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As The Traffic Court In Sanaa Decides not to Reinvestigate the Case of Dr. Abdulaziz Al-Saqqaf's Death Why Not Re-investigate?



SANA: On the 100th day after his unfortunate passing in the Primary Traffic Court of Sanaa issued its verdict on September 9, in regards to the demand of the heir's lawyer, Mr. Mohamed Najji Allow to reinvestigate the case of the death of Dr. Abdulaziz Al-Saqqaf. The public was astonished by the decision of the chairman

of the court, Abdulqadir Al-Hitari to not reinvestigate the facts behind the traffic accident that caused the death of Dr. Abdulaziz Al-Saqqaf, the Founder of Yemen Times, and a beloved intellectual by all Yemenis. The several suspicions in the case and the many missing points in the investigation were so eye catching that the lawyer of the heirs of the late asked the judge to demand the reinspection and investigation in the case to have all the missing points complete and to assure that the accident was indeed a mere coincidence and was not intentional by any means. However, despite the general public's and heir's demand of reinvestigation, the judge surpris-

ingly ignored them and defended the general attorney's proceedings by stating that they were "complete, and doubtless". It is worth mentioning that the lawyer had stated that there were many points which are suspicious and may lead to the thinking that the accident was not merely unintentional (see issue no. 25). Yemenis were very disappointment at this decision, for it is unjustifiable to prefer not to investigate while there are several questions unanswered, and several points in the investigation incomplete. It would have been wiser for the judge to have the case reinvestigated for the sake to

truly convince the heirs and the public that the incident was not intentional instead of trying to cover up the faults of the attorney. In any way, the heirs are in the verge of declining their case, and simply letting the case go on suspended.

"It is unthinkable for the judge to decide not to reinvestigate while we, the heirs and the public want the truth to be revealed. It would harm no one if the case were to be reinvestigated. I am sure even the defendants would not mind as well. This insistence not to reinvestigate only raises even more questions!" one of the heirs said.



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Hopes, ambitions, and motivations among Yemenis rise as the cornerstone of Aden Free Zone was formally opened by the President on Saturday ADEN: LEADING THE WAY TO THE NEW MILLENNIUM

ADEN: Last Saturday marked a historical day for Yemen. It was the official opening of the Terminal Container in the Free Zone. Officially opened by President Saleh, the Terminal Container of the Free Zone started receiving the ships from the rest of the world. Indeed, the whole world is slowly realizing the dimensions of the Free Zone being built in Aden. The seriousness and alertness in the mind of many businessmen had reached a maximum level, which made them act quickly, by thinking of possible ways to invest in this promising port. They understood that Aden will indeed, within a few years become the most active commercial port in the Middle East. Investors are now bidding that Aden will be among the 10 most significant ports in the world within the coming decades. The issue is very serious, and it extends to believing that the other gulf ports are threatened by competition more than ever before. We are today witnessing the birth of a project that will have a very strong effect on Yemen's

economy, as well as its rank in the Arabian Peninsula. The issue has become the subject of talk among the most influential investors in the world. They see the future in Aden's port. With its local labor and modern infrastructure that could compete with the older structures in the neighboring countries, the Aden Free Zone will definitely be Yemen's winning card in the next millennium. The project is a huge one, which will be completed in the year 2022. However, by then, the port would have reached its most spectacular growth in terms of trade and investment. The port will not only be beneficial for its investors and traders, but it also become an important element in the modernization efforts of Yemen. To realize what we are talking about, we quote Dr. Abdulaziz Al-Saqqaf, the well known economist saying, "Through this port, Yemen will not only be able to level off with the Gulf countries, but it will even surpass them." Only time will tell how true his statement was. Supplement inside.



Hand in hand to build a modern Yemen, starting from Aden

Campaign for Presidency

The public is beginning to feel the heat of the presidential elections. Even though the elections are certainly predetermined, yet there is a feeling that the other candidate, Najeeb Qahtan Al-Shaabi is going to gain some voices. President Saleh has begun his campaign strong by visiting a number of governorates, namely, Hodeidah, Taiz, and Aden. In every station he stopped at, he opened several projects, and was welcome by thousands of supporters.

then left to Aden and officially opened the Aden Container Terminal (see supplement). The other candidate has also launched some campaigns, and promised many changes in the country if elected. It was notable that Najeeb Qahtan openly criticized the current overall conditions, and the economy in particular. More on page 8.



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Yemeni Press Scanner



AL-SHOWRAH

1-Romanian airline involved in smuggling weapons to Yemen

The Romanian Authorities have suspended one of the airline companies involved in carrying out smuggling activities, as proved with evidences the same company used to import Cigarettes and different kinds of weapons to Yemen Rwanda and Egypt. The Romanian Authorities have declared that owner of the airline company along with Israeli carrying Romanian nationality have carried out the smuggling business of weapons to another country under embargo.

2-Suspected people of Dar Sad explosion have been arrested

Security sources have arrested the suspected people of Dar Sad explosion, which took place last Wednesday in Aden district, during which, at least one person killed and two others seriously injured. As reported the explosion occurred due to a bomb put inside a storage of a store. The security police have started the investigation with the arrest of suspects, who are still under interrogation, yet no further information was released.

3-Government accused of protecting especial militant to commit crimes

Members of the Parliament strongly criticized the Minister of Interior, Mr. Hussein Arab, during the questioning session, they also asserted that, Mr. Arab hand-over misleading statistics data on the security status in Yemen. Subsequently, they put the blame on the Cabinet for the unsuccessful attempts to control the destabilization and commotion of the country. More over, they accused the Government of protecting and encouraging especial militant to commit different crimes. Mr. Arab said in front of the Parliament that, all the explosions incidents in Yemen are carried out and masterminded by bodies abroad. He added that, he is not authorized to give more details regarding the said incidents and those suspected behind them. He also added that in the first quarter of 99, the crimes incidents reached 23336 (various crimes) and the security police have arrested a proportion of 93.5%, he accused the media of exaggerating the realities of the events.

4-First victim of the inspection campaign is son of the Military Police Commander

Mr. Yahaya Al-Karashi, son of the Military Police Commander was shot to death, when he opened fire on two soldiers deployed in the inspection campaign, launched lately in the main cities of the Republic. The soldiers

stopped him at Haddah road, Sana'a city to search for unlicensed weapons on Friday, 3rd Sep.99, they went into arguments, which then aggravated to exchange fire, causing death of Mr. Al-Karashi's son and one of the soldiers on duty.



AL-THOWRAH

YR4,768,500,000/= is the total cost of vital projects in Hodeidah

During his current visit to Hodeidah district, the President of the Republic launched projects in services and developments fields with a total cost of YR4,768,500,000/=. Among these Projects several inaugurations appending the paving roads, new science and medical University fully furnished with all utilities, new branch of the Arab Bank, and telecommunications central, including supply line to five remote areas in Hodeidah district.



AL-RAI AL-A'AM

1-Graduates of petroleum will start another strike in front of the Yemeni Cabinet

The graduates of petroleum will start another strike in front of the Yemeni Cabinet. Lately, they submitted another official complaint to the President of the Republic, appealing him to reiterate his strict instructions to the concerned parties in the Ministry of Oil and Mineral Resources to hire them in different departments of the MOMR. Notably that, the President of the Republic has earlier officially instructed the employment of the graduates, but nothing substantially was implemented.

2-The inspection campaign will be endless in Yemen

The Minister of Interior, Mr. Hussein Arab said that the inspection campaign will be endless till the carrying weapon phenomena will vanish completely. He also alarmed that the security police are fully authorize to use iron hand and hit strongly any person try to obstruct their duties, which is mainly in-forced to restore stability and security to all districts of the country. He also added that the inspection campaign has achieved capture of 2052 piece of weapons 156 pistol 8 bombs. More over arrest of 60 person shooting fires and 46 cars breaking traffic rules, pertaining forged number plates or wanted by police though out the country.

3-Festival for ending revenge phenomena in Hadramout

Thaen Tribes in Hadramout district are preparing for the national festival to celebrate the tremendous achievement

of ending the revenge teaser. The festival is under the patronage of a committee formed of three dignitaries tribes from Hadramout. The leader of Thaen tribe recommended to form ten other committees to finalize arrangements of the festival. On the other hand, he said, it is the first gathering of its kind that will encourage many other confronted tribes from different districts to follow the same path to restore stability and peace of the country.

4-Yemen is categorized under the scrutiny system No# 1503 for the third time

The Sub Committee of the UN Human Rights have categorized Yemen under the scrutiny system No# 1503 of the social and economical council, due to the deterioration of human rights status in Yemen, as the sub committee have records several major infractions. The Committee composed of human rights expertise representing 26 countries have unanimously decided to put Yemen under the scrutiny system. Beside, it will call the Yemeni Government for questioning in front of another committee representing 54 countries in the annual session in March- April 2000. Sources of the Human Rights and International Organizations said that, Yemeni Government might face serious difficulties being listed in the scrutiny system for the third time, due to the continuation infractions of Human Rights ..



AL-WAHDAH

1-Yemen is participating in the land mines removal International conference

Yemen is participating in the Land Mines Removal International conference, scheduled to be held in Geneva between 12-18 September 99. The Yemeni delegation will hand over a report with full details of the mines planted in different districts of the Republic, in addition to the activities of the National Program for landmines removal in Yemen. Source said that Yemen with the cooperation and coordination of UN will implement early year 2000 a new program with comprehensive survey and study of the land mines planted in different districts of the Republic.

2-Yemen is still insisting that, Abu-Hamza Al-Masri to be handed-over to Yemen

The Minister of Interior, Mr. Hussein Arab asserted that Yemen is still insisting that, Abu-Hamza Al-Masri to be handed-over to Yemen, who is masterminding the several sabotage acts targeting Yemen's stability. Mr. Arab emphasized that, should the British Authority refuse to extradite Al-Masri to stand in front of the Yemeni Court, then Yemen

will request the interpol assistants.



AL-BALAGH

1-Workers of the oil sectors have submitted official complaint

Workers of the oil sector at Mareb and Al-Jouf districts have arrived lately to Sana'a to meet the Chairman Minister of Oil and Mineral Resources, during which they will discuss the arbitrary behaviors of the General Director of the MOMR branch in the two aforesaid areas. Worth mentioning that the employees have earlier submitted several complaint letters to the relevant parties, on the same issue, yet they have received no response other than arrival of a committee for fact finding, instead they found no body. Ironically, when the committee arrived the 52 employees of the same sector have been already terminated by the General Director.

2-High ranking tribal figures left to Al-Mahweet district

A tribal delegation compose of high ranking tribal figures have left to Al-Mahweet district to solve revenge problems and tribal dispute in the district. Notably that, the revenge clashes in Al-Mahweet have observed severe increase and the latest report stated that, the victims from such incidents reached a serious stage. In addition to the tremendous financial damages. The tribal delegations are aiming to solve all the problems among the Clans of Mahweet and they will remain in the same district till they reach permanent solutions to all the tribal conflicts.



AL-WAHDAWI

1-The Prime Minister did put pressure on the parliament to nominate the Socialist party candidate

The Prime Minister Dr. Abdul-Kareem Al-Eryani declared that, he himself did put pressure on the parliament to nominate the Socialist party candidate to participate in the Presidential election. He send a letter to the Chairman of the American Democratic National Institute, assuring that, there is no cleavage or dispute among the parliament due to the nomination of the opposition party's candidate. Previously the Chairman of the American Democratic National Institute have sent a letter to the President of the Republic, expressing his great grief for the breach of the promises guaranteed by the Government to run a decent election competition.

2-Lagging of the Cabinet and corruption of justice led to security deterioration

Member of the parliament, Mr. Abdullah Al-Maktari, said that, the Minister of Interior, Mr. Hussein Arab attendance to of the parliament and his debate about the destabilization of the country was not good enough, he rather give complete report with full details of the same subject. Mr. Al-Maktari believes that, lagging of the Cabinet and corruption of law are the main causes of the security deterioration.

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By: Mohammed Hatem Al-Qadhi,
Managing Editor, Yemen Times



Baradouni:

The Man We Gave no Due Right

It is not only our plight in Yemen. Rather, it is the problem of the whole Arab world. In other words, we, Arabs, do not pay much attention to our great illuminated and creative figures in the community. As a matter of fact, most of the time Arab intellectuals and luminaries are at odds with the political regimes. This is because most of our Arab political regimes are regressive in their outlook and do not have a spirit that could accept and tolerate criticism even if it is constructive and a well-wisher of introducing reform to the corrupt structure of the society. This is why we find our political regimes play cat and mouse with their people, particularly pioneers. These regimes try to keep only hypocrites who know well the know-how of kissing-up close to them. It is these crooked people and predators who are close to the decision-making cores. Accordingly, these hypocrites work very hard against the leading pioneers of knowledge and bold defenders of human decency and integrity. In spite of all their good work and contribution to their people, they are always left behind. Their achievement is not at any rate appreciated by the big guys as long as they do not exercise the kissing-up to the rulers. Even if they are sometimes braised and lauded in ceremonies, we find them always bogged down in an endless struggle for sustenance. Some of them even sometimes fall victims to all sorts of diseases mainly heart attacks out of despair in a society that is too hard to them and their accomplishments. Let us take for instance Abdullah Al-Baradouni, who recently passed away. Abdullah Al-Baradouni was a leading literary pioneer in Yemen as well as the Arab world. He had an overall master over writing poetry and narrative. He was also an omnipotent thinker and scholar in the Islamic religion. He, though crippled with

blindness since his early age, could have been able to grasp a distinguished and matchless caliber that brought about his recognition, regionally and internationally. He was such a prolific poet and writer whose most of his works were translated into different languages. During his life, he was very critical to the political regime either before or after the 26th September revolution in 1962. He ruthlessly criticized the Imam to the extent that he was about to be sentenced to death. A great Arab literary edifice, Baradouni could impress all people with his thought and unspeakable creation. He could hit the first places and obtain recognizable prizes and awards from several Arab scientific and literary institutions. He was famous as a revolutionary poet who fought bravely against all kinds of social diseases and corruption. He also gave a loud call to reforming the political, social and economic fabrics of the society. Moreover, he was well known with his vivid criticism that made him present everywhere in the life of his people. Of course, this did not please the governments which all marginalized, neglected and above all did not honor him. It is actually regretful that our pioneers are honored only by private scientific and arts establishments either Arab or international while our wealth is spent on crooked and corrupt hypocrites. I believe this plight of keeping our great people away from the helm of the centers of power is one of the main reasons behind our backwardness. In other words, a country which does not give its luminaries their due right and attention will never see the light of prosperity and welfare. What is funny about us in Yemen in particular is that we remember our luminaries and glorify them only posthumously. Therefore, shall we do it once again with Al-Baradouni? Why not?

GIA General Director to Yemen Times:

"the role of mass media through advertisements that reach the public at large will eventually become indispensable."

Yemen is currently undergoing several economic obstacles. One of these obstacles is the lack of investments and the investment encouraging atmosphere. Without the elements of success for investments, investors will not put their money into risk, and will eventually decide not to invest in Yemen. To focus on this particular issue of investment, and in an exclusive to the English weekly Yemen Times, GIA General Director - Mr. Abdulkarim A. Mutair, outlined the current situation of investment in Yemen.

Excerpt:

Q: What are the investment law amendments?

A: At the beginning, I would like to thank Yemen Times for its interest in investment issues and concerns. In answering this question, I would like to point out that tackling in depth the full-range of amendments to be introduced into the Investment Law No. 22 of 1991 can not be accommodated within a short space, rather I will try to highlight some of the proposed key amendments which could be categorized along the following main lines:

1. Additional tax exemptions accorded to the investment projects including its expansion and upgrading.
2. GIA restructuring and the amendment of certain functions of some of its functional structures such as, among others, the admission of private sector representatives into GIA Board of Directors and the delegation of Board's task of deciding large-scale projects to the Authority executive administration.
3. Establishment of new representative officers for government investment-concerned agencies.

Q: When a comparison is made between the investment law in Yemen and similar laws in the region, are there any essential differences?

A: In fact, the Yemeni investment law as amended, is seen as one of the best laws in the field with the recognition of a number of international investment experts as well as regional and international organizations concerned with the issue of investment. Evidently, such reputable position is brought about by the full-package of exemptions, benefits, guarantees and other facilities provided to the prospective investor along with investment simplified procedures, the concept of investor one-window authority, and the availability of numerous options for settling of investment disputes which may arise between investors or between the State and investors.

Q: How the recent acts of sabotage and other security disturbances impacted the investment climate?

A: Undoubtedly, the security situation is instrumental for the promotion and mobilization of investments of the country.

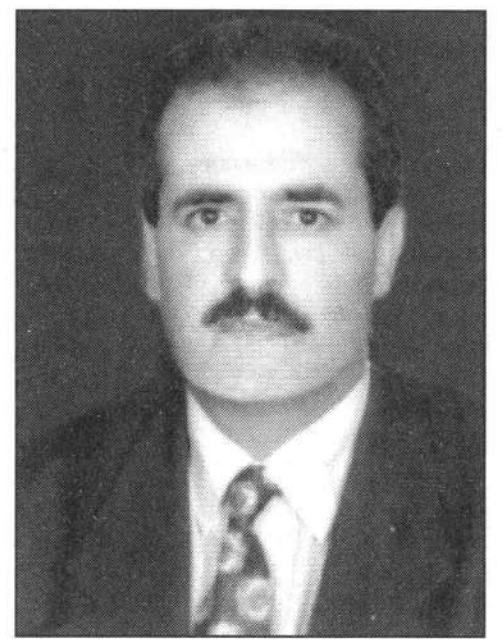
Q: Is there a coordination between the Authority and Arab and foreign investment institutions and centers so as to benefit from their experiences in the field?

A: Surely there is. The Authority maintains links with investment institutions in some countries in the region and worldwide. The target goal is to obtain as much benefits as possible specially from those countries with pioneering experiences in the field. For that end, the Authority is trying to translate such relations into appropriate legal frameworks. To exemplify, a number of technical cooperation protocols are currently under negotiation with a number of other countries. Among other benefits, such protocols facilitate the transfer of expertise and experiences as well as the exchange of information, visit, publications, and others.

Q: What is the role of media in supporting investment promotion?

A: All-type of media are essential means for publicity and promotion, through which investment data and information are disseminated to the target audience. With the availability of specialized media instruments which deal with specific fields and specific audience, the role of mass media through advertisements that reach the public at large will eventually become indispensable.

