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## The Concept of Momentum in Pushing Change Through

Building wide public support for an idea, a plan, or a policy whether a new one or trying to change an old one - is a key part of human success. Societies achieve spectacular success, partly because a large base of the community is gripped in favor of the on-going process. History offers many repeated examples of this phenomenon.

Sometimes political leaders try to fabricate and impose such a state of mind by introducing certain measures. Such approach has substantial negative effects. But using incentives and the market system, coupled with a strong information drive through the mass media, can achieve good results.

The Republic of Yemen needs a state of mind that is committed in favor of reform and change - at the economic, political, social, judicial, etc. levels. The basic requirements for such a momentum exist. The achievement of the unification of the country, the launch of democracy and the corollary elections, the Five-Year Plan, the new government, etc. are all factors in creating this state of mind.

What is lacking is a well-thought out plan of action to capitalize on it in order, first, to give it a longer and sustained life-span, and second, to mobilize it to apply some policy changes towards achieving the important goals of the nation. However, if the momentum is allowed to slow down - and it looks like this is already happening - conditions of despair will creep in, leading to sad results.

The country needs to work out plans to build momentum and use it to push forward with the tasks ahead of us. Building and using momentum requires highly developed skills and a keen mind. Unfortunately, the drab approach of our cheerless politicians and officials makes the nation lose momentum. They continue to fall back on traditional tools leading to less-thanacceptable achievements, if at all.

One approach that can be skillfully employed in creating a new momentum is the Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs). A new law is being evolved for this purpose. If this occasion is used to bring out more enthusiasm and participation among the general public, the whole process can be transformed into a major tide that can carry much of the nation forward. The main problem is government officials and security personnel who continue to reside in the past, and are thus unable to keep up with the new mood and approach.

The Republic of Yemen cannot afford to develop on the basis of the traditional snail-pace growth rate. We need a strong force and zeal to address such grave issues as excessively high population growth rates, rapid depletion of water resources, corruption and mismanagement, etc.

We need to strike while the iron is hot.



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## Ghazi Alwan Named Polish Honorary Consul in Aden

Poland's Ambassador Mr. Krzystot Suprowicz, and Deputy Chief of Mission Dr. Stanisław Smolen, were in Aden last week to inaugurate the Consulate's Office. Mr. Ghazi Alwan, a well-known businessman, was named Honorary Consul at Aden. The occasion was attended by a number of dignitaries, including Aden Governor Taha Ghanim, businessmen, intellectuals and journalists. Mr. Alwan told the Yemen Times he will work to strengthen bilateral ties.

#### **High-Level Sudanese Delegation Visits Sanaa**

A high-level Sudanese delegation, headed by Mr. Mohammed Al-Amin Khalifah, Chairman of the Supreme Peace Council, concluded a four-day official visit to Sanaa.

During the visit the Sudanese delegation presented a letter to President Ali Abdullah Saleh on the recent development in their country. They also briefed other Yemeni officials and the media on the recently-signed agreement between the Government in Khartoum and certain opposition groups. Sudan presently suffers from a civil war waged by different courber and pothers groups in order to topla the Omar Al

Sudan presently suffers from a civil war waged by different southern and northers groups in order to topple the Omar Al-Bashir Government. These groups receive financial, arms, logistical, media, political and moral support from the neighbors of Sudan as well as the USA.

The Yemeni Government is more inclined to assist the Government in Khartoum.

#### More Court Hearings on the List of 16-Minus-1

The North Sanaa Primary Court continued through last week on hearing evidence from the Prosecutor General's Office on the accused party now known as the List of 16-Minus-1. This is the list of Mr. Ali Salim al-Beedh and his colleagues who had attempted to re-partition the country, thus leading to the Civil War of the summer of 1994.

The Prosecutor General stressed that Al-Beedh and his colleagues had been working to fragment the country and that they had been preparing for the war. He gave proof of both allegations, which the court is now considering.

The List of 16-Minus-1 is so named because one person on that list has died in the Civil War.

#### Yemenis in the Congo Caught in the Crossfire

The Ministry for Immigrant Affairs indicated that some Yemeni immigrants in the Cong have been caught in the recent fighting in that country. At least one Yemeni immigrant has been reported killed.

The Ministry has not given any statistics regarding the size of the Yemeni community in that country. It did report, however, that conditions are quickly returning to normal.

#### **Iranian Cultural Week**

Organized by the Ministry of Culture and Tourism and the Iranian Embassy in Sana'a, the first Iranian cultural week was launched on Saturday 21 June at the Yemeni Cultural Center in Sana'a. It is set to continue until 27th June. An exhibition was opened containing, wooden murals, minidrawings, ature hand-made Persian carpets, glass work, and many other works of handicrafts. A special section for the Holy Koran is also included. Other activities such as music and films will be presented during the week.



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## <u>Anne Hunt:</u> "It will help raise awareness of Yemen in the UK"

The British capital London will witness a great event about Yemen. Coinciding with the Yemeni Revolution of 26 September, a Yemeni Festival will be kicked off in London on September 18th, 1997. The festival includes architectural exhibition, music, poetry, dance, crafts, photography, and cuisine. The whole lot will then move on to other UK cities, notably Cardiff, Birmingham, Liverpool, and Sheffield.

The festival represents a lively panorama about Yemen whose civilization extends for centuries. This is manifested through the unique architectural designs of its old buildings which, though in need of care and maintenance, are still preserving that distinct cultural stamp. The festival also represents the strong long relattionship between Yemen and UK. "The festival seems to me as an excellent way of promoting cultural links between the UK and Yemen," Mr. Douglas Scrafton, the UK ambassador to Yemen, commented. The festival is carried out by the World Art Circle. Isamil Al-Ghabiri of Yemen Times has met Ms. Anne Hunt, the artistic director and chief Executive of the festival, and filed the following interview:

#### Q: Could you tell us briefly Yemen is Clane Goethals. about yourself?

A: I work for an educational charity, World Circuit Arts, raise awareness about Yemen in which is one of the principal presenters of non-European arts in lack of knowledge about the the UK. Each year we present a country. We hope to put Yemen festival in London, devoted to a on the map in the UK, and particular country or region of the through this to help develop world. For example, last year we cultural, economic and business presented a festival on South India, and in 1998 we will present a festival on Thailand. In September/October 1997 the festival will focus on Yemen.

#### O: This is your second visit to poetry, and dance, educational Yemen. What is the purpose of events and corporate events. it?

finalize the selection of the a photographic exhibition created artists, working closely with the by the British Council entitled Ministry of Culture, and also to "Yemenis in Britain;" a British meet existing festival sponsors Council sponsored exhibition of the events. and invite other companies to drawings by Martin Yeoman; and sponsor the festival, thus ensuring a photographic display at the Educational Events: including a that the festival has maximum British Museum. import in the UK.

#### Q: Could you tell us about the nature of this festival?

the festival is a cooperation by a country; a poetry project with number of organizations. We are Dan, sung poetry and spoken working closely with the Yemeni- poetry, introducing Al Baradouni British Friendship Association and others in the Dan group; a and the British-Yemeni Society in the UK; also with the British north and the south, where the Embassy in Sana'a; The Develop- audience will also have a Yemeni ment of Trade and Industry in dinner. London ; the British Council and institutions in London including town to Cardiff, Birmingham. the Royal Institute of British Liverpool and Sheffield. There Architects and the British will also be Yemeni musicians,

The nature of the festival is celebratory. The festival aims to the UK, where there is a serious links between the two countries.

#### Q: What are the various components of this festival?

A: The festival involves exhibitions, performances of music,

A: The purpose of this visit is to Exhibitions: Yemeni architecture;

Music, Dance, Poetry: three performances in London- an opening concert featuring music and A: Firstly I should explain that dance from several regions of the "mafraj" style concert from the

The poetry project will also go on Museum. Our representative in poets and dancers participating in



study day at the British Museum, a week of family activities at the Museum of Mankind, and a series of talks at a range of institutions in London.

Corporate Events: the Department of Trade and Industry is holding seminars and a VIP dinner for British and Yemeni businessmen.

Q: How will this festival contribute to Yemeni-British relation?

A: The festival will raise awareness about Yemen in the UK. This will be achieved by a media campaign as well as the festival events. It will provide a framework for links to be developed between Yemen and the British Businesses; it will promote tourism; it will help to develop diplomatic and economic links. It is a part of a large initiative, culminating in the British Trade Week in Sana'a in November and a VIP delegation coming from Yemen to Britain.

#### Q: Who sponsors the event?

A: We greatly appreciate the movement of a number of sponsors. The first sponsors to support the festivals were Thabet Brothers, the Hayel Saeed Anam Group, Canadian Occidental, Universal Travel and BP Middle East. Following their example, a number of others have pledged their support. UK contributions come from the Arts Council of England, Visiting Arts, the Foreign Commonwealth Office, The Yemeni Embassy (London), the London Arts Board, London Boroughs Grants Committee and others.

Dr. Mohammed Al-Qubaty is a Board member of the Yemeni **British Friendship Association** which has been involved in helping World Circuits International to promote and hold the festival. He also gave some comments.

Q: Dr. Al-Qubaty, do you have



#### any comments at this stage?

A: The Yemeni festival in Britain is coming at a turning point of the Yemeni-British relations, and I hope that such an event will help to give a good profile of Yemen at international venues in the UK. The festival is surely a cultural event.

