at the same time, there were men that were skeptical.

Are you a better mother now or when you were a homemaker?

My children are my friends - they don't fear me. I am a better mother now than when I was a home maker. I'll tell vou why: it's because my mentality was different when I was at home. All my knowledge was from my house and the houses around me. But when I worked and met people with new ideas and per-

spectives, I was able to give my children more

Do you feel you have you sacrificed to be where you are now?

No, I don't feel that that I have made any sacrifices at all.

What do you consider to be your highest achievement? My highest achievement is that I am the

first woman in Egypt to be assigned as a Labour Consultant. This achievement isn't for me alone; it's for every woman in Egypt and in the Arab world.

Do you really believe that a woman can have best of both, family and career, at the same time?

I don't let my family life interfere with my career and vice versa. It is all about setting priorities and time management. Yes, women are strong and able to multi-task; they have the ability to have the best of both and not let one interfere with the other.

What role do women versus the government play in women development? Women make differences in the workplace. The woman has the biggest role. With your effort you will achieve. Labor laws do not differentiate between men and women. Not just in Yemen or Egypt, but all over the world. If you work and are absent a lot and never commit to your job, you will give men

a chance to say that you are not capable and that your domestic life is affecting your work.

Have you faced any challenges in the diplomatic field as a woman?

There are obstacles, but in Egypt we don't have any rules that prohibit women from traveling alone; previously, there were. The diplomatic field itself represents the most sophisticated and elite members of society. The challenges of being a diplomat are to integrate into another society, and sometimes to convince people that a woman can hold this position.

What advice do you give to women who aspire to achieve but societal restraints prevent them from doing so?

If a woman sets a certain goal and keeps focused on it she can achieve it. If you give in to other peoples ideas about what you are or are not capable of, then you will be discouraged. You must believe in yourself before you try to convince others. Believe that you can succeed, persevere, and never give up. For example, when I first applied for

work, I used to travel all over Cairo so that I could lean English. Everyone questioned why I would need this language. I had no idea that I would need it. I just wanted to learn and quench my

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thirst for knowledge. I used study while taking the metro, the public transport. I wasn't a young school girl and other people in the metro used to look at me questioningly, "Why is she studying?" It gave me a sense of self confidence and defiance. How much effort you put in God will reward you. And any knowledge you

What advice do you give to Yemeni women that choose to focus on their families only?

Every woman must be satisfied with her life. If a woman feels that she wants to stay at home and take care of her family and children, that is okay. It's a message and there is nothing wrong with that. Any mother could go through this stage after her children grow up and don't need to depend on her anymore.

What are your hopes for your future career-wise?

I feel that to some extent I have achieved my goals. Working overseas gives you a better perspective. I want to further serve my community and my country and obtaining my doctorate, which I hope will be soon, will better position me to do so.

How do you spend your free time? I love reading, especially classical poet-

ry and Lebanese poet Elia Abu Madi.

Counterstatement The Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany herewith gives its view concerning the article

pertaining to Shada Nasser in issue number 1222, page 5 of the Yemen Times dated January 5, 2009:

The Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Germany - contrary to what was stated in the article did -so far- not meet Shada Nasser nor has a meeting with the Ambassador been requested.

As to the cancellation of the visa, the following facts have to be taken into account. Before the intended journey to Germany and after the visa was already issued, a court order was presented to the Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany with the following content: Shada Nasser was no longer entitled to express any views concerning her former client Noujood Ali Al-Ahdal, her story/history or their relationship to any national or international media. The German TV channel ZDF -- as a consequence of the court decision - withdrew the invitation and informed the Embassy of this decision.

The Schengen visa of Shada Nasser was issued by the German Embassy for the limited purpose and time period of the intended journey to Munich upon invitation of the ZDF.

Thus, in accordance with the applicable Schengen regulations, the visa had to be canceled - with-out prejudice. The legal basis on which it was issued was not existent anymore. This decision had to be taken out of purely legal reasons. With this measure this Embassy is not taking any position whatsoever concerning the activities of Shada Nasser as a lawyer or Human Rights activist

Sanaa, January 6, 2008 Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany



The function took place on 29/12/2008m corresponding to 1/1/1430.

During the honoring function Mr Ahmed Thabet Al-AbsiG Mol the Bank delivered a speech, paying compliments to the role played by the honored who have made the banking profession a dream-like career and raised

the standards to the extent of holiness and admiration. He further stated the objective of honoring was not to celebrate but to inspire. Lessons should be taken from those honored. Thus, a clear vision would be easy to obtain by the young leadership swinging between the present and the future. The purpose of the





Ahmed Thabt, Honoring the first generation is directed to inspire and guide the young leadership

function was to send an indirect message to the youth. in the conclusion of his speech, he added that one day would come to magnificently celebrate other leaderships who would have been sparing no efforts to increase the knowledge and experience of this institution.

Mrs Zainab Al-Ashtal, HR General Manager Assistant, welcomed the attendees,

indicating the grandeur of this function which had been prepared to honor people. Neither relaxation nor laziness they have known; but during two decades they have been





Zainab AL-ashtal. The honored are motivated by lovalty and love paid to this institution

driven by loyalty and respect to this institution. In the conclusion of the honoring function. Mr Mohammed Al-Ameri, Board member, and Mr Ahmed Thabet Al-Absi, Bank GM, distributed prizes as well as certificates to the honored laborers. A substantial lunch meal was prepared for all the attendees, Board members, executives, head office and banches employees.



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Opinion

A better future for unemployment

By: Osama Ghalib

three hundred, nly ninety one job opportunities were determined for the capital of congestions, Aden, for the year 2009, while job seekers applying for such opportunities number up to thirteen thousand with various majors. This means that 33 graduates will compete for a single job opportunity in case eligibility verification is fairly applied on applicants, however, this is impossible to take place under the current system of governance.

In the best cases, as many as 100 job opportunities will go to some protest activists in the southern governorate in order to silence them, particularly as the upcoming parliamentary election is drawing nearer and nearer.

Ninety-one job opportunities will be posted in a secret auction, which only the most corrupt individuals will know about. YR 200,000 is the minimum bid (offered as bribes) to be paid by applicants if they are willing to compete for the available job opportunities. Those who can not afford to pay this amount should seek other jobs, or migrate illegally to neighboring states in search of work, according a recommendation given by Political Advisor to President of the Republic Dr. Abdulkarim Al-Eryani.

Taiz: Capital of Unemployment

Only 560 job opportunities were designated for the capital of unemployment, Taiz, compared to 40 thousand jobless applicants, who are already registered in the governorate's Civil Service Office. One hundred of these jobs will be given to residents of Bani Wahban district, and the same share to influential individuals, who are loyal with the ruling party.

Applicants for Taiz's share of job opportunities will undergo eligibility verification, provided that Taiz governor, who once served as Minister of Civil Service and Social Insurance, is allegedly an expert in applying this criteria, however, in fact he was notorious for corruption in his ministry.

Establishing a comparison between job opportunities offered for Taiz and

Aden uncovers lack of the simplest criteria, which is the directional relation between the number of job seekers per governorate and the job opportunities provided to them.

The way jobs are designated to each governorate is politicized irrespective of justifications provided by the relevant authorities. Otherwise, how one can explain the provision of a single job opportunity for every 71 graduates in Taiz while a single job opportunity is provided for 33 applicants in Aden. The situation implies that the authority is expecting Taiz residents to take to streets in protests against the government like Aden's residents do in order to get equal treatment.

Hopes to get selected for a job vanish

In general, the number of job opportunities approved for all governorates neither matches with the high scores of job seekers nor meets demands of labor markets. There are large numbers of graduates, who observe official newspapers for years with the hope of seeing their names selected

for the jobs

According to Minister of Social Affairs and Labor Dr. Amatarrazaq Hummad, 54 percent of university graduates are jobless. And, as a reaction to such terrible unemployment rates, Deputy Prime Minister Abdulkarim Al-Arhabi, who is also Minister of Planning and International Cooperation, says that reducing the high unemployment rate in our country is a top priority the government plans to deal with during the coming time period.