Q: Yemeni immigrants abroad and investment in Yemen: what is the magnitude of investments by non-resident Yemeni nationals? Are there any special benefits accorded to them?



A: It is our conviction that investments by non-resident Yemeni national constitute a main component of the overall investment activity in the country. Based on preliminary statistics, investments by Yemeni immigrants whether directly or through in-country partners could reach approximately 50% of total investment capital.

Q: Are there any feasibility studies and field surveys carried out by GIA to explore the local market in terms of its potentials, demands, and available opportunities as well as Arab and foreign investment trends in Yemen?

A: Preliminary studies for a number of investment projects in the industrial sector and primary data on a number of investment opportunities in the field of tourism and mineral resources are available at the Authority and being promoted through a systematic campaign carried out by GIA Promotion Sector at home and abroad. With respect to specialized research designed to address the local market requirements, the responsibility lies with other government agencies. For Arab and foreign investment trends in Yemen, they are constantly monitored by the Authority and reflected through its monthly quarterly and annual bulletins and other publications.

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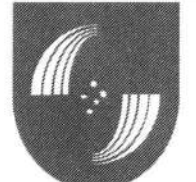
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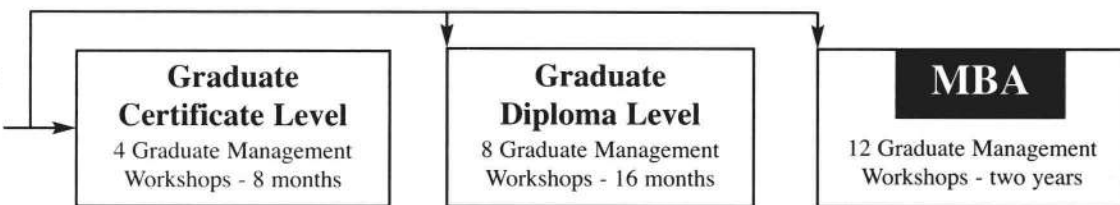
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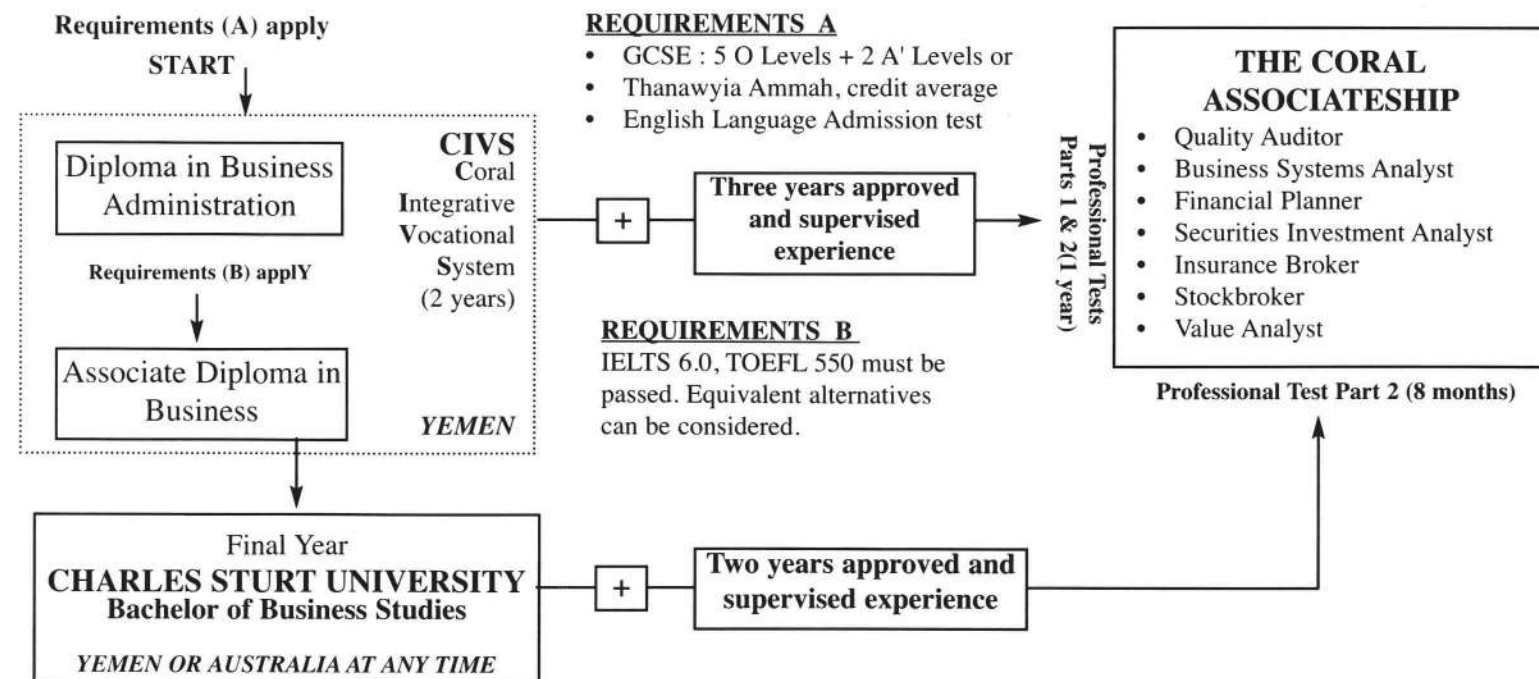
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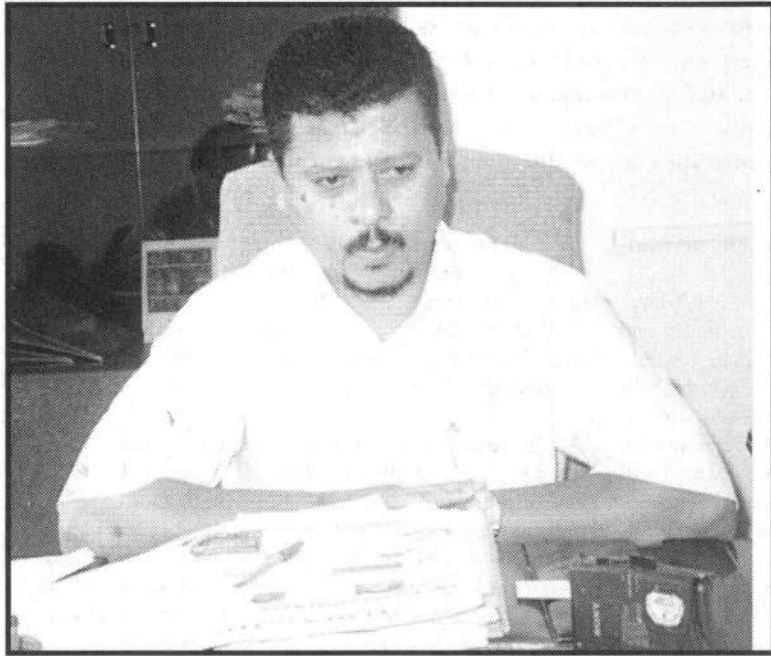
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Mukalla is a beautiful city, on the coast, clean and quite. Besides its beauty, through its factories and industries, Al-Mukalla is also contributing to the economy of Yemen and welfare of its people. One of these factories is the Factory of Fish canning. The Yemen Times interviewed its General Manager Hussein Mohamed Al-Hamid to know more about this quite unfamiliar factory and focus on one of the contributions of Al-Mukalla to the whole country.



We started the interview by asking about how the whole project started. Mr. Hussein replied, "The factory is considered to be one of most successful public sectors in the field of fish canning. It was established in November, 1979 in cooperation with the (USSR). All the machinery used to be Russian and it used to produce 4,000,000 cans in a year. The raw material was supplied by the Russian boats working in the regional water at that time.

After the cooperation between us and the Russian fishing boats froze, we began to think of canning tuna. In 1988, we imported the machinery from Italy. In the course of time, when the machinery began to break down, the Ministry of Planning took the responsibility of renewing the factory. In 1993, Yemen signed a protocol with France to face-left the factory. The process of renewing was planned to take place in three different steps:

The first step was providing the factory with a calorific liquid and a unit for manufacturing cans. This was in October, 1994 and it cost 16,850,000 Francs. The fac-

tory now is able to produce 10,000,000 cans in a year. Besides supplying the factory, the unit also supplies the Shaqra Factory with the needed cans. The second step was inaugurated by President Ali Abdulla Saleh on November 30th, 1996. In this step the factory was provided with new machinery for canning tuna. We are in touch with the Ministry to carry out the third and the last step. The factory products are considered to be of high quality and we won the gold medal for quality in our participation outside Yemen. In addition, our coasts are not polluted and are rich in the best kind of tuna." Regarding the number of employees he said, "There are 70 and all of them are Yemenis."

In regards to how tuna fish is being produced, he explained "First we weight it. Then we slice it and clean the slices to be

ground and boiled in sea water for three hours. After this we take it to the cooling rooms and then to the canning section."

When asked about the exports he answered, "We export tuna to Saudi Arabia and the other Gulf countries. We have also received orders from Egypt and Lebanon."

The production of the factory is reasonably acceptable, since as Mr. Hussein stated, "The factory produces 1,200,000 cans per month."

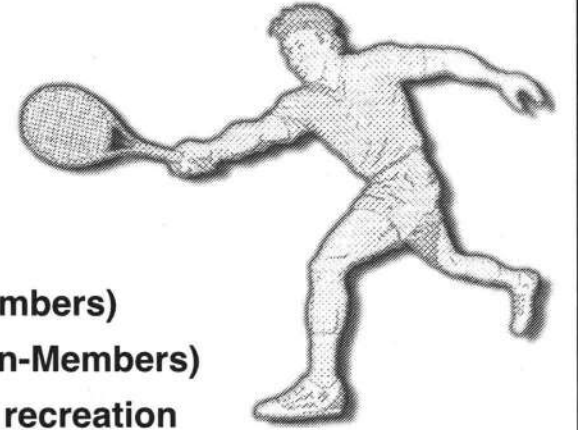
Finally, Mr. Hussein thanked the Yemen Times for giving importance to the Hadhramout region and to the canning project specifically, "I want to thank the Yemen Times for visiting Hadhramout and its focus on one of the most successful public sectors."

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Weaving Handmade Carpets: A Handicraft that Needs our Care



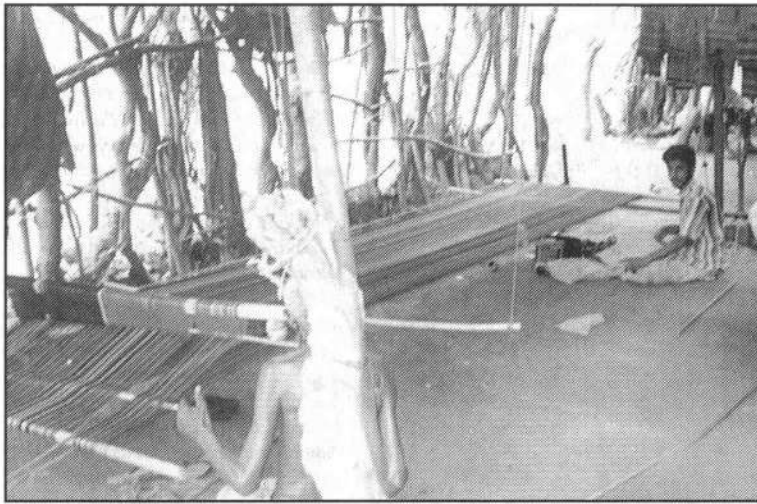
Saleh Abdulbaqi
Cultural Editor

The Yemeni people have been very much related to the constituents and pillars of the economy, as well as civilization. One of these basic elements, which is very important and very much related to our past, is the national handicraft. This has given and reflected a nice picture of the ancient and deeply rooted civilization. These handicrafts once were the national pillars of our economy.

Our old national industries had achieved great prosperity on the local, as well as foreign level. That is clear through the handicrafts we have inherited through generations and which used to exist until recently, in different governorates of the Republic. Some of these industries are the following: Weaving maawezez, as well as hats, silver industry, hubble bubble, haseer, jambias, etc. All these industries are not given the attention needed, so that

such heritage will be preserved. As a matter of fact, lots of tourists from different countries were admirers of our national industries. One of the essential things that most tourists become determined not to miss is, visiting old markets where they could see different products of these handicrafts. Some of them buy these products and keep them as a memory. These crafts used to be the main way for these people to make a living. They were also a good source for economic, as well as cultural prosperity because we used to export such products to different countries in the east, as well as the west, where they met great fame and prevalence for their high standardization.

In this article, I would like to draw the attention to one of these handicrafts that used to be very important in our society. I was very much interested in this while being in Bait Al-Fakeeh, in Al-Hodaidah. I paid a visit to the

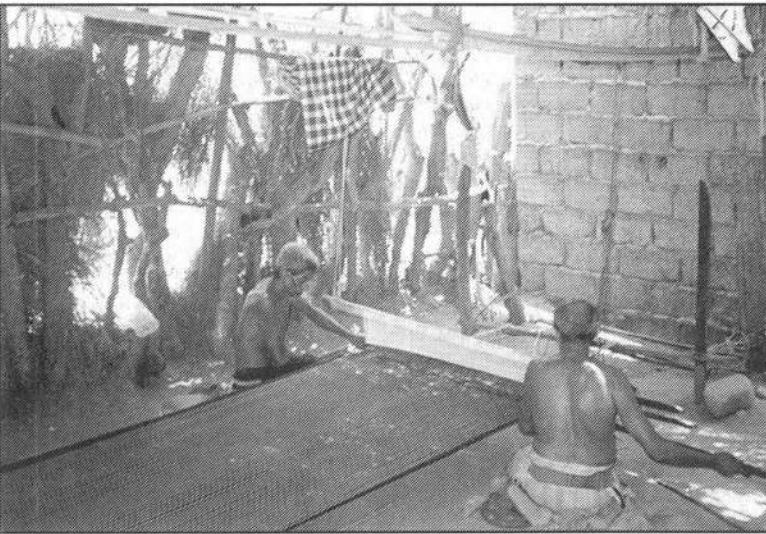


National Factory for Weaving Carpets and Maawezez, Al-Hawool District. Bait Al-Fakeeh, like many other towns in the country, is famous for its national and local handicrafts, such as making the handmade carpets. Making carpets, as well as Maawezez, is one of the most important handicrafts in Yemen. Practically speaking, the making of carpets has increasingly gone down, mainly due to the spread of the ready-made carpets imported from other countries. However, the making of Maawezez has continuously gone up, for it is considered to be a national uniform that most people boast to have. Some of these Maawezez have a fancy price that could not be afforded, except by well-off people.

Making Maawezez and carpets is very much related to the people in Bait Al-Fakeeh. They are actually very skilled in this activity and it seems they are still holding firm to it and will never give it up, though there is strong competition of similar products imported from other countries. For them these crafts are a very precious heritage they got from our ancestors. These tools are handmade from very cheap materials. In order to make these products, they depend highly on raw materials that

are imported from India and China, which are actually very costly. As a matter of fact, the workers in this activity exert great efforts. If you see them you would be amazed how they weave threads, which are mingled together in a very complex way. There are only four people working in this factory, each pair in a separate workshop. Their hands move quickly. When they work they seem to be like a bee hive, very busy with what they do. They sit on the ground all the time, working for long hours. "It seems to be a very tiring job, but we like it and will never give it up", said one of the workers.

There are a number of organizations that are making use of these products to give a traditional atmosphere to their premises/buildings. The Yemenia Airlines, for instance, designed most of its carpets in this traditional way. Other public establishments, also are furnished from these products. This small factory is considered to be the only one that still exists from ten others that used to be there in the district. This activity has tremendously attracted the attention of foreigners, in general, and tourists, in particular. Some of them kept standing for hours in a state of reverence, looking at these people and admiring their creation. We hope such handicrafts will not vanish and people in charge will do their utmost to take care of our national heritage, that is on the wane.



IMPRESSION ABOUT YEMEN



H. E. Mr. Shi Yanchun, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of The People's Republic of China in The Republic of Yemen

I was installed as an Ambassador for China, in the Republic of Yemen, in 1997. Yemen has left a deep impression on me. Yemen also has achieved big developments in the period of President Saleh. The military and security forces had struggled in bravery to protect the Yemeni Revolution. All Yemeni people joined hands with the military forces in their struggle to protect Sana'a and the Republican regime. Assab'een blockage is an immortal event in the mind of history. It will be always alive in the minds and hearts of the millions. The Revolution is an immortal heroic development in the history of Yemeni-Chinese relationship. President Saleh takes upon his shoulder the Revolution's aims, and leads the country successfully to develop the financial, economic and administrative reforms. He aims at improving the country's relations with neighbors and to consolidate the Arab Union.

Thereupon, the Yemeni and Chinese relationship is distinguished and historical. Some sources had mentioned that the Chinese people had began to arrive to Yemen in the sixth century. They brought silk and pottery from China to Yemen throughout land and sea transportation. During the tenth century, Aden was an important waterway which leads to China. In the fifteenth century, Captain Jenkh Kha had visited Aden three times. Yemeni rulers also sent missionaries to China.

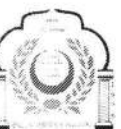
The People's Republic of China was founded on October 1, 1949. Since that time, it still preserves the Yemeni-Chinese relationship. The Yemeni-Chinese diplomatic relationship had started in 1956. On October 6, 1962, China recognized the Yemeni Republican regime after the Revolution, on September 26, 1962. The Chinese mission which was in Yemen before the Revolution turned into an Embassy, on February 13, 1963.

China upheld the Yemeni Revolution during the Sana'a blockage days. Then, it declared clearly that the people and government of China supported the people and government of Yemen, in their struggle of preserving the national sovereignty and independence of the country.

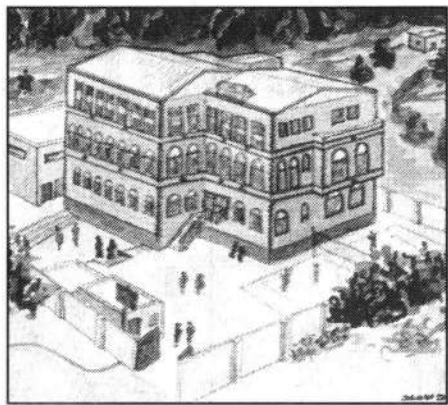
We see that the continuous development in Yemen-China relations is one of the Chinese policies. This relation is going on towards a better future. China founded about seventy projects in Yemen. During the visit of President Saleh and Vice President Abdrabuo M. Hadi to China, many contracts were signed. Now, we are implementing those contracts.