I am sure it will have a multitude of effects on promoting political, social, economic, touristic and many other links between Yemen and the UK specifically, and Yemen and the European Union as well. The Yemeni-British Friendship Association would like to obtain this opportunity to thank all Yemeni and British companies and businessmen whose contributions were of a great value in making this festival a success. And in this respect I would like to thank our sister organization in the UK The British-Yemeni Society who has done a great job in helping this event turn from an idea to a fact.



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## **Yemeni-Chinese Parliamentary Cooperation**

Mr. Zhou Jue, Vice Chairman of Foreign Relations Committee of the Chinese National People's Congress, visited Sanaa last week at the head of a parliamentary delegation.

On the occasion, Dr. Salah Haddash, Managing Editor of Yemen Times talked to Mr. Zhou on a number of issues. **Excerpts:** 

Q: What is the aim for your visit to Yemen?

A: It is the first time that a delegation from the Chinese National People's Congress visits Yemen since the establishment of diplomatic relations between our two

countries 40 years ago. This visit aims to promote and enhance the already friendly relations between the two parliaments and peoples.

We have discussed ways and means to encourage stronger ties in the future. That is why the Chairman of the Chinese parliament has invited the Speaker of the Yemeni parliament to visit China. We are looking forward to meeting our Yemeni counterparts in China.

#### Q: What were the main highlights of your visit program?

A: We met many government and parliamentary officials. Since China is heavily involved in many construction projects, we met with the Deputy Minister of Construction and Housing. To bolster trade, we also met with the Deputy Minister of Supplies and Trade. We also met a number of busi-nessmen and members of the Chamber of Commerce.

Our meetings also included leading Yemeni parliamentarians including the speaker of parliament, and members of the Foreign Relations Committee. At the political level, we met with the Deputy Prime Minister and the Foreign Minister, Dr. Abdul-Karim Al-Iryani, with whom we discussed pertinent bilateral, regional and international political issues. Our program also included some sight-seeing and touristic excursions.



Q: How do you assess Yemeni-Chinese relations? A: Yemen was one of the first countries to establish diplomatic relations with China more than 40 years ago. Since then, these relations have been satis-

The government, parliament, and people of China are quite happy and satisfied about the relationship with Yemen. I am very optimistic about our future relations. The officials in both countries are positively inclined for stronger ties, and they are now studiously working to develop and enhance them.

We both have similar views on many regional and international issues. Yemen and China both face similar problems and challenges in a changing world. We need to stand by each other, and that is happening.

#### Q: How about business ties?

A: The Republic of Yemen has traditionally imported many consumer items and equipment. The last few years saw China importing oil directly from Yemen instead of buying it from the international markets. Yemeni-Chinese annual trade is in excess of \$600 million. This is an appreciable amount, which reflects the high level exchange between the two countries. I am certain that this volume will grow further as the two countries achieve more development.

Q: In a few days, the world will witness the

return of Hong Kong to Chinese sovereignty. How do you feel?

A: There will be two major events in China during this year. First, Hong Kong will revert to Chinese rule on July 1st. The return of Hong Kong marks a special event for the people of China. There will be celebrations in Beijing, Shanghai, and other major cities to mark the event. Its return will help erase the shame inflicted on us by the imperialist powers

more than a hundred years ago. The Chinese Pres-ident and officials will attend the celebrations. Second, the Chinese Communist Party will hold its 15th national conference in November. The Central Committee will be formed, and party officials will

be elected. In 1999, the former Portuguese colony - Macaw will revert to Chinese sovereignty. After that we shall work on the return of Taiwan.

The return of Hong Kong is a triumph for the people of China. It will be autonomously ruled by its people. The capitalist system in Hong Kong will remain. Personal and religious liberties will stay untouched. A supreme court in Hong Kong will continue to have the last word in judicial matters. Hong Kong will keep its status as a world financial center and a free trade zone.

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Duties and Responsibilities

The NPO under the general supervision of the Assistant Resident Representative (Team Leader) will perform the following duties:-

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Applications should be received no later than 15 July 1997.

Applications received after this date will note be considered. Only those candidates who strictly meet the requirements could apply and acknowledgment will only be sent to shortlisted applicants meeting the requirements of the post.



## <u>Common Sense</u>

**By: Hassan Al-Haifi** 

## Good Luck, Dr. Bin Ghanem

Sa'eed Bin Ghanem as the Prime Minister of the Republic of Yemen at this critical stage of the history of the country may not have been worked out on an abacus, but if the numbers do not seem to click, the non numerical considerations may prove to be of great importance, all the same. If there was anyone naive enough to envy Dr. Bin Ghanem for this assignment, that person just has no idea about the challenge Dr. Faraj has decided to accept, or else the person is purely looking at the lucrative side of the position, in terms of the prestige and the possible material benefits that could come from such an assignment. The anticipation is that Dr. Bin Ghanem has indeed accepted the position for the major reason that the job is a challenge.

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Dr. Ghanem's political activities, prior to taking on the top Cabinet post, at least to this observer, are not those of one who has sought after this assignment. Chances are that the man never considered being a likely candidate for the sensitive government post. The background of the low keyed political profile non partisan civil servant, whether in the former People's Democratic Republic of Yemen or in the post unification government do not reveal an ambitious man. Usually a man who has foresight and who looks at the world from broad perceptions could not find favor with the partisan inclinations and narrow minded political tic for tat, prior to unification and later on after the formation of the Republic of Yemen. He will take an observer's usually position, for the simple reason that his intellectual maturity just a formerly divided Yemen, puts him out of place among all holding prominent positions for a

For sure, the arithmetic that lead those big boys whose visions to the selection of Dr. Faraj have been constrained by the have been constrained by the thirst for power to the point that they have forgotten that power must come by the will of God and is legitimate when it is also enforced by the will of the people. The situation for people like Dr. Bin Ghanim may be difficult to understand because intellectual maturity is bound to be a rare phenomenon in a country that has sent thousands of people to death in senseless bloody struggles for power, in which the big losers always end up being the people of the country. Bin Ghanem has steered off political activity, maintaining an independent status, taking a side view of all the political games and maneuvers that dominated his surroundings. Mr. Bin Ghanem relied on his strong academic credentials and his sincere desire to turn those credentials to valuable practical inputs into his country's development efforts. Thus any political considerations will cease to make those inputs worthwhile. Even in the positions he has held, he was forced to back-off from holding on to those positions, because he felt that they were no more than positions that cannot be translated into real development measures or steps that can readily be reflected in installed infrastructure or visible and effective human resource development. One might think of it as a sort of frustration many forward looking intellectuals face amidst the dirty politics of the Third World. Most likely, such people will be found hanging on the sidelines waiting, with the knowledge that they are bound to be called upon, again by whoever holds the reigns of power, again and again. It was so with Dr. Bin Ghanem in



while, and backing off or being set aside - for no fault of his, of course. Political instability does not have time to be bothered by such matters as development, and the need for a favorable climate for investments. In the Third World, the only important considerations are the grab for power, by any means, except through public mandate, and holding on to it, at any cost. In situations like this people, who could be useful to a given country and want to be so, remain as stand-by public servants, subject to the whims of the rulers and the situation the latter have left the country in, that will cause these leaders to seek real expertise from time to time to straighten out the mess, or, at least to cushion it somewhat. In the Third World, everything occurs on a haphazard basis, even to those for whom planning is their livelihood.

To say to Dr. Faraj Bin Ghanem, congratulations, would be misleading to him, as well as to the public at large. In the former situation, the Prime Minister might construe these congratulations as a positive public mood to his appointment. There is no real problem in that because Dr. Bin Ghanem will be reminded, accordingly, that such positive reaction entails the rise of an obligation on him to produce meaningful results, if those congratulations are not to become a waste of breath or ink. It is really hoped that Dr. Bin Ghanem's maturity will lead him to realize that sentiment always produced a chain reaction of obligations and counter obligations on both sides exchanging sentiment. In the latter case, formalities - triggered by the continuity of life, which man always seemed compelled to

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try to subject to some kind of order - to turn life into a pattern - dictate that a man assigned to a position should be congratulated for now being able to influence the lives of sizable chunk of the population, if not all of his fellow citizens. It is part of the order of life. There is beauty to order, but that does not necessarily mean that beauty has been disassociated from disorder. The flexibility of beauty can be confounding. Nevertheless, congratulations are in order for the new Prime Minister of Yemen, as a morale booster for him and as a means of expressing that maybe there

is hope for the future. The position of Prime Minister in the Republic of Yemen has gone through so many transformations that equal the number of position holders themselves! The position holders have almost represented a cross-section of the socio - economic breakdown of the society (North - South - ROY) over the past century. We had past century. We had Generals of the likes of Hassan Al-Amri, whose perseverance and sheer guts saved the Republic, against overwhelming odds, from the onslaught of the Royalist tribes on the capital of

Sana'a, some thirty years ago, but whose temper was unable to withstand a phone line mix - up that ended his political career. We had opportunists propped up by foreign powers who held the position, coming from mysterious backgrounds and whose career had a taint of intrigue. Such people managed to produce more questions than the answers they were ready to oblige with. The likes of Abdurrahman Al-Baidhany might fit into this class of Prime Ministers. The latter once held the post along with the Vice Presidency. Then there were real live patriots, who wanted to see more done for their country, then what even they themselves were able to deliver and they delivered quite a lot the likes of the Professor: Ahmed Nu'man. There were also intellectuals, who really believe that Yemen is not really where it should - and can be: the likes of Muhsin Al-Ainy and to a certain extent Abu Bakr Al-Attass. There were also the technocrats who managed to adapt well to the changing political winds - the likes of Abdulaziz Abdul Ghani, perhaps the longest holder of the position - at different intervals and crossing all the political transformations since the military decided that the civilians just can't make it in 1974. A quarter of century has not sufficed to rehabilitate the civilians! The position of Prime Minister also

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the government will dish out over the next four years.

