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WELCOME TO YEMEN'S 10TH REUNIFICATION ANNIVERSARY

50 delegations from Arab and foreign countries arrived in Yemen yesterday, and are participating today in Yemen's most important celebration ever, the 10th anniversary of the reunification of south and north Yemen into a united Republic of Yemen.

At the time of going to the press on Sunday May 21, 2000, the heads of states who have confirmed participation include:

- 1- His Highness Saudi Crown Prince Abdullah Bin Abdulaziz
- 2- Emir of Qatar, Prince Sheikh Hamad Bin Khalifa Al Thani
- 3- His Majesty King Abdullah bin Al-

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- 7- H.E. President of Lebanon, Amin Lahhud

The agenda of the celebration ceremony would include various activities such as the 70-meter stadium military show and a visit to the Free Zone site in Aden. According to official sources, Sana'a's Airport will be closed for 6 hours today morning, and reserved for the flights carrying delegation members. As



Ship Catches Fire Near Aden

On May 16, Friday afternoon, the Captain of the Dutch ship "KOTA WARUNA", which anchored in Aden at 6:30 P.M., reported that he received a message from a ship named "EFYLN" pleading for help. The ship, which was burning in the middle of the sea, was located 120 miles away from the regional waters in the Arab Sea. Luckily, the crew of the ship along with the Captain were all rescued by a ship named "Stolt fer-tind". However, the ship could not be saved and it sank at latitude 12 degrees North and longitude 47 degrees east. It may be noted that the watching tower in Aden port is not equipped with modern communications and water navigating equipment. It has the barely sufficient equipment to perform its tasks inside the port. The Yemeni authorities rushed help by providing emergency vessels with the help of a Dutch company named "Wijffmuller".

Bloodcurdling Details on Serial Killer's Crimes

A relative of Zainab S. Aziz, the 24-year Iraqi student who was murdered by the Sudanese morgue assistant- said to be of Nigerian origin- Mohammed Adam Omar Isaac on 13.12.1999, said that Yemeni security men were not at all cooperative with their complaints and demands of examining the dead bodies kept at the uni-

versity morgue. Mr. Abdul Jabar Mutlak, Zainab's uncle, in a detailed interview with Yemen Times, said "The dean and college security officers should shoulder the responsibility for negligence and carelessness. The Criminal Investigation Office is also responsible for delaying investigation into the case till color of the corpse changed." *Contd on P2*

10 days to go for the first death anniversary of Prof. Abdulaziz Al-Saqqaf's: "MEMORIES OF YEMEN'S UNIFICATION BRING ME STRENGTH AND HOPE"

Less than one month before his tragic death in a car accident on the 2nd of June 1999, Prof. Abdulaziz Al-Saqqaf, Founder of Yemen Times, and the Chairman of the Human Rights and NGOs Committee of the Consultative Council was interviewed by "Al-Mar'a" newspaper, in which he revealed a wonderful picture of his passion for unity and fond hope for a prosperous united Yemen. Here are some excerpts of what he said:

"I recall memories of the declaration of unity to derive strength and hope from them."

ing banking cadres in the Arab Homeland. I was still abroad when the Yemeni Unity flag was hoisted on May 22. Immediately after the accomplishment of unity I tendered my resignation from the Institute but asked to continue as such for three months more, I could not resist my strong desire to leave for home and was unable to hold myself there even for a single day.

It was very impressive and moving for every Arab citizen, and of course for every Yemeni, when the Jordanian television screened a special program showing President Ali Abdullah Saleh hoisting the Yemeni flag of unity. We had recorded the program and replayed it before the Yemeni community there. We had also sent a telegram of allegiance and gratitude to the political leadership.

In fact those were certain moments of indelible memory which we have treasured. When at present I feel faced with difficulties, I try to recall those memories to get hope and strength from them.



I was among the few who were living away from home and I remember that I was then in company with some Jordanian and other Arab friends when I received the good news on the declaration of Yemen unity and I outrightly felt elated and proud. In that week I gave a lecture in Amman explaining the unity of Yemen, that great historic achievement and how it would support the determination and fervor of the Arab man and mitigate his frustrations resulting from previous Arab experiments in this regard. I remember those days that were in fact as a feast day and I can still recall the change that consequently took place inside the milieu here when I was living in Amman. Then I made up my mind to consider going back home, because at that time I was occupying the post of Director of the Arab Institute for Banking Studies, an Arab establishment concerned with quality-

age to create an atmosphere of permissiveness even towards the recent past enemies. President Saleh himself allowed preparing for the unity so as to unify the facade representing the then Arab Republic of Yemen. Even after the unity that tolerance continued towards other political parties. But tolerance has its own limits when it comes to threatening the national or public interest.

I still remember his famous phrase "Unity or Death". I would like on this occasion to give my congratulations to the people of Yemen and to all those who work for consolidating the unity by building modern Yemen characterized by a promising vision towards future, for reviving a glorious heritage we have been missing for long. In conclusion I would like to affirm that despite the evident difficulties we are encountering in our everyday life we have to be armed with hope and optimism because they are the most efficient weapons for a promising future for our country. This would not and could not be realized except by being sincere with ourselves and loyal to those who made the unity and preserved it."

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General Zini Visits Yemen

Well-informed press and military sources told Yemen Times that General Anthony Zini, commander of the American Central Forces, will be visiting Yemen on May 26. His visit is associated with the military cooperation and demining program between Yemen and USA, the same sources added. General Zini had visited Yemen in 1998, 1999, however, his visit was engulfed with strict secrecy because of previous news reports about building an American military base in Yemen. It is expected that Zini will conduct talks with Yemeni officials on his mission.

45 Persons Arrested in Taiz

Last week the prosecution in Taiz arrested 45 persons from Ghorada and Al-Mirzah. They were arrested when they came to attend the court session last Tuesday. They are charged with inciting inter group violence in Taiz. The cause of conflict leading to clashes between Ghorada and Mirzah is a fountain. This dispute has witnessed violent clashes between the two tribes since the beginning of the current month. Many people were injured and a few of them were killed in the incident.

Ismaelites Demand Saudi Government to End Apprehensions

The Ismaelite sect in Yemen has again appealed to human rights organizations and world public opinion to intervene for putting an end to the arrest campaign carried out by the Saudi government against its members in Saudi Arabia. A sect statement released in Yemen said, "What is happening now in Najran contradicts Saudi officials statement. Security forces are still searching mosques, houses and science centers looking for juristic, scientific and intellectual books belonging to the sect and setting them on fire. In addition, persons who were apprehended were being tortured. The statement said that 500 persons were arrested and imprisoned in different jails in Saudi Arabia. Moreover, many people were fired from their jobs and students are still suffering from this treatment for two years now. Saudi authorities claim that they made these apprehensions because these people practice sorcery. Furthermore, many of the leaders of the Ismaelite group in Saudi Arabia including Sheikhs Hiba Bin Ibrahim and Mohammed Al-Moaeed were convicted of sorcery and given 500 floggings.

Parliament Cancels Selling Treasury Bonds

The parliament has Monday given in to the government will by approving to grant the government a three-month respite to finish levying certain illegal duties. The parliament had earlier annulled all the duties referred to in reports of the financial committee by majority of votes. The parliament had adopted a decision last July, forcing the government to stop levying those duties. However, the government refused to abide by the parliament request saying that there must be gradual procedures to cancel the decision. A number of MPs have described the parliament respite as violating the constitution. The parliament decision followed a demand by the Financial committee of the Parliament to cancel all illegal duties. On the other hand, the parliament canceled selling treasury bonds by the Yemen Central Bank which was adopted to make up for the budget deficit. An MP said that the government would not agree on cancellation of selling treasury bonds and he expected that the decision would be canceled by The President.

Local Authority Law Challenged

Last Monday, the High Court received a challenge against the new local authority law. The challenge was presented by several independent opposition political personalities. The opposition delegation met Judge Zayd Ali Al-Jamrah and handed him the challenge and the latter promised to look over it after the celebrations of May 22. The delegation included members of several opposition parties and more than 26 people including party and law members, journalists and independent social personalities.

French Warships Arrive at Hodeidah

Last Saturday, 3 French Navy warships arrived at Hodeidah's port. The following day, Mr. Patrice Doyo Monbran, Commander of the French Navy Forces in the Indian ocean arrived in Sana'a on a two-day visit to Yemen to participate in May 22 celebrations marking Yemen

unity. The 3 French visiting warships consist of command ships and the supply ship "FAR" stationed in the Indian ocean. Staff Commander of the French Navy Forces is on board. The fleet includes a surveillance frigate in addition to the warship for landing marines and DAG tanks.

More Tribal Clashes in Sadd'a & Al-Baida

Five people were killed and others injured in tribal clashes in Sadd'a and Al-Baida governorates, to the north and east of Sana'a. Local sources in Al-Baida told Yemen Times that a group of people from A'al Aiash and A'al Riam engaged in a fighting two weeks ago using heavy weapons. Three persons from A'al Riam tribe were killed and other three injured. Security forces attribute the clashes to revenge. In Sadd'a governorate, blasting of an artesian well last week caused renewal of fighting between Daham and Wailah tribes. Some sources in the governorate said two persons were killed and others injured in blasting the Daham-owned well.

Sheikh Ali Mukssa'a Settles a Dispute in Al-Jam

Sheikh Ali Bin Mohammed Mukssa'a's mediation succeeded on Thursday 18 May 2000 in containing the problem that took place between two families from Al-Hansh at Al-Jam village, Sanhan district in which a man and a woman were killed and two others injured. Sheikh Mukssa'a led a large mediation delegation comprising brigadier general Abdul Rahman Hanash, Judge Abdul Bari Akbad, judge Abul Rahman Al-Marwani, a member of Assalam Social House for Arbitration and other social dignitaries and sheikhs. The mediation team was warmly welcomed by residents of the village who positively responded to the mediation efforts and agreed to solve the problem by arbitration.

New Horizons of Investment Between Yemen and Oman

An Omani official said that Oman and Yemen are planning for establishing a shipping company and a commercial bank. These projects aim at supporting trade between the two countries. The suggested blueprint was drawn during a meeting held in Oman between businessmen from the two countries in October 1992. The two companies will open the door for trade between the two countries after the settlement of the Yemen-Omani boundaries. Yemen is considered one of the big countries that imports from Oman. The total volume of those imports up to the year 1999 was YR 60 million. The Yemeni-Omani investment in the field of granite and marble in Yemen is estimated at \$ 3 million.

Transparency Committee on Combating Corruption

Future Studies Center and Yemeni Center for Strategic Studies and Civil Society Forum announced that a committee for combating corruption and support transparency and accountability was formed.

