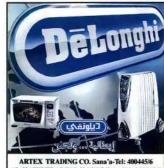




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## FM Dr. Abu Bakr Al-Qirbi: SA Should Not Support Israeli Terrorism"



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Dr. Abu Bakr al-Qirbi, Foreign Minister, poor and rich people alike," al-Qirbi added. called on the U.S. last Thursday not to support Regarding the stance of Yemen towards terror-Israeli terrorism since it will breed new spots for terrorism. Dr. Abu Bakr al-Oirbi considered the Palestinian resistance as a legitimate right since it is a struggle for restoring the usurped rights of the Palestinian people. Al-Qirbi said, at the "Seminar on Terrorism," organized by Taiz University and the Human Rights Information & Training Center (HRITC) with cooperation of al-Saeed Foundation for Science & Culture, that a war against terrorism should not turn into a conflict ties and that the targets should be wellof religions and civilizations. Similarly, al-Qirbi stressed that the great achievements of humanity in the field of human rights, justice and eradicating racism should not be left out

amid the rising calls for war, adding that wiping out terrorism should be governed by discernment. "Terrorism should be eliminated by removing the intolerable inequities, injustices, and poverty, and achieving a decent life for the living inside Yemen took part in the September

ism, al-Qirbi said, "Yemen is governed by national principles, the Constitution and international agreements. Thus, from this point Yemen understands the U.S.'s right to punish the culprits of the attacks, whether in its lands or in other countries like Afghanistan; however, the U.S. should abide by international legitimacy and the participation of other countries." Al-Qirbi made it clear that punishing the culprits should not claim any civilian casualdefined.

On the other hand, Foreign Minister al-Qirbi highlighted Yemen's experience in countering terrorism and considered it as "exemplary." "Yemen has understood that dialogue is the only way to end problems, as Yemen has reintegrated the returnees from Afghanistan within Yemeni society." He added that no Yemenis



suicide crashes, which proves Yemen's success in this respect.

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the United States Central Command, left Sana'a following a 3-day visit during which he met with Colonel Ahmed Ali Abdula Saleh, Commander-in-Chief of the Yemeni Special Forces. During his meeting with Yemeni officials, Albert M.Calland discussed means of enhancing security cooperation between

the two countries.



Qirbi is to sponsor on Oct. 31 a seminar entitled " Present Challenges Facing Yemen-USA Relations", to be organised by Yemen Times in cooperation with Al-Jazeera and a newly established NGO Al-Khaleej Studies Center. The seminar is considered a pioneer step in focusing on the present challenges facing the relations of the two countries in terms of fighting terrorism, military coopera-

Yemeni Foreign Minister, Dr. Abu Bakr Al-

tion, plus various other fields. The seminar will include working papers covering four main topics: Regional dimension of Historical background of Yemen-US relations, regional dimensions of the relations, Yemen's role in assisting US in combating terrorism, and the future of the relations among the present challenges.

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## **US Training for Yemeni Special Forces**

tion program to strengthen the Yemeni Special Forces to be able to fight terrorism and to track down elements presumed by the U.S. to have links with terrorist groups. The same sources added that U.S.

authorities expressed their satisfaction over the cooperation of the Yemeni authorities in providing available information about some Islamic hard-liners living in

Yemen and presumed to have links with al-Qaeda. Thus, the USA will provide Yemen with military and financial assistance as part of an extensive plan to contain terrorism. Continued on P2

## Yemeni-Saudi Agreement to Fight Terrorism

implementing the Jeddah Border Treaty concluded its meetings last Tuesday after reaching an agreement to enhance security cooperation for countering terrorism. The final com- Israeli occupiers. munique of the periodic meeting, which was

On the other hand, well-informed sources told the

Yemen Times that the visit of the U.S. official

came within the framework of military coopera-

The Yemeni-Saudi Committee entrusted with condemned terrorism in its different forms, stressing the necessity of distinguishing between terrorism and the right of the Palestinian people in their struggle against the

The Saudi Interior Minister said that he hoped

## Nine Yemeni Journalists Stand Trial

Nine Yemeni journalists were tried on Wednesday by the Press and Publications Prosecution. The suit was brought by the Emirate writer, Khaled Mohammed al-Kasemi. The case was brought against editors-in-chief of some magazines and newspapers which al-Kasemi considers an insult to his personality. Some journalists earlier filed a case against al-Kasemi during his visit to Yemen in July. He was invited by the Deputy Minister of Yemeni Information, Ahmad Naser Al-Hamati. He burst into the Journalist Yemeni Syndicate (JYS) and accused journalists of being treacherous and hirelings at the expense of the national interest. Al-Kasemi's relations with Yemen date back to two decades; he wrote many of the the first books about Yemeni unification. The Yemeni journalists said that those books were plagiarized from Yemeni students' **Continued on Page 2** researches.

## **Opposition Agrees** with President

In their meeting with President Saleh and leaders of the PGC last Saturday, opposition parties reached an agreement with the President concerning the Election Supreme Committee (ESC) and the formation of its affiliate committees. The agreement stipulates implementation of the valid laws and cancellation of the



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new law draft. This law has granted the president the authorities to form the different committees of the ESC. In a statement to YT, Secretary General of the that Yemen and Saudi Arabia were on the right Yemeni Congregation for Reform (Islah), Abdulwahb Al-Anesi said both sides have agreed to set measures to ensure a proper practice of the right of voting, as well as the neutrality of the government posts and public property.



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chaired by Dr. Rashed al-Alemi, Yemeni Interior Minister for the Yemeni side and Prince Naif bin Abdulaziz, Saudi Interior Minister for the Saudi side. The interior ministers of the two countries confirmed the uniformity of viewpoints of the two countries and

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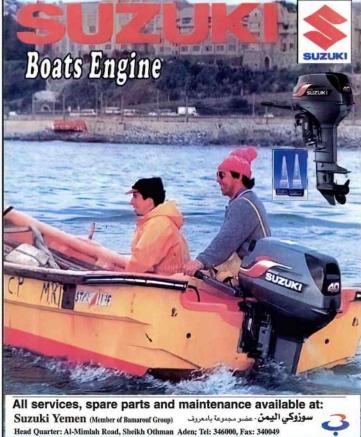
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track regarding Arab issues, particularly the Palestinian cause. However, the Yemen Interior Minister has confirmed that his talks with his Saudi counterpart have dealt with all security issues and verified the implementation of the border treaty according to schedule, adding that the stance of the two countries regarding terrorism is clear, which is that it should be wiped out completely. Local observers told the Yemen Times that negotiations between the two sides did not tackle several issues supposed to be high on the agenda, like the demarcation of land outlets, mapping of the border lines, and the issue of Yemeni

immigrants in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. It is worth mentioning that the Yemeni-Saudi relations have vigorously improved following the signing of the Jeddah Border Treaty on October 12, 2000. Similarly, many trade, investment and security agreements have been signed by the two countries.

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## Words of Wisdom In terms of prestige and credibility, the politicians

are worth very little. But in terms of financial worth, the politicians are indeed very rich. In a limited survey of the palaces and large villas in the capital city Sana'a, as well as in the other cities, especially in Aden and Taiz, it was found that the majority of these are owned by our politicians. They are leased to embassies and companies in foreign currency, and on which they pay no taxes. Prof. Abdulaziz Al-Saqqaf, (1951 1999 Founder of Yemen Times



**Can Americans Answer These Questions?** I have received dozens of letters responding to my last week's column entitled "Mounting Anger". Most -but not all- of those letters tried to explain to me that the attacks are "not against Islam, but against terrorists." Some of those letters accused me of "propaganda" and opposition to the USA.

I dedicate this column to all those readers whom I would like to thank for taking the time to write to me.

Here is where to start. First of all, I did not say that the US-led strikes are against Islam. I said that the public is slowly understanding that they are so, even though I personally believe that the strikes are indeed not intended to be against Islam. But at the same time, I do understand why Muslims are beginning to think that those attacks are against Islam.

The problem of many Westerners is that they take what is said to them for granted. They believe in the rightfulness of their government's actions and rarely try to put themselves in opposition with their governments or in other nations' shoes.

The very few Americans whom I met and who studied the history of the Middle East do admit that the strategies of oppression and support of oppressors by many Western nations, including the USA, has indeed led to the feeling of frustration by Arabs and Muslims. Those intellectuals know very well that the majority of Americans don't realize how the Israeli-Palestinian conflict evolved over the years. They don't have the slightest idea of the miseries Muslims have suffered all over the globe.

I wish that those would not prejudge this column and call it "propaganda" once again. What I want them to do is to go through the books of history, those books that explain how Palestinians were slaughtered by the thousands in the occupying state of Israel. Yet the United States does all it can to protect its "strategic ally" in the Middle East.

With this column, I am targeting the conscience of American readers who want to know the truth, and who want to investigate for themselves and not be taught or dictated. A little humbleness and effort would have them discover many things they may have never heard of.

Just as Muslims understand the pain and suffering the US people have gone through since the Sept. 11 attack, they also want a listening ear for their sufferings.

Americans need to realize that if 6,000 Americans were killed on September 11th, millions of Muslims were killed unjustifiably during the last decade. There are many things they could be fought using weapons and strategic tactics such as politics, etc. But still, there are other things that weapons cannot resolve. Among these is terrorism.

Terrorism is not a thing that can be found and destroyed. It is a phenomenon that has generated from ideas and thoughts. Muslims believe that terrorism can only be combated by bringing justice to the oppressed and weak. It can be combated by understanding the mistakes of powerful countries and how to treat the negative consequences of those mistakes. No terrorist activity can be stopped without preventing the reasons behind such an act. Muslims think that the USA is trying to secure its safety at the expense of others. They believe that even if Osama bin Laden is killed or brought to justice, unless the Israel-Palestinian conflict is resolved, peace will not prevail.

It would be easy for an American to understand why some Muslims may see this war to be against Islam if he came over to the streets and listened to what people are saying. "If America is against terrorism, why is it supporting Israel, which is killing Palestinians by the hundreds every year?" As an American, could you try to answer this question? I am willing to publish your answer in this very column if you wish. Another question is "Why is the USA applying an embargo that caused no damage to the Iraqi regime but rather resulted in the death of millions of innocent people?" The USA did admit that the embargo didn't do much for its objective. But can you answer the question? Those are among the few questions that Muslims ask, and if you could as an American justify those questions, then you could as well easily convince Muslims to divert from thinking that the strikes are against Islam. I will be waiting for your answers...

## WUS & German House Conclude 'Methods on **Project Planning'**

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Participants expressed their appreciation to the

Ambassador, and the German House for their

The next conference will be organized in Aden

in October 2002. Ms. Labs said it would host

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references on a monthly basis," he added.

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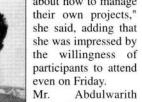
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In cooperation with the German House of Sana'a, the World Universities Service (WUS) from Germany organized a seminar titled 'Methods on Project Planning' from October 24th until 26th at the Haddah Hotel in Sana'a. The 3-day seminar was kicked off by HE. the ambassador of Germany to Yemen, delivering a speech welcoming the participants and thanking them for coming. The seminar included other speeches, lectures on experiences regarding project work, cooperation in other countries, workshops, etc.

About 120 Germany alumna were invited to take part in the event.

Ms. Labs Judith, President of the German House for Cooperation and Culture, said the goal of the seminar was to help participants develop their ability to make accurate studies on projects they intend to carry out in order to generate support from German organizations. "Discussions were fruitful. Participants expressed their views openly, and they came

out with new ideas about how to manage



Abdu Ali, participant, said the event showed distinguished how Abdulwarith Abdu Ali

## Japan Supports Family Care Activities

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The government of Japan has extended to the Yemen Family Care Association (YFCA) a financial grant amounting up to US \$36,000 (approximately 6,200,000 YR) to obtain emergency vehicles in order to introduce mobile emergency delivery services in Sana'a.

That project was implemented under the scheme called the Grant Assistance for Grassroots Projects that targets small-scale, communitybased projects in basic human needs fields, such

## Young Artists Excel in Dia

The Dia organization, a French non-profitmaking organization in Sana'a, inaugurated in its premises on Saturday an a one-weak exhibition for photographs, painting on papers as

well as on jars and vases. Ten trainees of the organization took part in the exhibition which includes tens of artistic works. Mr. Atteib al-Haj, volunteer trainer of the group expressed delight at the fine production of his students. He said some of the students were still at university and others have already graduated.

## Continuations from P1

## "USA Should Not Support Israeli Terrorism

Similarly, Mr. Izzaldin Saeed al-Asbahi, Director of Human Rights Information & Training Center (HRITC), delivered a speech clarifying that abolishing terrorism should be based on making an end to its breeding grounds, adding that terrorism in its different forms threaten world peace, particularly the terrorism practiced by the Israeli army. Hussein al-Iryani, Rector of Taiz University and Faisal Saeed Fare'a, Director of al-Saeed Foundation, also delivered speeches stressing the importance of eradicating terrorism through solving its causes. Within the same context, Dr. Mohammed al-Durah presented a working paper on terrorism from a legal perspective and Dr. Ali Abdulahag al-Aghbari presented a working paper on terrorism from an Islamic viewpoint. Participants at the seminar condemned the terrorist attacks on New York and Washington and condemned killing innocent civilians in Afghanistan as well. Similarly, the participants denounced the terrorsm exercised by the Israeli government against defenseless civilians



short superstitious or local stories. Students were asked to write short stories that have their reflection on society and then try to manifest them in artistic works

ing the US strikes against Afghanistan and how the two countries could come up with a common vision of future steps in combating terrorism globally and with public opinion in mind.

On the seminar, Editor-in-Chief of Yemen Times. Walid Al-Saqqaf said, "The seminar will be a great opportunity for both Yemeni and American sides to exchange ideas and debate with intellectuals representing public opinion to propose efficient and well directed ideas for the sake of enhancing US-Yemen lations despite the present challenges Many Ambassadors and Chiefs of Mission of several countries have confirmed their attendance to the 1day seminar along with representatives of various political parties, researchers, and intellectuals with expertise in Yemen-US relations.

## SAF Issued a Press Release Concerning **General Election Bill & Referendum**

In a consultative meeting, the Sisters Arabic Meeting (SAF), organized on October 22, 2001 a meeting revolving around the general election law and referendum. Fifteen participants including members of civil society organizations, human rights organizations and media representatives took part in the event. After a lengthy discussion of the bill, the participants

**Internet** Corner

Inaugurated at the U.N.

Information Center

Mr. James Rawly, resident coordinator

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Information Center on Bunya Street in

Sana'a on the occasion of U.N. Day.

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Mr. Jamal Edin al-Ademi, Secretary-

General of the Forum for Civil

Society, and Mr. Kamal Aqlan, pro-

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Program in Yemen took part in the

meeting, which was held October 7-

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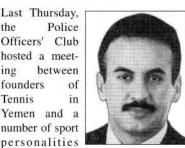
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2001 the Internet corner at the U.N.

unanimously demanded the necessity of allocating 30 percent of seats to women in the legislative councils, setting up special committees to assist women candidates with the framework of the High Election Committee, and enjoining the media to stop its violent campaigns against women and removing the discriminatory language against women.

## **Tennis Leaders** Meet

Last Thursday, Police the Officers' Club hosted a meeting between founders of Tennis in Yemen and a number of sport



that have run the Ministry of Sports. Speeches delivered expressed appreciation for the efforts of the Honorary President of the Tennis Association, Staff Colonel Ahmad Ali Abdullah Saleh, who sponsored the event to develop the game in Yemen. They also spoke highly of Dr. Abdullah Abdulwali Nasher, chairman of the Association who has contributed to the popularity of the game in Yemen. Speakers emphasized the importance of keeping sport an open field for all, separate from politics, so that it remains a tool to gather people on the

basis of love and solidarity. The Ministry of Sports disclosed the intention to establish a closed sports hall for women and a children's entertainment park at al-Zubeiri Park.

## Women's Forum Continues its Training **Shadow Report Writing Committee**

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On the occasion of the international day to oppose violence and discrimination against women, and within its framework to set up a committee on shadow report writing on woman's rights, the Women's Forum continued the second phase of its training program to improve abilities of the team and the members of the committee in Aden on November 3-5, 2001. The forum is a continuation of a previous training course held in Sana'a last August. The participants of shadow report writing will receive intensive training for three days with the aim of developing the participants' skills and capabilities and to give women experience in report shadow writing. In a statement to YT, the manager of the Women's Forum for Studies and Training, Suad Al-Kadsi, said that this



on a specific aspect, until it reaches a final formula. Report shadow writing has participated in local and international preparatory conferences and meetings in an attempt to polish skills and make use of other experiences. The committee of shadow writing includes academics, researchers, economists, those interested in woman's rights and representatives of the civil organizations in our country.





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### Nine Yemeni Journalists Stand Trial

The JYS has spoken to Emirates' Authors and Writers Union with regard to his burst into the Syndicate and defaming his colleagues. The Emirates' Union has strongly condemned such disagreeable and unpleasant behavior. The Yemeni government had awarded al-Kasemi the First-rate Unity Medal because of his so-called interests in Yemeni Unity. Then, this off-the-record issue remained confidential and undisclosed. Consequently, the persons who have stood trial are the writer and the Editor-in-chief of Al-Hikma Magazine, issued from the Yemeni Authors and Writers Union, Abdulbari Taher and the Editor-in-chief of Al-Wahdawi Newspaper, the mouth-piece of the Nasserite Party, Abdulaziz Sultan, the Chairman of the Political Division in Al-Haq Party, Abduhlkareem Al-Khyawani, the journalist, Yahya Al-Haddi, Hamdi Al-bukari and Ahmad Saeed, editors at Al-Wahdawi Newspaper and the editor at Al-Methaq Newspaper, Mohammed Hasan, the mouthpiece of the Ruling Party.

The list of persons referred to the court have increased to nine persons after summoning the editor-in-chief of Annas Newspaper and the Bureau Chief of Al-Khaleej Newspaper in Yemen to attend the sessions of the coming trial.

In a statement to YT, the Defense Lawyer, Jamal Al-Goabi said that journalists questioning is a crucial problem threatening the profession of journalism and freedom of expression

### Challenges Facing Yemeni-USA Relations: A Seminar

The seminar will shed light on the regional conditions following the September 11 attacks against the USA, and their impact on the relations of the two countries. It will also bring to attention the public opinion regard-

US Training for Yemeni Special Forces News reports say that the United States has expressed its willingness to train the newly-created Special Forces, support the campaign to track down Islamic extremists, drain the funding sources of these elements through putting all the returnees from Afghanistan under surveillance, and eradicating the breeding grounds of religious extremism by contain ing many of its elements and customizing textbooks. According to many sources, the U.S. campaign against the so-called terrorism doesn't necessarily mean carrying out military strikes at certain sites in some countries, but rather requesting security, intellectual and political measures against the elements accused of supporting terrorism, Yemen being a case in point.

Furthermore, the Yemeni government is training moderate mosque preachers to replace the presumed hard-liner mosques preachers. The Minster of Interior, Dr. Rashad al-Alemi held a lecture in this respect, which was attended by a number of mosque preachers and security personnel. Similarly, another sources told the Yemen Times that the scope of the U.S.-Yemeni cooperation in the security field has been more than what had been proclaimed by the two sides. The visit of Mr. Albert M.Calland came to further enhance the existing military cooperation between Yemen and the United States and to turn a new page of cooperation, as some observers say particularly after Yemen provided facilities for the U.S. on issues presumed controversial in the past.



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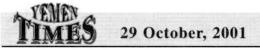
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## Jose Marie Bel to Yemen Times

## "The tourism industry in Yemen has been greatly affected by kidnapping incidents"

ourism is important for the development of any country. It brings foreign currencies into the country. In fact, in some countries, it is the only way of earning hard currency. For example, as far as our country is concerned about sixty thousand tourists visited Yemen in 1995. That number increased to 75,000 in 1996. This means Yemen earned millions of dollars from tourism. One may say that is good. But it is not good enough. Yemen could easily earn hundreds of millions of dollars because we have so much to offer. There are many countries which offer much less, but they get more tourists. This is because most people in many different countries in the world do not know about Yemen and they do not know about the attractions of this country. For this reason, the most important duty of the Ministry of Culture and Tourism is to advertise about Yemen. It has to promote the tourism industry in Yemen. In addition, it has to build more fourand five star hotels. Our airports and roads have to be developed and improved so that tourists can get up into the mountains to see the archaeological sites and the most beautiful parts of our rural areas. Of course, all these things would cost a lot of money, but tourism means more jobs for us. It means that we have to protect our environment clearly; we have to know that if our environment is damaged or destroyed, this means that tourism will collapse. For this, we should use television, radio and newspapers to let our people know about the benefits of tourism. Unfortunately, very few people seriously think about the benefits that we get by tourists coming into different regions and seeing different habits or cultures. The answer to this problem is that our religion and culture are strong. Tourists are not going to damage them. On tourists and tourism, Abduh Moqbil Al-Sabri of Yemen Times met up with one of the French tourists, the Director of La Maison du Yemen, Jose Marie Bel and filed the following interview:

### Q: Could you possibly give us a brief account of yourself?

A: My name is Jose Marie Bel. My first visit was 27 years ago. It is a long time ago of course. I have published six books about the Yemen. These books are written in French. They revolve about the architectural houses in Yemen. One book concentrates on the decoration, a book narrating the history of Aden, and the other two books deals with botany, in addition to some useful catalogues. I Europe talk for one minute only about

made ten exhibitions about Yemen in France, Europe and America. I also made 50 exhibitions in France and 200 lectures focusing on the media and tourism agencies in Europe. Actually, I have come here to Yemen to manage a tourist French group and after one month we will prepare a tour to Yemen with Al-Ashtal Company. I am glad to be here and to talk about Yemen's culture to the French people.

## Q: Is this the your visit to Yemen?

A: For me it is not the first visit. My first visit was 27 years ago. I met the President of Yemen at that time, Ibraheem Al-Hamdi and Al-Ghashmi. I am a plastic artist. I am the Director of La Maison du Yemen (Bait Al-Yemen). It is an institution focusing on Yemen and Arab Countries with the aim of enhancing the friendly relationship between France and Yemen.

## Q: In your point of view, how can tourism prosper and flourish?

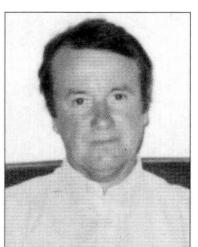
A: Actually, after the September 11 incidents in NYC and Washington, people are afraid to come to Yemen by planes. But the situation in Yemen is completely quiet and secure. Following these incidents, hotels are completely empty. For about three or four years the tourist situation was somewhat good. Many hotel services are about to decline. Tourist agencies will close their doors and many people will lose their jobs due to these vicissitudes. The government has to take serious action to restore the tourist sector.

### Q: Recently, the Yemeni government has adopted security measures with regard to tourist safety; does this constitute a source of worry for the tourists?

A: No, I do not think so. The problem is that at the beginning the European tourists must realize the tourism industry in Yemen is good. Bodyguards accompany them in order to be informed of the whole tourist sites. But the French government does not give any real information about this country. They always say there that Yemen is insecure, roads are not good, but the reverse is true. Tourists are accompanied by bodyguards to protect them from kidnapping incidents; this is a temporary measure and can be solved immediately by the government.

## O: Do you think that kidnapping incidents affect the tourism industry?

A: Oh yes, absolutely. The tourism industry in Yemen has been greatly affected by kidnapping incidents and the tourism sector has been declining and getting worse and worse. If the media in



kidnapping incidents in Yemen, the result is zero, that is to say, they are afraid to come and fly to Yemen. On my part, I feel totally secure. I advise them to come to Yemen and see with their own eyes how the situation is! Here in Yemen, I am sure that any tourist who has the desire to come to this lovely country will not be disappointed. With its lovely sunshine, attractive scenes, towering mountains, desert and climate, Yemen is an exceptional country.

