

President Saleh ruthlessly attacks Israel and criticizes occupiers in the region:

Democracy is the right choice: Saleh

Yemen Times Staff

Sana'a, January 11 - The first day of the regional conference "Inter-Governmental Conference on Democracy, Human Rights and the Role of the International Criminal Court" started in Sana'a on Sunday with an extra-strong emphasis that democracy is for all Arabs, the right choice. President Saleh stressed on Yemen's confidence in that democracy is the right way to go not only for Yemen, but for all other Arab countries. "Democracy is the choice of the modern age for all peoples of the world and the rescue ship for political regimes particularly in our third world. It is the way to achieve security, stability, development and a better future for our countries," he said.

Human rights & civil society organizations

President Saleh also noted the importance of human rights and the role of civil society organizations in development. He indicated the need to "remove anything that contradicts them (human rights) and stand against all forms of discrimination, oppression and exploitation of the human being and his rights."

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Panel view during the inaugural ceremony. President Saleh said in his welcoming speech to the conference that democracy is the ultimate choice, but he also dedicated almost half of his speech to the events in Palestine and Iraq.

NGO protests exclusion from conference

Yemen Times Staff

In a press release sent on Sunday to the media and international organizations, the National Organization for the Defense of Rights and Freedoms (NODRF) protested the decision to exclude it from attending the Inter-Governmental Conference on Democracy, Human Rights and the Role of the International Criminal Court held in Sana'a during 11-12 January 2004, "NODRF was astonished... by the preclusion of the most prominent NGOs, political and human

rights activists from the participation and the introduction of the political system's elements and partisans as representatives of the civil society," the press release said.

"It never crossed our minds that such a thing would happen specifically in an international conference sponsored by the EU and particularly following the proclamation about its being prepared in association with an Italian organization named "NO PEACE WITHOUT JUSTICE". It added.

The NGO went further by claiming that the exclusion has created the impression by NGOs, political and human rights activists in the Republic of Yemen that such conferences could possibly serve solely to the reintroduction and marketing of the "existing suppressive political regimes" under the cloak of democratic regimes that respect human beings and their freedoms.

Concluding its statement, the NODRF expressed its sorrow for the policy of exclusion and disrespect of the activists and active

NGOs in the country whom, it claims, "the regime seems to have accounts to settle with."

It is worth noting that protesters representing families of prisoners arrested due to suspicion of links to terrorist organization, have demonstrated in front of the presidential palace demanding that they come in to express their grief to participants, but were stopped by armed police. Furthermore, protesters in Hadramout also demonstrated government policies concerning their rights in their governorate and demanded that the participants in the conference get a idea of the 'injustice' they suffer from in terms of distribution of the governorate's wealth, including oil revenues, especially as the citizens of the oil-rich governorate are among the poorest in Yemen.

Yemeni media expose rejection letter of YJS law at Sana'a conference

Yemen Times Staff

Members of the Yemeni media seized the opportunity of the 2-day Inter-Governmental conference on Democracy, Human Rights and the Role of the International Criminal Court that started on Sunday. To express their total rejection of the proposed Yemeni Journalists Syndicate (YJS) law by distributing a letter to all participants at the conference.

The letter, which was drafted by members of major media establishments in Yemen protests the apparent unwillingness of the government to withdraw the law from parliament, and requests international support from participants to help in pressurizing the government to withdraw it.

Here is the complete text of the letter.

"Dear Participants of the Conference,

Dear Members of the PressWe cordially welcome all of you to Sana'a; the history and civilization, in a conference focusing on democracy as the best production of humanity. Those systems are based on freedom for all mankind. We hereby put forward the following facts in efforts to counter the Yemeni

Journalists draft law presented by the government to the parliament concerning the current Yemen Journalists Syndicate, which is effective for more than two decades according to the constitutional right and internal legislation. The government presented the Yemen Journalists Syndicate draft law in December 2003 to the parliament.

This project is totally rejected by all journalists since it restricts the movement of journalists and the freedom of speech. A general meeting was held for all journalists on December 9, 2003 at the premises of the syndicate. At the end of the meeting, the chairman and the council of the syndicate undertook the responsibility for withdrawing the draft law from the government completely after the government postponed its discussion since all journalists rejected it. The chairman of the syndicate recited a letter in front of all journalists requesting the government to dismiss the draft law.

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Opposition demands ratification of ICC and democratic reforms in Yemen

BY MOHAMMED AL-QADHI
YEMEN TIMES STAFF

The Opposition parties demanded that government should complete constitutional measures to ratify the treaty of the International Criminal Court (ICC) establishment by getting the parliament endorsement. The Opposition parties said in a statement addressed to the participants in the Inter-governmental Regional Conference on Democracy, Human Rights and the role of the ICC that "occasional festivities and call for promotion of democracy and human rights values is not enough in countries going through democratic transition including Yemen." They confirmed that Yemen would not be able to achieve this change before fulfilling some priorities like moving from "values of tyranny, power and wealth monopoly to building democracy and accepting partnership of power and development as well as enhancing pluralistic system and establishing the state of law and order." The opposition statement figured out some obstacles facing such democratic transition to take place in Yemen. They said that the elections which Yemen ran since 1993 have not achieved a step to go ahead with democracy. "Except for the 1993 election, other elections were less free, less fair and they resulted in frustration with pluralism and the possibility of change through ballot boxes which can bring about peaceful transfer of power," the statement said. They said that the reason for this lies in a single constituency system which enhances the traditional links based on tribalism and enables the political regimes obtain great majority in the parliament and thus monopolizing the power in addition to the absence of representation of big groups of the society, including women. Therefore, there must be, according to the opposition

statement, an election system that can achieve justice, enhance pluralism and brings about fair election with accepted results and thus making it possible for power transfer to happen, creating a parliament and local councils that can really voice the people. They also pointed out that the 1994 Civil War and the maintenance of its results has led to the pre-democracy era where there has been no clear distinction between the state and the ruling party which uses both power, public job and money for its interest; this makes the opposition in competition with the state with all its privileges including the security and military rather than the ruling party. The statement said that therefore elections since 1997 lack fair and transparent competition as the voters are manipulated in different ways. "Therefore, the democratic process in Yemen needs support including the need for having a division between the state and parties, establishing the rule of law, fair and independent judiciary and ensuring the neutrality of public wealth, media, and job as well as the military and security "institutions," the statement said. The opposition parties also demanded that the government should stop manipulating civil society organizations, enabling them to operate freely so that they can contribute to the promotion of democracy and human rights. "For all these reasons, the rule of law is still a prerequisite that can not be achieved without the establishment of the state of law and respect of governance legitimacy," it stressed. The opposition said that the political regime has tried to marginalize the role of the main and real opposition parties and active NGOs in the political life and thus giving a room for clown political parties and NGOs just for the purpose of completing the shape of ideocratic democracy." They already complained that even their representation in the event was short cut.

Sana'a University students sue PM

BY MOHAMMED BINSALLAM
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Sana'a University students whom the Political Security Organization (PSO) has released last week after they had arrested on charges of terror announced their intention to file suit against the Prime Minister Abdulqader Bajammal due to his accusing them as terrorists as well as against all those doing the same at the ministry of interior and the university administration. They mentioned that at a press conference they held last Tuesday.

Althawri newspaper that published the news in its last issue mentioned that thirteen detainees out of a total fourteen students have related how they were arrested during confrontations that happened on 23 December, 2003 between students and the university security elements. The also talked about their arrest and circumstances of detention at the PSO and Criminal Investigation prison cells, clarifying that the arrests were provocative and terrifying and that elements of the secret using police jeeps stopped some of them and tracked down others.

The same security elements rounded some students and drove them at gun point, the students said.

The students said they were subjected during their detention to psychological demoralization by prisoners having long

hair and long fingernails. They added they were forced into black sacks, blindfolded and then driven for interrogation. The PSO interrogators asked them about their political affiliations, their surnames, roles in blasting bombs and acts of sabotage which took place inside Sana'a University Campus. It is an accusation a parliamentary fact-finding committee had denied the occurrence of any destruction or sabotage to public property.

The committee said the PSO arrested most of the students and imprisoned them inside the PSO prison in violation of the constitution and the law. The arrests took place outside the university and after convention of student conference (i.e. the students were picked up not as a result of riot acts).

The parliamentary committee report said there was no evidence on blasting bombs contrary to a university security report and noted a mismanagement by the university administration. The committee had also urged the university administration for containing the impact entailed of what happened, affirming that students should be allowed practice their activities.

It has also called for preventing outside intervention in university affairs and the university presidency should reconsider its relation with security and students.

Results of investigations in a booby-trapped attaché case

BY ISMAEL AL-GHABRI
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Investigations into a booby-trapped attaché case found at Sheikh Othman area in Aden in the late of last October revealed last Thursday that there were no signs that the incident had signs of a sabotage act.

It has been discovered that two persons had placed the case close to a house of a woman with whom they had a dispute concerning allegations she

was running house for indecent purposes.

Explosives experts had at that time said the case was set to explode in 15 minutes before it was defused.

Competent security authorities had in the light of investigations and evidence referred the case to the general prosecution charging the imputed persons with a crime of blasting attempt in violation of the public security and order, and accused the woman of using her house for immoral purposes.

US journalist banned from attending Sana'a conference

BY YEMEN TIMES STAFF

Munir al-Mawari, an American national journalist of Yemeni origin has been banned by Yemeni authority from attending the Inter-governmental Regional Conference on Democracy, Human Rights and the role of the International Criminal Court for his opinion, despite the fact that the event is for democracy and human rights. Al-Mawari has been accused of being an advocate for Recognition and Normalization with Israel.

He used to work for Qatar-based al-Jazeera TV channel and wrote several articles calling for genuine democracy in the Arab world and criticizing Arab dictators, including Saddam Hussein.

Among the articles he published was one calling for the liberation of Iraq and the resignation of Saddam Hussein prior the war, he published at an Israeli website. This article broke all hell loose and thus he was harshly criticized.

Al-Mawari was interested in attending the democracy conference as one of other journalists invited to attend

the event. But the Ministry of Information refused to add his name to the list of participants. Mohammed Shaher, deputy minister of information said that there was no objection against the attendance of al-Mawari and that the minister did not object that at all.

However, he said that "Personally I am against any journalist who normalizes relations with Israel." Sources at the ministry said that other officials at the ministry strongly opposed the participation of al-Mawari who is now working for Sawa Radio station in the event under the pretext that he is one of those people who called for attacking Iraq and changing one of the Arab regimes by force.

The sources confirmed that the deputy minister was supporting the Yemeni Journalists Syndicate chairman who lashed out at al-Mawari before the war in Iraq.

Some Arab newspapers quoted some journalists in Yemen as hailing the step taken by the ministry not to permit his participation in the event whom they said would "hurt the feel-

ings of the Yemeni people as well as might cause withdrawal of some big Arab nationalists attending the event as they would not like to see themselves sitting beside someone calling for recognition and normalization with Israel."

Some Arab writers have criticized the decision of the ministry of information against al-Mawari and described that as "undemocratic and is an indication of the false conception of Yemen's democracy." They said that defending the man is defending democracy in the Arab world ruled by tyrannical regimes that can never accept or listen to other opinions.

Yemen Times contacted al-Mawari to comment on the decision but he did not talk and said that his position at his work does not put him in a position to comment on such issues. But, he last year told the press in response to Arabic media brutal harassment against his article that he "would write even on a cowhide so as to express his opinion." "I am a believer in peace and coexistence between all peoples on earth," he said.

Al-Sufi challenges accusations of unfair employment measures

BY YEMEN TIMES STAFF

Minister of Civil Service and Insurance challenged anybody to prove that there were criteria other than competence and qualification implemented in employing civil servants this year.

Mr. Hamoud al-Sufi denied that employment was carried out on basis of partisan, sectarian or family relations criteria. He told Yemen Times that employment is implemented according to criteria proposed by the civil service ministry and endorsed by the cabinet decision No. 138 meant to correcting the mistakes and creating basis for a neutral administration, away from nepotism, favoritism and other forms of corruption. He stressed that "employing civil servants in 2003 was based on fair competition where there was an equal chance for all competent

people to apply and compete as the available posts were announced through the media." He said that there was decentralization in distributing the posts and that the screening process was monitored by local authority, parliament and other field teams from the ministry. The competition was run through a computerized system and according to the need for the posts and that names of the winners were published also in the media in a transparent manner. He openly said that the ministry was influenced and blackmailed by different political and traditional forces which tried to break the law and new criteria of employment and the



Mr. Hamoud al-Sufi

ministry was able to side by the competent and deserving people. He called those people accusing the ministry of applying partisan measures in employment to join hands to defend the rights of the people who really deserve the posts. The Minister announced that 700 posts were canceled last year as they were not done according to the law and that some of

the officials involved in corruption and bribery were prosecuted while others were suspended from their jobs. The Ministry is planning to employ new managers for civil service offices in all governorates.

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He also mentioned that Yemen is among the few Arab countries that established and promoted civil society organizations. "Civil society associations were also established by direct and free election, which represent the feature of our new Yemeni modern era and an authentic continuation for our people's very old beliefs and practices in democracy since ancient ages."

Ruthless attack on Israel

The President dedicated almost the whole second half of his speech to issues of respect of states' sovereignty, non-intervention in their internal affairs, and occupation. He strongly criticized Israel for its violations of Palestinians' rights. "The world should have its loud voice and firm stance to stop those violations and to pressure Israel to implement the Road Map and adhere to the resolutions of the international legitimacy related to the Arab Israeli conflict in order that just and comprehensive peace might prevail in the region."

End US occupation demanded

The President moved on to Iraq and called the ongoing occupation in Iraq has caused 'regrettable developments' and demanded for the rapid end of US occupation of the country. "The regrettable developments occurring in Iraq are requiring from the United States of America and the allied forces to rapidly end their occupation of Iraq, and to

enable the brotherly Iraqi people to freely administer their own affairs to protect the security, stability, sovereignty and unity of Iraq and its territorial integrity.

Bonino stresses on civil society organs

Emma Bonino, the founder of the organizing body of the conference, No Peace without Justice said in her statement during the inaugural session that the conference's idea to bring together governmental, parliamentary, and non-governmental representatives was an appreciated step.

She gave eight major views on behalf of her organization about democracy in saying that her organization:

- There is no such thing as the 'clash of civilizations'
- All religions, including Islam are compatible with democracy
- Democracy is least worst system in order to promote human and economic development
- Democracy founded on the principle that the government of a country is based on the will and consent of the people and requires the separation between the Executive, Legislative and Judicial branches
- Elections based on universal suffrage are a hallmark of democracy and should involve women as nominees and voters
- Democracy is a process and cannot be achieved overnight

- Democracy can be enhanced by working with the international community and international organizations

Bonino concluded her speech by saying that her organization's role has come to an end by holding the conference. "It makes us in No Peace Without Justice see that our role has come to an end, as this is first and foremost your Conference. The results of this Conference and the common vision we aspire to and your willingness to engage one another in dialogue in a spirit of frankness and understanding lie in your hands," she said.

Arab League Secretary General sets priorities

In his speech, Amr Mousa, the Arab League Secretary General strongly criticized the way Arab countries are requested to be democratic, while their demands in ending occupation of Palestine and Iraq are not met. "How can we be demanded to do such things when our demands are never met?" he asked. He also stressed on the need to have priorities for Arab countries in terms of economic and social development and ensure that democracy comes from within the country and does not come in a 'recipe' ready to be taken by Arab countries.

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Japan extends support to the culture center in Sana'a

A cultural grant agreement is signed today at the Ministry of Planning & International Cooperation between H.E. Mr. Ahmed Sofan, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Planning & International Cooperation and Mr. Hisatsugu Shimizu, Charge de Affairs, Embassy of Japan in Sana'a.

A Japanese embassy press release on Jan 7 said in accordance with this agreement, the government of Japan will extend a grant up to forty-two million four hundred thousand yen (42,400,000), equivalent to three hundred ninety-six thousand two hundred sixty-one USD (\$396,261), to supply the culture center in Sana'a with audio-visual equipment. The purpose of the grant is to promote cultural activities in the Republic of Yemen. The equipment under this grant will be made available during this year 2004, when Sana'a this the Arabic Cultural Capital. Many cultural events are going to take place in Sana'a this year.

ence is going to be the final resolutions laid in the "Sana'a Declaration" to be read on Monday January 12. The draft resolution, published in last edition of Yemen Times, is expected to be updated and modified to meet the requirements and ambitions of the participants. But as one Yemeni participant said, "We need it to be translated into deeds as we have heard too much talk, and want solid action."

"Whether the declaration will be translated to action is yet to be seen," he commented.

Overall assessment & disappointments

Some participants have openly expressed their disappointment in a number of issues:

- 1- Logistics were not properly done for some guests, who had to wait for hours before moving to their reserved hotel rooms.
 - 2- Bags and preliminary material and papers were presented to some guests later than expected.
 - 3- NGO participation was low, and many guests were disappointed in the level of representation of certain countries.
- But many others have praised the efforts of the organizers and said that things went smoothly for them concerning logistics went quite well, but hoped that future events would be better organized.

Journalists prevented from attending conference inauguration

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YEMEN TIMES

660 Arab and foreign personalities in addition to 200 Yemeni journalists showed up at Sana'a's Regional conference on Democracy, Human Rights and the Role of the International Criminal Court.

In the press conference held Saturday by Dr. Abu Bakr Al-Qirbi Yemen's Foreign Minister, he said it was expected the participation of 200-250 Arab and foreign personalities but the surprise was the arrival of more than 660 personalities until Friday night and that more are expected to arrive within coming hours.

He added this conference comes out of the desire by the EU through the organization of "No Peace Without Justice" which prepared for the conference and that the dialogue which is to take place between the participating states about democracy shall open a window for a quiet Arab-European dialogue without intervention in the internal affairs of respective countries.

Moreover he confirmed the participation of all the Arab countries and that this is considered a good indicator. During this press conference most of the journalists expressed their anger



View of the panel during the press conference on Saturday

due to preventing them from attending the opening session.

Some of them said it was in the interest of Yemen not to invite so many journalists from their respective countries if it is incapable of allowing them attend the opening session.

The said the government did not provide suitable circumstances for free movement and that computers were equipped only with Arabic software and that there were no fax machines

with international access available. Other journalists expressed their extreme anger at the chairmanship of the preparatory committee that failed to deal with such an important happening through ill preparation, insufficient equipment and the disregard shown at the media and journalists which augurs the failure rather than the success of the conference due to the information covering.

Yemen participates in IMF, World Bank meetings

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YEMEN TIMES

Yemen is to participate on 13 January in the regional meeting organized by the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank sponsored by Bahrain Monetary Fund.

Mr. Mustafa Saif Qayed, the legal affairs general manager at the Central Bank of Yemen, the Yemeni representative to the meeting told Yemen Times that the meeting would be discussing the technical aspects for the establishment of a regional apparatus in the Middle East similar to the International Commission for Combating Money Laundering.

Jianfranco to YT

"The conference was proposed by the Yemen government"

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Mr. Jianfranco Dell'Alba, Member of the European Parliament and Secretary General of No Peace Without Justice (NPWJ) organization said that Yemen was not chosen to host the Inter-government Regional Conference on Democracy, Human Rights and the role of the International Criminal Court and that Yemen offered to host the event.

He told Yemen Times that the EU was observing the efforts made by the Yemeni people to build a democratic institutions through running regular elections since 1993 where women can vote and run for elections, something which is not the case in the Arabian Peninsula. However, he pointed out that the fight for more democracy never lets up even in Europe. "We want



Mr. Jianfranco Dell'Alba

to underline that choosing the democratic way is in itself a big achievement as there are countries which do not choose this way," he observed. He stressed that in a meeting held last July, the idea of running and holding such an event was raised by the Yemeni side in the meeting. "We were seeking an Arab State to host such a conference. I want

to be clear that a proposal was made by the Yemeni government and was happily accepted," he said.