We were surprised to hear Al-Arhabi saying "reducing unemployment" not ending unemployment. He should have said the other wise as a kind of compliment to President of the Republic, who still have only three months before a due date he set as a deadline to end unemployment in Yemen. To end unemployment by the end of 2008 is one of the promises contained in President Saleh's platform ahead of reelecting him for another 7-year mandate in September 2006.

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In light of the president's call

By: Yahya Ali Nuri

aithful and honest efforts exerted by President Ali Abdullah Saleh concerning the Palestinian issue will continue to be one of the largest and most important sources of assistance that will put an end to such issues. These current disagreements sound the alarm on both the present and future of Palestine and its security. The president's efforts led to the 'Sana'a declaration' which outlined a strong plan to achieve Palestinian reconciliation and to prevent more internal conflicts which serve only the Israeli occupation.

The recent events in Palestine, particularly the Israeli criminal aggression against the Palestinians and their continuation of massacres, come during a difficult stage of the Palestinian struggle. This most recent stage is characterized by splits and fragmentation among the Palestinian active powers, particularly between Fatah and Hamas. The split created an atmosphere for Israel to continue Palestinian

bloodshed out of its belief that the recent conditions represent a suitable opportunity to practice more aggressions to undermine the Palestinian people

In addition, the enemy views the Palestinian disagreements as a golden opportunity to achieve further fragmentation in the various stances of the Arab nations toward the Palestinian issue. Arabs look at the recent developments from different perspectives based on their interests and attitudes toward the different ideologies related to the Palestinian issue.

These visions and discrepancies made Arab policies confused in determining the right political path guaranteeing advocacy for the Palestinian people. Many examples reflect this confusion, particularly the manifestation of protests against the Israeli aggression on the Palestinian people in Gaza as well as the inconsistent opinions that assess the performance of Fatah and Hamas. There is both sympathy and blame for both groups depending where you are in the Arab world, which indicates the fragile stands toward the Palestinian issue.

Additionally, regional Middle East powers utilized the Palestinian issue as a means of pressure to achieve their political interests both internally as well as internationally. These relations, in turn, created requirements on the level of the international community's efforts to combat terror. It also furthered confusion between the concepts of terrorism and legitimate resistance of people who groan under occupation.

As a result of this confusion, we find that successful tactics that will recover the spirit of the Palestinian must include unified leadership. This call for unified leadership represents the first and final demand today. As such, Ali Abdullah Saleh's call to hold an emergency Arab Summit to discuss the dimensions of the Palestinian scene is a welcome and needed proposal. In holding such a summit, the president doesn't aim to absorb the rage of the Arab peoples; rather, he aims to put an end to the inconsistencies among Palestinians. That is why the president called for all Palestinian

factions to actively participate in the summit.

This vision indicates the credibility of his readings of the Palestinian situation, as not only does he look at the situation from the angle of the Israeli aggressions on the Palestinians but also from the international angle as well. The president's vision stresses that the right way to come out of this critical juncture is to produce a plan that recovers the unity of Palestine and unifies their various stances that serve the Palestinian interest overall.

Therefore, the Arab Summit, if held, should achieve a political goal that includes more than the recitation of mere mottoes and national political terms, which people are tired of hearing. It should make the Palestinian issue the real initiative toward the future and create a positive Arab drive to support the Palestinians without any bias toward or against any Palestinian faction. In such a case, we can guarantee that all Palestinians will put the supreme interest of the country as the main goal of every activity. Such unification will also put an end to Israeli aggressions against Palestine, whether the agreed upon choice made by Palestinians will be armed struggle or diplomatic channels.

As long as Palestinian and Arab factions are scattered and disjointed, what happened in Gaza can happen again. If unity is achieved, the world will deal with the Palestinian issue from the perspective that its factions decide and agree on. This reconciliation obliges the international community, particularly Arabs who failed to put an end to the Palestinian disagreements, to consider the demands of the Palestinian people. Israel benefited from this split in the Palestinian and Arab stances to commit massacres, particularly the massacres in Gaza. Such massacres aroused rage not only on Israel but also on the Palestinian bodies that contributed to more political and national congestion inside occupied lands. A realignment of Palestinian leadership should be achieved as the first and main goal in order to rid the siege imposed on the people in Gaza. Unity of leadership will also put an end to Israeli arrogance and the inattention of the colonization powers, particularly the United States of America.

COMMON SENSE

Massacre in Gaza:

Where death is the aura of Life

hen for close to a century, a people become subjected to injury, death. imprisonment, continuous relocation, agony, separation from loved ones and a perpetually ominous threat of war, one is amazed more at the rather lackluster concern of an international community that is complacent more with the perpetrator of all these misdeeds rather than it is at showing any compassion and mercy towards

the helpless victims of these Godless acts.



By: Hassan Al-Haifi

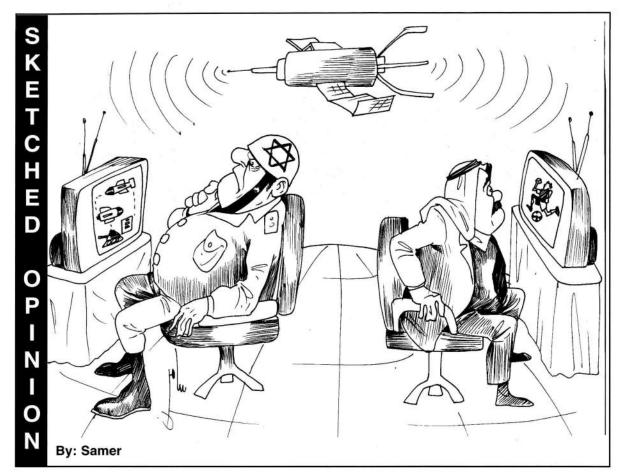
The daily and nightly displays of unchallenged military prowess in Gaza used for the total annihilation of a people, who never sought more than to be left alone in peace raising their olives, sheep and oranges, only adds more to the disgust the observer is bound to feel for a regional community that has forgotten the meaning of blood linkage and an international order that has forgotten that it was mainly set up to protect the victims of "holocausts" and ethnic cleansing.

Yes, the current massacre being unleashed in Gaza is a stain in the history of Mankind. Massacres like these are never erased by any "efforts" of polished politicians "seeking a truce" or even a "temporary cease fire". The efforts of theses luxuriously attired seekers of press coverage and a quick handshake appearance before the TV camera with impotent power brokers in a disguising philanthropic prodding are fooling no one as they jump from capital to capital enjoying the gourmet of the places they shuttle to and fro, while the people they are supposedly "rescuing" are not even allowed to drink at least one glass of pure clean water a day, and the infants of the latter are denied the right to silent slumber to digest their already sour milk, if they are lucky enough to get even that. It is not easy for infants to find sleep amidst the high screeching sound of F - 16s and the ongoing buzzing of drones and Apache helicopters, not to mention the ongoing booms of the lethal ordnance they unleash in every direction of the city of Gaza. Let it not be forgotten that Gaza is indeed one of the most densely crowded cities in the world.

On the first day of Israel's shameless "ground incursion", after its already unforgivable ten days of air, sea and artillery pounding, the casualties reached some 70 dead or injured people, mostly women and children. All those "menacing rocket of Hamas did not injure one Israeli trespasser (What else can one call the Israeli citizens?)! Oh sure, the Zionist death machine has exonerated itself by telling the world that they have already dropped hundreds of leaflets, telling the people of Gaza that "they have nothing against them" and that the Gazans should leave their homes, apartments and tents and seek shelter.

