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## Breaking Laws on Brand Names & Copy Rights

# Asking for Trouble with World Order

Yemenis routinely break their laws. Nobody seems interested in upholding the law, which is respected only when the individuals and/or groups whose rights are violated are strong and influential enough. But now, this law-breaking practice has grown to affect people and companies beyond the boundaries of Yemen. Two kinds of violations are especially widespread.

**1) Infringing on Brand Names:**  
In many instances, Yemeni importers fake the brand names, logos and signs of well-known international companies/products. By doing that, they capitalize on the good name and reputation of those brands. The practice has now moved from imitation to outright full copying. Let us use an example now in the courts. Mr. Al-Qawsi of Wadi Bana has copied the patent, design, bottling, packing and packaging of an insecticide product of a German company called BASF. Al-Qawsi had the fake product made in India, packaged/transhipped in the UAE - both at a fraction of the cost - given the quality. He is now selling the product to Yemeni farmers as if it were a BASF product. The Ministry of Agriculture, as the authorizing body for the import, could not explain itself. Confronted with the evidence, the Minister, Mr. Ahmed Salim Al-Jabaly, was shocked and gave strong orders to correct the situation. He ordered the nullification of the import license and the recall of the goods from the market. But neither of the two orders was carried out. Some of his assistants and clerks are implicated.

The Yemeni distributor of the BASF product has taken the case to court, where it is expected to drag on indecisively for a long time. BASF company itself is considering legal action - both against the violator and the ministry. The German commercial attache in Sanaa is also involved.

This is one of many, many violations flourishing in Yemen. What this will do is bring down international companies and their governments on us. Violating patent and brand names is a serious offence, and could lead to many problems for Yemen. There is another consideration. The government of Yemen wants international investors to come. If it cannot uphold patent and brand rights, investors are unlikely to come. This matter is also important for the IMF and the World Bank which, through the reform programs, want to integrate Yemen into the international market.

**2) Copy Right:**  
It is a well-known fact that both professors and students at Yemeni universities freely copy books and research papers. In Yemen, there isn't much respect for the academic work of others. Cases of violations at our universities abound. They are not frowned upon, let alone punished. Let us use examples. Plagiarism is a commonly accepted practice as researchers 'borrow' this idea or that lab result. There are documented cases of full transplants of academic articles and research conclusions. At another level, the scarcity of books has resulted in the practice of photocopying of

books. This happens because the books prescribed as required reading (textbooks), are not available in sufficient quantities. Hence whole-sale photocopying is 'officially' sanctioned. The financial loss to authors and publishers is clear.

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## HUNAISH ARBITRATION: The Need to Inform the Public!

As one politician put it recently, "The Hunaish verdict will determine the future political career of Prime Minister Abdulkarim Al-Iryani." Last week, there were yet some more court deliberations. A verdict is not yet in sight. Originally, scheduled for May 20-22 1998, issuance of the sentence was postponed twice. Now, an August deadline is one more time postponed. Yemen and Eritrea which have competing claims over the Hunaish Archipelago, had established a five-member court of arbitration, which sits in London. Now the verdict,

which is both final and binding, may be announced in September, 1998. Given the court complications and rising level of uncertainty over the verdict, it is important that the regime provides more details to the public on how the court deliberations are going. Keeping the public in the dark will lead to violent reactions against the regime, especially if the verdict is not satisfactory to the Yemeni public. President Ali Abdullah Saleh and Prime Minister Iryani are well-advised to share more information with opinion makers including those in the opposition.



## YEMEN & SAUDI ARABIA: New Escalation in an Already Tense Relationship

Saudi Arabia and Yemen are two neighbors that have tried and failed to be good friends. The problem is basically the lack of trust between the leaderships of the two countries. There are two reasons:  
1) Saudi Arabia routinely exercises influence in Yemeni affairs. It used to be accepted by the Yemenis. But as Yemen grew - through reunification, democratization, etc. - Saudi influence is being resisted.

2) Then there is the undefined border separating the two countries. Historically, expansionist Saudi Arabia took advantage of all its neighbors. Recently, the Saudis saw new advantage in Yemen's internal difficulties. The Saudis announced "We are not bound by the border agreement between Yemen and Oman" concluded in 1991. They claim that the agreement incorporates territories claimed by Saudi Arabia.

Yemen and Oman responded by issuing their own disclaimers. The Yemeni regime, in spite of repeated concessions, failed to impress on the Saudis. Maybe the problem is in the approach. President Saleh has been using corrupt officials who receive hand-outs from Saudi Arabia to negotiate on Yemen's behalf. It is as if he is unable to find patriotic and able Yemenis who can stand up for Yemen's rights and interests.

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## OUR VIEWPOINT

### Population Growth: A Pressing Problem for Yemen

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.

A key issue in socio-economic development is the population growth rate. The reason is that the population growth rate eats away from the gross economic growth rate, and reduces the possibilities of savings, and subsequent investments. Let us take the example of Yemen. The gross economic growth rate at the moment is 5%, and the population growth rate is 3.7%. That leaves a net economic growth rate is only 1.3%.

But the problem of population growth rate is not just numbers, and how much it bites away from the growth of the economy. A rising number of people require a lot more investments in infrastructure, utilities, education, health, etc. It also puts a burden on the productive segment of society, especially if a large part of the population is too young to work. Let us take the example of Yemen, again. The population group under 18 years makes up more than 50% of the total.

There is another way of looking at this problem. How many persons does each bread-winner support. In the advanced societies, each working adult supports 1.5 persons. That means, more or less people keep what they earn and spend it on their needs. Once such needs are met, the rest goes to savings, and future investments. In Yemen, each working adult supports about six persons. That means, whatever a person earns, is spread to cover the needs of six persons. The end result is that there is no surplus for savings. In reality, the earnings are often not enough to meet the full needs.

In Muslim societies, there is the mistaken belief that family planning is against Islamic teachings. I have yet to see one evidence to support this allegation. To the contrary, I have seen a lot of evidence to the contrary. In fact, Iran, a strong and vehemently Muslim nation, is a showcase in effective family planning.

In our Yemeni culture, people used to have large families. The reason for that was a high death rate. By having eight or nine kids, the family ensures some will be spared by diseases, which often kill many children. But now better health services have reduced the risks of death. In addition, the absence of any form of state-based social security and old age benefits, parents with several children stand a higher chance of being supported than parents with fewer offsprings. But now, there is a state-based coverage. Also many parents find that investments are a better source of income than their children.

One of the most important problems of family planning in Yemen is that the facilities required by potential users are not readily available. For example, pills for pregnancy control are not readily available in the capital city, Sanaa; let alone in the countryside.

This country needs a focussed and persistent effort in addressing this matter. To touch it once a year in a rather shy way will not help the situation.

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#### EC Funds SFD Project

Mr. Manuel Manir, Vice President of the European Commission, has signed a 15-million ECU financing agreement for the 'Social Fund for Development' project in Yemen.

In order to alleviate the already visible adverse effects of the economic reform program, the Yemeni government, with the help of the EC and other donors, conceived the idea to establish the Social Fund for Development (SFD). The SFD focuses on capacity building, community development and small and micro enterprise development.

The project will build and develop the capacity of NGOs, cooperatives, and other community-based organizations as well as financial intermediaries.

#### Youth Summer Camp

Under the theme 'For an Optimal Exploitation of the Summer Vacation,' the first youth summer camp was opened on Saturday, July 18 in Old Sanaa. Lasting until August 12, the camp some 500 students doing various sports and cultural activities.

Similarly, more than 250 students from different governorates took part in the 4th students summer camp, which concluded its 20-day activities last week.

#### WB Agrees to Loan

A \$60 million loan agreement was initialed in Washington by Yemen and the World Bank. The WB will fund the establishment of a new 30-MW power station near Sanaa.

The agreement also entails the maintenance and expansion of the Dahban power station to increase its capacity to 20 MW, and the expansion of the relay station in Assir which is connected to the national grid.

#### Hadhramaut Society Expands Activities

Compared to many charities and NGOs, the Hadhramaut Social and Charitable Society stands out. Its projects and achievements abound. In addition, now it has regular bi-weekly meetings and seminars. Recently, the Society issued a weekly bulletin - Al-Mofeed. Al-Mofeed offers details of the activities of the society and its charity work.

#### Yemeni-Jordanian Talks Concluded

Yemeni-Jordanian talks on joint security action were concluded in Amman, Jordan by the countries' respective ministers of interior. Both countries agreed to further develop cooperation on various aspects of their national security. Yemeni-Jordanian talks on joint security coordination were concluded in Amman, Jordan by the countries' respective ministers of interior.

#### Bilharzia Training Course

A special one-week training course on combating bilharzia started in Sanaa on Saturday, July 18. A number of pertinent lectures on this disease participated in the course organized by the National Program to Combat Bilharzia, in cooperation with WHO.

#### Russian Economic Delegation Arrives

Headed by Mr. Smirnov, Director of Foreign Loans at the Ministry of Finance, a Russian delegation arrived in Yemen on Thursday, July 16. Discussions with Yemeni officials will focus on the re-scheduling of the Yemeni debts owed to Russia, according to the agreement with the Paris Club of creditors.

#### YHOC Fixes Holes

Working under heavy military protection, Yemen Hunt Oil Co. engineers fixed the two holes at KM82 and KM94 on the pipeline.

#### Y.net: Improved Services

Yemen's internet node (y.net) has seen improvements over the last few weeks. TeleYemen, the provider, carried out new enhancements, including replacement of old network modems, increasing access speed to up to 33.6 KBPS, upgrading of information software applications, and other steps that resulted in improved network performance. In addition, TeleYemen plans to expand its two access links to the UK and USA. The UK link, at 64 K and the USA link at 128 K will both be enhanced to 256 K each. Some 1,500 subscribers use the y.net service.

#### Public Phones in Yemen

The Ministry of Communications has announced its plans to introduce public phones in major Yemeni towns and cities. It was also announced that the digital mobile phone - GSA - will come into operation to replace the ordinary mobile phone.

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The Yemeni-Ethiopian Agricultural Company announces its intention to privatize its farm in Tadelly, Ethiopia.

The company's management invites all interested investors to obtain the relevant documents from:

- 1- Yemeni Embassy, Addis Ababa (Financial Administration)
- 2- Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation (Sanaa, Assistant Deputy Minister for Agricultural Affairs). A fee of \$50 or its equivalent must be paid.

The final date for receiving tender offers is at 12 noon on Wednesday, September 9, 1998. Envelopes will be opened in the Yemeni Embassy, Ethiopia, at 10am on Monday, September 14, 1998. It will be in the presence of the applicants or their representatives.

For more information, please contact:

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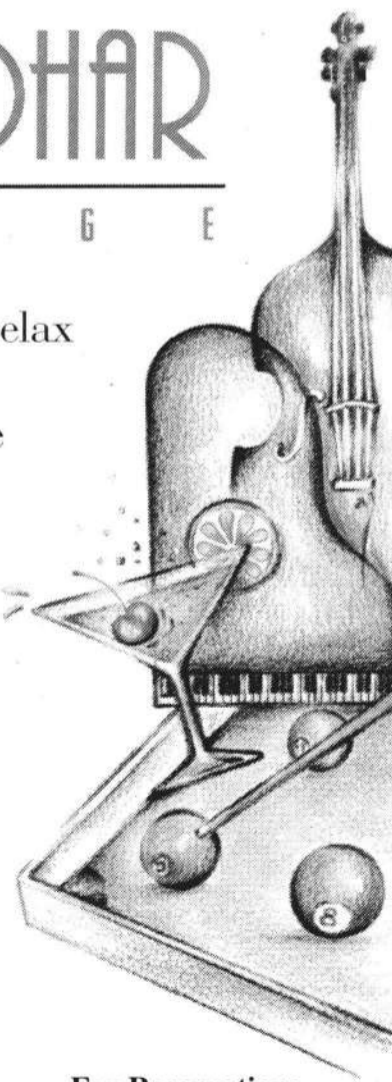
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# Balancing Population Growth With Available Resources

Mr. Mohammed Ali Al-Hajj, the Secretary-General of the Supreme Population Council (SPC), graduated is an old hand in government services, having joined 1974. He holds an MA in economic development.

Al-Hajj, 50, is now in charge of an extremely important organ - the SPC. The reason is that population issues are going to command the future of this country. To start with, an extremely high rate of population growth poses a serious danger to the well being of the nation. Then, the re-structuring of the age pyramid and providing for a youthful population is going to take some doing.