On September 1, 1999 I shared time with President Saleh, Vice President and Minister of Reconstruction and Urban Planning, Mr. Abdulla H. Al-Daf'ei, at the inauguration of the second stage of the Yemeni-Chinese Friendship Bridge. This bridge is located in the heart of the capital Sana'a; it is deemed as a gift offered by the government of China to Yemen. Absolutely, this bridge reflects the wide extension of the Yemeni-Chinese friendship. It consists of three levels: The high level bridge, under bridge level and water level deepening (about 5 meter). However, I will do my best to consolidate the Yemeni Chinese friendship, and I am sure that this friendship will prosper more and more in the future.

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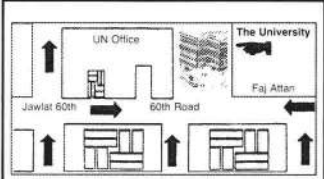
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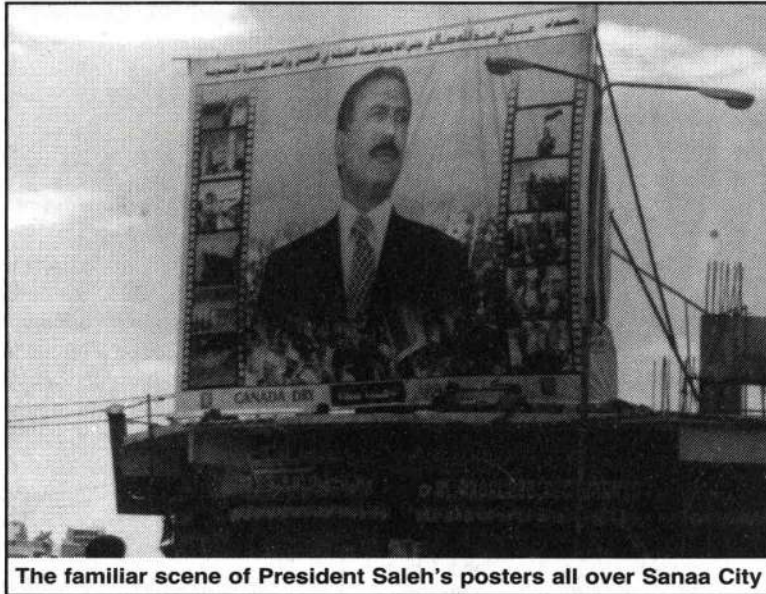
"We Feel that We Have the Choice Between Two Presidential Candidates"

Jamal Al-Awadhi,
Yemen Times

The impending presidential elections come after long and multiple junctures since a number of series moves were implemented since the election process was launched in Yemen. In the first parliamentary elections of 1993 there was a heated competition between the three main parties: the PGC, the Islah and the YSP. Those elections were considered a big leap in the history of democracy in Yemen. Most Yemenis of all walks of life participated in those elections to choose their MPs. Before the 1993 elections, the tradition was that prominent sheiks, merchants and intellectuals got appointed by authorities, or through a coup d'etat. The democratic moved forward till the 1997, when the second parliamentary elections were organized. Many international NGOs were involved in observing the elections which were boycotted by the Yemeni Socialist Party. The PGC reaped a majority of seats, seconded by the Islah, only 10% of the seats went to the small parties. These elections were also considered successful as reported by the international NGOs which observed them. Yemen, a developing country suffering from huge economic problems, poverty and illiteracy, seemed to have succeeded in the test of democracy.

Now Yemen has arrived to the final phase of the test, namely holding competitive Presidential elections to crown the 9 year old democratic process. Such elections should prove the credibility of democracy in Yemen. Two candidates are contesting the elections: President Saleh and Mr. Najib Al-Sha'abi, the son of the first president of independent South Yemen. The Socialist Party is again boycotting the elections and claims that pressures on Parliament were behind the endorsement of Mr. Asha'bis candidacy and not of Mr. Ali Saleh Obad Moqbel, the parties Secretary General, who was nominated by the opposition as its candidate.

Yemen Times questioned a number of journalists, students and other personalities on the future after these elections, and on whether the decision taken by Parliament was constitutional and within the frame of



The familiar scene of President Saleh's posters all over Sanaa City

the democratic process, or that the results are guaranteed for President Saleh. Here we display some of the interviews we made regarding this issue.

1- Mr. Mohammed Al-Ahgori:

"The impending elections are unique in Yemen and are a by-product of the democratic process which was launched in 1991, and continues to thrive. These elections are considered a very important exercise for the people of Yemen, in order to get acquainted with process of determining which is the suitable candidate to be chosen for leading the state affairs. Despite all the difficulties that people of Yemen continue to suffer; holding these elections gives Yemen a good image and reputation abroad. As for President Saleh's candidacy I believe it is constitutional. Nothing faulted the agreement between the Islah and the PGC on him as a joint candidate, since they own between them 90% of votes in Parliament and among the people. The remaining 10% chose Mr. Alshaa'bi. No MP did claim that he was coerced into preferring Mr. Al-Shaabi and rejecting Mr. Moqbel.

The campaign has started and it is hoped that the big number of NGOs that observed the previous 1993 and 1997 elections shall share this historical experience with the people of Yemen. These are the first direct competitive Presidential elections to be held in Yemen and the region. I feel in fact that there is a wide consensus around

President Saleh, but that doesn't mean in any way that we should dismiss the elections. Elections should be held and there should be a contest. These are exercises in democracy our people have to learn and to get used to them. They shall be difficult to dismiss in the future.

Yemenis are renewing their old known history in this aspect. If President Saleh gets reelected, he will have a difficult agenda politically and economically; Which I think he shall be able to implement as he shall be enforced by the added legitimacy of elections. Our people has wide hopes in getting the quality of our livelihood raised."

2- Adnan Mustafa - Journalist-Al-Thawri

"I can say that democracy in Yemen has not reached the level that enables the people of Yemen to be capable of having Presidential elections. I myself support President Saleh's candidacy, but we believe that these elections do lack something, especially as the opposition candidate was denied the needed endorsement. I feel that the other candidate is not fit for running because he is a member of the PGC. It is not right to have two candidates from one party as it gives the impression that the elections are not serious. I do hope that real competition shall take place. What is going on now is similar to a referendum. Everybody is supporting Mr. Saleh, while Mr. Al-Shaabi lacks glory of our national struggles in the past and therefore lacks any popularity. He just appeared from nowhere, and is only the son of the previous

first president of South Yemen. He doesn't own any vision. In his first mass assembly he spoke of free education and free medical services ...etc, which is expected to be said by any candidate who wants people to vote for him. Frankly, I support Mr. Saleh, but I don't agree with the way Parliament dealt with the candidate of the opposition. As for the future, I have great hopes in the President that he shall reform our economical and social affairs."

3- Abdulla Al-Imad (student - Faculty of Information):

"Those who that there is no serious democracy in Yemen, it is enough for them that they are able of saying so without being restricted in any way. They criticize the prevailing situation and the moves taken by the government to implement the administrative and fiscal reforms. What can we call this? There are opposition parties as well as ruling parties. All have wide popular support. Does the refusal of Parliament to endorse a candidate mean that there is no democracy in Yemen and that the election are an open game? It is right that there is a unanimous agreement on President Saleh, but that does not mean that the elections should be cancelled. The world has to know that the people of Yemen takes its own decision and determines who is going to govern the country. I consider elections as a kind of education for us. What some parties are circulating about boycotting the elections is an anti-democracy action itself. In addition to that, the constitution has limited the number of chances to be elected to twice only, so there shall be no lifelong president. This in itself is a qualitative detour, and a very good beginning for enforcing democracy in Yemen.

I think President Saleh, when elected can lead us into a better future. We hope that in the coming reign, there shall be better credibility in fighting administrative and financial corruption and in raising the life of our people to a higher level. That is the difficult job that awaits the elected president."

4- Yahya Dughaiish - athlete

"I see that the coming presidential elections are a distinguished accomplishment. Nobody has ever thought of such a possibility of people choosing their president even as an idea only. What is going on now is the enforcement of this principle inside the minds of common people, so that they become used to electing their MPs and their president. This has never happened hear before. Now people shall go to the



Posters of the unfamiliar presidential candidate, Najeeb Al-Shaabi posted on a wall near in Sanaa City. There are several automobiles and vehicles carrying these posters as well. Can he surprise us all in these elections?

ballots to choose, and every one decides on which candidate he considers a better choice. I call on these parties that threaten to boycott the elections to share the experience with the people. When the YSP boycotted the 1997 parliamentary elections; it deprived itself of any votes it needed to endorse its candidate for the Presidential elections. How can they boycott parliamentary elections, and later demand the elected Parliament to endorse their candidate. This is a very clear contradiction. How long shall this condition prevail? The opposition has to test itself and the extent of its popular support through the elections. That is better than hiding itself behind boycotting. We hope to have a strong opposition that can be influential in making reforms and straightening the situation.

As for President Saleh he was named for candidacy two of the most popular parties in Yemen. What we look for is a heated competition with the other candidate Mr. Al-Shaabi. The elected President shall be the choice of the people, and by that we shall have taken the most decisive step, and this principle must be deeply placed in the souls and minds of our children and the next generation, for a better future for Yemen."

5- Esam Al-Qassem - Journalist:

"I hope that the coming elections shall top

the previous phases since the 1993 parliamentary elections. Now we shall elect a president for the first time. Giving the people the right to choose is in itself a very good beginning. This is something new for our people since independence and the revolution. In other countries democracy has taken a long time to reach its level of today. Yemen has within nine years reached a distinguished level of the democratic process. As for Presidential elections, I see them as a new level to which the Yemeni people was lifted to: a level at which the people bears responsibility and determines which candidate is better for them. The ballot boxes shall decide. Every voter shall put the name of either Ali or Najib in the box. This is itself a great accomplishment. People begin to feel that they are the ones who determine their future and that they practice their rights freely. This way, Yemen gives a civilized impression of itself, despite the social and economical difficulties. I think it shall be very difficult for the elected president to build a system that is governed only by law; a system in which equality and justice prevail for every body. I think we need to unite our efforts, because divisions are only weakening us. Our joint aim is to serve our country and catch up with the other countries and peoples. We have to practice our rights and to praise the elections instead of boycotting them."

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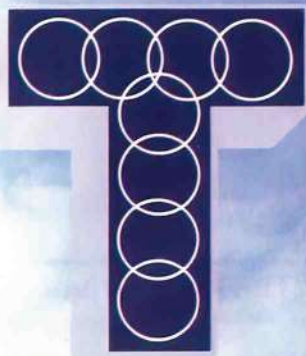
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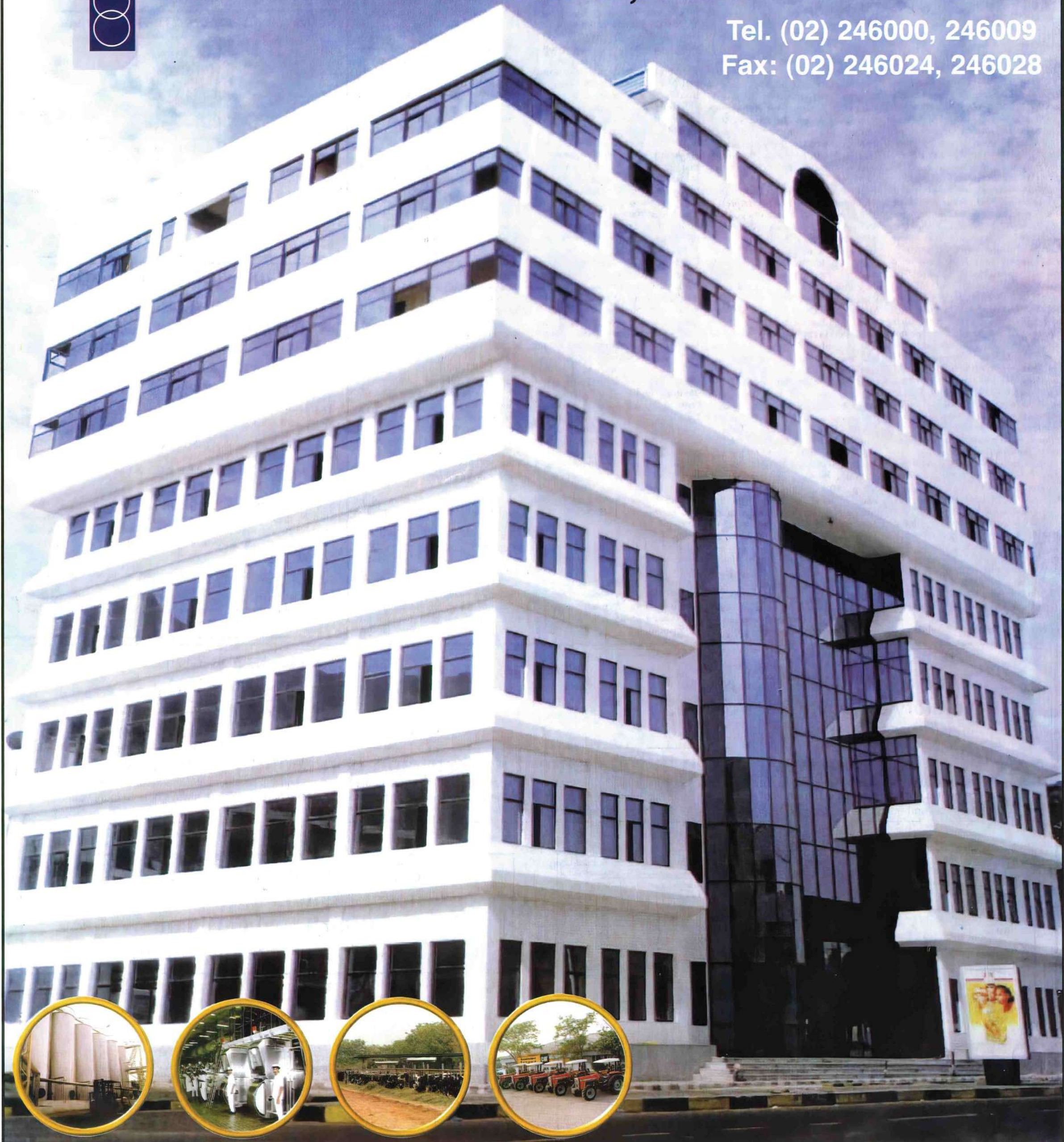
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Part II
**Why I Chose Yemen vs America:
 A True Story**



**By: ALI MUHAMED AL-HAMZI-EZZANI,
 Yemen Times**

The following contained in this article is by no means intended to undermine or mock European civilization, or European-American contributions to the world. The following is based on true facts and experiences, that I experienced or learned. Although some of these facts might be a bit blunt or direct, the purpose of the following article is to level out the unlevel playing field-one inferior, one superior and bring us all back to the reality of the equality among us and in practice. Anyone taking this article as a direct offense is only hurting themselves, through their ignorance and not my pen. They have only themselves to blame because I've done nothing wrong and don't in the least bit feel apologetic. I left off last week stating that I was going to disprove the colonialist mindset of my people through my knowledge and experiences. This week I plan on disproving this mindset through four unprincipled and unbiased lies that have created this God-slave relationship. This is also the start of confidence-building among mainly Yemeni youth, not forgetting our elders of course, called the new era of the unapologetic Yemeni. Let's commence!

First, many Yemenis see America and the western world as God! Below is a list of achievements and characteristics they feel that this "so called" God has achieved:

- 1) They only true democracy in the world.
- 2) The best-looking physical features.
- 3) An honorable civilization, while we are an uncivilized people.
- 4) A history of justice and equality.

To the dismay of the worshiper and the "so called" God, I am about to prove all of the above wrong!

First, it is important to figure out that while some Yemenis do everything in their might to look like westerners or Europeans, they are doing the same. In the west, men and women pay substantial amounts of money to tanning salons and hair parlors to look like us. That's right, they pay lots of money to get tans that you have naturally and get perms which make their hair curly like yours. They go as far as willing to be diseased with skin cancer to look like you. Is this what civilized people do?

This brings me to my next point, that America and the west are civilized and we aren't. By Allah's blessing and through their good intentions-structurally and technologically, that is true. In a refusal to disrespect myself as a Muslim, Hashemite or Yemeni, I must admit that my people have taken many steps back in the area of civilization. However, lets not forget that our Muslim-Arab dynasty, that lasted over 800 years, was the most civilized and just dynasty ever. Even our "so called" enemies-the Jews, admit to this.

Civilization, at least nowadays, includes progress for the future, while always benefiting from the past. From the perspective of progression through our history, it is extremely vital to point out that without the Muslim-Arab contributions to civilization, there would be no America and society would not be as nearly advanced as it is today. Lets not forget, just about anything civilized in America has both an Islamic and Arabic root.

Lets first start with the English language and U.S. common law. Is it not true that the English language and alphabet originated from Arabic. If this is not the case than why does nearly 1,000 words of the English language derive directly from Arabic. Better yet, why did Ancient English literature need to be translated via first Arabic, then Farsi, Hindi and Castilian Spanish. All groups mentioned above admit to the borrowing of Arabic literature till this very day, but America and the West can't.

It also has been brought to my attention through many lawyers, books and college classes that American laws are still being

Incorrectly, America is called the only true democracy in the world, but its really a fasad. Democracy comes from the Greek word Democrates, which means people rule. This is not the case in the United States. Let's take for instance the office of the president. This above all positions should be selected in the most democratic fashion.

To the contrary, it is not the people who decide the office of the presidency, its the electoral college that does. A matter of fact there have been a few cases in history where the candidate won the popular vote of the people, but lost the race and wasn't elected to President because they didn't win the electoral college. In fact, the cartoon character Mickey Mouse won the popular vote in the last election.

The second reason why America is not a political democracy is because running a campaign is costly and the one who has the most funds from the lobbyist's is the one who will win the campaign. So, who is the largest lobbyist group in the United States? AIPAC-The American Israeli Political Action Committee. It is well-known that anyone taking an anti-Israeli stance will not be elected. Surprisingly, every Arab elected to office supports the illegal stated of Israel. Bearing all this in mind America, stop mocking our democracy because your lack of democracy isn't our model and let's face it, a lobbyist group is an intellectual phrase for a bribery organization.

