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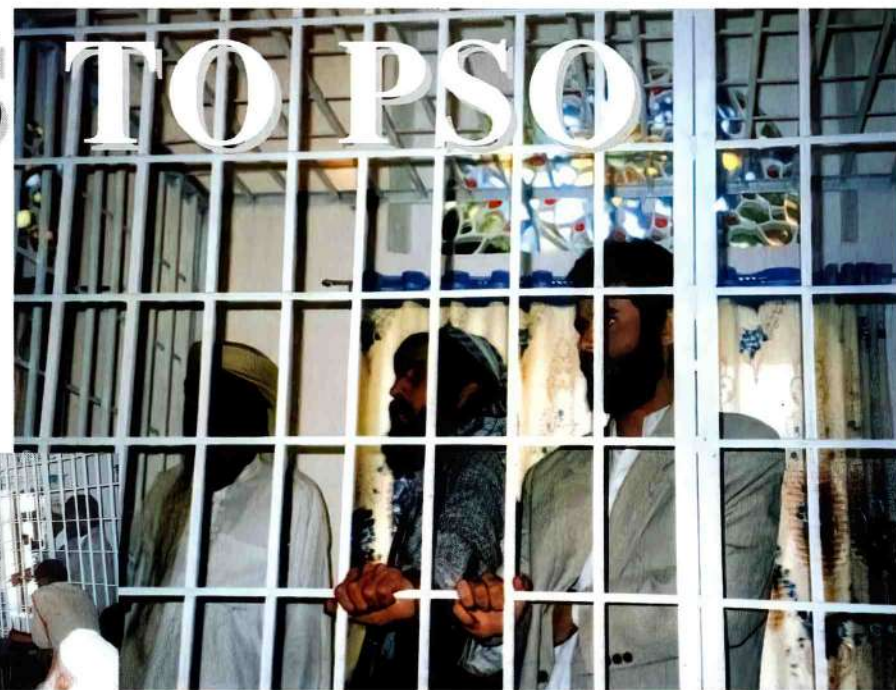
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The Penal Court of Sana'a held the fourth session of the trial of the four accused in connection with bombing of the British Embassy in Sana'a on October 13, 2000. The accused are: Abu baker Saeed Jayol, Ahmad Masood, Salam Salem Abu Jahel, and Faris Taher. The fourth accused is now in the Central Prison of Aden and the prosecution is demanding his presence during the trial. The third defendant Sallam Salim said that he was a member of the Political Security Office (PSO), and that he was appointed by Jayol. Ahmad Masood confessed that Jayol and he bombarded the UK Embassy because 'Britain is the major cause of all the problems of the Arab and Muslim countries.' The action was directed at expressing their anger against the Israeli atrocities in the Palestinian territories. He also said that he used to go to the Minister of Defence's house to tell him about his relationship with Jayol. He said that the Minister advised him to flee Sana'a, but when he replied that he could not do so, he was advised to surrender. "The Minister promised that

he would use his authority to set me free," he added. He confirmed that he and Jayol and two others, namely Naser Al-Shaibah and Anees Al-Awli were behind the explosions of Aden in the beginning of this year. These explosions targeted a church, a hotel and Saba News Office. He stressed that he informed the former Interior Minister Hussein Arab of the targets and the bombers. He further said that he contacted the Minister several times on the phone informing him that he co-planned the explosion of the Interior Minister's residence along with Hadi Abdullah Masood, one of the escorts of the Minister. He said that Hadi suggested the idea of bombing the minister's residence the reason being to hold Jayol accountable for the incident.

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Freedom of Press Wins Al-Zaidi Released

YT journalist, Hassan al-Zaidi was released yesterday after 16 days of illegal confinement. al-Zaidi was locked in an underground cell in the Political Security Office, and had been subjected to terrible pressures. Al-Zaidi was set free after YT sent two memos to the PSO requesting his immediate release.



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Al-Zindani Withdraws Case against Al-Shoura

Sheikh Abdulmajed Al-Zindani has recently withdrawn his case against late Abdullah S'ad and his brother Abduljabbar S'ad of the Al-Shoura Newspaper, mouthpiece of the Public Forces Union Party.

Chairman of the Yemeni Journalists' Syndicate (YJS) met with Sheikh Al-Zindani after which the latter announced withdrawal of his civil suit filed against the two brothers. Accordingly, the YJS appealed to the Supreme Court to reconsider its latest verdicts. Dr. Abdul Malik Al-Mutawakel, one of the leaders of the party revealed the newspaper's intention to publish an apology in favor of the Sheikh. "It has been a wise decision that would save his face as an Islamic scholar," said Abduljabbar S'ad in response to the Al-Zindani's latest decision.

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7 of the Banished Journalists Return Home

Today, Monday June 24 2001, 7 of the 17 banished journalists who fled the country after the 1994 civil war will be returning back to their home country. "The journalists are Ahmed Al-Hubaishi, Mohamed Qasim Noman, Omar Bawazir, Abduldawood Al-Matari, Ahmed Thabet, Ahmed Yahya, Hassan Qasim," said Mr. Mahboob Ali, Chairman of the Yemeni Journalists Syndicate (YJS). On the 29th of June, prominent media personality Mohamed Saeed Salim would also be returning to the country. However Omar Bawazir and Ali Saleh Jassar who are currently in Damascus may postpone their return until next month so as to let their children complete their classes.

It is expected that Minister of Information Mr. Hussein Al-Awadhi along with Mr. Mahboob Ali would hold a meeting with the returning journalists to discuss various issues regarding their return to their duties in the press and media.

Prospects for Close Yemeni-Saudi Economic Cooperation

The recent visit of H.H. Prince Sultan bin Abdulaziz, Second Deputy Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, has opened the way for further economic cooperation.

Yemen and Saudi Arabia agreed on laying down mechanisms for achieving a strategic partnership on all levels. The two parties agreed on establishing a free zone and the Saudi-Yemeni Businessmen Council with the objective of enhancing trade and investment exchange, serving the mutual interests of the two countries, indicated the joint report issued by the Yemeni-Saudi



Coordination Council upon finishing activities last Saturday in Sana'a.

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News of attack on US Embassy Baseless

Yemeni Interior Minister Dr. Rashad Al-Aleemi has denied as groundless the news carried by the American newspaper Washington Post about the arrest of nine persons carrying weapons and bombs to attack the American embassy in Sana'a. Mr. Al-Aleemi told the 26 September weekly last Thursday that the news published by the U.S. newspaper was incorrect. The sentence clarified that the security apparatus usually takes seriously any information of this nature and takes all necessary measures to counter any sabotage or terrorist act. The security apparatus would not hesitate to arrest any person proved or suspected to be carrying out any sabotage act against the security and stability of the country, the minister said.

The minister refused to comment on the American investigators' departure from Yemen, affirming that cooperation with the US was continuing in investigations related to the incident of USS Cole and that investigations were progressing satisfactorily for both parties. He has also confirmed that Yemen rejects, and condemns all forms of terrorism and has offered all

possible cooperation for fighting and eliminating it.

On the other hand, the US military forces in the Gulf are put on alert and US embassies in Bahrain and Senegal have been closed temporarily on the pretext of an imminent threat against Americans and American enterprises in the region. The latter American step was taken just two weeks ago by closing the consulate at the US embassy in Sana'a. It was reported on Friday that there had been three threats of attacks on US forces in the Gulf on June 25, the fifth anniversary of bombing of Al-Khobar Towers in 1996. The American Embassies in Saudi Arabia and Qatar said Saturday that they warned Americans to be on guard after US forces in the Gulf were put on the highest alert against an "increased risk of terrorist action." The US State Department said in a statement on Friday "US citizens are urged to maintain high-level of vigilance and to take appropriate steps to increase their security awareness to reduce their vulnerability."

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Ripper Executed, but Case Not Yet Closed

Five days after the Sudanese morgue assistant Mohamed Adam Omar was executed in front of 50,000 people Wednesday near the university where he raped, killed and mutilated one Yemeni and another Iraqi women, the puzzle regarding the identity of his partners is yet unsolved. The ripper was ordered to lie on the ground face down, his hands cuffed behind his back. A military officer fired three shots at his heart with an AK-47 rifle. Amazingly, Omar was



still alive, so the officer had to shoot point blank in his head. Before the execution, which was witnessed by members of the victims' families, Omar was lashed 80 times in front of the crowd for alcohol consumption. Despite the death of Omar, the mystery is still unveiled regarding a will he wrote and which he requested to be read 40 days after his execution.

More Details in YT light.

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Words of Wisdom

"I have always known that the system of Yemen is not hospitable to the well-educated. It is a fact that the people who feel most at home in Yemen are the sheikhs and their tribesmen. The lawyers, engineers, physicians, PhDs, journalists, accountants, and other professionals are in a constant search for a home elsewhere in the world. With this happening, no one can convincingly tell me that we have a good government in Yemen."

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



Our Opinion

Our Path is Irreversible!

Every day I realize that no matter how many violations are committed against the free press, and no matter how vicious some authorities or power centers are fighting the freedom of expression, the cause of freedom of the press seems to be vindicated.

Yes indeed. The path that has been chosen by the leadership of the country is everyday growing to be irreversible. After we have had so much of freedom, it is almost impossible to reverse the trend around and go to square one. It is true that some violations have been committed, and their number is may be increasing. Yet, it is also true that independent and opposition newspapers are still going strong.

Two cases that happened last week made me become even more sure about the future of Yemen regarding freedom of the press. The first was the Shoura newspaper case. Even though it was closed down (perhaps for the second or third time), yet its administration was able to produce another newspaper to take over, all with perfect legitimacy. The fact that the Ministry of Information permitted the new newspaper to be issued despite its awareness that it could potentially replace the old newspaper is in itself a positive omen. The other issue is that of Hassan Al-Zaidi. Most of our readers know that he is one of our active journalists working on many fronts to bring the facts as they are with integrity and independence. Obviously, readers along with many international and local human rights and press freedom supporting organizations were saddened by his arrest about three weeks ago. What was striking about the case is that many organizations locally and internationally stood by Al-Zaidi in his quest for freedom and supported him in many ways. Letters came from readers, activists and international organizations supporting him all the way. Worldwide prominent organizations such as the Human Rights Watch along with the New York-based Committee to Protect Journalists all helped exert pressure on the authorities to let Al-Zaidi out. There was no evidence against him, and his arrest was illegal. Hence, in the fitness of things he was set free.

Today, I am even more convinced than ever that the negative elements that are trying to curb the freedom of the people to express themselves and thoughts are beginning to sense loss. This is the era of democracy and human rights. This is the time when the whole world is progressing in this direction and enhancing its understanding of human values. Why should Yemen be held back?

In brief, I am quite sure that it is in the best of interests of the leadership and the people to cooperate in improving our country's track record in upholding those values and coming out with plans to strengthen and improve our experiences in holding aloft freedom of the press, democracy and human rights. I am glad to see that we are going in the right path, which is definitely an irreversible one.

Gathering in Memory of Mr. Aklan

Commemoration ceremony was organized today for Mr. Aklan Saif Mudhish al-Dubai, renowned Inspector of English in Taiz. Mr. Aklan passed away in a tragic car accident in Sana'a-Taiz highway after being rewarded in the Teachers' Day Festival held in Sana'a.

The function was organized by the Education Bureau, Taiz, in al-Muntazah, Almasbah area. The late was a key model for all inspectors of English in Yemen. He was the founder of the Al-Kindi English Institute, one of the most outstanding and efficient institutes in Taiz. A book containing a brief



account of his life, articles he published in many newspapers and impressions of some close friends, was published and distributed in the function.

Coca Cola Sponsors Graduation Ceremony

Under the auspices of Foreign Minister, Dr. Abo Bakr al-Qirbi, the graduation ceremony of the Biology, Maths and Physics Departments, Science Faculty, was held on June 13 at the hall of the Research and Studies

Center. The ceremony was attended by the dean vice, university professors and students. The ceremony was sponsored by Coca Cola Company which also distributed soft drinks and prizes to students.

New Japanese Debt Relief Grant Aid to Yemen

The Government of Japan extends to the Government of the Republic of Yemen the Debt Relief Aid amounting to 246,795,000 Yen equivalent to approximately US\$ 2 million, based on the resolution made by the Trade & Development Board (TDB) of the United Nations Conference on Trade & Development (UNCTAD) as a part of debt relief measures for countries which have been facing serious difficulties in servicing their debts.

Agreements to this effect were signed and exchanged on June 20 between H.E. Mr.

Ahmad Mohammed Sofan, Minister of Planning & Development of the Republic of Yemen and H.E. Mr. Masamitsu Oki, Ambassador of Japan to Sana'a. The Government of the Republic of Yemen will use this grant exclusively for development of Yemen's economy and the welfare of its people.

During the past five years Japan has extended fifteen debt relief grants amounting to approximately seven billion one hundred sixty two million yen, i.e. equivalent to approximately US\$ 59 million to Yemen.

Syrian Businessmen to Arrive in Yemen

A delegation of Syrian businessmen and investors is scheduled to pay a visit to Yemen next month at an invitation by Yemen's Federation of Chambers of Commerce & Industry.

Director-General of National Chambers of Commerce and Industry in Aden Engineer Ahmed Hadi Salem said that the delegation would discuss with the Yemeni counterparts a number of topics of mutual interests including holding an exhibition for Syrian textile products in Yemen. It would also review and discuss matters on developing trade and investment relations between the two countries.

Mr Salem pointed out that during its stay in the delegation would be briefed on the investment opportunities in Yemen and it would also pay a visit to the container terminal of the Free Zone and a number of companies based in Yemen. He made it clear that the visit also aims at broadening partnership between Yemeni and Syrian businessmen and investors in various fields, mainly textile industry.

First Batch of Demining Troops Graduated

A graduation ceremony for the first batch of Special Guard Troops Engineers for detecting and demining and the 2nd batch of Field Survey Personnel was held on Monday at the training centre of the executive technical unit for demining in Dar Sa'ad, Aden governorate. The Minister of State, the chairman of the National Committee for Demining Mr. Khalid Abdulwahab Al-Sharif addressed the ceremony by clarifying that the national program of demining had achieved encouraging results attributed to the successful partnership of the Yemeni team and foreign experts in training and qualification. He added that the program was a product of integration of all efforts and contributions by many countries and international organizations and NGO's. Mr Al-Sharif thanked governments of sisterly and friendly countries, especially the Kingdom of Saudi

Arabia and the U.S. for supporting the project. Mr Mansour Al-Izzi, director of the Executive Technical Unit reviewed in his address the program of the national committee and its future goals. Mr Ali Al-Haddad gave an address on behalf of participants expressing gratitude for the efforts of the centre made for training them on how to deal with demining. Mr Al-Sharif and general Tareq Mohammed Abdulla Saleh, Commander of the Special Guard and Mr Taha Ahmed Ghanem, governor of Aden handed the top graduates certificates and prizes.

The event was attended by the governor of Aden, Commander of the Special Guard general Tareq Mohammed Abdulla Saleh, Abdulkarim Shaif secretary of the local councils and general Mohammed Saleh Tariq director of Aden Security.

Lunch for Chevening Scholarships Winners

"Last Wednesday, June 20 the UK Ambassador to Sana'a Her Excellency Francis Guy hosted a lunch party in honor of Chevening candidates who have been successfully qualified for scholarships for the year 2001-02. A number of outstanding former Chevening graduates attended the party. The UK Foreign Commonwealth Office, FCO, sponsors and funds the Chevening Scholarship Program through its Embassies around the world. The program provides opportunities to the qualified students/scholars to pursue their higher education in the British universities, with emphasis on fields related to the economic and political development as well as reform programs taking place in the candidate's countries. The UK Ambassador highly noted the effective role the Chevening Scheme has played in promoting cultural and educational ties between the two friendly countries.

Chevening Scholarship Scheme is an annual program announced in October and November of each year. 100 applicants competed for the scholarships this year among which the following seven were found qualified:

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- 2- Nadiah Abdulaziz al-Saqqaf, Yemen

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3- Dr. Mohammed al-Makrami, P s y c h i c Hospital.

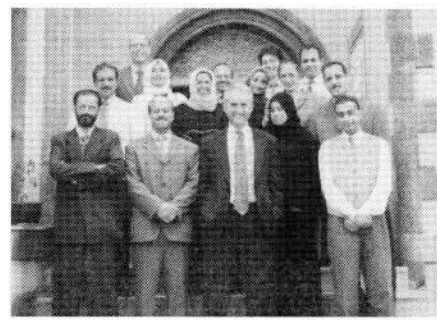
4- Nadwah al-Dawsari, UNDP

5- Akram al-Hindi, TV and radio

6- Reem Mujber, Medical Faculty, Aden University.

7- Najwa al-Seri, Foreign Ministry.

Winners were introduced to the previous students studying in the British universities. Winners are expected to travel in coming August.



Mushayara Organized by the India Embassy Club in Sana'a

Dr. Ramkanta Sahu

On Wednesday evening, 20th June, the India Embassy Club in Sana'a held a *mushayara* in the auditorium of the India Embassy School. The India Embassy Club is a non-governmental and non-political organization devoted to the task of (i) fostering a spirit of understanding and co-operation among the Indians in Yemen and (ii) providing facilities for cultural and social get-togethers, one of its important tasks being to develop good will and friendship between Yemeni nationals and the Indians working in Yemen. Mushayaras are cordial get-togethers organized for the recitation of poems written in Urdu. Urdu is a language that is spoken by people in India as well as in Pakistan. Urdu poetry is internationally known, among other things, for remarkable couples capable of exercising a kind of magical influence on its audience. Poets both from India and Pakistan have been contributing to the great wealth of poetry in this language and so the poetry in this language has always proved to be a bond of brotherhood and friendship between the peoples of the two countries. So, although this event was organized by the India Embassy Club, poets from Pakistan also enthusiastically participated in this event.

At the outset Prof. A. K. Sharma welcomed the audience to the dynamic togetherness on the gala evening and invited them to feel the throbbing inner voice of the poets.

The sublime rendition of a ghazal by Mr. Ambu Thakur to the accompaniment on the Tabla by Mr. Bhupinder Singh set the tone of the event. The participants who recited poetic renderings

pulsating with the quintessential rhythm of life included M/S Ramakanta Jha, Bahar Ahmed, Aziz Khan, Nasir Khan, Mrs. Jyotsna Prasad, Dr. Satyarth Tripathy, Rizwan, Noor Ahmed, Vasiul Hassan, Dr. Rajesh Kumar, and Dr. Anil K. Prasad

The poets from Pakistan who participated included Chaudhary Aziz and Faraz Sultan. Mr. M. S. Suman, the Ambassador of India in Yemen, attended the function as its Chief Guest. To everybody's admiration, Dr. Manorama Tripathy, Professor and Head of the Department of English in Meerut University, (India), performed the task of the compete. Professor D. Thakur, who is the President of the India Embassy Club, presided over this Mushayara. In his presidential remarks towards the end of the event he expressed the hope and wish that such events would lead to an ever-increasing cordiality and togetherness between the people in the two neighboring countries. The mushayara was concluded by a friendly dinner sponsored by Shyamal Chaudhary of Consulting Engineering Services in Sana'a.

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Queen Elizabeth II Birthday, Celebrated

British ambassador to Yemen Mrs Frances Guy gave on Saturday a grand party in celebration of British Queen Elizabeth II birthday. The party was held in Sheraton Gold Mohur Hotel in Aden.

The party was attended by a host of political, social personalities, businessmen, members of diplomatic missions accredited to Yemen and media men.

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Suspect Belongs to PSO

He further said that Hadi disclosed it to the police before the explosion took place. He added that the Minister promised to get him out of the trouble of the Aden explosions provided that he reported to him detailed information about Jayol whom he said took care of him since he was a child and made him his chauffeur.

When the prosecutor read out his confessions in the court, Masood described them as exaggerated and said he was forced by the Criminal Investigation Department to sign on things which he did not admit to have carried out.

Jayol, on the other hand, confirmed that he planned and financed all these incidents in Sanaa and Aden. Explosives were bought from Saleh Al-Dasam in Jehanah, Khwlan. He paid YR 96,000 for the explosives of the UK embassy composed of 8 kilo of T.N.T and two bombs. He legalized these acts. He said there was moral degeneration in Aden and UK was responsible for Muslims and Arabs plight. Jayol denied participation of Anees and Salam in the bombardment of the UK embassy and said they were not happy with this plan.

Isam Al-Ghurbani of the British Embassy attended the trial but he said he was not authorized by the embassy to present its views of demands. He just attended to listen to the trial. He said that the embassy was not asked officially to attend the sessions of the trial, though the judge said that the prosecution wrote to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs to inform the British Embassy about the event. He further said that the embassy had the right to present its views and demands in the court or ask for compensation for the damage the explosion caused to it.

Al-Zindani Withdraws Case against al-Shoura

He added: "We are still of the view that the suit and the verdict were illegal. However, we have already honored the verdict and do still cling to our position." The Human Rights Watch condemned in a press release issued on June 20, the Yemeni government's announced intention to close down the weekly Al-Shoura newspaper. It also expressed grave concern in relation to the flogging sentence against Abduljabbar, convicted on defamation charges. "Charges of defamation are being used on a regular basis to silence journalists and close down newspapers," said Hanny Megally, Executive Director of the Middle East and North Africa division of Human Rights Watch.

"Press Freedom in Yemen has deteriorated since end of the civil war in 1994. Ten papers were brought to court during 2000; some of them periodically suspended and the journalists fined. Yemen Times journalist Hassan Al-Zaidi remains detained in an undisclosed location after the Political Security Office, an agency directly reporting to the President, arrested him on June 10, 2000. In late May, Al-Shumra, a weekly, was banned for one month and chief editor Saif al-Hadheri sentenced to six months imprisonment and the payment of damages after the Sana'a Appeals Court had convicted him of defaming the former Minister of Education by accusing him of embezzlement and corruption," the release said.

News of attack on US Embassy Baseless

In another development and as part of precautionary measures against threats of attacks US warship and other navy vessels in Bahrain had been ordered out of port. Meanwhile three US naval vessels on Saturday left the Red Sea port of Aqaba, cutting short a Marine Corps training exercise in Jordan. Some military sources have said that Intelligence intercepted a communication between two men from the region that suggested a major attack was imminent.

Military sources say that the threat is serious enough for the military to pull ships out of port as part of new precautionary actions adopted after the destroyer USS Cole was hit while refueling at Aden Seaport nine months ago. The United States has lately moved US investigators from Aden to the capital, Sana'a, for safety reasons and were subsequently moved outside the country. The US authorities suspect bin Laden associates as involved in the attack on the Cole and the 1998 bombings of two US embassies in Africa.