Mohammed Hatem Al-Qadhi of Yemen Times discussed with Mr. Al-Hajj these issues. He filed the following excerpts.

**Q: When was the Supreme Population Council first established?**

**A:** At first it was just a branch for demographic analysis within the Information Bank. Then in 1990, it became independent.

The first National Population Conference was held in 1991, in which a population strategy was formulated. But remained on paper until 1995.

I am the first Secretary General of this Council, as I'm a specialist in population and demographic analysis. The second conference was held in October, 1996, when a more detailed strategy for population was worked out. Other results of the conference is the program of Mother, Child and Family Planning. Also the Media, Economy and Population Planning.

**Q: What is the specialization of the Council?**

**A:** It is the Council that draws the general policy of the government and population policy. The council is headed by the Prime Minister and his vice president is the Minister of Planning and the members of the council. Ten Ministers are also in the heading of the Council. You could say that half of the cabinet are members of the Council.

The Council also has a General Secretariat which is the Executive Committee. We have something to do with the policy of the Ministry of Health. We are planning to include our population policies and programs within the Ministry of Education's curriculum in all its branches. We will do this project and give it to the Education Ministry to be carried out.

The Council has prepared its own ideas with regards to Family Planning and Maternal and Child Care.

We focus on women's health from the time of pregnancy till delivery. We should educate people about the importance of family planning rather than birth control. The first is not obligatory. When a woman has half a dozen of children, for instance, what will the father do for them? He will not be able to dress, feed, or school them properly.

**Q: How many employees does the Council have?**

**A:** The Council employs different people temporarily, so that we have new faces all the time. We have committees headed by governors and the membership of other officials. We are now

thinking of how to support them administratively.

We try to make people from different ministries participate actively in the Council. We have made contracts with different qualified people to perform several studies pertaining to population problems.

**Q: Do you have any relations with the Ministry of Interior with regards to birthrates and deaths?**

**A:** Our relation with the Civil Records Office focuses on registering these birthrates and deaths.

**Q: Is there any population policy in Yemen, when was it formed and by whom?**

**A:** We have the National Population Strategy Document which was formed by different bodies. We have specified the future plans of our work. This unique strategy was prepared by Yemeni experts from different ministries and the participation of some international organizations and also with the help of strategies performed in some Arab countries like Egypt and Morocco. This strategy is comprehensive covering different projects in different ministries like Health, Education, etc.

**Q: What are the means of family planning?**

**A:** Information media are the most important means in this regard. They should educate people about our plans. Some people are easily influenced by TV and Radio, some by religious people. So the work needs some cooperation. When people are convinced, they start looking for the means which we can provide. We are planning to go to different remote places for this purpose. Our plan is for 20 years. The proportion of fertility has decreased by 1%. The birth-rate was 7.5% now it's 6.50%, so we're making a tremendous progress.

**Q: What are the obstacles facing your strategy?**

**A:** There are not many obstacles. The Quran and Sunnah encourage family planning, so there won't be many difficulties from the social point of view. But finance is our main problem. With financial support, our plans and strategies can cover the whole of Yemen.

**Q: Do you have any statistical data and figures of the number of the Yemeni immigrants**



abroad?

**A:** We should define the meaning of immigrants. Are they the ones who live abroad for 6 months to 1 year? We have relations with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in order to solve the problems of these immigrants.

**Q: What is the proportion of population increase yearly, and what is the number of deaths and for what reasons?**

**A:** The population growth rate is due to the improvement of health care. In the past, the number of births and deaths were almost equal. The population was 4.5 million in 1950, 8.2 million in 1980, 11.3 million in 1990, and 12.5 million in 1991. The average has reached 3.7% according to the census of 1994.

The population is expected to be 31.6 million in the year 2013. Up to this moment it is 17 million. So education is very important particularly for women. Educated women can play a vital role in the success of our plans for family planning. There was a tremendous leap between 1975 and 1980. The average was 1.3%, in 1994 it became 3.7%. So we can notice a big change. The reason is the decrease of deaths.

The average number of births is 1800 daily. In 5 minutes we have an increase of 6 persons. The increase infant and child mortality is because of diseases such as small-pox, also death increases due to cancer. The number of males is larger than that of females. We have 100 females to each 105 males. The deaths among male children is bigger. For youths, deaths among males is also bigger than that of females.

**Q: What is the relation between population and water resources development, also what are the social, economic, and political effects?**

**A:** As I mentioned, everything is for the population. Water is for them and we have to deal with it. If the population growth rate is 3.7% and the economic growth rate is 3.7%, it means that there is no growth at all. In fact, we have a population explosion, it is disastrous. The economic growth rate should be double the population growth rate. It becomes difficult to provide such a huge number of people with facilities. And thus poverty dominates.

**Q: Some say that Yemen is**

equal to 10 barrels of oil. So we should be concentrating on the fisheries.

Another problem is that 80% of the population are living in Sanaa, Taiz, Ibb, and Hodeida, well we should encourage education in the other less populated governorates. My suggestion is to charge the students living in the big cities, and the money received would be given to those living in the remote areas. This is to encourage settlement in these places.

**Q: What is the proportion of the poor and where do they live in such large numbers?**

**A:** Every country has its own definition of "poor". A person whose income is less than YR 800 per month is classed as poor. They are found mainly in Taiz,

Hodeida and Ibb. The approximate estimates of 1992 has shown that 21.3% of the whole population lives in poverty. Most of them live in the countryside. They represent 92.7% of the total population. The income of people differs from one place to another.

**Q: Does the problem facing the poor have something to do with the equal distribution of wealth?**

**A:** I think that for a real development we should turn towards sea investment. It is very important for any growth. We should also concentrate on tourism. Its income is large. Everybody in the country can get its benefits; the taxi driver, the hotel owner, the farmers, the grocers etc. One US dollar from tourism is equal to US \$ 5 of oil.

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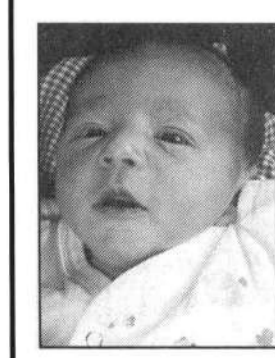
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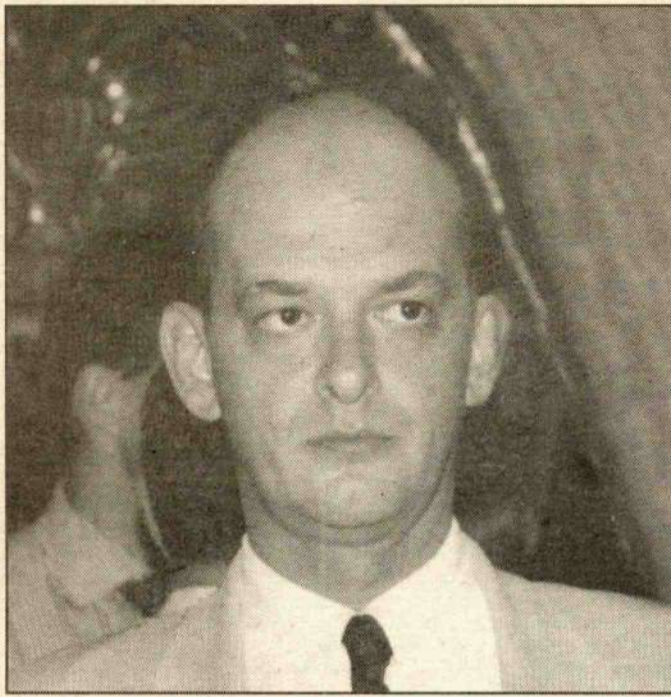
Mr. Andreas Wegner, Commercial Attaché at the German Embassy in Sanaa, first arrived in Yemen one week before the civil war, and then returned in August, 1994, to assume his diplomatic post. Over the last four years, he worked very hard to advance Yemeni-German trade relations. Dr. Salah Haddash, Yemen Times Managing Editor, talked to Mr. Wegner about his stay in Yemen and the prospects for Yemeni-German relations. He filed the following interview.

**Q: How do you evaluate the current Yemeni-German ties and relations?**

**A:** There is a gap between the political relations which are more than excellent and the trade ties, which are rather limited. The latter need constant assistance and support.

**Q: What is the trade balance between our two countries?**

**A:** It is not useful to only focus on the trade balance. Economic ties also extend to more services, training and education. Of course, Yemen is a limited market and there can only be a limited business potential. Even then, this market is going to have a huge capacity in the future, and is already showing it today.



**Q: In your mind, what are the problems facing foreign investors in Yemen?**

**A:** There are two different kinds of problems. One of them is worldwide, which is the violation of the copyright law. I have so far come across two cases where fake trademarks have been used to sell goods in the Yemeni

market. I think the violation of trademark regulations is rather new here in Yemen. This is something where there is a need for further assistance on training for customs authorities and staff at the relevant ministries. The second is a very national problem. It is the security and guarantees provided to investors and foreign partners.

**Q: Do trademark violations go to the courts at all in Yemen?**

**A:** One case was raised in court, and the commercial court decided to detain all the fake goods which had been imported. The second case is in the domain of the executive authorities like police, customs, etc.

**Q: Are German products popular in Yemen?**

**A:** They are very much appreciated because they are of high quality. But, they are relatively high priced. In general, our products are priced in the medium range. That very much depends on the fluctuations of the US dollar. With the introduction of the European currency - the Euro, as from January 1st, 1999 - I think we will become more independent from the US dollar. Then we can expand our activities in markets like Yemen's.

**Q: What do you think of the way Yemeni businesses are run?**

**A:** There are Yemeni businessmen who are very active and running their business so well that I'm learning from them. On the other hand, I see a lot of companies with a management structure which needs to be reformed. It is usually a very centralized structure where the owner is sitting on top of the hierarchy. There is no medium management and it is rather a generation problem. I know a lot of very young businessmen quite often trained in the UK, USA, Germany, Egypt or Jordan. They understand what business is about. As I said it's a generation problem.

**Q: How is the general response of the authorities to your efforts to expand trade relations with Yemen?**

**A:** We have always found open doors and open ears and we have always found good will. The ministries here are quite different from each other. There are well qualified ministries, and there are many which are lacking in good management.

what European countries needed hundreds of years to achieve. This is something that foreigners very often forget.

**Q: Have you been able to adapt to Yemen's social life and culture?**

**A:** There are times when I'm doing sports and I have to stay away from qat, but if I don't do sports then I chew qat. People say: "Is he gaining experience through life or through Yemen?" I have learnt a lot being here. There are so many ways of being friendly and expressing your intentions. This is definitely a lesson.

Secondly, the Yemeni commercial market is one of the most difficult markets in the world - not by its volume and not by its quality, but by its tricky nature. You have the rural rules, tribal rules, Islamic rules, and modern commercial rules. These all combine with each other to form a challenge to a foreigner

working here. But you have to keep your eyes open, you have to learn and listen. Don't try to get a message from the outside world, the message is already here.

**Q: How do you feel now that you are leaving Yemen?**

**A:** I'm leaving a part of my heart in this country. But I am also taking a little bit of Yemen with me. I hope that Yemen will find its way into the next millennium and preserve its culture at the same time. On the business side, with the combination of tribal rules and modern commercial rules, I think there is a big chance for Yemen to develop in the future.

**Q: Any last comment?**

**A:** I have been appointed in the capital of Mozambique, which is a very different environment. But the commercial data is more or less the same. I'm looking forward to it. That is where I am taking the other half of my heart.

Procedures take too long and too many officials are involved. The Chamber of Commerce still has a lot of chances to develop. Nevertheless, I've always found open ears and open doors in the bureaucracy.

**Q: You are about to leave Yemen. What are your impressions?**

**A:** It is the only Arabic country left in the Arabian Peninsula that has preserved its traditions, culture, and general way of life. If we look back over the last 35 years, Yemen has made a lot of development. You have attained

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## Future of Yemen's Islamic Political Movement



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- facing up to the growing pan-Arab and left-wing parties in the north; and  
- resisting the armed struggle waged by the left-wing parties' armed factions.

These objectives had both regional and international backing within an overall international strategy of containing and confronting the so-called tide of communism.

With the advent of Yemeni unity in May, 1990, one of the main reasons for the alliance between the ruling authority and the Islamic movement was eroded. This was further eroded when one of the ruling coalition partners - the People's General Congress (PGC) - came out victorious from the war in July 1994. Thus, the PGC was able to rid itself of the need of the Islamic movement as an ally, despite the fact that the alliance remained on paper.