A report signed by those centers says that corruption has spread over all aspects of our society and has become a complete system destroying any democratic project. Therefore, these centers find it better to work together to fight it.

Corruption was defined in the statement as an abuse of power or public function for getting personal gains by means of bribery, embezzlement, seizing public treasury or facilitating dealings in return for money and other corrupt behavior.

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Family Members of the Iraqi Victim Zainab:**

"We wish to be the ones to carry out the execution"

Besides, there are some students who kept silent though they knew about the disappearance of Zainab. During our search for Zainab, we have been encountered with various kinds of harassment by telephone including threats and we have reported that to the communications center requesting to tap the phone calls we were receiving, but even those people were not serious about it. Immediately after Zainab's disappearance, her mother was suspicious of Mohammed Adam whom she had already warned her daughter not to deal with him. To avoid being suspected, Mohammed Adam accompanied by two Yemeni police officers went to her house so as to convince her that he was a good person and a Muslim. The mother has also received many threats ordering her to stop looking for her daughter and that she had to leave the country. Adam has also tried to convince the mother and her brothers, living in Sana'a, to go to the morgue giving them different excuses. However, they refused.

The mother had filed more than 10 complaints at the Criminal Investigation Office, however, almost all of them disappeared in thin air. Moreover, officers at the Criminal Investigation Office laid the responsibility for the missing of Zainab on her family. Security officers of the Faculty insisted on convincing the mother that her daughter eloped with one of the students, and that was exactly what Mohammed Adam tried to do. Adam told her that she eloped with a friend to Aden. He even gave her a false name of a student so as to make her believe his story. He had also fabricated a story that Zainab had many times expressed her intention to go to Holland.

The Dean of the Faculty of Medicine, Ahmad Al-Hadad, was furious when Zainab's mother informed him on disappearance of her daughter and said "The

Faculty is not responsible for looking for those who disappear in such a way. I am not responsible for 5000 students." Then, he kicked her out of the Faculty.

The Criminal Investigation Office tried to change the case from a criminal one, according to the mother's report, to an immoral case by accusing Zainab herself of committing it.

Later on, Security authorities and Criminal Investigation Office found Zainab's body buried in the drainage of the morgue after being mutilated. They discovered that her Kidneys, heart, womb and liver had all been taken from her body.

Mr Abdul Jabbar has added that anyone who sees the scene of the crime and the way it was committed, he would not believe that Adam was acting on his own. Regarding the bribe that was given by Zainab to Mohammed Adam, her uncle said "There was a Sudanese student who used to talk to the students who fail in anatomy subject to give him bribes and he guarantees their success."

Her uncle commented on some newspaper's reports of interviews conducted with Adam by saying that those reports were in Adam's favor. He also mentioned that he is going to file a case against a Gulf newspaper that reported something he didn't say.

Zainab's family demands the execution of Adam and mutilation of his body as he did with the body of their daughter. They also expressed their wish to be the ones who will carry out the execution.

It is also reported that the luggage of Adam, which are said to contain some important documents about his crimes so far and have already been sent by him to Sudan, were brought back last Wednesday to Sana'a by the Yemeni investigator sent by the Ministry of Interior. However, it is not clear what the luggage contained.

In a press statement, an official in the Ministry of

Interior described what had been reported by newspapers as exaggerated indicating that only two girls were killed by the suspect, and that the college didn't receive any complaints about missing students other than those from the two victims' families. Thanking the Sudanese authorities for their cooperation, he added that investigations were still going on to gather further information.

The College Board of Directors issued a statement mentioning that they said that the suspect was fired in the beginning of February 2000, after he was accused of taking bribes from students.

The suspect regretted killing Zainab for she was the key reason to unraveling his crimes. Preliminary interrogations with the suspect revealed his confession to killing other girls in Sudan, Kuwait, Jordan and Lebanon.

On the other hand, the suspect has been reported to attempt committing suicide in prison.

Students are still carrying on sit-in strikes demanding the deposition of the College Dean.

On the other hand, the Sudanese community in Yemen has condemned in a statement the crimes perpetrated by the Sudanese national Mohammed Adem, a morgue assistant at medicine faculty, Sana'a University.

The community statement demanded that justice takes its course so that the criminal be punished and to be an example to any pervasive, expressing the community's condolences to the victims' families.

The statement has also confirmed the community's keenness on abiding by all operative laws and regulations aimed at protecting lives and properties, announcing continuous cooperation with the authorities in realization of public interest and expressing gratitude to the Yemeni people for their civilized treatment towards members of the Sudanese community.

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Sana'a University celebrated last Wednesday the graduation of the second batch of Libraries and Information science. Graduation ceremony was attended by a number of academicians and students.

Islamic Development Bank Loans

Yemen has recently been granted a US\$ 25 million loan by the Islamic Development Bank to invest in a number of development projects. In addition, an agreement was signed to get a loan of US\$ 9 million for building a college of Engineering in Dhamar, US\$ 7 million for building a college of Engineering in Hadramout and US\$ 6 million for the Social Fund project. President of the IDB, Dr. Ahmad Mohammed Ali met last week Yemeni officials and held a press conference where he highlighted the Bank's strategies.

Technical & Financial Assistance Presented by Holland

The government of Holland is offering a substantial extra contribution to the cultural heritage of Yemen. It is willing to provide financial as well as technical support to the excavation of Mahram Belqis, the legendary home of the queen of Sheba, that are currently conducted by the American Foundation for the Study of Man and the Yemeni government. The Ambassador of Holland is planning to offer this aid to President Ali Abdullah Saleh on 22 May. It is worth noting that the government of Holland had at earlier times offered other substantial cultural assistance to Yemen.

Call for Help

The Uzbekistani lady, Ms. Svetlana Saleem Asatovna visited Yemen Times Head office requesting publication of her call for help addressed to human

rights organizations and philanthropists. She appeals to them to provide her with a travel ticket for her and her 2-year son. This lady has lost everything even her passport. She came to Sana'a from Aden with her two-year child, and now she is homeless.

Banking for the Millennium, Symposium

Organized by Oracle and ICS, a symposium was held 6/5/2000 on Banking for the Millennium which is to shed light on the latest technology that has been achieved by banks. In the seminar, they talked about introducing the cheque system and withdrawing money from banks. The seminar was attended by some representatives from Yemeni banks.

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Coca-Cola Unveils Ground Breaking
Coca-Cola Yemen celebrated on May 16, the launching of a new 1-liter locally produced package at the Taj Sheba Hotel. Dana Mubaidin, External Affairs Manager of coca cola Near East said that the new product was a result of a research done on Yemenis, showing that Yemenis prefer drinking Coca Cola with meals or within groups.

Second Batch, Libraries Graduated

Yemen Times staff congratulate the Swiss Watches Union Agency on the occasion of the inauguration of its new branch in Sana'a Trading Center.



Mr. Dirhim Noman, Aden Free Zone's Chairman to YT:

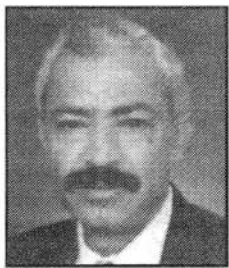
"We are fully aware that our project would not be the only one but we are quite certain that we would be at the proper place."

Yemeni unity has constituted a remarkable historic event and a turning-point effecting radical changes inside the Yemeni society at economic, political and social levels. A free economic action began ever since with contribution of the national capital triggering the process of developing the country for a better future.

The southern city port of Aden has got the lion's share of development, particularly in implementing strategic projects after 27 years of suffering the totalitarian rule. One of the strategic projects in Aden is the Free Zone and rehabilitation of Aden port after years of negligence.

Mr. Dirhim Noman deputy head of Aden Free Zone and one of the leading figures of 22 May achievements confirmed that work in the containers port has been going on satisfactorily. The studies for finishing of goods and shipment village in Aden International Air Port is also going on. At the same time work on finishing the infra-structure of the industrial and storage area is being carried out. On the 10th anniversary of the unity on May 22 the foundation stone of the project would be laid.

Yemen Times Aden bureau chief Ridhwan Al-Saqqaf interviewed Mr. Dirhim Noman, filing this report.



licenses have already been granted and work is going on in a good and satisfactory way.

Q: Would you kindly tell us something about how far you have gone regarding preparation of plans and designs for building goods and air freight village?

A: We have signed a contract with the Dutch NACO company on 4 March 2000. By the end of July it is supposed that all works agreed upon would be presented.

Q: Do you think that work in the project is progressing according to the schedule or do you think there is a sort of lagging behind the schedule by the implementing company?

A: Execution of work is proceeding according to the plan except for some delays in the industrial and storage area and we are going to make up for it in a short period.

Q: Jabal Ali Port has recently signed an agreement with Djibouti Port for construction of a Free Zone in Djibouti. To what extent this agreement would affect Aden Free Zone?

A: Initially, I want to congratulate the

authority of Jabal Ali Port on signing an agreement with the port of Djibouti, wishing them all success in every activity they embark on in the way of achieving prosperity and development of the free zone in general. When we started implementation of the Free Zone projects in Aden, we were not in aware that we would be alone in the southern Arab peninsula and the African Horn. Our aim was to establish a commercial economic activity qualifying us to perform it in view of our geographic situation and historical status. We wanted to integrate that side by side with many other similar activities. We are fully aware that our project would not be the only one but we are quite certain that we would be at the proper place.

Q: It is planned to establish a free zone and benefit from former docks, of Aden, but you started with building the platform then the industrial area. Can you highlight this point?

A: Aden Port is regarded as one integral unit. The plan is to benefit from the old docks and the new ones according to the technical role assigned to them according to their specifications.

Q: After the opening of 19th March 1999 project, How do you assess the function of the containers port docks?

A: Work is progressing in the project and this is clearly seen in the chart showing the pace of development and growth.

Q: What are the main obstacles you face in your work?

A: The impediments lie in the shortage of available facilities pertaining to a free zone by the government. This hinders speed of our work according to the general plan for the free zone.

Q: What are the aspects of cooperation between you the Dubai ports Authority and that of Singapore?

A: We have good relations with all ports whether Arab or foreign. Our relations with Jabal Ali enabled us to benefit from its experience and provided us with information, opinions and experience. This kind of cooperation is something that we appreciate and are proud of. The same role is with the Singapore port that enriched us with a lot of experience. In fact, the active role of Singapore can be witnessed in its participation in the management of the international containers area.

Q: As you see, we are celebrating the tenth anniversary of the unification, what remarks do you want to add?