Freedom of Press Wins

YT has also sent two memos to Mr. Mahboob Ali, Yemeni journalists chairman, requesting the syndicate quick intervention to secure his release. However, the syndicate did not take any measures for that end. Furthermore, it refused to issue a condemnation report under the pretext that his arrest was due to some tribal issues which is not true. The syndicate did this despite the fact that though al-Zaidi is a working member in the syndicate and possesses the local, Arab and international membership.

Prospects for Immense Yemeni-Saudi Economic Cooperation

The report also indicated that Saudi Development Fund (SDF) certified funding Yemeni projects totaling US\$ 300 million and other developmental projects in accordance with the coming Yemeni five-year plan. The two parties signed agreements in media, land and sea transportation fields, the report maintained. They also agreed on promoting cooperation in exploring natural wealth along the border line in accordance with the border treaty signed between the two countries in last July, 2000.

With regards to the electrical network connection between the two countries, the report indicated that the two sides had emphasized reviewing the project in the Arab Cabinet Council. They have also confirmed encouraging investors from the two countries to invest in the field of electricity and to make use of the Saudi electrical tools. On the political level, the two sides agreed on proposing a protocol of cooperation between the two foreign ministries of the two countries to coordinate and talk on regional and international issues of mutual concern. The Saudi Quality Forum and Exhibition held last week was a major achievement in this regard. "The exhibition is aimed at enhancing trade between the two countries," said the organizer of the event, Mr. Mohammed A. Bahes

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Dr. Abdulaziz Othman Altwaijri**"We are here to develop the bilateral relations in Education, Science and Culture and to create new fields of joint work"**

Dr. Abdulaziz Othman Altwaijri is the director general of the Islamic Educational Scientific and Cultural Organization (ISESCO). He was born in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, and completed his English Language and History Bachelor from King Saud University with distinction in 1974, after which, he pursued an MA in Applied Linguistics and a Ph.D. in Curriculum and Instruction from University of Oregon, USA. After becoming Deputy Director General for Culture, ISESCO in 85, he was elected as Director General in 1991, and reelected for the second time in the post in 1997. He is also Secretary General of the Federation of the Universities of the Islamic World. Dr. Altwaijri visited Yemen in an official five-day trip this month in order to organize and participate in a conference regarding education, science and cultural issues, and to discuss bilateral relations between Yemen and the ISESCO. Nadia Al-Saqqaf met with him and filed this interview.

Q: What was the purpose of your visit and how much have you achieved so far?

A: Our 5-day visit is a response to the invitation we received from the Minister of Higher education to develop the bilateral relations in Education, Science and Culture and to create new fields of joint work. We are here to assist Yemen to cope up with the development taking place in the three fields mentioned. I met with Minister of Education, Information, Culture, Higher Education, Experts and Minister of Human Rights. I also met with the Prime Minister and have an appointment with the President today.

Q: How do you describe the mission of ISESCO?

A: The Islamic Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization was set up after the adoption of its statute by the Eleventh Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers, meeting in Islamabad, Islamic Republic of Pakistan, in May 1980. The third Islamic Summit Conference, held in Makkah Al-Mukarama and Taef, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, decided in January 1981 to set up the Islamic organization. The first conference of ISESCO was then held in Fez, Kingdom of Morocco may 1982. There are 46 member states of the organization and it cooperate with international

and regional organizations and institutions such as UNO, OIC, UNESCO, WHO, WIPO, UNDP, IEU, AFEDA, and many others. We have 106 cooperation agreements with Islamic, international and regional organizations. There are seven main objectives of the organization:

- To strengthen and promote cooperation among the member states, and consolidate it in the fields of education, science, culture and communication.
- To develop applied sciences and use of advanced technology within the framework of the lofty and perennial Islamic Values and Ideals;
- To consolidate understanding among Muslim people and to contribute to the achievements of work culture and security in the fields of means, particularly through education, science, culture and communication.

- To achieve complementarity and to seek to achieve coordination among the specialized institutions of the organization of the Islamic conference in the fields of education, Science, Culture and communication. And among the members states of the ISESCO in order to consolidate Islamic solidarity.

- To make Islamic culture, the basis of educational curricula at all levels and stages.

- To consolidate Islamic culture, protect the independence of Islamic thought against invasion and historical factors and safeguard the features and distinct characteristics of the Islamic civilization.

- To safeguard the Islamic identity of the Muslims in non-Islamic countries.

Q: To what extent can you say ISESCO is successful?

A: We are very successful and we achieved many things. On the level of the prospective strategic planning for and educational, scientific and cultural resurgence of the Islamic world, ISESCO laid down four majors strategies which constitute the strategy of knowledge from an Islamic view point, namely:

Strategy for the promotion of education in Islamic countries, cultural strategy for the Islamic world, strategy of the development of science and technology in Islamic countries and strategy for Islamic cultural action in the west. The Islamic organization is presently working on a draft strategy for bringing Muslim Madhahib.

There are major civilizational projects and there are programs and projects



executed in cooperation with international and regional organizations. Since its establishment in 1982 up to the end of the year 2000 ISESCO has implemented 463 training sessions, workshops, specialized meetings, and has published 345 books and studies among the many other achievements.

Q: what are the main broad out lines of the current ISESCO action plan?

A: The current three year action plan for the years 2001- 2003 contains 187 programs and 11 major civilizational projects in education (illiteracy eradication, education in the service of sustainable development, Arabic language training centers in non-Arabic member states ..etc.), science (research of scientific and technological development and its applications, natural resources and development, social and human science ..etc), culture and communication (Islamic culture identity, active and interactive Islamic culture, communication capacities of the Islamic countries ..etc.), external relations and Cooperations (development of educational, scientific, cultural and social institutions in al Quds Al Shareef, in Sarajevo, Arab Islamic and international cooperation ..etc.), and information and documentation (information and communication for the development of the Islamic world, capacities of the Islamic world to master knowledge for development, creation of a center for strategic studies for the Muslim world ..etc.)

Q: What kind of problems does ISESCO face and how do you think they could be solved?

A: There are two basic problems we face: finance and slow response of member states. We receive our financ-

ing from the member states themselves. However, if we had more income we would have been able to achieve much more. As for the response of the member states, it is due to the routine and the bureaucracy of the systems. However, we tried to motivate our representatives in the member states to work on speeding up the procedures. We hope things will change for the better.

There is also another obstacle, which we face; it is the huge conflict between our policies and strategies and those of the Islamists. However, we have always made efforts to reach conciliatory agreements in order not to lose any side, because the spirit of Islam is moderation, peace and kindness.

Q: What does ISESCO do for woman?

A: Development of women is essential for the development of the society, for she represents half of the society and she is the essence of the success and happiness of any family. In all our programs we have focused on women. In fact in our current action plan we have a program for productive woman. Also the sole meaning of Islam is equality with no extremes. We aspire to reach these ideals of Islam through our efforts.

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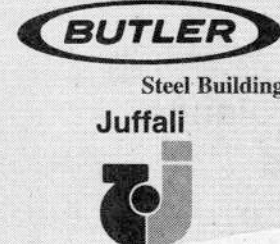
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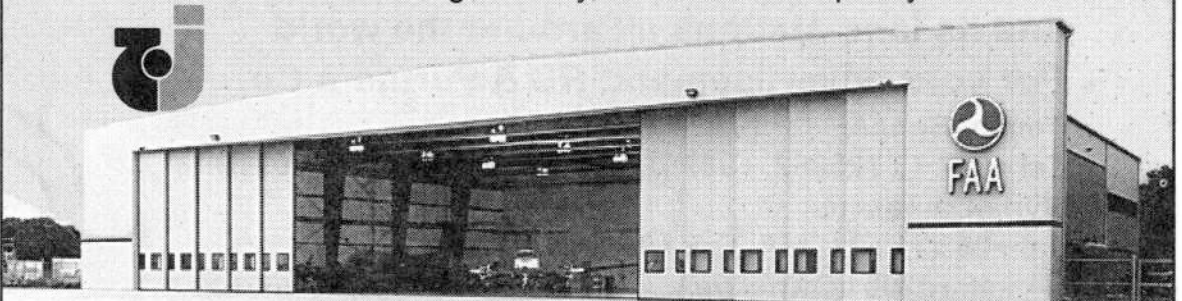
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Mrs. Khadigah Radman to YT:

"My post requires hard and continuous work to strengthen, and improve Yemen's relations with the ISESCO"

Permanent representative of Yemen to ISESCO Mrs. Khadigah Radman told Yemen Times that her post requires hard and continuous work to strengthen, and improve Yemen's relations with the ISESCO. It involves communication with several organizations such as Women's National Committee (WNC) and providing reports and references as well as advice to it. It also requires direct participation in the conferences and projects which the Islamic organization conducts as she represents Yemen there.

She has been with ISESCO since July 2000, during all this time she has displayed excellent communication skills

in cooperation with Yemen's embassy in the Kingdom of Morocco.

"In my work, I make it a point that Yemen gets programs in all educational, cultural and scientific fields and in the field of communication and the support of the national committees. We are organizing three regional meetings supported by the organization:

1-A meeting for the specialists to plan education for the needy group, from 9 to 13 June.

2-A meeting for young girls for their edification, the health and the gender education in next July.

3-A regional meeting in cooperation with the organization of UNESCO and



the ISESCO, regarding the use of micro-science bags and the special guide of micro-experiences prepared by the UNESCO in their meeting in March 2000 Yemen will be financed for having a number of small laboratories to be set up in the needy schools.

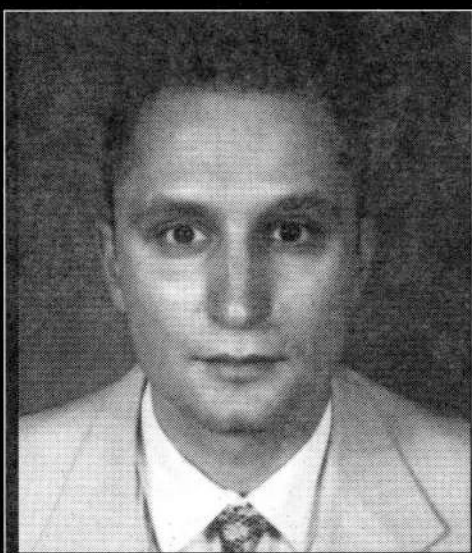
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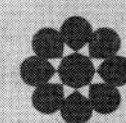
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The DCM of Turkish Embassy in Sanaa, who will be leaving Yemen soon after successfully fulfilling his duty in Yemen

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Report on Freedom of Press Violations in Yemen during 2000

PART 5 IN A SERIES



**Mohamed Sadiq
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Significant Deterioration in the Status of the Freedom of Press

The YJS's report also included snapshots of significant violations committed against opposition and independent newspapers including, Al-Shoura, Al-Ayyam, Al-Tajammu. The report also brought about the issue of harassing correspondents of Saba News Agency as well as Arab and international news agencies and publications. The correspondent of the ruling party, GPC's mouthpiece Al-Mithaq was also among the victims of freedom of press oppression mentioned in the report. The YJS also noted the importance of handling the issue of journalists of Aden-based Sawt Al-Ummal opposition newspaper which discontinued publication after the 1994 civil war and demanded their safe return to their homeland. The report openly criticized the situation of the press freedom in Yemen and expressed its concern over its continuous deterioration.

Specifically, the YJS denounced violations committed against Al-Shoura weekly newspaper, mouthpiece of the People Forces Union Party, which was among the contributors to the flourishing of press freedom in Yemen since 1990. It condemned the illegal suspension of Al-Shoura for 6 months with just an order from the Ministry of Information without any legal court proceedings. Al-Shoura was eventually sentenced to more than 10 months of suspension.

The report unveiled the penalty against the Editor-in-chief of Al-Thawri, mouthpiece of the Yemeni Socialist Party who was sentenced to imprisonment for six months because of publishing a story the rape of a number of girls in the Hadhramout governorate by official security force personnel. It also expressed serious concern for the verdict in August 2000 in the governorate of Aden against the Editor-in-chief of Al-Tajammu weekly, mouthpiece of the

Yemeni Unionist Party. The sentence was issued because of a column published in the newspaper criticizing the judicial authority as inefficient and corrupt. The sentence ordered the imprisonment of the newspaper's editor-in-chief for 6 months and a compensation fee to be paid by the newspaper. Regarding the tri-weekly Aden-based Al-Ayyam, the YJS report mentioned the violations committed against the newspaper in general and its editor-in-chief in particular. It also pointed out what Hassan bin Husainun, a columnist in the newspaper had gone through because of his column published in the newspaper in which he condemned the destruction of the Jewish temple in Aden, considered as a part of cultural heritage of the city of Aden.

Al-Ayyam has been among the most frequently harassed and oppressed newspapers. Its editor-in-chief, Hisham Basharaeel had faced several cases in the past, most of them for publishing news items and columns in the newspaper.

Violations against several correspondents of Arab, regional, and international news agencies and newspapers were also included in the report. The YJS mentioned in its report that it received a statement by several correspondents saying that they have been harassed and threatened by Al-Mithaq newspaper, the mouthpiece of the GPC (the ruling party led by President Ali Abdullah Saleh). This action was denounced by the press community and all intellectuals and organizations defending human rights and freedom of press and expression. The YJS considered those threats in a supportive press release as "a violation of the ethics of journalism."

Violations of 2001 and the Future of Press Freedom

I feel it has become essential at this particular point to compare the violations in the recent past, mentioned in the report, with those of 2001, which I will be summarizing in this section. The last 6 months (first half of 2001) have raised more concern and worries among the press community and, in particular, at the YJS. The number of violations con-

tinues to rise putting the future of press freedom at risk. Comparing the violations against the freedom of press in 2000 to those in of 2001, one could easily conclude that the sources of those violations in 2000 were different and related to many different sectors and groups. However, interestingly enough, more than 98% of the 2001 violations were made by the authorities concerned with different military and judicial organs of the state. This obviously signals a dangerously shrinking margin for the freedom of press in Yemen, which continues to get narrower every year.

The violations of 2001 started with a campaign against several press institutions as the authorities closed down a newspaper in January. During March the trial of Al-Ayyam continued. In April another newspaper was suspended and within a week after that, another was prevented from circulation ironically on 3rd of May when the world celebrated the press freedom day. A newspaper was closed down and another was faced with a sudden trial. On a June, coinciding with the 10th jubilee of the Yemeni press day, Al-Shoura newspaper was closed down for the third time following a ruling issued more than a year ago. The ruling included a punishment of 80 lashes for its then Editor-in-chief, Abdullah Saad, who died as his family says, in suspicious circumstances.

What was most upsetting was the war waged against the outgoing seventh batch of the Faculty of Information. The dean of the faculty openly criticized the graduation projects completed by the students, such as "Al-Rasid", "Al-Waqi", and "Al-Tajdid". Those newspapers were admired for their high quality content and distinguished journalistic style. Instead of encouraging such marvelous efforts those publications were confiscated by the Ministry of Information in an operation that created total disappointment and discouragement among the newly graduated students. This constitutes yet another indication of the intimidation imposed on the free press.

*Next week: Cont'd Violations of 2001
plus Conclusion (Final Part)*

In Yemen Land is Democracy!

Irena Knehtl

Development is for the people, and by the people, otherwise it has no taste and no meaning!

The aim here is to rescue the rural world as the source of well being, and propose a democratic order, and economic model with the basic aim of edifying the population, both now and in the future, with healthy food for thought.

I should like to speak of food in a different sense, placing it in its cultural and historical framework. I want to show how democracy can be understood through food, and how it can be built with food as its objective.

Although the definition of human rights varies, one of the very basic human rights is the right to FOOD.

Every country has an awareness of its geography which in essence enables it to dominate it technologically. In other words, it is an awareness about its ability to exploit its geographical realities.

Over the last few decades the agricultural production has declined dangerously, and food imports have increased considerably. Food imports are not just a foreign exchange problem, they also make a country lose a sense of its own history, and geography. As a result people lose faith in their ability to control their own geographical environment. And further, people come to accept scarcity and poverty as inevitable facts of life.

Imports have a further adverse effect on agriculture, making people unaware of what it could produce. The peasants thus without actually moving from their land, are in essence expelled from their own history.

Agricultural surpluses distributed throughout the world are also distributed through

the markets of the developing countries, over which the most powerful countries hold a monopoly. As it stands today, the Arab countries import 80 percent of their food requirement. It should be remembered that this situation can be turned into a very effective weapon.

One needs only to look at Yemen's past in which it used to be an empire based on food. It provided sufficient food for the population as large as or even larger than the present one. People knew its geography, and conquered it technologically. They were aware of the countries rugged and mountain geography, and dominated it by growing a variety of traditional crops on terraces stretching far up the slopes. People relied on technical instruments, the terraces, and on human organization and collective work. There was thus a clear identification of society with the land that generated a feeling of security and continuity.

Societies thrive on food, and build their awareness of time and space through food. The great Moslem traveler of the 14th century, Ibn Battuta, writes in his Rihla: "The strength and well-being of any civilized society depends on the prosperity of its agriculture".

The process of industrialization if not properly balanced, impoverishes the peasants, and consequently they start leaving the land. They arrive in the city with a feeling of insecurity. Since the land is linked to people's dignity, such migrants naturally lose their self-respect. The liberality of their home land is replaced by the hostility of the urban environment, and the idea of society as a community is replaced by individualism, as a response to the hostile surrounding. History shows that the attempt to maintain financial relations through "carousel" of new loans leads to worsening of the situation.

Vicious Circle:

The developing world faces excessive centralization in towns, and in most cases, in capital cities resulting in a great imbalance between industry, administration, and, consequently an increasingly depressed agriculture. Agriculture produces less because of food imports. The peasants, therefore, grow poorer, and migrate or leave the land. The industry in turn is weaker because it lacks markets for its products.

The only way out would be historical transformation in order to achieve a harmonious economic development. A nationalist revolution seems imminent to revoke historical awareness, rediscover forgotten realities, accept terrace farming, recognize the value of native products, and community organization. Further, an identification of the society with the land again, restoring sense of security, and directing resources towards the model linked with food, i.e., agriculture and fisheries is the need of the hour.

Any revolution is only re-vitalization of one's own history. The fundamental basis of any nationalism is the land. So a nation is in the true sense of the word, is known by its hold over its territorial integrity. Only recognition and awareness of this geography can enable us to be self-sufficient in food that the knowledge of geography can give us. Self reliance in food is also an affirmation of democracy, which recognizes the realities of the social organization. Our democracy must mean above all, the respect and upholding of the most important human right, which is the right of bread, which means PEACE AND FREEDOM. Bread is viewed not only as a means of satisfying hunger, it is a cultural symbol.

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Yemen-Jordan: Towards an Active Economic Partnership



Mahyoub Al-Kamali

The Supreme Yemeni-Jordanian Committee is holding the 9th round of its meetings on June 30 in Amman to discuss means of enhancing economic investment, cultural, media cooperation and signing a number of agreements in these respective fields. The meeting which will be chaired by the prime ministers will be attended by a number of businessmen who are interested in increasing the trade balance between the two countries to US\$ 100 million from 13 million Dinars. The two countries are seeking an economic and investment partnership, particularly in their free and industrialized zones. The participants will also discuss ways to establish mutual investment.

Mutual Interests and Common Issues

The two countries seem to have a lot in common. They both are pursuing a financial and administrative reforms program and are working to attract businessmen and investors of the two countries to establish joint ventures in the available fields. Chief among which is promoting exports and imports in the two markets.

Statistically, Jordanian exports to Yemen approx. 21 million dinars while imports from Yemen reach about 8 million dinars. Fish is the most important among the Yemeni exports to Jordan which exceeds 5 million dinars every year. Yemen's main imports from Jordan are cement (6 million dinars) and medical drugs (3.5 million dinars).

A Free Trade Zone Project

During meetings of the Supreme Yemeni-Jordanian Committee in March 2000 in Sana'a, Jordan suggested the establishment of a free trade zone for the two countries. "This will ensure a boost for the commercial

exchange between the two countries," said Mr. Farooq Al-Habib, General Manager of the Jordanian Exports Promotion Organization.

However, the Yemeni businessmen are doubtful about sufficiency of the current sea transport between the two countries. "The airway shipment services can not meet the demands of importers and exporters," said Mr. Abdullah Al-Suneidar of the Board of Directors of the Yemeni Chambers of Commerce. During the 8th meeting of the committee, the two sides signed a protocol of technical cooperation between the Contractors Unions of the two countries as well as other agreements pertaining to cooperation in the fields of electricity, health, agriculture and development.

Cooperation in the sphere of oil

Last October, the two countries agreed on activating cooperation in the field of oil exploration and production, utilization of oil and mineral resources as well as exchanging of experiences in these fields. They also discussed mech-

anisms of licensing the private sector investment in this field.

Joint sea transportation company

One of the projects being studied is the establishment of joint ventures for sea transportation and fisheries. Jordan provides Yemen with technical know-how and expertise in planning, development, training of tourist police, contracting and housing.

Comprehensive Partnership and Cordial Relations

Despite the limited resources of the two countries, their good political relations help achieve a comprehensive partnership in the commercial fields. Regular meetings of the supreme committee since its establishment 11 years ago has opened new horizons of the Yemeni-Jordanian relations based on trust and mutual respect. They share a common approach towards a lot of nationalist causes such as that of Palestine. Such relations have strengthened cooperation in economic, social, cultural fields.

The Role of the Private Sector in a Poor Society

Many are of the view that the Yemeni private sector seeks to make high profits, exceeding 35% of products and services' real cost. They indicate that only 5% of these profits are used to fund developmental or public projects. This limits the role of this sector in the social and human care field. A big debate has been raised between governmental sources on the one hand and supporters of private sector regarding the role of the latter in supporting the poor section of the society.

However, official statistics indicate that the total number of employees working in the private sector is about 2.9 million. They constitute 80.5% of the total work force: 71.7% male and 28.3% female.

Sources in the private sector confirm that comments on the activities of the private sector are impractical as the sector bears financial expenses for building public projects including schools, health centers, paving roads, digging wells, giving direct financial supports to the poor, etc. Sources also add that there is data that proves that big companies in the private sector have allocated a sizable share of their profits to be spent on charitable societies working to support the poor. Despite that, figures maintain that illiteracy is still dominating the private, public or mixed sectors. 48.3% of the employees are illiterate

and 24% can read and write. The rate of illiteracy among males is 36.9% and 83.2% among females. Statistics also indicate that there is a clear decline in the educational services provided by the private and public sectors. The illiteracy rate in countryside reaches 75%.

Sources in big private companies stated that their social and human activities are well-supported despite the heavy taxes these companies are made to pay.

The view that the private sector is only seeking profits and does not establish public services is actually far from true. Facts bear out that this sector has been supporting many public projects and the poor section in our society. The private sector is highly aware of the fact that the Yemeni society is a good consumer market. The sector is also aware that if the people feel that the sector is only exploiting them and is not providing any kind of social and human support, then they will shun products of this sector.