The military regimes that ruled Sanaa can scarcely be called religious or even conservative. That is why they were not comfortable with a religious ally. As a matter of fact, the ruling authority's attempts to distance itself from the Islamic movement can be traced back to 1982 when the PGC was first established. Some of the steps taken towards that end included:

- transforming the PGC from an

elitist organization into a more popular one;

- strengthening the military establishment and ensuring its loyalty; and

- creating new interests and common goals with a large segment of the middle class, and closely associating them with the interests of the ruling elite.

These measures and several others led, for the first time in Yemen's modern history, to turning the ruling elite into a group unified by joint interests. This helped in getting rid of rival political forces.

Therefore, any possible danger that could threaten the ruling authority in the future, will come from the Islamic movement. That is why researchers expect the alliance between the ruling PGC and the Islamic movement, represented by the Yemeni Congregation for Reform (Islah), will become weaker during the next few years. Consequently, the PGC will work to curb the popularity of the Islamic movement in the country.

Actually, the ruling authority has already taken several measures to limit the role of the Islamic movement. These steps include the following:

- the armed confrontations with the hard-liners in the Islamic movement in 1995 in Taiz, Ibb,

Aden, Lahaj, Abyan, Shabwa, and Hadramaut;

- deporting of many non-Yemeni Muslim extremists known as the "Arab Afghans";

- ousting the hard-liners from many vital military positions and para-military camps, and confiscating the weapons and ammunition they had acquired during the 1994 war;

- filling up the gap left by the defeated leaders of the Yemeni Socialist Party (YSP) in the southern governorates with some of former sultans of the south, who returned to Yemen after unification and who were reinstated over their former sultanates and were enrolled in the PGC.

Those and other steps have limited the ambitions of the extremist Islamic movements in the country, notably, Jihad Organizations, which began to grow after the civil war.

Generally speaking, political and social developments in Yemeni society do not favor the Islamic movement. The *raison d'être* of the very movement itself has withered away, because of:

A- The ousting of the YSP from authority, which it had shared with the PGC, leading to the diminishing importance of the PGC-Islah alliance. This development has cost the Islamic movement one of its most important ideological hypotheses - fighting communism. This "fight" was for a long time a major factor in attracting people disgruntled with the regime in the south.

B- Islah's participation in the coalition government during the period of economic crisis following the 1994 war; the cessation of Arab aid after the Gulf crisis of August, 1990; and the absence of any decisive stand by Islah representatives in govern-

ment and parliament regarding corruption have all exposed them as yet another party. In the views of the general public, Islah is now seen as no better or even different than any other political parties. Many people used to regard Islah as the "savior" from corruption, poverty and the deterioration in living standards. That illusion is no more.

C- The contradiction between Islah's ideological discourse and its actual political practices is gradually eroding its popularity. For example, Islah used to strongly criticize what it called the 'policy of sharing public posts' between the PGC and the YSP following the re-unification of the country in 1990. However, when the Islah replaced the YSP in authority, it practiced the same policy of sharing public posts with the PGC.

D- The absence of a clear and unified political program which is shared by the various colours and groups of factions in the Islamic movement in Yemen, has made some activists commit acts that are harmful to the overall movement. Such acts reflected negatively on the followers of Islah itself as it faces the Islamic movement.

That is why the Islamic movement is losing followers steadily over time.

E- The continuing alliance between the Islamic movement and tribal sheikhs will, in the long term, curb the movement's growth, because the sheikhs' negative image.

It is necessary for the Islamic movement to accurately reformulate its relations with the tribes. In the long term, amalgamating the Islamic movement with the tribal establishment will lead to the triumph of brute force

over intellect. This is already happening as tribal leaders have repeatedly shown they are in charge, at the expense of the ideological and intellectual leaders of the movement.

This will eventually empty the Islamic movement of its content for the benefit of the tribal establishment, limiting the movement's popularity to tribal areas. Thus, the Islamic movement will lose its backbone; being a unifying force in a divided society. So the association between the Islamic movement and the tribal structure in Yemen will eventually lead to the movement losing its ability to unify the people. People from areas where there is no strong tribal influence will then view the Islamic movement as not representing their interests.

Generally speaking, this is in the short term. In the medium and longer terms, however, the Islamic movement in Yemen is capable of playing an important political role. The current political parties - more than 40 of them - is liable to recede. The country's political map will be redrawn with some of the weaker parties leaving the political arena. Other parties will merge to form fronts and umbrella groups.

Rivalry will then be limited to two main blocks: an enlightened Islamic movement and a modernist liberal group. This possibility, however, is subject to the adherence by the Islamists to democratic practices. They should denounce both physical and intellectual violence and intimidation. Resorting to violence will weaken the movement and reduce the possibility of its growth. This is especially so in view of the trends adopted by the "new world order" and the regional tendencies that do not favor the spread of Islamic extremism and fundamentalism.

## Tips on Better Education



This is the final week for me in Yemen after a year's teaching and proof-reading for this newspaper. My work here started on the basis that I do corrections at the paper which supplemented my income as an 'international' teacher and university lecturer. What are my opinions of the country I have lived in as a Canadian national? My views are mostly shaped on the private educational system for high school and university students and I see the country is benefiting from this process. As far as complete modernization of the educational system is concerned, it will take time for the country to fully develop and this does not necessarily mean becoming another Dubai; Yemen has a much larger population the northern part of which did not, until recently become involved with foreign influence. The country has to continue to build confidence abroad if it wants foreign teachers to come and there has to be assurances as to their safety especially in areas where there is tribal unrest.

Problems in the country could be cited as before but it would be more profitable to discuss solutions. Allowing Yemenis to study abroad with the intent to return and bring new ideas to promote development is a key. Students here are becoming more educated; and private universities are especially more prepared to meet the demands of the young high school graduates but the educational process has to evolve further. Schools should continue their struggle to gain accreditation with foreign institutions, contracts should be respected so that the teacher will return, study grants could be offered by the government as well as interested foreign governments to show its

commitment in keeping their talented young from emigrating towards better opportunities.

The trend for the future is that many more schools will pop up, some looking for a quick profit, some pseudo-international and others more serious. The Yemeni will be caught in between, deciding which one will lead to better opportunities. The student should do research on that high school before applying to make sure that there is quality teaching for one and that he'll have the chance to be prepared for college entrance examinations. He should examine the course syllabus beforehand to make sure what the school will teach. Parents should inquire about the turn over of teachers and staff, a high turn-over means a change in teaching methods and could affect student performance. He should even inquire about school wages; a better paid teacher is more likely to stay on. School grounds should be checked so that the child knows for example that there are computer laboratory facilities. Students should see what the school library has; a shortage of texts here might mean he'll have to settle for photocopy versions. There should be a choice of educational material which matches the level the student is required to reach. In some cases higher institutions will risk losing enroll-

ments if they don't keep certain texts and avoid stocking others. There should also be proper emergency equipment to fight potential fires.

Students and teachers alike want to see their country progress towards change and this should mean taking the best advice from educational institutions in advanced countries so that confidence can be maintained in the teaching process and the country will not have to worry about brain drain that have afflicted their more affluent cousins. But as economies grow, they also deteriorate in time, until economic recovery is accomplished and this will also affect the educational institution whether here or elsewhere.

Martin Dansky,  
Yemen Times

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# Lufthansa Launches New Long-Haul Product More Choice & Increased Comfort

Forever expanding its business operations, Lufthansa has come in full force to the Yemeni market. One of Lufthansa's top executives, Mr. Josef Bogdanski - Vice President for Sales and Services in South-East Europe, Africa, Middle East, and Pakistan - came to our capital to further strengthen the company's position in Yemen's promising airlines market.

At a press conference held at the Sheraton Sanaa on Monday, July 13, and attended by several journalists and other media representatives, Mr. Bogdanski enumerated a multitude of new developments and improvements introduced by Lufthansa. The attending journalists showed much enthusiasm by asking many pertinent questions, especially concerning Lufthansa's future plans for Yemen's tourism potential.

### More Flights to Sanaa

"Lufthansa still views the business potential in Yemen with the same optimism which led us to introduce regular air services to Sanaa 11 years ago," said Mr. Bogdanski. "At present, both the business and leisure traffic on this route are displaying a development, which has led us to increase our flights between Sanaa and Frankfurt from 2 to 3 weeks," he announced.



### New Destinations

At present, Lufthansa serves 296 destinations in 92 countries. Four new destinations have recently joined the Lufthansa network: Sarajevo, Bosnia Herzegovina; Amman, Jordan; Montreal, Canada and Doha, Qatar. "Moreover, Lufthansa now offers 5 weekly non-stop flights from Frankfurt to Houston - Texas, with good connections to and from Sanaa," indicated Mr. Bogdanski. Additional flights are operating between Frankfurt and Boston, Chicago, Los Angeles and San Francisco (from Munich), as well as to Sao Paulo, Buenos Aires and Santiago de Chile.

### Greater Passenger Comfort

In addition to schedule improvements, Mr. Bogdanski said: "In January of this year, Lufthansa launched its new long-haul product. New seats form the backbone of this improvement in both First and Business Class, on board all Boeing 747 and Airbus A340 aircrafts. First Class passengers can now relax in a seat which converts into a two-meter bed. The new meal service now allows First Class passengers to select when they wish to eat. In Business Class too, customers will benefit from the new ergonomically designed seats with an increased seat pitch of 123 centimeters. Business Class passengers will also enjoy a larger choice of meals."

### Alliance to the Stars

Star Alliance is one of the biggest airline network in the world; consisting of Air Canada, Lufthansa, SAS, Thai, United Airlines and Varig.

In order to improve customer service at Frankfurt Airport for all passengers traveling with the Star Alliance carriers, the check-in and ticketing facilities of all partners have now been located together in Hall B, Terminal 1. Lufthansa's counters are conveniently located adjacent to the Star Alliance check-in counters in Hall A. "This relocation represents a further step in providing seamless travel within the Star Alliance network," explained Mr. Bogdanski.

### Star Alliance marks 1st anniversary

Star Alliance marked its first anniversary on May 14, 1998 by introducing new customer

benefits:

- Priority check-in
- Priority waiting list
- Priority standby
- Reciprocal lounge privileges
- Better scheduling
- Convenient ticket purchase, check-in and boarding
- Improved access to affordable fares
- Improved customer service

### Gold & Silver

A further and very significant customer benefit recently introduced by all carriers in the Star Alliance, is the creation of the Gold and Silver Status for loyal customers. "For Lufthansa Senator Card (Gold) and Frequent Traveler Card (Silver) holders this translates into being accorded the same privileges they receive when traveling with Lufthansa, when they now travel with Air Canada, SAS, Thai, United Airlines and Varig."

The Star Alliance network is set to be expanded from 1999, when Ansett (Australia) and Air New Zealand will join and thereby improved connections throughout Australasia and the South Pacific.

### Net Profits

The Lufthansa Group achieved its best ever financial results in the company's history. In 1997, net profits rose to DM 835 million, an increase of 49.6%. "This improvement in results is mainly due to a strong rise in turnover, with costs only increasing slightly," Mr. Bogdanski pointed out. Turnover achieved from traffic revenues constituted about 88% of the total revenue earned. The remaining 12% were mainly contributed by Lufthansa Technik and LSG. Overall, the Lufthansa Group carried more than 44.4 million passengers, a 7.4% increase from last year.

### Great Expectations for 1998

In the first quarter of 1998, the Lufthansa Group was able to maintain its good results. Turnover generated a total of DM 4.9 billion, a rise of 5.6% last year. Traffic revenues increased by 3.8% to over DM 4.2 billion. The number of passengers carried rose by 10.5% to 8.8 million. The volume of freight transported declined by 2.5% to 395 thousand tons, "largely as a result of the economic weakness in Asia. Thanks to higher average yields, however, the Lufthansa Cargo, too succeeded in lifting turnover by 4% compared to 1996," said Mr. Bogdanski.

Total operating expenditure again grew more slowly than total operating revenue, with fuel costs down by 15% on last year's level.

### Lufthansa Terminal Frankfurt

In 1997, Lufthansa transported more than 22 million passengers through Frankfurt, about half the airport's entire air traffic volume. At peak times, Lufthansa handles more than 600 daily take-offs and landings with more than 75,000 passengers on German domestic, European and inter-continental flights. Frankfurt has long been the major hub in the Lufthansa world-wide network. About 60% of the airline's passengers pass through the airport, ideally located in the heart of Europe. Additionally, Frankfurt is becoming an important transfer point for a growing number of passengers connecting between the Star Alliance carriers Lufthansa, United, SAS, Air Canada, Varig and Thai Airways International.