The fact of the matter is that there are no civilian shelters in Gaza; the people of Gaza do not have the unlimited backing of a United Arab Appeal, AIPAC or an Anti Defamation League - funds for the construction of a sophisticated shelter system enjoyed by the displacers of the original inhabitants of the land that was theirs for centuries prior to the advent of the Zionist uprooters of the indigenous Palestinians. All the people of Gaza have is the hope that God will not abandon them as the rest of humanity has. They have no choice but to read these leaflets with some feeling of ridicule and despair at the rather helpless fate that they are subjected to under the observing eyes of the world.

The leaflets are supposedly enough to render the horrible Zionist death machine innocent of all crimes as whole families – fathers, mothers, offspring of all ages are wiped out of existence by a humanless drone or a distant Apache helicopter, whose operator and crew haven't the slightest idea who they are eliminating from existence, or even have the slightest care as to the military value of their target. No, these death machine operators have been scientifically reared to believe that the elimination of human life is a noble cause. In fact they regard the death of Palestinians as an essential luxury of Zionist existence and a source of pride as they distort the true sense of justice



God intended for this world and wish to convince all of mankind that they are only carrying out God's "promise".

If that is the promise God has granted to murderers, assassins, thugs and outright criminals, then what are they leaving for the good people of the earth, who these modern mobsters kill, even as the victims are leaning with their foreheads on the ground in total submission to Him in his houses of worship. On the eve of the ground excursion an Israeli air attack killed 13 worshippers of the Sunset prayer in a mosque as they devoutly seek relief from God Almighty, following that with a similar attack that killed nine worshippers as they are bowing in prayer at Dawn of the following day. No, it is for certain that this is not done rightly in the name of the Almighty; those who are still willing to risk their lives to show their faith in Him and undertake their rites of prayer, even with the possibility that death is more likely than the hope of drinking their morning breakfast coffee know that their Lord is much more merciful than that.

How can one express the agony and disgust that one feels at the epitome of human justice, when it renders an entire people as not worthy of humanity's pity and concern? No, agony and disgust would be praise for such abominable justice. Heartbreak is more the right way of describing the sadness within the chests of those who really hoped that humanity could be far more sensitive to the suffering of their own kind. But then, we live in an age where the power of aluminum drones and black Apache helicopters and Markova tanks kill all sense of humanity within the human spirit.

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Fear and terror spread in Gaza

After four days of air strikes, Palestinians are describing the Israeli assault on Gaza as the worst since 1967. Over 370 people have been killed since Saturday and more than 800 injured. Continuing with MENASSAT's on-the-ground coverage of events in Gaza, correspondent Ola Madhoun takes a tour through Gaza's empty streets to talk to locals.

By: Ola Madhoun Menassat

ear, terror, anticipation and an unprecedented confusion are increasingly the prevailing mood among Palestinians in Gaza as Israeli F-16 warplanes intensify their strikes across the entire Gaza Strip.

On the fourth day of what Israel has dubbed Operation Cast Lead, over 370 people have been killed and over 800 injured-with no end in sight.

What is happening in Gaza adds an element of truth to the popular Palestinian saying-a reflection of 60 years of occupation-that "the worst is yet to come."

Although Israel started bombing on December 27th, it seemed even more violent on Monday night, when Israeli warplanes conducted more than fifty air strikes, targeting the governmental ministry complex and the houses of Hamas leaders and party members.

The damage included hundreds of civilian homes, since the ministerial complex is located in the heart of a residential area.

People described the air strikes as consecutive, never-ending earthquakes that "ignite fear" and cause mass destruction.

Once again, the Israeli warplanes ensured that no one in Gaza slept.

'They are bombing everything'

By: Nina V. Fedoroff

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changed agriculture profound-

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The invention of chemical fertilizers

early in the century and their increasing

use, together with mechanization and the

development of high-yielding grain vari-

eties, propelled the growth of agricultural

productivity in the developed world. The

Before the start of this war, Israel had already completely suffocated the Gaza Strip, imposing a complete blockade on medical supplies, material goods and basic resources. It was a systematic operation aiming at weakening the Islamist Hamas movement after it won legitimate parliamentary elections in 2006.

Israel further tightened the embargo of the Strip when Hamas violently overthrew their rival Fatah security apparatus in the summer of 2007. British aid groups said in May that humanitarian conditions in the Gaza Strip were the worst in 40 years.

Now, the streets in Gaza are empty apart from the few Gazans waiting in queues for loaves of bread at the odd bakery that has remained open.

The destruction is overwhelming. The smell of death is spreading and the mourning tents are increasing in number. Fear has taken over the Strip and the Israelis have just started, the locals say.

Mouin al-Agha, the owner of a drapery store in Gaza, expressed his concern and anger at the indiscriminate bombing.

"They are bombing everything, not only Hamas infrastructure. A missile targeting one Hamas building destroys dozens of neighboring houses. I don't know how the Israelis can say that they are not targeting civilians and their properties

"My home is 400 meters away from the ministries complex that was bombed last night. The windows of my house were smashed and the glass flew over my children's heads."

He pointed to one of his children, who had been mumbling since morning and hadn't stopped crying for several hours because the air raid sirens are on seemingly 24 hours per day in Gaza.

"Where am I supposed to buy glass now, knowing that it is missing from the markets because of the blockade Israel has been imposing on us for the past two years?" al-Agha asked.





A view of the destruction in Gaza from MENASSAT reporter Ola Madhoun.

are targeting everyone.

Salim was extremely emotional when talking about the bombing of his university. "We are losing our friends and broth-

ers, even our educational future. Apparently, Israel has a systematic plan to throw the Palestinian population into ignorance. The university is an academic institution for all Palestinians and there is no point in bombing it."

Abu Hazem, a Gazan who preferred not to use his real name was surprised that Israel has been targeting mosques.

"The destruction of six mosques so far means there are no red lines for Israel, and this worries us for the future. What happened to the Al-Balousha family is a great example of the huge disaster we are facing.'

The Al-Balousha family lived next to the Imad Akel mosque in Jabalia. The Israeli army launched an air strike on Sunday night targeting the mosque. The walls of the house collapsed, killing five sisters, who were buried in a mass grave on Tuesday.

The Israeli violence in Gaza has meant utter destruction. The smell of blood mixed with gunpowder is omnipresent;

limbs, dead bodies and injured people are lying in hospital hallways and in the streets because of the shortage of space in the morgues.

The disastrous humanitarian situation is casting its shadows on Gaza.

A mother and journalist in Gaza

This violence is reaching all Palestinians in Gaza; no one is being spared. Allow me to talk about my personal experience as a reporter and a mother in Gaza, with no gas and no electricity, without the basic human right of easily buying goods for my children.

Israel appears to be honest with its intention to bring Gaza back to the Stone Age, or at least to fifty years ago. Today, I searched for a gas stove, as did my grandmother in the 1950's and 1960's. There is no electricity and firewood is now non-existent.

The bigger problem I face is my inability to get money, even from the banks. But in Gaza right now, someone who has one dollar is in the same situation as someone who has millions of dollarsboth are living in the face of oppression, death, fear, and scarcity of supplies and basic needs.

Concerning the scarcity of food supplies in Gaza, United Nations Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA) spokesperson Adnan Abou Hasna told MENASSAT that even before the Israeli military attacks, the closing of the checkpoints made it difficult for UNRWA to perform its duties.

The organization was forced to suspend its operations of distributing food portions to 750,000 refugees, while 200,000 other refugees are counting on aid from the World Food Program.

"The Israeli embargo policy to allow only a few trucks into Gaza makes our mission almost impossible in the face of this vast destruction and great fear in Gaza."

Abou Hasna said that UNRWA is demanding an immediate ceasefire, in order for its crews to be able to deliver basic supplies to the population.

"The great number of civilian casualties and injuries go against the Israeli claims that they are bombing non-civilian targets

It raises concerns about the safety of the civilians and the ability to bring essential and vital supplies to them,' Abou Hasna said.