In conclusion, the Yemeni private sector is certainly understanding of the economic situation of Yemeni society and is taking an active part in supporting thousands of poor families. The sector has some problems in the commercial sense for when the government levies more taxes on them, it directly increases prices of products to compensate for the loss. This is a bad economic strategy which harms the lives of millions of citizens.

Partnership in Oil Production: Does it Guarantee Satisfactory Interests for Partners?

The Ministry of Oil signed a number of production-partnership agreements with entrepreneurs and investment companies. Do relations between the two sides guarantee satisfactory rights for each? How does the agreement on partnership in oil production safeguard the government's interests, as well as facilities offered for entrepreneurs and partners' shares? Can any partner freeze the agreement in total or in part? How are the taxes that each partner pays to the ministry calculated? "The agreement organizing partnership in oil production allows the ministry to impose royalties on foreign investment companies. In return, it has to grant more facilities for entrepreneurs, and plan expenditure during the exploration and production phases. In addition, entrepreneurs keep the right to suspend the agreement or part of it," an official in the Ministry of Oil told the Yemen Times.

Government Loyalties

The third article of the agreement entitles the government to impose royalties to be taken in the form of unreturnable crude oil out of the total production from production blocs. It entitles the Ministry to a 3% of the monthly net production when production ranges between 1-25,000 barrels a day, 4% when production is between 25000-50000 barrels a day and 5% when production is 50000-70000 barrels a day. If

production exceeds 75000 barrels a day, the ministry gets 8% and 10% if it exceeds 100000 barrels a day as shown below.

Crude Oil Production (barrels)	Ministry Share of Crude Oil
1-250000	3%
25000-50000	4%
50000-75000	6%
75000-100000	10%

Period of the Agreement

The agreement period is divided into two phases, namely, the exploration and development phases. The first phase is divided into two 30-month phases. Entrepreneurs can extend these phases by 6 months in each phase, if they have met their commitments. Again if entrepreneurs need more time they can extend it to no more than 9 months to make an evaluation of exploration activities or to drill more wells. The development phase extends over 20 years beginning from the discovery of the first well. This period can be extended to 5 years more subject to consent of the Ministry of Oil.

Work and Expenditure Program during the Exploration Phases

During the first phase of exploration, entrepreneurs must undertake US\$ 6 million expenditure as a minimum. During the second phase they commit themselves to covering costs of seismic surveys and drilling a single exploration

well estimated at US\$ 6 million as a minimum.

Retirement of Costs

The agreement entitles entrepreneurs to get back costs of expenditure after subcontracting 50% from the total cost of crude oil every 3 months. By this entrepreneurs can get back the operation expenditure at the same tax-year, 75% of the exploration expenditure as a minimum, 75% of the development expenditure as a minimum.

Production Sharing in the Current Year

How are partnership and sharing organized in terms of the crude oil that is not involved in the petroleum operations? The agreement provides as follows

Production Volume	Ministry Share	Entrepreneurs Share
0-15000	60%	40%
15000-25000	65%	35%
25000-50000	70%	30%
50000-100000	75%	25%
100000	80%	20%

Taxes and Grants

The agreement includes different kinds of unreturnable taxes that entrepreneurs should pay to the government. Entrepreneurs should also shoulder 3% of the actual expenditure on explorations as a fixed tax on foreign laborers during the exploration phase. Foreign laborers are also exposed to all kinds of income taxes during the development

and promotional phase. In the meantime entrepreneurs should pay all income and withholdings taxes.

As far as grants are concerned, US\$ 500,000 is paid through a letter of credit in favor of the ministry. The following grants are to be paid as well: a US\$ 100,000 grant for training, an annual grant of US\$ 100,000 as an institutional support, US\$ 100,000 for social development which should be paid within thirty days after expiry of the agreement term, US\$ 1,000,000 as a production grant payable within 30 days following initiating commercial production, US\$ 2,000,000 payable within 30 days when production exceeds 50,000 barrels a day and US\$ 5,000,000 payable within 30 days when production exceeds 100,000 barrels a day.

Yemenization of Jobs

One of the responsibilities of the Ministry of Oil during the agreement period is to prepare and monitor implementation of a training program for local employees and for gradually Yemenizing jobs. Entrepreneurs must help employ Yemeni graduates of Geology and Geophysics, specially during the exploration phase.

To sum up, the agreement is likely to ensure partners' interests in an organized and a legal way. Such a way will certainly help increase the state's revenues and will help entrepreneurs make good profits.

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Preparations for Saudi loan of 300 million dollars

Both Yemen and Saudi Arabia put the last touches, in the final session of the bilateral Coordination Council, for a loan of 300 million dollars intending to fund the developmental projects in Yemen.

The two sides signed two other agreements in the field of media and marine transportation. The Saudi Development Fund promised in April to grant Yemen this loan for supporting the projects in the field of electricity, roads and professional training.

On eve of his departure, prince Sultan stated that the two sides agreed on forming a follow up committee comprising experts for defining new fields of cooperation. It is worth mentioning that during his visit the prince gave the green signal for building a hospital in Sana'a. The total investment in this project which will amount to 100 million dollars out of which there is expected to be a significant contribution by Saudi Arabia. Yemen is considered as one of the poorest countries in the world and it depends on the Saudi financial aid which has so far been to the tune of about 3 billion dollars over the period from 1971 to 1987.

Shortage in Electricity

The Minister for Electricity and Water Mr. Yahia Al-Biad said in a statement that the current shortage in electricity is about 20% and is likely to go up to 50% in 2005 if the situation does not improve. The London based newspaper- Al hayat said that Sana'a and many other Yemeni cities are facing an acute shortage in power during these days because of the summer load. The experts at the Ministry estimated that the minimum

cost for meeting the urgent needs of power is about 30 million dollars.

On the other hand, the minister mentioned that they have initiated steps for establishing an emergency power generating station in Sana'a (of about 50 megawatt) and it is expected to be completed in 18 months. The Ministry also reached an agreement with a foreign company to generate an additional 180 megawatt, as a part of a program to generate 230 megawatt.

A biological statistics program on identifying fish locations

The fish biological statistics program, which is carried out by the Center of Sea Science in Aden, aims at reckoning the main locations for fishing of high quality such as tuna, ashram, rockfish. It also intends to explore storage facilities for fish.

This project is funded within the framework fourth project relating to fish under the supervision of FAO. This project is currently covering Aden governorate and is initiating a scientific foundations for studying the phenomena of marine pollution as well as protection the marine environment of Aden.

Yemeni - Ethiopian negotiations: significant outcomes

Negotiations between Yemen and Ethiopian in Addis Ababa have come with positive outcomes that are expected to consolidate the relations between the two countries in all aspects, especially in trade. This is in addition to the signs of the balance of trade between them which has clearly increased during the last three years to the advantage of Yemen. They also discussed the possibility for establishing a free commercial zone between the two countries for the mutual benefit.

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COMMON SENSE

By: Hassan Al-Haifi

A Metropolis without Culture

“Boy, is the city of Sana'a big! How did it grow so fast and so wide?” asked Walid to his father, as they headed towards the Hadda area.

“Don't ask *how*, ask *why*”, said the father, continuing “You see, son Sana'a should not have gotten out of its walls, for the simple reason that there is nothing really to attract people to this crater. Why if it was not for this ugly thing called centralization probably nobody would be here.”

“Dad, we use to hear about Hadda and Rawdha and even Al-Hasaba as being far away places from Sana'a, now it seems that the city has engulfed them all. Where else an the city grew to?” continued Walid with his questions.

The father tried to skirt his way through a couple of a couple of brats chasing each other between the cars, exclaiming: “You little rats, this is not a playground, why do not you go back to your villages, there is a lot of open places there you can chase each other” The son wanted to kid his father's prejudice streak: “Father, these are kids of former Sana'a residents, they have a house down the road on their former farmland.”

Son, you cannot fool me one bit, I know the Sana'ani kids when I see them. These guys are wearing their sneakers open, whereas the Sana'anis wear their sneakers tied! Sana'anis have been wearing sneakers longer than these new entrants to the city. I bet you that these people do not even have socks”.

“Come on Dad, I think you are exaggerating the cultural differences between former city dwellers and the new comers to the city”, said Walid trying to tone down the father's misconceptions about the urban dwellers of these days.

Just as he made a turn towards the right a bag loaded with garbage hit the roof of the car, and spread its ugly contents evenly on the roof and the front windshield glass of the car with some streaking down to the side windows. The father screamed out the window:

“When will you people leave our city and go back to the hills of Tihama where you came from?”

“Dad, these people are not from Tihama they look to me like they are from Arhab”, look at their children running around with toy guns.” again the boy was trying to correct the background of the city dwellers.

“Tihama or Arhab or Sanhan, I do not care, all of them should go back where they came from and leave us with the few thousands that use to live in the city and knew each other's name by heart!” aid the father, trying to clean out the mess at the windshield by the windshield wipers, but only made the mess more streaky.

“Dad, try to sprout out some water from those holes there.” Said the boy trying to relieve some of his father's frustrations.

“Those holes were blocked by those nasty kids from Raimah who live down the block from our house. I do not know why our neighbor let those guys move into his house, they have been a menace to all car owners in the street, since they rented that house two years ago”, said the father.

Dad, they ought the house already from our former neighbor and are now considered bona fide Sana'anis. Actually it was the sons of the Mahmoud clan who clogged your windshield cleaners and not the Raimis. My little brother had checked it out with the boys in the neighborhood, and it turned out to be the former Sana'ani family that used to live across that sealed those wholes with chewing gum from Al-Mahara province, which is hard to get off.”

“You cannot tell that Sana'ani kids would do such a thing. Sana'ani kids are well mannered and respect their neighbors' rights. It is these outsiders who create all the havoc in the city”, insisted the father rather naively.

“Oh Dad, you must realize that in these times everybody is just fed up whether they come from Sanhan or Sa'awan or wherever, everybody is just frustrated and doing whatever they like in anger at the appalling state of the nation. Children are angry because they have no place to play in the summer, and

their dads have no money to send them out on trips. Women are angry because their husbands bring home garbage for food, so they threw it out the window, hoping it would hit a government official's car, out of spite. Those little kids you saw running were probably hoping to get hit, just so they can make a little blood money for injuries sustained in the accident, to add some meager funds to the household budget. It is really is unbelievable how anger can hit a city's population if it gets out of hand.” The boy explained what all the heat that the city was showing was all about.

“Son, I do not care what is angering them or driving them to this madness, but I only wished to get life back to the good old days, when every house in Sana'a was self sustaining in everything from water to eggs, and everyone looked out for everyone else and felt

cozy with each other. Sana'a was really one big family then. Now it is nothing but a big monster that eats at you inside” said the father.

Dad what ever happened to those green hills that used to surround the Hadda area, they have all been changed to cement and stone cubicles, said Walid somewhat disturbed.

The father finally came out with a solution: “Son, I think the only recourse for us is to try to move all the former people of the city of Sana'a out to Socotra, where they can recreate their happy cultured life there all alone. It seems that Sana'a has attracted all the cultureless people of Yemen, who do not care about greenery, cleanliness or neighborliness, and just wanted to live in Sana'a to find an easy unproductive life – close to it all, but really far away from any meaningful life.

Continuing the Game

Jalal Al-Sharaabi

Carrying on the same political game, America has recently withdrawn its inspectors to Washington, 'where they can be more safe.' However, it seems that it is continuing its tactics of exerting more pressures on Yemen to get more concessions.

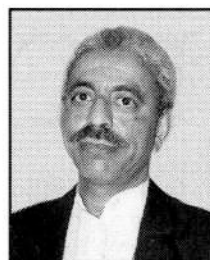
Recent American statements highlighted good Yemeni collaboration in investigations pertaining to the attack on USS Cole. But, they complained that, Yemen had not been able to completely control 'terrorist' Islamist groups that America treat as the spring of terrorism in the whole peninsula. Although it was America that encouraged and supported such groups in the past, it now considers them as a source of terrorism according to its standards. The rude American interference in the Yemeni internal affairs is illogical because America demands a remote-controlled government such as many others in the third world. There have been many American pressures on Yemen as a result of which many economic and military files were open for

Yemen. Claiming itself as the guardian of human rights and democracy in the world, it intervenes in many internal affairs such as elections in many countries.

The blow of not being able to protect its warship has led it to spare no efforts to save of its face even at the expense of Yemen's sovereignty. The young government of Bush wants to direct investigations as it wants. This has even led to interrogation of a number of Yemeni officials that it viewed as suspects.

As far as Islamist groups are concerned, Yemen has driven out more than 15 thousand out of 27 thousand Arab Afghans under pressure from Washington. However, this has not been satisfactory for America which keeps demanding more.

Whatever American aids have been presented to Yemen, none has been given for free. They were rather a means for political purposes. America watches the Yemeni government's movements meticulously. And when there is something that does not suit it, it tends to forget all words of appreciation and begins to play its dirty game.



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THE MISSING BLOCK

The situation of our country is a baffling puzzle to many people. It is a fact that our country has passed through distressing times and has suffered devastating wars. However, the fact remains that Yemenis have made great sacrifices in their quest for peace and a dignified life. Every time Yemen passed and overcame an ordeal we used to say that it was time the people stopped suffering and felt the fruits of their struggle. However, so far Yemenis have never felt a time of relief and peace.

Yemen is a country with great potential. It is an oil exporting country. It has a great gas reserve. It is also a country with great historical and tourist attractions. Many a country of the world envies Yemen for its tourist and unique facilities. It has also a deep rooted civilization. It has a strategic location overlooking the Red Sea, the Indian Ocean and the Arab Sea. Through its ports it's a station for refueling and anchorage between the east and the west. It has also a very long coast lines reaching to 2500 kms. It has a large fish wealth. It has fertile lands and magnificent variable weather which can be utilized to produce various agricultural products throughout the year.

Obviously, Yemen has all the means to be a developed and rich country.

However, it is such a paradox to find our country among the least developed and backward countries. Almost all the sectors of the country are handicapped. This has direct bearing on the people who are leading a miserable life. The latest report of the human resources of the country assessed by the UNDP indicates that Yemen occupies 151st rank, 23 places above the last numbering 174.

What is the point then?

The point is not with the potential of the country. Rather it is with those in charge of handling affairs of the country. No wonder this potential would be wasted if there is no sincere and committed leadership to utilize them for the well-being of citizens and the welfare of the state. For this to happen a long term planning vision is a must which must be given a top priority. As we lack this our country is registering development. However, it is certain that this development too will crumble as it is not sustainable. A committed leadership with proper planning future can usher in sustainable development of states. It is exactly the missing block which Yemenis are in dire need of. It is what they actually deserve and have right to aspire for. Our government has to seriously mark this issue provided it places Yemen and Yemenis on the top of its agenda.

Letters to the Editor

Tracing our Family Roots

We are two Brits of Yemeni origin living in the UK. Our father's name was Ali-El Hag Attick, from SULAWI. He served in the British Merchant Navy from the 30s till he retired in the 70s. He returned home to Yemen. What we know is that he remarried and had another family. If you can please help us in our quest to trace our family roots in Yemen, my brother and I would be very grateful to all at the Yemen times. Awaiting your email reply. We will travel to Yemen if we can trace our long lost family there. We will arrange to visit your offices and meet all of your staff at the Yemen times and tell you of our story.

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Dear Atticks,

The best we could do in your case is publish your letter hoping that your father or one of your family members would notice it and refer to you by email. Good luck to you all. —Editor

Dear Sir,

I am writing to you about HAMMOUD MURSHID HASSAN AHMED.

He is running the risk of execution after a trial which may not have met with international standards.

His latest trial was to take place on April 25 but now we have learnt that it has been postponed till June 6, 2001.

We are some groups working for Amnesty International who are worried about his trial and safety.

A fair trial should include such norms as:

- the right to be able to be presumed innocent until proven guilty.
- the right to be able to present a legal defense.
- the right to be informed of the charges.
- the right to have access to a lawyer.
- the right to be present at his own trial.

- the right not to be compelled to testify against him or to confess guilt.

- the right to be tried before an independent and impartial tribunal.

As a member of Amnesty International I am against death penalty in all cases as the most inhuman of all penalties due to the fact that human being are the judges and that every error is irrevocable. Therefore I urge your paper and the Yemeni people to work for any recognizable criminal offense.

Yours Sincerely

Britta Ahman for group 9
Sweden of Amnesty International

Just an opinion

On behalf of my colleagues I present all thanks and regard to Yemen Times and its staff for their sustained care for the students of Faculty of languages and in particular the English department. The mission of YT is loftier than gaining merely money. YT has proved with the passing of days that its main aim is dissemination of knowledge and truth. Besides, it aims at increasing the understanding of English language among the students. We the English students, in return, appreciate this.

But there is an opinion. Why does YT not arrange competitions in writing essays, short stories and poems between the students of faculties of education under the supervision of universities Doctors who have an experience in this field? Moreover, arranging seminars participated by the students would give them a chance to develop their spoken and thinking at the same time?

I think these things besides the facilities that YT has given to English students especially to the students of faculty of language will increase their proficiency in English language greatly.

Finally, I want to thank Mr. Walid for giving me a chance to express my feelings and opinions.

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Globalization, Human Rights and Development Are Inextricably Linked



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Any country committed to launch full-scale campaigns against poverty should also be committed to full and equal rights to all. Hence what the poor need most is not only resource for safety net but resources to build effectively their own organizational capacity. Consequently ensuring such capacity building is the most needed from both governments and donors who should know that one of the major source of poverty is people's powerlessness. For example, organized refugees can influence humanitarian aid providers and help hold them accountable. This is in full compliance to the fundamental principles of human rights and development. And now in the Globalization Era, it is the right time to confess that human development is essential for realizing human rights and human rights are essential for full human development.

At last the international concerned body recognized that human rights should be the core of development. That means every human being has the right of access to basic education, health care, shelter and employment. So no development could be achieved without an access to the basic rights of all men and women to participate equally in society. Can people genuinely take advantage of freedom in the presence of want, from discrimination, injustice and violations of the rule of law? So, real steps have

to be taken by all parties concerned including governments, rich countries, international, multinational companies and NGOs. Towards creating and generating the kind of socio-economic growth needed by adopting accountable and effective systems of institutions and laws. This means all people should be economically engaged.

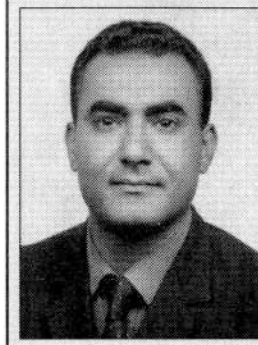
In its yearly report of “Human Development Report 2000” UNDP focused on strengthening the existing relations between human rights and human development. Recently, this has been realized by international bodies and missions of the United Nations on the base of the UN Charter and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. However it is a good sign, as to declare that poverty eradication is not only a goal of development but it is a central challenge for human rights in the 21st century. This means that the rich nations have to pay for the poor nations costs and debts for identified services for global benefits. And the flow of aids should be extended particularly to trade investments, technologies and flow of man power. Hence, the existing trend of globalization should be concentrated on human rights as it is concentrated around capital and trade. Ms. Fokoda-director of human development office- confirmed global issues require a global acceptance. “The human rights principles and its protection should be integrated in the rules and institutions of globalization. The UNDP yearly report of human development-2000- stated that in order that the economy of LCD's faces the challenges posed by the increasing integration of international economy the international organizations such as

WTO and the multinational companies should take their responsibility to strengthen their policies for enhancing human rights principles. Knowing the existing trade rules is based on mending approaches which is in a state of complete isolation from the principles of human rights, environmental conventions and agreements. The same report states that the multilateral trade agreements have tremendous negative impact on the prosperity of the people and their rights. Hence it is necessary to carry-out an impact assessment (EIA) on it as an intrinsic part of the negotiations of accession to WTO. The report criticizes the trend of followed trade and economic negotiations secrecy by most of countries. This contradicts the transparency and accountability rules necessary in the process of establishing economic policies. In turn this will deprive citizens from the right of participating and discussion of the development options and choices. Hence they have to carry-out the burden to pay-out the new imposed national debts.

The LCD's have the right to participate in the decision-makings negotiations and settling of conflicts. The ground will not be fairly shared when the resources of the players and their technical experiences and capacities of negotiations are largely unequal or radically different.

The growing of global interdependence underlines the need for the international community to take much stronger actions to promote human rights. In addition there is pressure on all “Fortunate” 500 companies to recognize and support human rights, labor standards-and to join in support of the Secretary-General's Global Compact

(Human Development Report,2000) for achieving the so called 20:20 compact for all least developed countries by 2010. Above all there is a shift from poverty eradication as a development goal to poverty eradication as socially just goal, fulfilling the rights and accountabilities of all actors. But the real essence of human development should extend further to other areas highly valued by the people such as : participation, security, sustainability, guaranteed human rights-all needed for being creative and productive and for enjoying self respect, empowerment and sense of belonging to a community. In conclusion, human development should be deeply understood in every aspect, materially and ethically and should mean more than meeting the basic needs: food, health, shelter, long life. There is no peace without reducing the existing gap between the rich and the poor within and among countries. There will be no peace without correcting the unfair trade exchange and without preventing concentration of economic and political uncontrolled power. We cannot alleviate or reduce poverty without embodying in our system a certain level of social justice, ensuring equitable distribution of resources at micro and macro-levels. In addition, at international level the existing dualism should be put at end to, e.g. dualism in implementing human rights,equity, liberty, democracy and human rights of refugees living in both developed and LCD's. Hence, Globalization era should the era of eradication of the cause and source of human sufferings and tragedies. Poverty of the Forced immigrants, Refugees or displaced persons.



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What Have LCs Achieved So Far?



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What have the local councils achieved so far? Are there any indications that they will succeed in meeting people's expectations? Will the GPC provide more projects and services to ensure people's prosperity and welfare through these councils? In other words, can one consider the local governance a serious democratic step towards real development? Or will it be an additional burden on the people? More important, were the local council election fair and what do politicians say about them?

Evaluation of the Elections

The opposition parties felt doubtful about the fairness of the election process owing to the exploitation of government machinery, media and the army as a winning card by the GPC. These parties believe, despite all these corrupt practices, that they were able to win the people's support and respect by which they could win a small number of seats. Therefore, the election results do not necessarily reflect the strength of the parties.