One should hesitate before making comments on government programs. One reason is that only God, Al-Mighty, can really draw a scenario of the future, and it is again Allah Al-Mighty who can make that scenario unfold. Another reason is that governments are not expected to lie - even more so than individuals. Yet, there has never been a government program that has ever been confirmed as being anywhere near 100% absolute truth. Men are the same, inside and outside of government.

This program has passed through Parliament and the first hurdle is over for the new Prime Minister, which seemed to also require a political deal with it, between the old partners of the coalition that ended on 27th April 1997. The Islah Party, will continue to have their "religious institutes" - the breeding grounds for the party's loyal membership, even though the Education Law would allow only for a uniform educational curriculum for government spon-It is undersored schools. standable that political deals occur in democratic processes, and there is no harm in that - as long as the Islah Party continues to interact with the rest of the society in accordance with the Constitution and its derivative laws. It had once rejected the Constitution and then sent its boys to trample on mines, in defense of the very same Constitution, it had once rejected. Yemen is a playground of paradoxes. Maybe this was what Dr., Bin Ghanem was referring to as tolerance in his program. He mentioned it at least five times. It would not be enriching to go into the details of the program . Much can be said for it and against it. If there was anything that would give the program any weight, it is that the new government was telling us right from the start that there are problems and deficiencies that plague the entire institutional and non institutional framework of the society. There is really nothing surprising in that, as every Yemeni has a fair idea that the country is really in a messy situation any way you look at it, but the new Prime Minister made it very clear, in the program, that as fine and idealistic as the program may have been to some, there is no

way that broad based participation is not going to be essential for the program to be realized as much as possible. That is very good, because democracy requires that kind of attitude from the man who is caught in the middle: he is non-partisan - he is neither ruler nor public - a civil servant who has to find the balance between the oft-times hasty decisions of rulers infatuated with power - then, and now and a thirsty public yearning for a break from the misery of bad judgments and bad management of affairs of state! Dr. Ghanem, in his program did not say: I will do this or that. He said that we have to do this and that; there is no other way! In other words, one should not expect much, if everybody does not chip in and maybe sacrifice something for the sake of the nation as a whole. Now, anyone who says that the Ghanem General Program did not say much, did not read well between the lines. It always puzzled this reader how readers sometimes can neglect to read the information that lies between the lines!

On the other hand, Dr. Ghanem hit the bull's eye, when he hit us with a statistical figure that really shows how lopsided we are: 50.3% of the population is under 15 years of age! That is a time bomb that exceeds Oklahoma and Al-Khobar by any standards. The figure is the more horrifying when realizing that the educational and cultural sectors leave a lot to be desired, in terms of turning out a productive, well tuned generation of citizens, all of whom will be just over 10 years in age differences. Finally, the Prime Minister took the wise step, in the program, in making it clear that the President of the Republic, Ali Abdulla Saleh, can not and will not be ignored as a significant participant in making the program anywhere near effectiveness. Dr. Ghanem is wise to the fact that Presidential support of the government's monumental tasks is detrimental to the course the government and the nation will take over the next four years. No one believes that such support will not be forthcoming. There is room for some optimism. In Yemen, we never give up hope.

#### SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

It is a question of liquefying natural gas, for that:-\_\_

A refrigerating mixture is compressed in a penultiamte stage of a plurality of stages of a compression unit; the mixture is possibly partially condensed; the resultant is separated for obtaining a vapour fraction and a liquid fraction; said vapour fraction is cooled and partially condensed; the resultant vapour fraction is sent to the final compression stage, and at least the high pressure vapour fraction and said liquid fraction are cooled, expanded and circulated in at least a first heat exchanger with the fluid to be cooled. Moreover, according to the invention, during the condensation of said vapour fraction, this vapour fraction obtained from the above separation is cooled by circulating it in a heat exchange with a refrigerating fluid, in a second heat exchanger. Further, the liquid fraction obtained from the above separation is circulated in said second heat exchanger before circulating in the first one.

Copies of the specification and drawings, if any, of the aforesaid invention maybe obtained upon application to the above-mentioned owners.

It is hereby declared that the aforenamed GAZ DE FRANCE, claim the full, sole and exclusive right, power and authority to make, use, exercise and vend in the Republic of Yemen, the aforesaid invention and that they will take all legal steps against any person or persons infringing such rights.

was held by men of high religious scholasticism and jurisprudence (Sharia'a) - the likes of Al- Qadi Abulla Al-'Amri - some of whom were even more conservative than the Imam Yahya, while others in the Republican era -Al-Qadi Abdulla Al-Hajry - who was the eventual victim of a Arab nationalist radicalism that failed to gain anything for the nation, and failed to hold on to the reigns of power without a stained record of bloodshed wherever they held power, for no other reason, it seems except for bloodshed's sake. Luckily, human nature dictates that reason must prevail over flamboyant ideals, that were out of a place in an area where sentiment is a core element of the mind set of people, as is the case of the Arabs. there were others, as well, but now we have Faraj Ben Ghanem. Up to now, all we have from him is the General program of the Government that shows all the wonderful things

Good luck, Dr. Bin Ghanem







## Saba Foreign Exchange Company: **A Service that Combines** Strength of the Young and Wisdom of the Old

By: Al-Izzi As-Silwi, Yemen Times.

Appearances can be deceptive. What outwardly seems grandiose and magnificent could prove to be a mere mirage. Modesty in appearance can hide a a very large and substantial enterprise. This is one such story I discovered.

When I visited the humble office of Saba Exchange on Hamadani Street (popularly known as Hadda Street) at the heart of Sana'a, I did not know I was in for a surprise. I did not know that I was coming face to face with a large and growing company. The company is now planning to move its head office to new, more becoming premises. A place that is more suited to the impor-

tance, size, and credibility of the Saba Exchange Company.

This company has acquired a tremendously good reputation in a record time. Its clientele is increasing rapidly in response to its impeccable service, reliability, and professionalism.

Saba Exchange Company offers a wide range of monetary and financial services. National and foreign remittances in all currencies, travelers' checques, and Visa credit cards are but a few of the swift and varied services provided by it. your business involves

changing currencies, you are probably well-advised to check out their rates. "We always offer an unbeatable rate," said Mr. Abdul-Hamid Saif Al-Imad.

With branches in Sana'a, Aden, Hodeida, Mukalla, Taiz, Ataq, Ibb, Seiyoun and many other cities, the company does boast a varied and nationally distributed clientele base. "We are the largest exchange company in the country, and we are exapnding rapidly." Given their large share of the market and its expanding business, no wonder the company can offer its clients exceptional deals.

What is the secret behind this sudden and yet huge success story?



The march started only a year ago. It started with an idea. A group of enthusiastic and experienced young Yemeni men met to launch the project. These entrepreneurial young men are Abdul-Hamid Saif Al-Imad, Hani Qayid, Mohammed Qayid Saif Al-Imad, Ali Abdu Ahmed, Qayid Mohammed Dawam, and Hazza'a Saif Al-Imad.

This group of creative Yemeni knights gathered together, got their thoughts clear, planned the effort, and worked hard to make the project a success.

The harmonious nature of the crew also steered the fledgling company towards a resounding success. Confidence, well-thought out ideas, a harmonious management, and hard work do wonders.

Yemeni Government Re-Shapes Policies:

## **Sustainable Development Requires** an Environment-Friendly Approach

#### By Ahlam Al-Mutawakil, Yemen Times.

To observe the World Environment Day (5th June), and to cel-ebrate the 25th anniversary of the establishment of the UN Environment Program (UNEP), a press conference was held at the UN Club in Sana'a. "For Life on Earth" is the theme for this year's World Environment Day.

The first-ever conference to address the Human Environment was held in Stockholm in 1972. It was there that the UN established its Environment Program. This drive reached its zenith in 1992 when the world leaders gathered in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, and adopted an agenda for action (Agenda 21). They formulated the concept of 'Sustainable Human Development'.

The concept of sustainable devel-opment is oriented to meet people's needs, particularly the poor, and the needs of the world ecosystem. As an outcome of this meeting, a number of inter-national treaties and conventions relating to biodiversity, climate change, the ozone layer and desertification have been adopted and ratified by a large number of countries. There is a heightened international awareness of the fragility of the environment and the importance of halting ecological decline in order to work towards the eradication of poverty.

'In Yemen, we are witnessing ecosystem deterioration due to a multiple interacting of factors," UNDP Resident Reprethe sentative in Sana'a, Mr. Onder Yucer said. According to Mr. Yucer, economic changes in

Yemen have resulted in excessive grazing, soil erosion, overfishing, overhunting, extensive land degradation, and reduction of bio-

logical diversity. In addition, water resources are reported to be undergoing intensive misuse causing rapid depletion of the underground reservoirs clearly shown by the fall of the water table. This is already threatening human settlement in many Yemeni cities such as Sana'a and Taiz.