A: Marking the Yemeni 10th National Day gives us a strong impetus and bigger incentive to redouble efforts and work to be worthy of the confidence the President and our people have bestowed on us. All that we have already humbly done we dedicate to the nation on this great occasion.

Yemen Times has interviewed Mr. Anis Al-Samawi Director General of Planning, Housing and Construction Bureau who said that the bulk of what has been accomplished in Aden in the years 1991-1999 is estimated at a cost of YR 7.5 Billion. This enabled us to complete in building a 212 kms-long road at a cost of 2 million. We have also implemented and completed 78 Housing and public projects at a cost of YR 4,408,460,000.

As for the Municipality, we have completed 12 parks and gardens at a cost of YR 65,577,000. We have built six fountains, markets and undertaken road maintenance at a cost of YR 24,742,000.

As for the electricity projects in Aden, it is worth mentioning that electricity had been introduced in Aden in 1936, covering the quarters of Crater, Al-Mualla, and Al-Tawahi. In the early 1950's electricity power was extended to the city following the building of a 7000-m long coastal road the occasion of queen Elizabeth's visit to Aden in 1953.

After the Yemeni unification, electrical networks have been rehabilitated and street lighting was updated. 7th of July project is regarded as one of the great urban development projects occupying 54 hectares of land. It provides all services to the infrastructure including drinking water and sanitation. More than 25,000 people benefit from it. The government funded YR 2.5 million towards its costs and the UNCDF contributed with \$ 5,000,000.

Yemen's Unity in the Eyes of the World

Ambassador of Russia Alexander Kalugin

The most important thing about this anniversary is that the unification is fully realized; the united country plays quite an essential role in the developments of the region and I think this role will be strengthened in the near future.

Ambassador of Germany, Dr. Werner Zimprich

Unlike Germany - where there was and adhesion of the GDR to the Federal Republic of Germany, the unification of Yemen led to a new state: new name, new flag and new constitution. I am impressed by the progress in the uniting Yemen in political, cultural and economic respect.

Ambassador of Indonesia, Yulwis Yatim

The government and people of the Republic of Indonesia, as stated in the Indonesian President's congratulatory message to the President Ali Abdullah Saleh of Yemen, praise the achievement of the Yemen's national development during the unification period.

We hope that the 10th anniversary of the unification of the Republic of Yemen will strengthen the relationship among our two brother countries, Indonesia and Yemen.

Ambassador of China, Zhou Guobin

On the occasion of the 10th anniversary of the unification of the Republic of Yemen, I wish to extend to the friendly Yemeni people the warmest congratulations on behalf of the Chinese people and myself. National unification accords with the will of the people and the general trend of events. Since unification, Yemen has achieved great successes in maintaining unification, social stability and developing national economy, which I heartily rejoice and admire.

May the existing friendly cooperation between our two countries get further development! Wish the Republic of Yemen prosperity and the Yemeni people happiness!

Ambassador of the Netherlands, Mr. Arend J. Meeburg

On behalf of the Government and the people of the Netherlands, I wholeheartedly congratulate the Yemeni people with their celebration of ten years of unification. The unity has contributed importantly to the stability in the South Arabian region.

Much has been achieved since that time, but also much remains to be done. I am certain that the Yemeni people can overcome their problems by tackling such issues as the fast growth of the population, water management, education (in particular for girls and women) and improvement of the investment climate. I am convinced that these complete ques-

tions for freedom of the press and human rights. I am happy to share these views with many Yemenis. Therefore, I am sure that Yemen can do it! And the Netherlands is willing to assist and support!

Charg d' Affaires of Pakistan, Muhammed Saeed Khan

I hereby extend warm and deep congratulations to people of republic of Yemen on the 10th Anniversary of Unification. We wish to see Yemen progressing and its people healthy and happy. This is an eventful day in Yemen's history, we pray to Almighty Allah for Yemen's happiness and prosperity.

Ambassador of Japan, Akira Hoshi

While the unity in 1990 was certainly a great achievement in itself, what always keeps me impressed is the continuous progress that followed the unity, i.e. democratization and economic, financial and administrative reform. I have deep respect for the Yemenis who spare no effort in trying to consolidate the unity, and also for the political leadership who have been pursuing the process gallantly for the last decade, despite lots of obstacles.

Ambassador of Turkey, Sanli Topcuoglu

Thanks to the endless efforts and the eminent leadership of his Excellency Ali Abdullah Saleh, the unity of Yemen has been fully realized. On the tenth anniversary of the unification, Republic of Yemen has already become the most important image of peace and stability in the Arabian Peninsula as well as an indisputable model for the democratic process.

Ambassador of Eritrea, Mohamed Osman Redo

The Unity achieved by the Yemeni brothers is the outcome of the real and sincere hard work which is carried out by the sincere sons and daughters of Yemen. And it is the real reflection of the Yemeni people's ambition. This Unity is considered a positive step in the history of Yemen. We wish the Yemeni people more prosperity and development.

Ambassador of Cuba, Hector Argiles Perez

The Tenth Anniversary of the Republic of Yemen is a historical event and is the symbol of the unity of the culture and the traditions of the country.

In the last ten years, we have observed many results in the economy, education, health and other fields. The parliamentary and the presidential elections constitute a great happening for the democracy. Of course, as a country of the third world, not all problems have been solved, but I think that there are efforts to solve them and ways for Yemen to reach new goals.

Country Manager of Proctor & Gamble to YT: "Yemen's Investment Law is Ranked One of the Best in the Region"

Proctor & Gamble is one of the biggest and most well-reputed companies all over the world. Its products are marketed in more than 140 countries and there are more than 70 branches of the company in different countries of the world. In 1993, the company started investing in Yemen. It built a manufacturing plant in Taiz in 1994 and started production in 1995. Tawfeek Al-Shara'abi of Yemen Times met with Mohammed Samir, Country Manager of the company, to shed some light on the company's activities in Yemen and filed the following interview:



benefit from being the first in this field.

The other thing which is very distinctive about Yemen is its deep rooted civilization and beauty of nature. Thus, tourism can play a very essential role in terms of attracting foreign as well as national capital to invest in the country.

Q: What are the main products that you supply to the Yemeni market?

A: P&G produces and markets in Yemen detergents (Ariel and Tide), Diapers (Pampers), Female protection products including sanitary towels (Always) and Shampoos (Pantene, Head & Shoulders and Pert Plus). So far, P&G has invested \$30 million in Yemen and employed 200 young Yemeni men and women. There are some other products that we import and sell in the Yemeni market. Every thing depends on the consumers' needs.

Q: How do you assess the investment atmosphere in Yemen?

A: Yemen is a developing market undertaking a very aggressive economic reform program. There are things that make Yemen a very appealing country to invest in. First of all it has a strategic location. It has Aden port which used to be the port number 2 in the whole world until about 30 years ago. So there is no reason why it can not prosper again. Besides, Yemen has a very attractive investment law which is ranked one of the best in the region. It is actually the best in the middle East because you can get up to 60% in tax exemption. Companies which have set up operations in Yemen can

Q: How do you find the Yemeni market?

A: The potential of the Yemeni market is big. It is the biggest nation in the Gulf population wise (18 million) and has the right mix of natural and human resources to make it an appropriate market for our products. Also, its geographic location could help us with export opportunities to neighboring countries.

Q: What are your prospects for the future?

A: We have many future prospects. For example, now we have seven brands which are produced in our Taiz plant. There are over 300 brands made by P&G outside the country some of which we import. So we have a long way to go. A month ago, for example, we launched a new branch in Aden. We aim to remain the biggest multi-national consumer goods company in Yemen. We are working to maintain our leadership position so that our investment will pay-off and the lives of Yemeni people will improve.

Q: Are there any obstacles the company faces?

A: The main obstacle we face is the implementation of the laws. For example, the investment law needs to be implemented a little bit faster so as to attract more investment in the country. Therefore what we need is a swift implementation of them. Other things, I won't call them obstacles, but if they are maintained will cer-

tainly help promoting investment in the country, including improving the infrastructure in terms of laws, communications, roads, etc.

Q: What is your advertising policy?

A: P&G is one of the biggest advertisers. It spends on advertising more than any other company world wide. Besides, we have long experience in this. The second thing is that we issue advertisements which are based on the understanding of consumers in the country itself. Therefore, some of our ads are completely rooted in the Yemeni culture. There are some other advertisements issued by the company itself and are the same in all countries.

Q: Will you shed some light on the charitable activities of the company?

A: P&G's mission is to improve the lives of the world's consumers. As a result of this, we hope to achieve leadership results in the market place. In Yemen, we are following the same mission. Our goals are that we first want to supply consumers with the brands that will help improve their conditions. Second, we try to do our best to improve the conditions of the community we work in to help them prosper and benefit from our products. This is the social aspect that we take care of. Therefore, there are different charity organizations that we support, in addition to the charitable programs that we conduct by ourselves. We focus on the rural areas. We visit these areas, check what exactly is their need. We try to supply them with these things to the best of our capacity. On the top of that we help handicapped organizations, organizations working for children and their education.

Q: Any last word?

A: I would like to thank YT, the esteemed newspaper, for shedding light on the companies and investors investing in Yemen. I also hope that we will be up to the expectations of our consumers. And above all, I would like to congratulate all the people of Yemen on the 10th anniversary of the unification.

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The geographical location:-

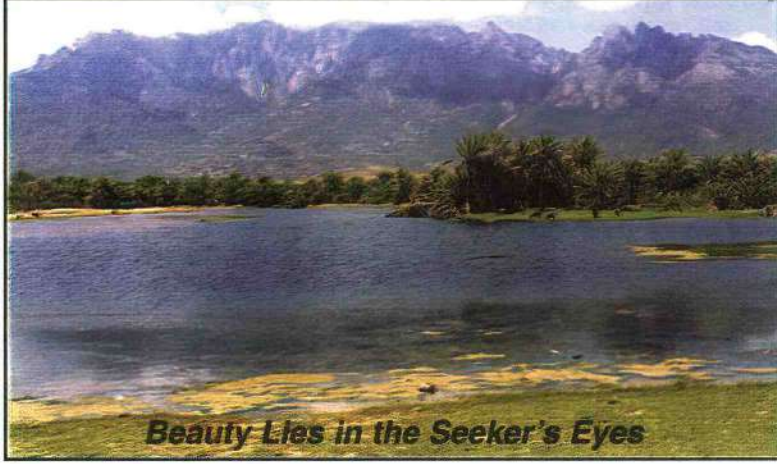
The island of Socotra as one of the biggest Yemeni islands is located on

the Western side of the Gulf of Aden between latitude 12.8 - 12.42 and longitude 53.19 - 54.33 East of Greenwich north of the equator. It is 380 kms from Ras-Firtik, Al-Maharah govern orate. It has an area of 3650 Square kilometers which is twice bigger than the state of Bahrain. There are a number of small islands on its Western side including the islands of Abid-Alkuri, Sama'a, Darsa, Kara'al Faron, Hail. The island of

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Democracy & Political Pluralism

Democracy as an approach to the ruling system and a framework within which civil institutions guarantee the right to peaceful transfer of power by direct elections is something new in Yemen. Political thinkers believe that survival and stability of the unified state would be realized through development of political action on sound bases respectful of general freedoms and human rights based on principle of a democratic regime.