### Q: What are the main attractions of Yemen?

A: The main attraction of Yemen is the country itself. I have visited many historical places and cities, such as, mountains, deserts, Hadhramout, the architectural buildings, villages, Al-Mukala, Aden and many places of Yemen.

## Q: How do you assess the future of tourism in Yemen?

A: In Yemen, despite all the different incidents, the biggest damage resulted from the murder of some tourists in December 1998 in Abyan. These incidents and other incidents contributed to the slow development of the tourism industry in Yemen. But these incidents do not affect the French people a lot, for they are global crises. I spoke with the former Tourism Minister, Abdulamalik Mansour, about it not being necessary to make communication for agencies and European countries to display that Yemen is a safe country. As I mentioned earlier, Yemen is country famous for its great civilization.

### Q: How many French tourists arrive here in Yemen?

A: Last year a few French tourists came, but specifically, before the USS Cole incidents and Abyan fiasco, around 120,000 French tourists. Last year around 700 came to Yemen, but now unfortunately, they are few.

## Q: What do antiquities mean to you?

A: Of course, they are enchanting and very fascinating. It reminds me of the great civilization of Yemeni history. I have visited many historical sites such as Mahram Belgees and Marib Dam. I also visited the Military Museum in Sana'a.

### Q: Are you with me that a nation without history is a nation without tourism?

A: I disagree with this idea. Some nations have alternatives, for instance, we have bird watchers, animal lovers and the likes. This is a true tourism. But Yemen possesses all these things. Through the YT, I think that for the old antiquities and manuscripts, it is necessary to organize exhibitions and the old traditions that stretch back into antiquity should be written in different languages. It is easy for the tourist to visit the historical sites, but it is difficult to comprehend and appreciate them completely.

Q: Have you visited other countries? A: Yes, I have visited many countries, like Jordan, Syria, Egypt, Sudan, Djibouti, and I spent twelve years in Morocco. But Yemen is still my favorite destination.

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## Polittics 29 October, 2001 Yemenis Condemn War Against Afghanistan

**II** Yemenis agreed that the barbaric war waged by the United States against the desperate Afghan people is a crime at the beginning of the 21st Century. It is an overt aggression against the sovereignty of an independent state and an application of the law of the jungle which recognizes no human ethics or principles. Evidently, the United States is acting against the principles of essential freedom. This was clearly advocated by President Bush jr. who mentioned that those who would not stand by the United States are with terrorism and that America is a country of justice and freedom with the others being terrorists. This is obviously quite a twisted mentality and a call for a new nazism.

Yemen Times surveyed the views of some Yemeni politicians and intellectuals and filed the following excerpts.

### Dr. Oasem Salaam **Country Secretary-General of Baath Socialist Party**



Permanent peace is just a big American lie apparently merciful but actually brutal. It is the curse of the American way to be dominator and hegemonic.

Therefore, the adoption of the slogan of "permanent freedom" is a historical machination in order to exploit world nations in a very arrogant manner. The slogan of "permanent justice," used by the US President George Bush, seems to have forgotten that there is no justice but the justice of the Almighty God, which provoked and shocked the free world and was rejected by all intellectuals, men of religions and opinion-makers. They all have found in this slogan a way to beyond all the possible limits, an infringement on the divine power of God and a way of being superior over

## the rest of the world.

America's definition of "permanent freedom" reflects the domination of less powerful nations and the use of military power to achieve its evil targets. The US does not aim to enforce its slogan of permanent freedom but rather tries to apply its pragmatic policies on the rest of the world.

As a result, we consider the attacks on Afghanistan to be terrorism. For decades, America has been exploiting freedom, democracy and human rights just to serve its evil cause. Now, it is evident that the current war against terrorism under the pretext of defending permanent freedom is a sophisticated way to cover its horrible crimes against Afghanistan. Moreover, the threats that the US extended to other countries, which are accused to be linked with terrorist activities, are only meant to subjugate these nations and force them to follow the American style of freedom and human rights. America also labels every free movement on earth as a terrorist group that should be eradicated regardless of its goals. So, the Palestinian uprising and the call to recover the Golan Heights will be termed as a terrorist act that should be brought down. Similarly, the call for making East Jerusalem the capital of the Palestinian State will be a form of terrorism as well. In brief, everything will be reversed and war will be declared against any call for independence and freedom other than the American way. Finally. I do not think that any sound mind will accept this slogan, while these brutal atrocities are perpetrated against Afghanistan. I also do not think that destroying Afghanistan will solve American narcissism even though the US has tried to convince the world of its strive to achieve permanent freedom. As a whole, permanent freedom cannot be achieved if America does not get rid of using double standards when tackling international issues and does not rationally employ the UN Security Council to serve world peace without any prejudice or oppression.

**Mohammed Mohammed Qahtan Director of Political Division at Islah** Party



respect to religions and the American determination to always give an impression of the civilized dimensions within which the United States of America is moving against terrorism.

### Al-Mortatha bin Zaed al-Mohatwari **Director of Badr for Islamic Studies**

The US brutal air raids Afghanistan with the use of the most sophisticated modern armament against one of the

and

poorest nation in the world is just a sign that America has gone mad and is openly working against its own interests. The US is committing injustice in its most outrageous form, that is attacking a nation that it used to support in a recent past. This raises the following question: Why did America support them? Was it for the sake of God and the Afghan people? The answer is definitely NO. The aim of the US administration was just to hit two birds with one stone: defeating the former USSR which got slumped and lost badly there; and, killing the biggest number of Mujaheedins and force them to accept American demands. The United States of America and the other Western nations have taken advantage of this opportunity to its limit, as they see the paralyzing of Pakistani military power as a must. They plan to achieve that directly or by provoking turmoil, splits and violence inside Pakistan. Many readers may think that I have gone astray by mentioning Pakistan in this context. I have many strong reasons to mention Pakistan here since America is trying to achieve many evil goals in

Pakistan in order to protect the country's weak and mercenary regime and then making Pakistan a base to be used to attack Iran under the pretext that it supports Hizbullah and the Lebanese and Palestinian resistance against Israel. Furthermore, America's objectives are "Absolute to monitor closely the Islamic countries of Central Asia and to spread Christianity in those nations. Mostly, the United States wants to have a strong military presence close to the Caspian Sea and the rich oil and gas fields of Central Asia. China is equally one of the targets of the US campaign as the latter searches to weaken the Chinese regime by any means, supporting the separatist Muslim group in China included. Movements like Islamic Jihad, against Hizbullah and Hamas are also potential targets of the US military campaign against the so-called international terrorism. The US administration is also pushing

this regard: building military base in

hard the European countries to join its combat in a drive to foil any European attempt to shape up an independent stance on international issues. Indeed, America has been claiming for a long time that Islam is the enemy of Western civilization in order to rally the Christian world under a single umbrella against Islam. Fighting extremism and terrorism are just pretexts cleverly manipulated by the United States to stab Islam in the back. One may inquires what is more outrageous than terrorism undertaken by America itself. 300,000 Japanese people were killed and million others greatly handicapped, mostly civilians, after America dropped two atomic bombs on Hiroshima and Nagasaki. Moreover, millions of Vietnamese were killed without any mercy in their homeland by US troops which had no other aim but to expand American hegemony around the globe. Similarly, the US has been for decades supporting the Zionist entity with weapons and money in its extermination war against the defenseless Palestinian people. US generous support of Israel and the former's perpetual use of veto at the UN Security Council

are just an example of the US biased as America must retaliate against the stance towards the Zionists and its irresponsible support for state terrorism enacted by Israel. The US went against the entire world when it left, along with Israel, the Anti-Racism Conference in Durban, South Africa. The US government has been supporting Israel when the latter carried out massacres and atrocities against Palestinians and the Lebanese population. One has to recall the Sabra, Shatila, Dir Yasseen and Qina massacres in the past century. As Israel massacred Arabs and Muslims using American weaponry, the US administration considered this as a legitimate and civilized act of self-defense. The devastation that America has brought in Iraq, its domination of the desperate Gulf states and everything else in the world could be OK. However, to attack houses of the desperately poor Afghans and to kill civilians in such a brutal manner is a crime against humanity! Surely, the US will sooner or later provoke its own devastation because of its endless thirst for hegemony and domination. Its current campaign against terrorism is just a prelude to its ruin.

### Mohammed Abdullah al-Fussail Well-known social personality

The United States of America is undoubtedly the super-power of the moment. After the last terrorist attacks in its own soil, it is rational to retaliate and find the

culprits. The US has considered this attack as a proclamation of war against America rather than just a terrorist attack. This means that the America has the right to retaliate by the ways it deems appropriate. Undoubtedly, any nation exposed to such attacks will not hesitate to wage a furious war against the aggressive party, particularly if it poses the capability to avenge itself. So, the US cannot remain blind on the perpetrators of the attacks as they are capable of unleashing similar other attacks. The current war against terrorism waged by the US seems to be inevitable

September 11 attacks.

For the most part, the US cannot fight terrorism without achieving peace and justice and all nations in the US-led coalition will remain vulnerable to such terrorist attacks because of that. The panic that has stricken each American citizen in fear of a potential biological warfare is just an illustration that permanent justice is the only way to achieve peace and eradicate terrorism. America's war against Afghanistan will certainly claim the lives of many innocent civilians. For sure, any war will end up with the killing of numerous civilians. Afghanistan is indeed a perfect illustration of this since the war will not only be aimed at liquidating al-Qaeda network and its leader Osama bin-Laden bu also at overturning the ruling Taliban regime. One has just to remember how the perpetrators of the attacks were brutal as they carried out their actions without any consideration of the thousands of innocent civilians who were aboard the commercial aircrafts and in the World Trade Center. I am totally against war, killings, the use of civil jetliners to crash into buildings, or even the use of a dagger to end one man's life.

Regarding your question about America's aims in this war we should remember that powerful nations throughout the human history have been eager to dominate the world. At the moment, the US is undoubtedly the most powerful nation on earth and, despite its progress in many domains, its greed for power and supremacy (natural human traits) incites America to go ahead with its expansionist policies. Finally, let us hope and pray the Almighty God that what happened in America, Chechnya, Afghanistan and around the world will create a spiritual movement to create balance within the American philosophy, mentality and goals. And let us hope again that the US will work closely with the UN and all the European nations to achieve peace, justice and lasting freedom for mankind

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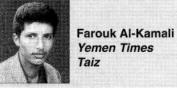






## BUSINESS / ECONOMY

## On the Sideline of Woman & Population's Symposium: **Towards Activating Woman's Role in Economic Activities**



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omen, as men, have lived through different historic decades which were accompanied by different

political, social, and economic developments. The fact that ways and modes of life changed in our society from the 1950s to 1970s has also resulted in a change of women's thinking, their awareness and vision for future, level of education in all social, cultural and political dimensions of the society.

In the 1950s, women's job was restricted to help their families in farming and in the house, especially if her husband migrated to another country to get a job and provide bread on the plate. In the Sixties, we witnessed the first changes when women in towns started to have access to education and labor opportunities. Yemen's constitution also stipulated that they were equal to men. In the Seventies, the number of women enrolling in schools sharply increased. They started to participate in the social, cultural and political affairs of their

communities and their country. They started to make their voices heard by participating in local and international meetings and conferences. Consequently, studies have confirmed

that women participation is of major importance in the process of development. However, a study of women situations in different sectors such as education, health services, and political, economical, cultural, and social activities pointed out that the percentage of poor women have reached 60.3 percent against 49.7 percent only for men. Other studies also highlighted that around 71 percent of women in the Yemeni society are still illiterate and general female enrollment in schools is still low in comparison with men. Two thirds of women, particularly girls in the basic education, are not attending schools, which is a major problem

according to many specialists. Yemeni Woman & Economic Activities Studies said that the agricultural sector is the place in which women spend most of her time. Between 680 and 936 women work in different economic sectors, 680 to 936 among them worked in villages and in farms. At the same time, around 72 of them are working in the urban areas. Despite of these numbers, statistics pointed out that tasks performed by women are usually basic and its percentage rate dropped to 1 percent of the working population.. The female employees reached 30 percent of the clerical works, while women working in handicrafts average 15 percent and 10 percent as assistants. Female workers in

the field of sales reached 4 percent. The Manager of the Women Department in the Ministry of Planning and Development, Tahani Saeed, presented a working paper in the National Symposium. She said that the deterioration of economic activities could be attributed to the role of women. Women are indeed prevented from participating in public life on an equal foot with men and marriage of women at early age is also a major obstacle to their increasing participation.

The following chart focuses on women involvement in economic and non-economic activities in comparison to men:

Wor	nen	Men
Economic activities	22	70
Non-economic activities	78	30
Total	100	100
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The study stated that male working forces for paid jobs represent 50.6 percent of the total, while those who work on their own expense total 33.5 percent. Whereas the female working

force without pay reached 61.9 percent of the total, women with paid jobs count for 13.8 percent, which is considered to be the lowest percentage.

Occupation	Women	Men
Legislators	0.2	1.4
Professionals	2.2	4
Technicians	3.4	6.4
Administrators	0.9	1.7
Servicemen	1.6	13.2
Farmers & fisherme	n 83.5	3 5.8
Craftsmen	2.4	8.0
Machine operators	0.3	5.4
Primary occupation	s 5.4	15.3
Other occupations	0.2	8.8
Total	100	100

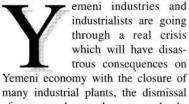
Studies have confirmed that women's representation in the governmental decision-making bodies does not reflect the reality of increasing demands to allow women to participate effectively and freely in the political arena or mapping out the developmental policies. The following table illustrates the position of both men and women in decision-making process:

Post	Wom	en	Men	Total
Minister		1	33	34
Vice minis	ter	1	20	21
Deputy mi	nister	1	25	26
Deputy as	sistant	4	53	57
General m	anager	6	33	39

Women participation in the local election is also limited. Women's participation in the elections have reached 6 percent while the male participation have reached 94 percent. It cannot be denied that female political participation has been clearly encouraged and that no kind of political injustice towards women can be observed. However, our society is still unable or unwilling to believe in woman's participation in politics nor ready to accept her in this role. Ways of handling political issues, either on the governmental or opposition levels, do not encourage women to take part as they are usually done in qat chewing sessions.

Studies have urged women to participate in economic decision-making, such as planning and managing projects by adopting practical policies and procedures with the aim of augmenting women's participation in working on the developmental policies in decisionmaking.

In short, women have the right to participate in the political life and they could mix with men, but in accordance with the principles of our religion.



of many workers and numerous bankruptcies. The absence of a clear policy to promote local investments and protect the manufacturing sector from imports flooding the local markets is one of the major factors leading to this deteriorating situation.

Moreover, the belief in the Yemeni market that the foreign products are better than the local ones is wrong. In



Havel Saeed Ana'am Abdulwahid Thabet

fact, this sentiment has also been promoted by the Yemeni investors themselves who have been always away from the local press considered to be their enemy. So, most of the ads are run by the official TV channel but in a very unprofessional way. Similarly, the advertisement-related techniques are not used in a convincing manner, especially when performed by foreigners who know nothing about the Yemenis, their culture or dialect.

Now, what matters is that the local producers went bankrupt and are still subjected to official and non-official blackmail.

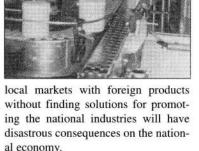
The most important question to be asked is: What are the challenges facing the national industries?

Smuggling and flooding local markets with foreign products is the first one. Smuggling deprives the public budget from substantial revenues which could help the national economy. Without any doubt, the government itself has played a major role in this respect by neglecting its role of protector of the national industry.

Yemen signed a trade agreement with Saudi Arabia. This agreement is however in favor of Saudi Arabia and at the expense of our national industry. Indeed, the agreement allows Saudi product to enter our market, while the Yemeni products are not allowed to enter the Saudi market. There have been many media reports relating the fact that various Yemeni products,

## Who is Benefits from Ruining the National Industry? (PART 1)

TIME



According to some statistics, more than 20 factories have shut down within the last two years due to the failures of the government's policies.

### The State Absent of its Role

The absence of the state's role is imposing great demands and responsibilities on the business owners side in addition to the official demands such as taxes, services and others. Many businessmen also complain of blackmailing they have been exposed to, particularly in money requested for protecting the military installations. Furthermore, the absence of the role of the state is reflected in some economic laws, the last of which being the Sales Taxes Law, approved by the parliament despite harming to the national industry. The state must take its responsibilities by placing outlets nationwide under strict surveillance. Moreover, the state has to vigorously promote and focus its attention on the national industry. For instance, the products of the well-known business groups like Hail Saeed Group, Thabet Brothers Group, Athban Group and others are subjected to supervision and testing, while the imported products are not subjected to the same measures which is an additional cost.

### Security before Investment

Business families in Yemen do not feel secure as their products are always intercepted for blackmail purposes by some tribal groups, in addition to the municipality development fees demanded at each check-point.

The new questions are: Who benefits from ruining the national industry in this ruthless manner and what are the benefits of doing so?

The state has to reconsider its approach in this regard before the catastrophe is unavoidable. The Yemeni economy is in a desperate condition and will not support any further deterioration which can be caused the

<b>CBY Ordered the Freeze of Suspected Accounts</b>
Honey Trade Deeply Rooted in the Past
with no Relation with Terrorist Activities

### Mahyoub Al-Kamali

anking resources said that the Central Bank of Yemen (CBY) has frozen the accounts of some suspected persons. Honey traders are convicted of performing terrorist acts against the US. The sources do not reveal the freezeaccounts numbers or the names for the people concerned. Consequently, the Yemeni authorities continue investigating with honey traders and their shops. The sources said that three honey shops have closed. The traders amazingly received this news and appalled by these false news. Sources

indicated that the Al-Nour Honey Center is included in the list of suspects. Al-Nour Honey Center belongs to a Yemeni citizen from Hadhramout and situated in Sana'a. The Yemeni authorities have made sure of the authenticity and legality of the honey traders. They said that they have practice this profession for decades and the trading of honey is closely related to palm trees growing in Hadhramout, Shabwa, Ibb, Sada'a, and Sana'a. honey traders have denied any relation to Bin Laden and they handed this profession from their ancestors. In Yemen, there are more than 35 different kinds of the Yemeni honey. In Yemen, the best honey is called Al-Douani which is produced in

Hadhramout. It is exported to the neighboring countries such as, the Gulf countries. In these countries, honey is sold in great quantities due to its best qualities. The Yemeni governstrongly supports ment the Cooperative Assemblies belonging to the beekeepers to diversify its foreign exports with the aim of finding alternatives to the financial revenues from non-oil resources.

The local production of honey is still low despite the high demand of consumers and merchants. As a result of this. Yemen has been importing different kinds of honey as the American, the Iranian and the Spanish honey according to the freedom of the market and the high demands for this product





29 October, 2001

Jalal Al-Sharaabi Managing Editor Yemen Times

## Hassan Al-Zaidi Yemen Times

he Ministry of Oil signed a number of oil production agreements with entrepreneurs and investment companies in two important areas in the Al-Kamar Gulf, Al-Mahra governorate. In a statement to YT Barabba, Yemen's Minister of Oil, said the main purpose of the memorandum

was to encourage oil investment in Yemen. YT has done its best to find out more information about oil sectors, the possibility of investment, the pioneering companies in oil exploration and the conditions of investment. Chairman of the Petroleum Exploration & Production Board, Eng. Nabeel Al-Qowsi said the map has been prepared to specifically show oil distribution areas. He added that around six oil production sectors had been given to six companies, name-

ly: Hunt, Canadian Nexen, Total, Deno Hungarian Company and a Yemeni company. The British Dove Company works in sector 35, and at the end of the year, the company will be producing about 15 thousand barrels a day. Sixteen international oil companies are currently conducting seismic surveys and biophysical drilling. This will constitute a productive promising capacity. Concerning the sectors which are still open to the international companies, Al-

Nabeel Al-Kows

Qowsi said that around two sectors had been entrusted to an American company and four others to a Norwegian compa-

Concerning the sectors located in the sea, Al-Qowsi said around 62 sectors located in Al-Kamar Gulf were entrust-

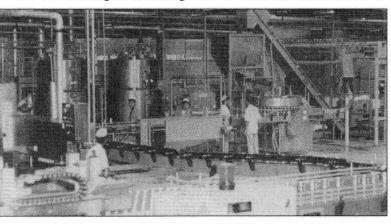
ed to American companies. There is also the seismic survey in the deep-sea waters in which around 2000 km of seismic surveys have been conducted and the second phase of the seismic surveys in the north of Socatra totaling 3 thousand km.

The oil map has been developed depending on scientific information and geological formation. With regard to oil reduction in some oil fields, Al-Qowsi said reduction was natural.

Oil production has increased to 450 barrels a day and will increase to 470 barrels. Privileges have been granted to the companies which are interested in investing in this field. The Chairman of the Cooperation emphasized the importance of propagandistic policies and facilities granted to the interested companies.

such as vegetables and fruits, were not allowed to be exported in Saudi Arabia. On the long run, flooding

businessmen who could move their activities overseas instead of being bothered in doing business in Yemen.



## News Economy

Free Zone Signs 5 Agreements The General Authority of the Aden Free Zone signed with a number of companies and organizations five agreements related to construction. About YR 182 million will be spent on the construction of a exhibit hall, trucks parking, and a 3,500 meterlong road.

## Symposium on Second-Hand and **Imported Products**

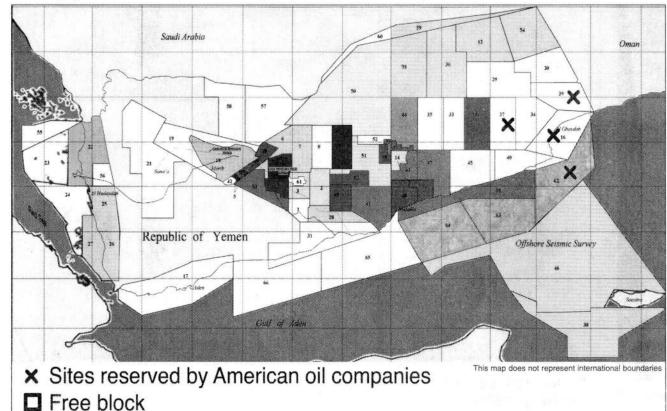
An economic magazine published by Saba News Agency organized a symposium on importing of second-hand products, particularly second-hand cars. The symposium urged the government to take measures and enact laws which will regulate imports of

second-hand cars in an effort to protect the environment.

### Yemeni Salt Awarded a European Medal

The public Authority for Salt in Aden won a European gold medal for its high quality for the year 2001. This medal is a recognition of the high quality of Yemeni salt due to the high percentage of salt in the Arabian Sea.

**Germany Finances New Projects** During a meeting of the Yemeni-German Committee, Germany promised to finance a number of projects in sanitation, health and family planning. The projects are estimated at DM 30 million per year.



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Opinion

## COMMON SENSE

By: Hassan Al-Haifi

## Zionist Arithmetic, 1 = 40

o one was happier to see the former Israeli hardline Minister of Tourism dead than Ariel Sharon! He desperately needed some excuse to carry on quenching his thirst for blood and to tell the world that it can cry about terrorism all it wants to, but Israeli terrorism is here to stay. Surely had the Israeli minister not died something else would have come up as an excuse for Sharon to unleash his butchers on the Palestinians, shooting left and right at anything Palestinian that moves. Of course, he knew that this was simply not the right way to behave, when his best allies are telling him, look Ariel calm down, we have other business to tend to. Rather than understand his allies' predicament, he goes on to say that he is just doing exactly what they are doing in Afghanistan, only that he is doing it better than they are in Palestine, thanks to the experience he has had in spilling Palestinian blood everywhere he can find it and at every opportunity.