He said that the NPWJ has run over 30 conferences around the world to promote the ICC and that they want to go to countries that are willing to speak about the ICC and even ratify its establishment. "We know that this bothers the U.S. a lot. The EU is very committed to the ICC and it and we believe the ICC objective to punish crimes against humanity constitutes a protection of the fundamental rights of humanity and individuals; the right not to be killed, assassinated or exterminated. It is a basic right that is now internationally guaranteed," he elaborated. He stressed that they asked to keep this balance even if they know the Americans were reluctant. "Two days ago we understood the US ambassador to Yemen is happy to come to the conference; we

are happy and they maybe can change their mind," he said.

It was reported that PM Abdulqader Bajamal said that conference is a part of the European and American dispute over the ICC. He said while meeting local organizers and participants in the event that the world would be better without the US which, according to him, interferes in everything. The US obviously and openly opposes the ICC. Some European diplomats said that the US is exercising pressure on Yemen not to ratify the ICC treaty. At the same time, the Europeans are trying to exercise pressure for the ratification through donors. Mr. Jianfranco did not agree with this idea. "Contrary to other countries that exercise pressure, we exercise influence; we try to convince people, not to pressure them, not having this idea that money can be utilized," he said. *Continued on P13*

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That letter has been hidden and nothing has happened till now. To the surprise of all journalists, there were several attempts to pass the law with promises to change some of its articles.

The existence of the syndicate law is a violation of the Yemeni constitution and law that consider membership and work in NGOs as volunteer work. The Yemeni constitution and the international agreements signed by Yemen ensure that all citizens enjoy the right to organize themselves and their inter-

relations through internal legislation made by them without any supervision from any external party.

The draft law was widely condemned by most pro-press freedom international organizations including NY-based Committee to Protect Journalists, Paris-based Journalists Sans Frontiers and many others. This law, that makes the NGO's activity a constitutional duty, if passed, will restrict the Yemen Journalists Syndicate freedom.

Moreover, if the law is approved by

the parliament it will automatically transfer the right from the hands of the syndicate's members to the parliament. This cancels the right of journalists in their organization.

Journalists will not be able to amend their law unless the government and the parliament approve the amendments. Yet, Yemen is a multiparty ruling system, in which citizens enjoy the right to join or establish organizations and societies voluntarily and independently. The syndicate mission is supposed to help protect their rights

and interests and not create more restrictions.

We, the Yemeni journalists, welcome you again to this gathering that will definitely develop human rights and democracy and modernization in the region.

We wish that the participants will support our rejection and press on the government to withdraw the draft law permanently and completely and cancel it completely in order to ensure free and independent media in Yemen.

Representatives of the Yemeni Media

NVIT center in Aden opened

BY MUNEER MOHAMMED SAEED
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Mr. Abdulkareem Shaif, deputy governor of Aden on January 10 opened the center of New Vision for Information Technology. The opening ceremony was attended by Dr. Abdulhadi al-Hamadani, advisor to president of the republic, the deputy head of presidency office in Aden and Dr. Abdulkareem Rasie president of Aden University.

The center consists of several departments, among which departments for computer for theoretical and practical training, consultancy and another for marketing, the deputy governor and his companions had toured the institute and listened to detailed explanation on it and its departments.

At the opening ceremony director general of the institute Baseem Hanbala



lectured about the institute and goals behind establishment of the center and tasks as well as what it would contribute to create a qualitative transfer in information technology through the studies it was to prepare on information technology. In his lecture he had also presented the center's vision and the

study for rendering the city of Aden into an electronic city and government, employing for that information technology. Attendants at the ceremony had expressed appreciation and admiration for the building of the center that would be expected to offer a new vision on information technology.

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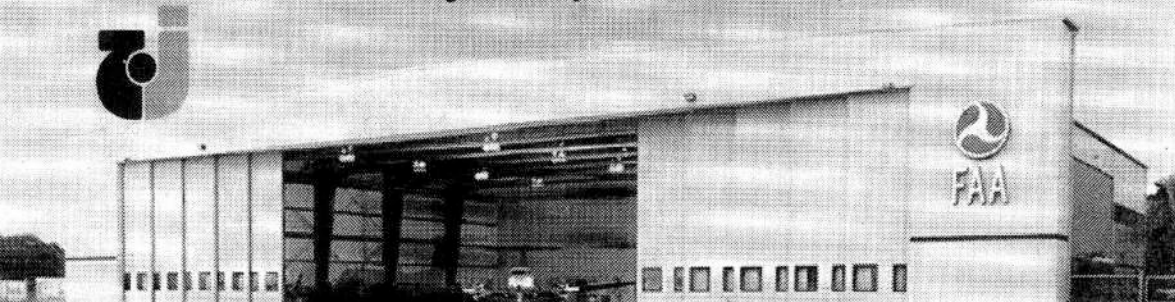
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National University celebrates its 6th group of graduates

In continuation of its efforts for supporting the society with qualified scientific cadres, the National University of Taiz had on Wednesday celebrated the graduation of the 6th batch of its students for the university year 2002-2003. The celebration had been held at the hall of Al-Saeed Foundation for Science and Culture in Taiz city. The ceremony was under auspices of the governor of Taiz Judge Ahmed Abdullah al-Hajri. The ceremony was also attended by deputy governor of Taiz Mohammed al-Hayajim, Dr Shakeeb al-Khamiri, president of the University, deans of faculties, professors, a number of dignitaries, students' parents and the university students.

Dr al-Khamiri reviewed in his address at the ceremony the University's march since its foundation and the developed educational and academic programs it has ever since been offering the Yemeni and Arab youth in various areas of applied and human sciences, in addition to scientific, training and consultative services to various sectors through activities of continuous education center and service of the society affiliate of the University. Dr al-Khamiri concluded his address by congratulating the graduates, wishing them good luck and success in their practical and scientific life and active contribution to building the society.

In his speech at the event Sheikh Mohammed Bin Mohammed al-Hayajim, deputy governor of Taiz praised the graduates and stressed on the importance of university education and universities role in preparing specialized cadres for the building of the country and its development, pointing to role of the political leadership, under leadership of the president of the republic and the care it renders for universi-



Dr Shakeeb al-Khamiri, President of National University

ty education. He wished the graduated students a life full of giving and to contribute to building the country and the nation.

At the end of the ceremony Dr Shakeeb honored the top students and a number of institutions cooperating with the university.

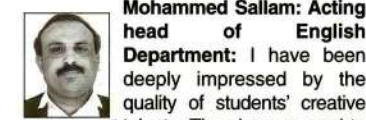
The National University in Taiz was established under a decree by the Ministry of Education and Scientific Research No. 3 for the year 1994. The University is member of Arab Universities Union and member of Arab Scientific Research Councils. It has cooperation agreements and academic relations with a number of Arab universities. The University has taken part in many scientific conferences, symposiums and seminars related to development of university education and insurance of achieving academic quality.

Mr. Talal al-Hayajim, Secretary of the Local Council of the city of Al-Qahira: I find my job as a fertile domain to apply what I have already learnt in the University at this



Mr. Mohammed al-Hayajim, Deputy Governor

hands of efficient professors the University had selected carefully and actively for the recruitment of distinguished cadres.

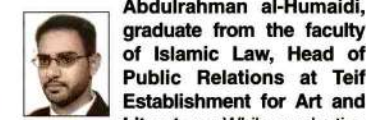


Mohammed Sallam: Acting head of English Department: I have been deeply impressed by the quality of students' creative talents. They have proved to be systematic enough who put their intelligence to good use. They are remarkable learners of even greater promise.

Mohammed Al-Ruhami, Teaching staff member: Our students of English degree course have shown more diligence in their studies. They were methodical in their academic pursuits. I understand that they are eager to prove themselves as original creative people. I hope they get the chance prove their worth in the field of their choice.

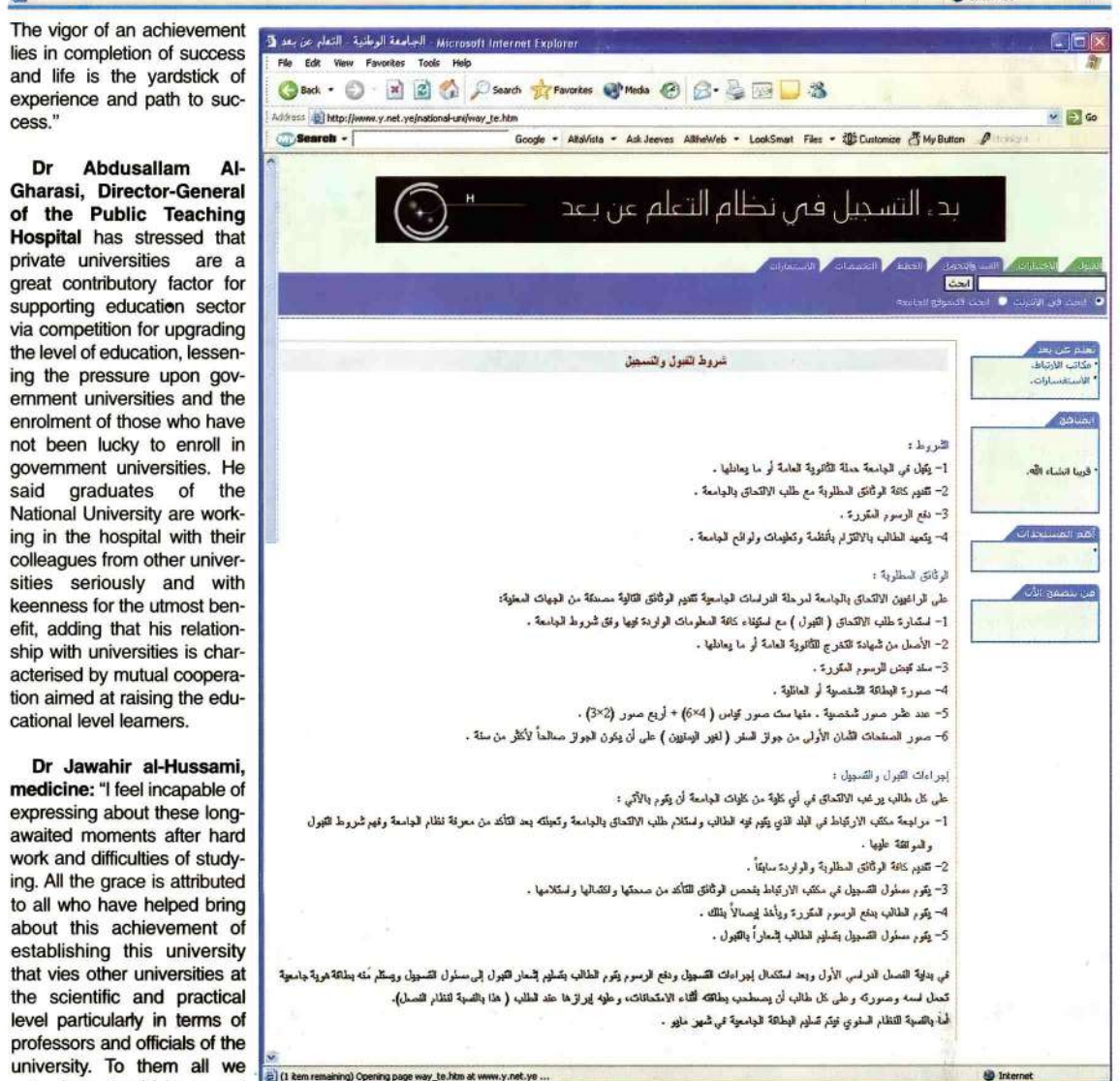
Ahmed Abdah Al-Shara'abi, parent of a graduate student: How great happiness one would feel when he sees his sons are so eager to acquire knowledge and science. Today I feel an indescribable happiness for attending the graduation ceremony, sharing in his son's ecstasy for his success and excellence. Congratulations to all graduates and congratulations to the National University.

Wael Abdul Jabbar, a computer graduate, second in rank among his colleagues: "Gratitude is the expression deserved by all officials of the university who have been able to compete strongly, with their potentials, efforts and science, in the process of contribution and comprehension of all walks of life the proper way."

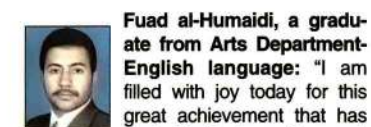


Abdulrahman al-Humaidi, graduate from the faculty of Islamic Law, Head of Public Relations at Telf Establishment for Art and Literature: While graduating from his university, a student's feelings would get intermingled and become like a fruitful cluster. Graduation is the threshold of exercising the practical field of life equipped with an academic qualification.

6th batch graduation in a memorial photo



Dr Abdulqudous Qassem: "This University has opened for me the gates to future horizons and it is the first university in Taiz to open a pharmacology department. The university is distinguished by recruiting an excellent educational cadre of appreciable doctors and professors. The study atmosphere is convenient and this university has really developed and embodied my ambitions."



Fuad al-Humaidi, a graduate from Arts Department-English language: "I am filled with joy today for this great achievement that has undoubtedly been the product of a scientific effort. It is an indication and evidence of the university's capabilities,

including its entire educational and administrative staff. I wish them all more advancement. I would not forget to express my great thankfulness to the professors who have provided me with science and ethics."

Saba'a Bassam Mohammed Saeed, Arts Department, English language graduate: "Being proud of graduation from this university I would refer to the good academic atmosphere at the university and my department in particular. I am so proud of my teaching staff. Thanks for all the people of the National University."

Distance Learning Center at the national University, advanced step & continuous accomplishments
In the light of the need for Distance

Learning service the university has opened a center for distance learning which started its academic duties and opened registration for students from the beginning of the academic year 2003-2004. It is in contribution of the university to provide opportunities of education for the Yemenis inside and abroad and all other brothers for contributing to Arab societies with cadres working for development of production resources.

The system of studying at the university depends basically on enrollment. In order to realize the principle of providing education opportunity for all and rendering interest for the Yemenis and other brothers inside and abroad, who have not been able to continue their studies under the system of enrollment, the university has adopted the system of distance learning for humanities and administrative sciences.

Impressions and testimonies about the University



Mohammed Ahmed Al al-Haj, secretary general of the local council: "The National University plays an important role in the process of development by adopting all that is positive and useful, keeping pace with developments of the age."



Immad al-Saqqa, Editor-in-Chief of Al-Usra and Development magazine, Director of Yemen Times Bureaus of Taiz and Hudeida: "The National University one of the

distinguished private universities that managed to create an active relationship and role with the media."



Shawqi Ahmed Hayel, Chairman of the Planning and Development at the Local Council of Taiz governorate, Deputy Director-General of the Supreme Administration of Hayel Saeed Anaam Group of companies: "Graduates of the National University are of the distinguished well qualified in jobs, especially in scientific and laboratory specialties."



Dr Abdulnasser al-Kabab, Director-General of Health and Population Department in Taiz: "I congratulate all the graduates and I advise you to continue your scientific studies. The National University is of the few universities and one of the pioneering ones that have understood the role of the general orientation of the political leadership and the attention of the government represented by HE President Ali Abdulla Saleh. We are well acquainted with activity of this university via the reports that reach us

from hospitals. As a proof of the university care about education is that it gives special attention to the medical department and it has by that saved much of the hard currency. For instead of going to steady abroad the student can join the National University. I wish all good luck in their practical life."



Dr Abdul-Malik al-Sayani, Director of Al-Thawra Public Hospital in Taiz: "During my supervision on trainee doctors from students of the National University at the hospital departments those students have left

an excellent impression in our minds to an extent that he hospital has concluded contracts with some of them to work at the hospital."

Dr Abdulbari Muqbil, Assistant professor in gynecology and obstetrics at the National University: "After long hesitation for accepting to take part in the educational process of at this university, I have really found out the true and sincere attempt by the owners and the students that would encourage any scientist to take part. Out of my point of view I would always say that the National University students have all the right to be proud of

themselves and future would prove that."

Dr Bassam Mohammed Saeed, Vice-President of the University for Academic Affairs: "I wish the students would not consider this success as the end of the journey but rather beginning of self-education and the making of the life of the human himself. I advise you to continue climbing the scale of advance and prestige, which is modesty and preservation of the high position you occupy in your society. Be ahead of other convoys by your modesty and morals, wishing you good luck."

To ratify ICC Treaty Roundtable in Yemen

By FAHMIA AL-FOTIH
FOR THE YEMEN TIMES

Under auspices of Ms. Amat Al-Aleem Al-Souswa, Human Rights Minister, Sister Arab Forum for Human Rights (SAF), along with International Federation for Human Rights (Fidh), opened and held on Wednesday 7 January the roundtable about International Criminal Court (ICC) to ratify and implement the Rome Statute in Yemen that took place at Sana'a International Hotel.

Members of the European Parliament as well as No Peace Without Justice representatives (NPWJ), ambassadors along with a number of members of Yemen parliament and human rights activists and representatives of various civil society organizations attended the opening ceremony.

Ms Amat AL-Aleem stressed the importance of holding the roundtable in Yemen to discuss issues of human rights and the key role of the ICC in enhancing human rights "Yemeni leadership is keen to develop the status of human rights. Consequently, the presidential decree was issued to create a Human Rights Ministry that vividly links actions to words. Yemen has signed and ratified most of the conventions and agreements in this regard."

Al-Souswa wished success and good luck for participants hoping to come up with fruitful results.

Jeanne Sulzer, International Justice Program Director, delivered a speech on



behalf of Driss El Yazami, Secretary General of Fidh "The Yemeni national roundtable for the ratification and implementation of the ICC Statute represents the first event of an on going effort and commitment on the part of Fidh for the fight against impunity of the most heinous crimes. By ratifying the Rome Statute, Yemen would find itself among countries with encouraging human rights records which support

accountability at the global level and the rule of law while acknowledging that the primary responsibility for the prosecution of international crimes remains on the State national courts"

Sulzer added "Yemen recent commitments to strengthening human rights have been impressive, from the creation of a ministry for Human Rights currently led by Ms Amat Al-Aleem Al-Souswa, to support a culture of partici-

patory democracy among civil society."

Ms. Amal AL-Basha, head of SAF, said in her address "We are here today for justice and fairness and for protecting human rights. We are here to put our hands together to run after those criminals who have committed heinous crimes against humanity."

She further said "Today we loudly call on those countries which have not ratified the ICC Statute yet, including Yemen and Arab countries, that we today demand them to ratify as Jordan and Djibouti did."

She concluded, "All of us are looking for seeing less-violence and more justice world and as Luther King said "The evils spread in the world not because they are everywhere but because the good people do not work well."

Al-Qadhi wins Human Rights Best Photo Award in 2003

By Yemen Times Staff

Sister Arab Forum for Human Rights (SAF) and No Peace Without Justice (NPWJ) organization announced last Wednesday, Jan. 7th names of the 10 winners of the Second National Human Rights Competition for 2003 in different fields including photography, caricature, play writing, poetry composition, short story, investigative reporting and research writing.

Mr. Mohammed Hatem al-Qadhi, a senior editor at Yemen Times and a correspondent for the Saudi-based Riyadh Daily has won the Human Rights Best Photo Prize in 2003 for his photo which he took Friday 21, March 2003 for a child killed in the violent demonstration near the US embassy where some people were protesting against war on Iraq. The photo is called "Opinion Expression Right" and was published last March by Yemen Times on front page. It invited a good response inside and outside Yemen. In a reception hosted by SAF and NPWJ and attended by Minister of Human Rights Amat al-Aleem al-Soswa and Emma Bonino,

member of European Parliament and founder of NPWJ, the winners were honored. along with other young people who won other prizes.

Mr. Abdulrahman al-Ghabiri, one of the most famous photographers commented on the photo by saying "it is highly professional. Mr. al-Qadhi was brave and challenger to grasp such a shoot. Frankly, I wish it was mine."

Other winners include Fekri Kasim (play writing), Salah al-Dakak (poetry composition), Hamdan Hamid (poetry composition), Rashad al-Sam'ee, Hamid al-Maswari and Khadija Zaid (caricature), Nidhal al-Iryani (short story), Eidi al-Munaifi (Investigative reporting) and Eidi and Adel al-Munaifi (research writing).