The second characteristic of this "so-called" God that I am going to disprove is the one believed that western physical features are superior to Yemeni physical features.

translated from their Arabic roots. This is ironic, because although Islamic law is perceived by many in America and the West as radical and extreme; America follows Islamic law too! For example it wasn't until the Muslim-Arab expansion into Southern Europe that the European cavewoman received equal, but different rights to her European caveman. This later resulted in what is now common law in America, that is, that there be at least two witnesses to any marriage certificate or important legal document. The issue of whether this is Islamic law need not be discussed. I can go on and on about the Muslim and Yemeni contributions to the world in all areas of study. A matter of fact I will write a series of articles on this at a later time.

My final point that I want to make is, since I have been here people have always referred to America as the model of justice, peace and equality. On this point, I can honestly say that they are progressing now, more than any other time in history and is making a noble effort to move forward-to cover their nightmare of yesterday.

This confirms my last point and that is Yemen's history is much greener than America's. We haven't oppressed nobody. However, we have a history of being oppressed by the Ethiopians, Turks, British, other Arabs and the West. Its about time Yemen takes a firm stance towards oppression, no matter who it is.

In terms of America's history, America have you forgotten about the millions of Indigenous Indians you killed? What about the Africans and Iraqis? What about Hiroshima and Nagasaki? And yes, have you forgotten that there was a Berlin in America, except they were Japanese!

All in all, I feel much better in Yemen and I would like to give the Yemeni people a model to learn from and hopefully, Yemen can strengthen ties with them. This country is Libya. It is a model to the world. Believe it or not, there is not even one homeless person in Libya, even with the embargo. So, I would like to thank one of my role models-Colonel Momar Al-Khadafi for setting an international

model of justice, peace and equality. In closing, I would like to share a famous quote I made up a few years back as a political activist to the Yemeni people here and abroad and that is the following:

"Freedom does not lay in the hands of the oppressor, but rather in the mind, heart and soul of the oppressed and the best weapon you

have in attaining your freedom is not just the sword you use in combat, which is also very important. But, more importantly, it is the sword Allah has given you between your ears."

Anyone interested in working with me to make Yemen and the world a better place can contact me at: Al_Hamzy@hotmail.com.

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The criteria of selecting the best driver was



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3. Cement Type: Sulphate resisting										3- نوع الإسمنت: إسمنت بورتلاند مقاوم للكبريتات	
4. Laboratory: Tests were carried out in the laboratories of cement companies in Syria in accordance with the Syrian standard specifications										4- المختبر الذي أجرى التحاليل: أجريت التحاليل في مختبرات شركات الإسمنت في الجمهورية العربية السورية، طبقاً للمواصفات القياسية السورية	
5. Test results:										5- نتائج التحاليل:	
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(1) Loss on ignition	(2) MgO	(3) CaO	(4) Cl	(5) K ₂ O	(6) Na ₂ O	(7) SO ₃	(8) Fe ₂ O ₃	(9) Al ₂ O ₃	(10) SiO ₂		
0.81	3.33	60.43	-	0.075	0.43	2.08	4.99	3.99	22.04		
5.2. Chemical test (b):										5-2 نتائج التحاليل الكيميائية (ب)	
Liquid phase:	C ₂ AF	C ₃ A	C ₂ S	C ₃ S	SM	AM	KST				
27.23	15.17	2.14	34.33	38.57	2.454	0.8	86.75				
27.23										26.5	
Consistency:										نسبة الماء (%):	
Setting time:										الأيض:	
Initial										195	
Final										280	
Soundness											
Lechutelier mm.Max										0.00	
Fineness: surface area (blaine) cm2/gm										التعمية (بلين): 2985 سم ² /غ	
Residue on 0.90 sieve % max										1	
5.4 Strength test results:										5-4 نتائج الاختبارات الميكانيكية:	
Tests on cylinders: 16x4 cm (kg/cm2)										اختبار على نماذج مشورية: 16×4 سم (كغ/سم ²)	
Compressive strength			7 Days			28 Days					
			171			249			466		
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46			54			80					
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ITEM	UNIT	ASTM C150 Requirements	Product test result
Loss of ignition	%	Max. 3.0	0.92
Insoluble	%	Max. 0.75	0.47
MgO	%	MAX. 6.0	2.83
SO3	%	Max. 2.3	2.02
C3A	%	Max. 5	3.2
2C3A+C4AF	%	MAX. 25	19.5

2- Physical properties:-

ITEM	UNIT	ASTM C150 REQUIREMENTS	PRODUCT TEST RESULT
Specific sur. Area (blaine)	Cm ² /g	>2800	2960
Time Of Setting	W/c	-	24.4
	Initial time	>60	256
	Final time	<600	362
Tensile strength	3 Days	----	2.6
	7 Days	>1.7	3.0
	28 Days	>2.2	3.7
Compressive strength	3 days	>8.0	20.0
	7 days	>15.0	27.1
	28 days	>21.0	37.2
Autoclave	%	<0.8	0.1

COMMON SENSE

By: Hassan Al-Haifi

Political Games People Play

"I tell you, we have become a full fledged democracy like all those Europeans. We are the only country in the area where the top post in the country is now up for grabs to the best candidate - and it is the people who will decide and not the nozzle of the tank!" One of the passengers - a zealous advocate of the People's General Congress was explaining to his fellow passengers in the bus the significant political changes the country was undergoing as they set out on the bus for the sports stadium to hear the "opposition" candidate spell out his election platform.

But not all the passengers seemed so assured: Why bother going? They are going to show it on TV anyway." The bus driver was laying out the choices for monitoring the election proceedings, continuing, "do you all know really what you are going to see and hear."

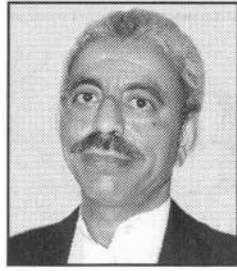
One of the other passengers, who was sitting on the chair added by the driver, just before the last row in the bus, to increase the passenger capacity of the bus, which usually put the passenger on a 45 degree slant so that his weight is shared equally by the slanting seat and the passenger to his left, said: "I do not understand why none of the other parties could not come up with the candidate who could run for

President." Yet, the ruling party came up with the two candidates competing for the post!"

"It goes to show you that the ruling party has truly mastered the political games people play, using all the resources it has at its disposal to arrange the democratic process to its own whims and ambitions", said the passenger who had the burden of sharing half of the last speaker's weight heaved upon him by the slanting chair beside him.

The PGC advocate, making sure nobody tried to fill people's thoughts with any corrupting ideas, said: "You should stop reading the opposition papers, who, because of their lack of popular support rely on hitting the Peoples General Congress with lies and false accusations in the hope of attracting sympathy for their lost cause."

"You cannot tell me that you really believe that this staged election is for real?" said the passenger who is playing the balancing act, after noting the annoyance of the passenger next to him at having to carry half his weight. "The PGC is undoubtedly the people's choice and is capable of producing, not one, but two candidates who qualify for the nomination and the Presidency, whereas all the opposition parties put together could not get a



candidate to win parliamentary elections! Even the Islah Party was smart

enough not try to compete with the PGC, and went along to support the incumbent." said the PGC defender in the back.

The driver volunteered some clarifications: "The Islah and the PGC, as far as I am concerned are one and the same - almost. In any case the Islah is sure to have assured itself something in return for keeping its ally at the helms, this way it can continue sharing power, without having to worry about being blamed for the shortcomings of the government. It is a delicate understanding that no one is sure what the final outcome of, will be, but for now it seems an interesting political sideshow that keeps a mixture of power centers deciding the fate of the nation in a precarious way, with no foreseeable trends that could raise hopes."

"What was a disappointment to me was the way the Yemeni Socialist Party leader was unable to master the interview on the Qatari satellite channel last week! To think that the guy also was a contender for the Presidency!" said a guy, sitting next to the PGC advocate, who seemed to feel that he was let down by the interview, continuing, "Here is a big chance for the leading party in the opposition to air the views of a significant element

of the population throughout the world, who felt that the whole election process is nothing more than a disguise for a referendum, but somehow just could not get his act together."

The driver had a comment about that, as he pressed the on the brakes noting a man crossing the street, who seemed to be on his senior years, who believed that pointing his scarred bent cane ahead of him, as though this was Moses' cane, could have no difficulty bringing traffic to a standstill as Moses' cane was able to open up a canal in the sea: "The YSP paper claimed that the satellite channel had fallen under the remote control of the GPC, and thus went on to try to give the head of the YSP a hard time during the interview."

The slanted man came back with a remark: "Even if that was true, which seems to be highly unlikely, the interviewee should have been prepared to meet any unforeseen barrage of attacks or comments. I do not know what has happened to the once eloquent YSP, whose rhetoric used to have such a fantastic rousing grass roots appeal."

The driver came back with a justification: "Most of the real smart big whigs of the YSP are out of the country after their defeat in the last civil war. Those who are here are just carrying the name and banner, without really having any political clout. It is hard to decide whether to feel sorry for them or to give up hope on them ever becoming a significant force again in the political arena."

"What I really want to know is who's this second candidate and how did he

all of a sudden jump to national prominence?" said the guy sitting next to the driver who has been just squeezed in as an additional passenger, although his right thigh has now become a continuous victim of the gear shift changes, with the gear-shift handle hitting him as the driver shifted down to stop for the new Moses crossing the street.

"Look, we now have a chance to get to know him, which is why we are going to the stadium," said the PGC defense spokesman.

"You think we are going there by our own free will? Our local leaders insisted that we go, or else we will lose the right to gain projects and other favors from the government," said the man sharing the weight of his neighbor, who started to sense a slight pain from the unusually sharp shoulder of the man next to him, thanking God that his neighbor did not happen to be overweight, while continuing: "Can you imagine the regime insisting that we go hear the 'opposing candidate'?"

The driver again knew how to explain the real circumstances they are going through: "This is what I mean when I say that the whole process has been masterly designed to the last decorative step. The local leaders and all the other major players are going through the theatrics because they know they will be rewarded, while all the rest of you have nothing but threats or intangible promises that only Moses' cane can make true. How many promises and flowery statements have we heard in the past in return for all our support and sacrifices, to insure that the

regime carries on its series of theatrics? What is the outcome of all the support? Nothing, but more flowery statements and endless promises."

A wise old man sitting in the back said just as he gathered his things to get off: "I do not know why all this talk of democracy and elections is bothering you people, when you still have to worry about finding jobs that will enable you to feed your kids".

The driver wanted to tease the old man: "Hay, you can't get out here. I have a contract only to let people down at the stadium and take them back where I picked them up in Sana'a. You forgot that you have been drafted to take part in Yemen's politics."

"Look, son, nobody drafts me to do anything! In my old age, I am ready to die rather than be forced into nonsense that costs billions of Rivals, just so some sleazy politicians can continue playing with people's minds. Son of a former President or not, I am not interested in playing a game, the outcome of which has been pretty much decided. So let me off to see to the small flock of sheep I have to watch out for. You guys can be herded along all you like, but for me, I like to be the one doing the herding, not the one to be herded. That is the politics I like to play!" With that the old man, also with a Moses' cane managed to steer his way out, even over the 45 degrees passenger, to the backdoor of the bus and down its steps to the edge of the road, at the same time showing a sorry look on his face for the way his fellow passengers seem to display a lack of insight, dignity and self-pride.

Letters to the Editor

NOTES: Any Letter sent to the Yemen Times office is subject to correction and modification. Letters which are seen suitable for publishing will be published as soon as there is space. Letters without the name of the author will not be published.

What on Earth is going On in Yemen?

The news of the bombing that happened in Sana'a on August 28th, 1999 was a real shock for us.

We would expect to hear that someone was murdered for blood revenge, or that a person was killed for trying to take a piece of land from another by force or anything like that, but we never expected such a powerful explosion in the capital of the republic and in such a location, like Haddah Street. These violent events have been increasing greatly in the last years and the thing we want to know is "what on earth is going on in Yemen?"

Is it really some of our beloved neighboring countries? Is it the opposite parties inside the country? Is it the fundamental groups? Or is it our own open-minded tribes that are playing around?

Well, to be honest, as Yemeni citizens, it is not important for us to know who is doing it, rather than knowing where is our government, and what are they doing about it?

Can't they even secure the capital city? We all know that these kinds of problems occur everywhere, but Yemen has been suffering from it for more than five years now. Isn't that quite a sufficient time to find some positive solutions? Not to eliminate them, but even to reduce them. I think it is much more than enough, but only if there are some honest people working on it.

However, many things have contributed to the current situation of Yemen. Maybe one of the most important aspects is the country's democracy status. Although many people will disagree with me in this, but I think that our decision-makers did not think seriously about the consequences of being a democratic country. I am not saying that democracy is bad or wrong, but I want to ask, "were we really up to being a democratic country?" Was Yemen prepared for it? I think it should have been applied in a different way and more gradually; especially since Yemen has many enemies who are jealous of the success and prosperity of Yemen and will keep trying to keep it going, in different ongoing problems.

Therefore, as long as we already made

the decision of being democratic, and we are now a democratic country, we should stick with it, even though we were not a democratic country before. All Yemenis should be positive and gather their efforts to get Yemen through this critical point. Decision-makers and people in charge should be more conscious and plan well for the future. Finally, I ask God to guide Yemen and help us all to get it back to what it was before.

Ahmed Alabsi
President of the Yemeni Students' Union in Calgary
Alberta, Canada.

Dear Editor,

I just wanted to comment on "They Say...I Say." As I was reading that piece I imagined the writer as a male. When I came to the ending I saw it was a female. It was kind of shocking, but relieving at the same time. A woman going off on Americans, not knowing the language or the people there. That gives me encouragement to tell my parents to let me off to college, but they won't let me move away to further my education, which I don't understand. Why is it ok for some families to let their daughters go off, and for some it's not OK? I just don't get it! I wanted to move to Sacramento because school would be easier for me. I know there would be times where I would have to come home a bit late. I hope that won't happen frequently though. Even though it is only 45 minutes away, my parents can't seem to find it in their hearts to let me go.

That piece just gives me great inspiration to tell my parents and hopefully, they will at least think about it, hopefully! I have just found this site a few days ago, literally, by accident, in the schools computer lab and I love it already. Thank you for putting out such a great newspaper!

Yasmin Bazel
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Dear Editor,

Because I try to keep in contact with Yemen during my stay in Germany I always use your newspaper for information about this country. According to all my friends who are familiar with

the situation in Yemen I am sure that you are the only independent and critical paper in the whole country.

On the culture page of issue 34, I found an article written by Dr. Azza Mohammed Abdo Ghanem about the "Rights of Woman in Islam". To know and to understand more about Islam and its influence over the Islamic life, I try to get all information available for me. I will come to Yemen again in October, and I am interested in meeting Dr. Azza.

I read what Dr. Azza Ghanem wrote about women in Islam and I think that her attitude is part of the problem and not of the solution. There is an image problem (generally with regard to the west) that we seem so concerned about and want to correct, rather than the actual reality of women in our

country and elsewhere in the Muslim world. Instead of defending Islam as a religion, it would be more helpful to defend Muslim women themselves in our times, with the problems that I think you are well aware of. The attitude of we were better than you 14-centuries ago does not help whatsoever, and indeed it suggest a feeling of insecurity, and the need to show others that we are not as stupid as our conduct would suggest! It is better to change bad (reality) of Muslim women and be self-critical, than to change the (image) of others about Islamic law. Even if others believe your interpretations, change the (image). What good would that bring to your bad reality?

Dr. Margot Reinke





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ZENITH STEEL PIPES IN SILVER JUBILEE YEAR IN YEMEN

ZENITH STEEL PIPE on the occasion of entering Silver Jubilee Year of consistent services to Yemen in supplying steel pipes according to International standards, organized a get-together at Taj Sheba Hotel, Sana'a, on 6th of September, 1999. Leading business personalities, Senior Officers from GAREW, NWASA, Ministry of Agriculture, PTC, PEC, Consumers and Quality Caring Departments of the Government of Yemen, International Trading houses, Maruebni, Nissho Iwai, Representatives from Exhibition Projects of Municipal Department, Switzerland, leading bankers, contractors joined the gathering followed by dinner with H.E. Ambassador of India Mr. Mohinder Singh Suman, Mr. Amin A. Mahmood, Authority Chairman of GAREW, Mr. Arun Jain, President, Mr. J.H. Baxi, Vice President and Mr. Gamal Haidara, the representative of Zenith Limited.

NBCC, UBCL, Indian Roads Corporation and Consulting Engineering and services Ltd. He wished the function success, and laid Zenith Steel Pipes has been quite active in exporting its products of high standard. He also wished Zenith's active participation in other areas.

Zenith is exporting steel pipes at a level of almost 2500 tons per month of which exports to USA and other European countries is 50% in various international standard like ASTM/DIN and various British standards. Zenith has plans to have close interaction by way of technology workshop in near future. Zenith is willing to provide technical and quality related knowhow to any technocrat of Government of Yemen who is willing to undergo such programs.

quality of services and fulfilling marketing obligation purely on professional ground". He pointed out that such a long tenure of Zenith in this market, itself, is a proof of their marketing success.

Mr. Qahtan Abdul Al-Malik, expert in the Ministry of Agriculture, explained the need of systems which conserves water for greater use for agriculture and other requirements. He informed that more and more land is coming up under agriculture use and better pipes for irrigation purpose can stop wastage. He asserted his confidence in Zenith steel pipes.

Mr. Baxi again informed that Yemen is advancing very fast on their various requirements related to water sourcing and required technological infrastructure and Zenith has geared up to meet their requirement of flanged pipes, borewell casing pipes, black and galvanized pipes with and without heavy duty sockets for various pumps. Zenith has been developing steel pipes for various structural application and preparing to supply electric poles for low and high-tension purposes. Zenith has sizeable exports of scaffolding tubes to European Countries as well.

Mr. Baxi also pointed out about the role of Abdul Karim Alaswadi, Amin Alaswadi and Hamoud A. Al-Husseini family to start first import of pipes from India. Success of the company comes out of dedicated team nurtured under Birla Management working with excellent atmosphere having all amenities of housing, school, hospital, club house, guest house, etc. Regarding plans for the future, he said that he expected that there will be potential growth for their exports to Yemen. He also said that the products are very well known in Yemen right from 1974. He asserted that ever since the company was established in 1960, there was a strong emphasis on the consistency in quality as well as in supply.