A decade after the unity, political analysts are raising questions about the Yemeni democratic experiment and scope of its ability to allow transfer of power peacefully by free elections. They also wonder why rounds of political violence have continued and later led to a civil war just a few

months after the parliamentary elections of 1993.

After 1990 Yemen found itself forced to get out of contradictions and discordance of interests between the two pillars of the newly-born state, especially after it had failed to integrate the two parties of the former two parts into one political entity.

Although legislations of the unified state have secured the people's right to choose their representatives in the parliament, the politicians have waged political wars for effecting constitutional amendments and those differences could not be decided through democratic dialogue.

Outwardly, the two parties; PGC and YSP leaders were convinced of the necessity of holding the first parliamentary elections to test the political situation in the country. Developments on the ground con-

firmed a political desire among Yemeni social forces inclined to follow a democratic policy and change persons in both legislative and executive organs through elections. The number of political parties have risen from 3 to more than 15 during three years time after the unity. The number of eligible voters registered for the parliamentary elections of 1993 from both sexes numbered 2,697,734 to select 301 members. Twenty-two political parties and organizations took part in that exercise, nine of them winning seats in the parliament. The three major parties were; PGC 122 seats, Islah 63 seats and YSP 56 seats.

A coalition government was formed of these parties but that government could not last long due to differences in perception about building the mod-

ern state of Yemen.

The YSP and the PGC parties had been engaged in a long debate on how to build the institutional base and curb corruption and share roles. That led to intervention of other political and social forces, after which a national committee was set up to settle the differences, but that did not manage to contain the differences inside the coalition.

In May, 1994 the democratic dialogue collapsed and a civil war broke out. That war resulted in driving the YSP out of power. The PGC and the Islah continued ruling the country till the 1997 parliamentary elections. YSP opposition party leadership along with three leftist parties announced their boycott of the elections. The PGC, the Islah and 12 other parties and organizations had contested the elections

where only five of their candidates won seats in the parliament. The PGC got 200 seats, the Islah 53. Thus, the PGC formed the government and the Islah shifted to the opposition.

In the second elections the number of voters went up to 2,726,96. This ushered in an increase in popular participation and many countries, especially the U.S. and the European Union have expressed happiness of Yemen following the democratic course.

The Yemeni leadership then decided it was time to run presidential elections in confirmation of the principles of democratic system. President Ali Abdullah Saleh from the PGC and the independent Najeeb Kahtan Al-Shabi contested in the elections in which president Saleh won. Despite some of the undesirable aspects of the presidency elections, the experiment received welcome from international

institutes, USA and European countries.

An international conference for Emerging Democracies was held in Sana'a, 28-30 June 1999 to support the political and economic reforms carried out by Yemen and similar countries.

Stemming from the international Forum on Emerging Democracies, Sana'a declaration had prepared the mechanisms for enhancing confidence in elections and development of participation in political decision-making and peaceful transfer of power.

Yemen's democratic experiment is still at its beginning and has many questions to settle. Such questions are the differences with opposition parties, respect for general and individual freedoms, guarantee of human rights and spread of stability among the Yemeni society.

Yemen & the World Seminar

Under the motto, "Yemen and the World 1990-2000", the French Center for Yemeni Studies and the Future Studies Center organized a seminar at Dar Al-Hamad Hotel, on 16-17 of May. At the beginning of the seminar, Dr. Faris Al-Saqqaf delivered a speech in which he discussed the importance of this seminar. The seminar dealt with the events of the last twenty years. It discussed the political, economic and social changes during these years. In addition, it discussed the prospective changes and the future of Yemen.

In 1990 the historic Yemeni Unification was announced. It was the turning point in the progress and history of Yemen. The next event was the Gulf War. It affected the whole world, especially the Arab World and the Peninsula. In 1994 the Yemeni war broke out. Next year a disastrous dispute occurred between Yemen and Eritrea. Yemen was affected by the crises of the African Horn. In 1995 Yemen started the economic reforms. During the ten years Yemen has witnessed political and social changes marked by the democratic multiplicity. Yemen forged strong relationships with America and the European Union.

H.E Ambassador of France in Yemen highlighted the policy of France towards Yemen. He pointed out that France played an important role in the arbitration between Yemen and Eritrea. He said that France supports the Yemeni Unification and hopes to develop the phases of cooperation with this country in all fields.

At the cultural level, France supports many cultural activities in Yemen. For example, French Department at the Faculty of Arts and French Cultural Center in Sana'a have come into being due to the French contribution. There is another cultural center which will be inaugurated in Aden. Further, many scholarships are awarded to Yemeni students to pursue higher studies in various fields in France. Mr. Abdullah Assaidi, Deputy Minister discussed the Yemeni tourism abroad. He said that Yemen always seeks to solve its problems peacefully. For example, Yemen settled its boundaries dispute with Oman. Then Yemen sought to the help of United Nations to solve the dispute with Eritrea. So, Yemen and Saudi will put an end to the problem of boundaries through peaceful means. Yemen tried to put an end to the dispute between Eritrea and Ethiopia, but unfortunately that was very difficult to be solved. Yemen seeks and works for stability in the area. Correspondingly, the international policy must support development in Yemen.

A number of papers were presented at this seminar. Dr. Mohammed Abdulmalik Al-Mutwakel presented a paper about Yemen and Gulf War. The paper focused on the factors that helped creating relations between Yemen and Kuwait and the position of people and politicians in this relation.

Dr. Yasein Al-Shaibani presented a paper about Yemen and the Iraqi conquest of Kuwait. The paper discussed the position of Yemen in the Gulf War. Then Dr. Ahmed Addoghaish presented a paper in which he discussed the position of government and parties in this war. Mr. Nasser Othman presented a paper about the Yemeni-Omani relationships. A paper was presented about the Yemeni-Saudi relations before and after the unification. It also discussed the impact of the Gulf War on the mutual relations and the problem of boundaries. This paper was presented by Dr. Khadija Al-Haisami. Mr. Abdulwahab Al-Moayad presented a paper about Yemen's relations with Iran and Iraq. Dr. Mahmoud Jamal, Vice-Dean of Faculty of Information presented a paper about the Yemeni-Egyptian relationship. It gave a historical background about the stages of development and the future of the relations.

A paper was presented which discussed the Yemeni-French relations and the phases of cooperation during the 1990s. It highlighted the role of France in the arbitration between Yemen and Eritrea. Another paper was presented about Peace Process and migration of Yemeni Jewish people. It was presented by Mohammed Yahya Al-Sabri. It dealt with the interior and external factors that affect the policy of Yemen towards the Peace Process. The paper focussed on the foreign support to the Yemeni Unity and the policy of normalization with Israel. Dr. Ahmed Al-Bushari, Minister of Emigrants presented a paper discussing the international changes. It dealt with the concept of terrorism and Islamic movements in Yemen. Dr. Abdunasser Al-Wade'a presented a paper about the position of Saudi Arabia and Gulf countries, Egypt, European Union, America and other countries in the Yemeni War in 1994. Mr. Mohammed Ali Al-Saqqaf presented a paper about the relation between Yemen and the European Union and highlighted the British and Yemeni relations. A paper was presented by Dr. Mohammed Abdulmajeed Al-Qubati which discussed the kidnapping of British tourists and its impact on the relations between the two countries. Mr. Hamoud Monassar, presented a paper about the relation between Yemen and the United States and Russia. Finally, a paper was presented by Dr. Mohammed Al-Maitami about the economic reforms and Yemen's relation with the aid givers.

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ADEN FREE ZONE

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Here we give a brief background on Yemen's most important project, undeniably, Aden Free Zone.

History

If you stand on Jabal Shamsan, some 600 meters above Aden City, and look out to the sea, you would see the horizon about 45 miles away. From here, you can also see several ships, which move between the Red Sea and the Indian Ocean and pass within a few miles of the harbor.

Aden has been a major regional center at various times over the past 3000 years. Over this long time span, visitors with a vision have always been impressed by the port and the opportunities for trade, which it offers. Marco Polo and Ibn Batuta both noted the prosperity of Aden as a ship-owning center.

One hundred and sixty years ago, Captain Haines and the British arrived in Aden, and stayed there for 125 years. Captain Haines predicted, even when Aden was a small village of around 600 persons, that Aden could again become a major trading center. The later part of the British period proved him right and Aden grew to become one of the major business ports in the world.

Aden was declared a Free Port in 1850 as it took control of Yemen's coffee export trade. From 1869, the Suez Canal shortened the sea distance between London and Bombay from over 10,700 miles around the Cape of Good Hope to 6,270 miles through the Mediterranean and Red Sea. Aden's coal bunkering and re-provisioning trade accelerated. Aden was fortunate to be connected to the London/Bombay telegraph cable in the 1870's, giving it great advantages in east/west communications. By 1901, Aden Inner Harbor had been dredged to 30 feet to handle the largest ships of those days.

In 1919, Aden introduced oil bunkering and became, by the 1950's, one of the world's top ship bunkering ports, handling up to 6,300 ships a year. Calls by cargo and passenger vessels made Aden the world's 4th largest tax-free shopping port. It became the regional base for dhow, coastal, and deep-sea traffic. Dhows trading between the Gulf of Pakistan, the Red Sea and East Africa were regular callers and Aden handled over 1,500 dhows annually in the mid-1990s.

The oil refinery and oil harbor were built in 1955 and Aden began importing and refining crude oil primarily to provide the oil fuel needed by the ships bunkering at Aden.

Why Aden?

What makes Aden so uniquely suitable as a port and distribution center in the region? The answer to that question lies in its strategic location, as Aden offers shippers and shipping companies from all over the world many advantages. These services helped to make the port a regional center during

its long history and will continue to favor it in future.

The advantages that Aden Port offers may be summarized as follows:

- The port lies where the Red Sea and Gulf of Aden meet, directly on the main round-the-world and the Far East to Europe/America trade route.