Mr. Ahmed Al-Sunaidar, the head of the Environment Supporters Society in Yemen, said, "Confronting the dangers threatening our environment stresses our seriousness in belonging to this country

Mr. Mohsin Al-Hamdani, President of the Environment Protection Council (EPC), stressed the importance of government policies and legislations for the effective protection of the environment. He cited the dangers of contaminating the underground water resources with sewage and industrial waste, as an example of the absence of the proper rules and regulations to govern waste disposal.

According to Mr. Abdul-Majid Haddad, advisor on Sustainable Development at the UNDP, the Yemeni government and the UNDP have agreed on four program:

Development of natural resources.

Combating poverty and creating more jobs.

3- Preparing for natural disasters. 4- Supporting economic and development planning at the Ministry of Planning.

The program, for the Sustainable Management of Water Resources was adopted by the government in September of 1996. Its estimated cost is \$13 million. The UN will provide \$ 4 million, the Dutch government will provide another \$ 4 million, and the Yemeni government will allocate \$ 1.25 million. This program aims to support the planning ability of the newly established General Authority of Water Resources. Several studies will be conducted on underground water and the various other possible sources of water in Yemen.

The second program adopted by the government is the Sustainable Management of Environmental Resources. Its cost is estimated at \$ 11.5 million. The UNDP and the World Environment Fund will participate in funding this program. Within it, there are several small projects, which aim to develop the planning capacities of various departments in several ministries. These include the sectors of agriculture, water resources, the environment, tourism, as well as a big project to develop the island of Socotra. To preserve biodiversity on this island, \$ 5 million will be provided by the UN in coordination with the Environment Protection Council in Yemen.

According to Mr. Haddad, the major obstacle facing the implementation of such programs is the structural weakness of the institutions of the country. Other problems include lack of properly trained and qualified people, low level of public awareness, and the general bureaucratic/administrative complications.

## **PUBLIC AUCTION NOTICE**

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7/8	164	10 kg	1640	350-400	63	5 kg	315
8/9	82	10 kg	820	400-450	89	5 kg	445
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## Visiting German Professor: "There has to be a trauma center here"

Dr. Eckart Wernicke is an orthopedic surgeon and a professor of Traumalogy at the University of Frankfurt. Over a period of about 29 years, he has done more than 60,000 operations.

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#### Q: When did you first visit Yemen?

A: My first visit to the Republic of Yemen was in 1988. I was really impressed by the knowledge of my colleagues here. I was also impressed by the bed conditions, the rooms and the technical equipment. Since then, I came 15 times to Yemen, not only for teaching but also to see patients. I have become familiar with the orthopedic illness in this country. It is very important for this country to have trained surgeons in orthopedics and traumatology. They have to get trained abroad in specialized hospitals. They have to attend courses and confer-

#### Q: Is it correct that you have brought medical supplies with you?

ences.

A: This time I have brought on ton of supplies with me. I am very thankful for Yemenia Airlines for transporting the stuff. I have good relations with their offices in Frankfurt. I informed the manufacturers of medical equipment in Germany that I am going to Yemen. They gave me a lot of free equipment according to the needs of this country. I have brought a special bandage for the knee joint. Most of the people with orthopedic trouble here have it in the knee joint. I brought hundreds of this materials. There are many people with orthopedic problems in Yemen.

#### Q: What are the reasons for that?

A: Many people have wrong mobilization. They move very little. They sit for long periods on the floor in disabling positions such as the lotus position. The way they sit for a long time chewing qat without movement has something to do with it. Women in particular work very hard, even when pregnant. Combined with little or no



skeletal problems.

Q: What do you think of the conditions in the Kuwait hospital?

A: The last time I was here was in March 1996. It has now become much better. Some doctors have become educated in my field of medicine. There has to be a trauma center here. The city of Sana'a has too many accidents-caused injuries. A rescue system must be established. This calls for a place where they can go with their patients, especially those with poly-trauma or several injuries in their bodies. The doctors at the trauma center have to be well trained. A trauma case has to be well investigated and treated within the first two hours. spoke with the Minister of Health about this matter. He is also of the opinion that this hospital needs a lot of equipment. I'll approach German and other European medical manufacturers, and they will help.

#### Q: Are you working as an individual person?

A: Yes. I have the University of Frankfurt behind me. I am a member of the Red Cross Society in Germany. These people, and the EC can help a lot. More importantly, I have a good knowledge of this country.

exercise, this causes a lot of Q: Do you think this coop-

ألف مبروك أجمل التهانى وأطيب التبريكات نزفها للأخوين عبدالله هادي الشرماني، أدلام هادي الشرماني بمناسبة نجاحهما، ألف مبروك.

المهنؤون: فاطمة ياسين العزاني،

فيروز هادى الشرماني،

خيرية علي وجميع الأهل والأصدقاء



A: I'll try during my next visit to bring an official person with me. This man is responsible for all German universities. I hope this way we can first make a connection between German universities and Sana'a University. I hope we can organize a program to educate the doctors and nurses in Germany or by German consultants here.

I am also thinking for an interdisciplinary emergency department for this hospital to take care of all illness. This is very important. Then, you can have one doctor from each department. I am also asking for a rehabilitation center. A rehabilitation center allows to make sure that you get good results after operations. This is the 2nd very important point needed here.

#### Q: What has attracted you to come to Yemen in the first place?

A: The open-minded kindness of the people and their extreme hospitality and the great variety of medical problems made me inter-ested in this ration.

#### Q: Any last comment?

A: I want to thank the people here for their hospitality. They are very nice. I like them very much.

## An Austrian to the Rescue! **Establishing a Neurosurgery Unit**

It started with a little Yemeni boy suffering from a brain tumor. He needed a relatively minor neurosurgery. The facilities for such an operation do not exist in Yemen. The boy's tumor became malignant. The poor child went blind. He later died.

This targic event was witnessed by Prof. Hilma Michalec. She felt quite helpless. She could not save the boy's life. This was during October 1995 to January 1996.

While working at Al-Thawra Hospital in Sana'a, hunting for a unique strain of the HTLV1 lymphoma virus, neurosurgery was very far removed from the Austrian professor's mind. That little boy's tragedy directed her attention towards a different field. She decided she had to do something about it.

While in Aden comparing her Sana'a findings in the lymphoma research with possible results from Aden, Prof. Michalec met Dr. Mohammed Taha Shamsan. Dr. Shamsan is an assistant professor and deputy dean at the College of Medicine at Aden University. His diligence and dedication convinced Prof. Michalec that he is the man for the job she had in mind. "I felt that Dr. Mohammed has the energy to pull it through," she said. This was during 14th May to 15th June, 1997.

The idea is to train a group of Yemeni doctors and medical technicians to be able to efficiently run a neurosurgery unit at Al-Jumhoria Teaching Hospital in Aden. It is hoped that such a group will be the nucleus of a bigger project in the future. The people to be trained will have to function as a group, and make a commitment to train others in Yemen. The expertise would then spread widely. "They must realize that they are one group and everyone of them is a pillar," said Prof. Michalec.

Due to Prof. Michalec great efforts, a protocol was drawn up. The Austrian side is represented by the indefatiguable Professor. While the Ministry of Public Health, the Local Government and Health Authorities as well as the Faculty of Medicine and Pharmacy in Aden represent the Yemeni side.

Yemen is expected to provide the infrastructure, which includes rooms for pre-operative diagnosis, operating theater, post-operative recovery, intensive care unit, and beds for the first post-operative period. The necessary equipment for the above facilities as well as the support staff are also to be A computer tomography scan has been promised to By: Adel Moqbil, Yemen Times.



arrive by a third party. Ample laboratory space is available at the University of Aden. Over all, the Yemeni side will have to provide at least 65% of the facilities and equipment. The remaining 35% is the responsibility of Austria.

The Austrian side will provide free training at the universities of Vienna and Graz; an allowance of \$1,200 per month for each trainee; free health care; free airplane tickets; and few other benefits.

A Yemeni doctor is actually being trained in neurosurgery at the University of Vienna for nearly 3 years, but he will require at least 2 more to be fully qualiried as a neurosurgeon. Meanwhile for the start In Yemen, experienced neurosurgeons form the University of Vienna will be available as assistantson a rotating basis, until the Yemeni unit can function on its own and assistants have been trained. The staff to be trainbed include a neurosurgeon, a neurologist, a neuroanesthetist, a neuropathologist, a technician versed in various methods of dealing with operative specimens, and an inten-sive care unit specialist. More supporting staff will be trained in the future.

A Yemeni committee has be formed for staff recruitment, allocation of facilities, and various other tasks necessary for the project.