Mr. Haidara, Zenith Representative in Yemen, offered a vote of thanks to Zenith's supporting partners in Yemen market since the early 70's i.e. Abdul Karim Al-Aswadi, Al-Husseini Est., MAJ, ADHBAN, AL-YAMANI, AL-SUNAIIDAR, ABDO Hayel Dhafir, Abdul Aziz Altam, EMU, Al-Nawar.

Then extended his appreciation to those government bodies from NWASA, GAREW, PTC, PEC, ACU for their trust on Zenith quality. After that he requested all to join for dinner. Finally Mr. Arun Jain awarded certificates to Business Promoters.



Mr. Arun Jain, The President of Zenith

Mr. Arun Jain, President, Zenith Ltd., informed about Culture of Group, carrying long history, lie in Customer's Satisfaction through excellence in Quality, timely supply, Consistent presence in market irrespective of better prospects in Domestic Market or odds of International markets. He said Zenith Steel Pipes belong to second largest 'BIRLA' Group of India. The group, Interallia, engaged in manufacture of diverse products like Steel, Cement, Jute, Viscose Fibre, Auto

Dr. Amin A. Mahmood, Chairman of Garew an expert in water conservation and affiliated activities enlightened the audience with his rich experience in the field. He had an occasion to visit Zenith Steel Pipe plant (80 km from Mumbai, India) with his technocrats who according to him obtained lot of



Dr. Amin A. Mahmood, Chairman of GAREW



J.H. Baxi, The Vice President (Marketing), Zenith

H.E. Ambassador of India and Chairman Garew lit the lamps and inaugurated the function. In his opening speech, Mr. J.H. Baxi, the vice president of Zenith limited, welcomed the Ambassador of India, Garew Chairman, and all who attended the ceremony. He said

that Zenith has its successful, untiring job in country's development by supplying steel pipes of International repute since 1974. He added Zenith steel pipes incorporated as one of the first few Public Limited Companies in 1960 manufacturing ERW steel pipes started production in 1962 and commenced export in 1964. Zenith has so far exported above half a million tons of pipes to 63



Audience



Translators, Baxi, Amin, Ambassador, Arun Jain, Gamal

auxiliaries, Cutting tools, chemicals, etc.

He stressed greatest importance in adhering strict quality parameters for manufacturing steel pipes through stricter control at each production process through Quality Systems instead of going for one time inspection. He said, for this, company has well-equipped laboratory, testing equipment, on-line process



knowledge in field of production and quality parameters.

He wished cooperation from Professional company like Zenith in many fields of water projects, water conservation and allied activities who have background research and Development and constant upgradation of product.

Mr. Hamoud A. Al-Husseini said his establishment is one of those who started importing steel pipes in early seventies and informed "relations with Zenith is mainly attributed to quality of product

countries of the world and more than 50,000 tons to Yemen. He also said that exports to USA is almost 50% of the total exports to all the countries in the world. Commitment of Zenith to consumers interest has been of utmost importance and therefore, they are one of the world leaders in ERW steel pipes.

inspection systems and qualified Metallurgist and Engineers. Mr. Arun Jain also informed that apart from quality Systems, one has to use right steel, right strip width, proper welding process and equipment's, hydro testing and use appropriate Zinc for galvanizing.

Mr. Arun Jain meticulously explained production process through transparencies and assured for any cooperation from Zenith to Yemeni authorities in field of application or quality monitoring systems.



Mr. M.S. Suman, The Ambassador of India

H.E. Ambassador of India, Mr. M.S. Suman in his brief and interesting deliberation explained the importance of lighting lamps before starting any ceremony as a part of Indian Culture. He informed about India's active participation in Yemen development programs by various Indian Institutions like TCIL,



Mr. Gamal Ibrahim Haidara, Zenith's Representative in Yemen



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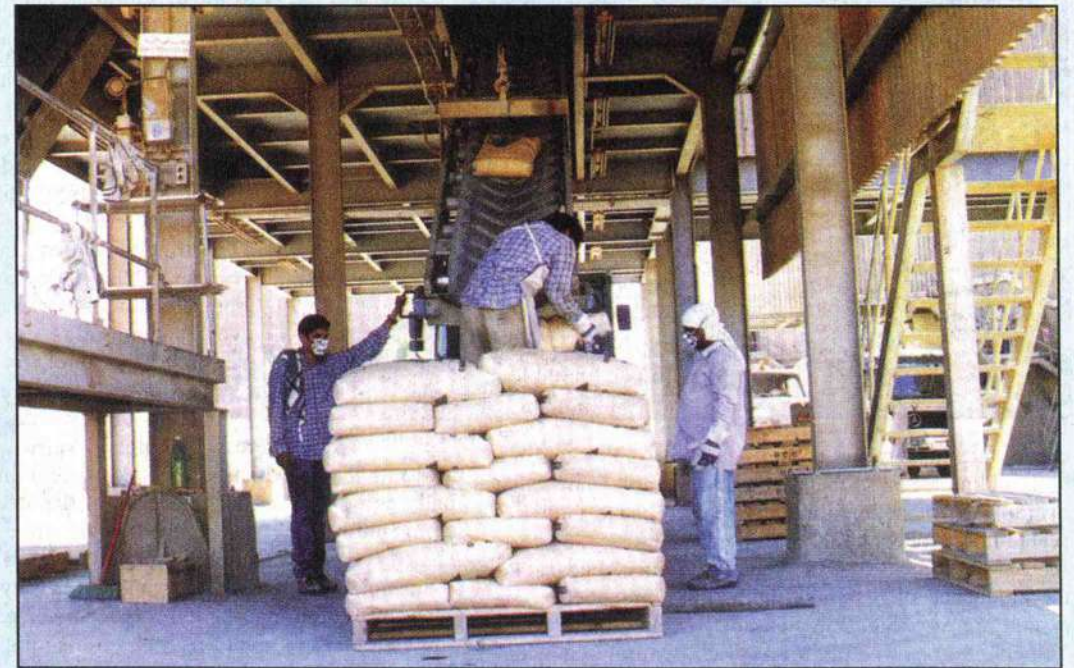
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Historical Mysteries of Yafrus and Ibn Alwan

Did you hear about Yafrus? Have you read about it? Do you know Yafrus and where it is located? Do you know the reason behind its fame? Do you know Ahmed Ibn Alwan, the man without whom nobody could have heard about Yafrus?



By: *Imad Al-Saqqaf*
Yemen Times,
Taiz

Before we speak about Yafrus (the district, the mosque, people, poverty and aridity), let us say something about Ahmed Ibn Alwan, the famous Sufi and holy man. The Encyclopedia of Yemen says the following on Ahmed Ibn Alwan:

"One of the most famous Sufi saints of Yemen. He was a well-versed fluent preacher, poet and a brave sufi and religious leader". He authored many books, some of which are: "Al-Tawheed Al-A'Adham", "Diram Al-Futuh", "Al-Mihragan" and "Al-Bahr Al-Mushkel". Judge Al-Baha'a Al-Ganadi said in his book 'Al-Sulook', when he concluded Ibn Alwan's biography: "I have delayed mention of ibn Alwan, as he is the knight

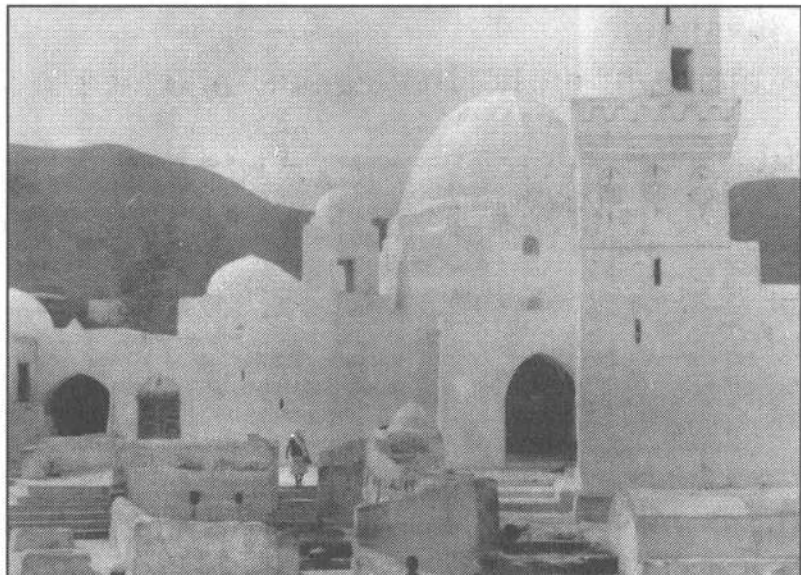
people and the Majdhoobs (Charmed) who work at the mosque. They compete for acquainting you with the mosque and the shrine for an amount of money. Children stick upon you demanding money. Old people and women join them; poverty is crushing the population in this area and poor inhabitants depend nearly fully on grants and donations they receive from Ibn Alwan's visitors.

The Shrine is near Ibn Alwan's Mosque. There are buildings for long-term visitors. It is worth saying that the original tomb was built by Imam Ahmed, when he noticed that people come to visit it from all over Yemen.

It was re-built after 30 years during the reign of Abdulla Al-Sallal, after the Republican system was declared.

Besides the Shrine, you find women, children and old people rubbing their hands on the tomb hoping for medication, and they start calling for their needs to be met by God; through the blessings Of Ibn Alwan. They recite Quran also and bring gifts and donations, which they put near the tomb (as was said before).

The shrine of Ahmed Ibn Alwan has become a destination of Yemenis from all areas of the country, and even some Arabs from outside Yemen. The fame of Ibn Alwan had reached very far areas. Many tourists visit this shrine.



of the later generation of the people of Gab'a and the surrounding areas, so that the knowledgeable knows that my aim is to make him their seal, because God has sealed his prophets by the best of them".

Ibn Alwan was called "The Ganz of Yemen" because of the eloquence of his works-both prose and poetry. His poems are so deep and pleasant. He was the first in Yemen who wrote Mubayyat, Muraba'at and Mukhamasat poems. One of these poems is the one performed by the famous Yemeni singer Ayyub Absi: Hasun has visited you . . .

Sheikh Ahmed Ibn Alwan, in addition to all of the above, is one of the prominent magnates of Sufism in Islamic history. Many of his sayings on Sufism and Sufis are contained in his work, "Al-Tawheed Al-A'Adha".

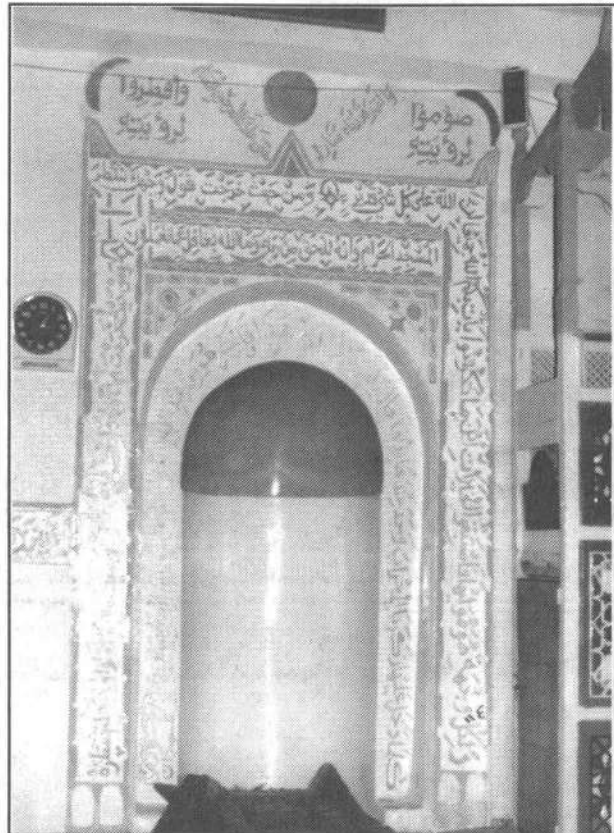
Ibn Alwan died during the night of 20th Rajab of 665 of Hijra, which is March 17, 1267 in Yafrus, the center of Gabal Habashi in the Hogariyyah country. His grave had become a visited shrine and had a big dome that was destroyed by the then, Emir of Taiz-Imam Ahmed Hamid Addyn, in 1929.

Because Ibn Alwan was a Sufi Saint who was in continuous worship, he became famous for virtue and righteousness. Some ignorant people believe that he could be beneficial or could cause harm to others, so they try to become nearer to God, through Ibn Alwan; by visiting his mosque at Yafrus, offering slain animals and calling upon God in front of Ibn Alwan's shrine; to treat their diseases, heal their wounds and to drive away their anguish. It is strange that visitors to his shrine bring offerings such as honey, chicken and incense. The Majdhoobs there collect these offerings and tell the visitors their offerings have reached Ibn Alwan.

The way to Yafrus passes through Wadi Al-Dhabab-one of most beautiful Wadis of Yemen, with water and green sceneries that refresh the souls. When you arrive at Yafrus you are welcomed by children, old

There are many interesting things in Yafrus, despite the aridity this year which is a result of the rains that normally come very late. The scenes of the area are fascinating and very charming. The Islamic white Mosque of Ahmed Ibn Alwan, which is situated on a hill, forms one of the most beautiful scenes, which attracts eyes from far away; informing that the tomb is for a versed holy man who had rendered great services, for his religion and co-believers.

There, at Yafrus, you see the simple people, in their tra-



ditional dresses, gathering and welcoming every arriving guest, despite their misery and poverty.

We said farewell to Yafrus hoping to visit it again sometime in the future. We said farewell to Sheikh Ahmed Ibn Alwan, the glorious holy man whom we ask God to bring together in the afterworld.

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Answer of Issue (35) Competition:

"The honorary Yemeni Football Union Chairman is Shawqi Ahmed Hayel Saeed. On page 7."

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First Prize (YR 8000)

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Draw of the lucky winners

Congratulations to all winners

To receive their prizes, winners should come with their IDs to the Yemen Times Sanaa Office, near the Palestinian Embassy, Hadda Street. Tel. 268661. No prizes will be given to winners who do not come within one month from the day of announcing their names.

Internet for the Beginner

Reasons to Enter the World of the Internet

1. To Establish A Presence

Approximately 36 million people worldwide have access to the Internet's World Wide Web (WWW) and this number is growing daily at an unbelievable rate! No matter what your business is, you can't ignore numbers of that magnitude! To be a part of that community and show that you are interested in serving them, you need to be on the WWW for them. You know your competitors will.

2. To Network

A large part of business is communi-

cation, making connections with other people. Every smart business person knows, it's not always what you know, but sometimes who you know. Passing out your business card is part of every good meeting and every business person can tell more than one story how a chance meeting turned into the big deal. Well, what if you could pass out your business card to thousands, maybe millions of potential clients and partners, saying this is what I do and if you are ever in need of my services, this is how you can reach me. You can, 24 hours a day, inexpensively and simply, on the

World Wide Web (WWW).

3. To Make Business Information Available

What is basic business information? Think of a Yellow Pages ad. What are your hours? What do you do? How can someone contact you? What methods of payment do you take? Where are you located? Now think of a Yellow Pages ad where you have instant communication. What is today's special? Today's interest rate? Next week's parking lot sale information? If you could keep your customer informed of every reason why they

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Crossword Puzzle: Improve your English by solving the YT Weekly puzzle!

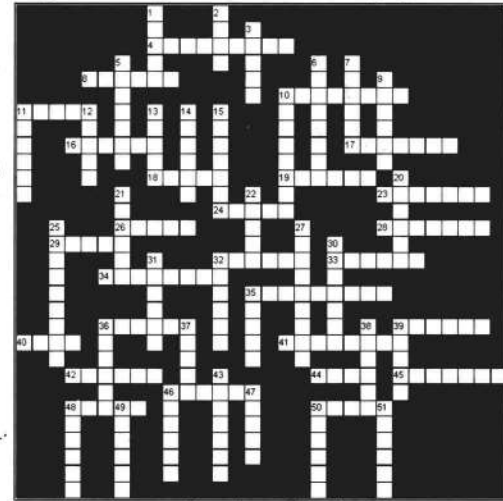
Cross Clues:

- _____ is a type of candy. It is usually brown, but it can also be white.
- We grown vegetables and flowers in our _____.
- _____ is a day of the week. It comes between Wednesday and Friday.
- Ants live _____ the ground. They live under the ground.
- We eat _____ in the evening.
- _____ is the day of the week, which comes between Monday and Wednesday.
- My baby sister builds with _____.
- We keep our car in a _____.
- I was _____ when my friend died. I was sad.
- _____ help doctors take care of people who are sick.
- I spilled juice on my shirt. It left a _____.
- I get a drink when I am _____.
- _____ is a direction. I have a _____ hand and a left hand.
- I am _____ at math than spelling.
- I take the _____ to get from the first floor of my house to the second floor.
- I put my letter in an _____.
- I wrote the address on the _____.
- People read the _____ to know what happened in the last day.
- I look both ways before I cross the _____.
- _____ is a season. It is cold during _____.
- I like this toy _____. It is my favorite.
- I make a _____ by putting something between two pieces of bread.
- On sunny days, I can see my _____ on the ground.
- A _____ is a round toy. We play many games with _____. The airplane landed at the _____.
- Ahmed was not at school today. He is _____.
- I wash my hands to make them _____.
- My friend Mona is _____. She can't see.

Down Clues:

- My _____ is my father's brother or my mother's brother.
- On my birthday, I _____ out the candles on my cake.
- _____ are used to start a fire. I

- never play with _____.
- I made a _____ of a tree. It was a picture of a tree which I made with my crayons.
- A girl child is the _____ of her parents.
- Flies, bees, and butterflies are types of _____.
- I used a _____ to drive a nail into a piece of wood.
- A _____ is a shape. It has three sides.
- I like to _____ a ball. I drop the ball and it _____ back up.
- My _____ is between my hand and my arm.
- The Yemeni city famous for its ancient dam is _____.
- I look at myself in the _____ when I comb my hair.
- Some children make funny shapes with _____ in Halloween.
- The ship dropped its _____ so it would not drift out of the harbor.
- When somebody talks to you, you should _____.
- The outside of the bread is the _____.
- _____ is the first meal of the day.
- _____ is a holiday for Christians. They celebrate the birth of Prophet Jesus on _____.
- When I do something rude, I am _____.
- The _____ is a furry animal with a flat tail. It makes dams in streams.
- This book _____ to me. I own it.
- My dog makes _____ when it sees a bird. It barks at the bird.
- A _____ is a shape with four equal sides.
- I have four fingers and a _____ on my hand.
- A _____ is a musical instrument. It is played by drawing a bow across its strings.
- _____ is a grain. Four is made from _____.
- The letter B comes _____ A and C in the alphabet.
- I _____ see the monkeys at the



zoo. I see them every time I go.