The elections were not fair, said Jarallah Omar, Assistant Secretary

General of Yemen Socialist Party (YSP). Fair elections can be ensured if a number of measures are taken, he added. These are: providing a chance for the opposition parties to be a third party beside the GPC and Islah. This can be achievable by the Opposition Coordination Council, reconsidering and correcting lists of voters, availability of local as well as foreign monitoring from the beginning, forming an impartial election council from the GPC, Islah and the Opposition Coordination Council, ensuring impartiality of the army, media and public agencies. But the most important step is the separation of the state from the GPC which requires the resignation of the President from Chairing the GPC so that parties can be equal. Mohammed Ahmad Al-Hajj, Secretary General of the Local Council in Taiz, member of the GPC, said that the local councils were a pioneering step that would strengthen democracy in our society. "The constitution ensures people's right to elect the President, their representatives in the parliament and local councils. The local councils are supposed to shoulder the monitoring role for the implementation of the laws, participate in the management of local affairs, outline development plans and programs, etc. If these authorities are properly managed and if all the agencies concerned are committed to respecting those laws, there will be a development and administrative revolution. Such an experience will help correct a lot of administrative shortcomings." Mr. Al-Hajj expressed hopes for a more privileged local governance. Shawqi Ahmad Hayel, Chairman of the Planning, Development and Financial Committee at the Local Council in Taiz said that despite what has been wrongly said about the local councils, they are very successful and are considered an advanced step towards a more solid and true democracy. One should not forget the fact that the experience of democracy in general, and local councils in particular is still new to the Yemeni society, he added. Evaluating the democratic experience as represented by the local council elections, Jameel Al-Suraimi, member of the Permanent Committee of the GPC, said that despite the great volume of illiteracy, 50% among men and 80% among women, the dictatorial regimes that Yemen has passed through, the Arab neighborhood surrounding Yemen which has no sense of democracy, lack of active NGOs, etc., I can proudly say that we are holding an advanced position in comparison to our surroundings. There were some shortcomings in the functioning of some of the electoral committees, exploitation of public property and media, but we are sure that in the future this experience will help us free the election of shortcomings. This will not be achieved, of course, unless all government, opposition and public efforts are put together. Al-Suraimi urged upon the people to promote and practice democratic values.

Will they Succeed?

During the next 2 years, can these elected local councils make real changes, improve cities and services? What can they do for the people? Mr. Mohammed Ahmad Al-Hajj believed that the local councils will play a pivotal role in the improvement of cities, and public services in both the urban and rural areas. This will limit and minimize the exodus of village folk to cities. "We should not expect every-



thing to be done during the first few months or during the first year. The experience is still new, but we are hopeful and optimistic that Local Councils will be able, during these two years, to achieve a lot under the leadership and patronage of President Ali Abdullah Saleh," he added. Mr. Shawqi Ahmad Hayel described the period of Local Councils as experimental. "They can achieve success if their work and priorities are organized, and the available resources are properly exploited," he added.

Mr. Jamal Al-Razi, Islah party, Secretary General of the Local Council of the Salah District said: "All of us should be aware that the role of the local councils is a significant one. But the short period may not enable them to play their role effectively in the society. We look at this experience as a beginning for the establishment of a real local governance in Yemen. I am sure that once there is sincere, committed work and joint efforts, we will be able to make good changes."

Many people seem to agree with the fact that the short period before the local councils, two years, is not enough to make big changes. "Especially because they do

not have the basic resources to enable them to move in all directions," said Al-Suraimi. He added that people are eager to see the experience of local councils as success for a number of reasons: they have lost confidence in the executive authorities to improve service, especially in the fields of electricity, water, health, sanitation, and proper monitoring of these activities by the executive authorities. People and traders have shown a readiness and desire to support the local councils in order to achieve real development.

What have they achieved so far?

The Yemeni cities lack good health services and clean streets. In a city like Taiz water is supplied to houses once a month and electricity is always cut off in many areas for more than 2 hours.

The situation is worse in the countryside where there is none of these services. Therefore, the responsibility of the Local Councils will be more in the countryside than in cities. Mohammed Ahmad Al-Hajj said that they had many projects to follow up in fields of roads, electricity, water, health, etc. Mr. Shawqi Ahmad Hayel thinks that it is still too early to ask such a question. All the people we have met expressed enthusiasm and optimism that the Local Councils have a bright future in the sense that they will strengthen the roots of democracy in our society, allow wider public participation in the decision making process, limit and minimize centralization, achieve a certain kind of fairness in the distribution of services in all the Yemeni areas, and so forth.



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Smoking: The Silent Killer



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Tobacco is an insidious danger. Smokers do not keel over after their first cigarette. There is no sudden outbreak of tobacco-caused disease as people start smoking. Instead, the use of tobacco products causes a delayed reaction, with approximately 30 to 40 years passing between smoking initiation and the resulting deaths. Ultimately, the end result is still as devastating. At present, tobacco products kill about 4 million people a year.

In developed countries, where smoking became widespread during the 1940s and 1950s, these effects of past smoking trends can now be seen. About 20% of all deaths currently occurring in developed countries are due to tobacco-related products. Unless we reverse current trends, the annual toll will rise to 10 million over the next 30 to 40 years (when the young smokers of today reach middle age), with 70% of those deaths occurring in developing countries. Therefore, a failure to take serious preventive action about tobacco during this decade will result in approximately

100 million people dying unnecessarily and prematurely in the 2020s or 2030s. This number of deaths is more than twice the total of deaths on all sides during the Second World War.

Recent data has confirmed that the risks of smoking are substantially higher than previously thought. With prolonged smoking, smokers have a death rate about three times higher than non-smokers at all ages from young adulthood. If, as is likely, much of this excess mortality is directly attributable to tobacco use, then this implies that the risk of a smoker being killed by the use of tobacco products is at least 50%. Therefore, a lifelong smoker is as likely to die as a direct result of tobacco use as from all other potential causes of death combined!

Other problems ensue because the negative health consequences of tobacco are not as immediate as with other hazardous substances. The health risks of tobacco are vastly underestimated by the public, and even by many of those who are responsible for protecting and promoting public health. This is a major reason why tobacco products are still widely available, and why lenient tobacco policies have been allowed to occur. But nothing can alter the fact that tobacco use is one of the major public health challenges facing the world as it enters the twenty-first century.



Tobacco products have no safe level of consumption, and are the only legal consumer products that kill when used exactly as the manufacturer intends. Researchers have rated nicotine as even more addictive than heroin, cocaine, marijuana, or alcohol. Yet tobacco products continue to be aggressively marketed by tobacco companies. The result is that global tobacco consumption has doubled since medical science conclusively proved, thirty years ago, that these products were unrivaled killers. And consumption is still increasing in many areas of the world. The already high prevalence of smoking in developing countries may rise further to the extent that successful economic development makes greater consumption more affordable. This is because in many of these countries,

those who smoke are currently unable to afford more than a very few cigarettes per day. With rapid increases in disposable income as economies grow, today's user of two cigarettes per day can become tomorrow's two-pack-a-day person.

The trends suggest that there is still substantial risk of consumption rising in developing countries. On an average, 50% of men in developing countries smoke, compared with 41% in developed countries. Smoking in developing countries is still a predominantly male phenomenon, with only 8% of women smoking, compared to 21% in developed countries. However, the phenomenon of female smoking prevalence is rising in many countries. Tobacco companies have proven adept at breaking down the cultural taboos that had previously stopped women from smoking, and are successfully promoting smoking as a sign of women's increasing independence and equality. Many developing countries have rapidly expanding populations, with large numbers of children and teenagers. Through a combination of increasing affordability and heavy promotions, the tobacco industry has proven very successful in encouraging these young people – who are the least concerned about long-term health risks – to begin smoking. By the time they realize the deadly consequences of their habit, this new generation of smokers are hooked by a highly addictive drug.



OPHTHALMIC EDUCATION VISION 2020

The Right to Sight - PART 5

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The major goal of Vision 2020: The Right to Sight is to make high quality eye care services available, accessible and affordable to all, through a sustainable delivery system. One of the key pre-requisites is the development of adequate, appropriate human resources. An analysis of current practices reveals problems related to number, quality of training, distribution and utilization of various categories of eye care personnel. Fundamentally, most eye care delivery services in developing countries lack appropriate human resource planning and, therefore, implementation of services is seriously affected. Human resources are required for primary, secondary and tertiary levels of eye care, to provide the medical/technical, management/administrative and community eye health services. This is best carried out by an "eye care team". Some of the services can best be achieved by integrating them into general health care systems in various communities.

For effective eye care delivery to populations, we have evolved a comprehensive model covering initially a population of 500,000.

The team essentially comprises one

ophthalmologist supported by optometrists, ophthalmic technicians and ophthalmic nurses, a biomedical and maintenance technician, a management group and a support services group.

This model demands the following:

- Close linkage with a training / tertiary care center
- Linkage with the local community
- Good infrastructure
- High quality training of all personnel
- Prompt and high quality service.

The demand for different categories of personnel varies across regions. Unfortunately, there is a tremendous shortage of all eye care professionals globally, the problem being most acute for categories other than ophthalmologists. Most countries have very poor or no infrastructure for such training, leading to a disproportionate higher number of ophthalmologists. In such circumstances, ophthalmologists perform tasks that do not require their level of training.

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Vision 2020 aims to prevent an additional 100 million men, women and children from becoming blind by the year 2020.

Importance of Veterinary Medicine

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Despite the differences between animal life and human life, there are many links between the two. Therefore, this makes it necessary for man to save animals from becoming extinct, especially rare species which exist in small numbers in comparison to other animals.

Man has also to keep a congenial environment to save these animals, besides making food and health care available for them. This is the main point I focus on in this article.

As I have already mentioned, man has to use all techniques to preserve animal species from extinction. He also has to keep them immune from diseases. As a result, veterinary medicine has emerged as a branch of the medical sciences.

It is important to stress that veterinary medicine is not given the attention needed, either by the government or by Yemenis due to a lack of awareness. Besides, veterinary medicine is one of the least preferred professions in our country, mainly because vets deal only with animals. However, the fact is that we are not aware that veterinary medicine is just one dimension of the veterinary science.

Vet's advice to farmers regarding

infectious diseases and ways of protection are important. They are also responsible for examining local or imported meat sold to citizens. Veterinary medicine has a direct relation to human medicine since vets are qualified to fight diseases that might transfer from animals to humans.

Veterinary medicine is a promising career as vets have lots of privileges to enjoy. There are many opportunities they can make use of. They can open their own clinics, work in universities, participate in agricultural, animal and food research. They can be employed in the health offices and monitor food stuff. Moreover, they can obtain good jobs in the animal food industry.

In order to understand the importance of veterinary medicine as a university specialized field, let us ask what are the eligibility conditions students have to meet to register themselves in a university?

In most of the countries, interested students in this field have to get good grades in at least three science papers in their secondary school exam. These three subjects are biology, chemistry and physics.

Sometimes one can find more than six universities to teach veterinary which is a sure proof of the lack of qualified cadre in this field. It is also an important sign of this field's growing importance. I wonder what is the response of authorities concerned in our country in this regard.



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Plastic artists in Taiz: Portraying Love and Beauty

The exhibition of Yemeni plastic arts organized recently at the cultural center in Taiz has exemplified the talents of the participating artists. The pictures depicted their creativity and their view of life.

However, this art is not easy to have mastery in. It shows the artist's view and imagination through the use of his feather and modest tools to create a wonderful work.

This art is considered as one of the modern embodiments of our national culture cultivated by artists and the great appeal it has both inside and outside Yemen.

Despite the importance of this form of arts, people still look at it rather negatively and consider its practice as a waste of time.

This exhibition contained many works of numerous artists whose portrayals were highly impressive for those who visited the exhibition.

The exhibition brought together many young and creative artists as; Motaher Asharjahi, Abdualgani Ali, Rashad Assamai, Wafa Al- ashari, Eshtiaq Kaid, Mansour Assanea, Abdullah Ghanam, Sadeq Abdullah, Jallal Almahia, Bilqis Al- mahbab, Amaal Abduassalam, and Ahmed Al-habily. It is worth noting that these artists have already participated in many local exhibitions through which they have projected the environment they live in.

Artist Abdualghani Ali Ahmed, chairman of the plastic artists' syndicate in Taiz, won the president's prize for plastic arts in 1999. He also participated in many individual and group exhibitions. He said about plastic art 'Sofis art is an artistic media through which the artist attempts to look to the soul. As he gets involved into it, he derives a form of enjoyment what others do not'.

Mr. Motaher Asharjahi, another participant in the exhibition is a writer, jour-

nalist and activist in human rights who has many local and international participation's to his credit. He said that plastic art is the paradise man has been looking for from the beginning of his efforts for creativity. And the portrayal that can not access and provoke appropriate feelings is not a plastic art but a meaningless photograph having no relation to this art.

He added that plastic art is not worth its name unless it evokes inside us both pain and delight at the same time. Also the artist is a creative in what he performs in the sense that his creation help the viewers identify their dreams.

The artist Wafa Alashawai, who has many local participations said that she considers this art as her life and the means she expresses her feelings through. Unless it communicates a humanist, pure and truthful message art is meaningless. Life has no meaning without art.

To Mr. Abdullah Al-Maror, this art is as integral to life as air and water.

To sum up, those creative artists have potential energy and great aspiration for serving their country through their portrayals. We do hope that those in charge especially the Minister of Culture Mr. Abdul Wahab Arawhani, would leave no stone unturned to cater, help and support them by giving them a chance to cultivate their talents. This can be done through giving them opportunity to enrich themselves, solving their problems and giving them a chance to participate in regional and international exhibitions. By this, we can serve our national culture more meaningfully.



Founding Association for the Deaf and Dumb in Taiz

"Atomoh" a charitable and social association for the deaf and dumb has been founded recently in Taiz. It aims at catering to and cultivating deaf and dumb and improving their creative abilities socially and professionally, protecting their rights and getting them suitable work opportunities.

Mr. Abdu alhakim Ashamiri was elected as the Chairman of the Association and Mr. Farouk Hashim as its Vice-chair. The administration staff selected including:

Abraham Thabet, Ahmed Maresh, Faiz Abdu, Samer Abdullah, Mahdi Sultan, Naji Ghanem, Noaman Nasher, Sarah Abu alabas, Rajaa Said, Maha Abdujalil. Although the association is still in its infancy, it has started implementing an agenda of concrete action plan in Taiz and has participated in the

exhibition of handicrafts and folk costumes in the week before the last at Ashab school.

The members of the association have budding talents in drawing, sculpturing, sewing and weaving. Mr. Farouk Hashim has compiled part a dictionary of pantomime language and hopes that it would be printed and taught in centers of the dumb and deaf.

He has a diploma in this field from a specialist institute in Kuwait and has proficiency in computer and handwriting.

He was teaching in a center of the dumb and deaf before being dismissed. He is jobless now is looking for a job.

The association is in currently need of a center and lectures halls equipped with furniture, telephone and computer. The association is planning to organize some courses for those who can not use pantomime properly for training them to use computer and Internet. It is also

looking for sponsor for compiling the comprehensive statistics of the dumb and deaf in the city of Taiz and its vicinity. It also hopes in long-run to find a permanent sponsor for its activities which includes establishing a school, a dormitory and making buses available. They were impelled by determined and enthusiastic spirit to establish their association. They also play a humanitarian role to stand by their friend Ahead Adubai who is suffering from heart disease and in being treated in the hospital. They visited the Yemen Times office in Taiz asking for support to successfully convey their message to the public.

The dumb and deaf have ambitions and dreams that will not be realized unless generous people and charitable institutions give them a helping hand. This is a call to those who are in charge. Hope they will heed us and respond favorably.

Yemeni Proverbs for All Occasions



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Yemeni proverbs, are the vital facet of the Yemeni culture because they are the spoken tongue of their daily public activities. They are the mirror that reflects simple people's thinking by which their daily life, habits and customs are truly expressed. They are the live records of politics, agriculture and wisdom throughout history. One can grasp through them minute details of the simple Yemeni society and have an actual picture of whatever is in their mind. From the large number of such proverbs extent I've chosen some glittering stars.

Proverbs That concern women

1- (amya tkhadhib majanona wal dawra tssama)

عمية تخضب مجنونة والدورة تسمع

Meaning: A blind woman dyes a mad one with henna and a deaf one listens. comment: It is contradictory.

Implication: A person complains while no one is with him / her. To describe this situation.

2- (almara mara walau zammara)

المره مره ولو زمره

Meaning: A woman is a woman even if she blows the pipe.

Comment: The woman will still be looked at as a woman even if she does what men do, like blowing pipe or shouting.

Implication: A negative view of the showy women.

3- (men ad ummuh mahed yhum-muh)

من عاد امه محد يهمه

Meaning: He who stands by his mother cares for no one.

Implication: When a person is supported by a powerful person, he will never feel frightened. Mother's care gives one strength.

4- (ma ammala tihib ammala)

ما عمالة تحب عمالة

Meaning: He who stands by his mother cares for no one.

Implication: When a person is supported by a powerful person, he will never feel frightened. Mother's care gives one strength.

Meaning: A woman bread-seller never loves another.

Comment: In market, people of the same trade envy and compete with each other.

Implication: Envy / Jealousy (especially among women)

5- (Men seber bakhtaha dhahakit ala ikhtaha)

من سبر بختها ضحكت على اختها

Meaning: She who guarantee her fortune (to marry) makes fun of (single) sister.

Implication: A person who wins fortune makes fun of poor people.

Proverbs Concerning work

1. (men dammah nukhrutu gal gaddo haddad)

من دمخ نخرته قال قدود حداد

Meaning: He who soots his nose pretends he is a smith.

Comment: People shouldn't be cheated by appearance.

Implication: A person shows off what he doesn't control.

2. (dakhil idduk il sanafa wala tagool iddi li)

دخل ايدك السنفة ولا تقول ادي لي

Meaning: Put your hand on thorns but never put it to beg.

Comment: It is better to work hard, even with thorns than to beg alms.

Implication: Urging people to work and not to beg.

3. (sahib il mehretin kaththab)

صاحب المهرتين كذاب

Meaning: He who has all jobs is a liar.

Comment: It is similar to "jack of all trades but master of none"

Implication: A person who practices many trades gets excellence in nothing.

4. (saah lirabbi wa saah ligalbi wa saah nsalli ala alnabi)

ساعة لربي وساعة لقلبي

وساعة نصلي على النبي

Meaning: An hour for my lord, other for my heart and in a third we bless the Prophet.

Comment: It is better to divide your

time and spend it usefully.

Implication: A person who spends time haphazardly should be careful about proper utilization of time.

5. (sheiba wi yahshil)

شيبه ويهشل

Meaning: Though he is an old man, he burns fire (plays like children)

Comment: Some old people, behave childishly.

Implication: Makes fun of an old man who never cares for his age and its requirements.

Related to marriage

1. (zawij al aajam yifсах)

زوج الاعجم يفصح

Meaning: By marriage even the fool understands.

Implication: An adolescent behaves randomly, his parents are advised to marry him to make him stable.

2. (La mizawaj sili wala aza mis-treeh)

لامزوج سلي ولا اعزب مستريح

Meaning: Neither the married are happy nor the single are comfortable.

Implication: Different people suffer from life differently.

3. (yishti bint il sheikh wal shart khadima)

يشتي بنت الشيخ والشرط خادمة

Meaning: He likes to marry a daughter of the sheikh for money but he pays money similar to that paid to a servant.

Implication: Idle people wish great expectations while they do little or have a limited capacity.

4. (Hareewah bil markib yialam Allah limen tuktab)

حريوة بالمركب يعلم الله لمن تكتب

Meaning: A bride in the procession; God knows to whom she will be wedded.

Comment: Fate, sometimes, betrays people. An example, bride being sent to her groom's house in a procession but unexpectedly something happens (like death)

Implication: Talking of Fate or when many people apply for a job and wait for chance.

Time to Revive Our Deep Rooted Culture



Saleh Abdulbaki
Yemen Times

Vital importance is attached to culture. That is so due to the crucial cultural development role it plays. In our country culture has been given a special focus, especially after the unification in 1990. However, in the past few years the state of affairs of culture has remained stagnant. In an attempt to retrieve the situation, the President gave directives to the Culture Minister to activate cultural activities to revive

the past cultural glory and give artists their due right.

The Cultural Minister has been actually up to the expectations. He has launched sincere efforts to translate President's directives into actions. Now the atmosphere seems to be more conducive and pertinent to revive the culture and boost it. It is actually a matter of pride to experience the current cultural activities in all the cultural sectors and levels. Meetings with literary men and artists to review their concerns and worries that impede their full involvement in their career are also of importance to fulfill our goal. Since he assumes his activities as a cultural Minister, Mr. Abdulwahab al-Rawhani has conducted several visits to many cultural centers to review and identify

limitations, discuss them with authorities concerned and propose solutions. These are actually promising initiatives which could constitute a turning point in the cultural movement. Activating the cultural movement will lead to many changes to take place to the advantage of the literary men. Supporting literary men also includes ensuring good living and housing conditions. With the commitment of the new minister I can confidently say things are in the right track. As to contribute in forming the awareness and the desirable cultural change, we put forward the following suggestions to be considered by the authorities concerned in the Culture Ministry:

1- Ensuring material and moral support devising a proper vision for conducting cultural activities and cooperating with the media means to cover these issues through the TV and radio.

2- Encouraging creative artists in reviving and reorganizing singing parties.

3- Launching a unified study with the objective of promoting the musical performance between the Information and Culture Ministries to form a semi-orchestra musical band.

4- Reconsidering the issue of joining Yemen in the Arab Publishers and Musicians Syndicate in Paris to protect the musical ownership.

Finally, we pin high hopes on the Culture Ministry to make all these dreams come true and revive the past glory of our culture.



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Improving Concentration

Ali Jabran: Hi Gamal. You seem well armed for the exam. Your smiles say that all.

Gamal: Well. I think I have prepared all lessons some what well. Results will actually, show how well armed I was. How about you?

Ali Jabran: I have been working hard. But my worst handicap is that I feel very nervous and am prone to forget most of what I memorize.

Gamal: Forgetting is a natural part of the process of learning. Don't you worry. It happens to everyone of us, not to you alone. The best way to avoid forgetting is to periodically revise what you have read. Leave some space and try to recall the main points of what you read. You can have a quick look at the main points in case you have forgotten some of them. This is a better way to remember than to mechanically commit the mass of information to memory.

Ali Jabran: The problem is that I cannot fix my mind on a subject for a long time.

Gamal: This is due to lack of concentration.

Ali Jabran: What do you mean by 'concentration'?

Gamal: Well, mental concentration is brining your attention to focus on the work you are doing.

Ali Jabran: You have rightly caught it. I must admit that I utterly lack the same concentration. When I sit at the study table, my eyes are on the book, but the mind is roving here and there, recalling discussions at qat sessions or thinking of something else. However I try, I can't help it. Then I am obliged to close the book and get up.

Gamal: Concentration is a mental discipline and you have to develop it through efforts over a period of time.

Ali Jabran: I feel so helpless. I'm afraid, I can't have it.

Gamal: Why can't you have it? Nothing is impossible, you know. Where there is a will, there is a way. Maybe, you haven't been serious about it.

Ali Jabran: What can I do now?