### More Facilities at the Lufthansa Frankfurt Terminal

### Lounges

At its terminal in Frankfurt, Lufthansa offers a total of 5 lounges, all conveniently located close to the most departure gates. A Senator and Business Lounge each are found on the upper level of Concourse A. One further Senator Lounge and 2 Business Lounges can be found in concourse B, all directly located within easy walking distance to the departure gates.

The lounges offer an average floor space of 1,000 square meters or some 350 seats each and are partitioned into separate areas. A rest and reading as well as a tranquil lie-down



From left to right: Amin Dirhem, Chairman, Tihama Travle & Tours; Nari Shahani, Lufthansa Manager Yemen; Josef Bogdanski; and Werner Holzer, Manager of Operations

zone are available for peace and relaxation. "Showers are laid on for passengers wishing to freshen up after a long-haul flight. Others wishing to work in the lounge have the use of workstations, equipped with P.C.'s, standard software and on-line connections, printers, copiers, telephones, fax machines and docking stations for laptops," enumerated Mr. Bogdanski.

The new lounges also have separate conference rooms. Cold and hot drinks are served in the bistro area. Newspapers and magazines are laid out too. Passengers with connecting flights or those traveling with hand luggage only check-in at the reception and information desk near the lounges entrances. Inside, they also have the use of clothes lockers.

### Arabic Welcome Service

"To guarantee a successful trip for our Arab customers," proudly announced Mr. Bogdanski, "Lufthansa has several dedicated Arabic-speaking staff members, who can assist Arab passengers either upon their departure, arrival or in transit. This service should be requested at the time of booking."

### Alternative Check-In Options

Over the course of the last few years, Lufthansa has successfully introduced various innovative check-in facilities for its customers. "First and Business Class passengers traveling with hand-luggage only from Frankfurt or any other German airport may check-in by phone by calling 0561 - 993399. They check-in for the flight and pick up their boarding pass directly at the gate." Furthermore, First and Business Class passengers have the option of using the curb-side check-in counters located outside the terminal building, next to the drop-off area for passengers by car. "Moreover, Lufthansa has also installed numerous automatic check-in machines, where passengers holding the new style ATB tickets can check-in, even when traveling with checked baggage."

### Collect Miles & Become a Millionaire!

Miles & More is the name of Lufthansa's Frequent Flyer Bonus Programme. With Miles & More, Lufthansa customers have the opportunity to earn miles, which can then be redeemed for free flights, upgrades and fantasy awards. "Miles are mainly accumulated by flying on Lufthansa, Star Alliance (Air Canada, SAS, Thai, United, Varig) and various other airlines," said Mr. Nari Shahani, Lufthansa Manager in Yemen. Moreover, Miles can be collected by staying in certain hotels, such as for example SAS \ Radisson, Hilton International and Intercontinental. Furthermore, car rental companies, such as Avis or Budget also credit Miles for car hire. In general, for

travel in Economy Class the actual flown mileage is credited, double mileage in Business Class, and triple in First Class.

"Passengers traveling from Sanaa to Frankfurt will be awarded 3,113 miles in Economy, 6,226 miles in Business Class and 9,339 miles in First Class," explained Mr. Shahani.

He explained further: "A free return flight (Sanaa - Frankfurt) can be redeemed for 90,000 miles in Economy Class, for 140,000 miles in Business Class and for 180,000 miles for First Class. A one-way upgrade from Economy to Business Class, or from Business to First Class from Sanaa to Frankfurt can be purchased for 25,000 miles."

Fantasy awards such as Balloon flights cost 125,000 miles and a flight in the Flight Simulator can be obtained for 1,000,000 miles.

Application forms for Miles & More can be obtained from any Lufthansa office.

Mr. Shahani also pointed out: "Lufthansa is represented by a General Sales Agent, Tihama Travel & Tours, located in Zubeiry



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Airbus A340-200	6
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Airbus A310-300	8
Airbus A321-100	18
Airbus A320-200	33
Airbus A319	17
Boeing 737-300	44
Boeing 737-500	30
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Avro RJ 85	18
Canadair Jet	31
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Mc Donnell Douglas DC 10	3
Boeing 767-300	9
Boeing 757-200	18
Boeing 737-300	4
Airbus A320-200	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>35</b>
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Boeing 747F	12
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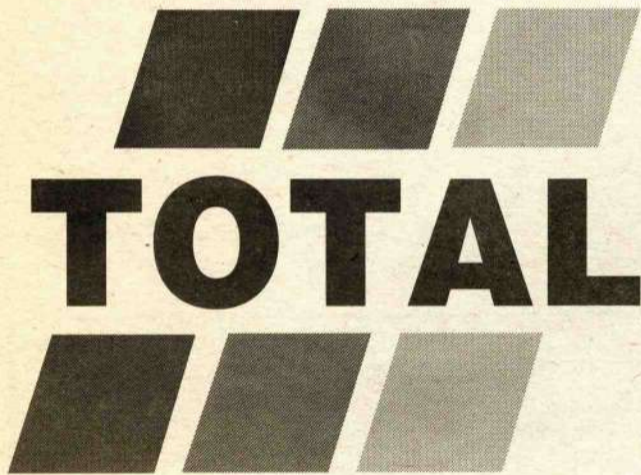
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# "Secondary school graduates must not teach without prior proper qualification."

Two prominent Egyptian professors have just visited Yemen. They were here to give lectures at Sanaa University and the High Institute for Police Officers both of which they visit three times a year. The ties of these two professors with Yemen go back to the early days of the country's fledgling republic when Egypt was assisting Yemen in its modernization. Mohammed Bin Sallam of Yemen Times talked to them and filed these interviews.



Dr. Fouad Mohammed Al-Nadi, professor of law at Azhar University, is one of the first

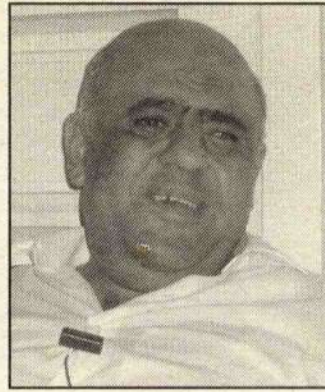
professors sent by Egypt to teach at Sanaa University where he worked until 1982.

**Q: What is the purpose of your visit to Yemen?**

**A:** I have come to teach general management and information systems as a visiting professor at the High Institute for Police Officers.

**Q: What are your impressions now of Sanaa University?**

**A:** In the early 1970s, the college of law at Sanaa University had only 700 students. Now there are over 15,000. Things have changed for the better not only in Sanaa, but all over Yemen.



**Q: How does the level of education itself compare now with the time when you first came in the 1970s?**

**A:** There is really no comparison, at least in terms of numbers. This is also true in terms of resources and capacity which were very limited then. The quality itself must be good, because when Sanaa University graduates come to Cairo to do higher studies, they show a great ability and succeed in attaining good grades with distinction.

**Q: The primary and secondary education, however, are in a bad state. Won't this affect the educational level of university students?**

**A:** There are several reasons behind the deterioration in primary and secondary education in Yemen. Many people are appointed as teachers without having the necessary qualification as educators. Maybe the reason is financial. The country needs teachers, but

has no resources. So, secondary graduates are asked to do their national service by teaching. This is a big mistake in the country's educational policy. To become a teacher you must be a qualified teacher. Otherwise, the whole education system - from primary level to university is threatened with deterioration.

**Dr. Hassanain Obaid, professor of criminal law at Cairo University and the deputy rector for the Bani Suwaif branch of the university, also taught in the law college at Sanaa University during 1976-1980.**

**Q: What was your role in developing Sanaa University's law college when you worked there more than 20 years ago?**

**A:** I spent some of my most precious days here in Yemen. They were good years. Sanaa University had few colleges then. Now it has expanded quite a lot, in addition to the recently established universities in Taiz, Hodeida, etc.

I was partly instrumental in the establishment and growth of the College of Sharia and Law.

**Q: Who are the people you taught at university who have now become public figures?**

**A:** In those years, I taught Yemeni students who went on to become very prominent figures in the country's public life. I do not want to give names, lest I should forget some. But quite a number of my students have become ministers, senior police officers, and high ranking officials in government.

Many of them have come to pay their respects. It is very dear to me to be remembered by my Yemeni students and colleagues after all those years.

**Q: What change have you noticed at the College of Law?**

**A:** First and foremost, of course, there is a new building. We used to teach in the older premises. Then there is the growth in numbers. There are now 100,000 students in Sanaa University, and 15,000 alone in the College of Sharia and Law.

Also, the great majority of the university staff are now Yemeni. When I first came here in 1976, there were many Egyptian, Iraqi and Syrian university professors. Few Yemenis.

**Q: How do you see the future of the High Institute for Police Officers?**

**A:** There are now the High Institute for Police Officers and the Police College. I think these are doing fine, but the next logical development is the establishment of an institution for higher studies that combines police technical studies and academic legal studies.

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## Ba-Makhrama: A Forgotten Singer

The other day, Prof. Abdulaziz Al-Saqqaf - our chief editor - and a person not known for his strong inclination for music or even for other forms of art, was telling a story. He was driving to join a few friends for a qat chew. He doesn't chew, but sits in.

His car radio was on, and Ba-Makhrama was singing one of his popular songs - "Ala Ba-yazoorani al-mahboob" - My lover will visit me tonight. Saqqaf, a highly time-oriented man, arrived at his destination, but the song was still playing. He did not switch off the radio. He remained in his seat listening, until the song was over.

Indeed, Ba-Makhrama has that kind of hold on people, even those who are not particularly into music.

Abdul-Qader Ba-Makhrama is an outstanding artist, who was one of the first people to introduce the traditional Yemeni song to the countries of the Horn of Africa. Thanks to him, Yemeni songs and music became deeply rooted among audiences there. His melodious, warm voice had a great role in popularizing Yemeni songs and in giving them a distinct place and popularity among local African people and Yemeni expatriates.

Ba-Makhrama was born in Djibouti in 1926 to parents originally from Ghail Ba-Wazir in Hadhramaut. He belongs to a family of religious scholars. However, he deviated from the family tradition. He learned French and worked as an electrician at the post and telegraph company in Djibouti.

Ba-Makhrama's long journey with art started early in his life while he was a pupil at the primary school, to be precise. He joined the school choir, and his beautiful voice quickly drew the attention of his music teachers, who encouraged him a lot.

Another group of people found use for his strong voice. Muslim preachers used him to loudly chant religious hymns at mosques. That was useful before the advent of loudspeakers.

His talent and love of music drove him to study how to play the lute, aided by his maternal uncle who was enamored with music and owned a traditional 4-stringed Yemeni lute or Qanbous. Ba-Makhrama gained a high degree of proficiency in playing the lute, and started his singing career by performing the popular songs of Al-Mass. He was also influenced by Djibouti's first singer Ibrahim Saeed. Soon, the young singer started to be known within the society of Yemeni qat-chewing sessions. In addition to ordinary and cultural conversations at such gatherings, a singer was usually invited to play, sing and perform. Thus, the road to fame started.

Abdul-Qader started to make a name for himself during the early 1950s, encouraged by a number of enthusiastic friends and fans. The breakthrough, however, came in the mid-1950s when Ba-Makhrama went to Aden where he sang, and the Aden radio broadcast some of his songs. This gave him instant popularity and gained him much acclaim not only in Yemen, but also in the



Gulf region. The unfortunate thing, however, is that Ba-Makhrama did not record his songs at the newly established gramophone companies in Aden. As a result, many of them being forgotten.

Most of Ba-Makhrama's songs were written by his brother Saeed, Dr. Mohammed Abdo Ghanim, and Abu Bakar Al-Maanni. The latter also set them to music.

The creativity of this artist was also displayed by adopting Indian music and rhythms and harmonizing them with Yemeni words and poems. Indian music was very popular at the time due to the influence of Indian films widely shown in Aden cinemas. Ba-Makhrama always worked hard on polishing and honing his talent; thus, immensely increasing his popularity among Yemeni expatriates in Africa,

Yemenis in the old country, and Arabs in the Gulf and the rest of the Arabian Peninsula.

However, his talent in composing music or setting lyrics to music was rather limited. So the music he wrote for his songs was somewhat not up to standard, a thing which started to diminish his popularity. People were still enamored by his Indian-style songs.

The official cultural bodies and the Yemeni media in general failed to help Ba-Makhrama, which further reduced the popularity of his songs. Other less talented singers became more famous due to media hype. Today, we can do much to rehabilitate and better appreciate this exceptional singer. We will only be doing the right thing!