Last Week's Answer



- I _____ food when I put in my mouth. I can tell what flavor it is.
- The middle of something is called its _____.
- _____ is a season. Trees lose their leaves in _____.
- The _____ of a thing is its lowest part.
- We eat out of _____.

should do business with you, don't you think you could do more business? You can on the WWW.

4. To Serve Your Customers

Making business information available is one of the most important ways to serve your customers. If you look at serving the customer, you'll find even more ways to use WWW technology. How about making forms available to pre-qualify for loans, or have your staff do a search for that classic jazz record your customer is looking for, without tying up your staff on the phone to take down the information? Allow your customer to punch in sizes and check it against a database that tells him what color of jacket is available in your store? Provide information on schedules of special activities? All this can be done, in the simplest, quickest and relatively least expensive way through the WWW.

5. To Heighten Public Interest

You won't get Newsweek magazine to write up your local store opening, but you might get them to write up your Web Page address if it is something new and interesting. Even if Newsweek would write about your local store opening, you wouldn't

benefit from someone in a distant city reading about it, unless of course, they were coming to your town sometime soon. With Web page information, anybody anywhere who can access

the Web and hears about you is a potential visitor to your Web site and a potential customer for your information there.

To be Continued Next Week.

SHERATON SANA'A SHOWS THE WAY WITH JOBS FOR YEMENIS

Intensive staff training programs coupled with a policy to hire Yemenis where possible has resulted in an enviable 75% locals working at the leading hotel here, statistics reveal. "It's our policy to hire and train local staff when we can and we take it very seriously," said Sheraton Sana'a General Manager, Fadeel Wehbe. "It's bearing fruit, very much so."

The number of Yemenis working for Sheraton Sana'a, which has been open 19 years and currently has 210 staff, is more than double the figure 10 years ago, according to Wehbe.

"It's a two-way street. Sheraton is very proud of the Yemenis working at the hotel and the Yemenis are equally proud to be working for Sheraton. We anticipate that by the beginning of next year more than 80% of staff working here will be Yemenis."

Staff training was ultra-intensive, said Wehbe, but the world-class service associated with the Sheraton brand had to be maintained.

"When a customer arrives at the Sheraton Sana'a a certain level of service is expected and we deliver it. The staff basically go to school here at the hotel. The training department and the various department heads involved in the training deserve a lot of kudos. One of this hotel's greatest assets is its staff."

"And Yemen is a very poor country so it's good we are in a position to offer employment. A job is very often a lifeline to a family."

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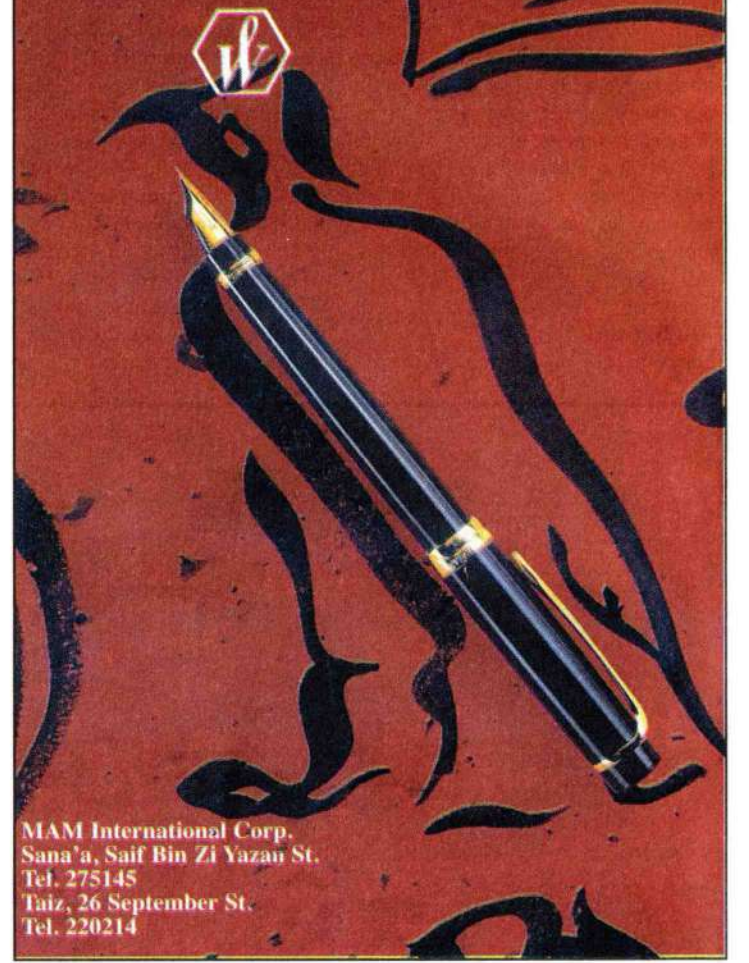
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Yemeni Businessmen and Investors Clearly State, "Aden Free Zone is Yemen's Gateway to the Future"

No doubt that the ones who will most benefit and the ones who will be the most influential in the activities of this gigantic project are the businessmen. On this special occasion, the Yemen Times wanted to know the impressions and plans of these prominent businessmen.

During the official opening ceremony of the Aden Container Terminal, Yahya Abdulrahman Bagirsh, a businessman and the General Manager of the Salem Abdul Rahman and Sons Group, with great relief said, "We have been waiting for this great historical day for so long. We know the neighboring free zones, and we know how they are dealt with. What we need here is patience to make this harbor as important as other ones in the world. We, as Yemeni investors, expect rapid development in the Yemeni economy after the official inauguration of the harbor by the President Ali Abdulla Saleh."



the northern area of the Aden port. Within a short period of the tentative working of the first phase, it has proven to be of immense importance as most of the international shipping lines. These lines have felt the need to route at least one ship weekly to the area in order to benefit from the facilities available, and in order to save time and money. The first direct impact felt by businessmen is the reduction by one-third in freight charges to Aden from Europe and East Asia. We expect that as and when the large shipping companies become aware of the facilities available at Aden free port, and with the political and economic stability now prevailing in the area movement of ships to Aden port area will greatly increase resulting in the prosperity of the area. Aden is the best natural deep sea port in the Arabian Peninsula which saves at least four days en-route of the large shipping lines. Thus the port can be used for HUP or ENTREPOT transit trade to neighboring countries. It is also natural that the increase movement of ships in the port will reduce the cost of shipping. It will also promote the seriousness of the project. It will also further heighten the establishment of trade and industry, storage, and financial facilities in the area."

Sheikh Saleh Bathawab, Chairman of the Administrative Council, National Cigarettes and Matches Manufacturing Company Ltd. declared, "It is a great day as we celebrate the opening of this huge project. We have great hopes on the investment in the free zone by Yemeni and foreign investors. We are commencing this phase with perception that our imports and exports are beginning to harvest their fruits. It will have excellent effect in the area and the Arabian Peninsula without subsidizing the free zone neighboring areas. It could result in the improvement of these areas as they are on the same sea shipping routes and will also encourage large companies to visit Aden to obtain plots in this area. It will also enable businessmen to boost trade within Yemen." Mr. Bathawab appealed to the leaders to draw up a nationalization and housing law, and to ensure that the entire Aden City becomes a free zone, "We will watch the implementation of the next phase, which concerns the development of the container and industrial areas, and the construction of factories by international organizations, we wished success to the oncoming project, and hoped that it, will be completed within the stipulated period. He also thanked H.E. President Ali Abdullah Saleh for his personal interest and support for this project."



Mr. Omer Abdulrehman Bagirsh, Vice President of the Chamber of commerce in Hadhramout Governorate and Director General of Mukalla Raisoot for trade and industry said, "Today the president has completed of the first phase of the project, which concerns the container terminal. It is encouraging for us businessmen and a step forward for us to compete with free ports and world renowned free zone areas, and join the convoy of the new modern trade era. Aden city and the container terminal at the port of Aden will flourish economically because of their strategic location. We are also sure that it will improve free trade in the area, and will result in the grant of additional facilities to the investors and will attract investments." He concluded by saying, "We in Mukalla Raisoot for Trade and Industry are anxious to take part in this project by providing cement of international standard, and whatever quantity required as we feel that the project is for the service of the Yemeni people."



Hussain Shomailah said that the execution of the first phase of the containers harbor is considered to be a great achievement in the history of Yemen. As a businessman, he said that he is very optimistic about the future of the harbor. For this reason he said that Shomailah



Mr. Khaled Abdulwahid Noman, a businessman and Director General of Abdulwahid Noman and Sons Establishment and a member of the Aden Chamber of Commerce said, "The first phase of the Free Zone project is successfully completed. We now consider the introduction of the container port in



Commercial Groups have submitted an order of 10,000 m in the free zone to build stores for electronic systems as well as stores for the exports.

Omar Bamihriz, a businessman, stated that businessmen do ground their hopes on this project and are



"Aden Container Terminal is therefore fully operational with good support and service"



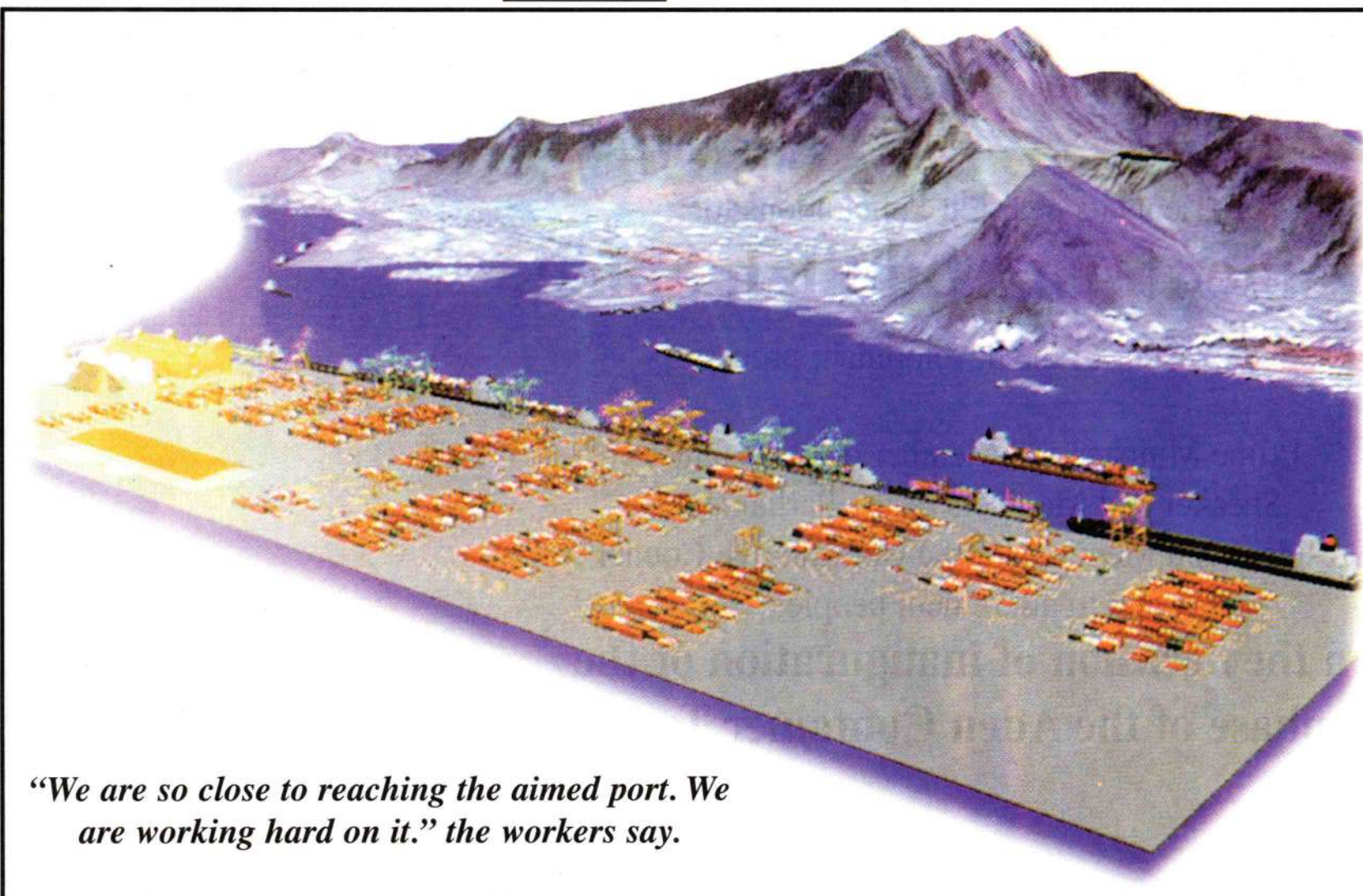
very much excited for its success. He said that they have come back from abroad in order to invest in their homeland and to contribute to the success of this project. About the Aden Airport Project, Bamihriz said, "We have already started doing business in the zone. All the equipment and machinery needed for the execution of the project have arrived according to the contract signed by us, as the Saudi Bin Laden Group and the Yemeni government. The project will cost \$20 million, % 80 of which is denoted by the World Bank and the remaining % 20 is the government contribution. In fact, we are working very hard and we expect finishing all the preliminaries before the fixed time."

Studies have been made to develop the industrial district of the port and it is expected that we will be done with that by the end of this month."


Bader Ba Salmah, chairman of the trade Chamber in Aden, also spoke on this occasion and said, "We have faced a lot of difficulties till we made this port a reality. We have started signing contracts with different companies to stop in Aden and use it as a transit port."



Hamdi Abdulkareem, GM of the United Company for Metal Industries, stated that he would like to congratulate President Ali Abdulla Saleh as well as the Yemeni people for the official inauguration of the first phase of the strategic project of the Free Zone. He said that as an investment company in Saudi Arabia, Egypt, Sudan, Belgium and Turkey, they have found a good chance to establish a project in Yemen near the Free Zone which will be a great success if properly run. On another level, he said the project will hold great importance due to its location near Africa and in a strategic position for shipments to and from three continents. Hence, entering markets in these continents will be easy through the Aden Free Zone.



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Mr. Robert Meura, Continental Representative

Mr. Ali Al-Sunaidar, United Chairman

Ms. Barbara Bodine, the American Ambassador

INTRODUCTION FOR Continental Airlines IN YEMEN GSA: UNITED TRAVEL & TOURISM

The United Travel and Tourism started its marketing campaign for the Continental Airlines after it had become the General Agent of the Continental Airlines in Yemen. This commencement was embodied in the dinner party, which had H.E. Barbara Bodine, the Ambassador of the U.S.A. to Yemen, as the Honor Guest of the Administration Board President, Mr. Ali Yahya Al-Sunaidar. The party was also attended by Mr. Hussein Al-Siyaghi, Undersecretary of the General Authority of Civil Aviation, Mr. Walid Al-Sagqaf, Editor-in-Chief of Yemen Times, Mr. Nabeel Al-Faqeh, Sana'a Area Director, and a number of other guests.

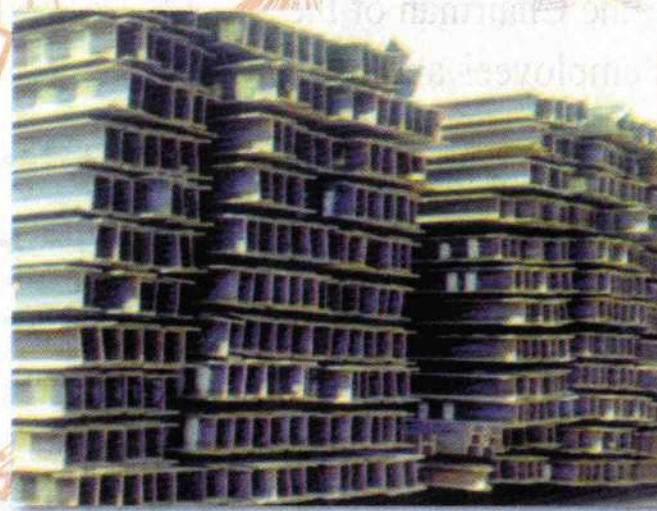
In the party, several speeches were presented, particularly on behalf of the Continental Airlines and the United Travel and Tourism. A short film on the Continental Airlines was shown and H.E. the American Ambassador afterwards opened the buffet. The party also witnessed a draw on three round tickets on the line London-America-London.

At the end of the party, the Continental's officials bid farewell to the guests who'll also soon be guests aboard one of the Continental fleet planes.