Pakistan School Sana'a Held its first ever Convocation

Pakistan School Sana'a held its first ever convocation at the end of December in honour of the graduates for the scholastic year 2002 -2003. Diplomats, honorable parents, dignitaries and high officials of different departments attended the ceremony. His Excellency, Nawab Amir Abul Rehman Nausherwani, the Ambassador of Pakistan to the Republic of Yemen and the Chairman of Pakistan School graced the occasion as chief guest.

Pakistan School Sana'a has ever produced excellent results since its birth. Striving for excellence, quality education and true grooming of the



H.E. the chairman, Vice Chairman, principal and vice principal with honorable guests and staff of the school

students are the salient features of the institute that make it a cynosure for the students and the parents as well.

This year again the institute, as it used to, produced marvelous result. All the 34 students did exceptionally well and Miss Najah Al-Mujahid secured second position among all the students of English Medium Schools of the Republic of Yemen. More than 14 students got more than 90 % marks.

The Principal, while delivering his welcome address highlighted prodigious fertility of the intellect of the students who performed perfectly well in the Ministry exams. While extending his felicitation and congratulations to the students, he added all the credit goes to teachers' hard work and parents ever motivating

positive feed back.

The chief guest H.E. the Ambassador of Pakistan, while addressing the gathering said that the students are the custodians of the nation and the progress and future of their country depend on their hard work and effort. Furthermore he stressed upon the management and the staff of the school to work diligently and devote themselves wholeheartedly to obligate their respective tasks in order to further uplift the institute. H.E. the Ambassador extended his congratulations to the students and teachers on their praiseworthy success.

At the end, the chief guest awarded the certificates to the graduates of the academic session 2002 -2003.



H.E. Nawab Amir Abdul Rehman Nausherwani, th Ambassador of Pakistan/ chairman of Pakistan school/ addressing the gathering.



Graduates of Pakistan School with the principal and teachers

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US callous in hearing Iraqi claims - rights group

By LUKE BAKER

BAGHDAD, Jan 10 (Reuters) - The U.S. military is negligent and callous in dealing with Iraqis seeking compensation for relatives accidentally killed or maimed by U.S. troops, a human rights group said on Saturday.

Occupation Watch, an international group of peace and justice organisations set up to monitor the conduct of occupying forces in Iraq, said the process for Iraqis to make claims was purposely opaque and U.S. treatment of families pursuing claims was often offhand and bordering on the cruel.

"There is a culture of impunity," Occupation Watch's researcher Paola Gasparoli told a news conference in

Baghdad, where many Iraqi families came to push their cases to the media.

"Many of the most important cases cannot be presented or are being rejected for entirely illogical reasons," she said.

After major combat was declared over in Iraq on May 1, the U.S. military said it would hear claims from Iraqis whose family members were killed or wounded in incidents involving U.S. troops as long as they took place in non-combat circumstances.

To be successful, claims also have to refer to incidents that have occurred since May 1 and have to clearly demonstrate that U.S. forces took wrongful action or behaved negligently.

According to Human Rights Watch, the U.S. military had received nearly

5,400 claims as of mid-September, 4,148 of which had been adjudicated and 1,874 denied. The military says it has paid out several million dollars in compensation.

There are no clear figures on how many Iraqi civilians have been killed since the end of major hostilities, but Iraq Body Count, a U.S.-British research group, estimates between 7,900 and 9,800 have died of war-related causes since the invasion.

In a 30-page report covering three months of research, Occupation Watch lists several of the most serious cases among the 77 claims it has followed. None of those claims has so far been successful.

The U.S. military was not immediate-

ly available to respond to Occupation Watch's allegations on Saturday.

Killed waiting for taxi

In one case, Mazen, a 32-year-old pharmaceutical salesman, was shot seven times and killed while standing by the side of the road waiting for a taxi. U.S. forces were firing on insurgents nearby and Mazen was mistaken for an "enemy fighter".

His father, 72, went to claim the body, which had been taken to Baghdad airport for forensic examination. The corpse was eventually released and he was told to take it home in a taxi.

When he complained, U.S. forces agreed to take the man and the corpse back to his home. But fearing they may

come under attack, soldiers made the man run in front of their truck as a shield, the report says. They finally left him by the road to carry the corpse several hundred metres to his house.

The family's claim for compensation was rejected because the son was killed in something other than a non-combat situation, Occupation Watch said. An appeal was also refused, although the family did receive \$2,500 in so-called sympathy money.

"In short, the unfortunate death of your son came as a result of lawful combat activities conducted by coalition forces acting in defence of their own lives," a U.S. Army judge wrote in an October 8 letter refusing the claim.

Gasparoli said the biggest problem

with the claims process was its lack of clarity. There is no clear definition of a non-combat situation, she said, and because the U.S. military's rules of engagement are a secret, it is impossible to make a strong claim that a soldier acted negligently when he fired.

"Sometimes soldiers know they have killed someone wrongly, so they do everything to make sure they get away with it," said Gasparoli. "There have been cases in which bodies were stripped of identification and delivered to hospitals as unknowns."

"We need to work to put pressure on the U.S. Army to change the claims process and to start to take some of these claims seriously, instead of just dismissing them."

Protest in south Iraq after police, British kill 5

AMARA, Iraq, Jan 11 (Reuters) - Crowds of Iraqis gathered outside local government offices in the southeastern city of Amara on Sunday to protest the killing of at least five people by Iraqi police and British troops a day earlier.

Police and soldiers opened fire on demonstrators in Amara on Saturday, saying that the crowds threw grenades and stones as a protest against unemployment turned violent. Hospital sources said at least seven people were wounded.

Witnesses said that scores of Iraqis, many of them relatives of those killed on Saturday, staged another protest in Amara on Sunday morning demanding compensations.

The protest began peacefully and Iraqi police and British troops were watching the protest from a distance but there were no immediate reports of violence.

A number of protests over lack of jobs have been staged in Iraq since Saddam Hussein was toppled in April. On Tuesday, police opened fire in the southern city of Basra on former members of Saddam's military demanding payment of a promised stipend.

At least four people were wounded.

A joint United Nations/World Bank report issued in October put the number of unemployed and underemployed people in Iraq at 50 percent of the country's 26 million population. Of those, some 400,000 are Iraqi soldiers who lost their jobs when U.S. administrator Paul Bremer abolished the army.



A rock flies as demonstrators run from British Army soldiers guarding the administration headquarters in the southeastern city of Amara January 11. British troops said they opened fire on grenade-throwing Iraqi protesters in a clash in which at least five people were killed on Saturday. REUTERS

Iran MPs walk out over poll candidate bans- MP

TEHRAN, Jan 11 (Reuters) - Most reformist Iranian MPs walked out of parliament on Sunday to protest at the high number of candidates barred by a conservative watchdog from competing in February's parliamentary election, a lawmaker said.

MP Reza Yousefian said that 80 out of the current 290 MPs in parliament had been disqualified by the 12-member Guardian Council, the body that can veto legislation from the predominantly-reformist parliament.

"We have quit in protest at the role of the electoral supervisory body," Yousefian, himself disqualified, told Reuters.

Some reformist parties are threatening to boycott the February 20 election if too many of their candidates are barred.

The walk-out was preceded by angry

protests in parliament, broadcast live on state radio, in which one MP incited his colleagues to march out for an hour over the bans.

Parliament Speaker Mehdi Karubi appealed for calm but expressed his own regret at over-zealous vetting.

"I am sorry such a large number have been disqualified," he told parliament.

Karubi said he and President Mohammad Khatami would hold talks on the bans with the Guardian Council but Yousefian said he held out little hope that the talks would pay dividends.



Iranian members of parliament hold up their numbers in protest during a session of parliament in Tehran January 11. Iranian reformist members of parliament staged a brief walk-out to protest the high number of candidates barred from February's parliamentary election by a conservative watchdog. REUTERS

Israeli soldiers kill Palestinian in West Bank

NABLUS, West Bank, Jan 11 (Reuters) - Israeli soldiers shot dead a Palestinian on Sunday during a confrontation with stone-throwers in the West Bank, witnesses said.

They said Fuad Jarwan, 18, was killed as he sat on his balcony in the village of Beita studying for a high school examination while violence raged nearby.

An Israeli army spokesman said dozens of Palestinians had attacked soldiers with rocks and concrete blocks. "The force spotted a terrorist lighting a petrol bomb, opened fire at him and saw that he was hit," the spokesman added.

Mandela skips big ANC anniversary party

PIETERMARITZBURG, South Africa, Jan 11 (Reuters) - South Africa's former president, Nelson Mandela, unexpectedly skipped the launch of the ruling ANC's re-election campaign on Sunday.

Senior African National Congress officials said they had only learned of his absence belatedly, and that they had not been given a reason.

"Perhaps the only reason is that he doesn't always attend all functions," said Jeff Radebe, chairman of the ANC committee that drafted the party's 2004 election manifesto, launched at Sunday's rally.

Neither Mandela's spokeswoman nor officials from the Nelson Mandela Foundation could be reached for comment.

Radebe said he was not sure if Mandela, who is 85 and the top draw at any ANC event he attends, was in the country.

Mandela's last major public appearance was at his annual Christmas Day party for children in his home village of Qunu. That event followed vigorous denials by Mandela aides of reports he was planning a foreign trip for medical checks.

Mandela led the ANC to electoral triumph in the 1994 election that marked the end of white minority rule in South Africa.

U.S. delegation arrives in Seoul after N.Korea visit

SEOUL, Jan 11 (Reuters) - Two U.S. delegations arrived in South Korea on Sunday, after a surprise inspection of North Korea's nuclear facilities, for further consultations on a lengthy nuclear crisis.

John Lewis, a professor emeritus at Stanford University, and other nuclear specialists have become the first outsiders allowed into North Korea's Yongbyon nuclear complex since U.N. inspectors were expelled a year ago.

Two of the group, Keith Luse and Frank Jannuzzi, both Senate foreign relations committee aides, flew into Seoul, but they declined to comment on the inspection upon their arrival at the Incheon airport, a Reuters photographer said.

The unofficial U.S. delegation is scheduled to meet South Korea's foreign ministry officials on Monday to brief them on the results of their five-day visit to North Korea, news agency Yonhap reported.

Government officials could not be reached for comment.

North Korea said on Saturday it had shown a visiting U.S. delegation its "nuclear deterrent" and hoped it would provide a basis for a peaceful settlement of the row with the United States over its nuclear activities.

The United States suspects North Korea may have resumed reprocessing spent nuclear fuel rods into plutonium for use in nuclear weapons and has been trying, along with its allies,



Keith Luse, a Senate Foreign Relations Committee aide who visited Yongbyon nuclear facility in North Korea, arrives in Incheon Airport, west of Seoul Jan. 11. REUTERS

to resume talks with North Korea to end the suspected programme.

The Washington Post reported on Sunday that North Korea might have shown a visiting U.S. delegation what the communist state described as reprocessed plutonium, ahead of the proposed six-way talks, involving the two Koreas, the United States, China, Japan and Russia, to resolve the crisis.

"The world is now watching whether the U.S. has a true will to settle the nuclear issue on the Korean peninsula on the principle of simultaneous actions and peaceful co-existence," the north's mouthpiece, news agency KCNA, reported on Sunday.

Last week, North Korea offered to freeze its nuclear activities in a move

that has raised hopes for a fresh round of talks, which analysts say may happen in February.

The United States said in October 2002 North Korea had admitted to a clandestine uranium enrichment programme to build nuclear weapons, which U.S. officials say violated a 1994 agreement by the North to freeze its nuclear programme.

Pakistani tribesmen to target foreign militants

WANA, Pakistan, Jan 11 (Reuters) - A tribal council in remote western Pakistan will form a small army to aid the government in battling foreign Islamic militants, tribal officials said on Sunday.

Pakistan's rugged mountain region bordering Afghanistan is thought to be a haven for al Qaeda and Taliban fugitives because they enjoy massive support among the local Pashtun population.

Hundreds of Wazir tribesmen held a traditional jirga, or council meeting, in the town of Wana in South Waziristan and decided to form the group.

"We have to save our area from destruction. Pakistan is our country, it is very dear to us," tribal elder and former parliamentarian Nur Mohammad told the gathering in Wana, 360 km (225 miles) southeast of the Pakistani capital, Islamabad.

Fugitives who Pakistani, U.S. and Afghan officials believe could be hiding in the border area include the world's most wanted man — al Qaeda leader Osama bin Laden.

The Pakistani army used gunship helicopters to back troops in an operation it launched on Thursday in South Waziristan, near the border with Afghanistan, against foreign "terrorists", but officials were quiet about the outcome.

Four Pakistani soldiers were killed that night in an attack by unidentified militants on the army camp in the area.

On Saturday the government promised stern action against the tribes if they did not cooperate with the authorities in its war on "terror", witnesses and tribal sources said.

The government has also asked one tribe to give up three men accused of sheltering and supporting foreign militants, they said.

"The government's deadline ends on Monday but we will inform them of our own decision to help them, of our decision of raising a lashkar (army), and seek some more time to comply," one of the participants of the meeting told Reuters.

The military said its operation was aimed at "foreign terrorists", but has not identified them and witnesses said the militants managed to escape in the rugged mountain area.

In October, the Pakistani army said it had killed eight al Qaeda or Taliban suspects and arrested 18 others in another operation close to the Afghan border in South Waziristan.

Japanese minister plays down hope for Iraqi jobs

TOKYO, Jan 11 (Reuters) - Japanese Foreign Minister Yoriko Kawaguchi played down hope on Sunday that Japan could create jobs in the southern Iraqi city of Samawa, where hundreds of Japanese troops will soon be based.

Officials said this past week that Japan hoped to create jobs in Samawa, where there have been several demonstrations by people demanding work, in an effort to win over the population and gain support for Japan's humanitarian mission.

But some media reports have expressed concern about raising expectations in Samawa, warning that this could backfire if little was accomplished.

Kawaguchi said Japanese aid would not have much of an impact on unemployment in Samawa, given the extent of the problem.

"It's said there's around 70 percent unemployment there," she said on a NHK national television programme.

"To solve the employment problem through economic aid is impossible," she said. "I believe the reality is that our efforts will probably be insignificant."

A small advance army team is expected to leave on around January 16 for Samawa, where they will act as scouts for a Japanese force that could number 1,000 personnel on a mission to provide humanitarian aid and help rebuild the country.

A week ago, Iraqi police fired into a crowd of more than 1,000 demonstrators demanding jobs in Samawa, injuring about 15 people.

Kawaguchi said the government was considering carrying out the jobs pro-



A flag reading "No War on Iraq" flutters over demonstrators during a protest march against the government's decision to send troops into Iraq at Tokyo's Ginza shopping district Jan. 11. Japanese Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi backed the U.S.-led war on Iraq despite opposition from the majority of Japanese voters. REUTERS

gramme in conjunction with groups such as the United Nations, but that posed difficulties since the United

Nations pulled out all international staff from Iraq after bombings at U.N. offices in Baghdad.

technicians, the news service said. Two more were under house arrest, it said, and police were probing other employees.

Wen was quoted as saying investigations had not yet shown any wrongdoing by city officials.

An investigation by a team from the State Council, or cabinet, found a series of missteps by workers and negligence by gasfield developers caused the December 23 disaster in Chongqing that turned the area into a death zone.

CNPC said on Friday it had already shuffled its leadership, just two weeks after the accident, but declined to say why.

The firm, operator of the gasfield and parent of listed oil major PetroChina

BEIJING, Jan 11 (Reuters) - Police in southwestern China have arrested three junior employees of state-run China National Petroleum Corp (CNPC) for breaking rules and triggering a gas well blowout that killed 234 people, the semi-official China News Service said on Sunday.

The three men — Wang Jiandong, Song Tao and Xiang Yiming — were formally arrested after being held under house arrest, the news service quoted Wen Qiang, vice director of the city of Chongqing's Public Security Bureau, as saying.

"There were violations of standard operating procedures," it quoted Wen as saying.

Wang, 33, was an engineer, and Song, 24, and Xiang, 26, worked as

Police arrest three workers for China gas blowout

India's BJP talks early polls, woos Muslims

HYDERABAD, India (Reuters) - Indian Prime Minister Atal Behari Vajpayee, expected to call early elections soon to cash in on a booming economy, met party leaders on Sunday to discuss poll strategy as his team moved to woo Muslim voters.

Vajpayee is due to address a rally later on Sunday, where he could give an indication of his plans, but party officials have already said they expected the world's largest democracy to go to the polls in April or May, about five months early.

Vajpayee attended the opening day of a two-day meeting of his Bharatiya Janata Party's (BJP) national executive which was to discuss election timing and tactics.

"Obviously, we are going (to the polls) as the ruling party. We are proud of our performance, we are proud of our leadership," Commerce Minister Arun Jaitley told reporters.

The federal cabinet must vote to seek the dissolution of the lower house before elections are called, but the actual dates will then be set by the independent election commission.

One BJP official suggested the election could be as early as the end of March to avoid clashing with the April harvest season.

The BJP rose to prominence in the late 1980s on a fierce Hindu revivalist programme — Hindutva — symbolised by a campaign to build a temple on a site holy to Hindus and Muslims, which has become a spark point for religious tension.

But it is now emphasising India's economic success and a thaw in ties with nuclear rival Pakistan and is trying to win over Muslims — about 12 percent of India's billion people.

"I especially urge you to reach out to our minority (Muslim) sisters and brothers, who have seen through the self-serving propaganda against the BJP conducted by the Congress and other opposition parties," BJP President Venkaiah Naidu said.

The national executive meeting at a lakeside hotel decked with saffron-and-green party flags in the southern city of Hyderabad comes as the BJP rides high going into the final months of its five-year term.

Violence claims nine more lives in Afghanistan

KANDAHAR, Afghanistan, Jan 11 (Reuters) - At least nine people were killed and three wounded in two separate incidents of violence in southern Afghanistan, officials said on Sunday.

Five Afghan soldiers were killed and three wounded in clashes with drug smugglers on Saturday near a government post in a remote area of the province of Kandahar bordering Pakistan, said Mohammad Anas, deputy governor of the province.

The troops were killed after they tried to stop the smugglers from trafficking drugs into Pakistan, a key export source for Afghan narcotics.

In another incident on Saturday, four Taliban were killed in a clash with Afghan troops in the province of Helmand while they were planting land mines on a road often used by government soldiers, a spokesman for the provincial governor said.

Violence, including twin bomb blasts on Tuesday in Kandahar, has killed 51 people and wounded several dozen in less than a week in southern Afghanistan, underlining grow-



Afghan boys wait to be disarmed as part of U.N.-backed disarmament drive called "Disarmament, Demobilisation and Reintegration" (DDR) in Kabul Jan. 11. The plan aims to cover 100,000 militants across the country over two years. About 200 militants attended the disarmament on Sunday. REUTERS

ing insecurity.

More than 450 people including militants, Afghan troops, civilians, aid workers and more than 12 members of U.S.-led troops have been killed since August in violence large-

ly blamed on the Taliban.

U.S. backed President Hamid Karzai vowed on Saturday that the violence would not deter him from rebuilding Afghanistan, battered by 23 years of invasion and civil strife.

Bush planned Iraqi invasion before Sept. 11

NEW YORK, Jan 10 (Reuters) - Former Treasury Secretary Paul O'Neill charges in a new book that President George W. Bush entered office in January 2001 intent on invading Iraq and was in search of a way to go about it.

O'Neill, who was fired in December 2002 as part of a shake-up of Bush's economic team, has become the first major Bush administration insider to launch an attack on the president.

He likened Bush at Cabinet meetings to "a blind man in a room full of deaf people," according to excerpts from a CBS interview to promote a book by former Wall Street Journal reporter Ron Suskind, "The Price of Loyalty."

To go to war, Bush used the argument that Iraq possessed weapons of mass destruction and had to be stopped in the post-Sept. 11, 2001, world. The weapons have never been found.

"From the very beginning, there was a conviction that Saddam Hussein was a bad person and that he needed to go," O'Neill said in the "60 Minutes" interview scheduled to air on Sunday. "For me, the notion of pre-emption, that the U.S. has the unilateral right to do whatever we decide to do, is a really huge leap."