Gamal: This is the nick of the moment. Exam begins the next week. You need to pull yourself from everything else. The things unrelated to study can wait. Just be relaxed and utilize your time in a fruitful and productive manner.

Ali Jabran: Is there any short-cut to improve concentration now?

Gamal: I don't know about any quick remedy. But you can try this. Wash your hands and feet before studying. Sit down calmly for five minutes at a lonely corner with your eyes closed and try to collect your attention at one point. Think of no diverse thoughts. When you get up, you'd feel better equipped to read efficiently and perhaps remember better. I practice it everyday and it gives me good results.

Ali Jabran: Thank you for that piece of advice. I am going to start it from today.

II. How to say it correctly

Correct errors, if any, in the following sentences.

- 'Arabian Nights' are highly interesting.
- Kindness as well as justice are to be our guide.

- Hundred rials are too much for this article.
- One or the other of these fellows have stolen the watch.
- A good man and noble citizen have passed away.

Solutions to last week's questions

1. He speaks **good** English OR He speaks English **well**.
Note: 'Well' used as an adverb meaning 'in a good, right, or satisfactory manner' is placed after the verb.

2. He is **always** absent

3. I went home early

Note: 'home' cannot be preceded by the proposition 'to'. However, you can say 'to the house', 'to my house' etc.

4. No body has **any** money.

Note: The word 'any' as an adjective is used in negative and interrogative sentences, in conditional clauses and in sentences where doubt or negation is implied. 'Some' is used in affirmative sentences.

5. Ahmed, **who** has a car, is a doctor.

Note: The relative pronoun 'which' refers to things, and not persons.

III. How to express it in one word

- Place where people or soldiers live in tents or huts for sometime.
- Military operations with a set purpose.
- Grounds of a school, college or university, where the main buildings are.
- Channel cut through land for passage of boats or ships.
- As of a dog.

Solutions to last week's questions

- List of the days, weeks, months of particular year: **calendar**
- Beautiful or decorative handwriting: **calligraphy**
- Indifferent to the feelings of others: **callous**
- Unit of energy supplied by food: **calorie**
- Something which makes it difficult to recognize the real nature of something: **camouflage**

IV. Mark the right words with (✓)

- The car is ☐slow ☐slowly
The car is traveling ☐slowly ☐slow
- The boy is ☐quickly ☐quick
The boy is speaking ☐quick ☐quickly
- His voice is ☐loudly ☐loud
He is talking ☐loudly ☐loud
- He is ☐intelligenter than his brother
☐more intelligent than his brother
- Would you be ☐polite ☐more polite?

Solutions to last week's questions:

Dear Ismail,
I arrived in Yemen last week. The **flight** on Yemenia was very good. I **have** just arrived in Taiz after **spending** a very pleasant week in Sana'a. Yemen is so interesting that I'd like to **stay** here for a long time.
I'm going to **go** to Mareb next week. Mareb **used** to be an important city, but now it's not **so** big. However, **there** are **some** interesting old dams **which** you can still see. I will see you **in** three week's time.

Yours lovingly,
Ahmed

V. Words of Wisdom

"Good nature and good sense must everjoin.
To err is human, to forgive divine."
—Alexander Pope

On his commemoration ceremony Aklan! What a loss!

Ahmed Hamoud Ghaleb
English Inspector
Taiz

As we know, words are poor comforters in times of sorrows. It is heart breaking and very shocking to write about such a great man like teacher Aklan Saif. The man had a visible impact on the life of our people, not just on his friends and colleagues. I still find it difficult to believe that he has left us for good. My mind accepts but my heart doesn't. Can you believe it? It is like a bad dream. A man who left for Taiz with pride and glory after being honored, came back to his beloved home town and his family in a coffin. The flame of his life was extinguished because of the recklessness of

our drivers who just think of making money oblivious of the passengers' safety. 'Oh! If it were possible for me, I would burn all the cars of the world. Yet, it was decree of Allah and we must accept it hands down with humility and calm submission. Through these few lines, I would like to highlight his life which is a model for us all. The late Aklan was a father, a teacher, and a friend to all. He was a man worthy of respect. His noble values and principles will remain a torch which will show us our way. During the short span of his life, he accomplished more than most of his colleagues achieve in a life time. He was active, faithful and patient. I have worked with him for almost a year and have learnt many things from him during that short period. I never heard him abusing or shouting at his employees. Anyone who

had the privilege of working with teacher Aklan under his direct supervision will agree with my account of his sincerity, dedication and values which can never be forgotten. Qat and smoking were the two Issues that greatly disturbed and troubled his mind. He used to instruct and persuade teachers and students, whenever he got a chance to talk in morning assemblies of schools, to avoid these two bad habits. His job was not only to guide English teachers but also to teach them such morals and values. One of his slogans was. "A teacher carries the banner of values and morals and not a cigar in his hand; he should be a model for his students" So my dear father, may Allah bestow peace on you and let the heavens be your eternal home. We belong to Allah and to Allah we shall return.

Let's Learn Computer (10)



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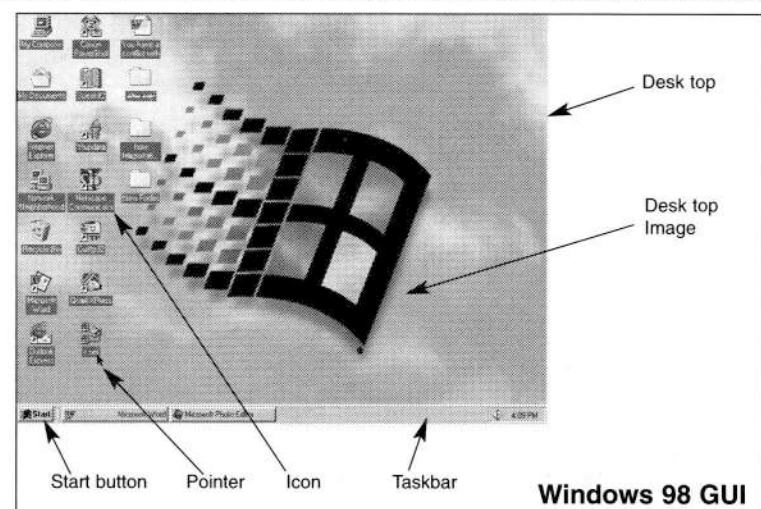
With this issue we will start discussing different Operating System. The objective of

the discussion is to familiarize ourselves with the particular Operating System. We will try to explore the various features of the Operating System under discussion, which can help us in doing our day-to-day task with that. We will start with Windows 98.

Windows 98 is one of the Windows family of Operating Systems developed by Microsoft. One of its main features, which makes it popular among users, is its interface which is the GUI (Graphical User Interface).

Let us see what is GUI. As we know, one of the tasks handled by OS is the interface. That means it is the job of the OS to let the user to smoothly use the features and functionality of the computer. This implies that the user is well-versed with the features and the techniques of invoking or utilizing that. But the list of the same (features) is too large to remember on the part of an ordinary user. And this GUI feature becomes helpful at this point. This GUI makes all the features available for the user in the form of pictures, also known as icons and menus.

When you start a computer containing Windows 98 as its OS, a colorful and attractive screen appears in the com-



puter monitor containing various pictures and menus. What we see as whole is known as desktop. This is our work area. These pictures that we see in the desktop are known as Icons. And each icon represents one of the features. There could be different icons in different computers based on the features installed during the installation of the Operating system. Of course additional features can be added later as well. Technically we can say that each icon represents one program. In order to use or invoke that feature (or program), all the user needs to do is to click on the icon with the help of the mouse.

Besides these icons you will see a bar

normally appearing horizontally at the bottom of the desktop. That is known as Taskbar. Why I am saying 'normally' is because it can also be put at other locations of the desktop. This contains one button to the left titled Start. This 'start' button provides a list of programs in the form of menu. To get that menu we need to click on the 'start' button with the mouse.

If we want we can customize our desktop. That means starting from the colour and background of the desktop to placement and position of the icons on the desktop can be modified as per the user's choice.

We will see how that can be done later.

Results of the 2nd Inter College Literary Competitions

ENGLISH POEMS

SENIOR CATEGORY

- 1st:**
A Pledge
Rizq Mohammed Al-Sanani, Level 4, Faculty of Education, Mahweet
- Listen to me & The Long Wait**
Fatima Mohammed Al-Tawily, Level 3, College of Education, Mahweet
Sana'a University
- 2nd:**
Under the Sunlight
Samira Al-Snhanie, Level 3, College of Education, Mahweet, Sana'a University
- The Loneliness and Memory & Our Life**
Huda Ahmed Al-Hamadi, Level 3, Faculty of Education, Department of English, Sana'a University
- 3rd:**
To you Shall I Complain!
Ibrahim Ghanem Addahan, Level 3, Department of Arts of english, University of Ibb.
- A Soldier**
Fahmia Taha Ahmed Al-Fotih, Level 4, Department of English, Faculty of Education, Sana'a University
- 4th:**
An Early End & A Farewell Tear
Fadi Ahmed Abbas Ghazi Al-Mohsen, Level 4, department of English, Arhab, College of Education, Sana'a University
- My Parents**
Mohammed Mohammed Al-Malahi, Department of English, Faculty of languages, Sana'a University
- 5th:**
Relic
Yahya Ali Saed Al-Aslami, Level4, Department of English, Hajja College of Education, Sana'a University
- My Dear Bird**
Sumaiya Abdulatef Mohammed, Level 3, Department of English, College of Education, Mahweet.

Other Commendable Entries (Senior Category)

- If you Please**
Mohammed Mohammed Al-Malahi, Department of English, Faculty of Languages, Sana'a University
- Travel**
Samira Al-Snhanie, Level 3, College of Education, Department of English, Mahweet.
- Eve and Apple**
Fahmia Taha Ahmed Al-Fotih, Level 4, Department of English, Faculty of Education, Sana'a University.
- Our Traditions**
Rizq Al-Sanani, Level 4, Department of English, College of Education, Mahweet
- Thanks & The Farewell**
Fatima Mohammed Al-Tawily, Level 3, Department of English, Faculty of Education, Mahweet.

ENGLISH SHORT STORIES

- 1st: The Tears of the Repentant**
Ghania Noman Kayid Al-Warafi, Level 3, Education, University of Ibb
- 2nd: Murder at the Time of Rest**
Samira Al-Snhanie, Level 3, College of Education, Mahweet.
- 3rd: Victims of Hunger**
Kawther A. Rakeep Al-Nabhany, Level 3, Arts, Ibb University.
- Murder**
Aisha Mohammed Ali Moudah, Level 3, College of Education, Mahweet
- Other Commendable Entries (Short stories: Senior)**
- It was the Only choice**
Aisha Mohammed Ali Moudah, Level 3, Department of English, College of Education, Mahweet
- Sami's Struggle**
Rizq Mohammed Al-Sanani, Level 4, Department of English, College of Education, Mahweet
- When Things Become Nothing**
Fadi Ahmed Abbas Ghazi Al-Mohsen, Level 4, Department of English, Arhab College of Education

Happiness and Lost time

Yahya Ali Saed Al-Aslami, Level 4, Faculty of Education, Hajja

Disability

Jameel Saif Abdullah Shamsan, Level 4, Department of English, Faculty of Education, Sana'a University.

A Death of Spring

Fahmia Taha Ahmed Al-Fotih, Level 4, Department of English, Faculty of Education, Sana'a University

Rural Girl (Parts 1 and 2):

Huda Ahmed Al-Hamadi, Level 3, Department of English, Faculty of Education, Sana'a University.

The Obscure Truth

Fatima Mohammed Ali Al-Tawily, Level 3, Department of English, Faculty of Education, Mahweet

Between the Walls and Revenge

Sumaiya Abdulatef Mohammed, Level 3, Department of English, College of Education, Mahweet

One Year from my Life

Repentance Moment

The Sad Man

ENGLISH ESSAY: Revitalizing the University Education
1st Mohammed Dawood Mohammed Sha'aboon, Level 4, Department of English, Arhab College of Education

2nd Rizq Mohammed Al-Sanani, Level 4, college of Education, Department of English, Mahweet

3rd Mohammed Ali Ahmed Al-Agabi, Level 3, Department of English, College of Education, Mahweet

JUNIOR CATEGORY

English Poems

1st: I am fond of Writing to You
Wedad Abdu, Level 2, Department of English, Faculty of Languages, Sana'a University

2nd: Am I There?

Ghada Mohammed Ali Al-Harazy, Level 1, Department of English, Faculty of Arts, Sana'a University

3rd: Dear Mr. President

Mohammed A. A. Zubeidy, P. O. Box 23112, Sana'a

4th: Policy is a Dangerous Game

Yasmine S. Al-Hamdaan, Level 1, Department of English, Faculty of Languages, Sana'a University

5th: Be Close

Ghada Mohammed Ali Al-Harazy, Level 1, Department of English, Faculty of Arts, Sana'a University.

English Short Stories

1st: The Iceberg
Majed Naji Nasher, Level 2, Arts, University of Ibb

2nd: Honey Moon
Majed Naji Nasher, Level 2, Arts, University of Ibb

3rd: The Worst Day in my Life
Saba Jarallah Saleh Gawbah, Level 1, Department of English, Faculty of Arts, Sana'a University

Commendable Entry in the Dissecting Room

Majed Naji Nasher, Level 2, Arts, University of Ibb

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Medical & Electronics Division Announces the Arrival of

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During 19-21 June 2001 the Medical & Electronics Division of the Tihama Tractors & Engineering Company Ltd. held a three-day seminar at Taj Sheba Hotel in Sanaa to announce the arrival of several health care equipment and devices from Siemens.

The Seminar was attended by several profound doctors and interested spe-

cialists in the field of modern health care technology and equipment.

Experts from Siemens, which is among the world's largest and most prestigious health care system producing companies, explained the features and nature of the different devices and machines which were based on the most modern digital technologies. They focused on the Magnetic Resonance Imaging System that the company produces and which will be available through Tihama Co. Ltd. During the inauguration ceremony, several speeches were made. **Mr. Amin Dirhem**, the Chairman of Tihama Co. Ltd. and the official agent of Siemens in Yemen said in his opening speech, "Tihama Tractors & Engineering Company Ltd. is considered a pioneer in providing modern German Siemens' health care products, which are the most reliable and modern equipment ever to be found in Yemen. Those products are known to help medically diagnose the most sophisticated diseases even at very early stages using the most enhanced and modern technologies."

"As the official agent of Siemens in Yemen for the last 30 years, Tihama

Co. Ltd. was able to deliver the most enhanced health care products to hospitals all over the country, which in turn gave us a great name in the Yemeni market." Mr. Amin Dirhem added.

The seminar exhibited the most modern health care products offered in Siemens and which will be available to the Yemeni market for the first time.

On this occasion, Siemens representative **Mr. Harry Graff** gave a statement in which he said, "Our company has been active in Yemen for a long time

and our medical products have been known here for their great diagnosis accuracy, high technology, and reliability. This is what made Siemens products in many countries, including the Republic of Yemen. The objective of this seminar is to focus on the most modern health care products we are offering and how they could be used to benefit the Yemeni public. The great attendance of such a large number of medical experts and doctors only confirms the fact that Siemens has gained a respectable stand as a provider of

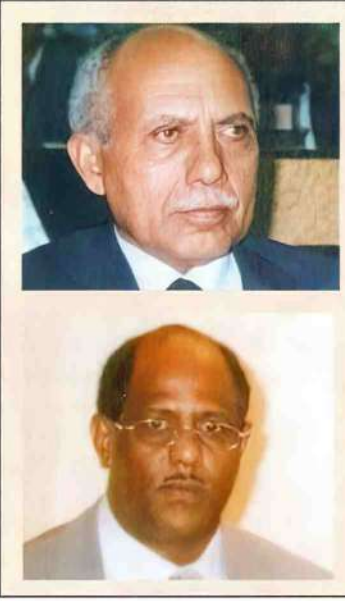
health care products and services."

He further added, "We have already installed many of Siemens' medical products in a number of medical departments in the governmental and the private sector. Among those products were the Breast Cancer Diagnosing System, the Magnetic Resonance Imaging System, Ultrasound wave System, along with the Computed Tomography System. We will be working on installing yet another modern type of equipment in healing cancer with Radio Therapy."

Engineer **Ghaleb** of Siemens on the other hand emphasized the importance of the seminar in introducing the most modern healthcare devices and equipment ever to be introduced to the Yemeni market.

On another level, **Mr. Abbas Salim Bawazir**, the General Manager of the Medical & Electronics Division of the company said, "I stress that the medical division in our company works extensively to expose the Yemeni medical staffs to what is new in the healthcare products sector. This seminar and ones similar to it play an important role in introducing to Yemeni doctors and

interested experts the various technologically advanced healthcare systems and devices by Siemens. What has been exhibited in this particular seminar of products and our explanations of how to use them surely indicates our keenness in introducing what is modern and advanced in the world of healthcare services."



The sophisticated and highly advanced health care Siemens products brought to Yemen through Tihama Co. Ltd. will help in bringing the health care system in the country to higher horizons and will also signal a revolution in the quality of service offered in hospitals nationwide.

Establishing a high quality health care system in the Republic of Yemen is one of the country's major targets. Tihama Co. Ltd. & Siemens, with their longstanding presence, professional market organization and extensive range of products and services, are committed to start helping Yemen substantially to this goal.

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Press Scanner

Prepared by Mohammed Khidhr

Revue of main headlines front-paged in this week's Yemeni local press.

- President Ali Abdulla Saleh: Yemeni-Saudi Relations an Example of Arab-Arab Relations
- Meetings of Yemeni-Saudi Coordination Council concluded
- Alawi Al-Attas: Amendments of Elections Law to be Discussed this week
- US State Department Urges its Citizens in Gulf Region to Maintain High level of Vigilance
- YSP Refuses all Forms of Terrorism & Violence
- National Committee of Youth, Set Up
- Fighting Renewed Between Tribes of Ahnoum and Dhulaima in Amran Governorate
- Al-Mikhlafti: Ruling Party Totalitarian, Our Dialogue inside Organization Normal
- Journalists Syndicate Condemns Shoura Weekly Suspension
- Confrontations Renewed Between Islamist Groups & Government
- University Employees Stage a Sit-In in front of Council of Ministers Headquarters
- Medical Faculty Morgue Killer, Executed.

Here are excerpts from articles and editorials published in some Yemeni local newspapers this week.

Sout Al- Shoura weekly organ of Union of Popular Forces party, 17 June 2001.

A front page article by the newspaper's political editor says it goes without saying that the aspired for progress in our country is linked to the existence of the state's decisive role. Such a role could not be found without prevalence of a constitutional, institutional and decentralized modern state. Undoubtedly, success in completing

the modern democratic state is dependent upon realization of democracy and ensuring human rights. Therefore the Union of Popular Forces works for consolidation of the principle of political plurality, freedom of establishment of political parties and organizations. The party affirms that the political system is based on two major factors, i.e., the multi-party system and the peaceful transfer of power through free and fair elections.

The political editor stresses in his article that the Union confirms the necessity of commitment to democracy constants and its relevant concepts, including the principle of equal opportunities for all citizens regarding rights and duties. The party also stresses that all political and civilian freedoms be guaranteed for them. The Union of Popular Forces party calls for firm commitment to the democratic pursuit and preparation of constructive climate for building the civilian constitutional state and insists on guarantees for holding fair elections.

RAY weekly organ of Sons of Yemen League party, 19 June 2001

The weekly editorial says the Yemeni political arena is experiencing certain developments showing indicators of awakening and return to the circle of reason, the field of collective action under conviction that the democratic experiment could not be so unless based on conception of accepting others and keenness on their active presence.

The political parties sit to dialogue table under sponsorship of the Yemeni Institute for Development of Democracy, the Yemeni Forum of Democracy. The most prominent characteristic of the dialogue is plenary presence of all elements of the Yemeni political spectrum; the ruling and opposition. All of them meet under the motto of political reform, developing and activating democratic practice. It is appreciable of the ruling party that it has begun to embody an awareness

acknowledging the importance of the other party in the equation of democratic action, but it needs confirmation of its seriousness and credibility.

Al-Wahdawi weekly organ of the Nasserite People's Unionist Organization, 19 June 2001

The weekly editorial is devoted to talk about the security premonition of the Arab citizen in various parts of the Arab world. It says security premonition would be always the issue of the Arab citizen for maybe a long period. The Arab citizen is still squeezed in a narrow corner where he is deprived of the simplest rights to secure and stable life.

In Palestine he is subject to annihilation, displacement and suffering, no people have seen up till now, at the hands of gangsters possessing all means of destruction and backed up by tyrants of the world. In Algeria the Arab citizen is leading an ordeal supported by hidden colonialist forces and other internal ones. In Yemen no day passes without witnessing incidents of clashes and opening fire, in most cases the state is involved. Incidents of kidnapping are repeated in a way very unusual in this country of faith and wisdom. Freedom of press frequently come under attack, newspapers brought to trial and are suspended if they continued their criticism.

The Arab citizen in the Arab peninsula is not secure while foreign naval fleets desecrate his waters and land. In the case of Iraq he is besieged for a long time and the colonialists every now and then invent new ways for toughening the blockade on him. As Arabs we unfortunately do not object being the instrument of implementing those sanctions imposed on the Iraqis. The same situation is applied to the Arab citizen in the Sudan, or Egypt or Libya, in the Arab Maghreb and Somalia. The editorial calls on all Arab intellectuals to shoulder the task of enlightening the people on the dangers of the situation.

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YEMENIA FIRE



A Tragic Event that Revealed True Heroes

There have been many speculations about the cause of the fire that engulfed the Yemenia building in Hasaba region in the south of Sanaa on Monday June 11. Some newspapers reported sabotage to be the possible cause of the fire, while others claim that negligence was the main contributor to the tragedy. No matter what those news organs say, it is obvious that the incident was tragic in the true sense, and resulted in substantial damage to the building and establishment in financial terms.