Yes, the bloodshed is proceeding at high speed in the Holy Land and no one seems to able to understand how to stop it, not even Israel's strongest allies and main backers can tone down the thirst for Palestinian blood that Ariel Sharon has, nor the fact that he is now an internationally declared criminal against humanity. He is still thinking that the American Zionist lobby can handle the American Administration, and that Anthrax is more of a worry to Mr. George Bush than the normal business that Israel is conducting in Palestine, as far as Ariel Sharon sees it. One must admit that Sharon has a lot of nerve, or that he is confident that what Mr. Bush and Mr. Powell and Mr. Blair are saying are merely empty words that are meant to buy time for the continuation of the "coalition", while the Afghans continue to suffer in a more dramatic way, all in the name of fighting terror.

This observer thinks that the word terror has been so overplayed that it is no longer meant to mean exactly what it should imply. Terror can only be terror if it comes with a Moslem accent, in Sharon's dictionary and he is insistent on trying to make Israel the vanguard of the fight against Islamic terror as the West now seems to understand it,

between these two countries. Signing the Jeddah Border Treaty on June 12,

2000, Sana'a and Riyadh were able to

overcome all the obstacles and tension

dominating relations between the two

countries over 60 years. This has actu-

ally opened doors and created a con-

notwithstanding all the lip service being pronounced on the international media and all the nicely drawn leaflets being thrown out of the C-130 planes preceding the F-16s and Stealth and B-52s that are knocking down the remaining mud walls in Afghanistan and the hundreds of civilians, who have never even heard of the World Trade Center, let alone know where it

The same seems to apply to the Palestinians, only the Palestinians know who the Israeli Tourism Minister was, and his unabashed record of hatred for Palestinians, backed by a distinguished military record of killing many Palestinians by his own hand. The arithmetic here is far different in The Palestine many respects. Liberation Organization and the many Palestinian organizations that exist, including the Palestine Front for the Liberation of Palestine were not born out of a mere desire to kill for the sake of killing, as the Zionist propaganda machine likes to make them out to be. These organizations were born out of suffering that human history has not seen since the concentration camps of the Nazis. In fact the West Bank and Gaza are no more than giant concentration camps, with the Palestinians being subjected to a continuous barrage of death raids unleashed by the offshoots of the Haganah, Stern and Irgun gangs that were killing Palestinians left and right for close to 30 years before the British found themselves unable to control the very baby they gave birth to in 1947. Yet that is called nationalism and the murder gangs mentioned are put up as freedom fighters. What a farce! The Palestinians have lost their land, their homes, their churches, their mosques and even their olive trees at the hands of the worst organized terrorism history has ever known, but the Western media continues to picture this terrorism as self defense!

In the Holy Land, semantics has been turned to mean that words and ideas should have the opposite meaning they imply. Sharon is viewed as a national hero, while Yassir Arafat is viewed as a terrorist. The aggressor is a hero and the vanquished is the criminal. The use of guns, helicopters, tanks, and just about every killing tool is perfectly permissible against a people doing no

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more than shouting and hurling stones, because that is in self defense. What a mockery of the sense of justice that the West is now declaring it intends to see done in the Middle East!

One Israeli demagogue dies in a mysterious plot that brings about a lot of questions, in the smooth way it was undertaken. Note that the killing was done in the heart of the citadel that Israel purports to be and note that the killing was almost allowed to occur, as if the Israelis had in fact invited the Minister's killers to carry out the assassination and let them easily get away .. Of course, the Israeli killing of the PFLP leader a few months ago was no more than anti-terrorism, whereas the killing of a man with open hatred for the Palestinians is viewed as murder. although the Israelis, in all likelihood sanctioned it. The Zionist dogma has no qualms about stating that the ends justify the means. If the killing of the Tourism Minister means we can get 50 Palestinians killed and destroy so many villages along the way, in an effort to tells it all.

Dear Editor,

I am an American. I have been reading many news sources on the Internet both to learn more about other peoples and cultures and to see world reaction and opinion in regards to the recent turmoil that is affecting us all.

I have read your editorial about the targeting of Muslims and Arabs in America and Canada. I am saddened that you may think this is something common here.

I want you to know that such hatred is not as widespread as the media may have people believe; indeed myself and many others I know are actively speaking out against such prejudice. It can be difficult to decipher from media reports, but there are in fact steps being taken towards awareness, tolerance, and the safety of those populations, both on community and official levels.

My message to you is, please do not believe that the majority of American people are so prejudiced, that they hate so blindly, that they would all commit such acts. As in any country there are people who do hate, but they are not representative of our nation. My heart is with all those around the world who have suffered from the hatred of oth-

"smoke out the killers", to use the

phrase of Mr. Bush on the Afghani

campaign. For now, Israel is borrow-

ing the slogans of the coalition to show

that it is an active member of the coali-

tion, although no one even invited

them to join the coalition, just so Israel

does not get carried away with its thirst

for blood in the name of the Coalition.

But Israel has forced itself into it, in

making it clear that the Coalition was

created for Israel to find international

legitimacy for carrying on with its

We are not sure, but it is clear that the

Americans will have to make do on

dismissing their policy of bias and

uneven treatment of the factions in the

Middle East. It is time that Israel real-

izes that it is becoming a menace to

world peace and international stability

and indeed is producing the right cli-

mate for breeding terrorism, which to a

large extent, may have its justifica-

tions, as Sharon's own brand of terror-

ism has clearly shown. The arithmetic

thirst for blood.

Sami Saeed

ilized lessons and new discoveries conducted by the Israeli-American superpower.

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brought us the most civ-

The American economic and military strength united with the Jews cunning, try not only to violate human rights all over the world in order to secure their own materialistic interests, but also try to turn facts into falsehoods.

After the collapse of the Soviet Union which marked the end of the Cold War, the USA was astonished to be the sole power on the globe that possessed the right to impose the law of the jungle, which is claims to be the most civilized policies on Earth. During this time there is no power to question America, the king of the jungle.

When America says that attacking Nagazaki and Hiroshima with atomic bombs is an act not harmful to humanity, other animals on the small farm should nod their heads with 'yes' only. Fighting the Muslims all over the world is a must, and all the friends of America should participate in the holy war.

Iraq occupied Kuwait and should be

does not represent an entire race or religion. That fact is true everywhere. There are good and bad people in every race and every religion. Racism is here and everywhere. But believe me that it is looked down upon, and the vast majority of the people here are not racist. The punishment for hate crimes has been more severe over the last few years. The more educated the person the less likely they will be racist. The acts of terror are always committed by ignorant people.

Being an American that grew up in Saudi Arabia, I know that not all Arabs hate Americans. I have met several nice people of Arab origin that were intelligent and peaceful. I have also had Arab people that have spit in my face for being American. I have been told to go back to my country and that I was a devil woman. I have been cursed out in Arabic for no reason and have had a friend "Ali," who got into a fistfight coming to my defense. You cannot judge a whole race by the action of certain individuals.

> Leyla C. CatsEye013@aol.com

Response to: "Enough is Enough!" First of all, I am a simple 62 year old farmer in the mountains of Virginia and, thanks to the marvel of the internet, I can read your good paper.

## Fair is Foul and Foul is Fair

horrificly punished for doing so, while Israel is only restoring its rights buried on Palestine for so long.

America is not occupying the Gulf region to confiscate its oil; it is only protecting them from unknown enemies.

The daily slaughter of the Palestinian women and children, the destruction of their property and the damage to their cultivated lands are all good deeds, but throwing stones at Israeli tanks and armored vehicles are crimes against humanity.

Other nations are prohibited from possessing weapons of mass destruction and cross-continental missiles, for such properties should only be inherited by Americans and Jews.

America uses democracy to impose the acceptance of globalization on all inhabitants on Earth: the World Bank is no more than a friend. The helpless president of Palestine, Yasser Arafat, is a murderer, while Ariel Sharon a peaceful herald. The Israeli troops who carry machine guns in Palestine are victims; the Palestinian children who carry stones are wild cats.

This is the wisdom we have been taught by America. The good is bad and the bad is good; Israelis are right, Palestinians are wrong; America is a friend, Islam is an enemy; and fair is foul and foul is fair.

of young Tariq just sickens me. However, please understand that the vast majority of our citizens deplore this sort of action, as I think most of your people do also.

What you see here is a group of thugs acting out of sheer hate. This is evil at its worst and will not be tolerated. But this is very rare in Canada and the U.S. Our laws will not let this go unpunished and this is where we differ from some Middle Eastern states. We live together peaceably with many nationalities, religions, and races. I am a devout Reformed Presbyterian but my neighbors are Methodists, Baptists, Catholics, Jews, etc. We accept each other as children of God even though we differ in our distinctive beliefs. I cannot understand why you make no reference to the two Christian girls who are being tried in Afghanistan just for being Christians. They have devoted their lives to service and were there only to help the impoverished and starving people. Is it right to execute these young ladies for sharing what they believe is Truth? What they believe is their peaceable calling on this Earth? All this is just too complicated for me to comprehend. I hope someone helps me understand this.

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ers. At the bottom of it all, we are all humans upon this earth, and it is only by human respect and tolerance from all that we can hope to get past crises such as we are all facing now.

I simply cannot believe it is the will of our Creator to hate and kill one another. We must all take responsibility in our personal lives to ensure that we do not forget that, in spite of geographical, cultural, or political differences.

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I wish peace to you, and to us all.

## Dear Editor,

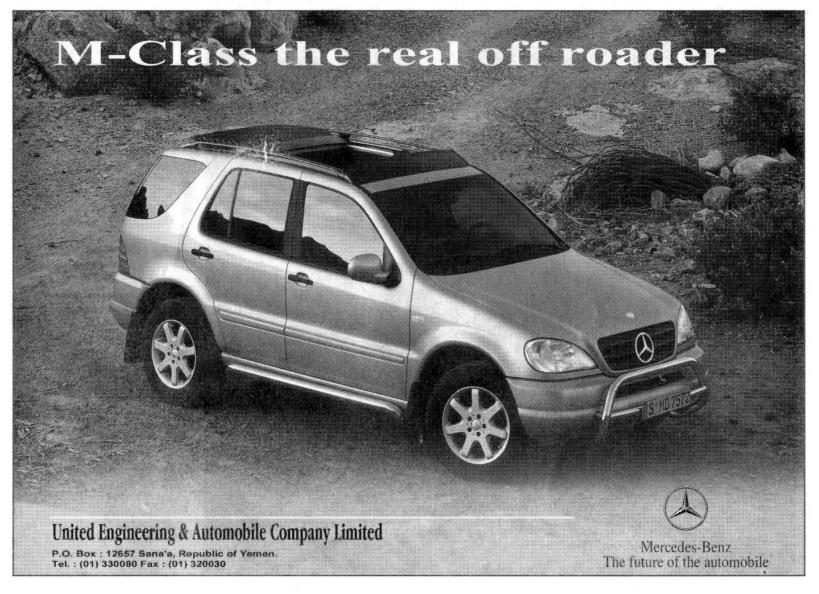
I read your article about Americans attacking Muslims in the United States. While it is true that there have been some attacks, you make it sound like all Muslims are being persecuted here and that the government and media are not doing anything about it. There have been repeated pleas from the President and the media not to attack Muslims, because the war is not against Muslims but against terrorists. Over and over again, governors and mayors all over the USA have been going to mosques and spreading the word of peace. A group of terrorists

# Letters to the Editor

## **Progress and Development**

ducive atmosphere for a new era of cooperation and partnership in various fields. This was translated into action by the leadership of the two countries. Research by the Yemen Times maintains that since signing the Yemeni-Saudi border treaty, a new page has been opened in the relations between he 22nd of June was not the two countries. The agreement only a historical and memorable day, it was restored the strong historic ties for the also a stepping-stone for benefit of people in the two countries. The economic relationship is of great establishing strong ties and a better future for Arab relations, importance for building up a sound enhancing the importance of settling infrastructure in all aspects of life such disputes among the Arab States using as roads, electricity, transportation, peaceful means and putting aside distelecommunication, health, education, agreements. The Yemenis and Saudis and the initiation of real investment have produced miracles of using serving the people of the two counexemplary civilized behavior to settle tries. We are glad to hear that the disputes using logical policies. They Saudi newspaper has published news have achieved a resounding victory in articles saying that the Saudi terms of establishing strong ties for the Government has granted scholarships two sisterly countries. This relation to Yemeni students. Such visits will cannot be firmly established unless we help promote bilateral cooperation take into consideration economic among businessmen of the two councooperation, as the Prime Minister Mr. tries. This is a good step towards opening up a new horizon for education Abdulkader Bajammal said that the economic relationship will be able to relations. So now, we are waiting flourish and prosper when the political impatiently for informative cooperahindrances are removed. Accordingly, tion and experience exchanges in all the Jeddah Treaty is a turning point for aspects of life. a prosperous and successful beginning

It is obvious that the Jeddah Land and Sea Border Treaty has broken all barriers standing in the face of developing relations between the two countries. It has also produced a good opportunity for businessmen from both countries to establish ties and invest freely with no restraints.



## 29 October, 2001



## **Reports Child Labor in Yemen and Globalization of the Economy**

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## Poverty and Child Labor

The problem of child labor in Yemen has been increasing, along with poverty, over recent years. Accurate statistics are not available on the magnitude of the problem, and the 1994 Census underestimated the figure of working children at 232,000. The same source states that in recent years, at least 35 percent of the workforce are aged 10 and above, and that the number of children between 0 and 14 is stated to be around 8 million. The workforce survey undertaken by the CSO in 2000 estimated that children form 9 percent of the total workforce. The total number of working children in the 6-14 age group is 326,608, amongst whom 167,774 are females. This implies a high dependency ratio with almost half the population being children, also implying a high demand for education and health care. However, with the economic reform package and the introduction of user fees in education and cost recovery in health, the socioeconomic indicators for Yemen have taken a downward spiral in the last decade.

Although some improvements have been made at the macroeconomic level as a result of financial restructuring, the microeconomic level reveals that poverty has become more serious as people's wages and real income have decreased in line with increasing unemployment and inflation. According to the Poverty and Information Monitoring System of the UNDP, the richest 10 percent get 34 percent of national income and spend 25.5 percent of all expenditures, while the poorest 10 percent of households spend a mere 3.5 percent. Thus, child labor is rampant as families face huge difficulties in meeting their most basic requirements, like food and shelter. Yemen is also classified as a Food

Deficit country and imports over 75 percent of its main staple, wheat. It is also estimated that 2.7 million people are below the food poverty line (WFP) because of low purchasing power, but the figures are suspected to be much higher than stated. Population growth (annual growth rate of 3.5 percent) is another factor that presents many challenges to a country classified as an LDC (Less Developed Countries), rated 148th among 174 countries in terms of the Human Development Index.

One third of the population is involved in agriculture, whereas agriculture represents only a small contribution to the Gross National Product. Only 3.8 percent of the workforce is engaged in the industry sector, while 16 percent are found in the public sector and commerce. As the returns from agriculture are low and that most people depend on rain-fed agriculture, people from the countryside migrate massively to the urban areas. This exacerbates the situation in the rural areas, which become further neglected creating problems of desertification which in turn leads to the destruction of arable land from which farmers could have made a living. Those who immigrate to the cities and become displaced get into a vicious cycle of poverty in urban towns and are unable to return home, creating fertile ground for child labor. Poverty is cited to be a major factor for child labor as families come to depend more and more on their children's incomes especially in female headed households or when the father earns a low income or is unemployed.

### The Social Safety Net

In the Second Five Year Development Plan of 2001-2005, the sector reform programs adopted the food security strategy with poverty eradication as a development objective (UNDP), with a national plan of action along with the poverty reduction strategy established by the IMF and World Bank. Other initiatives include the strengthening of the existing safety nets and the maximization of agricultural productivity to ensure long-term sustainability. However, the focus is more directed to draw up policies and technical assistance with less resources to implement those policies. So far, very little evidence exists in measuring the impact of these poverty alleviation programs on the poor. Education has formulated a Girls' Education Strategy which includes increasing female schools in lowly provided areas. The Dutch government. is also assisting the Ministry of Education in implementing the girls education strategy and UNICEF has undertaken a lot of teacher training for females in rural areas. Furthermore, with the World Bank's "Basic

The productive sectors have not adequately been accounted for in these policies and investment in Yemen faces several obstacles. The Civil Service Reforms have yet to be implemented in order to eliminate the bureaucracy and red tape that stand in the way of investment. Returns from investment with equitable social protection policies could go a long way towards addressing the different aspects of poverty by strengthening social sectors and by achieving the so-called "sustainable livelihood."

## **Education and Child Labor**

Education is another major factor connected with child labor. Problems within education like poor quality classes. inadequate supply of qualified teachers and imbalances between different geographical areas militate against higher enrollment rates. This, needless to say, leads to higher numbers of school age children entering the employment market. The enrollment rate at the national level in 1st grade is 51 percent of total school age children and at 6th grade it drops to 27 percent. There are huge gender disparities in school enrollment rates particularly in rural areas. In those regions, girls have to walk long distances to attend school and are overburdened with domestic tasks such as taking care of the livestock or searching for water supplies. Even if schools with the right facilities existed, all these tasks would leave them little time for it. The government of Yemen has taken positive steps to increase girls enrollment and the Ministry of

Education has formulated a Girls' Education Strategy which includes increasing female schools in lowly provided areas. The Dutch government. is also assisting the Ministry of Education in implementing the girls undertaken a lot of teacher training for with the World Bank's "Basic Education Development Strategy," one would hope for better delivery of education to the children of Yemen, higher enrollment rates, and less children engaged in petty trade on the streets. However, the achievement of the "Education for All" pledge which was decided at Jomtien and "Universal Primary Education" require interventions beyond the educational sector, more specifically in terms of addressing the structural causes of poverty.

## Hazards of Child Labor

Children workers are faced with many dangers, both physical and psychological. Chemicals and toxins are often inhaled causing irreparable damages on the mental and body structures along with accidents at the workplace, as indicated by researches in other countries. Another problem in Yemeni child labor is that the majority of them are employed in the informal sector. This makes it more dangerous and children more prone to exploitation and abuse, since this sector is not covered by the Labor Law. In Turkey and Egypt, several researches revealed that the children were exposed to dangerous toxins while working in the leather tanning industries, in painting activities as well as in poorly ventilated places. In Lebanon, children working in tobacco culture were also found to be exposed to many hazards eventually causing severe brain damages. Needless to say, children are more vulnerable in their developmental stages and knowing one's enemy is half the battle won as the saying goes. In many cases, minor changes were made like protective gear or safety equipment for those children who could not be immediately removed from work sites in an aim to dramatically improve their working conditions and eliminate work-related hazards. Rather than children contributions to their families with light and safe work, our discussion is focused on the more sinister and dangerous kinds of employment in which many children are involved.

### Legislation on Child Labor and International Conventions

Yemen signed several international conventions with the ILO, like Convention 138 which sets the Minimum Age for Employment and Convention 182 on eliminating the worst forms of child labor. Although national legislation also exists, it is still not very explicit in addressing the issue of child labor. One of the objectives of the International Program on the Elimination of Child Labor of the ILO in Yemen is to undertake the task of harmonizing national legislation with international standards related to child labor. The International Labor Organization has traditionally operated in different countries through a tripartite partnership, i.e., the Government represented by the Ministry of Labor, the Workers Unions or Trade Unions and Employers Organizations represented by the Chamber of Commerce and Industry in Yemen. However, a special program (IPEC) was established within the ILO which would tackle the problem of child labor in different countries because child workers needs differ from those of adults.



in all three organizations and supported by IPEC. The projects will largely concentrate on capacity building to support the Child Labor Units. The three organizations will work in close partnership as each will have a different role to play in fighting against child labor in Yemen.

The Ministry of Labor, the official body which signed a Memorandum of Understanding with ILO, will undertake the task of protection through Inspectorate and the field monitoring in a progressive plan to remove children from the most hazardous employment. It is also responsible for legislation and legislative reforms, as well as being the resource center for all information connected with child labor. The Workers' Unions have a role to play in entering into collective bargaining with the employers as well as coordinating with the Inspectorate a campaign of awareness for the children and communities. The CLU of the FYCCI will initially conduct awareness raising campaigns along with the employers and, later on, will involve them in rehabilitation programs for child workers.

A research is also being undertaken as a fourth project with national research teams who will work on a critical survey of the phenomenon of child labor in Yemen. Findings are expected to be incorporated into the National Policy and Program Framework for the Elimination of Child Labor in Yemen. This will be looked at closer by the Ministry of Labor in close coordination with the World Bank.

A project is being formulated in collaboration with the Ministry of Education to address the issue of education special needs of child workers. A second one will be formulated with the NGO sector where rehabilitation programs will be established by IPEC within the NGOs as well as different services given to child workers in drop-in centers such as education, food, counseling, and other help. A special program was set up to target the parents of child workers and provide them with alternatives to generate income. To alleviate child work without any serious alternatives already in place would indeed be disastrous and it is necessary to lay down an institutional framework to offer those alternatives. The Ministry of Information is also formulating a comprehensive media program in coordination with IPEC to include child labor on its media agenda. More projects may be formulated with other partners as the need arises Furthermore, an important aspect of this program is also networking with different governmental and international organizations in order to be linked with important ongoing programs in the country, as all these projects are considered to be pilot in order to show the possibilities and establish a comprehensive program. However, budgets are limited and IPEC or any other organization for that matter cannot do it alone. The aim is to convince the government of Yemen to adopt a policy with the possible assistance of the World Bank and any other organization that will address the issue of progressive elimination of child labor.

This obviously cannot happen overnight. We need to combine other programs of poverty alleviation, income generation, educational reforms and development programs in the country. As I said before, we need to tackle the fundamental causes of this phenomenon for which cosmetic surgery will definitively not work. It is only the beginning of a long journey that may take a decade or two.

Turkey has been following this path for the past decades but are still far from eliminating child labor despite having the best program in the region.

### The Private Sector and Child Labor

The private sector has equally a very important role to play in combating child labor, as done in other countries like India and others. There, the employers organizations have actually helped to support the education and training of child workers. Since most employers organizations claim that children usually work for the informal sector, which is not within the jurisdiction of employers organizations, they avoid accusation of being the culprits. However, they can play a positive role in forcing small-size employers to upgrade working conditions of children by making the work sites safer. and in forcing employers to give opportunities to children of getting education and health services. The industrial sector in India actually helped to support vocational training programs for children and so improving their skills, creating socio-economic mobility and eventually getting them out of the vicious cycle of poverty.



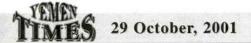
### The Response from the ILO

The International Program for the Elimination of Child Labor in Yemen will launch many projects, which will address the different dimensions of child labor, under the umbrella of the Program with different partners. Four projects have already been formulated: a project with the Ministry of Labor, a project with the CLU of the General Federation of Workers' Unions, one with the Federation of Yemeni Chambers of Commerce and Industry and with Child Labor Units established Other countries in South East Asia also launched successful programs with the support of employers organizations which, in any case, have a vested interest in creating a skilled workforce for the future.

Something is missing in Yemen, that is a strong Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry as it can play a very crucial role in reducing child labor. As an organization dealing with regional and international organizations in promoting trade, the Federation is suffering from financial shortage and technical support to improve the productive sector. The productive sectors profits will indeed finance the social sectors which are facing a financial crisis. We cannot forever depend on loans or aid packages it times when most international organizations are talking about phasing out from various projects and cutting budgets. If we are thinking of joining the World Trade Organization in this age of globalization, we should rethink our present strategy as it is a loss to the national economy.

We have to seriously consider the future of this country where more than half of the school age population is out working on the streets, without a proper education or skills to improve the quality of their lives. Surely, as we all had the opportunity to survive, we owe to the present generation to open the same windows of opportunities. Considering how we adults have messed up the world for them, the choice is ours now but it may not be so very soon.