- It requires a deviation from this route of only 4 nautical miles to reach the pilot station.

- It has clear approaches from waters 20-40 meters deep without reefs, well marked by aids to navigation.

- A well-planned and easy channel extends only four miles from the fairway buoy to the inner harbor berths.

- Aden offers deep water in one of the world's largest natural harbors, protected from prevailing winds during winter months by hills 500 meters high to the south and east, from the summer SW monsoon, and hills 350 meters high to the south west.

- It enjoys clear weather and is able to operate for 365 days a year.

- Aden is around 4,570 miles from NE Europe and 3,640 miles from Singapore, around 9 days from Europe and 7 days from Singapore on modern container ships.

- It is very well placed to provide transshipment services to East Africa, the Red Sea, the sub-Continent and the Gulf, and

- It enjoys a dry climate with temperatures of around 28°C through the winter and 38°C during the summer (between May and September)

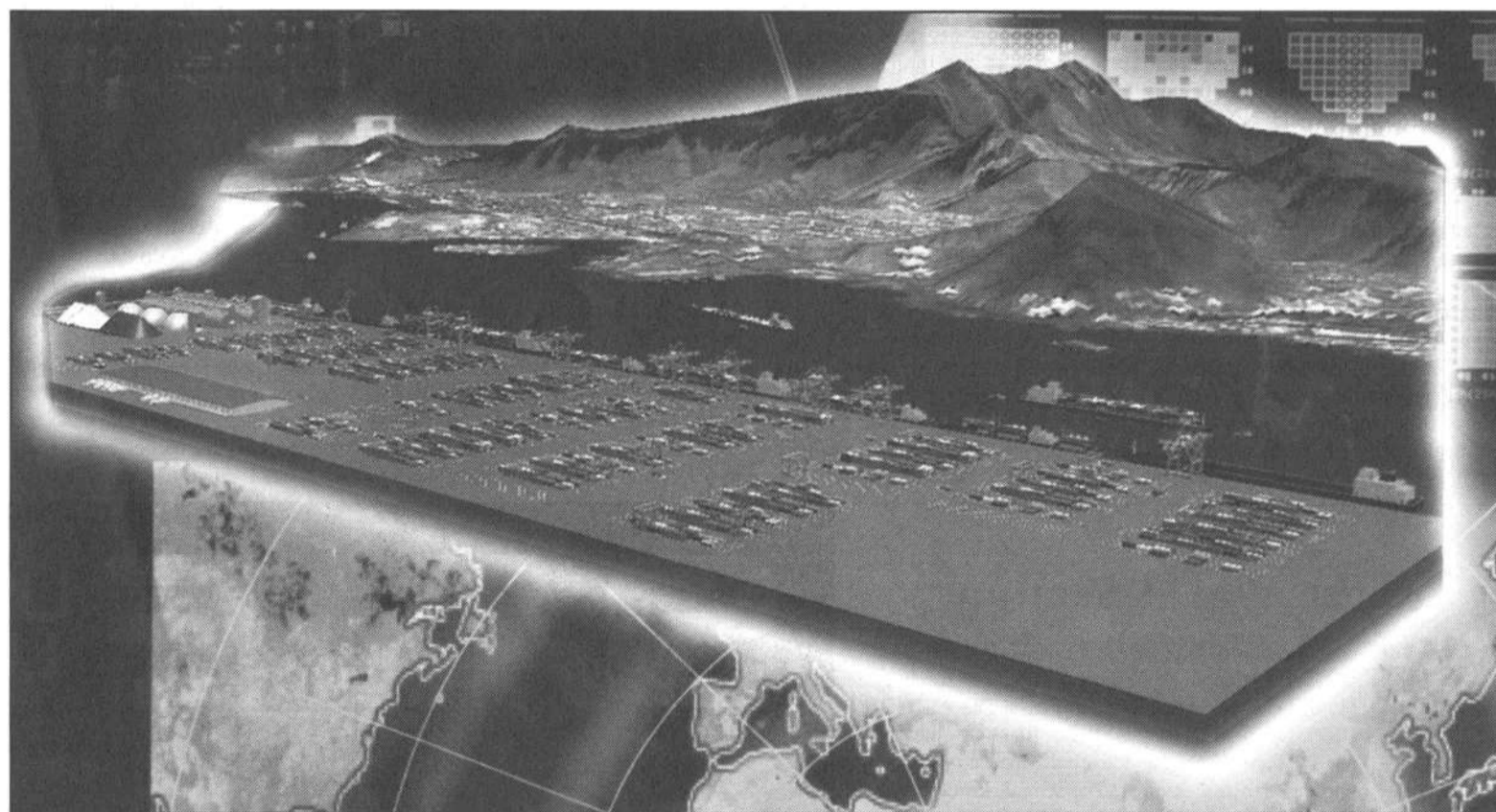
Based on these splendid advantages, Aden developed and expanded its port services until 1967, when the Suez Canal closed for 8 years. This, added to the uncertainties following national independence, led to a severe downturn in Aden's trade at a time when other states in the region were beginning to generate substantial oil revenues. New ports in the region handling massive amounts of construction projects cargo then grew to become major centers in the 1970s and 1980s.

Aden had no facilities for handling containers during these years and was starved of investment capital. All dry cargo was handled at buoys in the inner harbor before being transferred to the Home Trade Quay by lighters. Double handling, the accepted means of working cargoes in most ports up to the 1960s, continued at Aden into the 1980s.

The results of cooperative stand by the Aden Port are now evident by the opening of the Aden Container Terminal.

Aden Container Terminal (ACT)

Yeminvest and PSA Corporation, with Hyundai as main contractors, are completing the new deepwater container terminal on the North Shore, known as the Aden Container Terminal (ACT). The quay wall for the ACT can be taken to a depth of 18 meters, four meters deeper than Jabal Ali, Jeddah or Colombo. The ACT will be able to handle the world's largest existing and planned container ships. Initial dredging is being carried out to 16 meters



(53 feet) alongside and in the outer section of the channel. Tidal patterns effectively give the port 16.8 meters alongside for 18 hours each day for almost the whole of the year.

The first phase of the North Shore berths, 700 meters in length, will be opened in March 1999. Phase II will provide a further 350 meters and Phase III 600 meters to give a Terminal length of 1,650 meters. Other phases should follow as well. The Terminal will be equipped with the latest super post-Panamaz quay cranes, with an outreach of 57 meters. Rubber-tyred Yard cranes, reefer points, engineering, maintenance, and other facilities to match and support quay crane capacity are also being installed. A power station, a desalination plant and a sewage treatment plant are also being built.

Commercial and economic impact of Aden Container Terminal

The construction of the ACT and the restoration of Aden's former position as a regional service and distribution center will be a key element in the economic development of Yemen. Its importance to the port, to the city of Aden, and to Yemen cannot be over emphasized. YPA believes that this will prove to be the 'key' project to attract inward investment for infrastructure development and a wide range of industrial activities.

The project "makes a statement" on improvements in political and economic stability in Yemen over the past three years, which other investors can recognize and respond to. There is already evidence that major companies outside Yemen are responding.

There will inevitably be competition from other regional ports. Some of these grew impressively over the past 30 years and traffic in the more successful ones is dominated by container transshipment. Container movement worldwide increased around 9-9% annually in the 1990s and is predicted to grow between 7-8% until 2010. Container handling was a market which did not exist when Aden was a major bunkering port, but has become a market, which Aden can and will bid to share.

A growing percentage of the very large container ships, which currently handle the world's 'break-bulk' cargoes, are now in the 6000+ TEU

class. Ships carrying over 4,500 TEUs, which currently make only 2% of the world's fleet, are forecast to form 33% of the world's container fleet by 2010. With the Aden Container Terminal coming into service, Aden is ready to handle ships of this size, and larger ones, and to re-gain its position as a regional hub port.

Future port development

YPA visualizes the expansion of the port to the west, to provide a shelter for various purposes, including industrial processes, which need access to deep quay space. Yemen can provide workers some of the more labor intensive industries which are currently looking for sites and, with easy access from all points of the compass, it would be difficult to improve on Aden's location.

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Conclusions

Visitors to the Port of Aden often comment that Aden is a very 'real' place. They regard it as a real city, with real people, with a real port in a place where God intended one to be. After years of decline and under-utilization, Aden promises to stand strong in this new millennium challenging others for its rightful place as a major distribution center. The dreams of three years ago are being transformed into ACT.

A number of strategic planners in the transport sector, looking at container movement in the twenty first century, conclude that hub and spoke operations for containers are here to stay, and that transshipment will be focused

on a small number of ports in key locations. The physical characteristics, expertise and facilities of these ports will enable them to handle very large container ships with great efficiency. One recent report predicts that by 2010, there will be just five major ports handling the bulk of the world's transshipped container traffic. Aden is identified as one of these.

YPA believes in the future of Aden, and hope that many of you will have good cause for optimism for and confidence in Aden in the coming months and years. We trust that you will catch something of the vision we have whenever we look out from the hills which guard this port. By coming to Aden, you will be following the steps of some very famous travelers.

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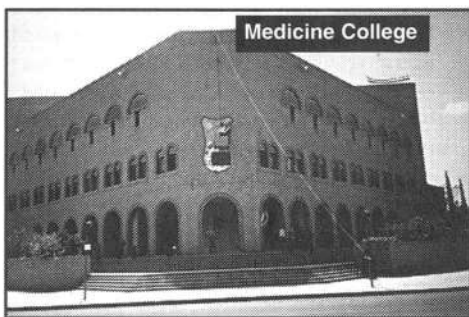




Panic on Campus

Report by Jalal Al-Shara'abi & Mohamed Al-Qadhi
Photos by Nasri Al-Saqqaf

The mass murder of 16 girl students at the Collage of Medicine, Sana'a university has caused a furor not only among students, but among Yemen's public in general. Mohammed Adam Omar Ishac, morgue assistant, a Sudanese national, has been savagely butchering his victims since 1996. He was arrested following a complaint by the mother of the Iraqi



Medicine College

student that her daughter mysteriously disappeared without leaving any trace in December, 1999, that she had not never left the college campus, and that she suspected Adam to be involved in the murder. However, authorities concerned did not seem to be convinced about the Iraqi mother's story, and Adam was soon released to carry on his brutal acts of raping, killing, mutilating university girl students in a small room in the college morgue. As if that was not bad enough, he kept their organs for trading as he is believed to be a member of a widespread international network. Last Friday, Adam was arrested again and was sent for Criminal Investigation in the Capital Secretariat. Primary interrogations, revealed that the accused confessed to murdering a Yemeni and an Iraqi medical student in the past. Sources close to the college have disclosed that the college used to get

human body organs from the suspect for high prices without even bothering where he was bringing them from. It has been reported that 16 girls in Yemen and 51 in other Arab countries were killed by Adam. Social constraints made many families feel shy of reporting their daughter's disappearance from the college. They were ashamed of scandal.