Saleh Abdulbaqi,  
Yemen Times Music Editor



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The World Cup Football Tournament of France 1998 was no doubt a very exciting occasion for football lovers all over the world. People remain glued to their TV sets to watch the matches and to listen carefully to the analyses given by seasoned football captains. On the other hand, this

occasion created problems for some families, especially in Yemen where it associated with bad habits such as chewing much qat and smoking cigarettes.

Most women and children in Yemen do not like watching football matches at all. On the other side, men very eagerly wait

for the matches, every one betting on his favorite team's winning. They try to finish all their work before the match starts. And to be ready to watch the match, they eat their dinner quickly and then start chewing qat just before the match kicks off. We met some of these men and asked them about

how their life went on during the football world cup:

### Person no. 1:

Watching football matches does not create any problems at my home. My wife and I watch them together and everyone supports his own team. Concerning qat, I always chew qat from 3pm until 6pm. I do not chew qat at night. I smoke cigarettes only during the afternoon matches when I'm outside the house.

At night, I do not smoke cigarettes because I don't want to cause any health problems to my children. I usually take my dinner half an hour before the match starts.

And to let nothing disturb me while watching the match, I asked my wife if she wants me to do any shopping before that. As the match starts, I remain in front of the television until it finishes. My wife does not love football matches much unless it is a world competition such as the world cup.

Person no.2:

I'm not married. I love football very much. During the world cup this year, I ran very organized program with my companions. We buy qat after leaving work and then we go to have lunch. After lunch, we gather in the house of any of us. We start chewing qat before the afternoon football match starts. At 6:30, we stop having qat to do the sunset prayers. After that, we go to the qat market and buy qat. We then have our supper and start chewing qat again before the second match starts. We also smoke cigarettes, much more than we do usually. Every one of us smokes nearly 3 packets during a match!

### Person no. 3:

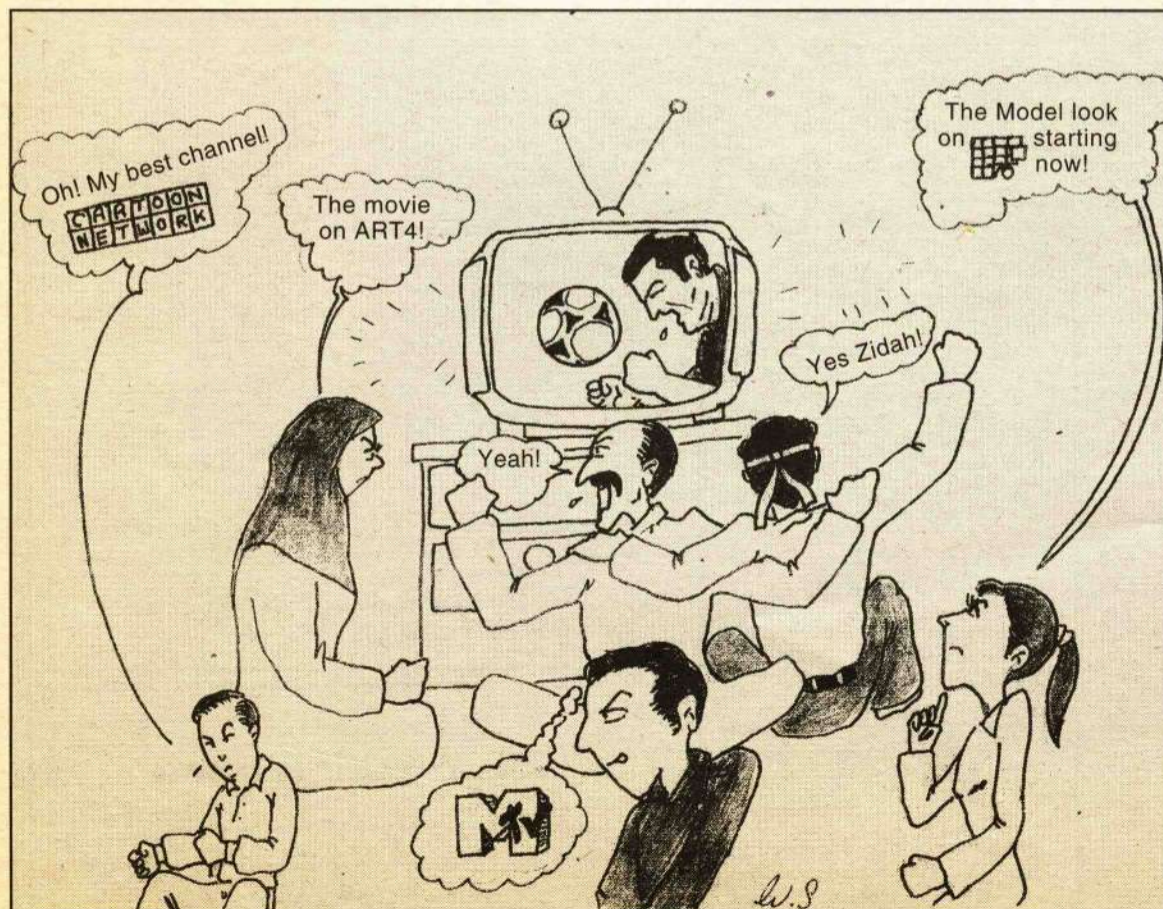
I love football competitions very much, especially world cup. I

always try to have my supper before the match starts. If not, I remain nervous and restless all the time.

If the team I support is defeated, I cannot sleep all night. I chew qat and I smoke cigarettes heavily during the matches. I usually prefer to watch the matches with my friends during qat sessions because I become more excited and interested.

I don't have any kind of problems at home because of watching matches. If my wife wants me to by something during the match, I would ask her to wait until the match finishes. If she insists, I just go quickly, but then, I remain anxious all the time. Anyway, my wife and children love football and watch the matches with me.

By Khairiah Al-Shibeebi



# Letters to the Editor

## SPIRITUAL VICTORY

To forgive an injury is often considered to be a sign of weakness, it is really a sign of strength. It is easy to allow oneself to be carried away by resentment and hate into an act of vengeance, but it takes a strong character to restrain those natural passions. The man who forgives an injury proves himself to be superior to the man who wronged him, and puts the wrong-doer to shame. Forgiveness may even turn a foe into a friend. So mercy is the noblest of revenge.

Milton says "revenge is an act of passion and often makes matters worse." If you forgive your enemy's wrongful doing instead of avenging him, he will be ashamed of what he has done and you will gain a spiritual victory over him. Forgiveness is the noblest revenge. We should not forget that we pray to God to forgive us of our sins.

Khalid Al-Basha

## Suggestions to The Yemen Times

Sir,  
My reason for writing to the Yemen Times is not a very specific one. Actually I'm not a regular reader

of your paper, but whenever I get a chance I never miss reading it. As being Yemen's only English newspaper, it contains quite a lot of material, and has the potential to improve all the more. I have a few suggestions which I hope you will take into consideration. I would like the Yemen Times to introduce additional pages, containing more material mainly for entertainment. These could include a weekly Horoscope section, various cultural and literal talks, an entire sports section, and finally a kids section, including games for kids, such as puzzles and also mathematical games. This would definitely require time and a great deal of capital, but in doing so, Yemen Times could certainly be promoted all the more.

However, even if you have to raise the sales price of the paper, it won't affect as much, for it's a weekly newspaper and it has to certainly contain some additional material, quite enough for the reader to enjoy for the entire week. I know the above mentioned may be very difficult to take into consideration, for it's really not that easy to bring about developments as it seems to the common reader, but it's my hope that you would take some necessary steps for a further improvement of the Yemen Times.

Omar Iqbal, Sanaa, Yemen

## 'Tale of Two Cities'

Dear sir,  
In the June 22-28 issue of the Yemen Times there was an article entitled 'a Tale of Two Cities' by Ms. Waffa Allawi Nasser, describing the difference between England and Yemen. In point of comparing the health service of England and Yemen she concludes with the statement, 'it is a bit like the US, if you don't have insurance, you're just left to die basically. Ms. Allawi clearly knows nothing about the US health care system. While it is true we have no national health insurance, patients in need of care are here turned away from public clinics or hospitals, and provision is made for them through US government sponsored Medicine or Medical health insurance, and that includes illegal immigrants in need of health care. 'No one is just left to die basically.'

Yours  
Vic Davis, MD  
Albuquerque,  
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## A Letter To The PM

When the comedy was over, tragedy dominated our life causing a lot of harm to common people. The starring role of this tragedy has been played by the Prime Minister Dr. Iryani. He is only good at making price hikes and nothing more. Oil prices increased by 50% in less than a month since he has been appointed as the PM. The farcical episode of this play is when he chose the members of his government making sure that "birds of feather flock together." And instead of achieving a good level of economic prosperity, he added some fuel into the fire. Is it logical to say that Yemeni people have no right to eat 'white bread' but to eat 'red bread' which is actually given to animals in Europe? This is what His Excellency said in his speech in parliament.

To add insult to injury, he also said that they raised the price of oil and its derivatives by 50% in order to avoid the economic collapse and inflation is just due to circumstances beyond our control. In fact, the new governments that come to power worsen the situation rather than better it. Islah party vowed to bring down the government of Iryani. This is the wish of the whole people.

Abdullah Abdulrahman, Taiz.

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Opening Session: from left: Dr. Jazrawy, Prof. Saqqaf, Dr. Kennedy-Glans

**BACKGROUND:**

Canadian Occidental Petroleum's President and CEO, Mr. Victor Zaleschuk, announced about a year ago the establishment of a fund of roughly US\$ 2 million. The money will be used to finance the university education of 20 Yemeni students in Calgary, Canada, over four years. The selection process is administered by a steering committee comprising of distinguished individuals from Yemen and Canada. The selection process started several months ago with the application of more than 700 students. On July 14th, the 21 semi-finalists were announced in a ceremony arranged for this purpose. These men and women will now undergo English language testing, computer training and overall orientation. The first batch of 10 will be selected from among them. The first five of the ten will start their studies as from January 1999 at the University of Calgary and the Southern Alberta Institute of Technology.

On this occasion, Mohammed H. Al-Qadhi of Yemen Times attended the celebration. He talked to the Canadian Occidental people, the representatives of the two Canadian schools, members of the Steering Committee, and some of the students. This is what they said:

**1) Dr. DONNA KENNEDY-GLANS, Vice President, Relations with Governments, Canadian Occidental Petroleum Ltd.**

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The students who will get the scholarships are brilliant. These are the top of all the applicants, screened in an objective and reliable way at various stages. The English language and academic skills of the 20 students we have here today are really impressive by Yemeni and international standards.

Another thing we are looking for is students who have the ability to cope with the change. Going to Canada is a significant change.

We promise the students and their families that we will do our utmost to care for them. We have a stake in their success. Canadian Occidental - at all levels starting with our president, has made a commitment.

We will send the students back to Yemen every summer, because we want them to maintain strong ties in Yemen, since they will return to Yemen after finishing their studies here in Canada.

**2) Mr. LYNN MACKELLAR, Canadian Occidental Petroleum Ltd. Manager.**

When Canadian Occidental does business in another country, they consider the Community first. It's very important. They would like to get involved in projects important to the development of the community and country. In Yemen, the best way they found in which they can do this, is through educating Yemeni students in Canada and bringing them back to Yemen to contribute to the development and the modernization of their country.

I have great expectations for these students, I had the opportunity of interviewing them all. They're very bright and extremely devoted to their country. They want to see some change in their country. And I think that they will start effecting the change that is required to make Yemen a better place.

The students will go to the University of Calgary and SAIT, both of which have international student facilities. There is a good supporting system for the students. They will blend-in very well with the Canadian students, I'm sure. Canadian Oxy is very excited about this program. The company management at Calgary will support this program as we want to show that Canadian Occidental are true friends of Yemen.

**3) Dr. TAWFEEQ SUFIAN, Ministry of Education, Executive Director, Co-ordination Unit.**

We want to assure everybody of the integrity and objectivity of the selection process. No member of the Steering Committee or the company (Canadian Occidental) influenced the screening process for personal gains.

Let me go through the process.

First we advertised to pick good candidates from the whole of Yemen. This was done in the media in Sanaa, Aden, Taiz, Hodeidah, and Mukalla.

Second, we opened 5 centers to collect the application forms. These were in Sanaa, Aden, Taiz, Hodeidah and Mukalla.