The Malthus gun

Despite dire predictions, no adverse

medicine and food technology. What would we do today in the face of the

markedly reducing topsoil loss and pro-

effects of GM crops on health, biodiversity, and the environment have been documented to date. The only unanticipated effects so far have been beneficial. Insectresistant GM corn, for example, shows much lower levels of mycotoxin contamination than conventionally or organically grown corn because the plants are resistant to the insect larvae that bore holes through which fungi enter plants.

No holes, no fungi, no mycotoxins. GM techniques are widely accepted in growing world-wide diabetes epidemic called "food crisis" of 2008 was not really a crisis in the sense of a condition that can be resolved by the quick application of emergency measures. It has been developing for decades. And it is not likely to disappear soon, though food prices are moderating for the moment.

A human population approaching seven billion is straining the limits of the planet's ecological support systems. Water and arable land are in short supply. The climate is changing. Fossil fuel energy is expensive and contributes to climate change. Unexpectedly, we find ourselves once again staring down the barrel of Malthus' gun.

Most of the world's poorest people are rural, small-holding farmers, virtually

the battle for food security won and moved on. Citizens of many urbanized, developed countries have grown nostalgic, increasingly convinced that organic farming, a throwback to nineteenth-century agriculture, produces nutritionally superior food (it doesn't) and can solve the world's food problems (it can't).

Where land is not yet limited, smallscale organic farming is an affordable luxury. The amount of arable land on the planet has not changed substantially in more than half a century. Land is lost to urbanization, desertification, and salinization as fast as it is added by clearing forests and plowing grasslands.

Yet the human population's growth and increasing affluence continue to push up demand for food, feed, and fiber. Now, as we begin to confront the inevitable exhaustion of fossil fuel supplies, we are asking agriculture to satisfy some of our energy appetite, as well. This is like expecting your modest annual salary to satisfy all the appetites you developed while burning through a large inheritance.

decreasing agriculture's environmental impact, while substantially increasing its productivity, are among the key challenges confronting us in the twenty-first century. Despite the bad rap they've gotten, the GM crops in use today have already contributed to meeting both challenges.

Developing an environmentally friendly agriculture for a hot and crowded planet will require the most advanced agricultural methods available, including GM techniques. Indeed, there are projects underway to develop crop varieties that use less water and maintain their yield potential under harsher drought conditions than today's crops.

Will we have the wisdom to accept the

Twentieth-century plant breeders moting soil fertility. learned to accelerate genetic changes in plants with chemicals and radiation - a rather shotgun approach to the genetic

improvement of plants. The introduction of molecular methods began the current agricultural revolution. The use of such techniques is referred to as genetic modification (GM), genetic engineering, or biotechnology. GM crops that resist certain pests and tolerate herbicides have gained rapid acceptance in many countries.

According to the International Service for the Acquisition of Agri-biotech Applications (ISAAA), GM crop adoption is growing at double-digit rates, reaching 114.3 million hectares in 23

when a mosque was hit in Jabalia. Israel knows the camp is full of citizens. "I had some reservations towards

'Now there is no reason to stand

Oum Mohammad is a teacher in a pri-

vate school in Gaza. She said that many

of the victims are employees working in

Hamas buildings with no party allegiance

"Look at the murder of the Al-

Balousha family. They lost five daughters

against Hamas'

to Hamas.

Hamas before, but when the killing machine targets the entire Palestinian population, it means that we are all in danger and there is no reason to stand against Hamas. We only pray for Hamas' safety and the safety of the children, elderly, women, and all the Palestinian people," Oum Mohammad said.

Sahib Salim, a student at the Islamic University, said Israel killed six of his friends in northern Gaza vesterday while riding a bus heading to the north, and that they were all supporters of Hamas' rival political movement Fatah.

"What mistake did they make?" he asked. "I might be the next victim, for the Israelis are no longer differentiating between civilians and polit0icians. They

Green Revolution brought these benefits to less developed nations.

As a result, despite a tripling of the global population, we have so far evaded Malthus' 1798 prediction that human population growth would inevitably outstrip our ability to produce food. Over the second half of the twentieth century, the hungry of the Earth shrank from half of its three billion human inhabitants to less than a billion of the current 6.5 billion.

countries in 2007. Perhaps most importantly, 11 of the 12 million GM farmers are resource-poor smallholders.

In the 12 years since their commercial introduction, insect-resistant GM crops have increased yields while significantly decreasing the use of toxic pesticides. Herbicide-tolerant plants have decreased herbicide use and encouraged the widespread adoption of no-till farming,

without human insulin, now produced on a very large scale from human insulin genes expressed in microorganisms?

But the use of molecular techniques to improve crop plants continues to be rejected emphatically by many countries in Europe, by Japan, and - most tragically – by many African countries.

Recent food and energy price shocks have pulled the world up short. The so-

untouched by modern agriculture. There is much room for increasing productivity. And yet, while we hear talk of a second Green Revolution, expanding the food supply today in the poorest, most crowded, and insecure nations is a formidable task.

It seems that somewhere between the Green Revolution and the biotechnology revolution, the developed world declared

Adapting to climate change and

growing evidence of safety and welcome these necessary survival tools?

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Big brother Google?

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oogle violates its 'don't be evil' motto." То Google's credit, if you Google that sentence, you can find reference to a debate on that claim that I took part in recently. As it happens, I have a complex relationship with Google. I have fed at its trough many times – as a personal guest; as an advisory board member of Stop Badware, an NGO it sponsors; and as a speaker at its events. I also sit on the board of 23andMe, co-founded by the wife of Google co-founder Sergey Brin.

But I also sit on the boards of Yandex in Russia, one of a small number of companies around the world who beat Google in their local markets, and of WPP, a worldwide advertising/marketing company famous for its rivalry with Google. Finally, I'm suspicious of concentrations of power of any kind.

So I welcomed the chance to clarify my thinking. I took the con side of the debate:

Google does not violate its motto. However, I do think there is a danger that someday it could.

The danger lies in the concentration of information - arguably a concentration of power - that Google represents. Google doesn't merely point users to existing information on the Web; it also collects information that it doesn't share about its users' behavior. If you can use patterns in Google searches to track flu outbreaks and predict a movie's commercial prospects, can you also use it to forecast market movements or even revolutions?

Even if Google uses personal information only for their benefit (whatever that means), it represents an attractive target for governments. In fact, Google generally fights government requests for personal information. (It was Yahoo, not Google, that gave personal information to China's government, which then jailed a blogger.)

Google has become a de facto gatekeeper of information, to the extent that if your site is not highly ranked by Google, you are like the tree falling in the forest with no one to hear it. It doesn't matter that people seeking information are free to bypass Google and use other tools; they don't.

So how does information equal power? The active power that information provides is typically the threat of exposure. Such information gives you power primarily in a secretive, opaque world where access to information is limited.

But generally, the free flow of information reduces the concentration of power. So, rather than suppressing or regulating the information that Google uncovers, we are better off making it more freely available.

A Google that is accountable to its users - searchers, advertisers, investors, and governments – is likely to be a better outfit that does more good in today's relatively open market. In short, there is no regulatory system that I trust more than the current messy world of conflicting interests. Whatever short-term temptations it faces - to manipulate its search results, use private information, or throw its weight around - Google, it is clear, could lose a lot by succumbing to them in a world where its every move is watched. Meanwhile, Google is not merely avoiding evil; it actively fights against it. For example, Google fights censorship by doing, not by shouting. Rather than stand on the sidelines and proclaim censorship evil, it is picking its way through the landmines in China – competing with a politically well-connected rival and

politely letting its users know that they aren't always getting the whole picture.

In short, Google is changing expectations about what people can know – even in the United States, where formal censorship is absent, but government obfuscation, opaque corporations, and the like are not. Moreover, in countries where Google is criticized for blocking access to information, it points out the information's absence when something is blocked - letting people know that it exists but that they can't have access to it.