CBS released excerpts from the interview on Friday and Saturday.

The former treasury secretary and other White House insiders gave Suskind documents that in the first three months of 2001 revealed the Bush administration was examining military options for removing Saddam Hussein, CBS said.

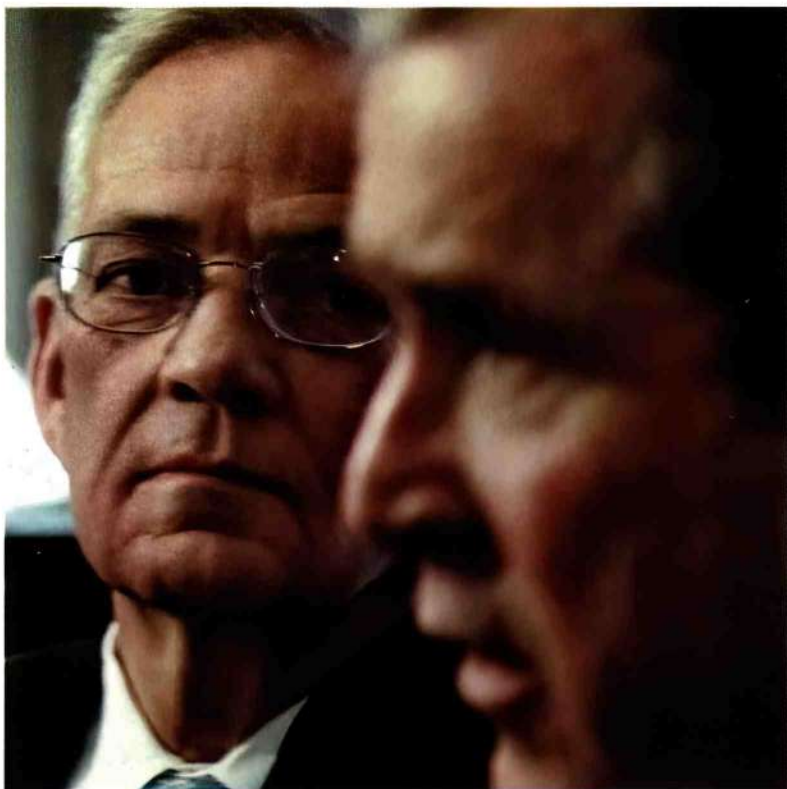
"There are memos," Suskind told CBS. "One of them marked 'secret' says 'Plan for Post-Saddam Iraq.'"

Another Pentagon document entitled "Foreign suitors for Iraqi Oil Field Contracts" talks about contractors from 40 countries and which ones have interest in Iraq, Suskind said.

Bent on war

O'Neill was also quoted in the book as saying the president was determined to find a reason to go to war and he was surprised that nobody on the National Security Council questioned why Iraq should be invaded.

"It was all about finding a way to do it. That was the tone of it," said O'Neill. "The president saying 'Go find me a



Former U.S. Treasury Secretary Paul O'Neill likened President George W. Bush at Cabinet meetings to a blind man in a room full of deaf people, according to excerpts on Jan. 9, from a CBS interview. O'Neill, who was fired by Bush in Dec. 2002, also said the president did not ask him a single question during their first one-on-one meeting, which lasted an hour. Bush and O'Neill are shown at the Treasury Building, in this file image from Mar. 7, 2001.

way to do this."

White House spokesman Scott McClellan rejected O'Neill's remarks.

"We appreciate his service. While we're not in the business of doing book reviews, it appears that the world according to Mr. O'Neill is more about trying to justify his own opinions than looking at the reality of the results we are achieving on behalf of the American people," McClellan said Saturday.

Democratic presidential candidate Howard Dean accused Bush of using questionable pretenses to justify war with Iraq.

"The country deserves to know — and the president needs to answer — why the American people were presented with misleading or manufactured intelligence as to why going to war with Iraq was necessary. Secretary O'Neill's comments only underscore the continuing importance that these outstanding

questions be answered," Dean said in a statement.

O'Neill also said the president did not ask him a single question during their first one-on-one meeting, which lasted an hour. The president's lack of engagement left his advisers with "little more than hunches about what the president might think," O'Neill told "60 Minutes."

Suskind's book, whose full title is "The Price of Loyalty: George W. Bush, the White House, and the Education of Paul O'Neill," uses interviews with O'Neill, dozens of White House insiders and 19,000 documents provided by O'Neill.

O'Neill, who was fired due to disagreements over tax cuts, spent a difficult two years in Washington, joining the Bush administration with a background as a no-nonsense corporate executive.

UK's Blair says will resign if found lying

LONDON, Jan 11 (Reuters) - British Prime Minister Tony Blair said on Sunday he would resign if an imminent report into the suicide of a government expert on Iraq finds that he lied about the incident.

Senior Judge Lord Hutton is due to publish his report into the death of weapons expert David Kelly in coming weeks and is likely to apportion some blame to the government for Kelly's death, which rocked Blair's premiership last year.

Kelly killed himself in July after the government outed him as the source of

a BBC report that claimed Blair had inflated the threat from Iraq's armament to justify the conflict.

His death and the Hutton inquiry unleashed months of speculation about Blair's role in driving Kelly to kill himself and about the primary reason given for the U.S.-led Iraq war — its alleged weapons of mass destruction.

Asked if he stood by the principle that a minister should resign if found lying, Blair told the BBC Television: "Of course."

"These are very serious allegations that the Conservative Party and parts of the media are making against the prime minister," Blair said in an interview.

He added that he was "enthusiastic" about the chance to confront his opponents over the Hutton report.

Blair's critics accuse him of lying over the Kelly affair.

Ministry of Defence official Sir Kevin Tebbit told the Hutton inquiry that Blair had chaired a meeting where it was decided to make a statement clarifying the government's position — a move that led to Kelly's exposure.

Days after Kelly's death, Blair emphatically denied authorising the leaking of the scientist's name to the media.

The Iraq war and Kelly's suicide last year plunged Blair into the worst period of his premiership as his critics took him to task over the failure to find any banned weapons in Iraq. Blair's popularity and public trust ratings sank.

Blair said Hutton's findings will be final and pledged that he would not "hide away" from a debate with his opponents on the report.

"What the judge finds will be of huge persuasive importance for the public, for parliament and I hope for

the media," Blair said. "It's final... I think speculation comes to an end with the report."

One third of Britons think Diana murdered-survey

LONDON (Reuters) - One in three Britons believe Princess Diana was the victim of a murder plot, according to a survey by The Mail on Sunday newspaper.

Tuesday's Daily Mirror published a letter written by Diana 10 months before she died in a 1997 Paris car wreck, in which she voiced fears her ex-husband and heir to the throne

Prince Charles was plotting to kill her by tampering with the brakes.

Few give credence to that claim and The Mail on Sunday said six out of 10 people questioned in the YouGov poll did not believe Charles would deliberately harm Diana.

But one in six said he was capable of causing her death, and 15 percent believe the British secret services

planned her assassination.

The newspaper did not give further details of the exact questions asked by YouGov which interviewed 2,093 people online between Wednesday and Saturday.

On the day the Mirror published the letter, plans were announced for an inquest and police inquiry into Diana's death.

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A hand out photograph shows Britain's Prime Minister Tony Blair speaking during an interview on the BBC's 'Breakfast with Frost' programme, in London, Jan. 11. Blair said on Sunday he would resign if an imminent report into the suicide of a government expert on Iraq finds that he lied to parliament.

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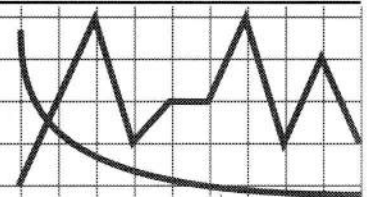
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Rural development the essence of economic activity

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The gap is widening between the city and the countryside. Neither the available figures regarding the field of population growth are in harmony with requirements of local development nor are the finished projects capable of bridging the gap of requirements of countryside people whereas the migration of people and agriculture workers to the cities are in an increase.

Prior to elections of the local authorities in the governorates and the districts the justification was that the people there could not find those who support them for rural stability. Areas where job opportunities were restricted to migrants. Thus the capital and main cities attracted the countryside people and their desire to migrate got increased till the villages became empty.

Possibly some multi-circumstances have contributed to instability and settlement of the people of rural areas and still chasing them even after the formation of local councils and their elections. Experts mention that there are some elements that are kicking out rural life and they need to be studied and treated accurately and also to be followed up.

It is noted that local communities in some villages have achieved living

stability for the citizens. But development of elements of economic income in the sense of the existence of surplus with the people has not been realized for many multiple reasons that led to farmers internal and external migration and that has converted the fertile lands into barren ones.

Inmost of agricultural areas the role of families working in agriculture has diminished in the productive work due to absence of a national strategy in agriculture and what has doubled the imbalance in this area is the invasion of imported goods of the rural community markets and that has pushed the people there to kind of stagnation and led to migration of working and producing forces.

Goods invasion and the search for job opportunities led to occurrence of changes in the rural infrastructure that has been exposed to a being shaken. With the increase in education expansion the agricultural working groups got weakened and decreased the proportion of agricultural areas because of lands inheritance and their production decreased. This situation has its negative outcomes in doubling the volume of unemployment in the countryside as the agricultural workers and farmers in general become no longer having the capacity that would enable them to agricultural production for marketing.

According to statements of agricultural development the dealing and



Maize farm in Hodeidah

solving of this situation necessitates re-organisation of the agricultural economic sector and re-distribution of the workforce by the local councils on whose shoulders lies studying necessary elements for increasing production and helping farmers on settlement through encouragement of establishing agricultural societies and supporting the existing ones in addition to giving them loans to be able to play their role in agricultural development.

The countryside areas need in the first place the completing of infra-

structures as electricity, waters and communications. The countryside also needs officials in the executive bodies at the districts and the local for attaining the aspired goals from the rural development process first and then to work for stability of the human element instead of collective migration to the cities that are no longer able to accommodate more than their capacity. We have seen the president of the republic that during his field visits he was paying attention to roads networks, waters and agriculture and his

directives to the officials and urging farmers and citizens for giving attention and care to money-yielding crops. We can infer out of this the necessity of reviving life to agriculture in the rural areas to increase production and development of exports instead of the compulsory migration in quest of water and mirage. The rural development is thus the essence of the economic activation. It helps for stability and protects our youth against migrating from the countryside. We have to work together for creating the attract-

ing elements for the settlement and stability of rural areas population and to curb the collective migration towards cities. The whole matter is in need for a national strategy for the countryside dealing with exploring how the local communities be able to attain to a more advanced vision for solving the problems of the rural areas and facing backwardness by founding industry that serves the local market and activates local professions and then to turn towards developing the local community.

A strategy for the development of Mukalla city through improving investment climate

By YEMEN TIMES STAFF

A working team for working out a development strategy for the city of Mukalla has made new arrangements for gathering data and information special for the local economic and social development depending on competitive characteristics of al-Mukalla port.

That came in a meeting by the team headed by Mr Abdulqader Hillal the governor of Hadramout that discussed the preparation of a local medium and long-term investment plan aimed at improving and developing the city and port of al-Mukalla.

The strategy aims at improving the investment climate and exploitation of natural and developmental riches, activation of good local administra-

tion dependent on administrative transparency and engagement of the private sector and civil society in benefiting from this strategy.

The plan also hopes to improve the citizens' living conditions and expansion in new investment fields through providing job opportunities for the unemployed by reconsidering and reviewing structural plans of the city and preparing programs for updating those plans.

This orientation comes in context of the Yemeni government efforts to develop the vital port cities including the ports of Hodeida, Aden and Mukalla that are receiving support of international donor parties for the purpose of building integrated infrastructure capable of helping investors to administer the projects licensed for them.

The government has allotted large

sums of money not less than \$ 10 million from external grants for developing the three port cities. At the head of the official interest comes the drawing up of modern plans for the building of intensive employment projects absorbing part of unemployment and be sources of attraction of investors.

Work is currently underway for the development of a new port on the Red sea in the tourist area of Khoukha known for date palm trees plantation and fish grouping in its beaches that are situated within the governorate of Hodeida.

Government sources confirm that Yemen's heading towards investment of the ports as a national wealth activating the investment process that is witnessing slowness and recovering the economic and social situations in the country.



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Words of Wisdom



The Yemeni population today is among the poorest in the world. With a per capita income of less than US\$ 1 per day, it is indeed a wretched lot. That is why socio-economic development is a priority.

Prof. Abdulaziz Al-Saqqaf (1951-1999)
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OUR OPINION

On the regional conference started in Sanaa:

Some pride, some disappointment

It certainly was a spectacular event and the first of its kind in Yemen. The "Sanaa Regional Conference on Human Rights and the Role of the International Criminal Court" that started on Sunday took off smoothly and promised a shift in understanding of Arab governments of the role of civil society organizations. But it is important to note that some negative phenomena did occur in the event.

Among those disappointments was the unease of some—not all—Yemeni officials at the conference, along with a number of delegates from developing countries with the civil society organizations present at the conference. There seemed to be some underestimation by the officials of the importance of the having such organizations participate in such occasions. In a time developed countries valued and appreciated the role of NGOs and media, we, in the developing world are struggling to get officials to realize that such organizations should have some role to play.

The presence of NGOs in the conference was minimal and they received much lower priority in terms of speeches and comments, especially during the inaugural session. Adding insult to injury, the members of the media, which are one of the main pillars of civil society, were prevented from attending the inaugural ceremony and journalists were deprived from taking photographs.

This mentality needs to change.

As representatives of the media, we feel marginalized and put aside by many officials who think that our role is simply to report and take photos. They tend to believe that the media needs to stay away from decision-making authorities and be avoided as much as possible.

I have initially felt that Yemen was trying to fix this false perception of the media in particular and the civil society organizations in general. But after I realized that no media representative was invited in participating by giving comments or speeches in any of the many sessions of the conference, I felt disappointed.

The idea of having a minister and a representative of an active NGO is a source of pride and a reason to feel optimistic about the future, not because it happened in an activity organized by the Yemeni government only, but because it served as an example for other neighboring countries to follow. Nevertheless, this achievement was overshadowed by the marginalization of the media.

I remember hearing from the local organizations of the event that they are trying to break the old rules suggesting that the civil society doesn't have a say in politics or other fields. This is why they have decided to let prominent officials join NGO representatives to talk, discuss problems, and exchange ideas of how to proceed in helping the economies and political reforms of the different countries.

But that is not enough. Talk is simply not enough!

One needs to show that NGOs have a say and a major say in forming resolutions and decisions for such an event.

Overall, the event proved that governments and civil society have much more in common than otherwise thought. Hence, one needs to thank the organizers for their courageous efforts in making this happen for the first time in the Middle East.

This is why I am hopeful in that the future is brighter than the past.

And despite all the negativities of the event, I still believe we are on the right track.

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Education and our regrettable reality



By ISMAEL AL-GHABIRI
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Sad realities hurt, yet some times there is no way of escaping them especially if it is concerned with a vital part of our life, which is education. The issue is that the system of education and all its related aspects socially, economically, culturally and politically affect the structure and capabilities of the society a great deal, in spite of the fact that the country enjoys great resources and man power.

The issue is of joining the development train and providing the essential requirements for the people such as edu-

cation and health. However, any kind of development cannot be achieved until and unless the education system is effective. Because education is the foundation of progress and the sad present that we are living in cannot be overcome until people are educated and made aware.

The question that poses itself is why the education system failed in most of the Arab countries, all together forming more than 1/5 of humanity? And the answer seems to be very obvious because it is about the objective scientific methodology, which the Islamic and Arab states used to follow when the ages of glory and which are neglected and ignored today.

Today, whatever Islamic education is thought about it becomes confined to the pure Islamic studies such as prayer and

Quranic studies while in the past it was about every discipline that there is. In fact even these kinds of disciplines, which are related to prayer and religious behavior, have been modified and altered in a way that is quite remote from the way Islam started in the beginning.

Restructuring the academic and educational program is the solution to re-establishing the Islamic state in a way that would provide the essential requirements for overcoming the downfall and reaching better heights materially and psychologically.

Should the people in concern and the authorities realize this they would not hesitate before actually working on this and correcting the wrong concepts and helping improving the situation according to glorious Islamic beliefs and principles?

What do we want to be?

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Undoubtedly, each individual in every society inspires and dreams of a tranquil and secured life in which he guarantees at least his basic needs. A tranquil life means a life vacant of troubles and obstacles that deter one from progressing or excelling. Actually dreaming of such a life has instinctively been inculcated in human beings nature as they inherit it a generation after another. Otherwise, who wants to starve? Who is willing to drudge for his living or for a sordid target in this life? On contrary, great people sometimes starve and drudge for they choose the way of striving and struggling for their own people's tranquil and luxury life. A tranquil life has been always a feature that distinguishes advanced societies in which an individual freedom is reserved and his needs are guaranteed.

Though such a life is what every body struggles hard to reach and achieve, there are still some people who intend to hold a monopoly over it trying their effort to deprive others of. That is because they won't get an ultimate control over it only if they steal other's rights. Their happiness and enjoyment come from other's despair and suffering. If other people's life is totally corrupted, their ecstasy reaches its extreme. Those people are always sick as they are being the leaders of corruption... they are selfish, egotist, they care for nothing but themselves. Their position is always located at top of the triangle of every corrupted government and authority. That is why a widening gap can be found in most of the undeveloped countries between the rich and the poor, the educated and

the ignorant and so on. We can find people suffer from a luxury life while others suffer from poverty. People die of fatness, others die of hunger. A group of people has every thing another group has nothing. Contradiction is very dominant and manipulative in such countries to a degree it ruins every life's aspect.

Taking into consideration the Arab people's critical current situation, a person will burst into crying...people there lack the basic needs that human beings are supposed to enjoy. They don't have the basic needs like a really secured life which comes at the bottom of the human basic needs triangle. Their land is conquered, their dignity is down. Yet, they still rely on our enemy to provide them with the food they eat, the clothes they wear and even the weapons they use to defend themselves, and they will never get rid of these lasting services for they don't have the intention to do so.

I'm writing this article as two days ago I happened to come across an article written in a Malaysian local daily newspaper. In that newspaper it was reported that Malaysian government members held a meeting in the late seventies. The first questions which were posed during that meeting were that "what we want to be and how can we guarantee a better life for our own people?" "Do we want to be an industrial nation or an agricultural one?" After having a long discussion a conclusion has been reached that agricultural policies have been proven to be wrong. It is only industrial countries that have successfully achieved a better life for their own people. So they set up the plans and went through. Now it has been almost three decades and I wonder if the Malaysian people have reached what they wanted to be. Are they now an industrial country

that has its own weight among the developed countries?

Actually there is no Malaysian citizen who really worries about his food or his education. Education is free and accessible for everybody since 30% of the general budget of the country is spent on education. Everybody after his graduation can own a house, a car, or can further his study as the government offers him loans he can pay as small installments over a long period of time. Besides, Malaysian people have proven to be able to defend their economy as when they overcame the deflation crisis that hit the economy of most of the southern Asian countries in 1997. Now Malaysian people are not worried about anything, they are just so concerned about how to improve in different fields, how to get a higher certificate, how to offer something remarkable or how to own a luxury house and a better car.

Malaysia actually doesn't differ from any of the Islamic countries regarding its resources. On the contrary, some Islamic countries have more resources than Malaysia has. However, the difference lies in the fact that Malaysia could make good investment of its own people, environment and all the available resources it has. Besides, they have good intention which is to make their country better by serving it sincerely.

Now I think we realized where our deficiency lies. We don't know what we want, what we are supposed to do or where we are heading for. Things must be reviewed soon, everything must be put on its right position and path. If every body is careless and he only thinks about himself without taking into consideration the welfare of the society, then he ship will sink. Sooner or later it will be lost between the huge waves and will be destroyed by an awful hurricane.