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## National Immunization Days to Eradicate Polio Virus



mmunization is one of the most cost-effective health interventions which forms an essential component of PHC. The principal target group are newly-born children who are protected by vaccination against diseases: diphtheria, whopping cough, tetanus, poliomyelitis, tuberculosis, measles and hepatitis B.

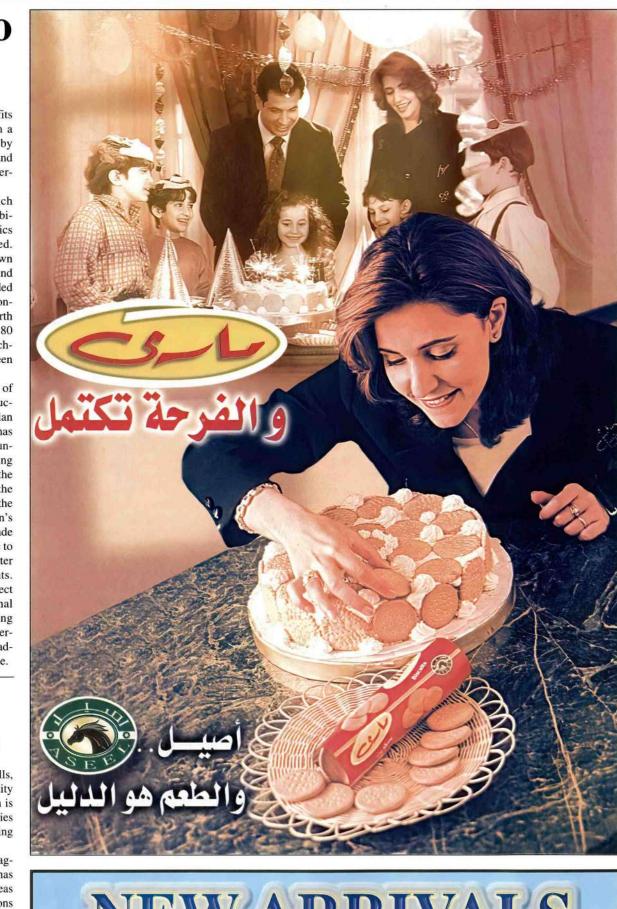
In 1996, National Immunization Days to eradicate polio started in order to improve immunization coverage. The MOPH managed to reach 72 percent coverage nationwide by the end of 1999. This was achieved by support given by WHO, UNICEF and other donors and partners. Policy-makers may have to resume national programs while at the same time strengthening the immunization capacity of the PHC system. Both approaches would need the support of an active education health program. Strengthening the immunization function of existing PHC facilities requires trained health workers, especially females, vaccines and refrigeration facilities as well as effective surveillance of pregnancies and births.

Immunization of infants is an important aspect of the breeder issue of mother and child health care (reproductive Health). Indeed, mothers and infants are the most vulnerable population group which is facing severe health risks during delivery and in the pre- and post-natal periods. In Yemen, these risks translate into high mortality rates. As for mothers, the mortality rate is estimated to be 9 to 14 per thousand live births, and as for infants about 80 per thousand live births.

Many workshops on immunization were organized in a drive to prepare and implement a child immunization program. The mechanism used to carry out the program focused on a decentralized and vertical approach at the governorate level. Planing and implementation were left to regional health directors, while MOPH was responsible for supplies, social mobilization, monitoring and evaluation. A number of international agencies, notably UNICEF, WHO and bilateral donors, assisted the program by supplying hardware and software such as vehicles, vaccines, cold chain equipment and technical assistance. For the success of any program with such dimensions, local support and community participation became the most vital issues. This support was organized by the governor of each governorate who mobilized political and community participation through meetings with tribal chiefs and local leaders. Efforts were focused on designated target groups in relation with their specific needs, traditional attitudes and aspirations. Information on the program and its potential benefits were disseminated to the people in a language they could understand, by using a variety of mass media and community channels besides interpersonal communication.

A national plan of action, which included regional targets, social mobilization systems, cold chains, logistics and deployment, was prepared. Immunization schedules were drawn up for the first, second and third round and their implementation proceeded largely as planned. As a result, national immunization levels in the North rose dramatically to about 60 to 80 percent by 1990, more or less matching the standard that had already been achieved in the rest of the country.

Finally, since 1996, the Republic of Yemen has achieved considerable success in implementing its health plan for virus eradication. Now, Yemen has a distinguished place among the countries of East Mediterranean for being free form this disease. This proves the determination and sincerity of the Republic of Yemen to implement the international agreement on children's rights. The Ministry of Health made available this vaccine free of charge to every child and built a national center to monitor epidemic ailments. Therefore, Yemen has earned respect and appreciation of international health organizations and donating countries and is about to get an international health certificate for the eradication of Infantile Paralyses disease.



## **Malaria Hits Hard** 60% of the Yemeni population are at risk of malaria

alaria has always the top health problem in the Republic of Yemen, whose population is about 18 million, and of particular concern during the 1980s and 1990s. The epidemic situation of malaria deteriorated in the 1990s due to various political, economic, and meteorological factors. It is estimated that 60% of Yemeni population is at risk of catching malaria. To discuss the problem, Mr. Ismael Al Ghaberi met the General Manager of the National Program for Rolling Pack Malaria, Dr. Shawki Abdullah Almawery.

## Q: Why has malaria become one of the world's leading global problems?

A: It is indeed the main concern of meeting of the WHO which took place

tem for malaria, as heavy rainfalls, rise in temperature and in humidity are observed. Undoubtedly, Yemen is also classified as one of the countries where epidemic malaria is spreading fast.

The disease can be successfully diagnosed at a rate of 90 percent. It has been confirmed that epidemic areas are generally overpopulated regions where the mortality rate reached the number of 10,000.

As a result, the affected cases of spleen reached 70 percent in the high and middle areas, and more than 10,000 affected cases were found in the low areas.

## Q: Do you have any plans or new strategies for reducing malaria? Our objective is:

- To establish a strong and well-organized National Center for National Malaria Control Program (NMCP) based in Sana'a. We want this program to have strong infrastructure facilities capable to plan, execute, monitor, supervise and evaluate the different control activities for malaria. NEW ARRIVALS At Prestige Chain of Perfame & Cosmetics Showrooms

many nations in the world. So, the World Health Organization (WHO) adopted a new strategy three decades



in Amsterdam in 1994, the discussions focused on the global state of malaria, its immediate diagnosis and early treatment, and the adoption of new strategies to get rid of it.

ago in order to eradicate this serious

epidemic disease. Unfortunately, this

strategy failed mainly because of the

parasite's resistance to drugs and insec-

ticides and the overall cost of the cam-

paign which depleted the third world

countries financial resources. At a

## Q: What are the main causes of the the spread of malaria in Yemen?

A: Malaria reached epidemic proportions, particularly during the 1990s. A number of reasons contributed to its spread. Firstly, the huge number of immigrants from Yemen's neighboring countries, where generally malaria breeds, carried the disease with them. The worse part is that the Horn of Africa is a perfect meteorological sys-

- To train national cadres capable of planning, running, supervising and evaluating the different control activities for malaria.
- To reduce the mortality rate by 80% by the end of the 5-year strategy 2001-2005.
- To achieve malaria eradication from Suqatra Island by the end of the 5-year plan 2001-2005.



In conclusion, through the channel of Yemen Times, the General Manager of the National Program stressed on the cooperative efforts to be made to get rid of this epidemic. The Manager pointed out the significance of cooperation between Yemen, Saudi Arabia, Oman, international organizations, donor countries, non-governmental organizations (NGOs) to work side by side to get rid of malaria and other epidemic diseases. He highly spoke of the leading role played by the Sultanate of Oman in helping Yemen with means of transportation at a joint meeting between both nations focusing on eradicate malaria.



## 10 Culture

## **YEMENI POTTERY:** A Happy Marriage of Art, Craft and Functionality

### Karen Dabrowska

emen is a country of pots: water vessels. incense burners, coffee rosters, jugs and cups, smoking apparatuses, cooking pots, braziers and toys which all provide a penetrating flash of insight into Yemeni history, culture and social life.

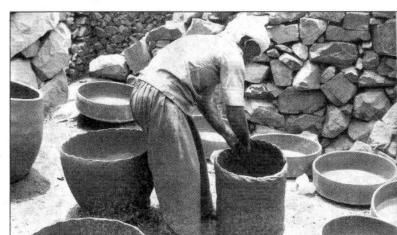
Archaeologists have worked on sites in Yemen for several decades and research has been carried out on pottery dating back to the fourth and fifth centuries BC.

Incense burners (majmarah) are amongst the most brightly-decorated, artistic pots, as they are used for the conspicuous consumption of a precious commodity, which has been traded and used in South Arabia for about 3000 years. The legend of the Queen of Sheba reflects the power and wealth of the kingdoms in northern Yemen which engaged in the long-distance trade in incense between South Arabia and Egypt, Mesopotamia, Greece, Rome, India and even China.

The trade for which the region became famous ended in the fourth century AD, principally due to the spread of Christianity which replaced earlier religions characterized by rituals requiring the use of incense, the economic decline of Rome and warring between south Arabian states.

As in the past, incense is used in the home primarily during social gatherings and presented as a gift. The incense burner is often passed from guest to guest, each person receiving it with their right hand, drawing it closer to their face and waving the vapor to their nose with their left hand while praising the host. In some rural areas incense is burned as protection against the 'evil-eye.' It also has medicinal qualities.

Until recently, all water for use in the home had to be fetched daily by the women of the household, who transported it in pottery jars or gourds until plastic buckets or metal jerry cans were introduced. Some water jars were intended purely for decorative use. The largest storage jar (zir) holds up to 50



liters of water, the medium-sized jar (jahlah) up to 20 liters, and the smallsized jars (kuz and jarrah) up to one litre.

In many areas of Yemen food is often served in the vessels in which it is cooked. Traditional cooking pots are either of grey steatite stone or roundbottomed pots (burmah) of clay. Stone vessels retain heat more effectively and are less likely to break.

In Yemen as in other Middle Eastern countries, sharing the water-pipe is an important social activity which binds people together as the hose of the pipe is passed from guest to guest.

The water container is made of pottery which is particularly effective since the water is kept at a low temperature and cools the smoke more efficiently as it is drawn through.

The national drink in Yemen, gishir, is made from the husks (outer shells) of coffee-beans, combined with selected spices - cardamon, ginger or cinnamon - and sometimes sugar. Coffee (bunn) made from the bean (safi) is also drunk but less often.

Qishir is served in unglazed but often burnished pots with a tall neck and one or two handles called mamanah. The stalks are stuffed in the spout of the pot to hold back the coffee grounds.

Partially glazed, bowl-shaped coffee pots, with a simple spout, are called masabb and have a variety of other uses, including feeding babies.

There are few toys in Yemen, possibly because childhood is short and children are expected to take on adult responsibilities in the home at an early age. Traditionally clay toys consist mainly of miniature copies of water vessels and depictions of animals.

In traditional Yemeni society potters did not have a high social status as they engaged in an occupation which was regarded as demeaning. Historically, the farmers, merchants and educated elite who formed the majority of the Yemeni population would not intermarry with members of low-status groups who included petty market traders and anyone whose occupation brought them into contact with "polluting substances." These attitudes reinforced the potters monopoly on their family-based professions as in the town of Tarim in Wadi Hadramaut, where a locally renowned "guild" of hereditary potters developed.

Despite the low social position of crafts people, potters were given special protection under tribal law, and anyone who harmed them was obliged to pay especially high penalties. The erosion of Yemen's social hierarchy began with the proclamation of a republic in 1962 and today people from various social groups can mix more freely.

Potters are found working throughout Yemen. While in some villages several families earn their living from making and selling pots, most pottery is produced by a single potter or a potterymaking family in the village. Their production supplies local demand only. Most potters are men, but in a few rural areas women potters work alongside

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them (as in Qahzet near Ibb and Sarab near Bani Hoshaysh).

Children join in production at a young age: traditionally, the craft passes from generation to generation, a son learning from his father, or a nephew from an uncle. Workshops are always close to the potters' homes or even inside the house with kilns nearby.

Potting is a full-time, year round profession but some potters also grow vegetables and fruit for domestic consumption.

Clay is easily obtainable from natural deposits and is not traded or transported over long distances. Modelling is the simplest method of manufacture. The clay is worked by hand from a solid lump. Toy animals are also made in this way. Coiled pots are made out of a series of rolled lengths or 'sausages' of clay . Pots are also made using a rudimentary foot-operated wheel.

An undecorated pot is the exception rather than the rule. Traditionally colors were made from natural pigments: black from a mixture of soot and oil and shades of red and yellow from earth ochres. Today bright designs are possible with chemical colors of imported Quink pen ink in yellow, purple, blue, green, red and black. On the island of Socotra "dragon's blood," a red-colored resin obtained from the Dracaena Cinnibari tree, is commonly used.

Unlike other Yemeni craft items which are sold by professional merchants, the potters themselves, or members of their family sell their wares directly from their kilns or at the hundreds of weekly markets held in villages.

For transportation, pots are strung together on a wood frame, packed in baskets or wrapped two or three together in matting bags and carried by donkey or camel.

With the exception of the more decorative items, Yemeni pots are cheap and easily broken, providing a steady market but low return for the potters. Rather than being a deliberately 'builtin obsolescence,' the fragility of the pots would seem to be a function of the resources the potter has on hand, particularly the scarcity and expense of fuel for the kilns which results in lowfired and vulnerable wares.

Many items of Yemeni domestic pottery have been replaced by mass-produced plastic, metal and cheap imported porcelain alternatives. To some extent these carry out the same functions as their predecessors, and are simply more durable substitutes. In some cases, however, they are higherstatus objects for conspicuous use in the consumption of key commodities: smart thermos flasks have replaced pottery water storage vessels when serving water to guests during afternoon social gatherings, and ornate water-pipe bases h ed pottery ones. The decline in demand for certain traditional pottery wares also reflects recent social change in Yemen and the adoption of Western-style commodities and tastes. Yemeni potters face an uncertain future. The older generation and the poor in rural areas still use a large number of pottery items in the home, but with growing modernization the demands for such wares may steadily decline. Fortunately, the tourist industry has given the centuries-old craft, which has been declining since the early 1960s, a new lease on life. "Craft" items, especially incense burners, are eagerly sought after. A smart Sana'a hotel, converted from a traditional multi-story house, has lamp bases made of pottery incense burners in its bedrooms and pots of all shapes and sizes are by tourists for their decorative and artistic qualities. According to Sheila Weir, Senior Research Associate in the Department of Anthropology at London University's School of Oriental and African Studies, Yemeni traditional crafts or adapted crafts, pots included, will survive for some time to come. Miniature bread baskets are being used as paper clip holders and carved stone name plaques are increasing to parallel the growth of government bureaucracy.

## **Folkloric Yemeni Handicrafts Originality** That Remains

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emen's traditional heritage is known for its different cultural varieties that harmonize with the varied climate, relief and local environment. The difference in life on mountains, valleys and deserts constitutes very interesting and colorful traditions.

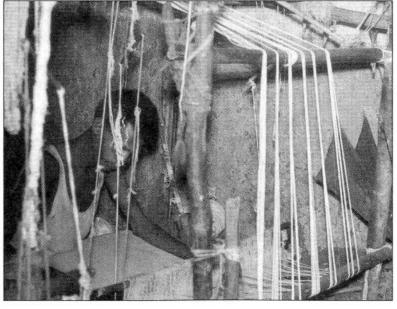
Yemeni traditions also vary in accordance with the economic production be it agricultural, industrial, handicraft, commercial, political, etc. Such diversity is noticeable in men's appearance, habits, conventions, etc., creating a unique Yemeni panorama with many colorful pictures that is less seen in other countries in the peninsula. The roughness of Yemen's geography inspired Yemenis to adapt themselves

exported from the country. Of the important agricultural products are coffee, Sana'ani almonds, fruits, etc. In the market there also used to be special places for those who came from other countries to stay in for some time to buy things. The market also contains clothes, silver, traditional jewelry shops, etc., for which Yemen has long been famous. The market retains many of its features and merits.

The craftsmen did their best to provide the essential materials to live in this universe. They used palm leaves to roof their houses.

Despite the huge development of clothes manufacturing at the present time, a great number of Yemenis do still cling fast to these clothes and to the art of embroidering them. Social markets are rich with these products that stand witness to a great history.

The textile handicraft is an ancient activity in our country. It has become the main means of livelihood of some families. One thing to notice is that the



to life here and to tackle all difficulties by reason. Dams, irrigation canals, fortresses, irrigation terraces and roads are examples of the ability of Yemenis to exploit nature for their benefit.

For a long time, the majority of Yemeni people depended on agriculture for their livelihood. In this regard, the Yemenis thought of a better means to improve their own standards and achieve self-sufficiency without resorting to foreign assistance. Undoubtedly, these handicrafts suggest the deep originality of the Yemenis and their creative capacity. The most well known handicrafts are silver products, jambiyyas, jewelry, clothing, pots,

new embroidered products have been given a new form that restores the traditional features and is mixed with a sense of modernity.

In general, most of those working in these handicrafts import silk from Iran. Considering their tools, one can easily see that most of them are traditional tools made of local wood; however, some tools for weaving and embroidering are imported.

Many visitors express their admiration and respect of such products when seeing them at markets. The excellency of women when embroidering the brides' clothes is really praiseworthy; none could help but admire it. Most of the embroidery is taken from the beauty of nature. You can see, for example, some bees that have been magnificently woven to indicate the honeymoon. However, embroidering varies from one area to another. Yemen is bestowed with a unique culture that could be a very good source of income if it is taken care of propertowards the preservation of cultural heritage is of great priority.

## The British Foreign & Commonwealth Chevening **Scholarship Scheme**

The British Embassy invites applications for the Foreign & Commonwealth Office's Chevening Scholarship scheme. This highly-competitive scheme offers full-time postgraduate scholarships of varying length to Yemeni men and women occupying important positions within ministries, agencies and private sector organisations which are key to Yemen's continuing economic and social development.

Applicants, who must be under 40, should have a university degree, very good English (more than 6.0 in IELTS exam), and at least four years' work experience. Candidates will be selected on the basis of their potential and motivation to rise to positions of authority.

Spouses and children are not funded under the scheme.

The deadline for applications is 30 November 2001.

Application forms may be obtained from the British Council, 3rd Floor Administrative Tower, Sana'a Trade centre, Algiers Street, PO Box 2157, Sana'a tel. 215 000, 215 006, 215 033, 215816, fax 215 009.

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earthenware, and earthen jars.

The old city of Sana'a is also distinguished for its trade market, which is the most important means of living for the residents. It is known as al-Melh Market. It was the most important trade center for all the commercial caravans that used to come to Yemen from neighboring areas including al-Sham and al-Hijaz. Yemen at the time used to ly. Developing public awareness be a very rich agricultural country. Many agricultural products used to be





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## Improve Your English



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## I. What to Say

### The Magic of the Moment (Part 2)

- It is interesting to see how the concept of the Bakil: Magic of the Moment is unfolding in our discussion. To be frank, I never before thought that a moment which is often than not frittered away unhesitatingly has so much of potential. But do you know, Ahmad, just as a proper utilization of the moment leads one to greater heights, an improper or a negative use of the moment can have serious repercussions as well. Take a common example: One moment's careless driving ends in catastrophic consequences. One moment's uncontrolled angry outburst may break the relationship of a life time. The void this created may not be redeemed by any amount of efforts for its remedation. It is rightly said, "A broken vessel may be repaired, but can never be sound." Similarly, a moment's desperation forces one to commit suicide and put an end to a life of rich possibilities.
- Ahmad: I have a feeling that the course of a human being's life is predetermined. In other words, what ever has been preordained to happen, will certainly come to pass. Shakespeare, I think, has righly said: "There is a divinity that shapes our ends..." Astrology also asserts that one's course of life is determined by the position of stars in the constellation the moment one is born.
- Bakil: Whether or not there is any grain of truth in astrological predictions, I can't say. I am a firm believer in nature and nurture. In my perception most of the critical things in life which shape the human destiny are a consequence of decisions taken in certain moments.
- Ahmed: Do you know, Bakil, life has a rhythm. Weal and woe, smiles and wiles, pleasure and pain follow a rhythmic pattern. If a certain enterprise is begun in certain auspicious moments it leads to great success. On the other hand, work begun in apparently ominous moments spell disaster.
- **Bakil:** This perhaps is called 'biorhythm'. As I said before, man should try to ensure the best utilization of the moment and leave the outcome theirof to the will of God. Shakespeare also underscores the importance of maximization of the right opportunity at the right moment when he says: "There is a tide in the affairs of men which taken at the full leads onto fortune ... '
- Ahmad: I agree with you there. Believers in astrology, in many parts of the world determine auspicious moments for happy occasions like marriage, beginning of a new enterprise etc. to take place.
- **Bakil**: It's undeniably true, at it appears to me that the moment is supreme. The way we modulate the moment, by and large, determines the course of events in our life. This is most pertinent for students who should make a prudent investment of the moment so as to reap rich harvest in their future career.
- Bakil: Verily so. We should make the most of the moment. Let's take the concrete steps to maximize the potential of the moment by all means.

### II How to say it correctly

Correct the errors, if any, in the following sentences:



- sweets. Let you and me be friends once again.
- The chairman is confined to bed since the last three days
- 5. No sooner he saw me, he ran away.

## Answers to last week's question.

- Everyone of his children is a genius.
- Neither of the two is suitable for the job.
- You and I must mind our duty.
- Though he is poor, (yet) he is honest.
- I asked my servant whether he broke the table. 5.

### III. How to express it in one word:

- Secret agreement or understanding for a wrong purpose.
- One who works in a coal mine.
- Education of boys and girls together.
- Silky covering made by a caterpillar to protect itself.
- Compartment in an aircraft for the pilot.

### Answers to last week's questions

- Severe pain in the stomach and bowels without diarrhoea: Colic
- Events or occurrences taking place at the sometime: Coincidence
- Force with which molecules stick together: Cohesion
- The power of knowing: Cognition Wooden chest for a dead person to be buried in: Coffin

### IV: Find suitable word/phrase from among the alternatives given to complete the following sentences:

1. It has been raining for the past five days. I wish it

a) cut it short	b) stopped raining
c) would stop raining	d) have it cut short.
How are you going to	have your hair cut?
"I'm going to	
a) cut it short	b) cut it shortly
c) have it shortly cut	d) have it cut short

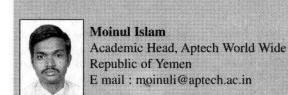
- I wonder why I always have trouble with my car whenever I \_ to go to a cinema. b) decide a) decided d) am deciding e) had decided
- trouble with my bicycle these days. b) experience a) have been experiencing c) had been experiencing d) experienced
- 5. a lie if I ever said that I liked you. Ι a) was telling b) have been telling c) would have told d) told

### Answers to last week's questions:

- They must have been cheating us like this Akram has been playing football for the last seven vears
- Would you like a cup of coffee?
- When you meet Dr. Abdullah, remember to give him my regards.
- Fatima was born on the Ramadaan morning in the year 1985.

### V. Words of wisdom

"Better be unborn than untaught for ignorance is the root of misfortune." -Plato



say, a system or a way of documentation, which can be interpreted by the browser. Why it cannot be defined as language because it does not require a compiler to be processed as in case of other languages like "C" or "C++". What all it requires to produce the output is an interpreter, which the browser provides. That way it is very simple to use and create the

Do we need to learn HTML to create the web pages using the same? Before answering this let us see how this HTML pages are written. HTML uses something called "tag" which defines the appearance and other characteristics of the web pages. For example the content of the page starts with a guages like JavaScript or VBscript to make the page Dynamic then we have to clearly mention the same so that the browser while processing the page can do the needful. We will talk about

HTML. Most popular one is Microsoft's FrontPage. You can use this application as a tool to create the pages in HTML. The advantage of using this is that you need not have to remember the tags and how to use them. You just specify what you want and it will create the page for you as per your specification. Of course for that we must know what use the Front Page. But it is comparatively simple because of its Graphical User Interface. You can have an idea of the web page written in HTML and corresponding

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those scripting languages later inshal-

lah. In answer I will say NO. Because

there are tools available which we can

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in HTML. You can notice that the first line is nothing but a HTML tag. That's how the HTML page starts. But the page does not only contain HTML. The 5th line is

<script language="JavaScript">. With this line JavaScript starts. That means this page is not a static page but a dynamic one. If you are interested to see the behavior of this as a dynamic page you can go to http://www.aptech-education.com. If you want to see the complete the source code, then click the view button on the browser then select the source option from the menu after you get the page in your browser.