Third, we took the secondary certificates of the students. We gave weights to the overall score, as well as to the core courses. Then we gave weight to English proficiency. Then there was an essay to allow measure the maturity and clarity of objective among the candidates. All these scores and weights were put together to give us the first batch of 61 selected candidates.

Then we did interviews with all of them. We tried to measure personality, general information, and other qualities. This process reduced the number to 33.

Finally, all the documents and papers were sent to the universities for their selection. They sent back a list of 21.

So you see, it was highly objective.

**4) Dr. RUTH SHAPIRO Admissions Co-ordinator, University of Calgary.**

I came from the University of Calgary where some of these students will be studying.

We are very impressed with the academic records of the applicants. Therefore, I do not see much difficulty with the studying part. However, I think they will find some change in the weather; and of course, the culture. But they can adapt with it quite quickly.

We will very happy to assist these students in any way we can. They will study with us and then return to serve their country. In addition, they will be instrumental in strengthening the relationship between Yemen and Canada. This This is my first visit to Yemen. I'm very impressed by the friendliness and hospitality of the Yemeni people.

**5) Ms. JENNIFER BENNETT International Admissions Officer, Southern Alberta Institute of Technology.**

Even though my visit to Yemen was very short, I enjoyed it very much. Those students going to Canada are very bright and I think they will do wonders for their country. Their language is already good. They will study in Canada and be exposed to different cultures. I hope they will help their country a lot when they go back.

These scholarship will do much to strengthen relations between Yemen and Canada at different levels.

I'm very glad to be in Yemen. It's a really beautiful country. I visited Thula and I was very impressed by the friendly people. I hope to come back.

**6) Ms. ASRAR ABDUL-GALIB AHMED Scholarship Candidate**

I'm very happy to have the chance to go to Canada for my studies. I hope to learn skills to help my country develop when I come back.

I chose the field of Information Technology because we are living in the age of computers. So, I will be dealing with computers which are necessary for everybody these days. I advise my friends to do their best and to prove that they are worthy of this opportunity.

**7) Mr. RASHID ABBAS Scholarship Candidate**

I'm very optimistic that this program will give us something useful. It is really a great chance for us to go and study in Canada, which has one of the best educational systems in the world.

I am sure we will face some difficulties, especially at the cultural level. We are being transplanted from a conservative country to a more open one. But we will be able to cope.

**8) HISHAM KHALED SALEH Scholarship Candidate**

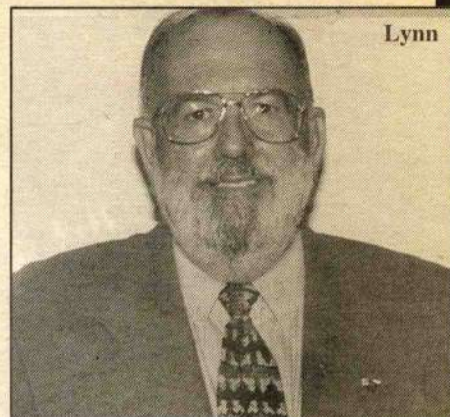
I look at this process as an opportunity as well as a challenge. I believe we will be required to work much harder once in Canada. I am preparing myself psychologically to work much harder. I know there will be stiff competition.

Aziz Al-Haddi, AMIDEAST Country Manager, Najeeb Al-Sharafi, AMIDEAST Program Officer, Brian McNamara and Mike Kelly of the Training Department at Canadian Occidental participated in the ceremony. Those four individuals will be working with the candidates until they are ready to go.

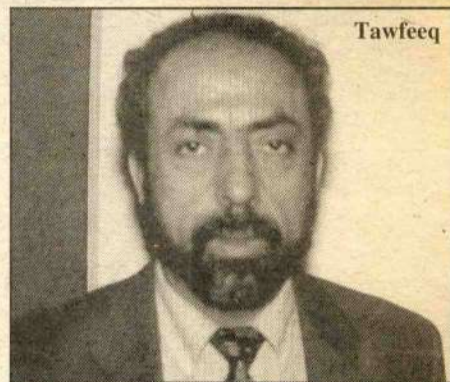
Also attending the meeting to pledge continued cooperation and support was Dr. Waleed Al-Jazrawy, President and General Manager of Canadian Occidental Petroleum Yemen.

At the end of the opening session, Professor Abdulaziz Al-Saqqaf, member of the Steering of the Committee, gave the candidates words of encouragement and advice. He indicated that while technical knowledge was extremely important for the development of an individual and for his/her contribution to the nation, it is the moral uprightness, values, and principles that are the defining elements. "Character integrity and love for one's homeland are key factors in how much we give to our country. You can see people with high degrees but with little contribution. We want educated people with high integrity," he said.

The next step would be for the candidates to undergo language and computer training. It is timely that the Canadian Occidental Sanaa Training Center was opened at the same time. On this note, Mr. Brian McNamara said, "Canadian Occidental Petroleum Yemen is proud of our commitment to the people of Yemen: The CanadianOxy Scholarship Program and the opening of the Sanaa Training Center are clear indications of this commitment. It is our belief that continuous training and development of people is an investment for our Company and the Yemeni society. We appreciate the significant support that we have received from our Partners and the Government of Yemen for all our initiatives."



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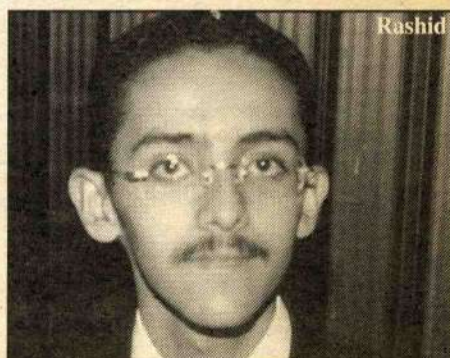
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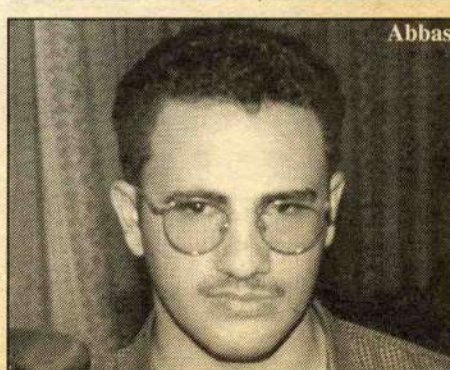
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# Promoting Handicrafts in Yemen

Ahlam Al-Mutawakil,  
Yemen Times

The Private Corporation for the Preservation of Old Sanaa (PCPOS), in cooperation with the Ministry of Culture and Tourism and the Society of Yemeni Chanters, organized an exhibition last week. The purpose was to celebrate the 20th anniversary of President Ali Abdullah Saleh's assumption of power on July 17, 1978. The event was attended by the Ministers of Foreign Affairs, Culture and other officials. The exhibition included many examples of traditional Yemeni handicrafts made by students at the Handicraft Center in old Sanaa. More than 4,600 people

other governorates. And we also hope to introduce new handicrafts such as wood carving, pottery, etc. Learning a new-handicraft will certainly help reduce the levels of unemployment.

"As far as marketing is concerned, we have cooperation agreements with travel agents and tour operators to market our products. They bring us tourists and other international visitors."

Ms. Sabah Ghothaim, an instructor at the gold work department and a former graduate of the center, said, "We I was training at this center there were only 10 trainee. Now there are about 1,800 students. Resources were far better then

erations for the last 300 years, and is never divulged to outsiders.

"Our product is bought mainly by new brides. It is made purely of Yemeni cloth and dyes. Sometimes we sell up to 30 maghmas a day. Our clients come from almost all parts of Yemen. I am practically the only person left doing this job in Yemen. I'll only train my son to do the job, no stranger, not even my brothers and sisters. I was once offered

YR 1 million by a Russian tourist to teach her cloth dyeing, but I refused categorically."

Mr. Ali Sadaqa, a silversmith training people at the center, said: "I learned silver work at this center at the hands of a foreign and a Yemeni instructors. Then I started training other people here. I visited a number of foreign and Arab countries to get more acquainted with this profession.

"Most of our clients are foreign tourists. Yemeni, I am sorry to say, prefer the imported stuff. We are now in the process of establishing a syndicate for silversmiths to protect our interest and protect consumers from some of bad practices by some unscrupulous people. We will also work on issuing tourists with official permissions to take the stuff they

buy out of the country. Airport authorities sometimes prevent them from doing so under the pretext of carrying ancient arti-

facts. We will also issue the customers with written guarantees that what they are buying is real silver."



graduated from the Handicraft Center, both the male and female sections, over the past few years. Ms. Amal Mohammed Saleh, the Director of the Women's Center for Handicrafts, said, "This center was established in 1987 after signing an agreement with the General Authority for the Protection of Historical Cities in Yemen (GOPHCY) and the UNDP. It consists of departments for ordinary embroidery, gold work, weaving, and other traditional handicrafts. Sections of silver and agate work will be opened next month.

"The only thing that is still lacking in the center is that we do not cover all traditional handicrafts from all parts Yemen, especially the southern part.

"Our center, unfortunately, suffers from a chronic shortage of financial and other material resources. A budget of only YR 225,000 for this year is just not enough to cover all the center's intended activities. Its small capacity makes it unable to cope with the increasing number of female trainees. Training is completely free of charge.

With more resources, we hope to open branches for the center in

because they were provided by the UNDP. Now we have to rely on our own resources and a limited annual budget. Instructors used to receive better salaries then. Now a female instructor receives about YR 5,000 a month, which is just not enough. So many instructors are starting to leave and set up their private businesses."

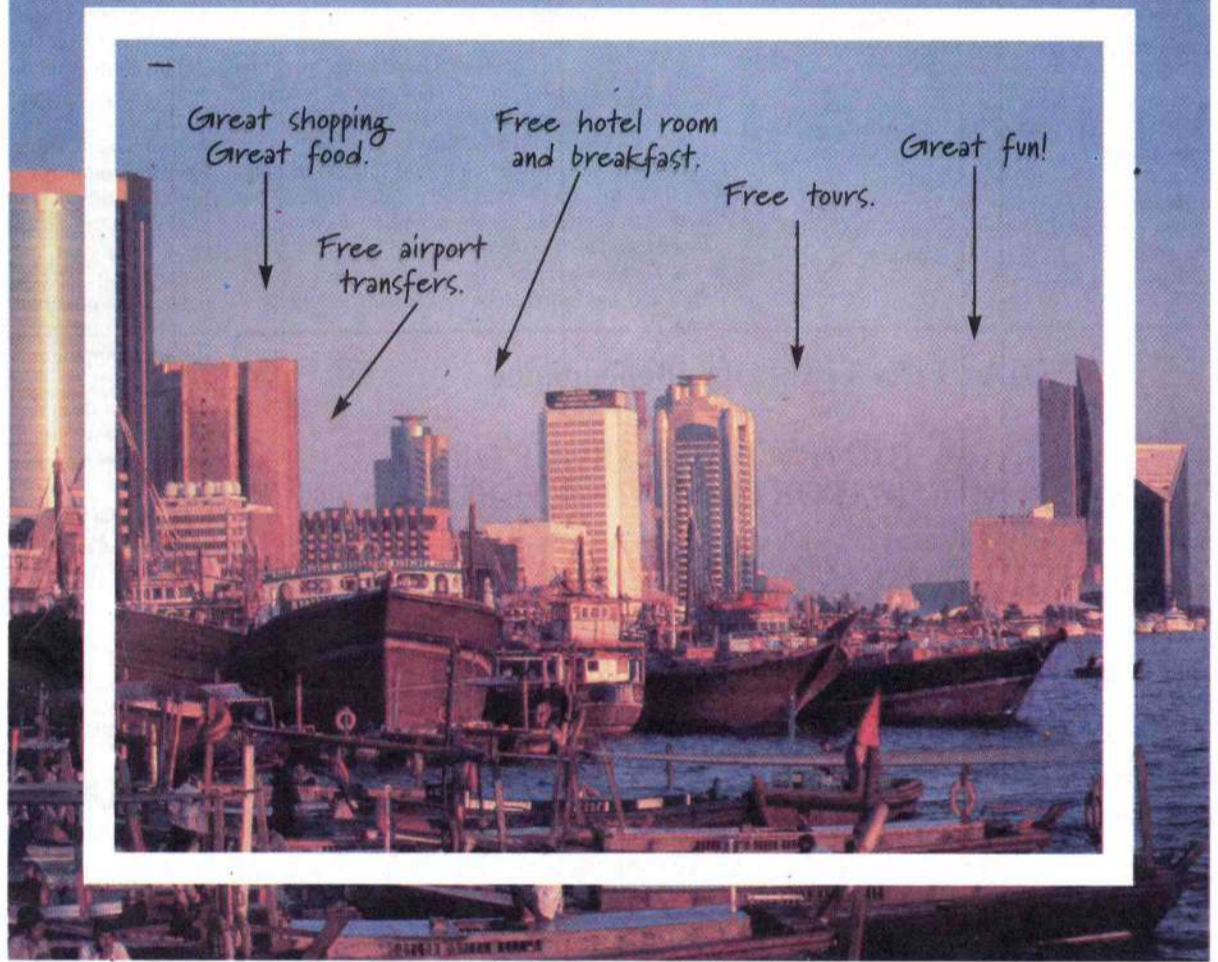
In the men's section, Yemen Times met Mr. Nabil Ali Al-Saadi who indicated that tourists mainly buy janbias, embroidered belts, silver censers, etc. The main hindrance to more business, he said was high taxes which amount to 60%!