On the other hand, every time someone in China Googles something and gets an answer - a product's good and bad points, the details about someone the government does not like - he must wonder, "Why can't I get this kind of information about everything?" With Google, people start to expect answers about everything . A little transparency inevitably leads to more. Rather than demand an end to censorship now - an impossible dream - Google is working to make that happen by eroding government control over information.

Moreover, from a purely practical point of view, Google makes the world more efficient. Buyers and sellers can find one another, schoolchildren can find information needed for their homework, and sick people can find health information.

The real threat of evil, I think, lies in the temptations of "international governance" - say, a sinister multilateral government body called the World Information Center. Nice as it sounds, the reality is likely to be ridden with bureaucracy, susceptible to control by the worst of the world's governments rather than its best ones, and incapable of innovation.

Take, for example, ICANN, the body that sets policy for the Domain Name System. I was its founding chairman, and

I don't think anyone considers it a success. Its saving grace is that it is widely considered illegitimate and therefore has little power.

By contrast, Google is effective at what it does, and therefore has the legitimacy of results. But it has little coercive power. because anyone is free to try an alternative. Its only option is to be better than the competition.

The fact that these issues are being debated is a good sign in itself - keeping Google and its watchers on guard. Fortunately, a wary press corps, powerful governments, and nervous competitors watch its every move, hoping the company to fight its many temptations. Abuse of power is evil, but power itself is not.

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Yemeni non-oil exports caught between expectations and obstacles

By: Ali Saeed

emen's economy highly depends on oil resources, with the country's oil exports accounting for around 85 percent of export revenues and 33 percent of the GDP, according to Oct. 2007 statistics.

These figures indicate how heavily Yemen depends on oil, although the depletion threatens the oil reserves which are estimated at 116,800,000 barrels per year and 320,000 barrels per day, on average in 2007.

Yemeni non-oil exports accounted for about 27 percent of export revenues in 2007, with little improvement from 22 percent in 2006. This information came from Yahya Al-Motwakel, Minister of Industry and Trade, who reported it in the latest National Exports Conference which was held in Sana'a between November 24th and 25th, 2008.

The total revenue of the non-oil exports rose from around twelve billion YR in 2000 to YR 123 billion in 2007, according to Noman Al-Mulsi, secretary general of the Yemeni Export Supreme Council.

The conference discussed Yemeni non-oil export challenges and recommendations. Stakeholders in the conference discussed the non-oil sectors that Yemen has and the difficulties that stand against their export development.

The participants in the conference said that Yemen has many heterogeneous non-oil sectors such as agricultural products, fishery wealth, industrial exports, and mining industries.

Agricultural Exports

According to the World Bank, the agriculture sector comprises up to 57 percent of the non-oil exports. However, there are challenges facing the agriculture exports; namely water scarcity and the consumption of the scarce water resources in qat production. Annual use totals around 800 million cubic meters of water, equivalent to 30 percent of the water used for irrigation.

In the National Exports Conference, Farooq Mohammed Qasim, general manager of marketing and agricultural trade, said that there are many obstacles facing agriculture exports. First, the scattered agricultural areas contribute to the shortage of specialized exporting farms. Second, the expansion of agricultural production without planning created outputs that do not



Noman Al-Mulsi, Secretary General of the Yemeni Export Supreme Council

culture exports, the manager said that until now, there is no bank or any financial foundation that can finance exports. He added that Yemeni agricultural exports are not able to compete in the external markets due to the high cost of air cargo.

Fishery Exports

Dr. Saeed Banaeemoon, head of the investment committee at the commercial and industrial chambers, said that Yemen is in a good location since it is located southwest of the Arabian Peninsula and has outlets to both the Red Sea and the Arabian Sea. The length of the Yemeni coastline is 2250 KM. In addition, the country has more than 150 islands, most of them in the Red Sea.

The Ministry of Fishery wealth reports indicate that Yemen has huge fishery resources. These resources allow fishing harvests around 400,000 tons yearly and up to 400 types of fish. Statistics point that the fish resources that are being severely exploited is around 60 different types of fish, and these types are in high demand both locally and globally. The severely exploited fish form around 17 percent of the total types of fish found in Yemeni seas. Yemen is fourth among Arab countries in fish production.

Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) Statistics indicate that Yemen was globally the first in producing and exporting squid, and the fourth in Arab countries in producing Rockfish up to 2004.

However, information about the fishery stock is old and needs updating. Previous statistics been compiled randomly, and the Tsunami in the Pacific Ocean caused a decrease in the quantity of fish in the Arabian Sea. Yemeni fishery exports contribute to non-oil exports by 40 percent, and Yemeni fish is well respected among

the Arabian and foreign markets. In 2006, Yemen exported 89.6 thousand tons of fish, with a total value exceeding USD 259 million.

The dominant percent of production is traditional and was estimated to be 97.2 percent of fish production in 2006. Categories of exporters range between individuals, specialized companies, and non-specialized companies; however, the individuals seem to have the largest portion of exports with 50.5 percent. Specialized companies have 33.5 percent, and the non-specialized companies, 16 percent.

Banaeemoon noted that the individual sector exports the biggest quantity and that most of the individuals' exports are raw. He added that the individuals' exports are being sold cheaply because they export only to Saudi Arabia. He commented that this kind of exporting affects national economic revenues. Individuals use traditional means for storing fish to be exported. These methods do not maintain the freshness of the fish, hence leading to quantities of spoiled fish and losing money.

Banaeemoon spoke about the challenges that face the exportation of fish, numbering off the obstacles. First, there is the declining of traditional fish production in the past years. Second, there is the obstruction of companies that work in fish preparation to fish using modern facilities. Third, the high price of fish that is due to the decrease in production, which leads to the high price of fish while simultaneously weakening the competitive ability of Yemeni fish exports in the external markets. Fourth, the taxes and fees in the secondhand market result in the high cost of purchasing fish. Fifth, there are complications involving the exporting procedures, and there are no unified procedures in the different areas of exportation.

Sixth, paperwork of fish exporters to Saudi Arabia is conducted without proper exporting licenses from the Ministry of Fishery Wealth, unlike the companies. Seventh, the high cost of the air shipment of fish impacts poor fishermen, which is roughly \$2 for 1 kilogram. Eighth, there is a quality of exported fish, because the land shipment from Hadramout to Sana'a creates problems in transporting fish safely. Ninth, problems of air shipment with the Yemenia Air line occur due to the inability of Yemenia to ship from Al-Mukalla to Europe. Lastly, the long distance between exporting windows



Animal wealth is one of the main sources of income for many Yemeni rural families.

Yemen, said that mining industry activities in Yemen are concentrated on gypsum, rock salt, building bricks, and ornamental stones.

He added that Yemen has privileged geology and geographical features, including a number of old rock formations that date back to 300 billion years.

He revealed that mining projects in Yemen are still new and that Yemen has huge mineral reserves and rocks. In 2005, Yemen exported 42,842 tons of minerals and industrial rocks with a return of YR 352,680, and in 2007 with a total value of YR 225,187.

Al-Razihi pointed out that the mining industry sector faces obstacles such as no financial allocations, a weak artificial structure, lack of awareness of natural resources, and insufficient infrastructure.

Future Vision

The government represented by the Yemeni Export Supreme Council is working in the field of non-oil exports development. The Secretary General of the Yemeni Export Supreme Council said that the future vision of the non-oil experts is to enhance and increase the competitiveness of this sector and increase it by more than ten percent. The third five-year strategy aims to increase it to 19 percent. The strategies that the council adopted them to achieve that is as follows: First: Developing the exporting institutions' structure by the following: a) Developing bodies that work in the field of exports.

cial representation and embassies abroad in order to serve Yemeni nonoil exports.

c) Creating exporters associations for competitive and distinguished products, such as the association of the fishery wealth exporters, association of building stones exporters, association of the coffee exporters, association of the vegetables exporters, and association of the fruit exporters.