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نجيب عبدالله عائض وحرمه

نداء إلى أهل الخير

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**CAREER FOR A CAUSE** 

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I.T.T. Sheraton President's Award goes to Fouad Hamid. Way back in 1982, a young boy entered the personnel office of the Sheraton Sana'a Hotel looking for a job. With no experience behind him and absolutely no knowledge of the hotel industry, he was determined to get in come hail or storm. He was finally selected as a Doorman just to stand at the entrance and greet anyone who walked in. Since then, 15 years later and after going through the grind of various areas of the Front Office Department, he is now the Assistant Director of Sales. The man being talked about is Fouad Hamid. Very popular among the people of Yemen, Fouad receives no less than 50 calls a day, carries a pager, a mobile phone and a heart with an attitude to grab opportunities. Born on 16th October 1963, Fouad belongs to the ARHAB tribe. Not many have risen to the heights that he has. This goes to show that perseverance, dedication and hard work pays off in the end. It is essential for all to adapt this attitude if you want to be successful. Very pleasant natured, Fouad is a pleasure to work with. All the staff of the hotel have a high opinion of him and always have only words of praise for him. Having been in the organisation now for so many years he is one of the old hands'who knows the hotel inside out. He often reminisces about the past and comes up with some very amusing anecdotes. Am sure one day he will end up writing a book on his various expe-

riences and he will have a lot of stories to narrate to his grandchildren. The job has given Fouad wonderful

exposure. He was able to travel to London, Cairo and Oman. Not many would have such wonderful opportunities at their disposal. His efforts of all these years won him the coveted I.T.T. Presidents Award for Excellence for 1996. I.T.T. Sheraton President's Award is given Outstanding to Employees who contribute towards the success of individual hotels. Strict criteria are laid down in order to establish the winner of this award and this involves personality, human relationships, team player and a series other pro-



fessionalised skills. Found feel proud but is also an assurance and commitment of I.T.T. Sheraton to develop local talent which are one of the 32 recipients in the entire Africa/Middle East Division.

A very emotional event, where the award was pre-sented to him on behalf of the Divisional President by Mr. Abdullah Melhem, General Manager, Sheraton Sana'a Hotel, Fouad nearly burst into tears and his emotions brought him to say, 'This award which I have received today actually is deserved by the whole team of the hotel. Sharing this moment of happiness, most proud, apart from the General Manager was Sanjay Sharma, Director of Sales to whom Fouad is an assistant. Sanjay said, 'It is the first time in 15 years of my career that I have had the opportunity to work with such a brilliant young manand the award which he has received not only makes me

having worked

in a renowned

hotel chain for

the future of the country as well as of the organisation' The Sheraton Sana'a is proud to have the able

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Fouad Hamid as its Assistant Director of Sales. We hope he continues to win more laurels which he is capable of.



We wish you good luck Fouad and we are confident that your growth with I.T.T. Sheraton will not be limited to the hotel in Yemen only.

### **SALES & MARKETING** TEAM



Rami, Gretel, and Din

When Mr. Sanjay Sharma, the dynamic Director of Sales of the Sheraton Sana'a Hotel walked in in August 1995 to take over his new position, he

years and concentrated his entire effort in reorganizing the Sheraton Sana'a Hotel. In 1994, he was nominated for the Harold Geneen Award which is the highest award for I.T.T Corporation. Each year there are only 5 nominations and one selected. Even

though Sanjay was not selected, the fact that he was nominated says a lot about his calibre.



close to 13 years, Hureen Advani was transferred to the Sheraton Sana'a Sales and Marketing Department in May 1997. Primarily responsible for advertising, she assists in the day to day sales duties. Assisting Fouad in the local market is Rami Shamsheer, who even though he has no hoteliering back-

ground,has come a long way. His target is to explore all the business possibilities in Yemen today.

You must have spoken to him several times on the phone but wondered who he is. This is Din Shaikh our very capable Reservations Supervisor.A in 1987 at the Medina Sheraton as a Guest Service Agent and continued as one till his posting in Sana'a in September 1996. During his stint at the Medina Sheraton he was given job exposure in Doha, Riyadh, Jeddah and harma Al Hada Sheratons. To do a stu-pendous job,Din needs to have all figures at the tip Sanjay Sharma of his fingers. Mr Melhem and Mr. Sharma base the performance of the hotel and plan their strategies entirely on this. Din fits this position perfectly.

The last entrant to the department is Rami Nakhleh from Jordan who is only two days old in the organisation. He just completed his graduation and has joined the Sheraton Sana'a as a Sales Trainee.We wish him good luck in his new assignment.

it's all happening at Sheraton the smile on his face when he gets a good deal is a sight worth watching. With a back-ground of Front Office and Peep into the Executive office and one cannot miss the demure Gretel Balgos, the efficient Sales Secretary, who sits right at the entrance. Originally working for the Personnel Department, Gretel was found more suited to Sales. She is kept so busy by the Sales Team that she hardly has the time to take herself away from the computer.

Having been in the Middle East for a few years now, Sanjay closely monitors the progress Yemen is making. According to him, 'Yemen has really grown in leaps and bounds over the last few years. The potential in this country is tremendous and the changes that have taken place is astounding. Tourism is definitely going to be the main foreign exchange earner for the country. The earnings from this sector may not be to the same extent as it is in Egypt, Tunisia and Morocco but over the next few years is going to contribute in a much bigger way. A little bit of facelift to the infrastructure is all that loyal Sheratonian ,he started his career is needed. Yemen will soon be a big force to reckon with in the Middle East and with this in mind I.T.T Sheraton may be looking for ways in which it can spread its wings in this area. To be where it is today, inspite of all the ups and downs, would not have been possible without the assistance and guidance of Mr. Abdullah Melhem. Having himself a Marketing background which was his forte for the last 20 years, each day he has a new lesson to teach the Sheraton Sana'a Sales and Marketing Team.

found to his amazement, that there were no Sales Personnel. He personally opened the door to commence the department from scratch with the able assistance of Fouad Hamid who was made a Sales manager then. From then to today, the Sales and Marketing Team has come a long way. It could not be more complete as it is at this current stage. The team comprises of seven staff who cover each and every aspect of Sales and Marketing.

Right on top is Mr. Sanjay Sharma who has 15 years of exposure in the hotel industry. Having worked in various capacities in various locations he brought with him the rich experience of the past

Where the hotel stands today is to a great extent due to his entrepreneurship. Not a day goes by without him coming up with a new idea that is implemented. The overall Sales & Marketing strategy is worked out and guided by him. Entirely in charge of the local market

is Fouad Hamid, the able Assistant Director of Sales. He can be seen

anywhere trying to tap the market to see what best he can come up with and very often being successful. He always has something up his sleeve and



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#### Lively Graduation Ceremony

#### A New Batch of English Teachers Graduates

Thursday June 12th witnessed the graduation ceremony of a new batch of English teachers - 91 students in all. This is the four-teenth batch of graduates from the College of Education, Department of English.

Unlike in all other previous years, when the event passed calmly and without much fanfare, this year's graduates organized a noisy party. "The fact that they can hold such a party is by itself a sign of the new times," exclaimed an observer.

Yet, the pro-Islah dean of the College of Arts, who controls the facilities at the old university campus, refused to allow the students execute their program. So, they celebrated at the Research and Studies Center Hall.

Dr. Abdulaziz Al Makhaleh, Director of Sanaa University, gave a speech on this occasion. "Teachers are the cornerstone of the development in Yemen," he said stressing the role of teachers. Dr. Waheeba Fare'a, one of the outstanding educational per-sonalities present in the party, gave a word too. She said, "The students of the English department are the best students of the Faculty. I was very happy to teach them."

The outstanding students were honored. There were also prizes for the first three top students presented by Al Kalim Bookshop and the Yemeni International Language Institute.

Then it was time for photos, as individual students and groups took pictures with family and friends

Then the hall, packed with an audience of about 1000 was





said.

Romaim, a promising young woman, gave a speech on behalf

of her classmates. "Education

prepares us for a better life.

Foday is a watershed in our lives.

We have learned a lot during the

last four years. We have a lot

more learning to do in our work

lives as we partake in the devel-opment of our country," Naila

By Ali Al Malhani,

Yemen Times.

entertained by SAM musical band which presented many Arab and foreign songs. The audience interacted enthusiastically with much clapping and applause.

The next part of the entertainment included some acting. Students of the batch acted some scenes from Shakespeare's "Macbeth" and Marlowe's "Dr. Faustus". Other students participated with poems and sketches.

At the end of the party, Naila Al

Yeoman's Yemen A British Council exhibition of prints, pastels and oils by Royal Academician Martin Yeoman

The Second of A Two-Book Review on:

## THE PENETRATION OF ARABIA

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**Book Review:** Rub Al-Khali Leeres Viertel: Invention ueber das Spiel by: Michael Roes Gatza bei Eichborn, 1996

The book reviewed this week, like the first reviewed last week, were written by young European men, in their advanced thirties and well acquainted with the language of Arabia. Both books belong to the genre of travel literature although they depart from the established canons. Both finally reflect the fact that after Edward Said's salutary critic of orientalist literature, impunity is no more granted when writing about other cultures, be it in a scholarly or leisurely/fictitious manner. All the more so about Yemen which Arabs and others see as a living museum of Arabian traditions, full of authenticity and littered with ruins of ancient civilization. But regardless of both authors efforts to dissociate themselves from cheap orientalist romanticism they both end up living in traditional houses from which Yemenis want to escape. Be it to enjoy the skyline from a belvedere over Bab Shu'ub like Tim Macintosh-Smith or the open-air courtyard (shamsiyya) of a house in the former Jewish ghetto of al-Qaa, an interlope neighborhood nowadays. And as could be guessed beforehand, these young intellectuals make no heel of their disdain for common expatriates or diplomats.