Letters to the Editor

Protesting President's amnesty

I do not know whether you are going to publish this letter of many concerns to many people like us or not, but I thought I would expose this issue to show the ugly face of people exploiting their powers in post-war period of 1994 anyway. Also, I would like to pass my opinions and concerns about The President Amnesty. I would appreciate if published unedited.

Our family one of many families who suffered from wars in Yemen. Exceptionally, we lost our father Dr. Mutlak Abdulla Hassan in 1986 during the massacre arranged, implemented and executed by Ali Naser Mohamed. But ironically and arrogantly enough, we also lost our house in 1994 to one of Yemen Socialist Party political office member who is called Abdul Ghani Abdul Ghader. This person occupied our house by force, under bullets and military presence as usually happens in Yemen, without any legal rights, even more, exploiting the post-

war unease period, his post and connections for his own benefits and to kick us out of our only accommodation.

He claims that the house belongs to him while we bought the house and have all the legal documents. Not only that, but he received from the authority in Aden a compensation of 2 big lands in Aden's most popular places and a flat. He sold the land for 36 million Rials a few years ago which is equivalent to 150 millions Rials nowadays. But his greediness, savageness, non existence of self-esteem and respect led to more oppression against us and may be many others.

I wonder how this person got away with it from his fellow members, party and where is justice.

Dear editor, in what ways do you think this type of scenarios will end? And how the Amnesty will be implemented while people's houses are snatched forcibly from them and not returned. Is the Amnesty only to return people home to live in the mud or ELSE?

Finally, I think the

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President should implement procedures to follow his Amnesty to make people live safely together without tangled problems, give people back what they had and solve these serious issues which are blundering as a dark cloud over Aden city if he really means the Amnesty.

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We can be better

First of all I want to thank you about your words when you said: "not everything practiced by west should be forbidden for Arabs. We need to learn from each other" I think we have to put one hundred lines under the sentence "learn from each other" because what happening is we are taking without giving, and what we are taking are mostly things that we don't really need! And can be said of most of the things that we took from west. The things that are not accepted by our religion Islam. And when you ask them why you took this (Bad thing) not that (good thing) they would tell you it is the evolution and as

long as we took it from west so it is the best and better than ours. In other words Arabs follow western manners without thinking whether they are good or bad for us, and their excuse is that they are better than we! Although we can be better too if we just thought as they did, and we learn how to choose.

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Socotra Island's shores mishandled

Cleaning up the shores is a great idea. However, you need to pay a visit to the shores of the island of Socotra where parts of the shores are littered with medical waste, such as exposed needles, etc. How do I know? I have been there and seen it all.

I have the pictures to prove it. Now, who do you think are the unconscious nit-wits responsible for endangering the natural life of the islanders? I have my hunches but I'll leave it to you to get to the bottom of it.

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COMMON SENSE



By Hassan Al-Haifi

How close are we to real democratic rule?

Of course the declared commitment of the Yemeni Government to democratic rule is indeed a welcome omen that improve the chances of Yemen joining the few privileged societies of the world that do enjoy significant degrees of freedom and the right to participate, in varying degrees in the political process. Furthermore, the basic legislative framework that has been instilled in the institutional translation of this commitment seems to assure us that, at least, there is no turning back from where we are at present as far as progress towards achieving a true modern democracy. The holding of the Sana'a Inter-Governmental Regional Conference on Democracy is clear testimony that Yemen should do all that is possible to enhance democracy at home as well as on the regional front.

For most astute observers however, there are far too many steps that need to be trotted before Yemen can safely say that it is truly enjoying democracy as most of the civilized societies of the world are enjoying to a certain degree or another. Of course one may say that it is not enough to just declare a commitment to democracy when, on the ground, one does not see any real manifestations of interactions between the general body politic and the elements that have a firm footing on the power centers of Yemen's fragile governing establishment. In fact, many would even suggest that these elements seem to feel that they are not truly subject to the appropriate checks and balances from an institutional sense, or the effective tools of democratic rule that will often help in curtailing any contempt for the public interest or the disregard for equal access and equal rights to the privileges and the resources, enjoyed mainly by these elements. On another note, there are others who argue that commitment to democratic principles without a willingness to sacrifice some of these privileges and excessive rights enjoyed by only a few of the citizens of the country and without the latter appearing as model citizens in the application of democratic rules and conduct in conducting public affairs or engaging in the political process raise suspicions as to the seriousness of this commitment.

One can understand that democracy that is fed to the society from the top-down and not generated by a persistent grass roots elements, is bound to have the meanings that are envisioned by those who are on the top and publicly stating their commitment accordingly. In such a case, one is led to genuine worries that democracy would be misunderstood by the general population, whose cultural and educational horizons have yet to reach full maturity. Accordingly the overwhelming majority of the body politic will assume that democracy is then no more than clichés and decorative coating for the ruling establishment to enjoy their grip on determining the directions that the society should be heading towards. This in turn also leads to instilling apathy as an incurable illness among the body politic of the nation and renders the progress towards stronger meanings to genuine democratic government.

Some might say that there are bound to be limitations in democratic rule in a society that is still below the level of social maturity for democracy to work as it should to protect the people from any misuse of government or mismanagement of public resources. To this, the observer will only recall that the Yemenis in the past have often shown that they are far more closer to understanding what democracy really entails than these downgraders of popular intellect would like to believe. In the early days of the Republic, especially in the post-civil war Yemen of the late 1960s and early 1970s, Government in Yemen was more responsive to public opinion and most political big whigs were hesitant in stepping out of line or raising public outcries against any visible improprieties in conduct or degree of questionable wealth. Later on when the Yemeni cooperative movement had its heyday in the mid 1970s, people throughout the country were actively taking part in the organization and the management of cooperative associations, whether at the local, regional or national level. Moreover, there was a strong apparent display of transparency and accountability in the management of these cooperatives and the many useful projects they were able to execute. When the central government took over the treasuries of these cooperatives and intervened in their management, it was a quick downhill slide, and an end to real participatory quasi government activity. For sure, it was not perfect, but for sure also, it was better than anything existing today that is meant to be a replacement for this novel experiment. The essence of all this is to underline the considerable importance of truly allowing the people to participate in all social and political activities. Needless to say, the Transition Period after unification (1990-1994) saw another blossoming of democratic activity for a brief period, as the urge to organize and to enjoy the rights of political plurality and a truly free press became manifest. Part of the problem lies in an agglomeration of Executive Procedures that supposedly set out the ways that the Constitution and the respective laws for which they are issued should work. In the end, these complicated Executive Procedures have gone a long way to impairing whatever good intents are implied by the Constitution and the laws for which they are issued. With the issuance of these procedures left to the Executive Branch, one can see the absence of transparency and accountability strongly reinforced by these procedures and thus the obvious misrepresentation of the laws they supposedly compliment – a serious obstacle to real progress in democratic rule.

America: The real danger lies within

BY ERIC MARGOLIS
FOR THE TORONTO SUN

The year 2003 dramatically and dolefully illustrated Lord Acton's famous dictum that absolute power corrupts absolutely. An almighty United States, unrestrained by any rival, international body, or world opinion, bestrode the globe, a belligerent colossus determined to monopolize global oil reserves and use its vast military power to crush lesser nations or malefactors that disturbed the Pax Americana.

For America's hard right - a curious farrago of Armageddon-seeking southern Protestants; neo-conservative supporters of Israel's right-wing Likud party; and the military-industrial-petroleum complex - the Bush administration's aggressive foreign policy of world domination, and utter contempt for international laws and old allies, marks a new era of national greatness. President George Bush, who vowed his foreign policy would be "humble" and "compassionate," has turned out to be the most radical president in modern U.S. history.

But for those Americans whose primary loyalty was to their country, rather than to religious cultism, foreign nations, or financial profit, the rapid emergence of the U. S. as an imperial power waging two hugely expensive colonial wars in Asia was a disaster, both for America's democratic system and for the rest of the world.

Bush's vow to bring "democracy" to the Mideast rang as hollow as pious assurances by 19th century European colonialists they were gobbling up Africa and Asia to bring the blessings of Christianity and civilization to benighted savages. Pillaging resources, not enlightenment, were - and remain - the true colonial motivation.

Bush's claims to hold the mandate of heaven to wage global warfare against the nebulous forces of "terrorism" sounded as dangerous and nonsensical as old Chairman Leonid Brezhnev's

drunken claims it was the Soviet Union's "sacred internationalist duty" to launch military adventures anywhere on Earth where socialism was threatened.

Columnist Georgie Anne Gayer put it perfectly when she recently wrote that whereas America used to lead the world as champion of democracy, personal freedom and human rights, today, under Bush, it instead seeks to dominate the world through raw military and monetary power.

Carte blanche

In 2003, we saw an abject, cowardly Congress violate its duty as the republic's premier political organ by disgracefully handing the barely elected president carte blanche to wage an unprovoked war against Iraq that was justified by a torrent of ludicrous lies worthy of Dr. Goebbels. Lies and propaganda that were packaged in the best tradition of Soviet agitprop as news, then force-fed by a servile media to an ill-informed public shockingly deficient in any sense of history, geography, or foreign affairs.

The invasions of Afghanistan and Iraq, and sundry military adventures around the globe, were made possible by a steady drumbeat of warnings from the White House and its neo-con trumpets that the U.S. was in dire national peril from "terrorists" and "rogue states." Paranoia again swept America during the holiday season as planes were grounded and orange alerts flashed at a populace that responded to these synthetic alarms with well-trained Pavlovian reflexes.

Though the mighty United States, with only 5% of world population, accounts for nearly 50% of total global military spending, the continuing Orwellian message from Washington was of fear and vulnerability. Vague threats of terrorist attack and menacing Muslims were used to curtail American civil liberties, and expand the government's powers of repression and intrusion. The public barely noticed this sinister, proto-totalitarian campaign.

The so-called "war on terrorism"

was a hoax used to mask and justify the long-planned expansion of U.S. military power around the globe. What were in reality a series of police actions waged against tiny anti-American groups was no more a war than the farcical "war on drugs." But invoking war trumped criticism and dissent - and justified a real war of aggression against oil-rich Iraq.

The very term "terrorism" is a nonsense designed for propaganda effect; a damning label applied by the administration to groups or states strongly opposing U.S. policy.

A "war on terrorism" makes no more sense than waging war on evil.

Those who opposed Washington's surging imperial and totalitarian impulses were branded "leftists" and "anti-Americans." The French thinker Regis Debray, writing about past colonial powers, answers thus: "The free man is not anti-American, but anti-imperial. America (now) revisits the time of colonizers drunk on their superiority, convinced of their liberating mission, and counting on reimbursing themselves directly."

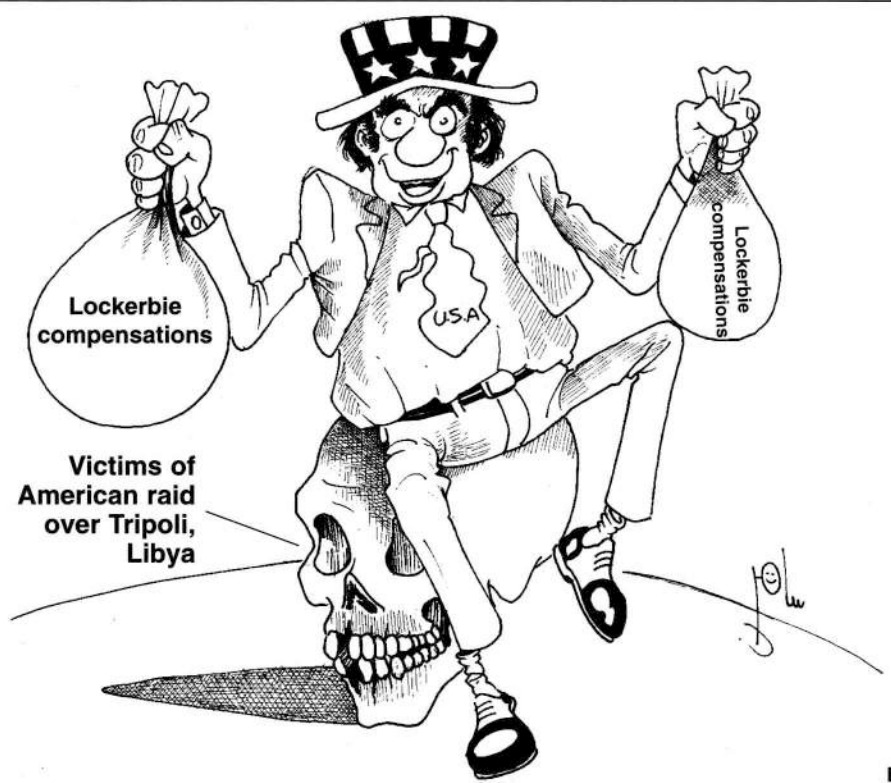
Criticizing U.S. foreign policy run-amok and George Bush does not equal anti-Americanism. It is the citizen's birthright, and the friend's duty.

This writer has witnessed nine colonial wars and saw how they corrupted the armies, and then the nations, that waged them, brutalizing conquered and conqueror alike. Iraq is the latest.

Mankind's three worst scourges are religious fanaticism, nationalism and imperialism. Each of these three evils has been whipped up by the Bush administration to justify domination abroad, repression of dissent at home and, of course, re-election.

Those who truly love and respect the United States, like this writer, a conservative and U.S. Army veteran, see the very qualities that made America a beacon to the world - its very soul - now under heavy assault by a cabal of religious fanatics, foreign-leaning ideological extremists, and self-enriching Enron-Republicans. That is a danger considerably greater than al-Qaida.

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BY SAMER A.

Saddam in the slammer, so why are we on orange?

BY DAVID H. HACKWORTH
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Almost daily we're told that another American soldier has sacrificed life or limb in Iraq. For way too many of us - unless we have a white flag with a blue star in our window - these casualty reports have become as big a yawn as a TV forecast of the weather in Baghdad.

Even I - and I deal with that beleaguered land seven days a week - was staggered when a Pentagon source gave me a copy of a Nov. 30 dispatch showing that since George W. Bush unleashed the dogs of war, our armed forces have taken 14,000 casualties in Iraq - about the number of warriors in a line tank division.

We have the equivalent of five combat divisions plus support for a total of about 135,000 troops deployed in the Iraqi theater of operations, which means we've lost the equivalent of a fighting division since March. At least 10 percent of the total number of Joes and Jills available to the theater commander to fight or support the occupation effort have been evacuated back to the USA!

Lt. Col. Scott D. Ross of the U.S. military's Transportation Command told me that as of Dec. 23, his outfit had evacuated 3,255 battle-injured casualties and 18,717 non-battle injuries.

Of the battle casualties, 473 died and 3,255 were wounded by hostile fire.

Following are the major categories of the non-battle evacuations:

Orthopedic surgery - 3,907
General surgery - 1,995
Internal medicine - 1,291
Psychiatric - 1,167
Neurology - 1,002
Gynecological - 491

Sources say that most of the gynecological evacuations are pregnancy-related, although the exact figure can't be confirmed - Pentagon pregnancy counts are kept closer to the vest than the number of nuke warheads in the U.S. arsenal.

Ross cautioned that his total of 21,972 evacuees could be higher than other reports because "in some cases, the same service member may be counted more than once."

The Pentagon has never won prizes for the accuracy of its reporting, but I think it's safe to say that so far somewhere between 14,000 and 22,000 soldiers, sailors, airmen and Marines have been medically evacuated from Iraq to the USA.

So at the end of this turbulent year, we must ask ourselves: Was the price our warriors paid in blood worth the outcome? Are we any safer than before our pre-emptive invasion?

Even though Saddam is in the slammer and the fourth-largest army in the world is junkyard scrap, Christmas 2003 was resolutely Orange, and 2004 looks like more of the same. Or worse.

Our first New Year's resolution should be to find out if the stated reasons for our pre-emptive strike - Iraq's purported weapons of mass destruction and Saddam's connection with al-Qaeda - constituted a real threat to our national security. Because, contrary to public opinion,

the present administration hasn't yet made the case that Saddam and his sadists aided and abetted al-Qaeda's attacks on 9/11. We also need to know why our \$30 billion-a-year intelligence agencies didn't read the tea leaves correctly, as well as what's being done besides upgrading the color code to prevent other similar strikes.

Congress should get with the program and lift a page from the U.S. Army handbook on how to learn from a military operation. When an Army-training or actual-combat op is concluded, all the key players assemble for an honest, no-holds-barred critique of everything that's gone down - the good, the bad and the ugly. Some of the participants might walk away black and blue, but everyone learns from the mistakes.

Donald Rumsfeld, Paul Wolfowitz and retired Gen. Tommy Franks should be required to report to a congressional committee convened to investigate both the invasion and the planning - or lack of planning - for the occupation of Iraq. This committee must operate without the political skullduggery that occurred during the numerous investigations into the Pearl Harbor catastrophe - when high-level malfeasance that cost thousands of lives and put America's national security in extreme jeopardy was repeatedly covered up for more than 50 years.

Our Iraqi casualties deserve nothing less than the unvarnished truth. Only then will their sacrifices not have been in vain. And only then can we all move on with the enlightenment we need to protect and preserve our precious country's future.

New year, but same old problems

BY BERNADETTE MALONE
FOR THE HAMPSHIRE SUNDAY NEWS

Out with Homeland Security for 2004, in with Social Security, declared the liberal and silly Washington Post on the front page of its Style section on New Year's day.

That kind of elitist foolishness - the ennui the chattering class holds for the War on Terror and the cat-and-mouse games that never seem to produce Osama Bin Laden, weapons of mass destruction, or terrorists on Air France flights - is exactly what typifies the Democratic Presidential field.

Enough dithering around in Tikriti spider holes, they complain. Eighty-

seven billion dollars for what, they ask? Bush is embarrassing Americans abroad with all his saber rattling, they groan. On to more important things at home, Dean - and to a lesser extent, Kerry and Clark - sigh.

Domestic issues remain important, but would Washington, New York, and other American metropolises have escaped the holiday season without a terrorist attack if the War on Terror's biggest critic, Howard Dean, had been President this year?

Howard Dean, who sent a signal of naivete around the world the day after Christmas when he told the media he is resisting "pronouncing a sentence before guilt is found," by a trial on Osama Bin Laden? Dean, for whom September 11 seems to have become

an academic question better left for the international legal community of pseudo-scholars?

Can anyone voting for Dean actually believe he will do more for homeland security than George W. Bush, or are Dean's supporters those who are simply bored with homeland security's endless warnings and costs?

As the Bush Administration and its agencies bore down for the holiday, raising the terror alert level to Code Orange, stationing heavily armed police at bridge and tunnel entrances, erecting metal detectors at New York's Times Square, dispatching rocket-equipped helicopters over major cities and surface-to-air missile launchers around Washington, D.C., it became clear to urban dwellers: nothing bad

was likely to happen, simply because security alone would dissuade terrorists from acting.

The nation was on high alert, forcing foreign airliners out of the sky, causing Mexican and French officials frustration with the U.S.: in other words, doing all the right things.

Bush does not tire of homeland security, even if Europe, Mexico, and the Washington Post tire of him.

When are terrorists bent on jihad, killing the greatest number of American civilians, and showcasing their might and evil genius to their militant financial backers most likely to strike? Certainly not when the U.S. is on high alert, committing resources and grit to capturing suspects and breaking open their networks.

It only makes sense that the next terrorist attack will come when the U.S. relaxes a bit and the terror alert is back to yellow, or even lower. Who is more likely to relax in the War on Terror? Bush or Dean?

Dean criticizes Bush for taking the War on Terror to Iraq, but in recent weeks the leaders of the remaining members of the Axis of Evil, along with Libya, have shown signs that they don't want to end up hiding in a hole in the ground. Iran and North Korea have agreed to allow nuclear sites to be inspected, and Libya has agreed to get rid of its weapons of mass destruction.

Had Dean been President in 2003, the only visible sign that he was fighting the War on Terror might have been barefoot old white ladies hobbling

through airport metal detectors. And perhaps another attack.

The War on Terror will take as long as the Cold War, experts have said, and will require the same amount of determination to win.