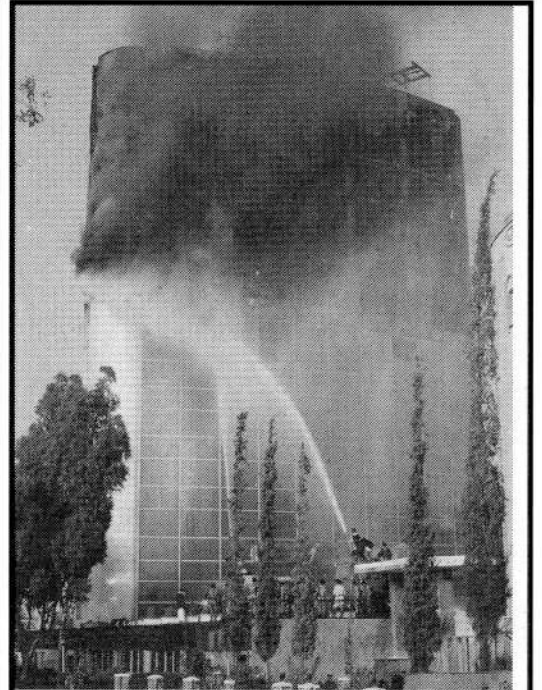
However, interestingly enough, there are many pertinent facts about the incident and its aftermath that have not been mentioned in any newspaper before. It was not mentioned, for example, that the employees who were in the building at the time of the fire were not actually trapped, but they refused to leave because they wanted to help in extinguishing the fire. No one knows that the employees decided to help salvage to the establishment by giving away their salary for one month. Amazingly, it was not reported that the Administrative Board met after the disaster and resolved to limit the damage by continuing the flights as usual, and most importantly fulfilling the prior commitments of Yemenia with worldwide aircraft providers. It was truly touching to know

that some Yemenia employees bitterly wept in front of the ruins of the building, not because they were afraid of losing their jobs, etc., but because they were emotionally disturbed by the fact that years of toil and memories attached with them was being ruined in front of their eyes. On the other hand, the incident clearly revealed the involvement that those employees had to their work, and sense of belonging to their beloved establishment. "The incident unravelled the strong motivation, the spirit of unity, and pride of our human resources," said Amin Al-Haimi, Yemenia's Managing Director for Commercial Affairs.

This report is dedicated to all Yemenia employees who left no stones unturned to express their solidarity with the management and staff of the establishment. Yemen Times Editor-in-Chief paid a visit to the Yemenia office and met the employees on Wednesday to express his moral support and to encourage them to go forward. During the visit, the editor saw the administration and many employees from various departments working in one of the floors of the new building adjacent to the burnt Yemenia building that is still under construction. The atmosphere seemed calm and things were going smooth. Apart from interviews with the Yemenia executives, this report also tries to give an insight to the incident, how it occurred,



Yemenia building burning



Fire extinguishing efforts

The Aftermath in Pictures



how it was dealt with, and how it would affect the future of Yemenia.

How it Happened

After intensive and comprehensive investigations by the Yemeni investigation bureaus of the Ministry of Interior and the Yemenia insurance companies, it was confirmed that the fire started because of an electrical short circuit. In the report prepared by the insurance companies, it was explicitly mentioned that a short circuit was the cause of the fire. As to how the short circuit itself occurred, the frequent voltage fluctuations might have caused damage to electrical equipment. "The short circuit probably resulted from the abrupt start of the automatic electrical generator immediately after the power cut in the neighborhood," said Nabil Al-Faqih, Marketing Director of Yemenia. During the investigation, the cables that led to the short circuit and consequently the fire, were examined which will be used as evidence. "It is true that there was no electricity in the neighborhood at the time the short circuit occurred, but you must know that we have several powerful electrical generators which are operated immediately after any incidence of power failure," Al-Faqih added.

"The blaze that resulted from the short circuit in one of the offices on the seventh floor could have easily been put out if it occurred during working hours. To make matters worse, the fire rapidly spread by the strong winds on that day," stated Yemenia Chairman, Captain Abdulkhalik Al-Qadhi.

"All the claims that the fire was an act of sabotage are so far construed as baseless. All evidence points to the fact that it was an electrical short circuit that caused the fire," said Amin Al-Haimi.

Did fire-fighting tenders arrive on time?

According to Yemenia officials, fire-fighting tenders arrived in a record time after the fire was sighted. However, those units were not properly equipped to raise the water trunk closer to the burning floors. "As you know, the fire started on the 7th floor and reached all the above floors and spread rapidly. I do not blame the firemen for not extinguishing the fire. But I did realize that the water trunk could not be targeted to the upper floors, and there was no way to reach the seventh floor, resulting in their being totally burnt," said Nabil Al-Faqih.

"We had to wait for the fire to reach the lower floors to put it off by the firemen's water trunk. You can imagine how pathetic you would feel when you see the fire burning the upper floors while you are standing helpless, not able to do anything. We could only wait for the upper floors to be totally burnt and extinguish itself. I believe that if the water reached the upper floors, none of those floors would be burnt, perhaps only part of the seventh floor would have been burnt," said Captain Al-Qadhi.

The helicopter flying above the building, probably to take photos of the scene was actually the main contributor to spreading the fire further as the wind from its fans caused the fire to spread downwards causing more damage to the building. "If it were not for the helicopter, the 5th floor would not have been affected," said one of the eye witnesses.

Rain of Aluminum Fragments

Al-Haimi best describes the event when the building was burning. "You could see burning aluminum fragments falling from the building on everything. While the building was burning, we saw a car behind us, which for once seemed out of any danger, but later it had smoke come out of it. When its owner approached it, he found a burning aluminum fragment on its seat. He quickly threw it away and prevented his car from an imminent explosion." There was danger everywhere during the fire and several people who were just watching were injured because of those fragments. "It was raining aluminum fragments," one passerby said.

Where were the Fire Extinguishers?

Some newspaper reports mentioned that the fire extinguishers were out of service on the day the fire took place. However, the photos of the burnt floors taken by the insurance companies and investigators clearly reveal that those extinguishers were actually there during the incident. Yemenia executives admitted however that only a few of those extinguishers were withdrawn for regular maintenance. "Only those extinguishers to be replaced were the ones withdrawn and would not have worked even if they were there. The claim that all tenders were withdrawn is not true. You can see from the photos that those tenders are among some of the burnt items," said Captain Al-Qadhi.

The Aftermath: Total Destruction

To realize the severity of the aftermath of the incident, one would only need to look at the photos that were taken the next morning when the fire was completely put out after hours of struggle by the firemen, who prevented the lower floors from being damaged.

"The aftermath was heartbreaking and devastating. One could see employees break down after looking at what their offices have turned into. One of my friends sent me a picture of myself in my office some time before the incident, and I compared it to my office today. One look at those photos plunges me in sadness and despair," Al-Haimi said.

The fifth floor however seemed to be reasonably OK, and could be fixed and repaired. Much of the equipment in the lower floors were successfully taken out on time before being damaged. What is most important is that the documents that were burnt had duplicates and copies. "Copies of more than 95% if not 100% of the documents have been retrieved. Luckily, many of our employees, including myself found valuable duplicates of those documents in our homes and in other offices. Fortunately, all the important documents were also available in the financial department," Al-Qadhi added.

How did the management handle the crisis?

If there is anything that Yemenis and observers were proud of relating to the incident, then it was the prompt action of the administrative team of Yemenia following the disaster. "We held an emergency meeting after the crisis and allotted tasks among various employees whose departments were damaged so as to give everyone a definite role in maintaining the routine operations. Some departments were transferred to the airport while others were attached to various Yemenia offices in Sanaa. With determination and hard work, our operations went smoothly and none of our flights or automatic reservation systems was affected," Al-Haimi said.

"The cooperation and understanding of all the employees of Yemenia brought us a great feeling of relief and satisfaction. We are lucky to have such dedicated staff members," Captain Al-Qadhi told YT.

Will Insurers Pay?

"The evidence collected explicitly confirms that the whole episode resulted from an accident due to a short circuit. Hence, the insurers have, in the fitness of things decided to pay," said Al-Haimi. The estimated loss does exceed USD 11 million, but actual damage is probably far beyond that. "The incident has affected us all. We must admit that. However, we can only get out of this crisis with a stronger determination to develop and enhance our services and institution," Captain Al-Qadhi stressed.

What Next?

While the new building is still being constructed, it can be said that it was indeed lucky for Yemenia to have at least one floor of the building ready to be used temporarily by some Yemenia staff members, especially those members belonging to the administration department (Chairman and his deputy), marketing department, legal department, and audit department. "The new building was intended for training, human resource development, interactions with the public, etc. However, we are lucky that we found a place to stay during this difficult time, and we will probably be using this building until the new building is rebuilt, which may take up to one year," Al-Qadhi said. "The burnt building will be covered temporarily as its view is heart rending, especially that it was once the major attraction of the area," Al-Faqih commented.

"We will be taking extra precautions in relation to safety measures in both the new and old buildings. We will add the automatic ceiling fire extinguishing systems, which could have made a huge difference if it had been installed in the burnt building. We will also be applying modern equipment to secure a safer environment (H.C.E.). This incident has taught us a lesson the hard way, but we are lucky that no one was killed during the fire. We thank all the employees who worked on an hourly basis to clean up the mess caused by the fire and collect the valuable equipment from the building. Of course, I'll fail in my duty if I don't thank the leadership represented by H.E. President Ali Abdullah Saleh for his personal involvement in making sure that we get all the support to recover. I would also like to thank the Ministry of Telecommunications for their swift and positive response in transferring our calls and have us in contact with our customers," Al-Qadhi concluded.

Conclusion

It is true that we lost -at least temporarily- one of the modern building that we were always proud of. But it is also true that the incident has revealed and exposed the true love of Yemenia employees for their establishment. It also brought to surface a wonderful picture of self-motivation, wise decision-making abilities, and a sense of belonging to one establishment that has given its employees and Yemen a lot in the past and will definitely give more in the future.

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Awaiting Adam's Will: Could the Mystery be Unveiled after 34 days

The news that Sanaa University's Ripper Mohamed Omar Adam, who was publicly executed last Wednesday, wrote a will, which he requested not to be opened until 40 days after his execution and which he gave it to his lawyer, Mohamed Al-Khatib raised a lot of speculations and curiosity. It is expected that the will include the names of those partners if he had any and perhaps revealing information of possible torture or pressure to not confess about this issue. However, it is quite obvious that if this is the case, Al-Khatib will be under tremendous pressure and could possibly be threatened and blackmailed.

The families of the two girls whom Adam confessed of killing and mutilating, namely Yemeni Hosn Ahmed Attiya and Iraqi Zainab Aziz Saud, were not satisfied with the execution alone. "We continue our demand to the unveil-

ing of all Adam's associates in his crimes. We know that he was not alone and we will not be satisfied until they are brought to justice." Said the family of Hosn after the execution was carried out.

The lawyer of Adam did not attend the execution claiming that the trial was not fair. The general belief among the public is that there are partners and motivations for committing those crimes, and those partners may amazingly be among the highest classes of the society.

In conclusion, even though Adam is dead, the case is far away from over. "With the execution of Adam, justice has only been partially served. "been served as the lawyer of Zaynab Saud, Al-Baghdadi said. "There are many indications that the case is not only between the two victims and Adam. There are others involved as well," he added.

Photo of the Week



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Fake Mandela Letter Circulated All Over the Internet

Yemen Times was among the newspapers that received a fake letter supposedly with the name of former South African President "Nelson Mandela" defending Palestine and condemning Israel.

According to Haaretz Daily, "Two weeks ago, the Palestinian daily Al Quds published a letter that Nelson Mandela sent to New York Times columnist Thomas Friedman, in response to a March 27 Friedman column, dubbed "Memo to President Bush," which was particularly critical of Yasser Arafat.

"Dear Thomas, I know that you and I long for peace in the Middle East," starts Mandela's letter and immediately swings into an attack on Israel, comparing it to the white apartheid regime in South Africa. "The Palestinians are not struggling for a 'state' but for freedom, liberation and equality, just like we were struggling for freedom in South Africa," it goes on. Here are some more quotes from the Nobel Prize winner's letter: "Thomas, if you followed the polls in Israel for the last 30 or 40 years you clearly find a vulgar racism that includes a third of the population who openly declare themselves to be racist ... the so-called 'Palestinian autonomous areas' are bantustans ... restricted entities within the power structure of the Israeli apartheid system. The Palestinian state cannot

be the by-product of the Jewish state just in order to keep the Jewish purity of Israel." And so on and so forth.

The editor of Al Quds, Marwan Abu Zalat, sent a copy of the freedom fighter's letter to Ha'aretz and suggested it be brought to the attention of the newspaper's readers. Just to be sure, we asked the South African Embassy in Tel Aviv check with Mandela's office that he indeed write it. It didn't take long for the truth to come out - the letter was a fake.

Mandela apparently first heard about the letter from a thank you message he received from Arafat, who apparently read his South African friend's "creation" in the Palestinian newspaper. It turns out that the letter was the initiative of a Palestinian living in Holland, who tends to sign various missives he sends out to the world signed with the names of famous people.

Abu Zalat said yesterday that he had no idea it was a fake, and that one of his reporters found it on the Internet. He doesn't think that it's necessary to let his readers know that the newspaper misled them. He's certain that in any case everyone has already forgotten about the whole thing and there's no need to bring the matter up again." As Yemen Times, we were about to publish the original fake letter until it realized that it was fake.

62-year-old Has Brother's Baby

FRANCE - A 62-year-old woman caused a commotion in France last month when she became the oldest known woman to give birth. Back in the news again, the woman claims the father of her baby girl is her brother. The woman, Jeanine, whose last name was not disclosed, underwent in-vitro fertilization in the United States — using the egg of an American woman and, reportedly, sperm donated by her 52-year-old handicapped brother, Robert. "I could no longer transmit my genetic inheritance because of my age," Jeanine told Le Parisien

newspaper. "So I wanted to transmit his, and give birth so our (genetic) line would continue." She told the newspaper she had no regrets about her decision to have a test-tube baby with her brother. "I have not committed any moral error in my pursuit, and I have no problem with my conscience," she told the paper. "It allowed me to become a mother ... and allowed him to have his first child, a little girl," she said. "... I have not committed any moral error in my pursuit, and I have no problem with my conscience," she added.

NOW THAT IS BIZARRE!

(A weekly column for bizarre stories and news)

Man Throws Loveable Puppet A Smack Down

LANGHORNE, Pa - Lee McPhatter's 3-year-old daughter Mina was going to take a picture with the Cookie Monster at the Sesame Place theme park, whether the cookie Monster wanted to or not. When the woman inside the fuzzy blue suit tried to push the little girl aside, McPhatter supposedly pushed her to the ground and then kicked her in the head and back. People started yelling at him for brutalizing the lovable children's entertainer, but McPhatter says he did not kick or punch the Cookie Monster. That is not the story of actress Jennie McNelis who police say suffered bruised ribs and a cervical sprain.

'Chalupa' Criminal Charges Cops

FORT WORTH, Texas. Now here's a Taco Bell promotion in the making. Lakount Maddox, 17, allegedly tried to hold up a Taco Bell restaurant in Fort Worth shortly after midnight. Employees claim the young man was riding a bicycle when he apparently brandished a gun and demanded the cash in the register. He also ordered a chalupa to go. What he didn't know was while one restaurant worker prepared his meal, another employee was calling 911. When the police arrived, Maddox was still waiting outside the window waiting for his food. He then charged at the officers on his bicycle and waved what was later identified as a toy pellet gun at them. He was shot twice, one in the arm and once in the leg, and was taken to a local hospital where he was listed in good condition.

It's Raining...Stork Nests?

TURKENHEIM, France - You may have heard of stork's dropping babies on doorsteps, but have you ever heard of stork nests dropping on people? A 70-year-old woman was sitting on the terrace of the Restaurant de la tour, in Turkeheim, when the huge nest crashed through the restaurant canopy and onto the victims head. The nest apparently fell from a tower overlooking the restaurant in the historic old city. Two storks and their babies were in the nest, but the police have not given details about their condition. No other humans were seriously injured in the incident.

Bizarre Label Instructions

On Sears hairdryer: Do not use while sleeping.
On a bag of Fritos: You could be a winner! No purchase necessary. Details inside.
On a bar of Dial soap: Directions: Use like regular soap.
On some Swann frozen dinners: Serving suggestion: Defrost.
On a hotel provided shower cap in a box: Fits one head.
On Tesco's Tiramisu dessert: (printed on bottom of the box) Do not turn upside down.
On Marks & Spencer Bread Pudding: Product will be hot after heating.

This article was written to the once upon a time restless teenager Raidan, who was a secondary class student by the time the article was written by his father, Yemen Times founder Dr. Abdulaziz Al-Saqqaf. Today, on this page we republish it as a dedication to to all secondary students with best wishes for good luck! Please look forward for the weekly survey from next week.

Life with My Teenager: TALKING TO RAY

The final examinations for high school graduation are less than a month away.

They are taxing my relationship with my son - Ray, short for Raydan. Raydan was the man who founded the dynasty which established the Sabaeen kingdom, 2000 years ago. We may have asked for too much from our son, giving him that name. However, I have a feeling that Ray will surprise us by attaining greatness.

Over the last few weeks, I have been trying hard to explain how important the coming exams are for his university education and for his future career development.

The boy has a different set of priorities.

"You know, you should trust me," he says. I back off, only to discover that none of the things we talked about have sunk into his brain.

My message is simple. "You have to focus on your studies for this short time," I have been repeating for the last several months. Just when I sometimes feel I have reached him, disappointment strikes.

My wife and I have raised three other kids before Ray. He is the last of the gang, and thank God for that. She thinks we are partly to blame because we both were overwhelmed by our own careers and paid less attention to Ray than we did with his elder siblings. That may be true, but we did give him the guidance he needed, and we provided him with better schooling opportunities.

The boy is hooked on cars. He thinks it is fine to spend hours reading car magazines, which he buys regularly. He has all kinds of car pictures hanging on his room walls. "Son, I know you like cars. But maybe you can, just for this short time, focus on your studies," I often urge him. He gestures and moves as if trying to tell me to get off his case. He then calmly explains that he has enough time for his studies and for his

"hobby". He wants to pacify me by talking slowly, making it look like he is explaining nuclear physics to an oyster. I yield.

Now that he has turned 17, he recently got himself a driving license. Not that one needs to wait that long to get it in Yemen. But I insisted that he wait, for my own peace of mind and sanity.

In our multiple-car family, he often gets his hand on our small Suzuki, which the family now refers to as "Ray's" car, since he has managed to keep other users away from it. Besides, he has redecorated it to the extent that the more mature adults in the family no longer want to be seen driving it.

In my efforts to re-focus his attention, I have taken away the car keys from him. Among his valuables that were in the car was a collection of loud music. When I brought up the subject, I was told to wake up to the times, and appreciate the head bangers. They are, I believe, skinny people with long, and often dirty hair, who stomp around the stage, shrieking angrily to impress the public. Well, no matter what, I put away all that music. Ray can retrieve the whole thing in one month.

My main problem with him, outside of his strange priorities, is time organization. He does occasionally listen. Here is a case where we have made progress. We have had this conversation so many times. I kept on adding incentives to my arguments. Now, I can say we have succeeded in this area.

"Ray," I used to tell him, as he wakes up in slow motion with his drooping eyes asking for time-out, "I want you to go to bed earlier." He mumbles. I can't make out what he says. "Did you say something, son?" More mumbling. We have come a long way since we have had such talk. Now, he has made it. He goes to bed early, and is able to wake up by 6:00 in the morning.

Organizing his room is another

impossible task. My wife keeps pleading with him to bring some order to the room. "You know, just remember to put the books here. The dirty clothes over there...." No dice! She has given up. "I don't think I will ever win this battle." His teachers tell me something I already know. "He is a good boy." They mean, he doesn't break any laws. "He has never violated school regulations..." That is

fine.

But, I am not interested in the negative side. I want to know how productive and useful he is.

The next few weeks and months will bring more challenges in our relations. Parent-children relations have never been easy. But it is more turbulent with our teenage children.

My wife and I have tried to read a little more on the subject, but

it has not been very helpful. Apparently parents have to find out the hard way - through direct experience. No self-help books will do the trick!

I love this boy and I sincerely feel, he will have a successful life. But I can't help but worry! It is part of parenting!

Abdulaziz Al-Saqqaf,
Chief Editor, Yemen Times
May 10, 1999

Studying Tips

"MURDER" A Study System:

"Study is nothing else but a possession of the mind" Thomas Hobbes 1651 English

- **Mood:** Set a *positive mood* for yourself to study in. Select the appropriate time, environment, and attitude;
- **Understand:** Mark any information you *don't understand* in a particular unit; Keep a focus on one unit or a manageable group of exercises;
- **Recall:** After studying the unit, stop and put what you have learned *into your own words*;
- **Digest:** Go back to what you did not understand and *reconsider the information*; Contact external expert sources (e.g., other books or an instructor) if you still cannot understand it;
- **Expand:** In this step, ask *three kinds of questions* concerning the studied material: If I could speak to the author, what questions would I ask or what criticism would I offer? How could I apply this material to what I am interested in? How could I make this information interesting and understandable to other students?
- **Review:** Go over the material you've covered, Remember what strategies helped you understand and/or retain information; Apply these strategies to your future studying.

processed foods, artificial sweeteners, carbonated soft drinks, chocolate, eggs, fried foods, junk foods, pork, red meat, sugar, white flour products, foods containing preservatives or heavy spices, and chips and similar snack foods

Take a small snack, or some other nourishment to help take your mind off of your anxiety. Avoid high sugar content (candy) which may aggravate your condition

Allow yourself plenty of time, especially to do things you need to do before the test and still get there a little early

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Dealing with Test Anxiety:

A hundred cartloads of anxiety will not pay an ounce of debt Italian proverb

Before the test:

Be prepared! Learn your material thoroughly.

A program of exercise is said to sharpen the mind.

Get a good night's sleep the night before the exam.

Approach the exam with confidence: View the exam as an opportunity to show how much you've studied and to receive a reward for the studying you've done

Don't go to the exam with an empty stomach Fresh fruits and vegetables are often recommended to reduce stress. Stressful foods can include

Relax just before the exam Don't try to do a last minute review **During the test:** Read the directions carefully Budget your test taking time Change positions to help you relax If you go blank, skip the question and go on If you're taking an essay test and you go blank on the whole test, pick a question and start writing. It may trigger the answer in your mind

Don't panic when students start handing in their papers. There's no reward for being the first done **Check out local centers and resources in your school for assistance!**

If you are aware that you have a problem with test anxiety, be sure your teacher or instructor knows before any testing begins (and not the hour before!). There may be other options to evaluate your knowledge or performance within the subject matter.

APOLOGY: On this page of last week's edition of YT light, Dr. Ali Abdullah Al-Sahawash was mistakenly titled the Dean of the Faculty of Arts of Ibb University. Dr. Al-Shawash is actually the General Manager of the Faculty of Arts. Our apologies...



Space Tourism Now Possible

Make your reservations now. The **space tourism** industry is officially open for business, and tickets are going for a mere \$20-million for a one-week stay in space. Despite reluctance from NASA, Russia made American businessman **Dennis Tito** the world's first space tourist. Tito flew into space aboard a Russian Soyuz rocket that arrived at the International Space Station on April 30, 2001.

Tito's trip is the beginning of what could be a lucrative 21st-century industry. There are already several space-tourism companies planning to build suborbital vehicles, orbital hotels and lunar cruise ships within the next two decades. These companies have invested millions, believing that the space tourism industry is on the verge of taking off.