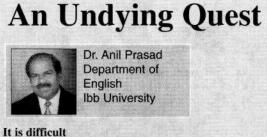
To conclude our discussion on HTML, we can say that we can use



The above example HTML page and its output. The name of the file is campus.html. This extension indicates that this page is written

shows one HTML to create the web pages. Also these pages can incorporate the scripts written in scripting languages to make the page Dynamic.

A letter to the **English teachers** Use the assembly sessions "THABOOR" for English teaching



to get the news from poems yet men die miserably every day for lack of what is found there. -William Carlos Williams

An enigmatic joy, images give, An emotional response that goes deep As crystalline birds fly and achieve Flights of imagination mingling their joy-leap With the joy of the perceiver, Jubilant wings spread forever.



tion to HTML as we decided last time but in brief. HTML is used to create web pages. Though it stands for Hyper Text Mark-up Language, actually it is not a language. It is, we can

use to create the Web pages using

output from the following example.

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<html> tag and at the end we use </html> tag to indicate the end of the page or end of the HTML script. Why I am saying the end of the HTML text because as a matter fact a web page

can also contain some other text not written using HTML. For example, if we are to use some scripting lan-

WebPages using HTML.

- You need not to send this parcel to me.
- When you will pass the examination, I shall give you 2.



## YOUTH FORUM



### **Blood Revenge: Plague of Our** Country

Blood revenge is a deep-rooted problems that has its origin in the very old history of the Peninsula. However, it is more observed in our country in the present time. Revenge is triggered by incident, most of which are sometimes very silly. For example, a fight can day after day and is planted for gener-

start because of an ordinary quarrel among children, dispute over land or trees, etc. Absence of law and the long pendency of a case in a court sometimes worsens the situation. Feuds may go on for years resulting in casualties and leaving behind tens of widows and orphans. Hatred grows

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ations to come. Although, none of the conflicting sides gains any good from their clashes, they never refrain from thinking that what they do is a sign of manhood.

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## TIMES QUIZ - 4

### Ouestions

- 1. Which planet given the possibility can float on water?
- 2. The 'heliocentric theory' which states that Sun is the
- central point of the Universe was postulated by a) Galileo b) Kepler d) Brahe
- c) Copernicus 3. MAB is an abbreviated form of
  - a) Man and biotic community
  - b) Man, antibiotics and bacteria
  - c) Mayor, Anderson and Bisby
  - d) Man and Biosphere
- Which disease is known as the 'white death'?
  - a) Tuberculosis b) Cancer
  - c) AIDS d) Leukemia

| 5. | Of the following which animal has the longest duration |                 |  |
|----|--|-----------------|--|
|    | of pregnancy?  | 59972           |  |
|    | a) The Trea Frog                                       | b) Hippopotamus |  |

| a) The Trea Frog           | b) Hippopotamus |
|----------------------------|-----------------|
| c) Alpine Black Salamander | d) Blue Whale   |

## Answers to TIMES QUIZ (3)

- 1. The country that is called 'The Queen of the Adriatic' is Venice
- 2 Naja Naja is the scientific name of Cobra
- The fastest moving glacier in the world is Jacobshavn 3. Isbrae in Greenland
- Michael Jackson is the author of the book 'Moonwalk 4
- 5. Vascodagama discovered the Sea route to India in the year 1498.

ou are requested to send your answers by post, or through email. Answers by post should have the envelopes superscribed TIMES QUIZ, Education and sent to our address (Box: 2579, Sana'a). Address for sending through email is: ramakantasahu@yahoo.com

Names of those who have all the answers correct will be published in the next issue. We invite your enthusiastic participation in this as in other sections.

### Dear teachers.

This is the second letter I am writing to you. If you remember, in my first letter (published on 25th December 2000) I told you how you could use Arabic in your English classes. In this one, I am going to tell you how you can use the morning assembly sessions for improving your students' English. I have always felt happy when I witnessed the sessions in the schools in the morning. What a way to begin the morning work! Some physical exercises, some recitation from the Holy Qura'an, singing the national anthem and pledging to serve the county. A very useful activity, indeed. It helps most of the students to wake up, gives them an opportunity to show their talents, and helps them develop patriotic feelings. And, more importantly, the senior students who conduct these sessions get the valuable leadership training, which they need badly for their bright future. Can I suggest that the teachers of English make use of these sessions as a forum for developing the English skills of their students? I am aware that a few schools do encourage their students to use English in these sessions. Once I was interviewed by a student in English in one of these sessions in a school in Hodeidah when I went there with my trainees for practice

English to begin with and slowly bring in others. This can pro-

vide an excellent extracurricular activity for the students who

want to improve their English. More and more students will

look forward to such activities if they will be interesting and

attractive. Try this and share your experiences through the

columns of Yemen Times. Looking forward to your earnest

teaching. Activities such as reciting a good poem or text, like the Yemen Times, can be introduced in these sessions. Even English translations of selected Arabic poems or texts can be one of the activities. Selecting the right students and the right activities requires planning and preparation and that is where your role is important. Catch hold of students who are good in

Unlike the daily-dying news In the sensational fold of Newspapers suffering from pale views Burdened with tempting temporariness of The neglected pile in the corner At the end of the day, gives charm no longer,

Finally sent to a grocer or a peanut-seller or sold At a very cheap price to an unknown fellow. Words too are lying at the second-hand shops, bold, Lilting melodies of a Longfellow They are leaves of grass singing Looking forward to such a mingling.

Wrinkly, ready, marked with coloured pencils, Beside the holes made by silver bugs They will be accepted again, unlike used stensils, Read and sold and reread and sold again And again on the book-selves they are gleaming A bunch of flowers, blessed, smiling.

Poems create fresh worlds; delicate, diverse, Eternal, they are Ashes and sparks of a new universe Erected on the debris of a shooting star That was once shining in the sky Now inhabited-an enduring tie.

Suddenly a bird sings, Winter blinks at him and is rather dumb, Perched on a leafless bough, spreads his wings Leaving behind hope of a full blossom Again, in search of some more, In search of some lore: An undying quest.

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## 12 Reports

# **Terrorism**!

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errorism has become the stubborn affliction of the modern age, particularly on the last two decades. Indeed all this affliction is utterly a Zionist and a Western invention, which now has backfired on them all. The attacks of September 11 on the U.S. are a Zionist orchestrated-event in terms of planning and direction, which occurred in the wake of some significant events like the Palestinian uprising in the Occupied Lands, forcing the Israeli occupation forces from southern Lebanon, and the withdrawal of the U.S., along with Israel, from the Durban Anti-Racism Conference, as over 4000 organizations condemned the racism of the Zionist entity and the U.S. as well. All this has forced the Zionists to carry out the latest incidents with the view of making the world sympathize with them against their enemy, "Islam." Factually, this practice is always the creed of the Jews and if we would like to establish our thoughts about this subject the following conclusions can be developed: The superpowers along with Israel have been trying for a long time to cover their evil acts under the pretext of human rights and democracy. In the beginning, nuclear disarmament and realizing global peace were adopted as an a method of intervening in the affairs of other nations. Democracy, human rights and now terrorism are a guise for violating the national sovereignty of different countries worldwide. Terrorism is the direct result of oppression and the policy of double standards that the superpowers have been practicing on other countries for decades. Political, religious and economic oppression has been the breeding ground for terrorism, which rebels against the contradictions of this world rather than being crazed violent. Yet

terrorism has not been clearly defined and this, in turn, leads to controversy regarding terror itself. Consequently, there should be a clear-cut distinction between terrorism and the struggle of nations against occupation and oppression. Terrorism like that of the Zionist State against the defenseless Palestinians is just an example of statesponsored terrorism. even a word of condemnation on the part of the U.S. This also happened again in Somalia when the U.S. troops neglected its peacekeeping role to be one of the warring factions there. These are some examples of the ruthless policies of the U.S. in different parts of the world. Furthermore, many outrageous violations have been perpetrated by the U.S and some European

An example of the interventions of the superpowers with other countries is what happened in Iraq, as the U.N. Security Council issued many resolutions demanding the disarmament of Iraq from nuclear weapons under the pretext that this move is the first step towards disarming the whole Middle East from weapons of mass destruction. In practice, these resolutions are only applied on Iraq, despite the existence of nuclear states in the region, such as the Zionist State. Similarly, North Korea was requested to open its nuclear reactor for the inspectors of the Nuclear Energy Agency. Thus, the possession of nuclear weapons is a pretext to intervene in the internal affairs of other countries.

### Intervention on Humanitarian Grounds

This is also applicable to Iraq, as when the allied countries designated a safe enclave on northern Iraq, in accordance with U.N. Resolution No. 91 banning the Iraqi army from penetrating its own lands, but the same resolution never banned the Turkish army from dispatching several military contingents for exterminating the Kurdish rebels based in northern Iraq. And this is similar to the case of the southernno-fly zone imposed unilaterally by the government of President Bush Senior, following the Second Gulf War, without even referring to the U.N. Security Council; while the Israeli warplanes and helicopter gunships are roaming southern Lebanon to bomb the Lebanese population there without

part of the U.S. This also happened again in Somalia when the U.S. troops neglected its peacekeeping role to be one of the warring factions there. These are some examples of the ruthless policies of the U.S. in different parts of the world. Furthermore, many outrageous violations have been perpetrated by the U.S and some European countries, as reported by Amnesty International in September 17, 1997, noting that the European countries had sent back many Algerian opposition members to their country, which is a clear violation of Article 33 of the Geneva Convention. Another example of the policy of double standards of the Western world is the case of the defectors who used to oppose the communist regimes in their countries, fleeing their countries by hijacking airplanes and forcing them to go to the West, where they used to be received as heroes, while hijackers of Middle-Eastern complexion are treated as terrorists. Here we have to remember the call of President Saleh to the Western countries not to harbor "true" terrorist elements who may endanger world peace, but to no avail.

### Mercenaries

Mercenaries are an issue of major concern since it is an intolerable violation of international law and tampering with the destinies of nations through groups of thugs. An example to be recalled here is the French mercenaries, who caused anarchy and carried out several coups d'état in Africa, and are even hosted in the official media. Similarly, the case of Russian mercenaries, "traders of nuclear briefcase" as quoted by the national security advisor of the former Russian president Elssin, as that more than 100 nuclear briefcases were reported missing. A similar case to that of the Russian arms traders, is the group of German mercenaries who were arrested while fighting side

by side with the Croatian forces in their war against the Bosnians. This group admitted that they had carried out 2519 racist attacks against humanity. Let's see how they (Westerners) misconstrue facts, as the Telegraph said, on September 25, 2001, "It is a misfortune that Islamic hard-liners possess modern arms and those people are mainly concerned with destroying the Western civilization with the support of Arab and Islamic states that should be removed from the U.N., and if we failed to do so then the U.N. itself should be removed." The question now is can we compare those who stole 100 nuclear briefcases, the other guys who perpetrated 2510 crimes against humanity in a single year, and the stone-throwers in Palestine?

## What is Terrorism?

Terrorism is attacking countries without any justification, impoverishing nations, exploiting resources of nations and, perhaps, the resources of the whole world; religious and political oppression; instigating violence and fueling wars; adopting double standard policies and a lack of human justice among nations; hiring mercenaries and armed gangs and finally, the absence of real democracy.

### The U.S. and Islam

After the ruthless terrorist attacks on the U.S., it has never come to mind that the world is outraged by the U.S.'s stance towards terrorism, saying that it will eradicate it from its breeding grounds and that this war will be a merciless "crusades war." What is more strange is that the finger of blame is pointed at Islam even before it is known who perpetrated the attacks. Mosques were set on fire, many Muslims were mercilessly murdered in streets and in their houses, and the veil has become a symbol of terrorism, all this in the countries of civilization. Now the U.S. has made Afghanistan its enemy number one after being its spoiled baby for years. With this the U.S. aims at dealing a fatal blow to this country, to threaten even the powerful countries of the world and to make the last stone for globalization in its military form.

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## Tribal Blood Feuds On the Rise



last Saturday in front of a hotel on Taiz Street in the capital Sana'a. Apparently the reason behind the killing is a tribal blood feud. The security forces have thus far failed to track down the culprits. In addition, armed groups exchanged fire at 22 May Street, killing a number of people and injuring several others. News reports mentioned that the reasons behind these clashes are tribal revenge between al-Awaleq tribes. The Revenge Committee set up by the Shora Council, held a meeting to discuss some issues pertaining to tribal revenges which mostly occurred in the capital Sana'a. Yet, the committee has failed to develop practical solutions that can actually be enforced.

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Tribal revenges have significantly increased within the last couple of months in the capital Sana'a and some other cities nationwide, making it necessary for some tribesmen to carry arms in order to protect themselves from an assault, while some others have to leave cities in their tribal areas. Actually, tribal feuds are not a new phenomenon in Yemen, but rather the result of the many conflicts and wars that Yemen has undergone and is still undergoing. Tribes which have a great deal of military hardware tend to use these weapons in their wars, which mostly arise from disputes over land or tribal boundary conflicts.

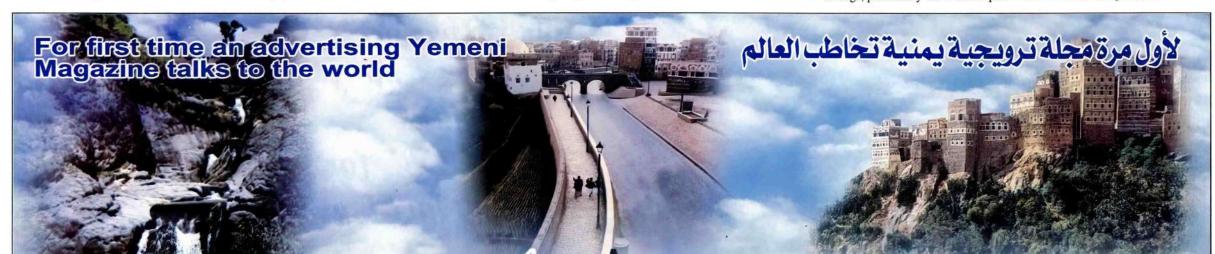
Many sheikhs and social dignitaries believe that what is happening today is significantly different from how it was in the past, as most of the conflicts nowadays are inconsistent even with the tribal norms which govern and regulate the tribal social affairs related to revenge, particularly the ones that pro-

hibit perpetrating the acts of killing in markets and in cities. Some other people believe that tribal feuds are the direct result of t h e weak security situation prevalent

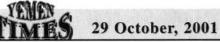
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try, adding that this situation has made it difficult for the tribal community to meet the requirements of democratization, since it is preoccupied with it own problems. While some other people call on the security authorities to consider any tribal revenge in cities a crime, and thus the perpetrators should be punished by the authorities on this basis. Unfortunately, in most cases the security organs avoid any involvement in any issue pertaining to a tribal feud for fear of encountering the tribesmen. The Revenge Committee of the Shora Council has failed to reach general conciliation treaties between the different warring tribes in Yemen.

What is more catastrophic is that tribal revenge has become a nightmare for the young tribesmen who study in Sana'a, as a medical student was gunned down in front of the Faculty of Medicine and another in front of the Military College. This has forced many tribesmen to discontinue their university studies, so as not to be victims of revenge. Ultimately, the Yemeni media is trying to tackle this issue through producing TV series on revenge problems in Yemen, although this issue require a massive mobilization of efforts of the different government bodies with the aim of putting an end to this serious problem.







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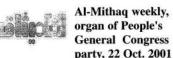
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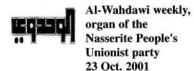
ere is a review of excerpts from articles published in some Yemeni press for this week focusing on the war against Afghanistan and its consequences particularly on the Afghan people.



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Mr Hamoud Munassar says in an article that securing an attitude adopted by Arab and Islamic public opinion, even though a neutral one, is to be considered a significant gin for the American administration in its war on terrorism. This is actually what has up to now been realized. It can be said that this is actually the stand really embodying the state of alliance now established with the United States in its war on terrorism. But it is obvious that the alliance system is large-scaled and with multilateral fronts and forms of action.

I do not know whether the Arab and Islamic governments that exercised pressure on the Arab street and prevented the masses from expressing their feelings towards the Afghan Muslim people, have done that decidedly and informed the American side that that is part of their participation in the war against terrorism and a form of alliance with the United States. It is not clear whether this stance is out of fear from America and concern about their future or not. Or is it adopted due to their weakness?



Mr Abdulkarim al- Khaiwani writes in an article that when America launches an aggression on a poor country it is a matter the world has got used to. And when America musters allies for its war is a kind of repeated scene of the alliance of interest and fear from the power and when the U.S. intelligence groups remnants of opposition of any country to use it their country is in fact an used up policy. What is different this time is to wage a war, establish an alliance and change a regime, and all this is based on suspicion.

America's previous wars are given justifications the presidents are keen to fabricate just to give them legitimacy, legality and logic with the public opinion and the regimes allied to it. If we consider America's present war we would find out it is something different and fabricated lock, stock and barrel. Even president Bush and his adminisration say it is different. The odds are they do not consider it different with regard to various weapons used in it, for they are used to experiment the latest types of deadly weapons in their wars, but the difference is rather lies in the policy of the war, its justifications and ways of imposing it under circumstances shrouded with the shock prevailing the world since the explosions of 11 September. The war on Afghanistan nowadays represents America's absurdism freedom of killing, destruction and plundering of riches. Any alliance or support or even silence towards it means only conceding to this interpretation of freedom. The war for combating terrorism derives its legitimacy from terrorism itself. Terrorism of state is something good, contrary to individuals or groups terrorism which is bad, according to American official categorization. Given this, the Zionist terrorism is a legitimate right but resisting occupation is terrorism that must be eliminated. Even the right of peoples to liberation of their lands and getting their independence and freedom are categorized as terrorism.

some military and economic infrastructures, as is the goals of wars in order to malfunction artillery as a means of defense. It is an offensive of great destructive energy where sophisticated weapons have been used for the first time. It is an offensive lacking the theory of relative balance. Up today the offensive is justified on dependence of suspicion and absence of scientific evidence, and this makes it illegitimate and confirms the principle of premeditation. This American war has reflected an inhumane tendency by using internationally prohibited weapons and targeting innocent noncombat citizens and caused the displacement of millions of people escaping from the inferno of war. It has also exposed these millions to starvation and diseases in violation of human

rights principles and rules of treating war victims. The current American offensive has provoked sentiments and feelings of Moslems all over the world and pushed them to stage protest demonstrations and declare their wrath towards it. The general directions of the U.S. war are taking dangerous targets not aimed at Afghanistan only but are an introduction for a large-scale scheme aimed at deployment of American military forces in various parts of the world and to impose control over its most important inlets and outlets.



27 Oct. 2001. In its editorial on terrorism, the news-

paper says " Not a day goes by since September 11 without talking about terrorism; the more we discuss terrorism, the more in disagreement we become about defining it. Should we define terrorism in general or should we limit it to political, religious, physical or psychological terrorism?"

Yemen Observer editorial maintains that " we should define it so that we don't repeat it as history repeats itself. We should define it so that no person, organization or even country could use it to settle scores and personal feuds. It should be defined so that religions, cultures and rights of people are not mistaken for terrorism.

All of us could play a role by holding conferences at the regional level and call for an International conference under the umbrella of the United Nations on defining terrorism. The clear definition on terrorism will set the record straight and prevent us from religious and culture clashes, the editorial concluded."

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rather than depending on selection of Palestinian state, according to the International resolutions, in order to eliminate of seminaries of tension that Israel is exploiting for its own interest aimed at poisoning atmospheres of Arab-American relations.

## Al-Isboa weekly 25 Oct. 2001

Mr Hassan al-Udaini writes an article on the U.S. vengeance mania saying that American is taking revenge for the killing of its citizens from citizens of another country. The question is that the punishment is taken against innocents having no hand in what happened in New York City and Washington on 11 September. Since the beginning of air raids on Afghanistan on 7 October, hitting civilian targets have been repeated and are increasing every day. The Americans attribute targeting civilian targets to being by mistake. This is something hard to believe because repetition of such strikes and the U.S. sophisticated weapons provide the American army with precision in targeting and exclusion of committing mistakes. Therefore, weighing the possibility of intentional hitting of civilian targets and killing of thousands of civilians over being mistaken ones, is more logical.



## Arab Baath Socialist party, Iraqi organization, 23 Oct. 2001 An editorial written by Dr Qassem

Sallam says that the term "terrorism" has today becomes an American-Zionist bugbear to be taken as an excuse against Arab and Muslims and to impose on them within the context of the American and Zionist logic in the aftermath of attacks of 11 September in New York and Washington. The explosions have been taken advantage of by America and the Zionist entity as a golden opportunity to justify their criminal aggressions against the Palestinian and the Iraqi people and against all Arabs and Muslims in the world.

Those incidents were an opportunity for realizing the American-Zionist strategic goal in the Arab homeland to confront with Arabism and Islam. On the other hand they want it an opportunity for imposing their actual and practical hegemony on the Arab countries whom have been forced to accept the principle of partnership in implementing the American scheme in its strategic dimension and depth in the Arab homeland and the Muslim world proceeding from the events of 11 September in the context of opening its bloody file in Iraq and the Zionist file in Palestine.

Letters to the Editor

### Dear Editor,

I have just read your editorial View Point (Enough is Enough) published in issue 40 - October 1, 2001 through 7 October, 2001, Vol XI, and agree with you 100 %. It's time for all men of good conscience to put aside their differences, establish some kind of working dialogue, and recognize the killing of the innocent for what it really is cold godless murder.

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## **Re: Yemenis Condemn Strikes**

The USA was attacked by a large powerful well-funded organization that funds and supports the Taliban and is protected by it. They carried out attacks within Afghanistan too, such as the assassination of the head of the Northern Alliance. The Taliban would not and likely could not turn in bin Ladden and his key associates. The Taliban also is an oppressive regime that persecutes and even executes those who don't rigidly follow it's harsh rules. Women in particular have no freedom at all, and risk sadistic punishment and death if they want an education.

I am glad that the Taliban did not surrender bin Laden because I think it would have been meaningless. He did not act alone. This wasn't some little murder mystery, you can't have a simple trial by jury. This was the most vicious and horrible of atrocities, but only one of many in an ongoing WAR! The policies of the USA are imperfect, but also evolving and changing as many things are changing throughout the world. There are many countries in the Mid East that have oppressive regimes: some secular and others religious. The USA does support and have mutually cooperative relations with some, most people here wish you all, including the Palestinians would have freedom and peace. It isn't always the fault of the US, and particularly it wasn't the fault of the 6000+ people that were murdered. Approximately 2,500 were from various other countries, including Yemen. Also how horrible would it have been if the Taliban had surrendered bin Laden, and then what would the US have to have been supportive of these fanatics? That would be crueler to the majority of the people in Afghanistan than to fight to

get rid of the terrorist, and as a byproduct their supporters; the Taliban. The US has continually donated food and supplies to people in need, and is giving tons of much needed supplies now.

Also remember this; none of the civilians killed is being intentionally targeted. The people on the planes and at the World Trade Center were intentionally targeted.