Mr. Ahmed Saleh Al-Qadhi added, "I started working with silver and agate almost two years ago. And I also sell body covers for women. We rely mainly on the tourists who visit the old city."

Mr. Samir Al-Malsi inherited the profession of dyeing "maghmaq," which is a traditional cover worn by women. It is a family monopoly. The secret of my profession is handed down the gen-



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الصحف

**AL-WAHDAMI:** Sanaa weekly, 14-7-98. (People's Nasserite Unionist Organization)

**Main Headlines:**

- 1- Breakdown in talks between government and tribes leads to more armed clashes in Mareb and Jawf. Air raids on tribal strongholds leave tens dead and wounded.
- 2- Admiral Thomas Fargo, commander of US Navy, visits Sanaa to finalize agreement on joint military exercises and granting military facilities to US Navy on Yemeni soil.
- 3- Diplomatic sources indicate that Yemen - under Western pressure - accepts a compromise solution to the dispute with Eritrea on Hunaish Islands.
- 4- The 100-Committee to Combat Torture calls for information on individuals who torture detainees at police stations and detention centers.

**Article Summary:**

**Mareb & Jawf: The Missing Truth**  
By Mohammed Y. Al-Zaydi

What are the real reasons behind the recent events in Mareb and Jawf that led to the death of innocent people and the demolition of houses by bombardment? There are certainly no foreign elements involved, and no Saudi flag was raised in Mareb or Jawf. It is a widespread popular rejection of the policies of impoverishment and starvation. However, we do not agree with the methods of protestation: using weapons and destroying vital public property. Neither do we agree with the authority's response: air and artillery bombardment. It just became too much for the deprived bedouins of Mareb and Jawf. In addition to economic hardships, Mareb and Jawf are almost totally deprived of basic public services and development projects. Revenues from oil exploited in the region are not used to develop it.

الطريق

**AL-TARIQ:** Aden weekly, 14-7-98. (Independent)

**Main Headlines:**

- 1- 4 army brigades are deployed as armed clashes are renewed along the Sanaa-Mareb road. 12 soldiers died in the fighting.



## Yemeni Press in a Week

by: Adel J. Moqbil

- 2- Eritrea looks forward to a long-term partnership with Yemen.
- 3- Tribesmen continue their nightly raids on army positions in Mareb, following the government's refusal to meet tribal demands to hand over the army commanders who ordered the shelling of their villages.
- 4- Differences mount between the Court-of-Appeal judge in Zanzibar, who wants to appoint his relative as the city's mayor, and the heads of districts who favor another candidate.

**Article Summary:**

**Sewerage Blockage Threatens Shibam**

A blockage occurred in the sewerage system leading southward from the historical town of Shibam. All attempts to remove the blockage by municipal workers have failed. The overflowing sewer is likely to undermine the tall old houses by the town's wall. The municipality has urgently asked the General Organization for the Protection of Historical Cities to intervene. It was indicated that the Hadhramaut Society has demolished a house, the debris of which blocked the sewerage system. Several houses sustained large cracks and others collapsed altogether due to previous explosions in the sewerage system.

البلد

**AL-BALAGH:** Sanaa weekly, 14-7-98. [Islamic Action Movement (being formed)]

**Main Headlines:**

- 1- The government offers YR 600 million as compensation to the Mareb and Jawf tribes, but demands to keep some tribesmen as hostages until a reconciliation is achieved.
- 2- US Embassy warns US citizens from going to Mareb and Jawf, and steps up pressure on the gov-

ernment to give more compromises in the border dispute with Saudi Arabia.

- 3- A man fires an RPG missile in a personal dispute in Dhalie'.
- 4- The Eritrean President denies, in a TV in interview on the Qatari Jazira satellite channel, that Yemen provided any assistance to his country during its war of independence from Ethiopia.
- 5- US Ambassador visits Saada and meets fundamentalist leader, Sheikh Moqbil Al-Wadi'i.

**Article Summary:**

**War of Communiqués Ceases**

Following the comment made by an unidentified "official source" that extremist elements in Islah were behind the recent civil unrest, a "war" of communiqués ensued between Islah and the ruling People's General Congress (PGC). The war, however, stopped after the PGC's denial of the authenticity of the "official source." Islah also denied a statement it made to Al-Bayan newspaper of the UAE.

الجمهورية

**AL-JAMAHIR:** Sanaa weekly, 16-7-98.

(Arab Ba'ath Socialist Party)

**Main Headlines:**

- 1- US Embassy denies warning US citizens not to go to Mareb and Jawf.
- 2- In a memorandum sent to the Arab League, Saudi Arabia rejects the Yemeni-Omani border agreement of 1993.
- 3- Saudi authorities detain Yemeni citizens for 10 days for going to the Abha area, which is off-limits for Yemenis. They were arrested on their way back after delivering some goods and fined 4,000 Saudi riyals each.
- 4- Amran water cistern was sabotaged by unknown individuals possibly as a retaliation for jailing some people in connection with the theft of some agricultural equipment.

**Article Summary:**

**Hostages are Given**

Army troops have withdrawn from the Jawf area to Hazm, following the handing-in of several tribesmen as hostages in a good-will gesture towards the authorities. Sheikh Al-Iraqi of the Hamadan Adham tribe handed-in 4 his tribal folk as hostages. Sheikh Rabeesh Bin Ka'alan handed-in another 4 including his own son. The hostages were received by Brigadier Yahya Al-Mi'saar, commander of the 9th mechanized division. It is hoped that this move will prevent the tribes from reverting to armed activity against the army stationed near their area, until a long-lasting solution is reached.

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**26 SEPTEMBER:** Sanaa weekly, 16-7-98.

(Yemen Armed Forces)

**Main Headlines:**

- 1- The President commends the development in Yemeni-US relations and the US assistance in demining efforts.
- 2- Vice-President distributes 350 ownership deeds for new fishing boats as compensation for fishermen who lost their boats in Hadhramaut, Shabwa, Mahara and Socotra.
- 3- Central Organization for Control and Audit refers 35 cases of embezzlement to the Public Funds General Prosecutor.
- 4- Foreign Ministry source denies reports on dividing Hunaish Island between Yemen and Eritrea.
- 5- Aden Security Boss: "Mercenary agents are behind the recent explosions in Aden."

**Article Summary:**

**Reform Apprehensions**

By Iskander Al-Asbahi

Yemen is not the only country in the world to implement a reform program. It goes without saying that comprehensive reforms are liable to be accompanied with some burdens to be fairly, which need to be borne and shared. The burden would have been far greater had the reform not been introduced, should it not be completed. The reform program must be clear, extensive and integrated. The people must clearly know its aims, otherwise it will be misunderstood. Being suspicious of the intentions of international organizations such as the World Bank and the IMF will serve no purpose.

The real challenge is to efficiently utilize all available resources and manpower to make the reform program a success.

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The World-watch Institute of USA has hailed India as the new wind superpower. This is not only because India's installed capacity is 1,000 MW, placing it fourth in the world, but also due to the introduction of progressive policies, and the creation of a sound indigenous manufacturing base. The 14 Indian wind turbine manufacturers have a total annual production capacity of over 500 MW. The annual turnover of the wind turbines industry has already crossed Rs. 1,500 crore mark (approx. US\$416.6 Million)

The Ministry of Non-conventional Energy Sources has drawn up an ambitious program to install an additional 2,000 MW of wind power capacity during the 9th Plan. According to a preliminary estimate, India has a wind power potential of 20,000 MW. 134 sites in 11 states have already been identified for setting up wind power farms. Bulk of installations have so far come in the states of Tamil Nadu, Gujarat, and Andhra Pradesh. The Central Government has issued guidelines to the states for introducing conducive policies for the commercialization of non-conventional energy projects. Maharashtra recently became the 12th state in the country to announce a policy of commercial exploitation of renewable sources of energy.

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July 20th, 1998

By: Jamal Al-Awadi

## Ahli & Wahda will not participate in AFC

The management of the Wahda club, the champion of the excellent division, and the management of the Ahli club, the champion of the President Cup, both announced that they will not participate in the qualifying matches tournament and in the Arab Football Cup for the following reasons:

First, the two clubs cannot afford the expenses the two sport occasions need.

Two, the Arab Cup has only twenty days to start and the two teams are not prepared for participation. On the other hand, the other Arab teams have been preparing themselves for a long time.

Third, most of the mentioned clubs' players will participate in

the Arab Cup for Juniors which will be held in Bahrain and Iraq. What the Wahda and the Ahli clubs announced reflects the awareness of their management about the reality of sports in Yemen. It is a good step towards improving the sports situation here.

Yemen Times hopes that this is a beginning for "playing for winning" and not "playing for participation's sake."



## Sponsored by YOC, Sport Activities Celebrating OID

The sport fields of the Industrial Institute witnessed different sport competitions last week celebrating World's Olympics Day. Disabled people who were injured during the war of '94 participated in these activities.

Members of some Arab and foreign communities also took part in the 400-m race and the disabled wheelchairs race. The teams that participated in the football matches are:

1. The Sudanese Community vs. the Majd club
2. The Sha'ab club vs. the Ethiopian community
3. The Yarmouk club vs. the Tholaya club
4. The Ahli of Sana'a vs. the May 22nd club

5. The Qadeseia club vs. the Somali community.

On the other hand, very active basketball matches took place at the Industrial Institute fields. The Philippine team presented very distinguished and nice performance.

At the end of the events, the Secretary General of the Yemen Olympic Committee and the General Director of the Clubs and Associations directorate in the Ministry of Youth and Sports rewarded the champions who took the first places in all activities. Balls and sports suits were given to the participants.

## Karate Championship in Hodeida

Sponsored by President Ali Abdullah Saleh and in the presence of the Hodeida governor and Mr. Ali Hamood Obad the Deputy Minister of Youth and Sports, the final ceremony of the first karate teams championship was held last Thursday at the closed sports hall in Hodeida. This championship was organized by the Yemeni Karate Federation and financed by the Al-Hana Company. Eight teams from various governorates participated in the championship: Sana'a, Aden, Taiz, Al-Mahweet, Dhmar, Mareb, and Hodeida. At the end of the ceremony the Hodeida governor awarded the winners of the first position with the championship's cup.

## Abu Walad Football Festival: Top Players Defeat Wahda

Abu Walad is a brand of biscuit made by the Yemeni Industry and Trade Company (YITCO), which has recently financed a football festival. The first team consisted of top Yemeni players and the other team was the Wahda of Sana'a, winners of the excellent division tournament.

YITCO offered 150 prizes including a car - Hyundai. Al-Wahda dominated the first half and managed to score its first goal by Ibrahim Awadh.

Then, the top players team scored the equalizing goal by Adel Al-Salmi. The first half ended with a 2-2 draw. In the second half, the top players' team scored their third goal to end the match with a score of 3-2.

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## Ethiopian Cyclists Against Landmines

Two young Ethiopian cyclists arrived in Sana'a last Friday, 10th July 1998. Fekadu Zegaye, 31, of Addis Ababa and Sisay Birku, 21, from Dire Dawa are together cycling around the world.

"Our objective, which we want all the world to know, is to make people realize the great dangers of landmines," said Fekadu. Anti-personnel landmines are buried in many countries in Africa such as Ethiopia, Rwanda, Sudan, and also in Asia and South America. "These deadly devices are the source of daily tragedy killing and maiming human beings and animals. They are also a big problem for the environment," said Sisay.

"Our message for the world is that we are against the use and stockpiling of landmines and want to help people and protect the environment. We want authorities, international organizations, and NGOs everywhere to pay serious attention to this issue," announced Fekadu.