In 1997, NASA published a report concluding that selling trips to space to private citizens could be worth billions of dollars. A Japanese report supports these findings, and projects that space tourism could be a \$10-billion-per-year industry within the two decades. The only obstacles to opening up space to tourists are the space agencies, who are concerned with safety and the development of a reliable, reusable launch vehicle.

Space Accommodations

Russia's Mir space station was supposed to be the first destination for space tourists; but in March 2001, the **Russian Aerospace Agency** brought Mir down into the Pacific Ocean. As it turned out, bringing down Mir only temporarily delayed the plans of Tito, an investment manager and founder of Wilshire Associates. He is now spending a week onboard the International Space Station. The Mir crash did cancel plans for a new, reality-based game show from NBC, which was going to be called **Destination Mir**. The *Survivor*-like TV show was

scheduled to air in fall 2001. Participants on the show were to go through training at Russia's cosmonaut training center, **Star City**. Each week, one of the participants would be eliminated from the show, with the winner receiving a trip to the Mir space station. Mir's



Dennis Tito, The First tourist to Space

demise rules out NBC's space plans for now. NASA is against beginning space tourism until the International Space Station is completed in 2006.

Tito's trip may be just the beginning of Russia's foray into space tourism. At the same time, there are several projects underway to commercialize space travel. Here are a few of the groups that might take you to space:

- Bigelow Aerospace, formed by **Budget Suites of America** hotels owner Robert Bigelow, has committed at least \$500-million to pursuing a half-mile-long space cruise ship. The Bigelow cruise ship will fly from Earth orbit to the moon and back.



- Space Island Group is going to build a ring-shaped, rotating space hotel that will resemble the Discovery spacecraft in the movie "2001: A Space Odyssey." Space Island says it will build its space resort out of 12, empty, NASA space-shuttle

fuel tanks, and place the spacecraft 400 miles (644 km) above Earth by 2006. The space hotel will rotate once per minute to create a gravitational pull one-third as strong as Earth's.

- The X Prize is a national contest offering \$10-million to the first private company that can develop a reusable launch vehicle (RLV) capable of carrying the general public into space. There are currently 19 teams from around the world vying to capture the X Prize jackpot.

- By 2005, Space Adventures plans to offer suborbital space flights on a yet-to-be-built RLV. Its spaceship will take passengers about 62 miles (100 km) above the Earth on a flight that will last between 30 and 150 minutes. Space

Adventures is already reserving seats for their flights here.

- Even Hilton Hotels has shown interest in the space tourism industry and the possibility of building or co-funding a space hotel. However, the company did say that it believes such a space hotel is 15 to 20 years away.

Initially, space tourism will offer meager accommodations at best. For instance, if the International Space Station is used as a tourist attraction, guests won't find the posh surroundings of a hotel room on Earth. It's been designed for conducting research, not entertainment. However, the first generation of space hotels should offer tourists a much more comfortable experience.

Space Island says its space hotel will offer guests every perk they might find at a hotel on Earth, and some they might not. The small gravitational pull created by the rotating space hotel will allow passengers to walk around and

function normally. The hotel will offer running water, a recycling plant, a farm and medical facilities. Additionally, space tourists will be able to take space walks. Their rooms will have no windows, due to the speed of the spacecraft's rotation —

revolving once per minute, passengers would become sick watching space go by their window. Instead, Space Island is developing screens that will display views of space.

The Bigelow space cruise ship will offer similar services to that of an ocean cruise liner. The ship, which will hold 100 passengers, will also have artificial gravity. These companies believe that they have to offer an extremely enjoyable experience in order for passengers to pay thousands, if not millions of dollars to ride into space. So will space create another separation between the haves and have-nots? In the next section, you'll find out if you'll be able to go to space even if you don't have a million dollars to spend on a vacation.

launched for about a tenth of what the space shuttle costs to launch. If the VentureStar takes off, the number of people who could afford to take a trip into space would move into the millions.

In 1998, a joint report from NASA and the Space Transportation Association stated that improvements in technology could push fares for space travel as low as \$50,000, and possibly down to \$20,000 or \$10,000 a decade later. The report concluded that at a ticket price of \$50,000, there could be 500,000 passengers flying into space each year. While still omitting many people, these prices would open up space to a tremendous amount of traffic.

If you don't want to wait for space hotels and cruise ships,



Who Gets To Go?

Has anyone ever promised to give you the moon? Well, that may soon be possible; but will space be an exotic retreat reserved for only the wealthy? Or will middle-class folks have a chance to take their families to space? Make no mistake about it, going to space will be the most expensive vacation you ever take. Prices right now are in the tens of millions of dollars. Currently, the only vehicles that can take you into space are the space shuttle and the Russian Soyuz, both of which are terribly inefficient. Each spacecraft requires millions of pounds of propellant to take off into space, which makes them expensive to launch. One pound of payload costs about \$10,000 to put into Earth orbit. NASA and Lockheed Martin are currently developing a single-stage-to-orbit launch space plane, called the VentureStar, that could be

Space Adventures offers passengers zero-gravity flights for \$5,400. There are six flights planned for 2001. For \$12,595, you can ride a Russian Mig-25, flying 82,000 feet (24,994 m) up to the edge of space. These prices also include a two-night stay in Moscow. Still too much money for your budget? Some, including Apollo 11 astronaut and **ShareSpace Foundation** chairman Buzz Aldrin, have proposed a space-trip lottery system to give everyone a chance to go.

Since the beginning of the space race, the general public has said, "Isn't that great — when do I get to go?" Well, our chance might be closer than ever. Within the next 20 years, space planes could be taking off for the Moon at the same frequency as airplanes flying between New York and Los Angeles.

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Argentina and Brazil Punish Egypt and Iraq

BUENOS AIRES (Xinhua) -- South American giants Argentina and Brazil put Egypt and Iraq firmly in their place Wednesday with crushing 7-1 and 6-1 wins respectively in their second match of the World Youth Championships.

A first-half hat-trick from Argentine golden boy Javier Saviola guaranteed the hosts a place in the last eight after the Egyptians, who were reduced to 10-men in the 71st minute when substitute Mohammed Gerisha was sent-off, had the temerity to take a sixth minute lead

through Mohammed El-Yamany. Brazil relied on a brace apiece from Robert and Adriano for the bulk of their goals against an Iraq side who had won their first match against Canada but were completely outclassed in this encounter and will now have to beat Germany, who were 4-0 winners over the Canadians, to progress. The two Arab teams seem to have failed to even show any competency against the two soccer giants Brazil and Argentina.

NBA Stars Exhibit in Beijing

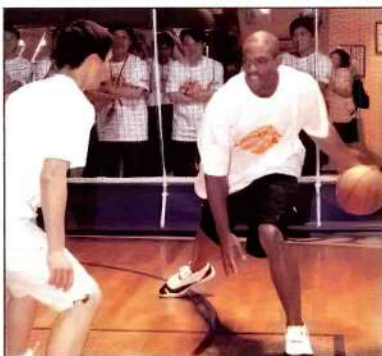
BEIJING (Xinhua) -- Antawn Jamison of the Golden State Warriors and Jerome Williams of the Toronto Raptors paid a visit to the Beijing 2008 Olympic Bidding Committee (BOBICO) here Thursday.

Wang Wei, secretary general of the Beijing 2008 Olympic Bidding Committee, met Jamison, Williams and Andrew Messick, the NBA's senior vice president for international networking, and showed them around.

Messick wished Beijing good luck in the 2008 host city selection before BOBICO exchanged gifts with the visitors.

The International Olympic Committee will make final decision on July 13 this year in Moscow on the venue for the 2008 Olympic Games. Beijing,

Paris, Toronto, Osaka and Istanbul are



in the race for the right to host the Games.

Jamison, Williams and Messick are here to attend the Jitong NBA-CBA Friendship Tour which runs through Saturday.

USA Defeats Chile

Mendoza, June 21 (Xinhua) -- USA's Brian Carroll (R) fights for the ball with Chile's Nelson Pinto during their Group C World Youth Championship match in Mendoza, Argentina June 20, 2001. USA defeated Chile 4-1.



Ronaldo Commits to Have Brazil Win World Cup 2002

RIO DE JANEIRO (Xinhua) -- Brazilian striker Ronaldo is confident that struggling Brazil's bid to qualify for the 2002 World Cup finals will be successful and said here Thursday he hopes to rejoin the squad in August.

The 24-year-old Inter Milan forward has been out of competitive football for 14 months after undergoing a second knee tendon operation last year.

As the former world footballer of the year recovers, four-time World Cup winners Brazil are struggling in the South American qualifying group.

They have 21 points and occupy the fourth and last qualifying spot in their group.

But Ronaldo is confident new no-non-

sense coach Luiz Felipe Scolari will pull Brazil out of the mire.

"It's a difficult situation but there's no doubt in my mind that Brazil will qualify," Ronaldo said while visiting the national team training camp north of



Rio. "Brazil are still the best team in the world and I hope to be making my own contribution to the team come August."

Local Sports News in Brief

Ahli Sanaa Continues Lead in Premier League

Ahli Sanaa football team was able to maintain its lead last week after defeating Shabab Al-Jeel of Hodeidah.

The match, which was played in Hodeidah ended with the 3-0 win for Ahli Sanaa resulting in 34 points for Ahli Sanaa followed by Aden-based Tilal team with 27 points followed by Al-Saqr team with 27 points.

Yemen Celebrates International Olympic Day

Yemen with most of the world countries celebrated last Friday the international Olympic Day in Sanaa symbolizing the importance of this occasion for all world

nations including Yemen. The anniversary of the Olympic games, which started formally in 1894 were celebrated by launching a 10-km marathon in Meydan Al-Sabeen in Sanaa.

Another 3-km marathon for kids was also launched on the same day, while a third was also held for handicapped.

New Club Halls to be Constructed

Minister of Youth and Sports, Mr. Abdulrahman Al-Akwaa started an initiative of constructing several sports halls and playing fields for two of the prominent clubs in Sanaa.

The Minister formally started the project of constructing halls for Al-Ahli and Al-Zuhra clubs in Sanaa.



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Jordan

Welcome to the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, a young country dense with history, a well travelled bridge between sea and desert, East and West. Above the layers of antiquity lies a land of mesmerizing beauty and contrast: the Jordan Valley, fertile ever-changing, and remote desert canyons, immense and still.



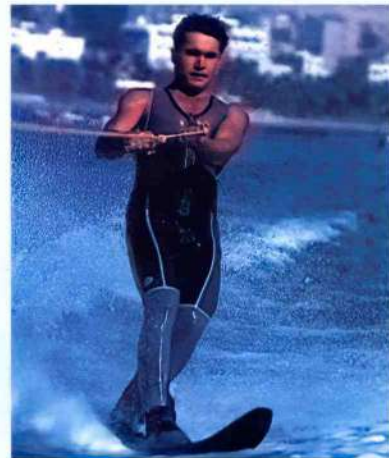
AQABA. Greatly prized as Jordan's window to the sea, Aqaba brings a refreshing release from the rose-coloured desert to the north. Its sandy beaches and coral reefs are the most pristine on the Red Sea, and Jordanians hope to preserve them through careful planning. With several first-rate hotels, restaurants and shops, Aqaba caters to the tourist crowd that is tranquil and relaxed, seeking its pleasures by day than by night. Indigo-coloured deep water lies just off the shore in Aqaba, bringing kaleidoscopic marine life within easy reach. Exploring means a leisurely drive to a private spot and a swim out to the reef. Unusual vertical currents and sea breezes make diving cool and pleasant, even in the heat of the summer. **AQABA's** reef is healthy and thriving adorned with untold variety in its coral and fish. Common species are branch coral, fungia and montipora, and the rare archelia, a black tree-like specimen found at great depths and first discovered by the late King Hussein himself. Darting through the reef are clownfish, Picasso triggerfish, goby, sea anemone, parrotfish, pipefish and countless others. Two of the most intriguing are the harmless, plankton-eating whale



shark, the largest fish in the world, and the willowy garden eel, almost invisible in the sea grass. **AQABA** boasts some of the world's best scuba diving by day or night, and a Royal Diving Centre. Many other places will organize water sports for you. There is snorkelling, fishing and sailing to pass the time, or glass-bot-

tomed boats for those who prefer their marine life at arm's length. There is a Mamluk fort at the end of the Corniche and, on an island in the middle of the Gulf, the castle of Saladin, foe of Richard the Lion Heart and Reynald de Chantillon. In the last century, Arab forces with T.E. Lawrence wrested the port from the Ottomans in one of the most dramatic victories of the Arab Revolt. **AQABA** basks in balmy weather nine months of the year, in winter, spring and fall. Summer is hot, but you can pace your activities and adapt to the climate, slowing down in the midday, and reviving in the cool of the evening.

WHAT TO SEE: VISITORS' CENTRE - Information on Aqaba and its attractions are available from the Centre near the Mamluk Fort. Centre opens from 8am to 2pm during Winter and 8am to 5pm during Summer. **AQABA MARINE SCIENCE STATION** - Aquarium showcasing the marine life of the Gulf of Aqaba. Opens daily (except Mondays) from 8am to 3.30pm. **MUSEUM OF AQABA**



ANTIQUITIES - Near the Mamluk Fort. Displays of excavations in Aqaba. Opens daily (except Tuesdays) from 8am to 1pm and in the afternoon from 5pm to 7pm (from 3pm to 5pm during Winter).

WATER SPORTS: Aqaba boasts some of the best scuba diving by day or night.

AQUAMARINA I HOTEL - Snorkelling, diving, equipment hire, windsurfing, fishing, boat and marine camera hire and boat trips. **AL KAZAR HOTEL** - Diving, instruction, equipment hire. **ROYAL DIVING CENTRE** (just outside Aqaba) - Snorkelling, diving, marine photography, equipment hire and instruction. **RED SEA DIVING CENTRE** (near Aqaba Gulf Hotel) - Organize fishing, sailing and other water sports, as well as trips in glass-bottomed boats.

JERASH. Although sometimes overshadowed by Petra, the ancient city of Jerash is a highly rewarding excursion for the visitor to Jordan, and as important site in archaeological terms, with a remarkable unbroken chain of



human occupation. Here at this well-watered site in the hills of Gilead, you will find remain of Neolithic times, as well as Greek, Roman, Byzantine, Omayyad and others. Jerash's golden age, however, arrived with Roman rule. Today it is acknowledged as one of the best preserved Roman provincial towns in the world. When Emperor Hadrian visited Jerash in AD129, it was already thriving. To honour its guest, the city raised a Triumphal Arch, just one part of a massive building program. Today you can walk beneath four imposing gates, or make your way down the 'Street of

Columns' - the Roman Cardo - running 600 metres north from the Oval Plaza. As you step over the tracks of chariot wheels still visible in the paving stones, imagine prosperous citizens window-shopping beneath a covered sidewalk. Jerash was an open city of free-standing structures richly embellished with marble and granite. Its engineering was so advanced that large parts of the city still survive today. Much more has been painstakingly restored by archaeological teams from around the world today.

JERASH FESTIVAL. Held in July, this festival features folklore dances by local and international groups, ballet, concerts, plays, opera, popular singers, sales of traditional handicrafts and local theatrical plays and poetry competitions... all in the brilliantly floodlit dramatic surroundings of the Jerash ruins. A must see if you are visiting Jordan at the time, and worth coming for specially.

AJLOUN. A short journey west of Jerash, through pine forest and olive groves, brings you to the town of Ajloun. Here is Qala'at Ar-



القهوة العربية... رمز ضيافتنا

لفنجان القهوة العربية مكانة خاصة في قلوب الأردنيين جميعاً. وقد نشأت بينه وبينهم علاقة حميمة رائعة منذ القدم. استهدمت دفتها من نكهة البن العربي ومذاقه الفريد. والملكية الأردنية التي تسعد أن تبدأ الترحاب بضيوفها بتقديم فنجان من القهوة العربية الساخنة. تعمل كل ما في وسعها لتوفير خدمات مميزة يشعر معها المسافر أنه ما غادر بيته بعد. فأهلاً وسهلاً بكم معنا أينما كانت وجهت سفركم عبر أكثر من خمس وأربعين محطة تنتشر على مساحة أربع قارات.

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Rabad, the Castle of Ajloun, which was built in 1184 by Usama ibn Munqich, a nephew of Saladin, who defeated the Crusaders in 1189. A fine example of Islamic architecture, the fortress dominated a wide stretch of the north Jordan Valley and passages to it. From its hill-top position, Ajloun Castle protected the communication route between south Jordan and Syria, and was one of a chain of forts which lit beacons at night to pass signals from the Euphrates as far as Cairo. Today, Ajloun Castle is a splendid sight and a fascinating warren of towers, chambers, galleries and staircases to explore, while its hilltop position offers stupendous views of the Jordan Valley.

WHAT TO SEE: The star attraction in Jerash are the ruins themselves. Guidebooks, maps and information are available from the Visitors' Centre near the South Gate. Opens daily from 7.30am to 7pm during Winter and from 7.30am to 8.30pm during Summer.



JERASH ARCHAEOLOGICAL MUSEUM - in the ruins. Opens daily except Fridays from 8.30am to 5pm during Winter and from 8.30am to 6pm during Summer. During official holidays the hours are from 10am to 4pm. Admission free. **JERASH FESTIVAL** - For information, contact the JERASH FESTIVAL OFFICE. **AJLOUN CASTLE** - Opens daily from 9am to 5pm. Admission free.

SHOPPING: Shopping is great fun in Jordan. There is a lot to choose from that is well crafted and unique. The following shops should not be missed: Al-Aydi (the hands) near the Inter-Continental Hotel (Amman). Follow the signs with the blue hand. Established by the Jordan Craft Development Centre in the 1970s for Jordanian artisans to salvage traditional crafts and skills. The shop has a wonderful selection of Palestinian tapestries, Bedouin carpets, ceramics, antique silver jewellery, mother-of-pearl and olivewood items, and embroidered traditional products. Al-Burgan for

Handicrafts is near the Inter-Continental Hotel (close to Al-Aydi). A family owned boutique with an impressive assortment of bath robes and accessories, slippers, table mats, pillows, linens and cloths. Bani Hamida House (1st Circle) is famous for their own rugs and other wooden products incorporating traditional Bedouin patterns and a wealth of modern and older colours. Custom designs too. Beit Al-Bawadi (between Mecca Street and Garden Street) is operated by the Queen Alia Social Welfare Fund and temporarily located in their HQ, offers abundance of weavings and ceramics in traditional motifs. Hazem Zu'bi Ceramics (near Commodore Hotel) is a source of large decorative pieces as well as functional



dinner ware, takes its name from one of Jordan's premier ceramists. Designs reflect the ancient cultures of the region. Liwan (near Safeway), the retail operation of the Jordan Design & Trade Centre, offers a sumptuous selection of home furnishings of all kinds: woolen rugs, embroidered and woven pillows, furniture, pottery, glass, wall hangings, metal work and fashion. Jordan River Designs (1st Circle, Rainbow Street) is a self-help project of Save the Children, best known for handmade embroidered quilts and pillows. Also available are a wide variety of bags, wallets and purses (many in leather and suede), olive oil soap and traditional dolls. Kan Zaman (outside Amman) has many fine craft shops that stock the work of local artisans, include lunch and dinner in the restaurant for a complete outing. Suq (downtown Amman) is a typical Arab market where you can buy almost anything - it is also an interesting cultural experience. Look for gold items such as 'dalleh' coffee pot charms, chains, Islamic designs, modern jewellery, silver jewellery and amber. Salt Handicraft Centre (in the old town of Salt) is a vocational school for young artisans who receive expert instruction in weaving and ceramics. Silsal Ceramics (4th Circle). Ceramic designs inspired by museum pieces, featuring traditional stoneware fired from local clay and glazes, incised and painted as bas-relief.

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TO : The Editor - in Chief,
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Dear Edition - in - Chief;

The Ethiopian Embassy has seen the Yemen Times Edition of Monday 4th June 2001 in which sufficient coverage was given in its Travel & Leisure section, regarding the various attraction points and resources available for travellers in Ethiopia. At various times, the Yemen Times has been promoting the good and friendly relations that existed between Yemen and Ethiopia for centuries.

The Travel and Leisure correspondent Mr. Abdel Hakim Ashiblie has done a remarkable job in bringing to the attention of the Yemen Times readers the various attractions and travel sites in this ancient and historic country Ethiopia which is dubbed as the land of 13 months of sunshine.

The Embassy found Mr. Abdel-Hakim's contribution instrumental both in opening up new horizon for Yemen Times readers as well as bringing to the awareness of travellers and tourists the entirety of rich cultural heritage our sisterly countries own. Such effort is expected to bring more and more discoveries to the pages of Yemen Times.



Sincerely yours,

TEKETEL FORSIDO (Ph.D.)
Ambassador

ETHIOPIAN COMMENDATION FOR YT's TRAVEL & LEISURE

YEMEN TIMES received a commendation letter from the ETHIOPIAN AMBASSADOR for our article 'ETHIOPIA - 13 MONTHS OF SUNSHINE' (see letter). On behalf of all the staff at YEMEN TIMES, I would like to express our gratitude to His Excellency Teketel Forsido for his recognition of our humble yet sincere effort. With such an encouragement, we will make it an effort to feature Ethiopia from time to time. Personally, I will make it a point to visit Ethiopia prior to returning to my native Singapore.

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لماذا تليمن؟

يقول: أنا لا أذهب إلى مقاهي الإنترنت إلا ومعني صحيفة أتسلى بها عند بطئ التصفح أو عند الانقطاع، حتى لا أصاب بملل. وأضاف اعتقد أن أكبر مشكلة عملته تليمن أنها أخرجت اليمين عشرات السنين عن عالم المعلوماتية، لأن الدول حتى القريبة منا أصبحت تستخدم الإنترنت في كثير من المجالات مثل المصارف الإلكترونية والتجارة... الخ نحننا (نشارع) لكي نتصفح. وعزلت الكثيرين من الذين بدؤوا يستخدموا الإنترنت في كثير من أعمالهم، رجعوا إلى الأساليب القديمة.

قال: تصور من الزبائن من يأت ومعه صحف وجرائد للتسليّة عند تأخر ويطي الصفحات، أنا أخرجت كثيراً لهذا لا أحضر إلى هنا إلا نادراً أو أمثل على الزبائن بأنني أحد الزوار، أجعل الموظف يتصرف معهم. وأضاف كثر الانقطاع لساعات يوم الأحد ١٧-٦-٢٠٠١م انقطع الخط يوم كامل فتسائل من يدفع الخسارة.

وأما الفواتير تأتي مرتفعة جداً غير حقيقية، وهناك أخطاء في الفواتير وعند المراجعة يقال لنا ادفع ثم راجع.