Ronald Reagan was criticized by Democrats for spending so much money on defense during the 1980s and taking too hard a line with our enemies, but his policy broke the back of the Soviet Union.

George W. Bush now faces the same criticism Reagan did - from the same quarters of liberalism. It's a very good thing Howard Dean and the Washington Post weren't prosecuting the Cold War, and it would be a very bad thing if they were prosecuting this current war.

Children and the Mediterranean conference in Genoa, Italy indicates: Yemen's future in danger

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In a conference held in Genoa, Italy during 7-9 January entitled "Children and the Mediterranean", Yemen was ranked on top of the list of countries in the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) in dire need of assistance in enhancing the standard of living of children, who are the pillars of the future.

Present at the conference was the Governor of Aden Dr. Yahya Al-Shuaibi, who told the Yemen Times that Yemen indeed needs to carry out urgent massive reforms and exert greater efforts to tackle with the issue of children. He noted that Yemen, which ranks the worst of all MENA countries in terms of children's literacy, health services, social protection, education, etc, is trying with the limited resources it has to improve conditions of Yemeni children, but it is time to reach out to the international and donor community for help.

Dr. Al-Shuaibi added that despite limited progress in Yemen and the Middle East and North Africa (MENA), there is a lot more to do, and there is need for more resources and training.

Second event in a series

The event was the second conference on this subject following the "Children in the City" conference held in 2002 in Amman, and will be followed by an event to be held in Dubai in 2005.

The conference was organized by the Italian Gerolamo Gaslini Foundation and Genoa the Cultural Capital of Europe 2004, and sponsored by the World Bank, the Arab Urban Development Institute, and Lynkeus.

Priorities for Yemen

The Yemeni delegation also included Dr. Abdulrahman Ishak, member of the Pediatric Department of Sana'a University's Faculty of Medicine. Dr. Ishak said that the "conference was an eye-opener to make us know how the world views the Arab world in general and Yemen in particular. It also showed us how desperate our countries are in terms of need for support for our cause, and to stop the vicious circle of poverty and disease that are haunting our children day and night."

Dr. Ishak added, "On behalf of the Yemeni delegation, I tried to convey to the donors and organizations present in the conference, including the International Pediatric Association, the need to bring forward practical steps to approach and solve the many problems we face in enhancing the conditions of our children. It would be much better to propose straight forward implementable solutions rather than describing our region's suffering through statistical indicators that we heard over and over again. We must start analyzing the reasons behind those numbers to remedy them in a proper way through action-oriented solutions. We can conclude those solutions through extensive communications with regional support centers, which are always ready to help."

It's not a matter of money only

Responding to a question about whether he meant financial assistance, Dr.

Ishak said, "It is not about money, but rather about well-designed assistance programs that are suitable for our circumstances and feasible and that would prevent mothers from dying in villages because of lack of medical services, and help that would prevent brain damage of children who reach hospitals hundreds of kilometers away too late after suffering from suffocation."

"We want to avoid cases of Yemeni patients that are taken for medication abroad and who return in coffins after they suffer from the inability to continue treatment due to high financial costs. We want to find solid solutions to save lives of thousands of patients without exposing them to humiliation and high costs of treatment abroad."

We need to upgrade the practice of medicine in the country, to remove the distrust between patients and local doctors, and to bring affordable health services to the community," he added.

E-Health: A possible solution

Dr. Ishak believes that an immediate action to prevent further sufferings of patients in the country due to lack of quality health services could be the introduction of E-Health, which was one of the topics of the conference.

"E-Health is an immediately feasible and low-cost factor that could have a substantial positive influence on health standards of children and families in Yemen," he said.

"It is more economical and efficient to send samples from the patient for analysis electronically and in return wait for the diagnosis in a record time via the Internet or other means of communication," he added.

Awareness first

As for how that can be achieved, Dr. Ishak explains, "We first of all must raise the awareness of the public by different means such as the media, posters, educational material, etc. to inform them of the alternatives resembled in E-Health and tele-medicine, which would save them the time and money of going abroad. Once awareness is there, it would be much easier to convince intellectuals and interested bodies to carry out the job of sending samples to contracted reliable clinics and doctors abroad to receive appropriate diagnosis and advice."

Dr. Ishak also stressed on the need to have a governmental role alongside that of the private sector to work together in forming bridges between patients and doctors and specialists abroad.

"The conference has rightly indicated that E-Health and telemedicine could be a viable solution for a variety of cases. I believe Yemeni patients, particularly parents of ill babies and children should be given the chance and choice to decide on the best alternative and go for it. It should be obligatory for consultants to give patients a chance to learn a second opinion."

Among the issues discussed in the conference was the maternity mortality rates, which are quite high in Yemen, and means to lower them. Dr. Ishak revealed that the most important factor in lowering deaths of children and mothers is to have better equipped emergency facilities and train local staffers to handle first aid of emergency cases.



Yemeni children are the most deprived compared to those of all MENA other countries.

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"As much as I want to thank Italy for organizing such an important conference, as much as I would like to urge them to help Yemeni children live a healthier life by assisting Yemen in training staffers and providing basic facilities for the pregnant and vulnerable babies. Besides sending medical delegations to do complicated surgeries here in Yemen, I urge them to focus on equipping and training emergency teams to prevent severe damage to patients, who otherwise would need to be operated upon. Such assistance will definitely have long-term benefits which would be instrumental for the country's future. After all as they say, giving fish is good, but teaching how to fish is better," Dr. Ishak concluded.

Frightening numbers

Many of the speakers in the conference called the numbers representing standards of health, education, etc of children in the MENA region as 'staggering' or 'frightening'.

But the case of Yemen is the most frightening of all. The statistics reveal the misery of Yemeni children as Yemen holds many records that can be summarized in the following.

- 1) Yemen has the lowest children education level in the MENA region with just 49% of the population receiving any education at all. Furthermore, 35% of children are not receiving any education and may grow up as illiterate citizens.
- 2) Yemen has the lowest ratio in MENA in terms of early childhood care and education with just 0.9% of preschool children receiving any health care or education.
- 3) Yemen has the lowest school-life expectancy among all MENA countries. By average, Yemeni students remain in school just for 8 years. The numbers are even more staggering for female students, who stay in school for an average of just 5 years.
- 4) Yemen is the only MENA country that witnessed an increase in child labor, as the country witnessed an increase of more than 40,000 working children from 1995 to 2000.
- 5) Yemen is the fastest growing country in MENA and the world in population, with an annual growth rate of more than 3.5%.

6) Among all MENA countries, Yemen has the highest percentage of under-5 population, i.e., 21.2% of Yemenis are children below 5 years old.

7) Yemen is the youngest nation in MENA, and possibly in the world as citizens less than 15 years old constitute around 50% of the population. Furthermore, Yemenis below 18 constitute 56.4% of the population, while more than 60% are below 20 years.

8) Yemen has the highest fertility rate in MENA. On average, Yemeni women give birth to 7 children. Cases of up to 15 children are widely reported.

9) Yemen has the highest MENA member in infant mortality rates with an average (during 1960-2001) of 150 of every 1,000 babies die in their first year.

10) Yemen is the MENA country with the highest percentage of low birth weight rate, exposing them to higher possibilities of neonatal mortality and disease. 26% of Yemeni children are born with weight below 2.5kg.

11) Yemen is the MENA country with the highest level of underweight children aged under five. With 46% of under-5 Yemenis suffering from underweight, Yemen is almost double the closest country, Oman with 24%, in this respect.

12) Yemen has the highest rates in MENA in terms of malnutrition rates of under-5 children, as 52% of those children suffer acute malnutrition.

13) Yemen is the least MENA country with the rate of families consuming iodized salt. Just 39% of families have access to such salt that prevents mental retardation.

14) Yemen is also the least MENA country with maternal care, needed for the safe delivery of babies. Only 34% of mothers in Yemen receive this care.

15) In the MENA region, Yemen is the least in the percentage of skilled attendants available at delivery as 22% of births in Yemen are attended by skilled persons.

16) Yemen is by far the highest in MENA in maternal mortality ratio as 370 mothers of every 100,000 live births die during delivery.

17) Yemen is the least country in MENA in use of contraceptives, as women using contraceptives constitute just 21% of Yemeni women use any sort of contraceptives.

18) Yemen is the lowest MENA country in terms of physicians per 100,000. There are only 22 physicians for every 100,000 in Yemen, making decent family care virtually impossible.

19) Similarly, Yemen is also the lowest MENA country concerning the number of hospital beds per 100,000 citizens. In Yemen, there are only six beds for every 100,000.

20) Finally, Yemen is the MENA country with the highest out-of-pocket health expenditures. In Yemen 61.1% of total expenditure on health is considered out-of-pocket health expenditure.

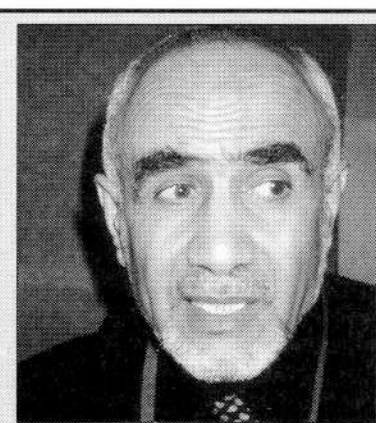
Economy and social indicators also pathetic

An interesting conclusion of the conference was that governments with poor child care indicators, including Yemen, suffer from poor economic and social performance, which directly affects the quality of life of regular citizens, particularly children, because they are the most vulnerable element and weakest link in the community.

However, on the other hand, children with no proper care or education, and those suffering from psychological stress, etc, may not have the full capacity in



Mr. Yahya ashuaibi,
Governor of Aden



Mr. Abdulrahman Ishak

building the future of the country. The conference came out with indicators showing that Yemen was also at the bottom of the list economically as they show that Yemen is:

1) By far the lowest MENA country in GDP per capita with an annual \$790, compared to the second lowest country, i.e., Syria with \$3,280.

2) The highest country in MENA in percentage of the population living below poverty line (receiving less than \$1 a day) as more than 15.6% live in extreme poverty. The closest Arab country to Yemen in this regard is Egypt with just 3.1%.

3) The MENA country with the highest level of overall poverty with an indicator of 67, i.e., 41% of the population suffers poverty.

4) The lowest ranking country in MENA in the Human Development Index (HDI) as it ranked 148.

5) The MENA country with the least percentage of population with access to adequate sanitation facilities, as only 38% receive such facilities.

6) By far the least MENA country in number of radios (64), TV sets (29), telephones (22), mobile phones (8), computers (0), Internet access (0.1) per 1,000 Yemenis. The conference stressed on the media's role in raising awareness about development-related actions.

7) The MENA member with the lowest life expectancy rate of just over 57 years. Yemen's healthy life expectancy is also consequently the lowest with just over 45 years.

8) The lowest country in MENA in terms of urban population, as only around 25.4% of the population lives in cities. The closest MENA country to Yemen is Egypt with around 43%.

Aden Governor: Steps to be taken

In a session on the MENA Child Protection Initiative in the conference, in which Dr. Shuaibi, Governor of Aden was a speaker, a special emphasis was given to the importance of setting an agenda for

mayors and governors to enhance children's right.

Dr. Shuaibi pointed out to the problems of Yemen including the 44% of children not able to enroll in schools. "A large percentage of Yemeni children is unfortunately deprived from education, abuse, health, and many of the rights that they deserved."

Yemen was unable to provide the needed resources for children, and neither were civil society organizations, who did not cover this aspect adequately, including vulnerable, orphaned, disabled, refugee, street children, plus young females undergoing violence.

We, in Aden are willing to do our best with the resources we have to deal with this issue in the best way we can. But you can imagine how difficult a task it is especially as we have to take into account the difficult geographic terrain, the complex demographic structure, and various social classes of the country, which is composed of 20 million people with 190,000 population blocks. Nevertheless, we will continue in our efforts in this regard."

Conclusion: Deeds must follow

In the last day of the conference January 9, the draft of the conference resolution stressed on the importance of helping countries helping themselves by pointing at the most important priorities needed to be tackled.

Yemen to receive priority

In response to a Yemen Times question about whether Yemen will be receiving priority among other MENA countries in economical, consultation, and medical support, Mr. Bruno Musso, the head of the organizing body of the conference, said, "We are indeed aware of Yemen's needs, and are committed to give it priority due to its many needs."

The next conference to be held in Dubai is expected to focus more on Yemen as one of the countries of dire need of support and assistance.

Children and the Mediterranean

Culture, health and urban settings

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Europe's Cultural Capital 2004 congratulates its Arab counterpart

YEMEN TIMES STAFF
GENOA

The beautiful Italian coastal city of Genoa, has been chosen to become Europe's Cultural Capital 2004. On this occasion, Archbishop of Genoa, H.E. Tarcisio Bertone congratulated Yemen on the occasion of having its capital selected as the Arab Cultural Capital 2004 and stressed on Europe's sincere commitment to cooperate with the Arab world to build bridges of understanding and love between the people of Europe and Arabs everywhere and continue the cultural dialogue and activities for a better future for the whole region.

In a statement to Yemen Times on Wednesday, Bertone expressed his commitment to estab-



Genoa

lishing twinning between Sana'a and Genoa.

future," he concluded.

A deserved title for Genoa

The local authorities of Genoa City have declared that the city received the



Sana'a

Photo by M. S. Noman

European Cultural Capital 2004 for the city's historical role in promoting cultural exchange between different parts of Europe and the world.

The coastal city served for centuries

as an important hub for northern and southern countries of the Mediterranean. Several cultural activities are planned to be held to celebrate this occasion in the city Genoa.

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Jianfranco to YT...

He pointed out that they obtained a commitment from the Yemeni government that the next item to be discussed after the parliament break would be the ratification of the treaty. "We hope very much they are going to ratify," he said. One of the main themes of the conference is the role of the ICC in a region wherein very few countries have ratified the ICC treaty. However, he said that the wider issues are those related to democracy and human rights. "We are very proud we can say to the Arabs, the invited countries and the US we too Europeans can speak about democracy, we too have a message to deliver on democracy and human rights that in our vision the role of the ICC is crucial to promote these values," he stressed.

Minister of Human Rights, Amat al-Aleem al-Soswa said in a round-table organized by Sister Arab Forum for Human Rights last week on the ICC, that the government is committed to the ratification of the treaty. She pointed out that there are some reservations over article 28 concerning tribunal of war criminals which Mr. Jianfranco said that there can not be reservations on any article of the treaty; either to agree on the treaty or do not. Al-Soswa said that there should be guarantees that the ICC would be neutral and independent, away from double standards policy and that human rights should not be taken as means to exercise pressure on some countries and thus interfering in their internal affairs.

Mr. Jianfranco said that one of their dreams is that Arab governments commit themselves to endorse the Arab Human Development Report and a commitment to a follow-up mechanism to ensure that Sana'a Declaration is progressing. Another thing is that the civil society organizations in the region would gather and create a regional coalition to promote democracy and human rights.

T. Bertone



"I am very happy for the twinning of the European Cultural Capital 2004 Genoa with Sana'a, which has recently been declared as the Cultural Capital of the Arab World for the year 2004," he told Yemen Times.

"I convey to Sana'a from Genoa a message of peace and love. I also hope that the message arrives to Sana'a and the Arab people to symbolize our dedication towards building bridges of understanding," he added.

Mr. Bertone openly welcomed cooperation in all fields between Arabs and Europeans for a better future by saying, "I hope that we can work together for the good of our peoples in European and Arab counties, especially to our children, who are the hope for a better

New GM of Sheraton Sanaa Hotel appointed

Tony Goubran has been appointed as the new General Manager of Sheraton Sana'a Hotel. A native of Egypt, Tony has been working for Sheraton Hotels for over twenty years. His work was based in Egypt UAE and Qatar. His last assignment was as EAM at Sheraton Doha Hotel & Resort.

"I am very excited to come to this exotic country which offers a lot for residents and visitors alike.



Mr. Tony Goubran

I will work closely with our associates and customers in enhancing our services. Particularly exciting is the upcoming re-launch of our hotel after a multi million dollar renovation thus maintaining our position as one of the most well known hotels in Yemen," Mr. Goubran said.

It is worth noting that Sheraton Sanaa Hotel is continuing the renovation of its building, and is expected to complete all stages in a few months.

Oil ministry-HUNT

sign production renewal agreement

An agreement on renewal and extension of production participation of sector 18 Mareb-al-Jawf sector was signed between the ministry of oil and minerals and the Yemeni HUNT company was signed the beginning of January 2004.

The agreement was concluded in line with a decision taken by the council of ministers No. 252 of 2003, decreeing the agreement on extension of that production signed with HUNT Company for an additional 5-year period starting from 15 November 2005.

According to the extension agreement the company abides by implementing a mini-

mum level of intensive programs of works and exploration during the years 2004-2005 before the validity of beginning of the extension. The company also accepted to grant the Yemeni company, affiliated to the Yemeni Establishment of Oil and Gas a 10% Of HUNT possessed share in the sector of 18 Mareb-Al-Jawf.

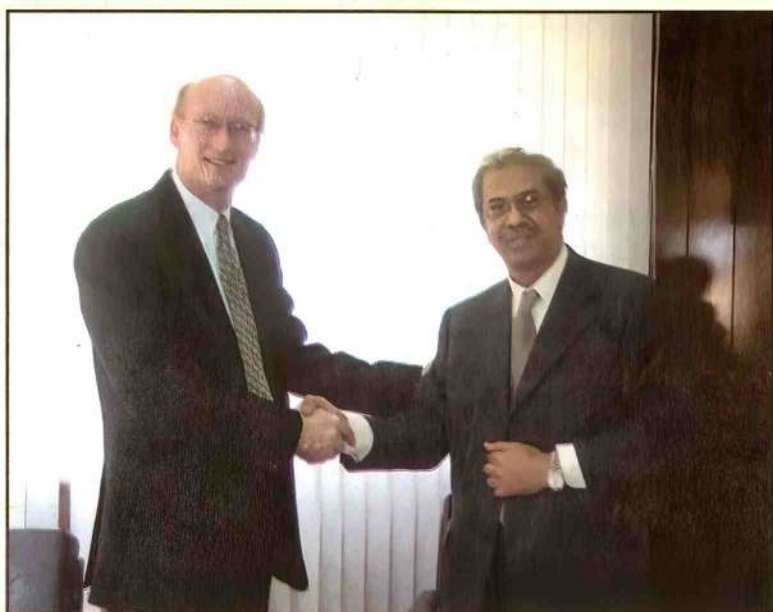


minerals and for the company Mr Kareem Abu Hamad, Head of the company and Mr Wyndell Caviness, deputy head of the company, the general manager of Yemeni HUNT Company of oil operating of sector 18 Mareb-Jawf.

For the Yemeni side the agreement was signed by Dr Rashid Saleh Barabaa, the minister of oil and



(L-R) Mr. Wyndell Caviness and Mr. Rashid Barabaa during the signing of the agreement.



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Local Press

Prepared by Mohammed Khidhr



Al-Wahda weekly, 7 Jan. 2004.

Main headlines:

- Government accepts the draft law on the establishment of Rima governorate
- Agreement on formation of Yemen delegation to the democracy conference, assistant secretary general of the GPC al-A'nsi: The JMP discusses who to represent it at the conference
- International support for Yemen's democratic experiment
- Judge al-Hittar: World interest in Yemen's experiment for fighting terror, we are prepared for a fourth round
- A study for reconsidering educational system in Yemen

On conferences to be held in Yemen in 2004, columnist Yahya Taher al-Hakeem says Yemen is to host in 2004 several activities, festivals, conferences and symposiums attended by Arab and world personalities and delegations representing various concerns.

Perhaps the most prominent of those festivals and conferences are those contained in the program regarding the celebration of crowning Sana'a an Arab culture capital for the year 2004. It would be a year that all efforts should be unified for presenting Sana'a and Yemen, with all their heritage, art and literature and aspiration of the people in the best image. The whole thing is not only concern of the government but rather it concerns all government and popular organisations.