But the Iraqi mother did not keep silent and persisted in her efforts to unravel the mystery. It is said that the killer tempted the Iraqi student of giving high marks in anatomy. He reportedly charged her a fee of US\$ 2500 which she failed to comply. When she was about to reveal this, he lured her to his small room and killed her.

Many questions are raised about the modus operandi of this serial killer. Was he working on his own, or is he the leader of a racket? Strict confidentiality is still maintained about the results of the interrogation which is continuing.

Security sources said that the man had sent pictures of and documents related to the victims, along with a cassette recording his brutal acts to some people in Sudan. The same sources added that a committee from the Ministry of Interior had flown to Sudan to investigate into this matter.

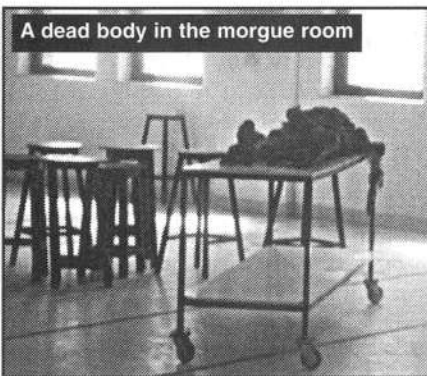
In written answers, Adam said he had been once arrested before in Lebanon



The morgue washing room

on the same charge and that he had killed 67 girls; 16 in Yemen and 51 outside Yemen. He added that 8 of his victims in Yemen were university students. Those were deceived by promises of high marks in the anatomy paper. The others were from outside the college and were brought to the college through backdoors.

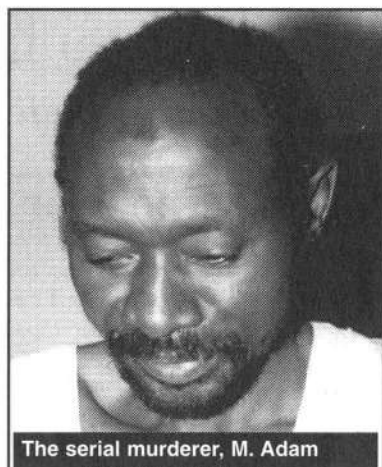
More than 60 reports had been sent to the competent authorities about the notorious activities of Adam. However all were pushed under the carpet. Adam says that he is not alone and that he was assisted by others whom he does not want to identify. Students of the College of Medicine organized a sit-in strike at the college



A dead body in the morgue room

last Tuesday, 16 May. They demanded the administration to speed up investigations, announce investigation results, interrogate the College board of directors and the security and outline their future measures to avoid occurrence of such horrendous phenomena. The Yemen Times was there at the scene and managed to take some photos. Many students were so livid that they could not talk to us. Others were seething with rage and anger.

"What's happened perplexes everybody in general and we, women, in particular. One wonders, since the college knew that he was infamous, why did it accept him? What if he had other accomplices? What will our fate be?" A.Y.H., Student of Medicine grade VI, exclaimed angri-



The serial murderer, M. Adam

ly. She said that he used to ask the girls to meet him in his office by entering through the backdoors of the college. "Where are the security guards of the college? They knew that he used to sleep in the college. Didn't they know that he was killing, burying our classmates?" she blasts, shaking her fist.

"I cannot fancy myself looking on a teacher's face any more!" H.A., student of Laboratories grade II, said. "What the hell is the fittest punishment he should get?" she exclaimed. She deplored the negative role of the moribund security members who allowed him to stay at nights in the college premises and the College Board for accepting him despite the fact that he was accused of many immoral actions. "Just because he was on a low salary, did not mean they should accept him," she commented.

Why didn't the security men make sure that rooms are left by everybody here? Why didn't the college board notice that acid, by which the murderer burnt his victims' bodies, was always disappearing strangely in the laboratory? These were the questions she burst out before she got livid and burst into tears.

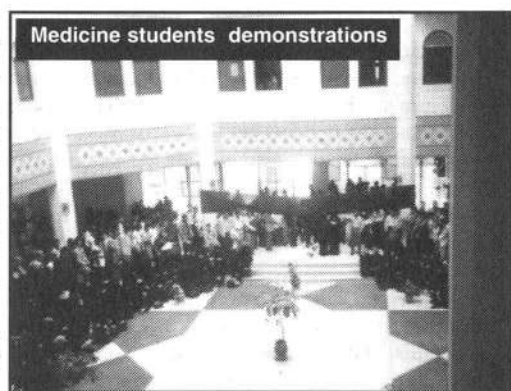
Taha Hussain, Student of medicine grade III and Secretary General of Students' Rights and Freedoms Committee, said that the crime was a result of security chaos. "Security men were all the time busy monitoring students' activities and checking cards while they were overlooking many incidents of theft, embezzlement and recently of brutal murders," he said. He added that complaints involving the behavior of the killer were sent to the authorities but to no avail. "There are other complaints about abnormal behaviors by some people at the university which will reveal at the appropriate time," he added.

How did Sudanese students at the College of Medicine react to the event? Student Q.M., grade II, said that the event has deeply affected all academics. However she hoped that the event would not damage relationships between the Sudanese and the Yemenis.

Akram Al-Saqqaf, grade VI at the college of medicine, commented not withstanding the ghastliness of the case, it would not have happened except in an environment contaminated by corruption and negligence. "The weakness of administration at the morgue department and lack of alertness in it have provided a golden opportunity for the killer to commit his crimes." The lack of seriousness on the part of the college

security men about their tasks and their concentration only on watching the students was an important factor for criminals to commit their crimes without being noticed. He said the whole incident was the culmination of the corrupt policy and what happened makes it an impera-

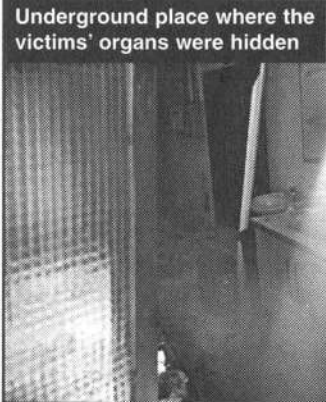
tive for students to shoulder the security responsibility in the college. The Palestinian student Shukria Jalal Mahmoud, a friend of Zainab, the Iraqi student, one of the victims of the medical college manslaughter said she could recognize the body of her friend by her hand. She spoke to Yemen Times reporter "I am a medical student at grade III and Zainab was one of my best friends. She had disappeared since Ramadan last year. Shukria was wondering about who should be responsible for this act and who would be able to bring back those girls to their families. On the other hand, the University Board



Medicine students demonstrations

of Directors issued a statement following its extraordinary meeting on May 15 stating the following:

- 1- Mohammed Adam, was sent to investigation for taking bribes on December 1999.
- 2- As he was proved guilty he was fired in the beginning of February, 2000.
- 3- When the Iraqi mother informed the college of the disappearance of her daughter, the college immediately informed the Criminal Investigation that carried on a field investigation until it unraveled the crime on May 12 when it found two bodies, one of which was of the Iraqi victim.
- 4- The college did not receive any reports on other disappearing students.
- 5- Only two bodies were found at the college.
- 6- The University Board of Directors is following up results of interrogation of the administration until the completion of the investigation.



Underground place where the victims' organs were hidden

Is Time Running out for the Rescue of Yemen's Fisheries Resources?

Yemen Times has over the last 2 years regularly reported on the dangers facing the national fish wealth. Overfishing of shrimp, cuttlefish and valuable demersal species such as grouper, snapper and emperor by industrial trawlers, the obviously uncontrolled slaughter of sharks for their fins by local fishermen as well as foreign vessels and the prohibited sale in Sana'a and elsewhere of undersized and female lobsters with their eggs still attached have been key issues raised in this context. Another concern was related to the temporary ban of the import of Yemeni fishery products into the European Union due to non compliance of Yemeni sanitary standards in conformity with those in force in the EU. This in turned raised questions in regard to consumer health protection.



Mr. Freund

Fishery is of considerable importance to Yemen's national economy and the safeguarding of its long-term future must therefore be a priority for our policy makers. 500,000 people directly and indirectly depend on the trade with frequently little or no alternative sources of income available to them. Fishery contributes at present some 2% to Yemen's GDP and generates export earnings of 20 million USD per annum. If properly managed, experts suggest that export earnings of at least 50 million USD are within reach and that the sector could contribute up to 5% of GDP, equivalent to 230 million USD.

It appears now, that the Ministry of Fish Wealth under the leadership of Minister Ahmed Musaed Hussein has started to implement reforms that may be able to stop the collapse of some of the threatened fish stocks just in time and prepare the ground for its recovery. The drastic reduction of licensing of industrial vessels and the extension of closed seasons for the shrimp and

lobster fishery are the proof that the Ministry is serious.

Obviously, these reforms have to be understood and supported by all sector stakeholders in order to make them successful. The Ministry of Fish Wealth assisted by the European Commission and the World Bank decided therefore to present its new draft sector strategy for discussion to representatives of the local fishing communities, industrial fishing companies, processors, exporters and concerned government agencies. Approx. 200 workshop participants from all parts of the country gathered for 2 days here in Sana'a for this purpose.

The workshop, which had been convened under the patronage of H.E. Ali Abdullah Saleh, President of the Republic, was opened with a stimulating speech delivered by H.E. the Prime Minister, Dr. Abdulkarim Al Iryani. The Prime Minister lashed out against pirate fishing in Yemen's territorial waters and harmful fishing practices employed by the operators of some industrial vessels, which had only their short-term gain in mind. He cited the experience of countries bordering the Gulf of Aqaba and the Mediterranean, which have seen a sharp decline in their fish resources due to insufficient monitoring, surveillance and control. He re-iterated that Yemen can learn from those countries' experiences in order to prevent a similar situation from developing in Yemen. The Prime Minister said "fish wealth is a blessing and we are lucky that 90% of our fish is still caught by thousands of traditional fishermen, who want this resource to last forever. We as a government recognize our responsibility to protect the source of their livelihood and at the same time enhance its contribution to the economy". The Minister of Fish Wealth, Ahmed

Musaed Hussein introduced the outline of the draft sector strategy, which rests on 3 pillars i.) fisheries management based on strengthened fisheries statistics, regular fish stock assessment and an expansion of applied fisheries research, ii.) gradual withdrawal of the state from its involvement in commercial activities and future focus on provision of an enabling environment through an improved regulatory framework, enforcement of rules and regulations by way of a more effective

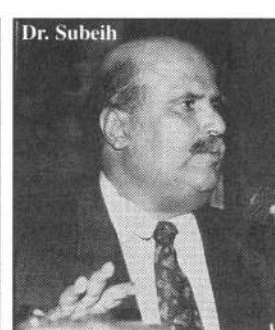
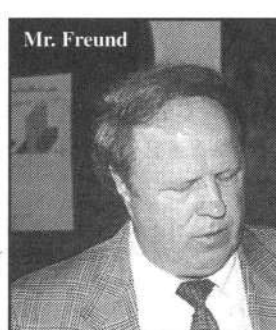


monitoring, control and surveillance as well as quality control, iii.) improvement of coastal infrastructure including the provision of the fishing communities not only with access infrastructure and protected landing sites but also with basic services such as power, water, health and education.