الى قسم الشرطة. لهذا طلبت من صاحب المقهى توظيف شخص يتفرغ للمشاكل والذهاب الى الأقسام.

■ طارق عبد الرحمن حسن
موظف في مقهى ضحية ISDN

يقول: لكثرة المشاكل مع الزبائن بسبب غضبهم من سوء الخدمة أقنعت صاحب المحل بالاشتراك بنظام يُقال أنه يسرّع عملية تصفح صفحات الويب ويقلل من الانقطاع، واقتنع بالفعل واشتركتنا ودفع صاحبني ١٢٠٠٠٠ ريال (مائة وعشرون ألف ريال). ولكن المصيبة أن هذا النظام الذي يسمى ISDN لم يزيد من السرعة إلا الشيء القليل فشعرت بالمشكلة عندما بدأ صاحب المقهى بخضم خسارته من راتبي. وأضاف (طارق) يبدو أن أي نظام (ما ينفعش) في بلادنا ولو كان نظام GVSDTW فلما سألته من أين أتيت بهذا النظام فقال من راتبي الذي خضم فردد (بزلفي).

تحسين الخدمة! رغبة الشركة بالانسحاب من الساحة؟ أو بيع نصيب الحكومة اليمينية للقطاع الخاص؟ وأخرى مثل هذه الأسئلة البريئة.

وبعد أن فقدنا الأمل بالرد، رأينا أن يطرح أصحاب مقاهي الإنترنت همومهم على اعتبار أنهم الأكثر تضرراً.

وبعض رواد مقاهي الإنترنت. ولتردد عليهم تليمن في الوقت التي تراه مناسباً، ولو (بعد خراب مالملة).

■ منير جابر علي - موظف في مقهى
إنترنت يوصل الزبائن إلى أقسام الشرطة.

يقول: سبب لنا بطئ التصفح على الشبكة الكثير من المشاكل، مثل خروج الزبائن وامتناعهم عن تسديد الحساب بحجة أن الموقع الذي يريدونه لم يفتح. وآخرون ينقطع عليهم الخط وهم مندمجون بالتصفح فيعتقدون أن الخلل من المقهى ويحصل شجار ويرفضون دفع المبلغ الذي عليهم، لأن تليمن تحسب علينا على اعتبار أن الخط مستمر وهكذا كل مرة، ولقد وصلنا مرات

كثيرة هي المفارقات العجيبة في بلادنا، ولكن ما وصلت إليه تليمن جعلها تتصدر القائمة.

ثمة سر وراء مواقف الشركة نحو المشتركين، ونحو الخدمة التي تقدمها في مقاهي الإنترنت، وامتناعها من تقديم أي معلومات متعلقة بالخدمات التي تقدمها. ومحاولة لكشف هذا السر نطلب من القارئ الكريم إذا وصل إلى شيء لم نصل إليه موافاتنا، ونستعرض ما يلي:

كنت أظن بمجرد أن اطلب من تليمن إجراء حوار حول الإستفسارات التي تصل من أصحاب المقاهي والمستخدمين، أن تسارع بالرد حتى تزيل أي لبس. ومثل هذا الحوار يصب في مصلحة الشركة لأنها تعرف أسباب سوء خدمة الإنترنت والسيار. (وإذا عرف السبب بطل العجب).

ولكن بأت كل المحاولات بالفشل، رغم أن الأسئلة منطقية وتحمل في طياتها حقيقة رغبة السائل في الحصول على الحقيقة، مثل سؤال عن بطئ التصفح في الإنترنت، وعن الانقطاع المستمر للخط، وعن سعر الدقيقة مقارنة في دول أخرى في المنطقة، وسؤال يطرح نفسه - هل يُفهم من عدم

احتضار ويب .. يفسح المجال أمام إنترنت إكس *

الجانب المظلم:

فيروسات ومحامكات ولكن الجانب المظلم ليساريو فور يستر لإنترنت المستقبل هو أن إنترنت التنفيذية ستصبح عرضة لفيروسات الكمبيوتر وستنتشر بسهولة فائقة عبرها. ويظهر إنترنت التنفيذية، واستخدامها بحرية تامة من قبل الجمهور، سنكتظ المحاكم بجميع أنواع قضايا الحقوق الفكرية وخرقتها.

دعوة للتفكير

ماذا يعني احتضار ويب قبل وصوله إلى بلادنا بفاعليته المطبقة في الدول المتقدمة؟ عن موقع عجيب

الاستثمارات الكبيرة هباء منثور

وتشير رؤية فور يستر لنموذج إنترنت إكس، أن هذه التكنولوجيا ستمتص الشركات المبتدئة فرصاً ثمينة لمنافسة المواقع التجارية الرائدة، التي ستذهب استثماراتها الهائلة هباء منثوراً. ويقول كولوني إن على الشركات العالمية الكبرى أن تتوقع التحولات القادمة وتستعد لإعادة تأهيل التقنيين العاملين فيها، بالإضافة إلى ضرورة إهمال مواقع إنترنت، حتى إذا كانت جيدة لصالح إنترنت إكس، والإستغناء عن الموردين المرتكزين على الشبكة، وإعادة تنظيم مؤسساتها.

إنترنت استاتيكية، فيما المحتوى ذاته موجود على النسخ الورقية من المجالات، مما يجعل قراء الأخبار أشبه إلى الجلوس في مكتبة قديمة مغبرة، منها إلى التفاعل مع وسيلة إعلام جديدة.. والآن وقد زالت الإثارة الأولية بالإنترنت، عاد المدراء والقراء إلى الصحف الورقية والتلفزيون.

ويقول كولوني «إن الفارق بين النموذج الحالي لتزليل الصفحات من موقع إنترنت وبين إنترنت التنفيذية، هو الفارق بين قراء كتاب والتحدث إلى صديق).

توجد أدمة على طرفي السلك، مما يؤدي إلى حديث ذكي وتفاعلي، ذي قيمة عالية وهكذا تنجز الأعمال للطرفين، مما يزيد غنى التجربة وأهميتها المحتوى وكمية الأعمال التي تنجزها).

سينبعث نموذج إنترنت التنفيذية من الأبحاث والأكاديميات، ومن المصادر المفتوحة، وليس من حقل التكنولوجيا نفسه، كما يحدث مع الشبكة.

وسيتبع هذا النموذج بامتيازات هامة عن نموذج الشبكة، مثل الاستخدام الأمثل لعرض الحزمة، والتفاعل الأكبر بين الأنداد.

يربط بين مستخدمين حول العالم بعضهما ببعض، والشبكة ببرنامج يأتي بالمعلومات، فترى فور يستر أن البرنامج تتطور بسرعة تفوق سرعة تطوير البنية التحتية أو (السلك) مما سيؤدي إلى استبدال الشبكة، كما نعرفها في الوقت الراهن، بجيل جديد من البرمجيات، عن قريب.

وقال رئيس مجلس إدارة فور يستر «ستأتي تقنية برمجيات جديدة وتقتل شبكة الويب، في القريب العاجل».

النموذج البديل

يرى كولوني أن تقنية البرمجيات الجديدة التي ستسوق إنترنت إكس ستكون نوعاً من البرمجيات التي تستخدم مرة واحدة Disposable، يقوم المستخدم بتزليلها من المزود إلى الكمبيوتر، أو إلى أي جهاز متنقل عند زيارته للموقع، وتقوم هذه البرمجيات التنفيذية بالتفاعل مع المستخدم، مضيفة مزيداً من الذكاء ومن الجودة إلى تجربة المستخدم.

ويضيف (إن المشكلة اليوم أن إنترنت غبية ومملة ومعزولة). وتقدم أخبار السياسة والرياضة والأحوال الجوية على صفحات

يتفق الجميع بأن الإنترنت تنمو أو بالأحرى تتحول. وكأنها كائن حي مستقل، ابتدعتها البشرية، واكتسب بعد ذلك حياة مستقلة، ومساراً خاصاً بعيداً عن سيطرة الحكومات أو المؤسسات.

جنازة مبكرة للويب

على الرغم من ظهور تقنيات جديدة مثل تبشير الربط اللاسلكي السريع من أي مكان ومن خلال أي جهاز، ومن الخدمات الجديدة المتطورة خصيصاً للإنترنت لدمجها في جميع جوانب حياتنا، فإن مستقبل الإنترنت يبقى محل نظير وتبصير... وقد يكون الويب بالتدريج في طريقه إلى الموت.

راهن وحدة (فور يستر) للأبحاث على سمعتها معلنة بدء أفول ويب واستبداله بنموذج جديد للبرمجيات يوسع أفاق تجربة المستخدم، متجاوزاً المتصفح، إلى إنترنت إكس (إنترنت التنفيذية) كما يطلق عليها فور يستر.

وتستدعي هذه الرؤية إعادة صفحات ويب بالكامل مما سيعرض إدارة التغيير إلى امتحان في غاية الصعوبة. وتشبه وحدة فور يستر ويب ببساطة بسلك

دعوة للمشاركة

هذه دعوة لكل المهتمين بتقنية المعلومات والتقنيات الحديثة، للمساهمة بإرسال المواضيع التي تحقق هدف نشر ثقافة المعلوماتية في بلادنا..

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ملحق الإتصالات الرقمية



برعاية

ما هي تقنية الواب؟

ومدعمة بتقنية أشعة، وتتوفر المواقع التي نشاهدها من إنترنت على هيئة واب.

ما هي بوابة WAP؟

تعمل بوابة واب كوسيط بين إنترنت وشبكة الهاتف النقال، حيث تقوم، عند أرسلنا لمعلومات من الهاتف إلى الإنترنت بتحويل طلبنا من هيئة واب إلى هيئة إنترنت. كما تقوم بوابة واب بتحويل طلب إنترنت إلى طلب أشعة. عندما نرسل معلومات من إنترنت إلى جهاز هاتف نقال، كيف للهاتف النقال أن يكون مدعماً بتقنية أشعة؟

أجهزة الهاتف النقال المدعمة بتقنية بروتوكول التطبيقات اللاسلكية، هي التي تم تطوير تقنية أشعة في بنيتها، وهي فقط التي يمكنها الاتصال بالإنترنت. وتقدم الكثير من الشركات المصنعة للهواتف النقال، هواتف مدعمة بتقنية بروتوكول التطبيقات اللاسلكية.

ماذا يعني أن الموقع يجب أن يكون على هيئة WAP؟

تصمم معظم صفحات الإنترنت على هيئة منى، ولكنها بها الوضع تكون معقدة بعض الشيء على الهواتف النقال، التي تعمل بصورة بطيئة نسبياً، وتحتاج الهواتف أن تتصل بصفحات إنترنت مصممة بلغة منى التي تبسط سرعة التحميل والعرض. وهكذا عندما نسمع عن مواقع على هيئة واب، فإن ذلك يعني أن اللغة الأصلية للموقع، التي هيئة منى، يجب تحويلها الهيئة منى.

في العدد القادم:

ما هي WML؟



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تشهد الآونة الأخيرة، في مختلف أنحاء العالم انفجاراً في عدد مستخدمي الهاتف المحمول. حيث يفوق عددها مستخدمي الكمبيوتر. ويقدر عدد مستخدمي السيار في العالم اليوم، بحوالي ٢٨٠ مليون مستخدم، بالمقارنة مع ٢٠٠ مليون مستخدم للكمبيوتر.

تتمتع الهواتف النقال بقاعدة ضخمة من الجمهور كما تتمتع بمنصة ضخمة للاتصالات، وهذه المنصة في نمو يومي. والآن تحيل نشوء تقنية تسمح لمستخدمي السيار بالاتصال مع الإنترنت، أي باختصار إنترنت سيار، وهذا يعني مستقبل كبير للتجارة عبر السيار.

وتوجد اليوم إنترنت نقالة بتقنية جديدة تربط الأجهزة اللاسلكية بالإنترنت، تدعى هذه التقنية باسم WAP.

ما هي تقنية الواب؟

ترمز كلمة WAP إلى عبارة Application Wireless Protocol، أو بروتوكول التطبيقات اللاسلكية، وهي تقنية تسمح بربط الأجهزة اللاسلكية مثل الهواتف النقال بالإنترنت، عن طريق ترجمة معلومات ويب، لتظهر على شاشة عرض الهاتف النقال.

كيف تتصل الهواتف النقال بالإنترنت؟

تستخدم إنترنت نوعين من الكمبيوترات، أجهزة المزودات servers، وأجهزة الزبون clients. والمزودات هي أجهزة كمبيوتر تستضيف الصفحات التي نشاهدها،

سبأفون في كثير من الدول

بدأت شركة سبأفون بتقديم خدمة التجوال الدولي Roaming بشكل تدريجي مع مصر، المملكة العربية السعودية، الأردن، الإمارات العربية المتحدة، جنوب أفريقيا، بريطانيا، لبنان، فرنسا، أسبانيا، اليونان. وهكذا تتابع الشركة توقيع الإتفاقيات المزدوجة ليكون التجوال الدولي متوفراً في أغلبية الدول التي تتوفر فيها خدمة الـ GSM.



الكاميرا الرقمية

ماذا أضافت الكاميرا؟

الرقمية وكل الفئات أصبحت تتعامل مع هذه التقني الجديدة فزادت مبيعاتها ونالت نجاحاً كبيراً.

أهم مميزات:

- ١- اقتصادية - حيث لا تحتاج إلى فيلم وبالتالي لا تحتاج إلى التحميض والطباعة وبهذا توفر الكثير من المال.
- ٢- السرعة - يمكن عرض الصور مباشرة بعد التصوير.
- ٣- الخصوصية - لن يرى الصورة أي شخص إلا أصحاب الصورة.
- ٤- سهولة إرسال الصورة إلى الأهل عبر البريد الإلكتروني بصفاء ووضوح أكثر من الصورة المأخوذة من الكاميرا التقليدية.
- ٥- لا تحتاج إلى الاسكان في عرض الصورة على الكمبيوتر أو الإنترنت فيوفر الجهد مع نقاء الصورة.

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تحمل الصور أجمل الذكريات التي عاشها المرء، ويعود إليها عندما يريد استعادة الذكريات الجميلة، فتعتبر الصور أفضل وسيلة لخصن الذكريات الجميلة. هذا ما جعل صناعة الكاميرات تزدهر مواكبة للتطورات التقنية، ملبية لحاجة المرء في استعادة أيامه الحلوة التي خلت. ومما زاد من أهميتها عندما أصبحت رقمية فمكنتها هذا اندماجها بالكمبيوتر والإنترنت، فأصبح بمقدورنا عرض الصور على الكمبيوتر مباشرة بعد التصوير دون الحاجة إلى التحميض والطبع، وكذلك نستطيع عرض الصور في الإنترنت على مواقعنا الشخصية. فبهذه التقنية زادت حاجة مصممي المواقع إلى الكاميرا



الفلك

الفلك لمستلزمات الكمبيوتر المستوردون والموزعون الوحيدون لأخبار والريونات

وكلاء شركة Last Impressions

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في مجال الكمبيوتر

ودورات تعريفية بطريقة علم

الكمبيوتر.



MB Launches BOP Course



The Omani Company MB Petroleum services Ltd, the pioneer in the oil services, recently organized an advanced training course to ensure proper and safe oil services in oil exploitation.

The course was held during 12-16 June in Ramadah Haddah hotel. Within the framework of Yemenization of jobs in the oil companies, the company has sponsored this course for Yemeni employees.

The total number of fifteen trainees attending the program including: four from Canadian Nexen, six from Black Gold Service, five from Delta Engineering and one from Star Engineering and Technology.

The course captioned "Well Services Blowout Prevention" (B.O.P.) The course is an advanced training course in Canada which seek to ensure safety and control explosions in oil fields. In Canada employees are not

eligible to join work until they complete these courses.

MB Area Manager Mr. Wayne Starling stated that they would do their best to train Yemeni employees and qualify them in the professional strategies according to the international standards.

The MB Petroleum Company has

been working in Yemen for more than 3 years. It has work-contract with Canadian Nexen Petroleum Yemen, Jannah Hunt Oil Company and Total. It is equipped with both workover rigs as well as drilling rigs. Mr. Ken Caldwell was the Resource Person who gave the course.



حرصه على تقديم أفضل الخدمات لعملائه

البنك العربي يطبق خدمة التلر الشامل

قام البنك العربي في اليمن بتطبيق خدمة جديدة التنقل على اقسام مختلفة. هي خدمة الموظف (التر الشامل) وتم تطبيق الخدمة حالياً بفرعي إب والحديدة لتسهيل معاملة العملاء مع البنك بحيث يتمكن العميل من الحصول على جميع الخدمات التي يحتاجها داخل البنك من موظف واحد بدلاً من العربي في المنطقة.

مسابقة يمن تايمز الأسبوعية

18,000 ريال

للفائز

2,000 ريال

للمكتبة الفائزة

جائزة المسابقة

20,000

الإجابات الصحيحة لمسابقة العدد (٢٤)

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٢- أبو عامر لأدوات الأمن والسلامة

بعد فرز الكوبونات الصحيحة للمشاركين، تم إجراء القرعة وكانت من نصيب الأخت:

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خدمات خاصة

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وكالة البحر الأحمر والسويدان لخدمات المعتمدين

يدعون الجميع لإنتهاز هذه المناسبة

الأسعار حسب الطلب وحسب البرنامج

أربع مستويات منها المستوى الرابع ضمن خمسة

درجات مع أسعار لا يبدل لها تبدأ من ٣٥٠ ريال

سعودي إلى ٧٥٠ ريال سعودي للدرجة.

مسابقة العدد (٢٦) ٢٥ يونيو ٢٠٠١ م

سؤال ١: ما اسم الصحيفة التي أصدرها اتحاد القوى الشعبية بدلاً عن صحيفة «الشورى»
الإجابة:

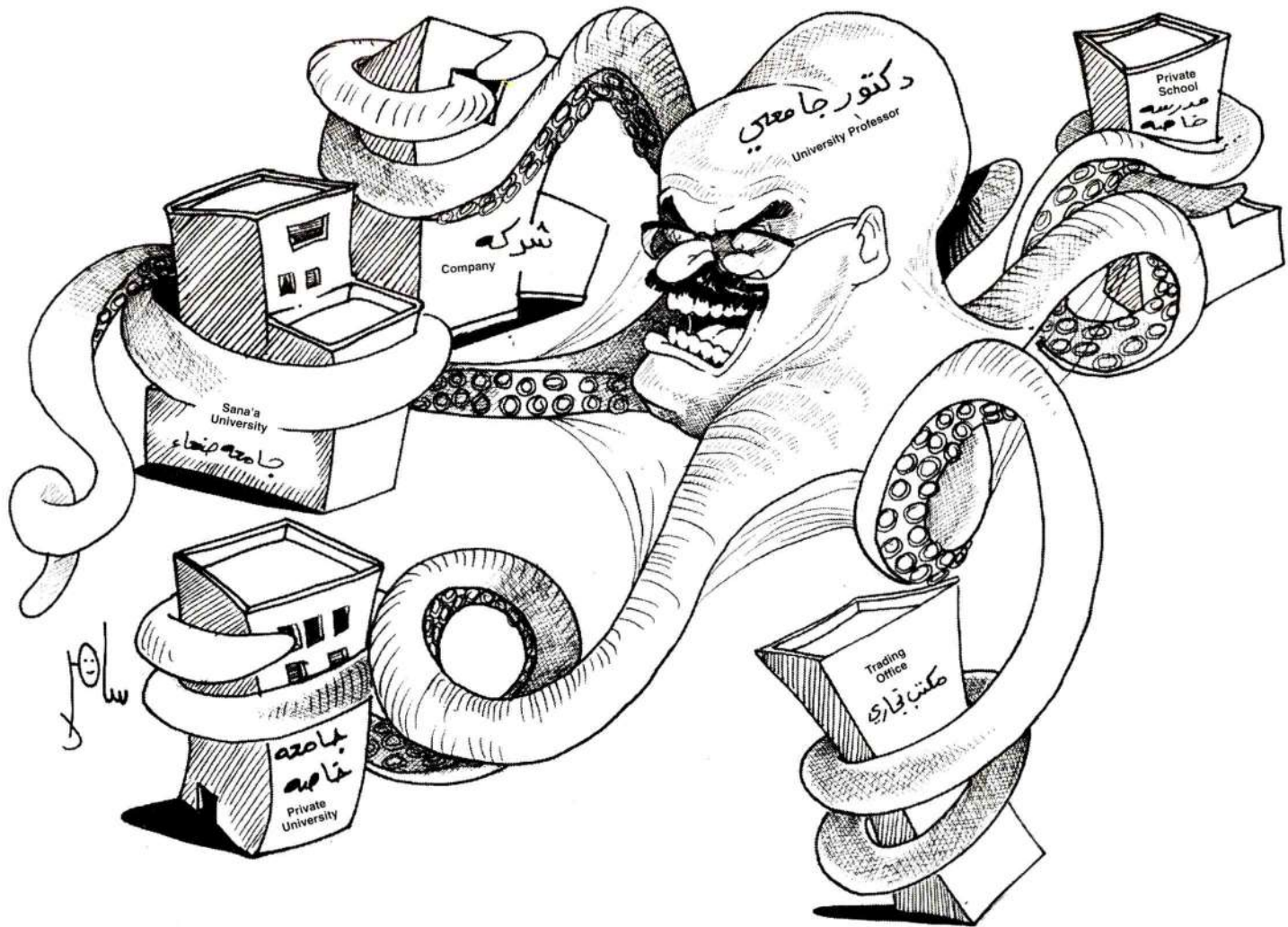
سؤال ٢: «متعة التحدث» ما الشركة التي اتخذت هذه العبارة شعاراً لمنتجاتها؟
الإجابة:

اسم: _____ التليفون: ()

رقم البطاقة الشخصية: () المدينة: _____

اسم المكتبة التي اشترت منها النسخة _____ عنوانها: _____

اسم وتوقيع مسؤول المكتبة: _____



Music Rocks

Backstreet Boys "More Than That"

I can see that you've been crying
You can't hide it with a lie
What's the use in you denying
That what you have is wrong
I heard him promise you forever
But forever's come and gone
Baby, he would say whatever
It takes to keep you blind
To the truth between the lines,
oh

CHORUS

I will love you more than that
I won't say the words
Then take them back
Don't give loneliness a chance
Baby listen to me when I say
I will love you more than that

Baby, you deserve much better
What's the use in holding on
Don't you see it's now or never
Cause I just can't be friends

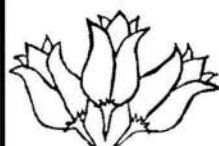


Baby knowing in the end, that..

CHORUS - repeat

There's not a day that passes by
I don't wonder why we haven't tried
It's not too late to change your mind
So take my hand, don't say goodbye
CHORUS - repeat

مدرسة توليب المكان المناسب للطفل المتميز



مدرسة توليب
ت: ٤١٢٢٤٩

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