The second very important activity to be held in Sana'a is the regional conference for democracy, human rights and law to take place on 10-12 January. It is to be attended by Arab and world political, jurist and legal personalities, some of them visiting Yemen for the first time. Here we have to be very keen on presenting Yemen's experiment to the conference truthfully, objectively and with transparency, away from fabrications and exaggerations that would not yield benefit.



Al-Balagh weekly, 6 Jan 2004.

Main headlines:

- Students returned from Iraq complain of not being accepted at the college of trade in Sana'a
- Procter & Gamble company dumps poisonous chemical materials in Kaheda district
- Grand sheikh Abdurahman Sinan of Arhab exposed to attempted assassination
- Mahweet governor sends an embezzlement case of YR 11 billion to prosecution
- Peddlers in Hajja demonstrate
- American embassy in Sana'a supports the governorates of Shabwa and Jawf with \$ 3.5 million
- Workshop on activating role of higher institutes concluded
- American embassy warns its nationals against visiting Mareb
- Two girls kidnapped in Taiz

The newspaper editor in chief has written an article saying the economic relations remain the foundation of political strong relations among countries. Therefore building an economic relation with any country means it is a strong and lasting one and above the level of any political problems.

As we know our country has good political relation with the state of Qatar and under this strong relation the exchange of trade has witnessed lately a good development, especially in materials used in plastic industries. The Qabco Company managed to occupy the first place in the Yemeni market after it succeeded in removing Saudi and Kuwaiti similar companies that were present in the Yemeni market.

The Qatari company however and regretfully is seeking to stop its dealing with the Yemeni market for reasons not have been known yet. The company began to raise prices of the raw materials during the last months by 50% percent. When trying to detect the causes the newspaper found out that the Qatari company Qabco wants to stop

Main headlines

- Democratic demonstration embodies world interest in Yemen
- On democracy conference, Dr al-Asbahi, assistant secretary general of the GPC is optimistic on reaching results putting an end to tragedies, respecting peoples interests
- Head of agricultural cooperative union: Positive Saudi technical report on the Yemeni products
- Islah accuses the government as trading in the world slavery market under cover of fighting terror
- 60 Saudi thinkers discuss means of changing towards moderateness
- Endowments minister: All passports received from the Saudi embassy visaed
- Head of public property prosecution in Aden: State treasury recovers YR 70 billion, 67 billions of which by issuing decision against al-Munkith company in 2000
- Yemen refutes scientific credibility of the Saudi decisions of boycotting Yemeni agricultural products
- JMP condemns its exclusion from taking part in the democracy and human rights conference
- Military campaign to hunt down perpetrators of sheikh Sinan attempted assassination
- Bush surprises the world by renewing sanctions on Libya
- Demand for the release of Iraqi diplomats arrested in Sana'a
- 54 navy soldiers the victims of an incident in Hudeida
- Saudi Arabia prevents Yemeni agricultural products enter its markets
- YJS chairman defends the draft law even after its rejection by journalists
- JMP welcomes democracy conference
- Arrests usher return to totalitarian era
- Journalists stage a march to democracy conference venue demanding cancellation of their syndicate law
- Eritrea's foreign minister visits Sana'a
- Capital secretariat court of appeals decides postponing consideration of Jarallah Omer assassination case
- Parliamentary committee recommended prevention of security bodies interference in university affairs
- President Saleh: Islam the religion of the right and equality, must not give Islam's enemies an opportunity to fight it
- Minister of waters and irrigation: Urgent solutions for drought in Lahj and Dhale
- Kuwaiti MPs form a committee to assail Yemen
- Yemeni agricultural products on display in European markets
- Communications ministry determined to develop mobile telephone services

its dealing with the Yemeni market and therefore resorts to this measure to force the Yemeni consumer turn to another source.

The editor in chief concludes his article by asking the Qatari ambassador to Yemen to take this remark seriously and to try to find out about the causes and to play a role for guaranteeing continuation of trade exchange between the two countries.



Al-Wahdawi weekly, 6 Jun 2004.

Main headlines:

- Abyan, elements from Huttat target director of the political security
- New expectations of "clean" membership at of journalist syndicate
- Arab national conference calls for honouring Jarallah Omer
- Ibb University students confirm their solidarity with their detained colleagues
- Continued detention of an Islah senior member in Taiz
- JMP in Dhale warns of a new price dose

Columnist Yahya al-Haddi says that the president of Sana'a University has attributed the reason behind the clashes that took place at the university between the university students and security forces lately to the year 1990. The university president Dr Saleh Basurra told a fact-finding parliamentary committee that the ministry of social affairs prevented establishment of students unions and did not return offer an alternative. According to him that has pushed the matters to those consequences. He did not forget mention the role of political parties that they did not adopt formation of a student union free from problems.

The writer maintains that it seems the state fears the establishment of a strong and independent students union because it realizes that any true opposition would only be launched from within the walls of universities. At any rate this fear does not give it the right to deal with university students in this sterile manner. By this way the state is impinging upon independence of the university and further it abuses the spirit of the educational process entirely as it changes the university campus

into a field for security deployment.



Al-Sahwa weekly, 8 Jan 2004.

Main headlines:

- Sudanese researcher Dr Makki: Sana'a grouping faces three challenges
- Saudi bars Yemeni products
- JMP calls for solidarity with Sana'a University students

Columnist Zaid al-Shami mentions that totalitarian regimes consider opposition an enemy that should be eliminated and neutralized. For this end such regimes use country's capabilities to fight opposition and get rid of it. Those on the opposition side have no right to education, government employment and would not entertain the rights of equal citizenship.

On the other side the democratic regimes consider the opposition as part of the political system, as a political power working for the country's interest through its activities and programs and permanent monitoring of the authority. Opposition members enjoy all rights and advantages the constitution grants to the people of that country. The opposition there is granted the opportunity to express its visions and ideas through official and private media forums.

We may for example wonder where the position of opposition in Yemen is. Yemen has entered the club of the emerging democracies but the fact is that the opening is getting gradually narrower and the direction is heading towards totalitarianism and despotism. What is required is by the authority is a kind of opposition that does not oppose, pluralism that does not compete. The authority wants an opposition praising the government and mentioning its accomplishments.



Al-Shoura weekly, organ of the Union of People's Forces of Yemen, 4 Jan 2004.

Main headlines:

- Court decides the release of the arrested and the students condemn allegations of the prime minister and interior minister
- 5 persons, including two children killed in Shahara
- Grand Mosque detainees exceed 200 persons

Columnist Abdulkareem Mohammed al-Khaiwani says the authority in our country insists that it is democratic, respects human rights and freedoms. Human rights, freedom and democracy are merely slogans. I would not give evidence about that by mentioning what has been the fate of political pluralism or the situation of the civil societies or the retreat of the electoral experiment and weakness of the parliament, the absence of local councils authorities and the domination of corruption. All these are tangible things well-known by the citizen and the authority does not feel ashamed of.

I just want to mention one instance. For more than a year the worshippers in the Grand Mosque have been subject to arrests following every Friday prayers and the mosque's sanctity is violated at the hands of security people. The interior ministry does not even care to give explanation about that and the endowments ministry has nothing to do with what is happening.

But that the whole matter reaches the point that violation and imprisonment are going on for more than a year and about 250 persons are kept in prisons of the political security, disregarding the constitution and law and Islamic law without clarification by the government, under silence of opposition parties that are keen on appeasing feelings of America as well as silence of religious scholars and then statements by the government denying the presence of political prisoners in Yemen, it is an outrageous matter representing the highest degrees of depreciation of rights and freedoms. All those detainees, or majority of them, are under the age of 15 and heir only crime is chanting slogans against America and Israel and imploring God for the victory of Islam and the Muslims.

World Press

Major news items in leading international newspapers

Provided by Xinhua

Egypt

Al Ahram

French President Jacques Chirac has expressed sincere thanks and gratitude to Egyptian leadership and people for their keen efforts to salvage the wreckage of the ill-fated aircraft that fell into the Red Sea.

Al Akhbar

The higher Egyptian-Moroccan committee will meet on Saturday under the co-chairmanship of Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak and

Moroccan King Mohamed VI.

The two sides are expected to discuss the implementation of a pipe project and two maritime projects and the founding of a joint bank.

Al Gomhuria

Egyptian Prime Minister Atef Ebeid said he would brief President Hosni Mubarak this week on the final version of the new investment incentives and small and medium-sized enterprises draft laws.

Nigeria

This Day

The Nigeria Labor Congress said Friday that there would be no room for negotiation on the issue of withdrawal of the 1.50 naira (about 1.1 US cents) fuel tax, noting that the battle has gone beyond the recent price hike.

Weekend Vanguard

The Patriots, an eminent persons group, on Friday denounced as illegal, unlawful and void the Enugu High Court ruling which asked Inspector

General of Police Tafa Balogun to remove Anambra State Governor Chris Ngige from office.

Saturday Punch:

Nigerian President Olusegun Obasanjo has debunked the claim by ex-ministers currently standing trial for corrupt practices that the gratification they received from Sagem S.A. were used to fund the ruling People's Democratic Party, stating that the suspects should prove their innocence at the court of law.

Japan

Asahi, Yomiuri, Mainichi, Nihon Keizai

Defense Agency Director General Shigeru Ishiba on Friday issued the order to dispatch an advance team of Ground Self-Defense Force to Iraq to aid the reconstruction.

Asahi

Japan will provide low-interest official development assistance to help Iraqis in employment and hous-

ing project.

Yomiuri

The Finance Ministry sold 5 trillion yen (46 billion US dollars) worth of US bonds on Friday to the Bank of Japan for foreign exchange market intervention.

Nihon Keizai

Japanese meat firms plan to increase Australian beef imports to fill the shortage stemmed from ban on US beef.

Pakistan

The Nation

The death toll after an overloaded bus crashed into a canal in central Pakistan rose to 62 on Friday after emergency workers recovered dozens more bodies from the wreckage.

Dawn

President Pervez Musharraf said on Friday that talks would soon be

held with India to open the Indian Consulate in Karachi and Pakistan consulate in Mumbai.

The News

Indian Prime Minister Atal Behari Vajpayee on Friday hailed "positive winds" in relations with Pakistan after the rivals agreed to resume dialogue that was stalled for two and a half years.

India

The Indian Express

Exactly a week after the Jan. 2 fidayeen (suicide) attack on a railway station, militants Friday struck inside a mosque in India-controlled Kashmir. Two Civil Secretariat employees were killed and 19 others injured in a grenade attack.

The Hindu

Indian Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee announced Friday that Indian corporates will be freely permitted to make overseas investments up to 100 percent of their net worth,

either through an overseas joint venture or a wholly-owned subsidiary. So far, corporate investments abroad were restricted to 25 percent of their net worth along with other restrictions. These restrictions, including a ceiling of 100 million US dollars on overseas investment, have been lifted.

Hindustan Times

An Indian student from Hyderabad of south India was stabbed to death in a housing complex at the University of Florida, USA, earlier this week.

Kenya

East African Standard

Kenya farmers settled or cultivating in government forests have until March 31 this year to vacate.

Daily Nation

The Kenyan government has stopped January salaries for more than 2,000 teachers who were yet to fully

declare their wealth.

Kenya Times

Kenya Jomo Kenyatta University of Agriculture and Technology students Friday went on rampage, accusing their vice chancellor of lying to the public that they were being taught yet they were not.

Philippines

Philippine Daily Inquirer

Saying the Commission on Elections had nearly run out of time, Philippine senators crossed party lines Friday to call on the Supreme Court to release immediately its decision on the fate of automated elections.

The Philippine Star

Philippine Presidential aspirant Raul Roco clarified Friday that a

possible reconciliation between him and President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo does not mean that he will slide down and run for vice president.

Manila Bulletin

Members of the diplomatic corps, led by Papal Nuncio Archbishop Antonio Franco, expressed hope Friday for an honest and orderly national and local elections in the country in May.

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I. What to Say

Situations and expressions (60):
Good wishes for success in Exam (II)

The time of exam is no doubt stressful. In order to cross the ordeal, examinees need to be armed with a great deal of patience, perseverance and determination to prove their worth and creative energy. In the fitness of things, we call upon the students, to say to themselves that they have ever been fighters. So one fight more which they should strive to make their best. Let them, Insha Allah, be endowed with an indomitable will and an inexhaustible reservoir of energy, vigor and vitality at this moment of need. Let them have an irrepressible urge to work and the will to win. The time has arrived and the moment is now.

- Success is achieved by three means: dedication, concentration and strong will... If you have all of these, no target is far from your reach. The fourth means is good luck which I wish you to be with so as to acquire success whenever you attempt. Good luck, dear!
 - Write a new success story. And be the one to make it happen as you take on your exam and give us all one more reason to be proud of you and your achievements. Best of luck on your exams.
 - Your exams are round the corner and I know you're working really hard. You're putting in long hours and studying late nights. But remember that a good result comes only from hard work. So these heartfelt wishes are sent especially to you. Hope you achieve success in your life. Best of luck.
 - Now that your exams are approaching, here's wishing you success as you work hard towards attaining your goal. Hope you've studied well the idioms and equations. Hope you do really well in your exam. Best of luck for your exam.
 - You're someone dear and it's a special joy to wish and hope that you'll do well in these exams. Wishing that you go for your exams in fine fettle. Hoping that your course through them be with plenty of ease. May you achieve brilliant success in every subject.
 - Look to the future and set your sights high: that big world out there can be yours if you try.
 - Tomorrow is waiting. It's boundless and new and the future belongs to anyone who has the courage to pull through.
- DO TO THE BEST OF YOUR ABILITY

II. How to say it correctly

Correct errors, if any, in the following sentences.

1. The young man refused having stolen the watch.
2. We met yesterday but he never told me about this.
3. This room is too much small for six persons.
4. Why should the rich look down the poor?
5. This house is as bad if not worse than the other.

Suggested answers to last week's questions.

1. Most children remain at school **between** the age of six and sixteen.
2. He **avenged himself** on the enemy for the murder.
3. The Yemen Times has the largest circulation **of/among** all newspapers in English in Yemen.
4. The thief was arrested and his pockets **were** searched.
5. The patient **would have died** before the doctor comes.

III Increase Your Word Power.

A. How to express it in one word

1. Allowance due to a wife from her husband on separation.
2. A person who considers the well-being and happiness of others first.
3. The substance in the blood tending to neutralise matter that is harmful.
4. The science of cultivation and maintenance of beehives.
5. Animals living in water.

Suggested answers to last week's questions.

1. Member of a group, tribe etc. that has lived in a place from earliest of times: **aborigines** (n.pl)
2. The science of sound: **acoustics** (n)
3. A statement made on oath: **affidavit** (n)
4. One who is able to use the left hand as well as the right: **ambidextrous** (adj)
5. The plea that a person charged with a crime was elsewhere when it was committed: **alibi** (n)

B. Foreign phrases and idioms

Give sources of origin and meaning of the following:

1. ibidem 2. in camera 3. in toto
4. impasse 5. in memoriam

Suggested answers to last week's questions.

1. **Exceptio confirmat** (probat) **regulam** (Lat.): The exception proves the rule.
2. **fade** (Fr.): insipid, colourless
3. **fait accompli** (Fr.): A thing already done.
4. **fenome** (Fr.): woman, wife.
5. **gens de letters** (Fr.): A man of letters.

C. Words commonly confused

Bring out differences in meaning of the following pairs of words.

- 1) relay, rally 2) sense, sensibility
- 3) sensible, sensitive 4) slide, skid
- 5) poach, pouch

Suggested answers to last week's questions.

1. **conspectus** (n.) (general view of a subject, synopsis): You can get a broad idea about the institute from its conspectus.
prospectus (n.) (printed statement describing the advantages of something): I got a detailed account of the course components from the prospectus.
2. **evoke** (vt.) (call up, bring out): The photograph of his graduation evoked memories of his college days.
provoke (vt.) (make angry, vex): Please don't provoke the dog.
3. **impair** (vt.) (weaken): You run the risk of impairing your health if you continue to overstrain yourself.
injure (vt.) (hurt, damage): No one has the right to injure others feelings.
4. **attachment** (n.) (act of binding by love or affection; fondness): I have an attachment for all my students.
affinity (n.) (close connection; attraction): Indo-European Languages have of a lot of affinity for one another.
5. **wrong** (adj.) (not correct): You are wrong in your assessment.
wrongful (adj.) (un just, unlawful): He was kept in wrongful confinement.

D. Idioms and phrases:

Illustrate the meanings of the following in sentences

- 1) to cry over spilt milk 2) to cut a sorry figure
- 3) to die in harness 4) to end in smoke
- 5) to go to the dogs

Suggested answers to last week's questions.

1. **to blow one's own trumpet** (to boast): He loves to blow his own trumpet and in the process makes a fool of himself.
2. **a bolt from the blue** (an unforeseen disaster): The news of his son's death in Russia came as a bolt from the blue to Dr. Abdullah.
3. **to beat black and blue** (to beat mercilessly): The miscreant was beaten black and blue.
4. **to cast an aspersion** (to make an unkind or harmful remark): He was deeply hurt when the boss cast aspersion on his honesty and integrity.
5. **to change hands** (pass from one person to another): Soon after the millionaire's death his landed property changed hands.

IV. Grammar and Composition

(A) Grammar

Complete the following sentences with **by** or **until**

Remember: 'by' means not later than.

'until' means until a certain time

- 1) My uncle lived in India _____ he was 35, and then came to England.
- 2) I hope that the meeting will have finished _____ 11.30.
- 3) I think I'll wait _____ she gets here, but if she hasn't come _____ nine O'clock, I'll get a taxi.
- 4) In the film, the detective knows who the murderer is _____ about half way through, but he doesn't reveal the killer's identity _____ right at the end.
- 5) Make sure that this work is completed _____ Monday at the latest.
- 6) The children are usually home _____ four O'clock.
- 7) I'm going to the States for a holiday and I'll stay there _____ the end of September.
- 8) You've been in Yemen for five years! You ought to know how to make simple conversation in Arabic _____ now.
- 9) He won't be able to move into the new house _____ the end of March, so he'll be staying with friends _____ then.
- 10) It was such an awful film I'm surprised you stayed _____ the end.

Suggested answers to last week's questions.

- 1) Could you please do your homework now because you **haven't done it yet**.
- 2) Please don't show me the letter because you've **already shown me**.
- 3) We've been waiting for the tickets for two weeks but they **haven't reached us yet**.
- 4) Could I keep the book for another few days because I **haven't read it yet**.
- 5) I've asked him three times to lay the table but he **hasn't done it**.
- 6) I'm not going to write to him again. I've **already written to him**.
- 7) Unfortunately, when I reached the station the train **had already left**.

(B) Composition : Paragraph Writing

Expand the central idea contained in the saying
50. BEGGARS ARE NOT CHOOSERS

Last week's topic

49. BEAUTY LIES IN THE EYES OF THE BEHOLDER

Beauty is a very relative term and its interpretation varies from person to person. What is attractive to one person might not be so for another. That is to say, beauty is a very subjective, very personal experience. It is based on an aesthetic experience, that is appreciation of the beautiful in nature, art, and literature. Each person has his or her own standards or criteria depending on our attitudes and background for forming judgments on what is beautiful. There are no set of standard criteria or rules for this purpose. We see what appeals to our taste, interest and arouses our curiosity. In other words, we see things through our own eyes and not through those of others. So in matters of appreciation of beauty, we are guided by our own perceptions. It is, therefore, said that we see things not as they are but as we are. It would appear, then, that beauty is more or less, a projection of our own mind. That is to say, beauty is a mental construct, something which is rooted in our own imagination. Real beauty lies, not so much, in the object, but in the perception of the perceiver.

V. Pearls from the Holy Quran

... It is better for you
That you practice your self-restraint
And Allah is Oft-forgiving,
Most Merciful.
S. 4A: 25.

VI. Words of wisdom

"Love is but the discovery of ourselves in others,
and the delight in the recognition."

—Alexander Smith

An Open Letter to Dr. Abdalsalam Al Joufi, the Honourable Minister for Education

"Let's professionally equip our teachers
to teach under difficult circumstances"



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Faculty of Arts, Ibb.