All these will work on developing the non-oil exports and serving the exporters rights.

d) Benefiting from international companies that specialize in marketing and transforming the technology to the exporting block by encouraging the foreign direct investment (FDI).

Second: Facing and removing all the obstacles standing against the exporting sectors, whether through taxes or financing by the following:

a) Facilitating the procedures of the paid customs restoring the raw materials.

b) Entering the temporary permitting system for the products' inputs and discharging the exporting produces machines from the taxes, as stated in investment law no. 22 for 2002. Third: Creating remittance and financing mechanisms that are considered to be one of the motivations in directed investment in exporting through the following: are relevant to air shipment, marine, and ground cargo by:

a) Establishing cargo companies that will transport and export from the production area to the targeted countries.

b) Decreasing the cost of air, marine, and ground shipment and the ports tariff that will contribute in reducing the production cost.

c) Establishing an air shipment company or providing sufficient spaces in the Yemenia Air Lines.

d) Supporting agricultural and fishery shipments through an agricultural and fishery supporting fund that will contribute in reducing the production costs.

Fifth: Activating promotional activities through the following:

a) Participating in international fairs and developing export branches through the matching grant system (program funded by the World Bank) that involves both the public and private sector. In this system, the exporter pays 50 percent and the matching grant pays the rest.

b) Promoting Yemeni exportable products that will contribute in the movement of the non-oil exports. Finally, activating the developing activities that concern foreign market studies as well as raising the skills of the exporters and companies that work in this field through workshops and training courses that concern quality. Also, the plan includes strengthening the information center that belongs to the Yemen Export Supreme council to provide useful data concerning exportation to foreign markets and the chances there.

meet the needs in the external markets. Third, degradation of the productive capitals such as grapes and coffee. Fourth, the weak infrastructure. Finally, there are no specialized companies in agricultural transportation and marketing.

About the financial side of the agri-

and the producing areas creates problems with fish quality, especially in the eastern Area.

Mining Exports

About the mining industries exports, Nabeel Ahmed Al-Razihi, engineer at the General Authority Survey of

b) Activating the work of commer-

a) Activating the renting financial law that recently was approved by the parliament.

b) Creating special bank for exports finance

Fourth: Solving the difficulties that



Notice from the British Embassy, Sana'a

Due to fluctuating exchange rates all visa applicants should check the Embassy website, http://ukinyemen.fco.gov.uk/en/, before attending their appointment to ensure they bring the correct fee at the time of submitting their application. Applicants who do not bring the correct fee will be asked to make a new appointment.



Yemeni non-oil exports including fruits and vegetables accounted for about 27 percent of export revenues in 2007



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Safety Company for Cars Periodical Technical Check-up inaugurated

Traffic Safety

Safety is a means and an end. It is a means for you to reach your destination and an end to reach safely. Therefore, it is natural that a person cares about safety and exerts efforts to achieve it as well as aims to be always safe.

Human safety consists in the protection of the body from harm at first and then the protection of properties through preserving and using them properly as well as preventing others from causing them any harm. Car is one of the properties that people should take care of and provide safety for as, nowadays, it is no longer a means of entertainment. Rather, it has become a necessary means that people cannot dispense with. With the increase and overlap of interestsand with all progress plans- the importance of cars increases as a means of transportation in people s life. Therefore, the main duty of people is to protect their cars and be careful not to cause them- by themselves- any breakdown or damage.

In addition, people should prevent others from causing any breakdown to their cars through following the system during driving. They should be careful not to commit mistakes and be cautious to avoid the mistakes of others.

Importance of the check-up

- ¥ Technical check-up is considered necessary to ensure safety of the car from any defect.
- ¥ It is considered a civilized system that can achieve safety and security for all users of cars
- ¥ Proper maintenance of cars is considered the nucleus of safety as it prevents all 4- Conducting the check-up specifies the broken causes of many serious accidents.
- ¥ Lack of proper maintenance leads to traffic material damage.
- ¥ Technical check-up is considered a positive program since it is one of the procedures that are taken to prevent the accidents and their sequences.

Aims of Check-up

- 1- To obtain the minimum conditions of safe performance of the car.
- 2- To put the minimum level of regulations and rules of establishing and operating stations of car check-up
- 3- To provide periodical check-up to ensure that all the registered cars which work in public roads meet the safety specifications.
- parts which cause defects in the performance and security of the car.
- accidents which result in human and 5- To make ensure that all defects discovered during the check-up were repaired during a suitable time.
 - 6- To evaluate the program of periodical check-up of cars.
 - 7- To develop the program and include amendments on it based on results of the evaluation.



Technical Check-up — Nucleolus of Safety

As you know, any breakdown or defect in the parts of the car constitutes a danger to the passengers of the car and those in the other cars on the road as well as pedestrians. In addition, natural corrosion of the parts may increase the potential of accidents unless parts are repaired in the right way.

People who are aware care about their cars and their operation. But check-up is of vital importance if drivers don t maintain and take care of their cars.

In order to ensure that all cars on the road are in a good condition and that they were exposed to necessary maintenance in a sound manner, many countries oblige drivers to conduct periodical check-up on cars.

Finally, it can be said that proper maintenance of cars that can be made obligatory through periodical check-up eradicates the causes of dangerous accidents.

Therefore, the Safety Company for Cars Periodical Check-up was established. We hope that it will be a nucleus safe traffic in Yemen.





Dear drivers: Checking-up the car .. ensures your safety

Readers' View

Gaza - do not cry

By: Mohammed Y. Reza rezq.yemen@hotmail.com

Not once upon a time there is a sad storv Two girls were born surrounded by an armv This army was in Gaza but belongs to the enemy Their house was not a house; it looks more like a cemetery However, they were not crying, their faces were smilev The one who was crying was their poor weak mommy Said their grandma or maybe another ladv Don't cry daughter don't cry Because they want us to cry so, baby don't cry How is the baby? Is it okay? You have a twin baby

The nurse said they might be born *before the day* Therefore, you were to be sent away but as usual there is no way But mama where is their daddy? Fady... Fady... Is very far away No way. No way. When did he go? And whv Today, way down there he went to pray When he was thrown away Some said, it was his body They read your name in his silver marriage ring He told me not to cry Yes, that was on Saturday As if he felt that his time was about to end, that's why in his face was glory December 30th was his birthday He was to be 30 by Wednesday Oh dear he was killed even before his birthday One night he told me about his old

dream that was his father's originally He wanted to have a girl for every city Gaza, Al-Dafa, Al-Quds, Haifa, Yafa, Akaa, Areha, Tolkarm, Naples, Ganaa, and Tabreaa

You know my son told me the same dream one dav

He left to collect some money He promised to let me chose his wife freely

He also asked me not to cry Since then no one saw a single tear in my eye, you too do not have to cry

We have Gaza and Al-Dafa today Later on we will have the whole family Please be stronger, Gaza started to cry Let us start now as we have a long way They could damage everything except our dream which they cannot destroy If I am not here tomorrow or any other

day Please tell your girls not to cry

Shoes thrown at President Bush

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or the first time ever we watched as a journalist threw both of his shoes, one after the other, at a president of a great country. At a joint press conference, Montazer Al-Zaidi, an Iraqi journalist, threw his shoes at the American President George W. Bush, expressing his deepest anger toward the savage crimes committed by Bush's military in Iraq. The American administration, represented by George W, Bush, claims that they "entered the virgin land of Iraq in order to emancipate the Iraqi people from Saddam's cruel and corrupt regime," asserting that the Iraqi people received them with bunches of flowers as an expression of their happiness and satisfaction. But Montazer Al-Zaidi's heroic act clarifies the naked reality which stands against Bush's fabricated rumors. Under the pretext of eliminating the threat posed by the "availability of nuclear weapons," George W. bush destroyed Iraq, one of the greatest countries in the Arab World. Bush sucked Iraq's wealth dry, killed its heroes, slaughtered its innocent civilians, raped

its virgin girls, and tortured its faithful men. Consequently, Montazer Al-Zaidi threw his shoes at Bush, telling him that: "This is your farewell kiss, dog!"