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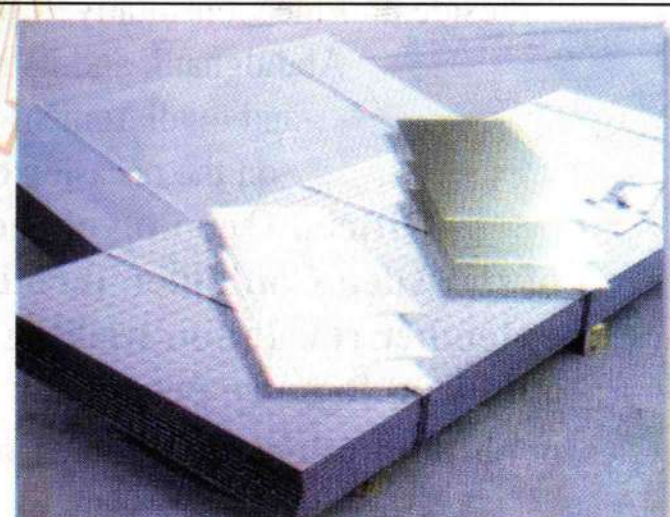
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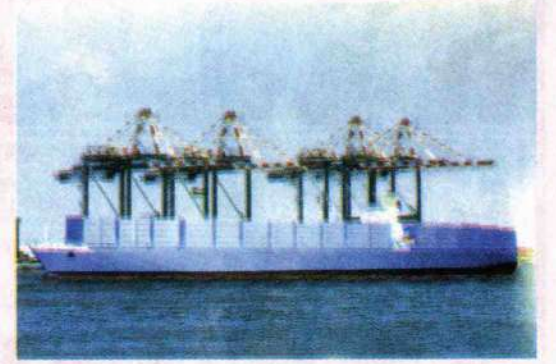
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بأحر التهاني وأطيب الأماني إلى فخامة الرئيس

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The Aden Free Zone Public Authority Represented
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Sheik Abdullah Al-Ahmar and its Members,
President of the Consultative Council, Mr. Abdulaziz
Abdulghani, and its Members,
and to all Yemeni people
on the occasion of the

**Official Opening of the First Phase
of the Aden Container Terminal and the 26th of
September revolution wishing that these occasions
would lead to more prosperity and development for
our nation under our current perceptive leadership.**

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تتقدم الهيئة العامة للمنطقة الحرة
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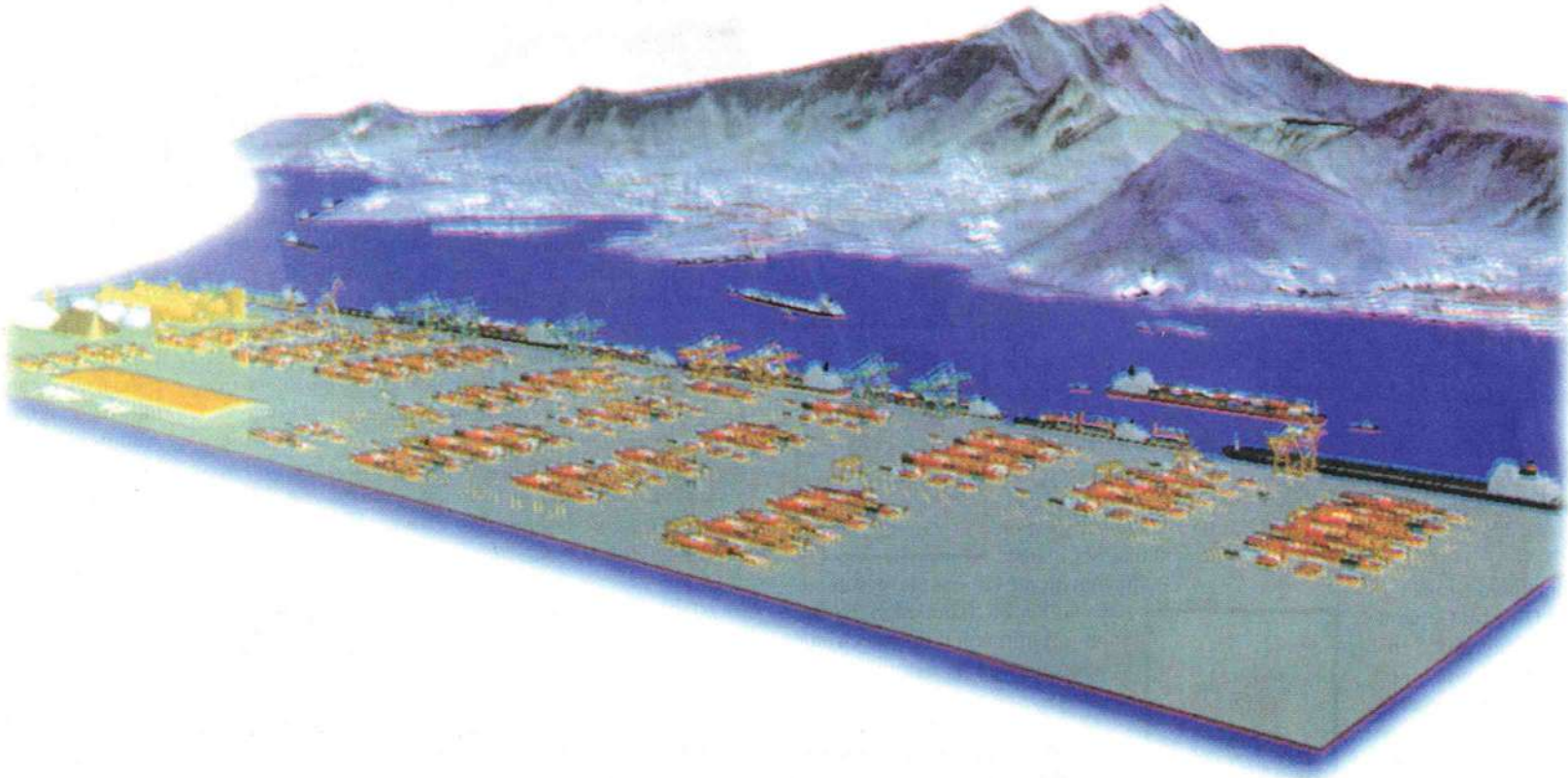
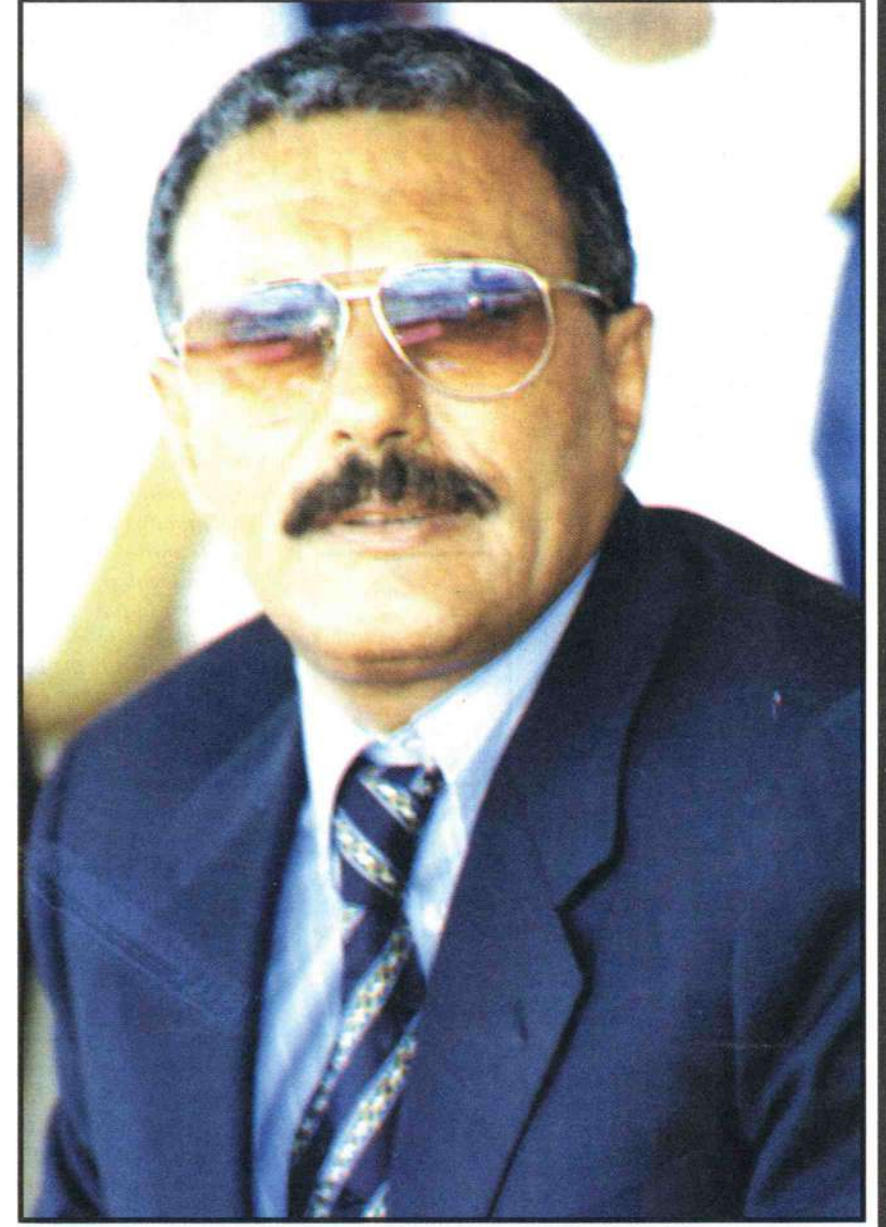
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on the occasion of inauguration of the
first phase of the Aden Container Terminal



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Yemen Times Chief Editor to Al-Tariq Newspaper:

"I wanted to prove to the readers and to the world that Yemen Times is too strong to disappear or weaken. I am proud to say that I have succeeded..."

All partisans and friends of the late, Dr. Abdulaziz Al-Saqqaf and of Yemen Times put their hands on their hearts at this sudden and painful death. Walid Al-Saqqaf, the eldest son of the late Dr. Al-Saqqaf took over the establishment and despite grief, sorrow and shock; faced all challenges and succeeded in issuing the Yemen Times only 4 days after the death of its establisher, some people didn't expect that. Walid Al-Saqqaf, proceeded and was able to issue a Yemen Times bulletin for 5 consecutive days, in addition to the weekly edition to cover the activities of; The Forum of Growing Democracies, which was held in Sana'a, last June.

Al-Tariq interviewed Walid al-Saqqaf, and here were his answers:

Al-Tariq: Readers have noticed that the Yemen Times has developed technically, editorially and in production, all while having the ability to cope with the news. Was this a part of your father's ambitions that you are starting to implement? Also, to what do you attribute the change?

Walid Al-Saqqaf: As I indicated in my first editorial, I see that Yemen Times is a strong establishment based on the values and principles of the late martyr, Dr. Abdulaziz Al-Saqqaf. Its foundations are firm and deep-rooted. My efforts and those of other employees of the Yemen Times are a continuation to those began by the Late. He is not missed only by us at the Yemen Times; he is missed by the whole country. We are working at Yemen Times in unison, in order to crown the job and accomplishments of my late father, may peace be upon him. I wanted to prove to the readers and to the world that Yemen Times is too strong to disappear or weaken. I am proud to say that I have succeeded. My father had wanted to make these improvements, and we are proud for accomplishing them. We want to stress that this great establishment shall continue to be devoted to the same values and principles of the late, and shall continue to excel. My father had always pushed for human rights and democracy, as well as free and true rights of expression. For Yemen Times to continue to excel, has proved wrong those who thought it will vanish. The Yemen Times was issued the first Monday that followed the death of my father, and the future shall testify that it shall continue on that line and level, whatever hurdles it has to overcome.

Al-Tariq: Yemen Times, under your leadership, has succeeded, and proved itself as an active press presence during the Forum for Growing Democracies, organized last June in Sana'a. It was published daily during the Forum. Have you thought about publishing Yemen Times daily?

Walid Al-Saqqaf: Everybody knows that when my father was martyred, he was working on this forum. The idea was his, contrary to what is claimed by some. He had great hope in the success of the Forum for Growing Democracies, and it was he who decided that Yemen Times shall issue a daily bulletin during the forum days. He took this decision, in agreement with the National Democratic Institute that was organizing the Forum. After my father's painful death, I decided to devote all possible

efforts, in order to realize the aims that my father was trying to fulfill. It was a strong and difficult challenge for me and for the Yemen Times.

Some of the employees at Yemen Times and friends had other thoughts. They feared that we might find it impossible to produce the Yemen Times, and I had to encourage them and to lift their morals. During the Forum for Growing Democracies we used to stay all night working until the early morning, and to wake up and continue our work in the morning. Whenever I remember those efforts and our success in issuing fire bulletins, not only three as my father had hoped, I feel that my father is looking happily upon us from his high location in paradise, convinced that what he started continues and is not provisional. Those daily issues made me think of producing Yemen Times twice weekly, and to prepare for a daily publication later. I want to remind everybody that this was one of my fathers greatest hopes; and I am ready to sacrifice anything to realize this hope of my father.

Al-Tariq: Your father thought also about printing the Yemen Times in London and New York simultaneously. What about that?

Walid Al-Saqqaf: Yemen Times is actively present on the Internet. It is now the most read Yemeni journal on the World Wide Web, and is considered by many abroad as the face of Yemen, and can reach any home. It appears on the web before hitting the stores in Yemen. We don't think about printing abroad, but we are studying an agreement with a carrier company to deliver Yemen Times to Dubai, London and New York, with 3 days, as a maximum.

Al-Tariq: One of the accomplishments of your late father was the establishment of the Yemen 21 Century Forum, as the most outstanding cultural and scientific establishment in Yemen. The activities of this Forum stopped shortly after its inauguration, after your father died. Anything about it?

Walid Al-Saqqaf: My father had a wide range of contacts and activities in the university and the Consultative Council. It was natural for the activities at the forum to stop for sometime after my father's death. However, the forum shall regain its activity. Within a short time, it shall be active by the cooperation of all its members, and shall continue supporting and strengthening the local NGOs that are working on

human rights and liberties. These are the objects for which the forum was established. The Forum shall start its first activity within the next few months, which shall be the symposium on informatics.

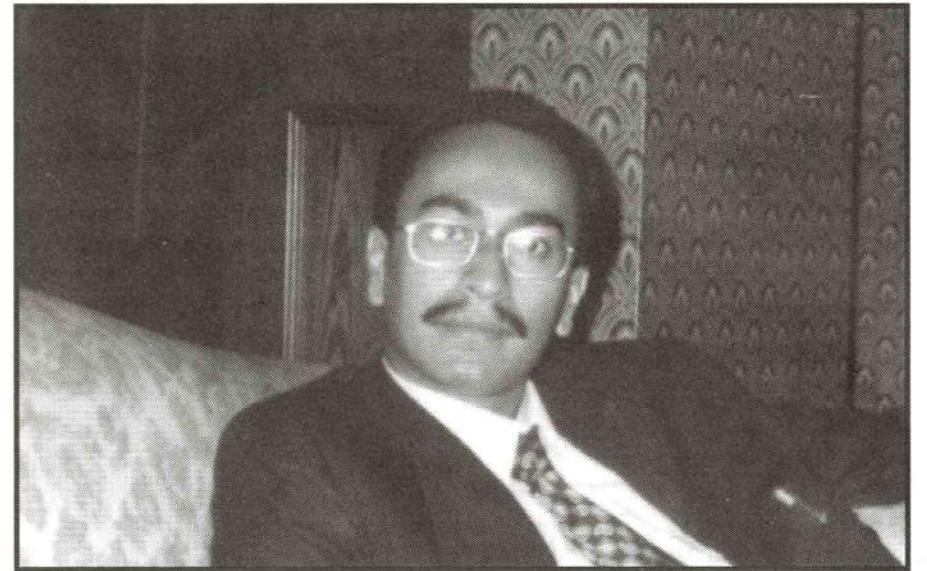
Al-Tariq: Your father had an idea of a broadcasting station. It was said that the machinery for this project were shipped from the United States. At what level is this project now?

Walid: This subject is premature now, and I didn't know about the said shipment.

Al-Tariq: Any last word to add?

Walid: I would like to thank 'Al-Tariq' newspaper for its been interest and support to Yemen Times and myself. The Yemen times is part and parcel, of the Yemen free press and shall remain active in providing facts to the public.

I can assure you that the Yemen Times shall continue on its path that was defined by my father, that is to support democracy, and human rights, through its reports and covering of developments and shall always be for the benefit of Yemen and Yemenis.



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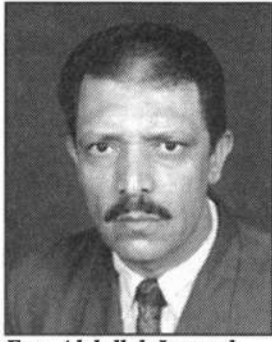
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As the Capital Faces Groundwater Shortage and Contamination Dangerous Signs of Water Depletion

Many countries are threatened by an acute shortage of their groundwater in the near future. Yemen is one of these countries. Indicators and studies foresee that, if suitable and quick solutions are not tried, Sana'a groundwater will drain in 2008. How much water is available? Is it really contaminated? What do the concerned authorities say about this problem? Hereunder, is an attempt to find some answers to the questions mentioned above through the visit Ahlam Al-Mutawakel, of Yemen Times paid to the Water Authority, Sana'a Branch. Ahlam met with engineer Abdullah Ismaeel, Director of the Sana'a branch, who, in the beginning of his talk, thanked the Yemen Times

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SAWAS-III project. The study included around 250 wells. More than 60% of them were located behind the walls in gardens and small irrigated fields. From every well a groundwater sample was taken and analyzed for all macroparameters at the Central Laboratory of the Faculty of Science at Sana'a University. The result showed that 50% of the samples were contaminated. It also showed that the shallow wells are more contaminated than the deeper wells, indicating that the source of contamination comes from the upper part of the aquifers.



Eng. Abdullah Ismaeel

Branch, and met with Ali Al-Yadoomi, the laboratory director. When asked about the number of wells to be found in Sana'a and the amount of their contamination, Mr. Al-Yadoomi said: "There are 6000 public and governmental wells in Sana'a. 54 of the total number of wells are located in the Secretariat Capital. Groundwater samples have been abstracted from 43 public wells to be analyzed. The result showed that 60% of the public wells is chemically and bacteriologically contaminated. The chemical contamina-

tion is very harmful, especially to the children. This type of contamination can not be treated by chloride or by boiling. Unfortunately, the equipment needed to do such treatment is not available in Yemen. As far as the governmental wells are concerned, only two are contaminated." "We anticipate

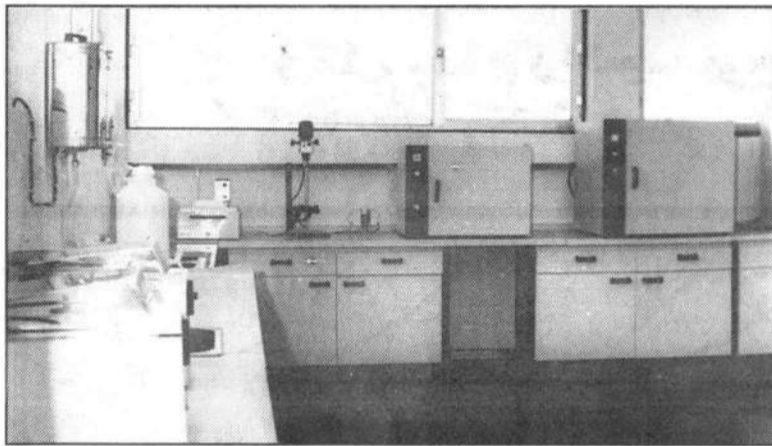
"Some of the wells are contaminated due to the cesspits, the waste of the factories and industries as well as the chemical fertilizers."

for drinking water purposes, ignoring the fact that the nitrate concentrations, as the study pointed out, are high: between 50 and 140 mg/l. In some cases, TDS, Chloride and Total Hardness exceed the WHO guideline.