Dear Dr AbdalSalam,

S ometime ago, in an interview to the Yemen Times, among several plans to improve the educational system in this country, you expressed your desire to improve the teacher training programmes, especially for teachers in service. I, as a teacher educator in India and Yemen for the last 35 years, want to bring to your attention some of my ideas about teacher training in this letter; I am sure you will find them useful. These ideas are the result of my experience as a teacher educator for about 6 years and my interaction with a number of teachers in schools and a few school inspectors in this country. Though, as a Minister for Education, you have spoken in your interview about the training of all teachers in schools, I am confining myself to the teaching of English, which is my area of specialization and interest.

As you are aware, these are days of teacher education rather than teacher training: the difference is important in that training has narrow objectives whereas education has broader objectives; we want to educate our teacher trainees so that they are equipped with the skills to teach in any situation, making the best use of the available resources and they are supposed to continue their education even after becoming teachers. That is what our Faculties of Education are supposed to do. Though the Faculties are doing their best with regard to the pre-service teacher education, much more can be done with regard to the in-service teacher education. I will elaborate my point further below.

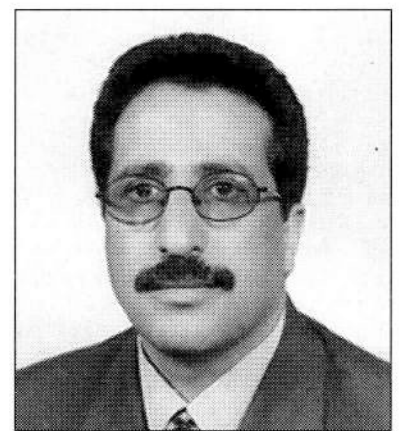
Pre-service teacher education

The pre-service programmes carried out in the Faculties of Education in this country can be improved, especially in terms of the curriculum, if more attention is paid to the needs of the teacher trainees vis-à-vis the learners of English in schools. The courses offered at present hardly meet their needs, resulting in a mismatch between what the teacher trainees need and what is offered to them; the courses on teaching methodology, in some Faculties are offered by those who have had no exposure to classroom teaching; more importantly, the Practicum component, the essence of the pre-service teacher education, is handled haphazardly, classroom teaching being supervised by those who are not aware of the basic teaching methodologies or have had no professional training themselves. As a result, most of the teachers find the courses offered in the Faculties of Education not useful to them when they face classroom realities in their schools. A committee of experts can undertake a survey at the national level to study the professional needs of the teachers and the English curriculum of the four-year courses offered in the Faculties of Education can be revised based on the results of the survey; small-scale surveys are being undertaken and a few changes have been made as a result of them in a few Faculties, but a large-scale revision is necessary in order to revitalize the English courses offered in the Faculties of Education.

In-service teacher education

A well-planned, pre-service teacher education can minimize the need for in-service teacher education; however, a teacher-in-service needs to update himself/herself periodically in order to keep pace with the changes taking place in his/her field of study; this is more true of the teachers of English, as English is a foreign language and the teacher has to refresh his/her own English as often as possible. The following are a few suggestions for organizing in-service teacher education programmes for the teachers of English that will be effective and economically viable.

1. The Faculties of Education can organize short-term intensive courses (say 2 or 3 weeks), one in each semester, for the teachers of English in the schools; classes being organized in the afternoons so that the regular classes in the faculties and schools are not disturbed. At the end of these courses, the best participants are selected through tests and interviews and these teachers (Resource Persons) can be asked to run similar refresher courses in their schools for the other teachers of their schools as well as the teachers in their neighbouring schools in consultation with the teacher educators in the Faculties of Education. Such two-tier courses have several advantages such as (i) they will help identify the potential in the teachers



Dr. Abdalsalam Al Joufi, Minister of Education

in the schools (ii) as the second level courses are run in the schools, teachers who attend these courses will not have any difficulty in attending them (iii) as the Resource Persons (the best among the participants trained on the first level courses at the Faculties) are available in the schools where the second level courses are run, the other teachers have access to them whenever they need their help (iv) the expenditure involved in running these in-service courses will be minimum, as the resource persons and the participants need not travel a lot to attend these courses (v) the in-service courses can be organized taking the convenience of the participants into consideration in order to have maximum participation and (vi) the Resource Persons are practising teachers and so will be aware of the actual problems of teaching English in the schools and these can be teased out in the courses they run for other teachers better than what the teacher educators at the Faculties can do. The only caution one has to take in implementing this programme is that the first level courses at the Faculties of Education should be planned and implemented carefully involving teacher educators who are professionally trained and experienced in school teaching.

2. Alternatively, each Faculty of Education can have an Extension Wing, which can have the following responsibilities: (i) conducting in-service courses for the teachers in schools periodically, two or three courses in a year, each course for three or four weeks (ii) conducting in-service courses for the School Inspectors periodically to update them in English and English Language Teaching (iii) visiting schools with the Inspectors for guiding the teachers' classroom teaching (iv) helping the Ministry of Education in the selection and preparation of teaching materials, in the revision of curriculum, in designing and revising the evaluation scheme for the country and other such tasks.

3. The Faculties of Education that do not offer the four-year courses in English can run in-service programmes periodically for all the teachers of English in the country, two or three courses in a year, each course for about three weeks so that all the teachers of English in the country will have attended at least one refresher course while in service.

4. In the meantime, the inspectors of schools can be oriented towards the recent thinking in teaching methods and materials, classroom observation and other necessary techniques on short courses (to be conducted by the Faculties of Education); they in turn can visit schools more often they do now and guide the teachers of English, especially in how to teach the new English course books. It is unfair to expect the teachers to teach these courses effectively without any guidance given to them.

Necessity for in-service teacher education programmes

Mr. Minister, I fully agree with your statement in the interview that teachers need continual training while in service, because teacher development is an ongoing process and it has a direct bearing on the improvement of the learners. So, attending the in-service courses should be made mandatory for the teachers of English and at the same time those who do well on these in-service courses should be rewarded in some way or the other, either by giving them an incentive or recommending them for scholarships for higher studies.

I am confident that this letter will draw your attention and you will find some of these ideas feasible. I am sure, as an educationist with rich experience and knowledge, you will be able to achieve all that you have planned for the teachers and students of this country as has been pointed out in your interview. Good luck.

At your service in the interest of the teachers of English,

Dr.M.N.K.Bose.

WONDERWORD®

by DAVID OUELLET

HOW TO PLAY: First read the list of words, then look at the puzzle. The words are in all directions — vertically, horizontally, diagonally, backward. Circle each letter of a word found and strike it off the list. The letters are often used more than once, so do not cross them out. It is best to find the big words first. When you find all the words listed in the clues, you'll have a number of letters left over that spell the Wonderword.

CLUES

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Aerosol	Card	Help	Pullover	Spoon
Apron	Case	Hook	Rack	Stamps
Ashtray	Chain	Impulse	Retail	Stock
Assist	Chest	Jewel	Ribbon	Store
Bags	Choice	Lamp	Robe	Supplies
Balls	Cloth	Lipstick	Rows	Tags
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Beds	Cost	Loans	Sandals	Toaster
Belt	Display	Lotion	Scarf	Tool
Bill	Dress	Money	Scissors	Toys
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Blender	Fans	Pack	Sheet	Vest
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Man Utd set to tackle Shearer

By Trevor Huggins

LONDON (Reuters) - Manchester United's carefully-built lead at the top of the premier league will be tested by a rampant Alan Shearer this weekend when Newcastle United take on the champions at Old Trafford.

Exploiting the past month's setbacks for title rivals Arsenal, who are three points behind, and Chelsea, now cast seven points adrift, United are looking comfortable as they start the second half of the season.

All their key players are on form, from U.S. keeper Tim Howard to Dutch striker Ruud van Nistelrooy, via midfielder Paul Scholes at his goalscoring best and winger Ryan Giggs.

Scholes, who netted a remarkable 20 times for United last season, has scored five in his last six games and helped propel Alex Ferguson's side to the top. "Come this time of the year, the games become more important," Ferguson noted after his side's 2-1 victory in midweek over Bolton Wanderers, before adding: "Our form is getting better."

Newcastle's odds

Newcastle go into Sunday's game knowing that the odds are stacked heavily against them.

The Tynesiders have not won at Old Trafford in nearly 32 years and have only beaten Ferguson's side three times in 21 premier league encounters.

Last season, this fixture produced a pulsating 5-3 home win in which Van Nistelrooy scored a hat-trick and then United keeper Fabien Barthez made the kind of blooper which would be unthinkable for Howard.

Rated as one of their best performances of the season at the time by Ferguson, United will be looking for a repeat performance this weekend — without the blunders at the back.

Certainly, England defender Rio Ferdinand has been coping well with the eight-month ban which is hanging over him after missing a drug test.

Paying tribute to Ferdinand's resilience, Howard told the United website: "He's strong in mind and body. There is a lot of pressure on him, a lesser man might not have been able to handle that."

The threat to the hosts clearly takes the



Manchester United's carefully-built lead at the top of the premier league will be tested by a rampant Alan Shearer at the weekend when Newcastle United take on the champions at Old Trafford. Shearer (front) is shown celebrating his goal during Newcastle's premier league game against Leeds United at St James' Park, Newcastle on Wednesday. REUTERS/Simon Bellis

shape of a single man, Shearer, who scored his 100th premier league goal for Newcastle in that 5-3 defeat.

An early goal poached by the former England skipper on Wednesday was enough to earn his side a 1-0 victory at Leeds United and take his personal tally to 17 for the season.

It also followed on nicely from Newcastle's 3-0 FA Cup win over

Southampton and took Bobby Robson's men to within two points of the coveted fourth Champions League qualifying slot.

Though Newcastle are on a roll and Shearer is certain to pose a threat on Sunday, the far bigger question is whether Newcastle will keep the likes of Scholes, Giggs and Van Nistelrooy under wraps.

U.S. win record third Hopman Cup

BY OSSIAN SHINE

PERTH, Australia (Reuters) - The United States has won a record third Hopman Cup when Lindsay Davenport and James Blake clinched the \$A1 million (420 000 pounds) mixed team event.

The Americans teamed up to beat Karol Kucera and Daniela Hantuchova 6-2 6-3 in the decisive mixed doubles after Kucera had earlier hauled the Slovaks level by beating Blake in a thriller at the Burswood Dome on Saturday.

The U.S. victory puts Blake's name in the tournament's record books as the only man to have won the Cup twice — last year he partnered Serena Williams to the silverware.

"Well, again that's a pretty good way to start my year," smiled Blake, as he collected a cheque for A\$120,000 and a diamond-encrusted gold and silver year.

"As long as I keep being invited, I am gonna keep coming... this is real fun. And thanks to Lindsay. It is great, I come down here and my partners never lose. It makes my job a heck of a lot easier."

Chanda Rubin and Justin Gimelstob in 1997 provided the other U.S. triumph.

Kucera had earlier made a mammoth

effort to claw the unlikely finalists back into the Hopman Cup reckoning when he beat Blake 4-6 6-4 7-6 to level the tie 1-1 after Davenport had thrashed Hantuchova with ease.

Little left

But they had little left in the clincher as the American duo romped through the mixed, both Blake and Davenport serve and volleying with panache.

"Congratulations to the great American team for winning this title again," Hantuchova said. "They didn't give us much of a chance there in the mixed."

The Slovaks only reached the final after the already-qualified Australian team had to pull out following an injury to Alicia Molik, and were powerless to hold off the American onslaught.

Davenport's pre-Australian Open stock rose further after her match against Hantuchova during which she swatted aside the slight Slovak 6-3 6-1.

The three-times grand slam champion's form has improved with each match in the Western Australian city and on Saturday she was irresistible.

Not only was Davenport powerful, but she was deadly accurate and made no unforced errors throughout the 51 minute match.

Serena Williams pulls out of Australian Open

By JULIAN LINDEN

SYDNEY (Reuters) - Former world number one Serena Williams has pulled out of the Australian Open because of injury, tournament organisers have announced.

Officials said the American had withdrawn because of complications with a knee problem that was operated on in August.

"She has withdrawn citing rehabilitation of her left knee, Tennis Australia spokesman John Lindsay said on Saturday.

The world number three, the winner of six grand slam titles, won the Australian Open for the first time last year but has not played a competitive match since July when she won her second Wimbledon title.

She told the Women's Tennis Association that her knee felt good but

her training staff had advised her not to play because of the risk of further damage.

"After conferring with my trainers and coaches, we really don't think that I've had sufficient time to prepare and train for it," she said in a statement released by the WTA.

"My knee feels great, but my rehabilitation took a little longer than I expected. I'm on the courts daily, and look forward to coming back in championship form."

The 22-year-old had already withdrawn from the Hopman Cup and the Sydney international but said she had still hoped to make it back for the season's first grand slam, starting in Melbourne on January 19.

However, her sister Venus is still expected to play after making her comeback at an exhibition tournament in Hong Kong.

Venus, a former world number one but now ranked 11, had also been out of action since Wimbledon with an abdominal tear but made a successful comeback by beating world number nine Chanda Rubin.

Serena's withdrawal is massive blow to organisers of the Australian Open, who have already lost some of their biggest drawcards and are in danger of losing more.

Four-times champion Monica Seles has not entered the event and two-time winner Jennifer Capriati, who has been troubled by a back injury, remains in doubt.

There are also concerns about world number two Kim Clijsters after she injured her ankle in the Hopman Cup last week while Jelena Dokic is unlikely to play after pulling out of two warm-up events citing "personal reasons".



Former world number one Serena Williams, shown in this July 2003 file photo, has pulled out of the Australian Open because of injury, tournament organisers have announced. REUTERS/Robert Galbraith

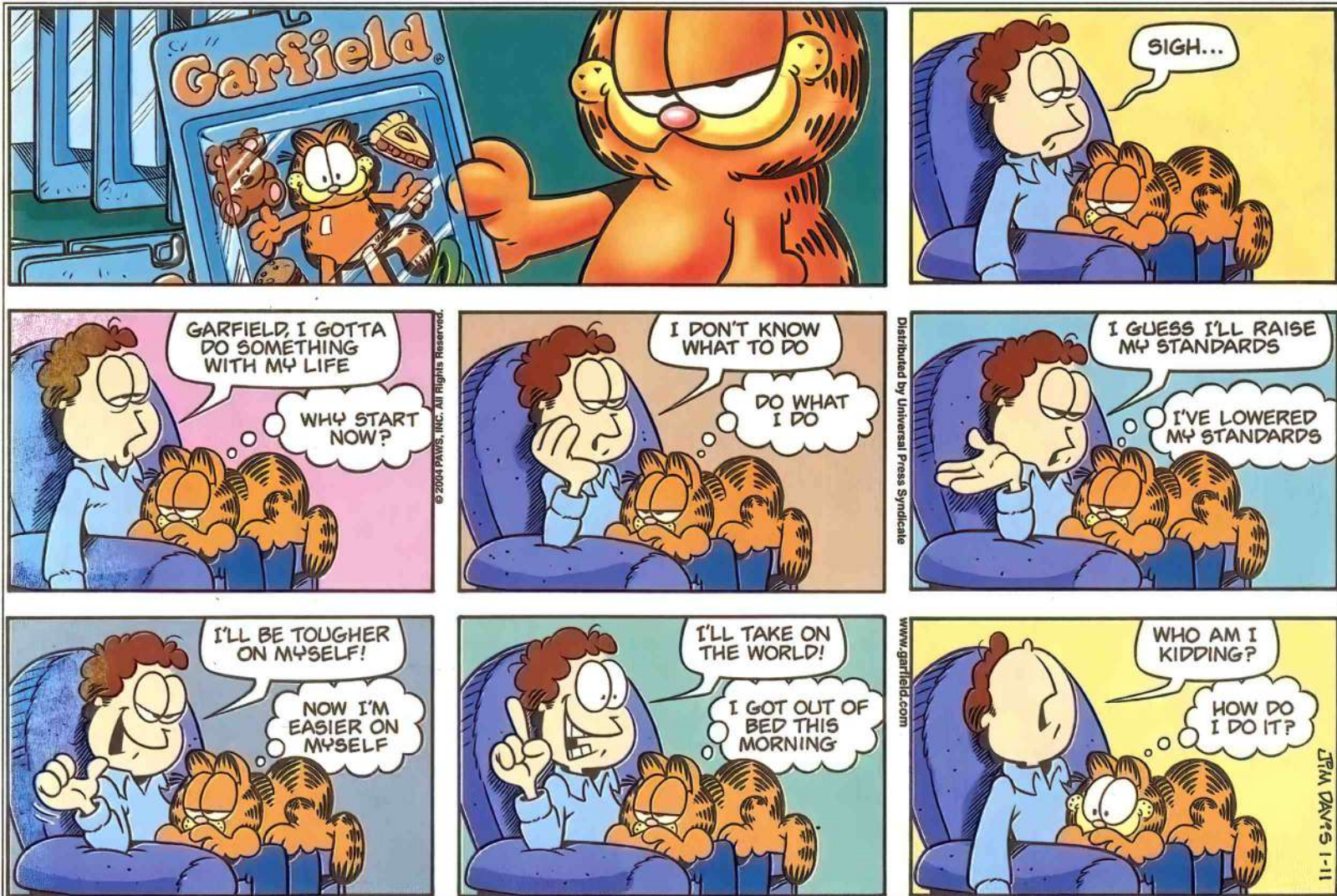
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THE LAST WORD IN ASTROLOGY

BY Eugenia

Aries (Mar 21 - Apr 19)
Lots can be accomplished today, especially with job prospects. Going for an interview or talking to someone who can help you find a better position will bring positive results.

Taurus (Apr 20 - May 20)
Love and romance will probably be on your mind today. Decide what you really want and pursue it. Creative projects should not be pushed aside. Physical enhancement will bring positive results.

Gemini (May 21 - Jun 20)
Your restlessness will get the better of you today. Don't make changes that are not in your best interest. Real estate and investment opportunities are present.

Cancer (Jun 21 - Jul 22)
It's time to straighten out the misconceptions people have about who you are and what you want to do. Voice your thoughts and you will get the support and help you need.

Leo (Jul 23 - Aug 22)
Business enterprise should be your concern. Look for a better position or advancement where you already work. Expand your interests.

Virgo (Aug 23 - Sep 22)
You may not have your usual practical outlook today. Proceed with caution. You might want to reconsider your job position as well as your personal situation.

Libra (Sept 23 - Oct 22)
Take every opportunity to straighten out matters that involve government agencies, banks or other institutions. Talk to an adviser regarding your financial situation. Home improvement projects can be started today.

Scorpio (Oct 23 - Nov 21)
Partnerships can be formed that will enable you to accomplish your goals. Opportunities to meet new people will lead to new friendships. Love should be on your mind.

Sagittarius (Nov 22 - Dec 21)
You may find yourself caught in an emotional whirlwind. You don't like personal confrontations, but it's best to face your dilemma head-on.

Capricorn (Dec 22 - Jan 19)
Your ability to put things into perspective and to offer excellent solutions will put you into the spotlight at any group meeting you attend. Talk and travel will be the two main concerns of your day.

Aquarius (Jan 20 - Feb 18)
You will have all sorts of moneymaking opportunities today, but the possibility of picking the wrong deal is evident. Don't think that big is best. Take the more conservative deal.

Pisces (Feb 19-Mar 20)
Don't fret about ongoing problems. Instead, start talking about what you need to have happen to make an important union work better.

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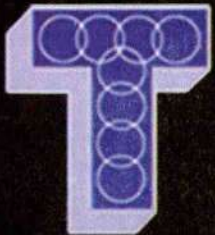
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Old City of Sana'a, glory and pride (Part II)



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Sana'a Old city

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in the time of prophet Mohammed (mpbh) in the sixth year Hijriya. The mosque was initially built in very simple fashion and has gone through phases of renovation to match with the styles of the times to eventually look as it is looking today.

Sana'a as a city has a hidden touch of beauty symbolized through its liveliness along with its obvious beauty through its architecture. There are various structures composing the city, there is the Samsara which is a place

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