Michael Roes' book is definitely less fun and more demanding to read than Travels in Dictionary (reviewed last week). Land Tourists who buy it as a companion for a trip to Yemen will probably be in for severe disappointment. Although its author spent less than a year in Yemen in 1993-94, he managed to write a thick 774-page book. And whereas TMS gives his readers what they can expect, and more, from an excellent travel book about Yemen, MR makes sure he meets his own definition of a good theater play : leave the expectations of the spectators unfulfilled. Pushing the game about previous travelers even further than TMS, who would only quote them or compare their observations with his own, MR wrote a collage-like diary of a travel to Arabia. Borrowing mostly from Niebuhr's Description of a travel to Arabia but also from Lane, Glaser and Lawrence, among others, MR invented the character of Alois Schnittke. He is the unsuccessful puppet-theater director from Weimar turned secretary and illustrator in a 5-man expedition to Yemen conducted by Count de la

Motte-Fauteuil. Similarly to Niebuhr's experience, all other members of the expedition die in various circumstances before Schnittke ends up in a Bedouin camp of the Empty Quarter in the second part of the book. At this point the precise diary is transformed into a dateless account of dream-like experiences and conversations reflecting the narrator's blurred perceptions. Parallel to MR own research, an anthropologist by training he came to Yemen to study children games after previous field-

work with Sinai Bedouins, Schnittke also records handful of picky Yemenologists point to its limits. games at length and has many interesting comments to do all along his itinerary from Weimar to Mareb nstantinople tribution has met exercice de style or successful pastiche, that this fictitious diary represents is paralleled by the author's own diary of fieldwork, from his boarding the Yemen-bound plane to a similarly fictitious ending as the hostage of a Mareb Bedouin tribe during the 1994 war. The diary-cum-field notes is full of information about children games, tribal dances, performance/ theatrality of daily life and constantly attempts to compare the place and nature of playing in Western and Arab societies. Hence, the obsession of the anthropologist to go to Mareb where games are supposed to be more authentic, which, as he comes to conclude, means closest of all to the bellicose lifestyle of tribesmen of the Empty Quarter. As an anthropologist obsessed with the risk of ethno-centrism, MR keeps coming back to dis-cussing his perceptions and impressions and towards the past. confirms that traveling is an essentially intro-spective venture. The double diary structure also reinforces the self-centered aspect of the book. And since his fellow-anthropologist Claude Levi-Strauss had already started his <u>Tristes Tropiques</u> with the sentence "I hate travels and explorators", MR left his literary double Schnittke utter "I, who hate initial statement of disgust did not prevent them **By: Renaud Detalle** 

from writing at unusual length about the throes of fieldwork and the pain of homesickness. One is sometimes reminded to Aden, Arabie, Frenchman Paul Nizan who came to tutor Besse fils for a year in the thirties before returning to France to write the book and join the Communist Party.

#### Arabian Sex

A marginal aspect of the book is the fact that his author decided to speak openly about his own per-manent craving for tenderness or affection and how he tried to fulfill it in one-night stands with men met at the movie or elsewhere. But he makes it impossible to blame him too quickly for being just another orientalist homosexual (or is homosexual orientalist better ?) gone East for bad reasons by regularly displaying his own malaise regarding not only his frustrating ephemeral intercourses but also his entire research. In fact MR's diary, which has been carefully rewritten and luckily omits a number of his Sanaa acquaintances while others are merci-lessly executed, is impregnated with a feeling of dissatisfaction and despair. And MR's regular bouts with disease and fever seem to be a case of psycho-somatic pathology. Isn't it telling that two of the most frequently used adjectives in the dizzyingly intermingled diaries are "sullen" and "tender"?

The almost exhibitionist choice of MR contrasts sharply with that of TMS who relishes telling

that of IMS who relishes telling sexually explicit stories and anec-dotes. Between a blind girl going banana and a slave girl's "flabby vagina" he manages to give an image of Yemen that fits the erotic fantasies of some Western men and women longing for the permanent sexual availability of luscious Orientals (as in the 1001 Nights filmed, in Yemen, by Pasolini). But do not expect any revelation about the gen-tleman's own life, it is always the others who do the dirty things.

Definitely not as well versed in the subtleties of Arabic as TMS, MR could still have chosen the same subtitle to his own book instead of Invention about the game. Just like TMS, he keeps referring to Arabic terms and quotes at length from his own dictionary. For interested readers he even gives a two-page long list of terms used to describe he and she-camels according to all sorts of criteria (colour, height, age ... ). This, in addition to an annex that sums up his findings about Yemeni games.

Another fascinating analogy between the two books is how they Another end up telling the same true story of this English Reverend who came to Yemen in the 19th century to convert the tribe of Arhab. If TMS just repeats the historical facts, including the distribution of Arabiclanguage Bibles, MR incorporates this episode into the fictional diary of Schnittke and makes it even more bizarre than it already was.

There is no need to conclude with a comparison between two obviously very different books. The English one is an instant classic that will become must reading for travelers and residents in Yemen leaving a

Translations in other languages would probably be a good investment. The more disturbing German conan enthusiastic Germany and tens of thousands of copies have been sold. Considering the superficial idea of Yemen it gives, one guesses this success has more to do with the author's style and broader themes touched upon in the book : the Orient and otherness, the central theme of game/playing and at a lesser degree the sincere and cool reflections about homo-sexuality and gender fabrication. Anthropologist call the second ethnography of a village or tribe a restudy. After MR came to Yemen in the footsteps of an imaginary expedition, TMS has already started working on his next book, travels from al-Andalus to al-Fars (Persia) in the footsteps of Ibn Battuta, to be published next millennium. Re-travels seem to be the new fashion. But fin de siecle literature usually tends to be oriented

#### 14 June - 11 July 1997 National Art Centre Sana'a Old City

This exhibition includes works which illustrates Tim Mackintosh - Smith's bo k Yemen: Travels in Dictimary Land

This book was launched in Yemen at the British Council on Sunday 15 June 1997. The author has been described as "witty, quirky, learned, poetic, he brings Yemen to vivid life, and has created a work that will endure." (Times 12 April 1997) Copies are still available at the British Council for \$25 or Yemen Riyal equivalent.

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It must be a matter of pride for Yemenis to realize that the magic of their country can inspire two such different books which have different qualitie but deserve many readers. Let us just hope that they do not attract too many decadent visitors choosing Yemen for reasons which are not the ones promoted by the Ministry of Tourism.





Following the introduction of new investment laws in Sudan, the country's Minister for Foreign Trade Othman Al Hadi Ibrahim met with Ahmad Mohammad Al Midfa', Chairman of Sharja Chamber of Commerce and Industry (SCCI), and Said Obaid Al Jarwan, Director General of SCC. The topics of discussion were to invite Gulf investors into Sudan.

Heading an eight-member delegation, Ibrahim outlined Sudan's new investment law, which includes 100% ownership of foreign businessmen, full repatriation of profits and 70-100% exemption on customs duties, and other goodies. Although the UAE has previously extended aid to Sudan in cultural, education, transport, medical and other primary services, Ibrahim said the full potential of the country is yet to be exploited especially in the fields of mineral resources, fisheries, livestock and animal feed and small scale industries.

Currently, Sudan exports livestock and animal feed worth US\$1.5 million which can be boosted to US\$2 million. Other assets of the country include 200 million hectares of fertile land of which only 20% is utilized, 250 million hectares of forests and pastures and 10 major mines of gold, copper, marble and iron. Last season's production of these mines was 750,000 tons.

#### **Kenya Accuses Amnesty** of Inciting Citizens

Kenya has dismissed criticism by Amnesty International of its dismal human rights record as an attempt by the organization to incite citizens against the government. The London-based human rights watchdog urged aid donors to send human rights observers to Kenya, alleging the east African country continued to abuse human rights despite having ratified international treaties on civil liberties

Amnesty International's Secretary General Pierre Sane, who led a delegation on a two-week tour of Kenya, told a news conference that torture, extra judicial killing by the police and repression of freedom of assembly and expression were rampant. But a government statement published called the accusations presumptuous and selective ... calculated to incite the citizens against their government. The government always took legal and administrative action when cases of torture, murder or use of excessive force by the police were reported, the statement added.

Many donor countries have already taken steps to make the Kenyan government see light.

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#### **Eight-nation Meet in Istanbul Agree to Improve Ties**

Officials from eight Muslim countries gathered in Istanbul for a summit were able to agree on major cooperation plans. The meeting was set to launch the Developing-Eight (D-8) economic cooperation group, bringing together Bangladesh, Egypt, Indo-nesia, Iran, Pakistan, Malaysia, Nigeria and Turkey to put trade, industry and financial projects into practice.

Two issues clouded the prospects, however.

A pro-West military establishment which, under direct orders from the West, is hassling a democratically elected government. Erbakan pro-Islamist Refah has agreed to turn in the reign of powers to its coalition partner in government rather than risk a confrontation with the army.

The second issue again originates in the army. The army generals, in an effort to kiss up to the international Jewish lobby, is forging ahead with military alliance talks with Israel, thus throwing cold water on the Islamic countries efforts to come together.

"D-8 is the organization of a new world. It is a turning point in our region's history, because a new world is being founded. These moves are being made in the name of humanity," Erbakan told his

Islam-based Welfare Party. Political analysts say the D-8 group, devised as a potential developing world partner to the G-7 group of rich countries. But the new camp is no match for the bigger and richer camp.

#### **QADDAFI:** "Leaders backed my plan."

Libyan leader Moammar Qaddafi said all his fellow Arab heads of governments had backed his grand scheme for a summit to plot the Arab World's future course in the 21st century. Qaddafi, quoted by the Egyptian press said, "All Arab leaders (in response to his invitation) have accepted our invitation to hold an Arab summit in Cairo aimed at drawing up a strategy for the 21st century so the Arab world can meet all challenges."