The duet's main objectives are to call for:

1. the removal of anti-personnel landmines to protect people's lives and the environment;
2. helping financially the people and countries afflicted with landmines;

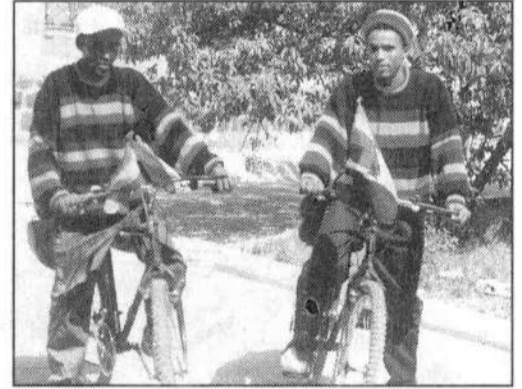
3. motivating NGOs, international organizations and governments to attend to this issue;
4. making the media more active in this field; and
5. helping people disabled by landmines.

"For example there are approximately 30,000 disabled people in Ethiopia because of landmines. They can't get suitable work, and most of them have been reduced to begging in the streets. We are against this," said Sisay.

"We encourage a country like Yemen which signed the agreement to get rid of the landmines buried under its soil."

"In our tour, we are concentrating on countries manufacturing landmines or those plagued by wars. Our plan is ambitious. We plan to cover many countries. Now we'll continue through Saudi Arabia to Egypt then cover the rest of the Middle East and get to Europe, starting from Turkey to central Europe."

They will continue through Spain to North Africa, Morocco, then go down through west African countries to south Africa. "If we get more resources and sponsorship; and provided things are okay we plan to go Australia and America."



Asked if they faced any difficulties in Yemen, they smiled. "Actually the change in weather was problematic. The other thing is the mountains. Yemen is a mountainous country, and cycling is hard in such terrain," they said. They added confidently, "We have faced some problems in the past. We'll face more in the future. But we will push for our goals. People's support keeps us going, and God is with us."

Anwar Al-Sayyadi,  
Yemen Times

# United Engineering Launches Mercedes-Benz "A-Class"

"A-Class" the most innovative small car of its generation is set to shortly makes waves in the streets of Yemen.

An entirely new category of car, "A-Class" is as midsized saloon and as versatile as mini-multi-purpose vehicle. The most revolutionary feature is the sandwich floor concept a new way to create both space and safety. Armed to the hilt with anti lock brakes, traction control, brake assist and much wanted electronic stability program as standard, it is without doubt the safest smallest car yet built.

After the debacle of the ELK test, Mercedes wasn't going to take any chances. The Characteristics that made the "A-Class" susceptible to rolling in the first place, namely the high centre of gravity and narrow tracks, have been decisively dealt with. Mercedes has fitted ESP (Electronic Stability Programme) as standard. This feature prevents toppling whenever there is over-steering or under-steering by selectively applying brakes on individual wheels.

The optional clutchless gear box is based on a regular five speed manual unit, but a series of hydraulic actuators replace the clutch pedal. The car is equipped with front air bags for drivers and co-passenger as well as side air bags. The vehicle offers endless options, unique use of space and the style and safety of Mercedes-Benz.

A-Class is offered in two petrol engines ( vis ) A 140 and A 160 and one diesel version A 170 ( common direct injection ).

The various options that is offered can help one choose this exceptional car, a pride of possession.


United Engineering is planning to import "A-Class" in different execution and qualities for Yemen market and our roads will be geared for the much more action in the days to come.




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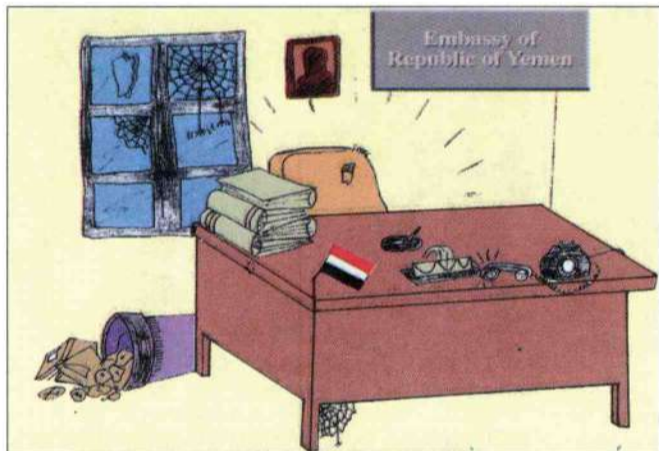
**WHAT IS THEIR JOB?**

As a newspaper, we are often approached by diplomats in particular, and members of the international community in general. The reason for such contact is to maintain an overall good relationship. But the topics of discussion always move to our coverage (or lack of it) of issues that concern those embassies or companies. It is legitimate, and it is practical. We in Yemen Times welcome such effort.

visit to the UK. One of the key objectives of the visit was to raise British business interest in Yemen. In fact, many British firms were interested in considering possible business in Yemen. But when they called the embassy, apparently all the embassy people and part of the entourage of the president joined in his program. In my mind, that is stupid. During the visit (and even before and after), the embassy

and a little bit of it was just stupid. Take two examples; "There is no food to eat in Yemen!" "30% of the Yemeni population is starving." This, of course, is inaccurate. It would have taken one phone call from the embassy to these newspapers to show the error. There is no malice, it is just ill-informed journalism. It is the duty of the embassy to follow what is written about Yemen and make sure it is accurate.

**with locals!"** There have been many times when I visit friends in various countries. How is it possible for a person who lives in Sanaa to have more friends among the people of another country than a Yemeni ambassador who has been there for years? Okay, okay, forget about the ordinary people. But how is it possible for a person who lives in Sanaa to have more friends among the officials of another country than a Yemeni ambassador who has been there for years? Now that is something.



*Business as Usual! (not necessarily in the work place)*

In this article, I want to compare how actively the foreign embassies interact with us, and how dormant our embassies abroad are. Let me give 4 examples.

**1. "Sorry, we are closed. The president is here!"** Last year, President Ali Abdullah Saleh paid a formal

should have been open for longer hours to respond to the needs of potential partners.

**2. "Sorry, we don't read Deutsche!"** Over the last few weeks, a friend translated to me some of the things written about Yemen in the German press. Some of it was inaccurate,

**3. "Sorry, we work for the minister!"** A third misguided concept of the job of embassies is that they are at the service of senior government officials, especially the foreign minister. This is a typical Arab attitude which leads to voluntary self-enslavement for those in power. Thus our embassies, do not care about Yemeni students in the countries of their posting. They do not care about businessmen who have work in those countries. They do not care about academic visitors who have research in those countries. But as soon as some senior official comes to town, even on a private visit, they attend to the smallest needs he, his wife and children may have. It is disgusting.

**4. "Sorry, we don't mix**

**5. "Sorry, I am busy with my private business."** Many diplomats, especially the ambassadors carry out private commercial activities, on the side. Or is the official business an aside? In some cases, the diplomats are even involved in illegal activities, such as smuggling of contraband goods, dealing in illegal currency conversion and other stuff. At the very least, they engage in agency representation, trade, investment transactions, etc. This behavior, protected by the immunity of diplomacy is illegal and immoral. In short, most - not all - Yemeni diplomats do not serve our interests. Maybe we need to establish a training institute for our diplomats.

**By: Abdulaziz Al-Saqqaf, Yemen Times.**

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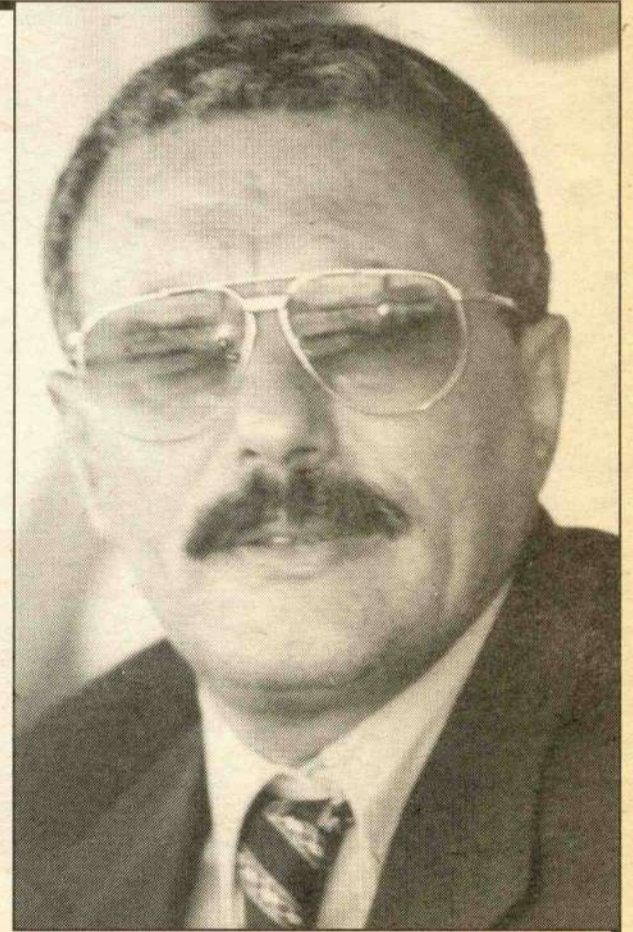


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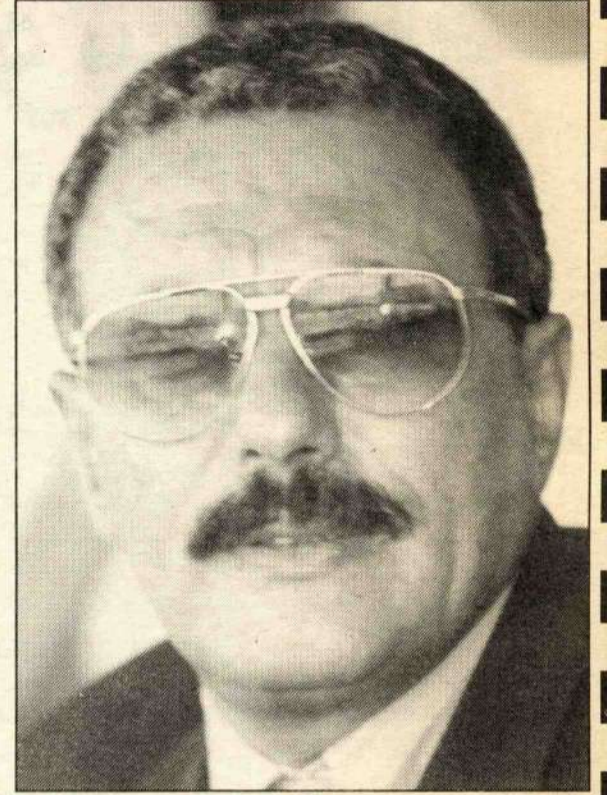
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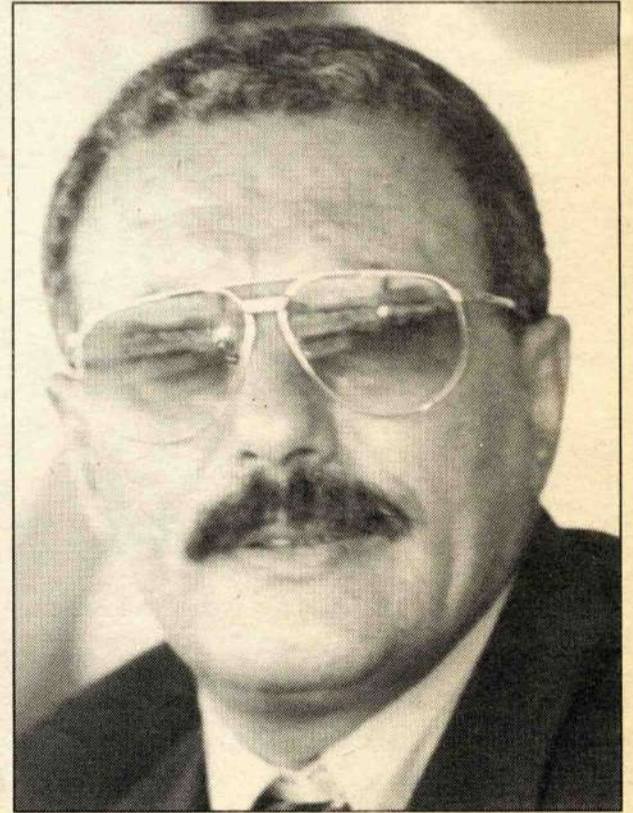
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