Some may ask what purpose is served by throwing your shoes after somebody has killed your brothers and destroyed your homeland. However, these people evaluate the matter physically, ignoring the valuable cultural aspects that distinguish the Arabic nations from others. The Arab men prefer to be killed rather than to have shoes thrown at them. This cultural difference means that most foreigners don't consider the matter to be a serious insult against the American Republican Party in general, or against Bush in particular.

Above all, Latin presidents in their joint conference take the matter as a humorous joke with which to entertain each other. But these foreigners should view the matter through the cultural lens of the Arab World, in which throwing a shoe at somebody is the worst possible insult.

Undeniably, Montazer Al-Zaidi is a brave man who represents not only the oppressed Iraqi people but also the Arabic and Islamic nation as a whole. Montazer's courageous act is regarded as

revenge for the savage crimes that Bush committed in the Arab world, which is likely why the value of his shoe reached USD \$20 million.

What troubles me is the behavior and actions of those who help the occupier to eat the flesh of their brothers. After the shoes were thrown at Bush, some Iraqi journalists beat Montazer severely, to satisfy those who killed their brothers and raped their sisters. Amid this shameful atmosphere I wonder if there is a sense of Arabic dignity within the hearts of those cowards who help the enemy to occupy their own homeland.

Moreover, through the bravery of the Iraqi journalist, Montazer Al-Zaidi, we can see that history repeats itself; where in the past we watched some poor Iraqi people pelting Saddam's image with shoes, we now watch the brave Iraqi journalist, who has a patriotic soul and a living conscience, throwing a pair of shoes back at Bush. As a young Arab man I feel a sense of honor and pride regarding the courageous action of this faithful Iraqi journalist. He may suffer greatly and receive a tough penalty for his deed, but history will recognize his bravery with golden water, and his story will remain as a blot in American history.

Through The Mind'S Eye

By: Maged Thabet Al-kholidy

Gaza, a victim of conspiracy!

aving been occupied, Gaza is now invaded and destroyed. Who pays the costs of the killed people, of the destroyed houses, and of the chaos that resulted from the Israeli aggression in Gaza? People in Gaza, of course, pay the cost. In fact, all Palestinians pay the cost. All Arabs and Muslims also pay the cost. But who is responsible for all that? The question that everybody asks is: "Can Israel do all this without a green light from some Palestinians, some Arab countries, America, and European countries? This is easily reflected in the reactions of Muslim nations in the current crisis of Gaza. Their reactions, as well as the ultimate aims of the Israeli attacks, clearly reflect the fact that Gaza is a victim of a conspiracy between Israel and most (if not all) of the Arab countries.

Gaza is a part of the country of Palestine. The other part of Palestine was not seized like Gaza and was not attacked by Israeli forces. The leader or what is called the "President" of this part has done nothing to respond to what is going on in the Gaza strip. He has friendly and peaceful relations with Israel and America. So he behaves as if Gaza is no longer a part of Palestine, not realizing that he has been trapped by the Israeli policy which is "Separate to rule." Now he says nothing more than "yes" to the instructions of Israel. And now he is a part in the conspiracies woven to destroy Hamas and Gaza.

Attacking Gaza to kill unarmed people, to kill women and children, makes hearts burn inside. Hundreds of people have been killed, and thousands injured. What else to do? The whole strip is upside-down due to the aggressive Israeli attacks. In spite of this, some Arab and Muslim countries are silent. They did not even condemn the attacks. Worse still, they blame the Hamas for terrifying the Israelis. The problem is that such Arab and Muslim leaders express their own opinions while their nations are against such opinions, rejecting the silence of their leaders towards the Israeli attacks. The situation is worse with those leaders who did not allow their nations to express their opinions. Such leaders stopped their nations for demonstrating their condemnation of these attacks. Why are such leaders behaving like this? Isn't it a conspiracy?

The United Nations did nothing to stop the Israeli attacks in Gaza. It held a meeting, but it ended with nothing. America supported Israeli to continue its war against the occupied and unarmed people in Gaza, claiming that the Israelis have the right to protect themselves against the terrorists in Gaza. Such a claim ended the meeting of the United Nations with nothing.

Taking into account of the Israeli aims of attacking, destroying, and killing the people in Gaza shows that Israel does not only want to protect its nation from Hamas, but it aims to destroy all resistance in Palestine as a whole. It wants to get rid of those who say "no" to Israel and replace them by those who can say nothing more than "yes," as occurred in the other part of Palestine. In this case, there would be no longer "nos" in Palestine, and as a result, Israel can start a new step in its plan to dominate without any obstacles.

Sorrowfully, Israel gets helps from the Palestinians themselves, and then from some Arab and Muslim countries. Of course, such help is paid for by Israel in advance. For instance, some seek money, some seek power, and some seek high positions. When Israel provides all these rewards for these people and these countries, then they can never disobey Israel. This is what is happening now in the case of Gaza, which really is a victim of conspiracy.

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When I look into her eyes

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when I look into her eyes I can't feel myself on earth or on the sky and I can't breathe every time beside when I look into her eves I forget the time the world and all my and all my feelings toward them arise I can't stop thinking about her eyes

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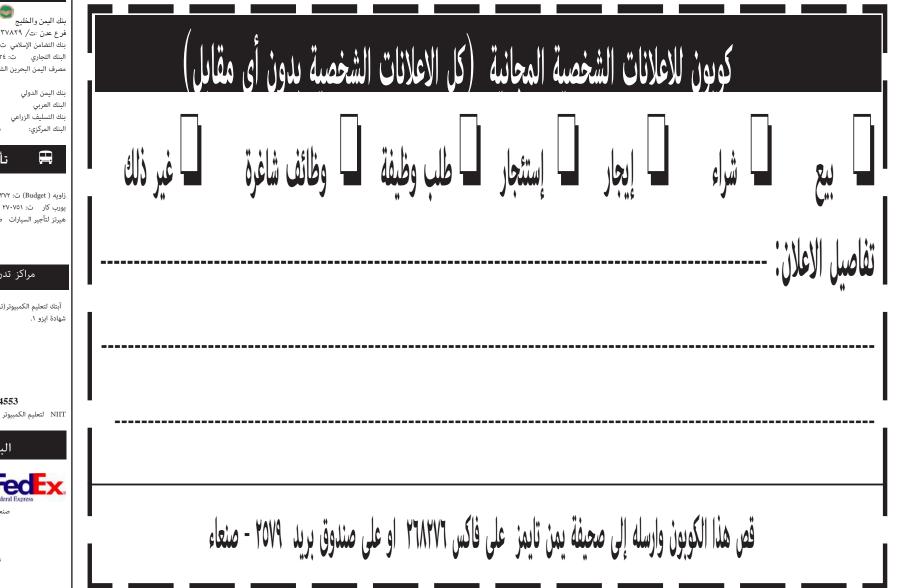
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Eating from your own garden

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griculture provides around 20 percent of the total GDP according to 2007 statistics, with average annual growth of five percent. Around half of the country's employment is hosted in the agriculture sector, and majority of this workforce is comprised of women

Because of the constant immigration to the cities, Yemenis take less interest in their land or in farming generally. Yet some take this interest with them to the cities and try to grow plants wherever they can.

"My mom was the one who insisted on growing some plants in our







Most people with large yards prefer to grow fruit trees in their gardens rather than vegetables and herbs because of the nice view and shade the trees provide as well as the fact that they are easy to maintain.