He was speaking at a press conference after a meeting in the northeastern Libyan city of Tobruq with Egyptain President Hosni Mubarak. "The summit meeting will have nothing to do with peace process or surrender," he said. "It will define a future project. Everyone in the world is planning for the future except the Arabs. No date or place was given for the summit.

Observer believe the summit is not in the offing.

**Israel Blocks the Peace Talks** 

The chief of Israel's military, General Amnon The GCC Ministers of Labor and Social Affairs Shahak, set alarm bells ringing by declaring that Syria had prepared for a possible attack on the Jewish state. Israel radio and media reported that Shahak told an audience of Jewish leaders in New York of a different sort of atmosphere in Syria which implied Damascus had prepared itself for war.

They are speaking more and more in Syria about the possibility of war with Israel," he said. The statement led to quick denials by other security officials who told Israeli newspapers there were no indications Israel was headed towards war with Syria and that Shahak must have been quoted out of context. Israeli-Syrian talks have been suspended since February 1996.

Efforts to rekindle the negotiations since the rightwing government of Prime Minister Benyamin Netanyahu have faltered over the issue of the Golan Heights. Syria insists any talks must start where they left off under Israel's previos Labor Administration, with an agreement - in principle - that Syria would regain the strategic plateau in exchange for security arrangements and a peace treaty with Israel. Netanyahu refused to commit himself to any position on the Golan Heights prior to the resumption of negotiations.

Israel is also entrenched in a street battle with Palestinian civilians in various cities ostensibly under the control of the Palestinian Authority. Netanyahu has reneged on several promises his predecessors had made, and has even renaged on pledges his own governments had made. This has also led to the suspension of talks with the Palestinians.

At the same time, Netanyahu has been providing funds to construct new Israeli colonies (settlements) on land that he says he is willing to turn over to the Palestinians following the talks.

Relations with the two Arab states which had signed peace treaties with Israel have also deteriorated. Both Egypt and Jordan, seen in the West as moderate and reasonable, have hit their lowest in a long time.

appealed to the French and German leaders to urge the American Administration to put pressure on Israel to come to its senses.

Neither the Arabs nor the Israelis have any option but to push ahead with the peace talks. War is goping to be a disaster.

The only other alternative open to the Arab side is to freeze the whole peace negotiations until such a time when either Israel sees light on its own, or they are in a position to make it see light. This prospect may be a few years away.

**Unified GCC Social Security System** 

have jointly worked on a final draft of a unified law to set up a social security system for Gulf citizens. The draft will now be reviewed at the level of the Board of Ministers of Labor and Social Affairs of the Gulf region.

Once approved, technical committees will take up the steps to implement the law. The draft proposes various employment and unemployment benefits to Gulf citizens. The benefits will cover medical care, leave, occupational risks, retirement and permanent migration and also relate to issues like disability reassessment, lump-sum compensation, insurance classifications and a public plan for investment. Currently, there is no security coverage for the GCC nationals working in the government and private sector.

#### World Bank Boost for Lebanon

World Bank President James Wolfensohn announced a big increase in funding for Lebanon and declared his backing for Prime Minister Rafik Hariri's much-criticised deficit financing of national reconstruction. "The World Bank has its confidence in the prime minister's policy," he said. Wolfensohn said he would do the same thing as Al Hariri if he were in his shoes.

He then announced the quadrupling of WB funding for Lebanon to US\$400 million a year from US\$100 million. The WB and its private sector arm the International Finance Corporation have allocated a total of US\$420 million to Lebanon in 1997

The Bank also increased emergency funding by US\$50 million to a total of US\$150 million. The total WB financing for Lebanon totalling US\$600 million a year. Al Hariri said the World Bank and IFC contributions would total US\$2.2 billion over the next four years.

#### Saudi Arabia Lures Investors

That is why Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak has Saudi Arabia is set to attract more than US\$2 billion in foreign capital as it presses ahead with plans to remove investment barriers for foreigners. "Assuming that the funds set up by the Kingdom's 12 banks raise at least US\$200 million each, then more than US\$2 billion will find their way into the Saudi market," a Riyadh-based banker said.

The capitalization of the nearly 70 institutions listed in the bank-controlled stock market was estimated at around 179 billion Riyals at the end of May. This means that if it will invest in half those institutions, then its capital will be at least US\$200 million.

## **PB-Thabet Links: New Milestone**

The Yemen-British Lubricants Mar-keting Company (SYC) was born on Monday 16th June. It is the fruit of a joint venture between the British Petroleum Company p.l.c., which is one of the world's 'largest petroleum and petrochemical groups, and the Thabet Brothers Group of Companies, one of the largest business enterprises in the Republic of Yemen. BP is now looking for new markets in Yemen. Its new joint venture with the Thabet Group will give it the access it needs.

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the joint venture is a fully paid up of \$ 1 million. BP's share is 44% while 56% goes to the Yemeni partner. The new company's main offices will be located in Hodeidah, with branches in all major cities in Yemen.

The links between BP and the Thabet Group go back to more than 18 years. The new venture will further cement the cooperation between them.

It is believed that demand for lubricants

clearly shown by the feasibility study for the project.

Mr. Abdul-Wahab Thabet, a Director of the Thabet Group, expressed optimism at the prospects of the new company. "With growing market demand, well-informed partners, and professional management, this is a real winner," he said.

By: Dr. Salah Haddash,







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1) \$5,000 and Important Documents Stolen from Yemeni Embassy in Kenya

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3) Gas Station in Qatan, Hadharmaut Blown Up with Dynamite

4) Somali Refugees Still Smuggled into Yemen

#### **Article Summary:** Social Safety Net

#### by Abdulrahman Khubara

About \$50 million have been allocated by the World Bank and the Yemeni government to support the social safety net in Yemen. This money is meant to redress some of the expected social problems likely to arise as a consequence of the economic and financial reforms. In some countries, riots and social unrest took place in protest against the temporary negative side effects of reform programs. A year and a half have passed since the allocation of the money. The Ministry of Social Security, however, has not made any moves. the ministry can use some of the money provided to buy off some of the loss-making public sector enterprises. This will help keep many people employed.

#### AL-WAHDAWI: Sana'a (Weekly) 17-6-97 (Nasserite Unionist Party)

#### Main Headlines:

1) American Pressures on Yemen to Normalize with Israel and Crackdown on Islamic Fundamentalists

2) Government Rejects Parliament's Recommendations and Accepts World Bank's 3) UN will Provide Yemen with \$200 Million **During Next 5 Years** 

**Article Summary:** What does the President want? by Majdi A. Shihab

The President might want to make some changes in society. He will largely need the people's support. This was given by voting for his party. In Third world countries, the people's votes do not guarantee the achievement of their aspirations.

Through his authority and power, the President can effectively influence many issues, even if the PGC does not have a parliamentary majority. The President's right to dissolve parliament is a means of exerting pressure on it. The President, however, does not seem to have sufficient power to control certain events such as the Hunaish crisis and the border issues. Some of the old faces in the new government appointed by the President will not be of much help, judging by their past failures.

#### AL-SAHWA: Sana'a (Weekly) 19-6-97 [Yemeni Congregation for Reform (Islah)] **Main Headlines:**

1) Consultative Council Endorses Local Administration Bill of Law 2) YR.21 Million Losses Due to Strike at Kamaran Cigarette Factory 3) Foreign Fishing Trawlers' Violations **Threaten National Fish Wealth** 

#### Article Summary:

Gemini Still in Aden

The Panamanian registered ship, Gemini has been in the Port of Aden since 24th April. It is carrying 20,000 tons of subsidized flour. About 10,500 tons have been unloaded at different times for the Havil Saeed Group, Al-Kor and the Trade companies, and the Military Establishment. This long delay in unloading the ship is causing big losses for the country. It also harms the international reputation of the Port of Aden. It will seem an inefficient establishment.



## Yemeni Press in a Week

#### by: Adel J. Mogbil

#### AL-WAHDA: Sana'a (Weekly) 18-6-97 (Official)

#### Main Headlines:

1) The President: "Yemen and Oman have presented a good model to be followed." 2) Council of Ministers Ratifies New Arms Law 3) Local Administration Law Submitted to President

#### Article Summary: What Do the People Want? by Saeed Al-Amoudi

For a mysterious reason, the good people of Yemen have not seen good times since the reign of Queen Bilquis. Yemen can become as advanced as its neighbors. With the coming of the new government, some people are optimistic, while others have become quite desperate. The former are quite patient. They look forward to exploiting the treasures still hidden underneath the land of Yemen. The dejected ones can see no difference between the past and the present. What will the new Prime Minister, Bin Ghanim do for a population a third of which has immigrated looking for a better life? The two thirds that are left include the unemployed and the greedy merchants. Despite all of what is being said, the future looks quite rosy.

#### AL-THAWRI: Sana'a (Weekly) 19-6-97 (Yemeni Socialist Party)

Main Headlines:

1) Politburo Member: "The YSP has learnt the art of differing... there will be no return to totalitarianism."