We are still being attacked now in our country, with biological warfare, and with likely additional attacks promised from bin Laden and his supporters. We have no choice but to fight this.

Statements like this by Dr. Qasem Sallam, about our struggle against terrorism, " a pretext for the US to kill women and children in Afghanistan." are meant to promote more hate in the world. We need to work together to find the solutions to complex problems. Hate is simple but it's not the answer.

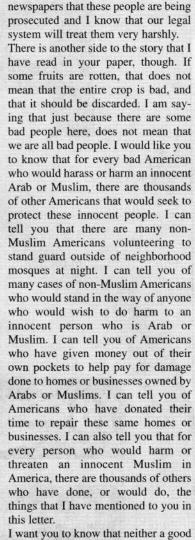
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## Americans are Not All the Same

I am a citizen of The United States of America Lam not of Arab origin, nor am I Muslim. This does not mean, however, that I am not a friend to any peace-loving person in the world. I am a citizen with no connections to our government. I stumbled upon your online newspaper while trying to further educate myself about recent events as seen through the eyes of those in the Middle East.

I am saddened by a particular news item that I have read in your paper, concerning murders or other hate crimes against Yemenis and other Arabs in the United States. Regrettably, there are some ignorant and terrible people who have no regard for human life. These individuals exist in all areas of the world, and the U.S.A. is no exception. My reason for writing to you is not to discuss politics, or the foreign policy of my country, your country, nor that of any other. Those issues are best left to our governments. I am writing to you as one single American, who would like you to know another side to this story that I have read in your paper.

Ignorance is not an excuse for hatred. The people who commit these crimes

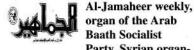


person or a bad person can be defined simply by their citizenship or their religion. Any person who does not believe this is ignorant. There is no excuse for ignorance. There is also no excuse for not knowing that there is more than one aspect to every story. I hope that I have helped to share with you another aspect to these tragedies that I have read about in your newspaper. I wish you well and I will leave you with this thought. On a cold and desolate night, when you are hungry and weary, you would be welcomed into my home, where you would find warmth, comfort and sustenance, without regard to your race, nationality or religion. I am not the only American who feels this way. Please do not judge us all, by the actions of a few.

> Mel Smith Bornin74@hotail.com Kentucky,

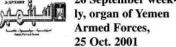
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## **Celebrating Growing Yemeni-Turkish Relations**



Party, Syrian organization, 21 Oct. 2001

The newspaper's editor-in-chief says in his this week's article that any military analyst of the nature of the present American attack on Afghanistan would find out that it is a comprehensive offensive aimed at all Afghanistan



The newspaper has this week devoted its editorial to discuss the Arab-American relationship. It says that no two persons may differ about the danger the terrorist organizations pose to safety and security of world countries and regions. All agree on the importance of resolutely and powerfully encountering all forms and sources of terrorism. Out of this Yemen has declared its stand versus terrorism, condemned it and expressed readiness to work within the international community to fight it.

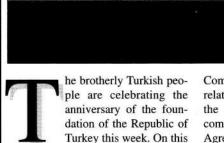
Unfortunately, there are some who try to exploit these tense atmospheres resulting from the terrorist acts carried out against the United States to derail them from their goal towards creation of rift between religions, civilizations and peoples. The Arabs stand by America against terrorism, but it is a stance committed to the UN charter and Arabs religious, cultural and common interests constants.

Yemen is keen to deal with events with wisdom and reason, away from emotions and reactions. It takes into consideration its national and pan-Arab constants at the forefront of the bases of taking decisions. It in the meantime calls upon all Arab countries for more unity and commitment to stand up to terrorism, armed with an Arab unified stand contributing to an international effort in this context. The Arabs should push towards implementation of the U.S. promise for the establishment of a

## Ath-Thawri weekly, organ of YSP, 25 Oct. 2001

The newspaper's editorial raises a question on whether what is happening in Afghanistan does really reflect the international will and can a large-scale military action like this uproot terrorism and dry up its resources for good. The editorial maintains that answering such questions will be more pessimistic the longer the war goes on and losses redoubled among the defenseless civilians. The outcome of the

American-British attack on Afghanistan has limited results in terms of achieving the slogan of combating terrorism, whereas there is accumulation of catastrophes as depicted by images of humanitarian sufferings of the Afghan children and women. This would consequently weaken legitimacy of the war or lessen its continuation avail. This war is practically grinding life of thousands of the innocent and is no longer capable of retaining its attractiveness with the public opinion. Terrorism cannot be eradicated by warplanes raids and shelling with missiles. Yemen's political parties and organizations and the masses have condemned all forms of terrorism and they in the meantime condemn rendering defenseless people into a target for itself. They also believe that causing civilians, anywhere in the world, to be victims of wars and conflicts, is by all standards condemned terrorism.



Turkey this week. On this occasion, a reception will be held at the Turkish Embassy in Sana'a on October 29.

There are strong historical and cultural ties between the Yemeni and Turkish people. Therefore, Turks visiting or residing in Yemen admit that they feel very much at home owing to the deep rooted humanitarian ties. Besides, many Yemeni families include people of Turkish origin or who have relatives in Turkey.

The relations between Yemen and Turkey developed after the two countries opened embassies reciprocally in Sana'a and Ankara.

The bilateral relations between Yemen and Turkey witnessed important developments in the year 2000.

"First Joint Economic The Commission Meeting" was held in Ankara in September, a high level delegation from the Yemeni Air Force and the Minister of Electricity visited Turkey. Also, the Turkish-Yemeni Friendship Group was established in the Turkish Grand National Assembly. the Joint Economic During

Commission meeting, officials from related ministries exchanged views on the enhancement of economic and commercial relations.

Agreements on Reciprocal Protection and Promotion of Investments, Tourism Cooperation, Road Transport, cooperation between the official news agencies and cooperation between the Chambers of Industry and Commerce were signed at the meeting.

The 2nd Joint Economic Committee meeting is expected to be held in early 2002. The draft agreements on elimination of double taxation, vocational training, standardization, cooperation in the field of health and civil aviation which are already negotiated between the two governments are expected to be finalized soon as well. The total volume of bilateral trade in 2000 between the two countries was around US \$70 million. Turkish companies are interested in exporting their products to Yemen. Turkish contracting companies were successful in realizing infrastructure projects in many countries in the world. Marib Dam, the largest dam in Yemen, was constructed by a Turkish company.

On the other hand, Yemeni companies should also be encouraged to increase their exports to Turkey.

In addition to economic and commercial relations, the cultural aspect of bilateral cooperation is also worth mentioning.

The Ottoman archives is one of the richest in the world. The Turkish Yemeni Archives Exhibition in Sana'a, inaugurated by the Yemeni Prime Minister, was an outstanding example of cooperation in the cultural field by the two countries.

The Turkish officials state that, "The friendship between the Turkish and Yemeni peoples owes to the fact that the two countries are sharing similar democratic ideas, constituting a fertile ground for further development in relations between the two countries. Turkey is following with appreciation for the democratization process in Yemen, which is unique in the Arabian Peninsula. We also welcome the peaceful policies being pursued by Yemen and the resolute steps taken by the Yemeni government to cooperate with international efforts to combat terrorism. There are many areas for potential cooperation between Turkey and Yemen.

We hope the cooperation between Yemen and Turkey will further increase for the benefit of the brotherly people of our two countries."

## 29 October, 2001

## **Miserable Afghan Refugees Camped on Pyandzh River**

HUGAHLBAHODIN—Huddling close together in jammed camps on Pyandzh River in northern Afghanistan, shivering in the freezing cold of the early hours of the day, hundreds of thousands of Afghans, rendered refugees by the ongoing U.S.-led military campaign against their beleaguered homeland, prepared themselves for what might become even worse in a new day, mixed with hope and misery. The Afghans, living in the shadow of years of civil conflicts, know too well about bloodshed, poverty and sufferings. So when U. S. forces pounded their country with bombs, they know their fate too well and they know where to go for survival -- fleeing to neighboring countries or living in refugee camps.

In the wake of the September 11 terror attacks in America, countries bordering northern Afghanistan closed their bor-

ders to Afghanistan due to concerns that the influx of Afghan refugees might add difficulty to their fragile economy. Too familiar with being treated as forgotten people, the Afghan refugees are thronging in camps dotting the banks and isles of the Pyandzh River.

Roughly 10 kilometers away from this northern Afghan village, there was a refugee camp accommodating about 10,000 refugees. The miserable living conditions in those refugee camps have forced children living there into begging whenever foreigners come.

The camp, grouping about 2,000 wickiups, is located in the southern bank of Pyandzh River. U.S. planes dropped food to this area Wednesday, but local refugees said they did not find anything since all the food fell into nearby villages instead of the camps.

Infectious diseases have been found in

these camps due to a combination of bad hygienic conditions and shortage of medicine, with two women, 22 and 18 years of age respectively, found infected with malaria. The one aged 22 has been hospitalized while the one aged 18 is staying in her camp. Covered with a thick blanket, the woman in the camp lay in bed, her face pale and her eyes closed. The coming cold weather, though it could drive mosquitoes and insects away and thus reduce the chance of malaria breaking out, may cause more serious problems for the refugees, since they do not have enough clothing to prevent themselves from coldness of the harsh winter.

Bare-footed kids were playing on the sandy soil in the camp, some even making faces before the correspondent's camera. Most of them have been forced to leave home or have lost their -Xinhua families

## **Arafat Meets German FM With Call** for Israel to Return to Talks

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Describing his talks with Arafat as

fruitful, frank and open, the German

minister admitted the situation in the

Palestinian territories is "serious and

Both Arafat and Fischer agreed that

there was no alternative to peace. The

two leaders stressed that the interna-

tionally acknowledged Mitchell report

must be fully implemented as early as

On behalf of the German government

and people, Fischer promised to push

forward the peace process and support

GAZA\_ Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat on Friday met visiting German Foreign Minister Joschka Fischer, urging Israel to return to the negotiating table and implement the agreements reached with the Palestinian side.

In a joint news briefing following the meeting, Arafat said, " We do not ask the impossible. We only urge them to return to the negotiating table and implement agreements and commitments between us."

He reaffirmed the Palestinian National Authority's commitment to the peace process, despite "Israeli military escalations and occupation of important

## "Other Forces" May Be Behind **Terror Attacks on U.S.: Saudi DM**

KUWAIT CITY-Saudi Defense for harboring him. Minister Sultan Ibn Abdul-Aziz has Sultan stressed that the assaults in New York and Washington could not be said that there may be some "other described as "a normal thing," saying forces" behind the September 11 terror attacks in the U.S., the Kuwait-based that they have many dimensions,

Arab Times reported on Monday. "A terrorist strike of such magnitude, precision and accurate planning brings us to the question of who could have been assisting Osama bin Laden and his organization," Sultan, also Saudi second deputy prime minister, said in an interview with the newspaper. The U.S. has accused bin Laden, a Saudi-born multi-millionaire, of masterminding the terror attacks in New

York and Washington, and has been pounding Afghanistan since October 7 operations.

## **Japanese Group Calls for Peaceful Solution to Terrorism**

Laden.

TOKYO-A group of some 200 prominent Japanese figures on Thursday issued an appeal calling on national leaders to fight terrorism by using diplomatic means, Kyodo News reported.

The appeal said the U.S.-led military strikes against Afghanistan will only result in more retaliation and perpetuate the cycle of violence, the report said.

Oceanographer Tomoyasu Kawai and

novelist Hisashi Inoue are among the 20 promoters of the appeal, while 173 other people, including writer Jiro Akagawa and actress Eriko Watanabe, support it.

The appeal also criticized Japan's antiterrorism legislation enabling the Self-Defense Forces to provide rear-area -Xinhua

Anthrax Found in U.S. Supreme **Court Mail Equipment** 

WASHINGTON -- Anthrax was discovered Friday on a U.S. Supreme Court mail device, but so far no evidence showed that the court building was contaminated by the microbe. The bacteria were found on a filter removed from a warehouse that screens mail headed for the Supreme

Court, and federal officials said no evidence showed the microbe had made way to the court building itself. Court spokeswoman Kathy Arberg

said that the whole building would be closed and employees sent home. The building would be tested thoroughly, and if any contamination is detected, it will be decontaminated, according to -Xinhua the spokeswoman.

## Arrested French Journalist to Appear in Court: Taliban

ISLAMABAD-A spokesman for the Taliban militia in Jalalabad said on Sunday that an investigation of the arrested French journalist Michel Peyrard has been finished and he would be presented to a court soon, according to the Pakistan-based Afghan Islamic Press (AIP).

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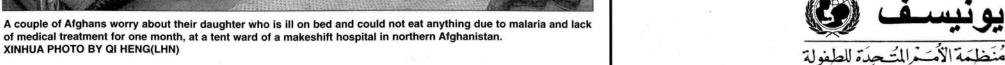
ISLAMABAD-Afghan Taliban executed five opposition commanders Saturday morning after capturing them in Samangan province, according to the Afghan Islamic Press (AIP).

sition Northern Alliance launched a major offensive against Taliban in Dara Souf of Samangan province, which was repulsed by the Taliban soldiers. Five opposition commanders and 15 troops were captured during the fighting.

Mohammed Bilal and other opposition commanders were hanged after the capture.

mander Abdul Haq on Friday was also executed for treason under a religious decree issued by a meeting of Afghan religious scholars.

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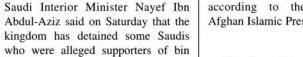
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logistics support for the current U.S.led military campaign as an infringement on the country's war-renouncing Constitution.

The United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) invites all applicants to apply for the position of an

**Assistant Accounting / Finance Officer** 

based in Sana'a to undertake the following tasks.



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## **Five Opposition Commanders Executed** by Taliban

Meanwhile, the Saudi Arabian Monetary Institution, the Saudi central bank, has ordered to follow up and freeze the accounts of companies, individuals and groups listed by the United States for being involved in terrorist -Xinhua

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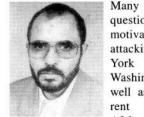
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question the motivations of attacking New York and Washington, as well as the current raid on Afghanistan. The

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answers are three: its a war between good and evil, a crusade war, a war between faith and infidelity. None of the above is true. Not all good and all evil are taking part in this war, so it cannot be labeled as a war between good and the evil. It is not a crusade because there has been no agreement among Muslims or Christians to launch such a war. It is not a war between faith and infidelity because Muslims have not appointed others to fight in their name. The reasons are likely to be poverty, backwardness, lack of freedom and humiliation from which many nations suffer. With globalization aspects spreading worldwide, poor nations do not accept living in acute poverty while others are enjoying fabulous luxury. They refuse to be backward, enslaved and humiliated when others are advanced, free and respected. The New York and Washington events cannot be easily and quickly conceived. Only hatred and malice can explain what happened. Perpetrators themselves may not know why they did it. Others may also not

know the real motivations behind these events, as they have been interpreted in a different way.

## **Taher Ali Saif Member of Parliament**

think the US strikes against Afghanistan are a reaction against the NYC and Washington incidents, though evidence

even

does not clearly point to the perpetrators.

Some think that America is totally secure and is the only state invincible to these global changes. Political analysts confessed that America fell heavily due to its arrogance, superiority and pretension. Perhaps, America does not realize that it made mistakes in policies adopted for the whole world, specifically concerning Third World countries. The recent terrorist actions against New York and Washington have been a culmination of the killing of innocent civilians in the entire world. It is also an alarm bell to remind America of its foreign policies towards world nations. America wants to regain its power and control of the world's resources by reconsidering the world's political map in order to satisfy its interests and objectives. By poking its nose into world affairs, the US creates instability and jeopardizes global peace.

Abdulghani Abdulgaleel Al-Shameeri

To save people in Afghanistan or to save our conscience, days, hours and nights pass very quickly as if they were centuries. The homeless people in Afghanistan are victims of Western arrogance. The USA and the West have been assembling military forces to kill the innocent powerless people of Afghanistan. This nation remained in long periods of destructive wars and has been suffering from the simplest means of life. Of course, all this happened in front of our own eyes. Why are those innocent people killed everyday? What crime did they commit? Where is the consciousness of the Islamic nations and pan-Arabism? Undoubtedly, these acts are scary, horrible and aggressive. All of us are scared to witness such acts. But why do we feel afraid? Why do they claim the right to fight terrorism? Where are the origins of terrorism? They are using different kinds of weapons and experience right now against the Afghans. Does Islam mean terrorism? Why are such helpless people killed? The basic infrastructure is currently being completely devastated. What will remain?

So many questions need to be urgently answered. The current situation is of great danger. This could lead to huge disasters with the victims being Islam in general and the Afghans in particular.

operations support for a smooth implementation of the World Bank funded child Development Project (information flow, banking arrangements, exchange/interest rates and cash flow management, cost recovery, budget flow-up, issuance of quarterly report, etc.)

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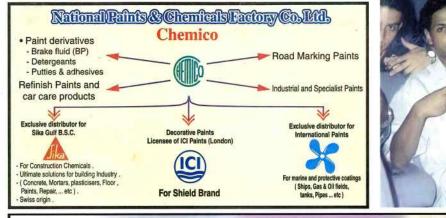




## **Remembering Tareq Aman**

ur readers may remember the front-page His reply is the following: Canadian of Yemeni origin who was ruthcity of Canada. Weeks after the attack, we asked Tareq's hip hop. No other young man or woman has done this father, Farook, to give us a briefing on Tareq and his feel- in the Ottawa region so far. He composed songs in ings on what happened.

news item about Tareq Farook Aman, the "Tareq Farook Aman is my son. He was a wonderful and talented young man in many areas. He spoke at lessly beaten to death on Friday least four languages fluently. At only 19 years, he September 28, 2001 in Ottawa, the capital had accomplished himself in music such as rap and English and French.









His first CD was going to be released in the year 2002. He was working with several music studios. He performed in Montreal and Toronto and was about to perform in Boston and New York before his sudden tragic death.

Tareq was not a mean person but was loved and respected by many. That is why his funeral drew a record crowa that Ottawa City had never witnessed before. The crowd included Canadian members of the Parliament, people from the business and sports community, talented young

artists and friends as well as relatives. The Ottawa City Hall approved a memorial in memory of Tareq Farook Aman. A bench will be installed in the park where Tareq collapsed. They are also considering naming the park in Tareq's name. Moreover, we understand that two companies in the United States have expressed interest in establishing an educational fund in Tareq's name to assist young unfortunate but talented people in getting scholarships to pursue their dreams as artists. Details are being worked out to establish Tareq's foundation. A Montreal-based garment manufacturer is also currently looking into selling high quality T-shirts with his face on the front and his lyrics at the back. Tareq's name will live forever. He was a good Muslim."

On behalf of Yemen Times, we would like to extend to Mr. Farook and Tareq's family our condolences and encourage them to go on with life whatever happens.







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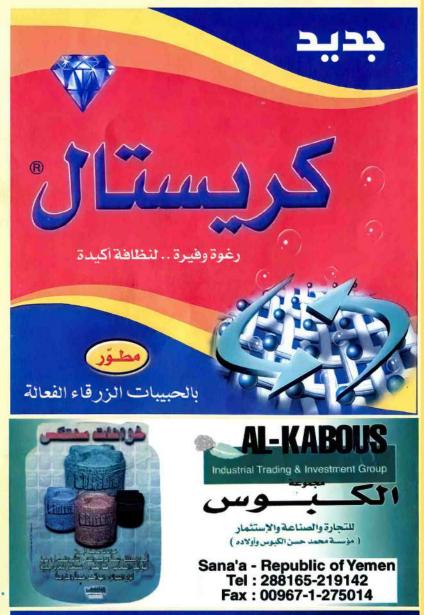
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All the correct answers will be published in February along with the names of the winners. The prizes will be handed in the same month. For any questions or comments about the competition, please call Mr. Nasri Abu Bakr.

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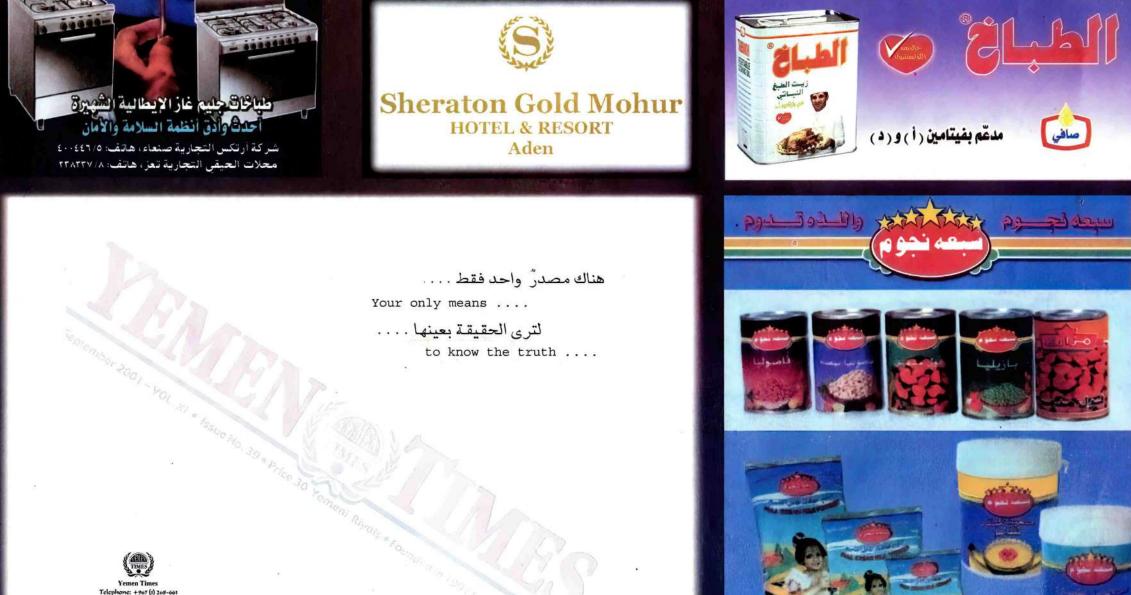
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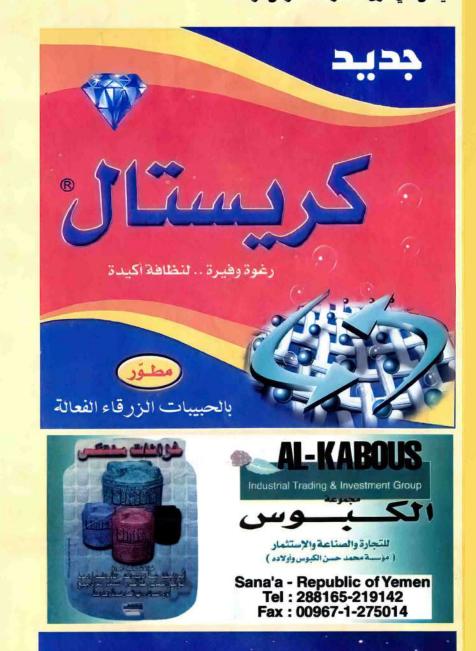
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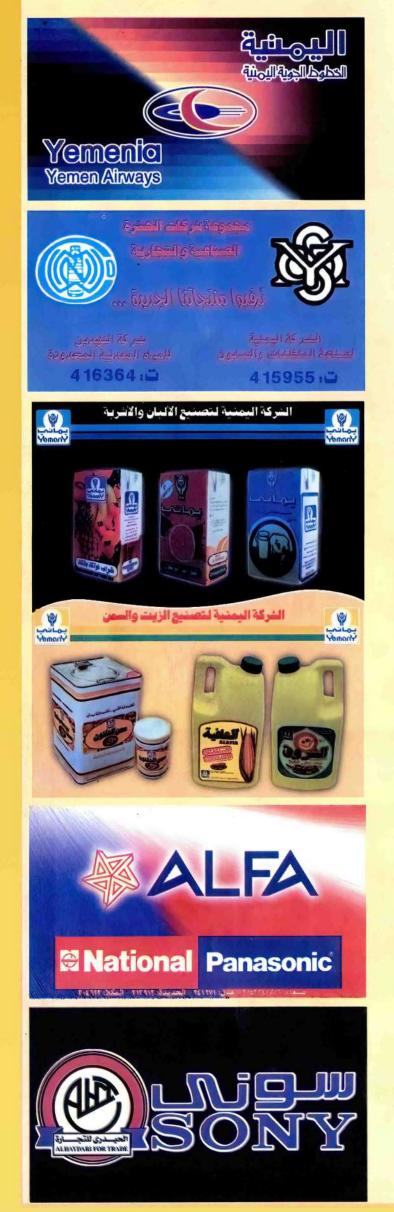
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attacks, and practical jokes.

reports of some 400 cases in which white weapons has been mobilized. powder has been discovered across the About 120 cases were reported in Tokyo, Kuwait, and many other countries country during the last 10 days up to including one in which an envelope con- including Yemen. Tuesday, following anthrax cases in the taining starch powder was sent to the However, analysts believe that almost all United States, Kyodo News reported.

been detected, and about 50 cases were lized 70 times, the NPA found to be pranks involving starch, baby ing the National Police Agency (NPA). October 13 involved mail received bullet trains. directly through the post and there were In Osaka Prefecture, western Japan, the concentrated in the USA, where the letalso cases in which the recipient mistook stance, the NPA said.