How to grow your own garden

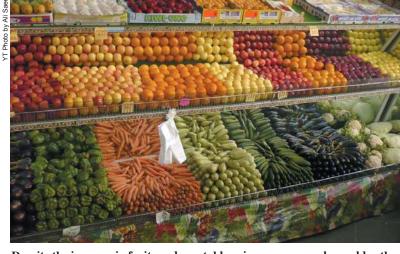
Preparing the soil

Prepare your garden the old fashioned way. Rent a roto-tiller and turn over the earth in a given plot exposing the earth to the sun and the rain.

In early spring, hard rake the earth and break up the clumps. Dig a 5-inch deep trench around the plot and fill with sharp stones. This stops voles from burrowing into the garden. Sprinkle the earth wit Milky Spore powder to do away with white grubs that eat away at the roots of garden plants. Milky Spore was developed by the USDA, is nontoxic and approved for organic farming by the manufacturer.

Vegetable Critical Watering Period ¥ Asparagus As ferns begin to grow their

- foliage ¥ Broccoli During the time the heads begin to develop
- ¥ Cabbage During the time the heads begin to develop
- ¥ Carrot As roots begin to enlarge ¥ Cauliflower During flowering and head
 - development



Despite the increase in fruits and vegetable prices, many people would rather buy from the market than grow the vegetables at home. YT Photo by Ali Saeed

while almost every environmental

group in developing countries is warn-

ing that store-bought produce is loaded

with petro-chemical pesticides that

build up in the human body. Medical

reports blame these chemicals for

many illnesses, from autism in chil-

When asked whether Yemenis eat-

ing from their own gardens would

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dren to cancer at all ages.

backyard. She says she misses her farm in our village. She is the only one taking interest in the gardening," said Buthina Abdu from Sana'a.

In Sana'a, the architectural design does not allow much for gardening, especially with the increasing demand on real estate. Many farms are being transformed into residential building and offices, leaving less space for greenery.

Some people who are interested in gardening overcome this problem by using small containers to plant decorative plants on the staircases or window ledges. Some are even more creative and make their own gardens on the roof tops.

Ola Hussien explains that her brother split a water tank into two, took it to the roof, and filled it with soil. Now they grow tomatoes, potatoes, and mint, among other plants used for decoration or for a good scent such as jasmine.

"My brother grows onion in his garden and he brings me some every time he visits. I wish I could have my own land instead of living in an apartment -I would have grown lots of fruit and vegetables, and even own livestock," said Mahmoud Mohammed.

There are various problems that stand against gardening in Sana'a. The issue of space is one of the main complaints interested Yemenis have. Then comes the problem of skill in using appropriate fertilizers, growing the right plants in the right season, or birds eating the fruit.

More so, most of the people who do have some sort of garden often use it for decoration and just for the interest

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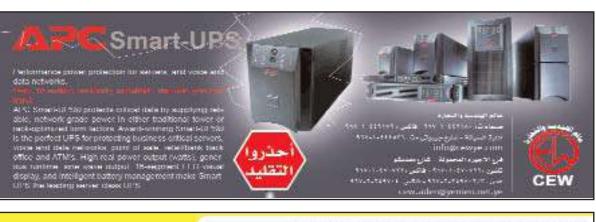
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venders dismissed the notion completely.

"This is the farmers' job; they do it for a living. Others do it as a hobby, so they will always buy their fruits and vegetables from the market," said a fruit vendor on Hadda street.

Most of the vegetables grown for consumption are those used in small quantities or occasionally. Green mint was the most common plant grown. Scented plants such as lavender, basil, and jasmine follow, along with some types of flowers.

Dedicated gardeners grow tomatoes, parsley, onion, eggplant, radish, lettuce, and corn. Those with larger space plant fruit trees such as pomegranate, apple, lemon, orange, fig, and guava. They usually eat from the trees while the fruits or vegetables are in season, but most of the time it is the birds or the bugs that get the lion's share of the garden produce.



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Planting

Begin by planting early cool season crops like spring onions, lettuce, radishes, green peas, Chinese cabbage, broccoli and turnips. A trip to your local garden center will provide you with lots of growing ideas. Don t pick seeds that have been genetically altered like GM corn, soy or wheat. These seeds contain the DNA of pesticides. Buy old fashioned heirloom seeds that grandfather planted. Use organic fertilizer, not the chemical kind.

Plant watermelon, tomatoes and other great garden crops. Plant blackberries and raspberries as these keep coming back year after year and require little attention. Just a few blackberries contain more vitamin C than an orange

Watering

Vegetables need a steady supply of water, especially when they are flowering or fruiting. There are no exact formulas for watering, because there can be many variations in soil, temperature, and drying breezes. The basic rule of thumb is to water thoroughly, to moisten the soil to a depth of 8 to 12 inches. Then let the soil dry out a bit, and when it needs it, water again. You can tell when to water by feeling the soil a couple of inches below the surface. If it feels cool to the touch but doesn t wet or muddy your finger, it s just the right time to water. If it s dry and dusty, you ve waited too long. If it wets your finger, it s too soon to water. Clay soils have a high water-holding capacity: the air spaces are very small, allowing water to move through them slowly. Such soils need to be watered less frequently than sandy soils, but slowly and for a long time. Sandy soils hold only a little water. They should be watered more frequently but for only a short time.

- ¥ Corn As ear silk develops and tassels become apparent
- ¥ Cucumber During flowering as well as through fruit development
- ¥ Eggplant During flowering as well as through fruit development
- ¥ Lettuce Head As heads begin to develop Leaf - consistently throughout development
- ¥ Lima Beans Beginning at pollination and continuing through pod development
- Melon During flowering and evenly throughout fruit development Onion When bulbs begin to enlarge

You can tell when to water by feeling the soil a couple of inches below the surface. If it feels cool to the touch but doesn t get your finger muddy, it s just the right time to water. Never let the soil get dry and dusty. For the most part, putting vegetables under water stress will greatly affect your harvest. Snap beans will drop their blossoms. Lettuce - whose shallow root system requires a steady supply of moisture - will turn bitter. Cucumbers will stop growing altogether (although they will resume if watered again). Beets will become tough and stringy. Radishes will turn hot. Turnips will develop too strong a flavor. Muskmelons will lose their sweetness.

You can control blossom drop of tomatoes (caused by high night temperatures or insufficient watering) by applying a thick mulch to retain soil moisture.

Fighting the bugs and weeds

As the season warms up and the bugs arrive, control them with organic insecticides. A simple dusting of plants with diatomaceous earth stops almost all bugs. Organic liquid sprays knock down flying bugs without contaminating the crops

Put in companion plants such as mint and other herbs that repel insects and bugs

When weeds arrive, pull them out by hand, or, selectively spray them with an organic weed killer.

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in greenery instead of consumption.

"We have many trees in our garden: lemon, coffee, passion fruit, and an apple tree. We also grow small plants such as mint, lavender, and roses," said Izdihar Abdulkarim.

However, she admitted her family would rather buy apples from the market rather than eat from the garden because their apple tree's apples are not as sweet.

"We never buy lemon or mint leaves as they grow nicely in our garden. The rest we buy from outside," she said.

On the national level, major agricultural products include fruits, vegetables, and cereals, but production is rarely sufficient to meet domestic demand. As a result, Yemen continues to import most of its food.

Even during cold weather when the food products are quite expensive, the thought of going local and growing some of fruits and vegetables at home is not really taken seriously by many Yemenis who have gardens.

Although the in-house produce is guaranteed to be organic and healthier nutrition wise, it is generally smaller than and not as tasty as those bought from large scale farms or imported from abroad. The exception is cultivating qat because it is easier to grow, and people who grow qat in their own gardens take great care and pride in it.

Awareness of the dangers of chemicals used in agriculture and the importance of organic food is not common in Yemen. This is perhaps why home gardening in Yemen is not advocated,