Erhard Loher from the European Commission and Gianni Brizzi, Tijan Sallah and Geert van Santen from the World Bank supported the call by the Ministry of Fish Wealth for a stricter regulatory framework and more support for those government agencies involved in enforcing fisheries legislation. They moreover echoed the Prime Minister's call for adequate protection of the interests of the artisanal fishermen. The consensus here was that industrial fisheries should only be allowed to target species that cannot be fully exploited by the small scale fisheries. Otherwise it may be restricted to waters that cannot be safely

accessed by the artisanal fleet on account of distance from shore.

Yemen Times managing editor Mohammed Hatem Al Quadi followed the proceedings of the workshop and subsequently spoke with members of the workshop committee - Dr. Abdul Bari Fachri, Assistant Deputy Minister of Fish Wealth, Dr.



Dr. Subeih

action plan for the next 15 years with a priority list for the forthcoming 5 years. Let me add that I am also satisfied with the fact that the donors present here seem to be reasonably happy with our conclusions so that I am optimistic that some external support can be secured for the implementation of the said action plan.

Dr. Subeih added: "one reason for the quick consensus reached here on the 2nd day of the workshop is the long term preparation of this event. We have under the IV th Fisheries Project prepared with European Commission been financing two detailed sector reviews, the first in 1993 and the update in 1997/1998. This was followed by a draft sector strategy note prepared by the World Bank in 1999. Most of the critical decisions now taken by the Ministry of Fish Wealth and supported by all stakeholders are based on the in depth study of the related issues during the past 6 years. Clearly we are at present living in times more conducive to change - otherwise some of the re-orientation measures now agreed on could have been implemented even earlier. However, as Dr. Fachri said, we can be content with the outcome of the workshop".

YT: Mr. Freund, the European Commission has supported the development of Yemen's fisheries sector for the last decade and has also been the principal financier of this workshop. Your colleague, Mr. Loher has in the opening session reiterated the Commission's continued commitment

to fisheries development in Yemen. What exactly are your intentions in regard to future co-operation in this sector.

Mr. Freund: First of all I would like to express my admiration for the way in which this workshop has been organized. To bring parties with such seemingly conflicting interests to one table is not easy to start with. The

fact that a general consensus has been reached on issues that had not too long ago been open for public discussion is even more remarkable. The government has taken a clear stance in favor of small scale fisheries, recognizing that resource conservation, employment and food security take precedence over direct revenue obtained from the granting of industrial fishing licenses for species that can be fully exploited by the artisanal sub-sector. The MFW is moreover committed to the privatization of its remaining productive assets, thereby removing market intransparencies and distortions. It is also determined to become a more effective regulator and overseer of the trade.

The Commission is already supporting this new policy with a comprehensive training program in fishery products quality control systems, due to start in June, 2000. This program addresses issues of consumer health protection in Yemen but is also an indispensable basis for a competitive export industry. We are moreover studying the scope of a possible assistance program for fisheries monitoring control and surveillance. Our remaining involvement in the IV th Fisheries Project seeks to consolidate the operation by fishermen co-operative societies of productive infrastructure completed with Commission financing along the Al Mahrah and Hadramawt coast in 1997 and 1998. Our sizeable food security program in Yemen can mainly also be used to further complement these efforts.

Words of Wisdom



"Indeed, our transformation towards real political pluralism and economic integration with the world has to continue. Otherwise, we risk major upheavals and we risk being left out of the world's mainstream evolution."

Prof. Abdulaziz Al-Saqqaf (1951-1999)
Founder of the Yemen Times

Our Opinion

BY WALID A. AL-SAQQAF

WHY HIDE OUR PROBLEMS?

I was quite disappointed with the reaction of some - but not all - officials in regards to the Sana'a University, Faculty of Medicine's incident that raised a lot of local and international concern. These officials, requested softly not to publish anything about this incident on the 10th anniversary celebration. However, we obviously did publish the story because our duty is to publish what is new to be informative and effective, rather than passive and non-productive. We cannot support the view of ignoring an event of such macabre proportions that has shaken attention of the world. Occurrence of such incidents may not be a shame on us because they happen all the time, even in the most developed countries. But we would bury our heads in shame if we try to ignore the case, even for a temporary time. This does not show that we are smart, but rather it shows our weakness, and inability to handle such situations when needed. It would have been a better move on the part of the government, if they just said, "OK, this is a problem that happened, we may use the help of the media to reveal its mysteries and help in bringing the criminals to justice. If that would have been done, not only would the citizens respect the government more, but even the delegations that are visiting us today would do so as well. The whole world would respect such a move. At least, they would appreciate the government's efforts not to hide its problems, but rather confront them and try to solve them in front of everyone.

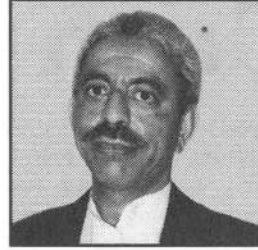
COMMON SENSE

By: Hassan Al-Haifi

On a Cleaner Yemen for all Times

"What is this, did we land in the wrong airport?" said the weary traveler as he got on the taxi headed for Sana'a. The taxi driver explained, as he loaded the luggage on the luggage wrack on top of the car: "Welcome Emigrant, this is really your country brother, make no mistake about it!" As he started the trip towards the city, the passengers were all looking left and right in complete wonder at what their eyes were beholding. Another passenger, dressed in a suit and tie said: "Look driver, I hope you are not on the wrong road to Sana'a. The road I remember had all these plastic bags littering the road and all you could see was filth wherever you turned. What happened to the trash and the ugliness that awaited you as you headed for Sana'a?" The driver went through the routine report he had to give his passengers these days on the trek to Sana'a from the airport: "On the occasion of the 10th Anniversary of the Unification of our beloved country, the government carried out a campaign to show the world leaders, who will be coming to celebrate our national holiday that Yemen really can be clean and shiny!" Another passenger sitting in the back seat of the Peugeot Station Wagon said: "I really

think that is insulting! The government can only find the reason for cleaning the streets of our capital city, when there are many guests from overseas coming. Are not the Yemeni people also entitled to have clean streets all year round, whether there is an anniversary celebration or not? Or, is it that our government is only embarrassed at what foreigners would say if our streets are filthy?" Back to the First Passenger: "I really must take pictures of what my eyes are beholding, after all this scene may not be repeated again, after the holiday fuss is over." "Don't you dare pull out that camera now?" The driver stated rather cautiously continuing, "With the security blanket thrown over us these days your camera is bound to be confiscated in the next checkpoint if you were seen photographing any of the road sights." "But why?" Said the eager camera freak, "I can go through all of Europe and take pictures anywhere I like without anyone hassling me about what I am photographing." "Look pal", said another passenger, who did not seem to be a passenger coming from overseas, but rather on one of his continuous back and forth rides from the airport, surveying the mood of travelers for some government agency, trying to get the feel of what people are saying about the latest government quick polish job, "We have a lot of



important guests coming for this holiday and all security measures must be taken to make sure that our guests are not hassled by any security snags, whatsoever." The snapshot fanatic wanted to hear explanations that are more logical: Look this is a shutter release not a trigger of a gun! So, how is it that my camera is going to be of any danger to our guests?" Back to the surveyor again: "Look security measures are security measures and if you like your camera so much, I would suggest you put it away!" The camera freak got the message and replaced the camera in the camera bag that contained all the photography paraphernalia. The man in the suit got back in the conversation: "Just what is it exactly that got all this work going on at one time in a surprisingly well coordinated manner? I have never seen so much humming and buzzing in our streets and all this fancy dressing being put on our floors and walls. Look at all that painting and whitewashing that is going on." A passenger who has not said anything finally gathered up enough nerves to say: "I am just wondering if this is not just a fly by night make up job that every woman goes through on the night she is going to see her husband! At night you see her all painted up and glamorous and the next morning, she is the same old hag again!" Why do you say that?" said the surveyor, it just goes to show you that people will never be grateful for what their government does for them." The driver wanted to keep the drive to Sana'a

as peaceful as possible: "Look you guys, make up job or not it is still refreshing to see that our government can be effective when it wants to be". The man in the suit had an important observation to make: "I have got to hand it to our President. Only he can make such clockwork precision happen in Yemen and only he can motivate all this humdrum activity that is bound to make a lasting impression among our visitors. It goes to show you that Ali Abdullah Saleh still remains as the dynamic driving force he has developed into. Thank God, he always steps in when he sees the underlings below start to neglect their duties and responsibilities to the people of Yemen, who forget that they should be doing all this without having to wait for the President to step in to teach them what they should be doing behind those fancy desks they have." The driver came back in agreement: "The President is in a sense acting as coach and executive director for all those government officials that always have to await orders before they can do anything meaningful for the people of their country. I am sure that without the President's personal attention to every detail involved in this campaign these officials would be doing nothing except wait for the next situation that will put them before the TV camera lens again, while they sit and chat about their inability to get things done."