In the last two weeks, the Anthrax hyste- In line with the reports, there has been an General in the Osaka-Kobe area last ria has reached a whole new level. White increase in the number of times investipoweders have been sent throughout the gators from the etropolitan Police Letters including white or sometimes fectural police's terrorist unit probing countries of the world. In Japan alone, police have received cases involving biological and chemical

prime minister's official residence. However, there have been no cases in Investigators from the MPD's team dealwhich bacteria or toxic substances have ing with terrorist cases have been mobisaid.

powder and spices, the report said, quot- On Tuesday, police and railway officials said white powder had been found at ease, not only in the USA, but all over More than half the cases reported since Narita airport, east of Tokyo, and on two

police said they found ingredients used cosmetic powder for a suspicious sub- in bath salts from white powder sent in The Middle East was among the regions Let's hope that they don't develop to be

There were reports in the UK, Australia, Kenya, France, Israel, Turkey, Egypt,

of those powders are no more than "silly" practical jokes that have caused a In Saudi Arabia, Health Minister Osama great deal of damage the peace of mind of the people of those countries.

Reports published said that there is a global increasing fear of the Anthrax disthe danger in the meantime is mainly tained harmless powder and flour." ters originated.

an envelope to the U.S. Consulate that were affected deeply by this anthrax true.

series of anthrax scares across the Middle East, an American University of world in the form of threats, biachemical Department (MPD) and the Osaka pre- colored powder were reported in many Beirut professor who opened an envelope containing white powder was rushed to hospital, university officials said Wednesday.

hysteria. According to AP, "In one of a

Lebanon has witnessed numerous anthrax scares in the past few days which government officials have called "heavy iokes."

Shubukshi said several suspicious letters containing white powder had proved to be "stupid pranks," and no cases of anthrax had been found in the kingdom. The Okaz newspaper quoted him the globe. However, analysts believe that Wednesday as saying the letters con-Fortunately however, all those cases

seemed to be hoaxes.



## **NOW THAT IS BIZARRE!**

## A weekly column for bizarre stories & news

### Robber Panics and Calls Police On Himself

NORWAY - A 27-year-old would-be robber panicked in the middle of a heist. He had intended to blow up Gensidige NOR's cash machine, but realized he had left incriminating clues to his identity. So, he called the police on himself. They obligingly agreed to meet him at the bank. Trond Aune of

Romerike police said, "He left revealing 'trade marks' at the scene of the crime. He was also worried about the dynamite he'd left behind." Police blocked off the area while they waited for bomb experts to arrive at the scene. The man was arrested

### Botched Study Puts British Officials In Bad Mood

LONDON - Chris Bostock, head of the government-funded Institute of Anima Health, told the BBC that the government's veterinary laboratory -- the VLA -- had sent him an e-mail admitting mistakes had been made. Bostock led a study by the Edinburgh-based Institute of Animal Health of samples of 2,867 sheep to determine whether bovine spongiform encepha-

lopathy, or "mad cow" disease, was present in British sheep. The government had already developed a contingency plan for the destruction of 40 million sheep and lambs if necessary. The results of the IAH study indicated that up to 1 percent of the sheep had been infected by BSE. But two days before the report was to be submitted to a key meeting of the government's BSE Advisory Committee, scientists discovered they had spent nearly half a decade and \$312,000 studying cows' brains -- not sheep. Peter Smith, the committee's chairman, said, "It appears to have been a dreadful mistake."

### **Convicted Criminal Asks For Prison Credit**

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. - A man who escaped from prison and was captured after 10 years on the lam is asking to be released immediately. His rationale? His original sentence would have been up by now. "This petition may take the prize for chutzpah,"a judge wrote in an opinion. Timothy Marshall's request was denied. Marshall, 39, was convicted in 1985 of trafficking cocaine and was sentenced to 15 years. On a legal note, the court said Marshall showed no requirement to give an escapee "credit" for time spent outside prison walls.

### **Bizarre Statements**

I believe you should live each day as if it is your last, which is why I don t have any clean laundry because, come on, who wants to wash clothes on the last day of their life?" -- Age 15

"It sure would be nice if we got a day off for the president's birthday, like they do for the queen's. Of course, then we would have a lot of people voting for a candidate born on July 3 or December 26, just for the long weekends." - Age 8 "I bet living in a nudist colony takes all the fun out of Halloween." -Age 13

"For centuries, people thought the moon was made of green cheese. Then the astronauts found that the moon is really a big hard rock. That's what happens to cheese when you leave it out." -Age 6

## **Round-the-clock Monitoring on Mars**

SVALBARD a day, a local researcher told a every year. visiting team of Chinese scien- According to Tangen, the

tistshere Wednesday. that compared with observato- tioning system. ing capabilities.

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ISLANDS, between rising and ebb tides October 24 (Xinhua) -- The there was about 14 centime-Ny-Alesund Space Geodetic ters, and Svalbard Island is Observatory of Norway can moving two or three millimekeep an eye on Mars 24 hours ters toward the southwest

observatory could pinpoint the Leif Morten Tangen, an engi- exact location of the North neer with the observatory, said Pole to support the global posi-

ries in other regions, their sta- Tangen attributed these tion boasted a perfect geo- achievements to the newest graphical location which left high technology used in the no place beyond their monitor- observatory. One example is the atomic clock: the margin of Located in 78.56 degrees north error of the observatory's latitude and 11.52 degrees east atomic clock was one second longitude, the observatory is per million years, while that situated in Ny-Alesund in the used by the Global Positioning

30, 000 years. In addition, a

observatory will not be affected by powerful weather. The Yilite-Morning Scientific Expedition arrived on the island last Friday

and plans to build China's first scientific research station there.

## **Osama Bin Laden Mask For Halloween**

As the Halloween approaches, analysts believe that the Anthrax scare and terrorist attack of September 11th could potentially lead to great panic and distress among the citizens who may be using very "serious" jokes including sending each other white powders, trying to demonstrate Osama bin Laden, etc.

One of those issues that may scare the hell out of American children may be the newly arrived Osama bin Laden masks. As Reuters said, "The Osama bin Laden Halloween masks have arrived, but a New York shop owner

says he is not selling them to just anyone. "Not everyone can buy this mask," said Paul Blum, owner of Abracadabra, the mask and costume shop in Manhattan's Chelsea neighborhood, of the bin Laden mask that he had made up and which arrived on

Tuesday. And he wasn't just talking about the \$95 price tag. "If they're going to use it to hang him, or put him in an

electric chair, fine," Blum said. "But to wear, to run around to have fun being bin Laden, I don't think so. I'm not going to sell them to

people like that at all," he said. Accordingly, a dummy in the store wearing the rubber mask was strapped into an electric chair, with the headpiece strapped around the faux-bin Laden's tur-

anthracinum) for two days in succession, he However, normal doctors and orthodox

would be immune from anthrax for at least medical practitioners did not comment on

"All right sucker, we're going to fry. Any last words?" cracked Omar, a store employee. Blum said he planned to interview

potential buyers "and see what they had in mind to do with it. And I'll be the judge whether to sell it to them or not."

Customers at the shop, which also features masks of recent U.S. presidents, O.J. Simpson and Austin Powers as well as a host of ghouls and even the Mrs. Bates cadaver from the Alfred Hitchcock film "Psycho", lined up for a chance to

slap the bin Laden figure.

And they were nearly universal in saying that they didn't find the mask offensive, but thought any one who wore it on the streets of New York City was taking his life in his.hands.

'Any way we can keep the Halloween spirit alive," said Danielle Ahrens when asked what she thought about the mask, which depicts

America's most wanted man as wild eyed, complete with turban and long, gray-streaked beard.

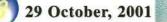
"Any humor we can find in life is a good thing right now," said Ahrens, who found the mask inoffensive as long as it made bin Laden an object of ridicule or scorn.

"But it's probably not a smart move" to wear it in public, she added."

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## Technology & Sports



## **Satellite VideoPhone & Live Broadcasting Revolution**

people could see events simple maps. live in extremely remote areas of the world, wit device not heavier than kg. It is Satellite Videphone. It all started when CNN transmitted pictures of the American crew flying of the country. This was believed to the first live unauthorised images to broadcast from China. The video transmitted by pioneering new vic phone technology - the TH-1 or Talk Head videophone - developed by vi communications specialists Mot Media and satellite specialists Communications. The new 'camera the box', which enables live tworeports from correspondents via ISI and Inmarsat satellite technology, resulted in a journalist coup for CNN who were able to transmit live reports 25 minutes before its competitors sent recorded footage via a satellite facility.

Since then the videophone technolo gy has attracted considerable interes from broadcast organisations aroun the world.

On another level, to CNN viewers, tl air war over Afghanistan looks like series of primitive green flashes light up an inky night sky.

Crude as they are, the images are made possible by a new technology - a lunch-box-sized "videophone" that streams low-bandwidth video over a portable satellite telephone. The footage is captured by a lone cameraman on a mountaintop 60km north of Kabul. Other television reporters at Afghan

rebel camps and in neighboring Uzbekistan — basically anywhere they can lug about 9kg of equipment — are using videophones to do characteristically jittery stand-up reports.

While the images appear primitive, they are a big improvement over voice-only live reports from far-flung correspon- April, when a CNN reporter connected tion of a US\$6,500 7E receiving

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or the first time in history, were typically accompanied visually by images of a US spy plane crew depart- decodes the signal for broadcast. ing China's Hainan island.

> The wideophone allowed CNN to broadotage almost a half-hour earrival broadcasters, who drove phones. link facility to transmit their ideo.

> > reporter and confiscated the videophone.

Although the device is con- era and microphone. sidered of little use in the US The third-generation mobile phone sys-- where most areas are within reach of satellite or microwave transmission attack, transmitting from much closer to "ground zero" than broadcast trucks could reach.

The 4kg videophone itself is used mainly to compress the ideo for transmission. Few their own cameras — a gital video camera will do.

lite uplink facility comprised of at least satellite phone, a device about the size technology (MPEG-4 Visual of a laptop computer. The sat phone rec- \*2, H.263 Ver.2 \*3, MPEGommended by 7E, manufactured by 4 England's Ottercom Ltd, costs US\$9,950.

> The phone relays the signal via a communications satellite parked in geostationary orbit at 35,900km above the earth. Since the signal travels at the speed of light, a "live" satellite broadcast is actually

delayed by a half-second, Gutman said. The device first grabbed attention in The setup also requires installa-

However, prominent digital communications companies are yet promising to deliver yet much more efficient video-

NEC Corporation announced that it has developed a prototype of a mobile The pictures riled competing videophone based on the next-generajournalists and Chinese tion mobile communications system authorities, who detained the "IMT-2000". The videophone is a combination of a mobile phone handset with a viewer comprising screen, video cam-

tem, which is now in the process of standardization, aims to achieve data transmission speeds from 30 to 100 times facilities - CNN reporters higher than current rates (384Kbps for used videophones after the mobile, 2Mbps for static). Ultra high Sept. 11 World Trade Center voice clarity and mobile multimedia applications including video, largecapacity data and Internet access can all be possible through this system. The W-CDMA system also utilizes frequencies efficiently, allowing more subscribers to share the system.

NEC's prototype W-CDMA based porters rely on the rudimen- mobile phone handset is a compact and r golf-ball shaped camera that lightweight (120cc, 130g) foldable vanies it. Most reporters con- design. The viewer (240g, 260cc) comprises a small CCD (Charged Couple Device) camera, microphone and 2-inch the video to headquarters, the color TFT-LCD screen. It employs the requires a satei- videopnone must be connected to a latest video and audio compression

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(8kHz/16kHz Sampling) and G723.1 \*4) to enable the phone to realize high quality audio and video, Internet access capabilities and large capacity video streaming. In addition, the hands-free function enables users to converse while watching the screen.

To enable wireless connection between the phone handset and the viewer screen NEC is using The Bluetooth technology, the latest standard for short-distance radio communications \*5. The Bluetooth technology works by connect-

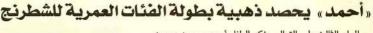
ing information terminals using omni-

directional radio signals. The ability to separate the viewer from the mobile phone makes the phone highly portable and convenient for use on the move without connection cables or directional infrared connection. This means that the phone can remain in your pocket whilst the screen and camera are in operation. By separating the phone handset and viewer, the phone is both easier to use and remains highly portable.

The world has been amazed with the precision and relatively high quality pictures brought from various TV channels using this technology. Among those was Al-Jazeera Satellite Channel which was able to deliver quality video through videophone from various parts of Afghanistan in the ongoing war.

However, the future is still holding other pleasant surprised for the broadcasting companies and also for the viewers. It is expected that in a few years time, videophone image quality will indeed approach regular satellite live transmission in quality. This will truly bring live journalism to a whole new level.

(Sources: NEC Co., Motion Media, Taipei Times, Crain Communications)

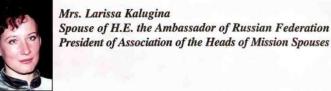


للعام الثالث على التوالى يؤكد الطفل أحمد محسن حسين ر<mark>اجح ذو الأح</mark>دى عشر ربيعاً سيادته على بطولة الشطرنج للفنات <mark>العمرية تحت الأثنا</mark> عشر في حصاده في الثالث عشر من اكتوبر الحالي الميدالية الذهبية، وفي حصوله على كأس المركز الأول في بطولة الجمهورية للشطرنج.

وكان أحمد قد حصد الميدالية الفضية في مشاركته ببطولة النيدو لأطفال العرب في الإمارات في وقت سابق من هذا العام. كما حصد الميدالية البرونزية عام ٢٠٠٠م، في بطولة الجمهورية للشطرنج .

تهانينا وتمنياتنا الطيبة للطفل أحمد بنجاحات متتالية على مدى الأعوام القادمة.

## **Impressions** about Yemen



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or me visiting Yemen each time means entering the fairlytale of "One and thousand nights". Everything is magical in Sana'a. A lot of mysteries seem to take place under the colorful lights coming from semi round window of Yemen houses flood with the thick layer of a white glaze.

The appearance, kindness and sympathy of people make them the characters of the tales.

Many virtues might be hidden under the veils of women as they pass rapidly and the wind solemnly streams their clothes. I change my negative attitude towards the mud and rubbish in the streets



Iraq 4, Thailand 0 tained on the base of the passport number and date

"Moving all that equipment is a big operation, especially in a war zone," said CNN chief news executive Eason Jordan The videophone has allowed individual television reporters to wriggle close to the action, chiming in via jerky, pixelated video from the some of the planet's furthest reaches.

dents during previous conflicts, which one to a car battery and broadcast live device at news headquarters that

FIFA: All Bahrain players were eligible

a ton of recording and broadcast gear.

Operated by a crew of three to four, the

gear is usually housed inside a van.

Ruffinen confirmed this fact. Taking position regarding the complaint, the FIFA General Secretary pointed out that all players in question had been eligible, either because - in accordance with the disciplinary regulations and decisions by the FIFA Disciplinary Committee - their previous yellow cards from the Asian First Round qualifying matches had not been carried over to the Second Round or because the player had served his suspension. In particular, the Bahrain players Mohamed

(fifa.com, Oct. 23) Following up on a complaint submitted by the Iran Football Federation according

to which Bahrain had allegedly fielded ineligible

players in FIFA World Cup qualifying matches of the Asian Second Round, FIFA checked the official

documents pertaining to these matches of Group A

and found that all Bahrain players engaged in these

In a fax sent on Tuesday to the Iran Football

Federation, FIFA General Secretary Michel Zen-

matches were eligible to compete.

HUSAIN MOHAMED and Khaled AL DOSERI were eligible to play the matches Bahrain-Iraq on 24 August 2001 and Bahrain - Saudi Arabia on 21 September 2001 respectively.

Moreover, the player Mohamed Ahmed SALMEEN had effectively been suspended from the match Thailand-Bahrain on 16 October 2001 and did not play in this match. In their complaint, the Iran Football Federation erroneously referred to the player Mohamed SALMAN MAKI, whose respective identity and eligibility, however, were ascer-

of birth. Iran lost its last second round qualifying match 1-3

away to Bahrain and will now have to contest the Asian play-offs against United Arab Emirates. Iranian officials had said that head of IFF Mohsen Safaei Farahni sent a letter of protest to world soccer governing body FIFA regarding the case. However, this didn't change the unexpected result in which host Bahrain stunned Iran 3-1 on Sunday to help Saudi Arabia, also in the same group, advance to the 2002 World Cup competitions to be jointed hosted by South Korea and Japan. The first leg is due to take place in Iran on 25 October 2001, the return match will be played on 31

October in the United Arab Emirates. The winner of these play-offs will then take on Ireland Republic for a two-leg play-off round (on 10 and 15 November 2001 respectively) whose winner will qualify for the 2002 FIFA World Cup Korea/Japan.

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At Bangkok, Thailand Thailand 1, Saudi Arabia 3 Friday, September 21 At Manama, Bahrain Bahrain 0, Saudi Arabia 4 Saturday, September 22 At Bangkok, Thailandc Thailand 1, Irag 1 Friday, September 28

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Iran 2, Irag 1 Tuesday, October 16 At Bangkok, Thailand Thailand 1, Bahrain 1 Sunday, October 21 At Manama, Bahrain Bahrain 3, Iran 1 At Riyadh, Saudi Arabia Saudi Arabia 4, Thailand 1

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FIFA WORLD CUP

KOREA APAN

At Tehran, Iran

Iran 1, Thailand 0

At Amman, Jordan

Friday, October 12

At Tehran Iran

Saudi Arabia 2, Iraq 1

### Group B

Thursday, August 16 At Doha Qatar Qatar 0, Oman 0 Friday, August 17 At Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates United Arab Emirates 4, Uzbek'n 1 Saturday, August 25 At Shenyang, China China 3, United Arab Emirates 0 Sunday, August 26 At Tashkent, Uzbekistan Uzbekistan 2, Qatar 1 Friday, August 31 At Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates United Arab Emirates 0, Qatar 2 At Muscat, Oman Oman 0, China 2 Friday, September 7 At Doha, Qatar Final Results & Standings of World Cup Asian Qualifiers

GROUPB PWDLF A Pts

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after visiting the rural areas and seeing how hardworking people are. They have to cultivate each centimeter of the soil with their own hands. Of course they do not have enough time and possibility to improve the conditions of life. Moreover, they do not care much about them having another value instead.

But in spite of magical charm of Yemen, I cannot help mentioning the problems too. Among them is the high percentage of Qat consumption. The other problem from my point of view is the insufficient attention towards girls' education. But I hope that the efforts made by our organization (I mean the Association of the Heads of Missions Spouses) in this field would be helpful in educating and upbringing the girls.

The Association of Heads of Mission Spouses was activated in April 1997. Our group is aimed to help first of all, women and children who are unfortunate. The need for helping people in Yemen is very wide. Help can be provided in so many ways to those who need it the most. We are a small group of ladies but during our almost 5-year charity activity, we managed to help a lot by organizing a charity bazaar, several lunches for Yemeni ladies, concerts, dinners for mixed couples. Until now, with the raised money by our charity, we helped build a school in Al-Ahjarah village for children form 5 villages (about 200 students). We supplied a school for blind girls with school equipment, sent food to orphanages, centers for mentally ill people, Sadaa center for children from the streets. Over 200 kg of meat was distributed to the poorest families in Sana'a. We have visited many hospitals and schools for retarded children and adults. Our last project was carried out for Al-Thawra hospital. We have supplied the delivery section and nursery department with medical appliances (for over 10.000 \$). The Russian ladies sewed free of charge hospital gowns for women out of 130m of material. In recognition of our activities on Thursday 18.10.2001 Al Thawra Hospital honored us with a certificate of gratitude for our efforts. We were all very proud and happy that we were able to help the women and children of Yemen. As we realize that the need is enormous, we promise to continue to do our best to help those unfortunate, especially that Ramadan is near and people should help each other. We have chosen Al-Thawra Hospital because it is a public hospital where the poorest people even from other province can seek medical attention free of charge. We have seen many hospital rooms and were surprised to see how clean it was and how the medical staff was caring for the patients. We would like to take to take this opportunity to thank the Al-Thawra Hospital's management especially Dr. Khawla Ahmed Alousi for supporting this project. More impressions next week ..

ببالغ الحزن والأسى تلقينا نبأ وفاة الشيخ / فاصب من على الهيال والذي وافته المنية يوم الأربعاء الماضي بعد حياة حافلة بالنضال في سبيل التورة والجم نسبال الله العلى القدير أن يتغمد الفقيد بواسع رحمته ويلهم أهله وذويه الصبر والسلوان. الأسيفون وليد عبد العزيز السقاف حسن سعيد الزايدي محمد بن سلام

| Underlined: Qualifies - Outdined: Advances for Playoffs |                         |  |  |  |
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| At Jeddah, Saudi Arabia                                 | At Tashkent, Uzbekistan |  |  |  |
| Saudi Arabia 2, Iran 2                                  | Uzbekistan 5, Oman 0    |  |  |  |

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## لأول مرة ... على موقع في الإنترنت

## نشر أسماء المدانين في جرائم اختلاس ورشوة



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كان قرار نشر أسماء المدانين في جرائم اختلاس ورشوة على موقع حكومي في الإنترنت إيجابياً للحد من هذه الظاهرة.

ولقي هذا القرار ارتياحاً شعبياً كبيراً، مما أدى الى إقبال شديد على هذا الموقع.

وقد عرضت لجنة الشباب أسماء وأعمار ومهن ١٦٩ شخصاً أدينوا بجرائم متعددة، مالية واجتماعية. وقد أيدت هذه الخطوة منظمات مدنية كثيرة. مما شجع رئيس الوزراء على إعلان خطة نشر قائمة تحمل أسماء تعد من (الأوزان الثقيلة) ارتكبوا جرائم مالية.

بعد أن أعلن أن هذه النشرة ستظل على الموقع لمدة ٦

ووفقاً لما أعلنته اللجنة المشكلة لهذه المهمة الوطنية فإن ٣٨٪ من الأشخاص المدرجين في القائمة التي تضم ١٦٩شخصاً أدينوا بالاختلاس، ٤٠ ٪ أدينوا بالرشوة، و٢٢٪ أدينوا بسوء استغلال الوظيفة العامة. كان هذا أهم قرار نفذته كوريا الجنوبية في خطة مثيرة للجدل عندما استثمرت شغف الكوريين بالإنترنت، ليكون المكان الأنسب للتشهير بالخارجين عن القانون.

للتفكير ... هل هذه التجربة قابلة للتعميم ؟!