2) Tribal Fighting in Beidha Flares Up Again 3) No Truth in Mass Defection from YSP to PGC in Hodieda

Central Security Kicks Out Dockyard Employees from their Offices in Aden

#### **Article Summary:** Military Campaign in Qaatba

Many people were arrested in the town of Qaatba in Al-Beidha governorate because of participating in two peaceful demonstrations. Several hundred people participated in the first demonstration, which took place on Saturday 14 June. It was in protest against the Economic Establishment (military) selling the already very scarce drinking water to qat farmers. The second demonstration was in protest against the arrests that took place after the first one. The security forces, supported by the military police, fired in the air during the demonstrations.

AL-UMMA: Sana'a (Weekly) 19-6-97 (AL-Haq Party) Main Headlines:

1) Haq Party Condemns American Congress Decision to Turn Holy Qods into Jewish City 2) Eritrean Authorities Prevent Yemeni Airplane from Passing Through its Airspace

Kidnapped Arab Bank Deputy Manager Handed to a Bakeel Sheikh for Imminent Release

4) Saudi Pilot Downed in Yemen Last April to be **Returned Back to Saudi Arabia** 

for 45 days. A new system of payment will be adopted after that.

The syndicate of Sana'a University professors has threatened to strike. They are protesting against the delay in implementing the government's last-year directive to raise their salaries.

The Kamaran cigarette factory workers will renew their strike, which took place last week. They complain that the committee formed by the management to negotiate their demands is not serious in its work. They are demanding adjustments in their salaries and payment of bonuses.

#### AL-JAMAHEER: Sana'a (Weekly) 19-6-97 (Arab Ba'ath Socialist Party)

**Main Headlines:** 1) Attempt to Assassinate Two Ba'ath Regional **Command Members is Widely Condemned** Ba'ath Secretary-General Heads Regional **Command Periodic Meeting** 

3) Yemen to Host Meeting of Union of Arab **Teachers Council** 

#### Article Summary: **Biggest Fraud Gang**

A fraud gang was recently arrested in Ibb. Under the false promise of offering work for Yemenis in the UK, US, or Australia, the gang charges \$ 650 a head. Out of 80 persons conned by the gang, 39 were sent to Cairo, allegedly to learn English in preparation of the imaginary jobs abroad. People were falsely promised free accommodations language courses. Dud job contracts were printed in Arabic and English by the gang. Each contract was exchanged with \$ 3,000. Some young men had so sell their homes or their government employment post to get the money. They were also duped into believing that their visas had arrived at the British Embassy in Sana'a.

#### AL-BALAGH: Sana'a (Weekly) 17-6-97 (Independent) Main Headlines:

1) Prince Sultan Emphasizes the Fraternal Relations Between Yemen and Saudi Arabia

2) American Team to Help Clear Mines of 1994 **Civil War** 

3) Attempt to Leak Final Year Secondary School. **Exam Questions Failed** 

#### **Article Summary:**

**New Education Policies** 

Serious moves are being made towards Yemenizing the education system. Out of 6,850 non-Yemeni teachers, the contracts of 2,700 will not be renewed. Incompetent teachers will be the first to go. Combating corruption, reviewing the organizational structure, and administering regular training courses are also on the new minister's agenda. Monthly salaries will be promptly paid. Arab teachers will have bank accounts opened in their names to facilitate the payment of their salaries.

French will be introduced to the curricula of a number of schools, alongside English.

#### AL-RAI AL-AAM: Sana'a (Weekly) 17-6-97 (Independent)

Main headlines:

1) Islah-Controlled Religious Institutes to be Abolished in August

2) YR. 32 Million Profit Made by Dockyards **Company Last year** 

3) Man Killed in Land Dispute in Arahab

4) Cooperation in Satellite Broadcasting Between Yemen and Syria

#### Article Summary: **Ballot Boxes Sealed**

The Supreme Elections Committee has ordered the supervisory committee in Dhamar to seal the 26 ballot boxes in Center A, B, and C of Constituency # 204. Elections will be held in Centers E, F, and G. Elections at that constituency were stopped because some candidates and their henchmen resorted to firing their weapons. This was in response to indications that an independent candidate was set to win in that constituency. Several of candidate's unarmed supporters were injured in the shoot-out. Former candidates in other constituencies in Dhamar are trying to hold another ballot.





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#### **Article Summary:** Strikes

The pilots' strike has succeeded. An agreement has been reached with the Ministry of Transport. Pilots will be paid YR. 3,500, and co-pilots and aviation engineers will be paid YR 2,500 for each flight hour





## Shayef Zuhrah Sponsors the July 7th Boxing Championship

In a new step toward promoting the sport of boxing in Sana'a, Mr. Shayef Abdullah Bin Zuhrah has sponsored the July 7th boxing championship which includes a number of Yemeni champs. The championship which takes place at Al Ahli club in



#### Arab Chess Championship Hameed Qadhi Gets Ahead in 1st Stage

The preliminary chess matches for the Arab Chess Championship have started on Thursday 12 June in Bahrain. The Yemeni chess player, Hameed Al-Qadhi was able to defeat the Bahraini player Maher Abduljalil. This successful beginning shows the Yemeni player's determination to achieve an honorable result in this championship. The Qatari player, Mohammed Al-Mudhaihiki beat

The Qatari player, Mohammed Al-Mudhaihiki beat the Lebanese Ahmed Al-Najjar, the Iraqi Saad Sarsam beat the Jordanian Firas Mitualli, and the Sudanese Izzat Qasab beat the Palestinian Ahmed Al-Gharra.

#### Yemen Participates in Arab Sports Competitions in Lebanon

A Yemeni sports delegation has left for Lebanon on Friday 13th June to prepare for the Arab Sports Competitions, due to be held in Lebanon during 12-17 July. The Yemen Olympic Committee chose 4 sports games only. They are judo, athletics, wresSana'a, lasts for three days, starting from June 30th up to July 2nd. This championship constitutes the first practical test for new referees who were not given any attention by the Ministry of Youth and Sports. They will have an enhanced experience of refereeing. In addition, the championship is an opportunity for the new boxers the explore their potential.

This is not the first time in which Shayef Zuhrah supports Yemeni sports and sportsmen. He has participated in many such occasions, the last of which was supporting the national football team. He was the first to present his sponsorship, considering it as a national duty. We hope that all Yemeni businessmen follow the example of Shayef Zuhrah. The role played by businessmen is a vital one in promoting the Yemeni sports conditions. Many great companies in the developed world do promote sports.

tling, and taekwando. Yemeni champions in these games are known for their good performance and ability to achieve good results in Arab championships.

Hussein Al-Awadhi, the General Secretary of the Yemen Olympic Committee, said, "These competitions have restarted after a long stop. The participant Arab delegations aim to achieve a brotherly Arab sports meeting. We hope that this meeting will help develop sports in the Arab world. This will help Arab teams to actively take part in international championships. The Olympic Committee will reward the Yemeni players who make distinguished sports achievements."

#### **Arab Bank Supports Yemeni Sports**

The Arab Bank was the only Arab establishment that contributed to supporting the players of the Yemeni National Football Team. It responded quickly to the call for donations made by Yemen Times. The Arab Bank has donated YR. 100,000.

It has previously supported sport training courses to qualify coaches and referees. This goes to prove the cooperation of the Arab commercial sector in supporting Yemeni sports.

### EMIRATES CRICKET CUP 97 (YCA TOURNAMENT) PTC Defeats PCC

Emirates

On June 20, 1997, Pakistan Tigers Cricket Club (PTC) played their first and the third league match with Pakistan Cricket Club (PCC)-The reigning league champions, at Al Thawra Stadium, Sana'a. The Tigers won the match with 36 runs.

The weather was ideal fog the cricket game and H.E. the ambassador of Pakistan Mr. Amin Jan Naim, attended the occasion as a chief guest. PTC won the toss and chose to bat in the presence of a



match



big crowd of cricket fans in Yemen, as the match was predicted to be crucial and interesting. Arif Butt and Fahad opened inning for PTC while Sheraz and Agil were the attack bowlers from PCC side. PTC did not make a good start and with the departure of Fahad, Arif and Salman the situation became difficult only to be rescued by Ali with a Knock of 46 runs including two mighty sixers. Since both teams were equally balanced, so PTC could only manage to reach a total of 165 runs in 25 overs. From PCC side Masroor, Sheraz, Ehsan and Adil

bagged 4, 3, 2, and 1 wickets each. The PCC inning was opened by Abid and Aqil while Ali and Fahad were the attack bowlers from PTC side. Both batsmen started batting confidently and always were looking for a good score which did not materialize because of fiery spell of PTC bowlers. The same was the fate of batting of other batsmen, so consequently PCC could manage to

PTC		PCC		
Arif Butt	15	Abid	7	
Fahad	1	Agil	17	
Nabil	18	Tarig	11	
Salman	0	Wasi	4	
Ali	46	Taimoori	4	
Nasir	20	Sheraz	34	
Shafquat	15	Adil	1	
Ahsan	1	Masroor		
Naeem	6	Shehrose	9	
Manzoor	0	Ehsan	11	
Naeem	3	Sherry	2	
Extra	40	Extra	31	
Total	165	Total	129	

reach the total score of 129 runs. From PCC side Sheraz was the top

scorer with 34 runs. From PTC

side Fahad, Nasir, Salman and Ahsan bagged 1, 2, 2, 2 wickets each. It was a day of wide balls.

Ali Azhar was the man of the

Tahir and Joshi were the umpirers.

Reported by Masroor Alam

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