In the area of contamination, around 100 wells are available, 45 of them are domestic and used in homes. The abstracted water from almost all wells is not used as drinking water; it is rather used for washing, cleaning, and for the bathroom. The households depend for their drinking water on the public supply or on water selling points. The 45 domestic wells include 12 wells where the water is sold on a commercial basis. This water is used

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for its focus on issues that are of great concern to the people, in general. "Water shortage in the Sana'a tank is known to everyone. Yemen is one of the many other countries that are threatened by the water shortage. What worsens the problem in Yemen is the fact that around 6,000 wells are used to irrigate the Qat trees. We hope that the random well-digging will



stop. At the same time, we hope the media, as well as the National Water Resources Authority will do its best to

"A suitable sewage network must be executed and digging cesspits must be stopped."

raise the people's awareness about the great importance of every drop." About the achievements of the Authority in this regard, Mr. Ismaeel said. "The Authority has dug a number of emergency wells in the Capital Secretariat to meet the needs of the increasing population. The water network in the old Sana'a, Al-Qaa and Al-Goraf has also been renewed. There is a chemical, as well as a bacteriological contamination in a good number of domestic wells. This contamination is a result of the infiltration of domestic sewage. To solve this problem, the Authority has renewed the general network of sewers." Mr. Ismaeel also talked about the well-water contamination. He said. "The groundwater contamination was discovered in 1995 after some researches and studies made by Jan Willem Foppen from the

for drinking water purposes, ignoring the fact that the nitrate concentrations, as the study pointed out, are high: between 50 and 140 mg/l. In some cases, TDS, Chloride and Total Hardness exceed the WHO guideline.

The most likely cause for contamination was found to be the infiltration of domestic sewage. Used domestic water is collected in "cesspits". A cesspit is usually a deep pit with a total depth ranging from 5-10 meters in sandy soil to about 25 meters in clayey soil. The sewage infiltrates into the aquifers via these cesspits. In 1984, NWRA mapped the cesspits in the central parts of Sana'a; every household had on the average 1-2 cesspit. According to the study of the SAWAS-III, the amount of infiltrating domestic sewage was estimated to be around 14E6 m/year.

Besides the chemical contamination, there is also a bacteriological contamination which is believed to be mainly caused by the way the water is handled, while and after being abstracted: the pipes that abstract the water, including reservoirs on top of houses, pipelines from wells to houses, reser-



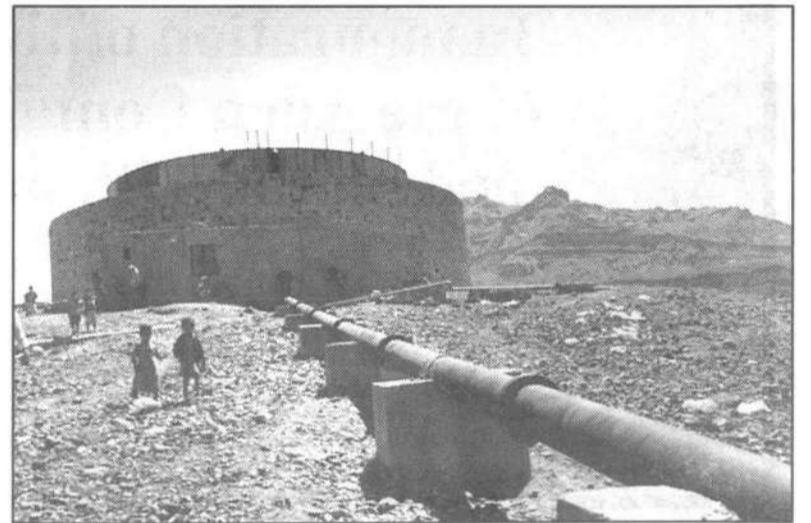
The result of the analysis showed that some of the samples analyzed are not suitable for drinking. The reasons for this are the following facts:

- In some cases the source itself is polluted

- Antiseptic substances are not added

- The carelessness during bottling

Hydrogeologist Noory Gamal, Director General of the Public Relations & Communications of the National Water Resources Authority (NWRA) highlighted the role of the (NWRA) in the following lines: "The N.W.R.A. is the only official responsible Authority for the water resources, as well as making plans and strategies for better management of these resources. In relation to the environmental issues related to the water resources, the Authority is concerned

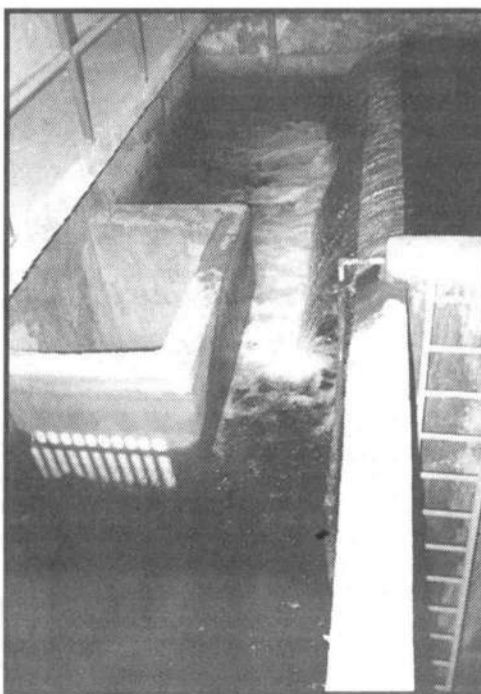
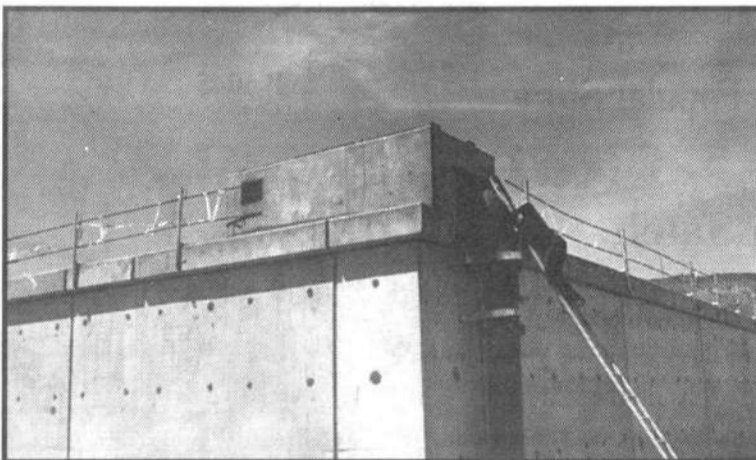


ed by the Ministry of Petroleum in 1989 to do research on the geological and hydrological phenomena related to the water overflow in the area of Al-Hassabah. After a number of inventories in 1989, I brought a detailed report before the concerned authorities in which I drew their attention to the importance of completing the sewage network to avoid the sewage infiltration through the aquifers." "In cooperation with the Sciences and Technology Center of Sana'a University, I gathered a lot of data about the wells available in Sana'a in 1990. The research included wells in Al-Rawdhah, The Sana'a International Airport area, Haddah, Sho'ob, Assafiah, the Azraqain area and the Thawrah City Stadium Area. The result of the research was then given to the Environment Protection Council. It showed that most of the water samples taken from the wells located in the areas mentioned above are chemically and bacteriologically contami-

nated," said Mr. Noory, when asked about the quality of The Sana'a groundwater. "According to the latest study made by the N.W.R.A., a number of 6000 wells are present in Sana'a. Most of these wells are used for irrigation, mainly, irrigating the qat trees. The average of the water used to irrigate the qat trees is twice the average of that used for drinking and other purposes inside the house. In addition,

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some of the wells are contaminated due to the cesspits, the waste of the factories and industries, as well as the chemical fertilizers." "To avoid the problem," said Noory at the end of the interview, a suitable sewage network must be executed and digging cesspits must be stopped."



about taking the suitable measures to protect the water resources from contamination. In this regard, the Authority is doing a lot of researches studies and inventories to evaluate the quality of the water in these areas, as well as to determine the source and amount of contamination. The results, of course, will help us take the needed steps to lessen the problem of contamination. In cooperation with the concerned Ministries, the National Water Resources Authority has finished the project of the Water Standard Specifications according to the use of the water including drinking, irrigation, etc. This project is to be brought before the Cabinet to be issued." Regarding the water overflow in Al-Hassabah pan that threatens the building, as well as their occupants, Mr. Noory said, "I was appoint-

to size the governmental wells whenever a pipe cracks to avoid any type of contamination. The public wells are not under our supervision. At the same time, licenses are issued by the National Water Resources Authority," said Mr. Al-Yadoomi. About the bottled water, the same source added that many studies and analyses have been done on samples taken from the water bottles available in the Yemeni market.

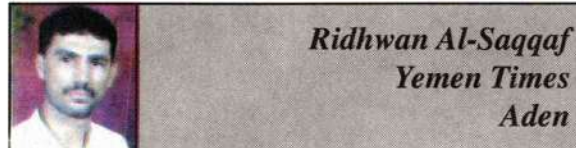
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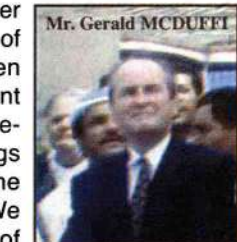
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Yemen's Most Promising Project On Track ADEN CONTAINER TERMINAL OPEN FOR BUSINESS



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The President, Ali Abdullah Saleh officially inaugurated Saturday morning, 11th September, 1999, the first stage of containers harbor in Caltex in Aden after the huge success it had achieved during the testing period when it started operation in March 19, 1999. The overall cost of this project was around \$250 million. The inauguration ceremony was attended by Abdulaziz Abdul Ghani, Chairman of the Consultative Council, Abdulmalek Al-Sayyani, Minister of Transportation, Taha Ahmed Ghanem, Governor of Aden, Dirhim Abdo Noman, Chairman of the Free Zone, the financial and law consultants of the Bin Mahfoodh Group, plus other promi-



that is the capacity of around 500,000 containers annually. We have designed an anchorage that can allow 2 ships to anchor, each with the length of 300 m length or four small ships. He stated that the port's canal has been put to a range of 1185 m and with a total depth of 15m on a 6 km length in the water passage. He also talked about the new services in the Free Zone in respect of giving the local as well as foreign investors all the facilities needed to accelerate investment in the country as a whole. He also thanked Khalid Bin Mahfoodh and the PSA who are making great efforts in this field.

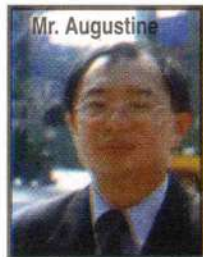
Mr. Gerald MCDUFFI, member of the administrative board of YEMINVEST (Yemen Investment and Development International Ltd.), and representative of Yemen holdings company Ltd. Spoke to the Yemen Times and said, "We congratulated the people of Yemen for this fantastic achievement. The project already in the first five months of its operation, is doing very well and business is picking up. We believe that if we all continue to work together as we are doing since its operation, the container terminal will shortly go into phase two, and then to phase three. Right now, the project is demand driven. We already have four cranes, and based on the contract, we are brining in two more cranes. Hence, very early in the first year of its operation, the yard will be full of containers. There will be no space left in it, but we will need re-scheduling at the end of the year."

Mr. Khoo Teng Chye, group president, PSA Corporation Ltd. Stated to Yemen Times, "We are very pleased that the Aden Container Terminal is officially opened by the President of Yemen. We are honored to be able to jointly participate in the development of the Aden port with the Aden Free Zone Authority. We are fully committed to this project, in which we are putting in all the capital for training and assistance. We are also glad to see that in less than six months, some of the largest ships in the world had called at the Aden Terminal. We will continue to work together constructively. Aden is well positioned in the Middle East. It is like Singapore in South East Asia. Together with the Yemeni government, we will meet all challenges ahead."

Mr. Augustine PNG, Chief Operating Officer of the YEMINVEST, expressed the efforts that have been put to have this phase complete by saying, "I am very pleased to be associated with this project. Many people including YEMINVEST, the PSA Corporation, HYUNDAI, PASCALES, and other contractors have worked very hard on this project. Many Yemenis have also worked very hard leading to the great achievement of opening the Aden Container Terminal. Today, the president has witnessed the Yemeni operators operating on some of the machinery. We are proud of their achievements. We are also proud to be honored by the shipping lines including APL, KIL, the African Consortium, P&O cargo vessels, ICFS, and other shipping lines. In the first phase of development, we had a capacity of 500,000 containers. We still have more capacity for

nent and influential figures. Then the President of the Republic delivered a speech in which he said, "Today we are making history. I am really proud that this strategic project has finally reached light in Aden which is considered to be our main gateway to the world. The long waited dream has finally come to life. I really appreciate the efforts made by the Singapore Organization of Ports and the Yemeni company Yeminvest belonging to the Bin Mahfoodh Group. I believe that the cooperation between these two companies is going to yield fruits to Yemen and the whole Yemeni nation. I consider this another achievement of the two revolutions the 26 of September and the 14 of October. Today we are celebrating the ceremony of opening these containers. It has been hard work and has cost us a lot. Hence, we have to take care of this invaluable accomplishment and push forward to reach our anticipated goals. The reason behind the free port is to mainly avoid the long routine work and to provide all kinds of facilities to whom wishes to do trade and do business. We all should be responsible to have back the historical glory of the port of Aden as one of the most important and active ports in the world."

Then chairman of the Free Zone, Mr. Dirhim Abdo Noman, gave a speech in which he stressed that the opening of this stage happened after the President has showed strong commitment and special attention to Aden. Mr. Dirhim also talked about the different stages of the project. He said that the project had been established on a 700 of surfaces, on 35 hectare, and for storing capacity of 10,000 containers,



other pieces. We are currently competing very hard with Salala, Dubai, and Djibouti ports, and we should soon be reaching their level of business. Aden Container Terminal is therefore fully operational with good support and service. We know that it is our duty to work hard and compete very hard for business. Finally we want to thank the Yemen Times for its interest and support for this project."

In his speech, Mr. Adnan Al-Kaaf, administrative Manager of Yeminvest, said that this project will be



Yemen's ticket to the 21st century through Aden as its gateway. He pointed out that already six companies are dealing with the port and importing and exporting through the zone. He also said that all the international companies that, used to have Aden as their preferred port for trade and business several decades in the past are gradually getting back to do business.

INFORMATION ON THE ADEN CONTAINER TERMINAL

The Aden Container Terminal (ACT) is the cornerstone of the Aden Free Zone project, which is being developed by Yemen Investment and Development International Limited (Yeminvest). Yeminvest is a joint venture between PSA Corporation and Yemen Holdings Limited.

The Aden Container Terminal (ACT) was completed on schedule on 19 Mar 1999. Since its start of operations, ACT has served vessels belonging to the American President Lines (APL), Pacific International Lines (PIL), Compagine Maritime d'Affretement (CMA), Maersk Line, ACODVO, Integrated Container Feeder Service (ICFS) and the Beacon Consortium (comprising P&O-Nedlloyd, DSR-Senator, Harrison and Ellerman Lines).

ACT is marked, managed and operated by PSA Yemen Limited. PSA Yemen is a wholly owned company of the PSA Corporation Limited, who is the world's largest container terminal owner and operator. Apart from Aden, PSA Corporation is also developing, operating and managing port projects in China (Dalian and Fuzhou, India (Tuticorin and Pipavav), Italy (Genoa and Venice, Portugal (Sines) and Brunei.

ACT is equipped with the latest container handling equipment and container terminal management systems. It has 4 units of quay cranes that can handle the post-panamax container ships. The berths at Aden Container Terminal have a depth of minus 16 meters and are designed for the large ocean-going ships used on the major trade routes. ACT also has a full fleet of modern container handling machines such as the rubber-tyred gantry cranes, reach stackers, terminal tractors and trailers to ensure a high level of service for its customers.

The staff working in the Aden Container Terminal were carefully selected and trained by PSA. The Yemeni operators working on the quay cranes were trained at the PSA Institute in Singapore. They went through 3 months of very intensive training using one of the worlds most advanced quay crane simulators and were also given on-the-job training on actual container ships in Singapore. They are now trained and equipped with the skills to deliver a high quality service. PSA has also stationed its highly experienced officer at ACT. Working closely as a team, the staffs at ACT are ready to make the port of Aden as successful as the ports of Singapore, Hong Kong and Rotterdam.

Apart from the Aden Container Terminal, Yeminvest is also developing the Aden Industrial and Warehousing Estate (AIWE). The land for the first phase of the industrial and warehousing estate has already been reclaimed. Yeminvest has engaged JTC International, a well-known industrial estate developer to carry out the detailed masterplan and engineering plans.

The first phase of the AIWE will have 70 hectares of land and is very strategically located just behind the Aden Container Terminal. The IWE will have reliable power supply from Yeminvest own Power Station. The Power Station is already operational and supplying power to the Aden Container Terminal.

The AIWE is part of the Free Zone with minimal custom regulations. Companies who are located in the AIWE will enjoy lower transportation cost because of its proximity to the Aden Container Terminal.

The fact that the Aden Container Terminal was created from the sea into a modern full-service container terminal in just 1 year and 9 months in a major achievement by any world standard. The credit for the achievement of completing such a massive infrastructure project as the Aden Container Terminal should go to the Government of Yemen for its foresight in wanting to develop Aden port, the developer of the project, the contractors in the project and to the many Yemenis who have worked directly on the project.

Ten or twenty years from now, our children may look back and say that the Aden Container Terminal is the start of a new phase in the Maritime and economic history of Yemen. This is so because a successful port has always been a catalyst for economic development.

The success of Singapore, Hong Kong, New York and others can be traced to the role played by their ports. When the shipping lines call at the port, they will bring in new businesses such as freight forwarding, ship chandling, ship bunkering, warehousing and other shipping agency work. Trading and manufacturing will also boom when there are many shipping lines because the freight rates or transportation cost for the cargo will be cheaper. When new businesses comes in, they will need more hotel accommodation, more housing, more restaurants, more banks, more supermarkets etc. Aden has a good location, a deep and sheltered harbor and now it has a modern container port. If we work together and we work hard, we can make Aden the shipping hub of the Middle East.