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## البرامج الملحقة Plug-ins

## لعرض ملفات الملتيميديا

في بعض المواقع على الإنترنت عندما نضغط على وصلة Link تظهر نافذة لصفحة جديدة مع بقاء الصفحة السابقة، وذلك يعود الى الى رغبة أصحاب الموقع السابق في بقاء المتصفح في موقعهم، وهي حيلة يلجأ إليها أصاحب المواقع للترويج للسلع والخدمات التي تعرض في مواقعهم، فعملوا وصلة على موقعهم خاصة بموقع أخر، فإن فتح نافذة لصفحة جديدة قد يكون مفيداً للمتصفح لأنها تتيح له التنقل بين الصفحتين لأنهما موجودتان أمامه على الشاشة، معلومات من الأولى فانه يظهر أمامه مباشرة، وكذلك بالنسبة للثانية، من الحاجة الى استخدام زر الرجوع Back أو Forward.

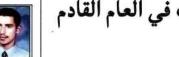
عندما نطلب بعض الصفحات على الإنترنت، تظهر علبة حوار تقول Plug in Not Loaded ولا

تظهر صفحة الإنترنت المطلوبة، فالسبب يعود الى أن المتصفح مايكروسوفت اكسبلورر أو نت اسكايب نافيجيتور يمتاز كل منهما بمواصفات متقدمة، ولكن كل منهم لا يحتوي على كل البرامج الضرورية لفتح كثير من الملفات، ولهذا السبب عندما تظهر Plug in Not Loaded فهذا يعني أن المتصفح لايستطيع فتح الملفات التي طلب منه فتحها وعرضها وخصوصاً ملفات الملتيميديا، أي الملفات الصوتية والفيديو. ولكي نستطيع فتحها، علينا استدعاء برنامج إضافي Plug in أي يضاف الى المتصفح، وفي الغالب الأعم، عندما تظهر علبة الحوار السابقة، فإن المتصفح يدلك على نوع البرنامج الإضافي التي تحتاج إليه والموقع الذي تستطيع استدعاءه منه.

Great Men

Sword of Islam: (Saif Al-Islam)

## ٦٤ ٪ من سكان الإمارات على الإنترنت في العام القادم



أشارت دراسة أجرتها الإمارات للإنترنت والوسائط المتعددة لى إن ٦٤٪ من سكان الإمارات سيرتبطون بالإنترنت بحلول عام ٢٠٠٢م حيث سيشكل الإناث ٣٦٪ من المستخدمين وقالت الدراسة إن ٥٠٪ من مستخدمي الإنترنت هم من الجنسيات الأسيوية ويشكل العرب ١٩٪ منهم، والمواطنون ١٠٪. وتقول الدراسة أن، ٤٠٪ يعيشون في دبي و٣٠٪ في ابو ظبى وهناك ٢٦٪ أعمارهم في العشرينيات و٢٣٪ الثلاثينيات و٢٤٪في الأربعينيات أما بالنسبة لمن هم تحت سن العشرين فتبلغ النسبة ١١٪ و ٧٪ فوق الخمسين. وأضافت إن ١٨٪ من المستخدمين للإنترنت يقضون ١٠ساعات اسبوعياً فقط عبر الشبكة.

## سحب برامج من مواقع مختلفة

يبدو أحيانا أن الموقع الذي تحاول استدعاء برنامج منه على الانترنت بطئ ، وخصاصا اذا كان ماتقوم باستدعائه ملفات موسيقية او فيديوية، ذات النسق ٢٦ رغم أن الموديم الذي تستخدمه هو ٦٥ ولكن هناك طرقا مختلفة للوصول آلي الغرض وإنجاز الاستدعاء بالسرعة المطلوبة.

فمن المعلوم أن أي ملف يتم استدعاؤه يتم من خلال كمبيوتر ما في بلد ما وفي مدينة ما، وقد يحدث أن يكون هناك عدد كبير من المتصفحين في هذه الحالة، يستحسن اختيار موقع ثان أو ثالث أو رابع الاستدعاء، وكثير من الشركات تقيم أكثر من كمبيوتر واحد، أي أكثر من موقع واحد في أكثر من بلد لكي يسحب منه المتصفحون ما يريدون، وتستطيع الانتقال آلي هذا الموقع البديل إذا كان الموقع السابق مشغولا.. وهكذا .. يسمى الموقع الثاني بالنسبة آلي الأول ((المرأة)) Mirror

وقد يكون الموقع المرآة في بلد أخر، أو عدة بلدان أخرى، وليس بالضرورة في البلد نفسه.

عن الإتحاد الإمارتية

## مناطق الأمان في (Internet Explorer)



يقسم Internet Explorer عالم الإنترنت إلى مناطق بحيث يمكنك تعيين موقع ويب معين إلى منطقة ذات مستوى أمان م<mark>ناس</mark>ب.

ويمكنك تحديد المنطقة التي توجد فيها صفحة ويب الحالية بالنظر إلى الجانب الأيمن من شريط معلومات Explorer Internet Explorer. ويتحقق Internet من إعدادات الأمان للمنطقة الخاصة بالموقع ويب عند محاولة فتح هذا الموقع أو تحميل محتويات من ويب. توجد أربع مناطق أمان مختلفة:

 منطقة إنترنت: تتضمن هذه المنطقة بشكل افتراضي أي شيء غير موجود على جهازك أو على إنترانت، لأي منطقة أمان أخرى. ويعتبر المستوى الافتراضي للأمان في منطقة إنترنت هو المستوى المتوسط.

 منطقة إنترانت المحلية: تحتوي هذه المنطقة بشكل أمثل على العناوين التي لا تتطلب ملقماً وكيلاً، كالعناوين المعرّفة من قبل المسؤول عن النظام. وتتضمن المواقع المعينة على علامة التبويب اتصالات، مسارات الشبكة (مثل server/share/)، ومواقع إنترانت المحلية (بشكل أمثل العناوين التي لا تحتوي على نقاط، مثل ternalhttp://in). كما يمكنك إضافة مواقع إلى هذه المنطقة. يكون المستوى الافتراضى للأمان متوسطاً لمنطقة إنترانت.

منطقة المواقع الموثوقة: تتضمن هذه المنطقة المواقع التي تثق فيها أي المواقع التي تعتقد أنه بإمكانك تحميل الملفات أو تشغيلها منها دون الخوف من إلحاق الضرر بالكمبيوتر أو البيانات. ويمكنك تعيين المواقع إلى هذه المنطقة. ويعتبر المستوى الافتراضي للأمان في منطقة المواقع الموثوقة هو مستوى منخفض.

• منطقة المواقع المحظورة: تتضمن هذه المنطقة المواقع التي لا تثق بها، أي المواقع التي لا تكون متأكداً من

إمكانية تحميل وتشغيل الملفات منها دون إلحاق الضرر بالكمبيوتر أو البيانات. ويمكنك تعيين المواقع إلى هذه المنطقة. ويعتبر المستوى الافتراضي للأمان في منطقة المواقع المحظورة هو المستوى المرتفع. بالإضافة إلى ذلك، من الممكن اعتبار أية ملفات موجودة سلفاً على جهازك أمنة تماماً، ولذلك يتم تعيين إعدادات أمان قليلة لها. ولا يمكنك تعيين مجلد أو محرك أقراص موجود على جهازك إلى منطقة أمان.



إذا أردت بإمكانك تغيير مستوى الأمان لمنطقة ما، على سبيل المثال، قد ترغب في تغيير إعداد الأمان لمنطقة إنترانت المحلية إلى منخفض. أو بإمكانك تخصيص الإعدادات ضمن منطقة ما من الإعدادات الافتراضية ليكون منخفض، منخفض متوسط، متوسط، أو عالى.

## لتحديد مواقع ويب التي يمكن للآخرين مشاهدتها دائماً أو لإيمكنهم مشاهدتها أبدأ

 انقر نقراً مزدوجاً فوق رمز انترنت في لوحة التحكم. ٢- انقر فوق علامة تبويب المحتوى.

٣- في ناحية مرشد المحتوى انقر فوق إعدادات.. ٤- اكتب كلمة مرور المشرف للكمبيوتر الخاص بك. ٥- انفر فوق علامة تبويب مواقع مقبولة، اكتب عنوان إنترنت (URL) لمواقع ويب و من ثم اختر ما إذا تريد الوصول أو عدم الوصول إلى هذا الموقع.

كرر هذه العملية لكل موقع ويب تريد تعيين الوصول إليه.

in Yemen's History Mohammad Yahya Rameed Al-Deen

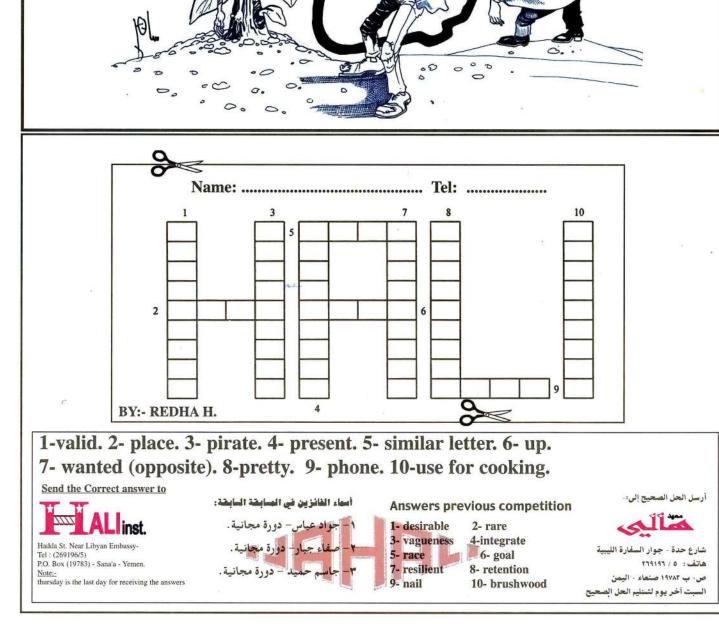
afraid of his elder brother. The Imam, Ahmad

It is known to all that Mohammad was sitting with one of his faithful friends. They talked about the martyr, Hameed Bin Ahmad and how his head was beheaded and thrown into the feedbag. Then they talked about the person who



If we trace back the ancestry of Mohammed Yahva, we will see that he is Hameed Al-Deen, the governor of Hodiedah. He is the second son of Imam Yahya and the governor of Tihama. He was born in Al-Kafla at the mid-night of Ramadan in 1316 A.H. he was a great poet, man-of-letter. He was in fact generous, bighearted and considerate. He was a voracious reader and exceedingly eager to disseminate learning among people. He was entrusted with the task of Imam's Yahya to travel to Egypt to publish his book Nail Al-Faeda (the Obtainment of Usefulness), Al-Badr Al-Talae (the Bright Moon), Tohfat Al-Thakereen, (the Masterpiece of God's Awakeners) and Al-Fath Al-Qadeerr (the Predetermine Conquering) by Al-Showkani. He was also entrusted to publish the book Al-Burahan Al-Katae (Conclusive Proof) and Favoring Quranic Styles to the Styles of Greek Books by Mohammad Bin Ibraheem Al-Wazeer. He was entrusted by Imam Yahya to head the religious scholars to travel to Italy. He was amazingly astonished by the industrial and construction renaissance there. He wished to see such renaissance in his country. He was appointed as a governor to Hodiedah in January, in 1928. The first thing he had done was the inauguration of a primary school for those want to complete primary and secondary schools. Best students were graduated from this schools, such as the first president of Yemen (previously the north), the Field Marshal, Abdullah Assallal, particularly after the 26th September Revolution, the Brigadier General, Ahmad Ali Al-Anesi, and the martyr, Ahmad Musleh Al-Baraq and many others.





If the ways were prepared for him, Yemen would progress differently from that of the Yahya's regime. He was completely afraid of his father's tyranny and unjust rule. He was also is going to succeed the Imam Yahya Hameed after his death.

In 1932, he went for a walk in one of the islands. He was good at swimming. He was accompanied by some of his friends for sunbathing. At 5:00 while he was swimming along with three friends of his, the sea waves suddenly arose and his friends were about to be drowned. He rushed quickly to save them; at length, two survivors were saved. He did his best to save the third one. Unfortunately, both of them were drowned while they swimming. His brother came from Hajja where he was informed of the death of his brother. He took his brother to Hajja and buried him there at the mosque yard. The people felt sad of a dear and close figure in the Yemeni History. Thus, his closest friends and the great poets eulogized the deceased, such as Ahmad Showki, the prince of poets.

«ويمر الصابري الذين إغار أرصابتهم معية قالوار إذا لله وإذا إليه رارمعوة»، نتقدم بأحر التعازي والمواساة إلى أسرة الشيخ/محمد عبدالرحمن النعمان وكافة آل النعمان فى إستشهاد الشيخ عبدالسلام عبدالرجمن النعمان تغمد الله الفثقيد بواسع رحمته وألهم أهله وذويه الصبر والسلوان... وإنا لله وإنا إليه راجعون الإسيفون: الأستاذ/ وليد عيدالعزيز السقاف، محمد حميد الدين، محمد اليافعي، أكرم عبدالرحمن السقاف، محمد المسنى



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أفغانستان وتعرض عدد أكبر من المدنيين للقتل خطأ في الغارات التي شنت مؤخراً إلى أنها محاولة يائسة لإضعاف قوة طالبان لدرجة تمكن قوات الحلفاء من الانتشار في أفغانستان واقتحام العاصمة وإسقاط الحكومة الحالية قبل حلول شهر رمضان المبارك الذي سيبدأ في منتصف شهر نوفمبر القادم. والفرض الأخر من هذه الفارات يكمن في رغبة الولايات المتحدة في إعادة الحماس لدى الشارع الأمريكي الذي بدأ يتململ من استمرار الحرب دون تحقيق أهداف تذكر. وقد بين وزير الدفاع الأمريكي في تصريح صحفي له قبل بضعة أيام أهمية القضاء على "الأرهابيين" وعلى رأسهم أسامة بن لادن وكذلك على من يؤويهم في إشارة إلى حركة طالبان. ولكن الحقيقة الجلية التي لا يمكن إنكارها هي أن الولايات المتحدة الأمريكية ستواجه مأزقا حقيقيا إذا ما استمرت وتزايدت الأخطاء التي تودي بحياة العشرات من المدنيين الأففان والتي تدمر مخازن الصليب الأحمر والمستشفيات وكذلك ستواجه تهديداً حقيقياً في فقدان تحالف باكستان إذا ما اضطربت بسبب احتجاجات مثات الألاف من الباكستانيين الذين هددوا بالإطاحة بنظام الرئيس الباكستاني مشرف الذي يدعم الحملة الأمريكية على أفغانستان وذلك في حالة استمر في سياسته الداعمة للحملة الأمريكية ضد طالبان. إن شهر رمضان القادم قد يعتبر مفترق طرق بالنسبة للحرب الحالية. فالغضب الشعبي في الدول العربية بما فيها اليمن قد بدأ بالتنامي مع سقوط الضحايا الأفغان واقتراب موسم الشتاء الذي سيذيق ويلاته الشعب الأفغاني النازح بالملايين. وتجدر الإشارة إلى أن الحكومات العربية بدأت تقلص الفجوة بينها وبين شعوبها هي مسألة استنكار ضرب المدنيين الأهفان في الفارات الأمريكية ضد أففانستان حيث بدأت الحكومات بشكل ملحوظ في انتقاد بعض الضربات التي أصابت المدنيين الأفغان واتجهت بالنصح للولايات المتحدة للتدقيق في

وفي ضل الضغوط المتزايدة على الولايات المتحدة لمحاولة إنهاء عمليتها العسكرية قبل فصل الشتاء وقبل شهر رمضان، اعترفت الولايات المتحدة على ما يبدو بإستحالة تحقيق الأهداف المرجوة من الحملة قبل الشتاء وشهر رمضان. ويهذا تكون قد وضعت نضسها في مأزق أمام منظمات الإغاثة والدول العربية والإسلامية التي يتزايد رفضها للحملة العسكرية يومأ بعد يوم. يأتي هذا في وقت تزيد طالبان من بطشها تجاه من

ضرباتها حتى لا تسبب المزيد من المعاناة للشعب الأفغاني

رأتهم كجواسيس أو قوى معارضة تسعى للإطاحة بحركتهم حيث أعدمت طالبان "عبد الحق" وهو أحد قيادي تحالف الشمال الذي كانت الولايات المتحدة تعتمد عليه في إقناع قبائل البشتون الأفغانية لينقلبوا على طالبان. هذا بالإضافة إلى إعدام أكثر من خمسة من أعضاء المعارضة الذين وقعوا في قبضة طالبان ولم تستطع أمريكا أن تمنع طالبان من إعدامهم. ويعتبر كثير من المحللين هذه الخطوة في حد ذاتها انتصاراً نوعياً لطالبان وانتكاسة لمحاولات الولايات المتحدة إيجاد حكومة متمثلة من المنشقين من طالبان بالإضافة إلى تحالف الشمال لتحل محل حكومة طالبان حال سقوطها. ولكن على ما يبدو فإن حكومة طالبان بعيدة كل البعد عن السقوط.

يأتي هذا في الوقت الذي يستعد ألاف الباكستانيين من المتعاطفين مع طالبان للانخراط في قوات الحركة لدحر القوات الأمريكية والبريطانية التي قد تشارك في الحرب البرية قريباً. ومما زاد من اليأس في الحرب ضد طالبان هو عدم استطاعة تحالف الشمال التقدم في اتجاه مدينة مزار الشريف الاستراتيجية التي يمكن استخدامها كقاعدة لتمويل القوات البرية للتحالف الأمريكي-البريطاني ليسهل العملية

عدم كفاية القصف العذيف على مواقع طالبان في جبهة القتال ليضعف من قوة الجبهة ويمكن قوات الشمال من الاستيلاء على المدن الهامة في هذه المناطق. ومما لا شك فيه أن الولايات المتحدة لم تنسجم حتى الأن بشكل تام مع قوات الشمال الذين يحصلون على مساعدات من روسيا تارة ومن دول آسيا الوسطى تارة أخرى. وقد بينت وزارة الدهاع الأمريكية عن عدم ثقتها من أن تحالف الشمال سيكفي للقضاء على حركة طالبان، هذا ما يستنكره حلف الشمال الذي يرى نفسه أهلاً لذلك ولا يريد إلا "الدعم المسكري الأمريكي" ليقضي على طالبان ويصل للسلطة.

وبمنظار آخر، يرى المحللون أن موقف حلفاء أمريكا في الشرق الأوسط سيبدأ في التأرجح في حالة استمر الدعم الأمريكي لإسرائيل التي بموقفها المتغطرس والرافض للانسحاب من أراضي المنطقة (أ) تحت السيطرة الفلسطينية تضع حليفتها الإستراتيجية والدائمة أمريكا في موقف محرج. وبالرغم من الطلب الأمريكي وتصويت مجلس الأمن بالإجماع على أن تنسحب إسرائيل فوراً من المناطق التي احتلتها في الأسبوعين الأخيرين، إلا أن نبرة عدم الاكتراث لدى إسرائيل

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وما من شك أن اللويي الصهيوني قد أصبح يعمل ضد مصالح أمريكا أكثر من أي وقت مضى. وكما ذكر في بعض الصحف أصبحت إسرائيل عباً على كاهل الولايات المتحدة في هذه الفترة الحرجة أكثر مما هي حليفاً إستراتيجياً.

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## وفر مع عروض «سبأفون» مع قرب حلول شهر رمضان الكريم استفيدوا الآن من عروض "سبأفون" المميزة لدى شرائك خط "سبأ" ( خدمة الإشتراك نقف اليوم على عتبة شهر رمضان المبارك موزعيها المعتمدين وكافة نقاط البيع التابعة والسارية حتى ١٨ نوفمبر ٢٠٠١، الشهرى) + هاتف نقال (Alcatel) تدفع لهم حيث يحصل كل من يشتري خط "سوبر حيث تجرى الإستعادات لإستقباله على كافة

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فقط ۲۸٬۰۰۰ ريال (إضافة إلى ۸٬۰۰۰

۲۰۰۰ ريال) على أن يتم تفعيل الخط عند والبركات. وكما في كل عام، تنشط خلال هذه الفترة الشراء. هذا وتشارك "سبأفون" في معرض الأغذية حركة المعارض لا سيما الغذائية منها من والمستلزمات المنزلية الذي يقام فى مركز أجل تأمين احتياجات المواطن في هذا الشهر صنعاء للمعارض الدولية (أبولو) والذي الكريم بأسعار تناسب كافة مستويات يستمر من ٢٣ اكتوبر حتى ١٧ نوفمبر، كذلك الدخول. تشارك فى معرض الأغذية الذي يقام فى والشركة اليمنية للهاتف النقال "سبأفون" لم مركز شملية للمعارض والذي يستمر من ٢٨ تبقى بعيداً عن هذه الأجواء المباركة إنما اكتوبر حتى ١٦ نوفمبر ٢٠٠١. عمدت إلى تقديم التهنئة بقرب حلول الشهر الكريم من خلال العروض المميزة التي وتقدم "سبأفون" في هذين المعرضين وفي نقاط الخدمة الخاصة بها العرضين المميزين اطلقتها في المعارض التي تشارك فيها ولدى كافة موزعيها المعتمدين ونقاط البيع التاليين: لدى شرائك خط "سوبر نبأ" + كارت برونز المنتشرة في مختلف مناطق الجمهورية. + هاتف نقال (Alcatel 302) تدفع فقط وتقدم "سبأفون" عرضاً خاصاً متوفراً في ۲۱،۰۰۰ ريال (على أن يتم تفعيل الخط جميع نقاط الخدمة الخاصة بها ولدى عند الشراء).

ريال رسم تأمين + ٩٦٦ اشتراك شهرى). احتياجاتكم الرمضانية وتكتشفون متعة التسوق مع سبأفون.

> الموزعون المعتمدون لدى سبافون مجموعة اللوزي

> > أصبحت مجموعة اللوزي الر<mark>ائدة في م</mark>جال التجارة العامة منذ <mark>١٨</mark> عاماً، مساعداً أساسياً ونشطاً في إيصال خدمة الهاتف النقال إلى السوق اليمنى كونها أحد الموزعين المعتمدين لدى الشركة اليمنية للهاتف النقال "سبأفون".

> > ومجموعة اللوزي التى احتلت مكاناً هاما فى مجال الإلكترونيات ها هى اليوم تشارك في تقديم أحدث تكنولوجيا الإتصالات من خلال بيع كافة خدمات "سبأفون" إضافة إلى بيع جميع أنواع أجهزة الهاتف النقال.

> > تضم مجموعة اللوزي ٩ فروع في مختلف المناطق اليمنية منها: صنعاء، إب، سيئون، مأر<mark>ب، عمران، تعز، المحابشة.</mark> هذا إضافة إلى وجود ١٤٠ نقطة تابعة لها وموزعة في مختلف انحاء الجمهورية تؤمن خدمات سبأفون في تلك المناطق.

> > وتقدم مجموعة اللوزي عرضاً خاصاً للدوائر الحكومية والمؤسسات والشركات وهو عبارة عن تقسيط لمدة سنة لدى شرائهم خطوط سبأفون.

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واتنظروا المزيد من المفاجآت وأنتم تشترون

هذا وتعمل مجموعة اللوزي بالعرض الخاص المقدم الآن من قبل سبأفون والذي يستمر حتى ١٨ نوفمبر ٢٠٠١، فكل من يشتري خط "سوبر نبأ" يحصل على كارت الخدش برونز مجاناً. والجدير ذكره أنه أصبح بإمكان مشتركى سبأفون فى سيئون تسديد فواتيرهم مباشرة لدى وكيل مجموعة اللوزي هناك «الغنا

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إضافي لدى شرائه خدمات "سبأفون".

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