The surveyor also added his views: "There are times when the President realizes that the people await some action from him to shake up these officials who somehow fail to show any initiative in completing the tasks that should be really common routine work for them. The President gives all the officials in the government a chance to show some spirit as they carry out their duties, but when the public mood becomes unbearable against such officials, the President has no choice but to step in and show them: 'Hey you guys, have you forgotten what you are there for?' Indeed he is to be credited for all the leadership he conveys especially when things are on the downside". The Camera Freak comes back again, "Come to think of it, I am sure that if the President knew that people are barred from taking pictures because of the 'security risks' involved, he is bound to see that nowadays there is no security danger posed by a camera lens of a citizen anymore, because now the minutest detail on earth can be photographed by satellites from outer space. Besides how can a simple Yemeni emigrant like me coming home from abroad every two years or so pose any risks to the country I love and cherish. Besides, taking pictures now is a good opportunity to portray Yemen as it really should be portrayed: clean and shining. So, there is no logic behind the camera shyness shown by our security officials. But anyway, I will still have my memories of what I am seeing now, to tell all those people overseas that, hey! our country now rivals Singapore for its meticulous cleanliness, and if you go back to Yemen now, you might still be able to see some of the clean streets and tiled sidewalks. "You see what I mean?" said the passenger who made the make-up comment, "I am not sure anybody is convinced that this can continue once the guest leaders leave the airport of Sana'a after the celebration is over. I hope that the President will insist on the government officials that this is the way it has to be all the year round, celebration or no celebration, guests or no guests."

KEY BUSINESSMEN SPEAK ABOUT UNITY



Yahya Al-Habbari
For a very long time the unification of Yemen has been the dream of all the Yemeni people. No efforts were spared to realize this dream and make it a reality. Then, on 22 May 1990, Yemen was reunified under the leadership of President Ali Abdullah Saleh. Yemen unification was the largest victory Yemen has achieved under the ruling of President Ali Abdullah Saleh. Ever since that day, the country has witnessed great developments in all fields. First, one of the greatest achievements of the unification was Democracy. There are many newspapers in Yemen some of which are independent, private, and governmental and some even belong to opposition parties. In addition, Yemen has seen the establishment of the Parliament and the Consultative Council and for the first time Parliament and Presidential free elections were held in Yemen. Women have also witnessed the prosperity of their role in the society. They work now in almost all fields not to mention the many constitutional and democratic rights they have gained which are protected by the Yemeni law. Furthermore, Yemen has made great steps in peacefully resolving border disputes with its neighbor Sultanate of Oman and solving Honaish Island problems. The education sector has also undergone many advancements. Many education institutes and schools were established and others were expanded. Moreover, the government has built many hospitals which are supplied with the most advanced medical and technological equipment. Besides, so many roads which connect governorates were expanded and almost all airports were renovated and modernized. As for the judiciary, this sector has observed

great enhancements to the guarantee of its uprightness and fairness and this has developed trust in the judiciary of our people. We shall not also forget to mention the financial and economic reforms that Yemen has undergone. These reforms have inhibited the economic decay and stabilized the currency. In industry and trade, Yemen has now lots of factories which manufacture products of all kinds in so many different fields. This is all attributed to the government which has eradicated all the hindrances that withhold the development of this sector. Moreover, there has been many developments in the field of oil and mineral resources which have contributed significantly to the country's economy.



Sheikh Abdullah Salem Al-Rammah, Vice Chairman, Chamber of Commerce & Industry
"Despite the political borders that separated the two Yemens during the Imam's regime in the North and the British colonization in the South, Yemenis had similar interests and hopes and they used to move from one city to another easily. After the revolution of the North and the independence of the south, things became more complicated and traveling from one part of Yemen to the other was not that easy. However, people were still dreaming of unity. We, in the Chamber of Commerce and Industry, joined hands with our partners in Sana'a in the 1970s to represent Yemen in Arab and international events. The 22 of May 1990 came as a bright day not only in the history of Yemen but in that of the Arabs. What has been achieved during the past ten years, especially in the development domain is

promising. The free zone and the containers terminal are cases in point. Yemen has a lot of potential to develop and prosper. We have to work hard to create a suitable atmosphere for investment that requires stability, security and fair judicial systems. Giving a go-ahead signal for local authority law to ensure the public participation in governance and improve the people's living standards will lead to more development, progress and prosperity. Many happy returns."



Fadel Haitham Al-Hilali, GM of Furniture and Schools Equipment Corporation
I present my congratulations to President Ali Abdullah Saleh and the Yemeni people on the occasion of the 10th anniversary of the Yemeni unity. Under the leadership of President Saleh, Aden governorate has witnessed progress during the past ten years. He led the country towards development. Yemen became one of the leading countries in democracy and protection of human rights. For ten years Yemen has been achieving many accomplishments in political, economic and social levels. The corporation has achieved great progress, especially since 1998.



Jawad Al-Alas, Vice Chairman of the Yemen National Bank
"As we celebrate the anniversary of Yemen reunification, we recall the struggle and glory of a nation that recorded the brightest chapters of Yemen's history. The Yemen National Bank is 100% owned by the government. It has 27 branches all over Yemen. During the first part of the past decade the Bank has been able to develop its banking

activities and thus it has been able to increase its total funds from 14.7 billion in 1990 to 30.3 billion Riyals at present. In this sense the bank is considered to be the second after the general budget of the state in redistributing the national income according to regions and population. The bank has also developed its banking mechanism and administration.



Mr. Anis Al-Samawi, Director General of Planning, Housing & Construction Bureau
The bulk of what has been accomplished in Aden in the years 1991-1999 is estimated at a cost of YR 7.5 Billion. This is embodied in building, at a cost of YR 2,070,000,000, more than 212 kms-long roads. We have also implemented and completed 78 Housing and public projects at a cost of YR 4,408,460,000. As for the Municipality, we have completed 12 parks and gardens at a cost of YR 65,577,000. We have built six fountains, markets and road maintenance at a cost of YR 24,742,000. As for the electricity projects in Aden, it is worth mentioning that electricity was introduced in Aden in 1936, covering the quarters of Crater, Al-Mualla, and Al-Tawahi. In the early 1950's electricity power was extended to the city following the building of a 7000-m long coastal road on the occasion of queen Elizabeth's visit to Aden in 1953. After the Yemeni unification, electrical networks have been rehabilitated and street lighting updated. 7th of July project is regarded as one of the great urban development projects occupying 54 hectares providing all services to the infrastructure including drinking water and sanitation. More than 25,000 people benefit from it. The government funded YR 2.5 million towards its costs and the UNCDF contributed with \$ 5,000,000.

After 10 Years of Unification



Dr. Tawfeek Mojahed Al-Salehi

The 22 of May is a remarkable and unforgettable day in the history of all Yemenis. It is the day in which Yemenis are again together. On this memorable day Yemenis forget whatever misfortunes occurred in the past. The happiness that they felt gave no room to recall a thing but to live the moment of being together once again. They also ponder about the future and prosperity of the erstwhile two countries under one leadership and authority. Their long-awaited dream could finally come true on this day. It came at a time of desperation and hopelessness to revive feelings as well as sentiments of the people and kindle their hope for a better future. People in the two parts of the country could finally heave a sigh of relief, for they could finally come together.

The unity was not only a great example of social solidarity among the Yemenis but also a great harbinger of their dreams, hopes, ambitions and prospects for the future. The net gain of achieving all these is the democratic system that was adopted as the only path for modernism, advancement, and social equity. All these essential and noble values are associated with the unity. Now after ten years of the unification, the question that pops up in everybody's mind is what we have achieved so far for the people; for improving their living conditions; their security; their democratic, social, cultural and political rights. Answers to these questions may vary from one person to another. However, after 10 years of the unification, our situation now is more than obvious. I also believe that it is time the authority reviewed all the dimensions of life in Yemen. It is also true that we realize and will never enjoy the fruits of the unification unless all Yemenis take part in it. The authority, opposition and all sections of the society have to participate in the development of the country. No one can marginalize the role of the other. We are celebrating the 10th anniversary of the unification and in our point of view the

best thing we can do for the unity is to solve all the difficulties, economic as well as political that are facing Yemen and forcing its way into the new millennium. The celebrations should not at all make us forget the hurdles and problems that pose dangers threatening the unity. It is only advisable to reckon with the crisis the unity is undergoing. This crisis has, then, to be seriously addressed. This is true if we would like to ensure its sustainable development into the second decade. Therefore, social peace among all those who contribute to the establishment of the unity is a must. That is so because Yemenis could achieve social peace by the time the unity was declared. However, during the past 10 years, this peace was demolished by conflicts, killings, crises, etc. Our country is facing many difficulties and the people are suffering due to different factors. There is a

sharp deterioration in the living conditions of the people. That is so because of the deplorable economic situation of the country that has its negative impact on almost all dimensions of life. Crises tend to dominate education, security, politics, thought and culture. The extent of corruption has exceeded its logical limits under the unity which appears to be one of its greatest gains. Finally, I would like to say that answers to all question marks are urgently needed. Democracy is still the main pillar and basis of the unity that should be practiced in letter and spirit. People who dreamt of the unity and struggled for it have after ten years the right to feel at least some rest and peace.

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Pharmacological Aspects of Chewing Qat Leaves

By: Peter Kalix & Olav Breanden

In certain parts of eastern Africa and southern Arabia, the stimulating properties of the leaves of the Qat bush were probably known before those of coffee, and the habit of Qat chewing has been common on those areas for many centuries. The effects of Qat were reported in the literature as early as 1237 by the Arabian physician Naguib Ad Din, who recommended the use of Qat for the treatment of depressive states. Other writers of the same period reported that it was effective in blunting the sensations of hunger and fatigue. Since the Qat leaf rapidly loses its effect upon wilting, the Qat habit has remained, until recently, endemic to the areas where the plant was grown. During the last decades, however, due to the development of road networks and the availability of air transport, the habit has spread considerably in those regions and to countries where the plant does not grow. Thus, shipments of Qat have even been observed by customs authorities in France, Great Britain, and the United States. The growing use of Qat has motivated an interest in further knowledge of its active ingredients and their pharmacological effects. A number of studies have therefore been made in an attempt to throw light on these problems. The investigations have led to the discovery of the alkaloid (-) cathinone, which is now considered to be the constituent mainly responsible for the stimulating properties of Qat

leaves. The present review is intended to describe the medical aspects of Qat chewing, to summarize the pharmacological data concerning Qat constituents that have thus far been reported in the literature and to provide some background information.

The Habit of Chewing Qat

In some countries where the use of Qat is widespread, the habit has a deep-rooted social and cultural tradition. This is particularly true for Yemen, where many households have a room called a mufraj specially arranged for regular sessions of Qat chewing. In the Yemen Arab Republic, more than 4% of the arable land is used for Qat cultivation. The bush grows on moist slopes at altitudes of 3000 to 8000 ft, and it is quite adaptable to varying ecological conditions. The first Qat crop is ready for harvesting 3 to 5 years after planting and, although there are marked seasonal differences in regrowth, Qat can be harvested throughout the year. The shoots at the tips of the branches are cut in the early hours of the day, bundled, and then usually wrapped in banana leaves to preserve their freshness. The material is then speedily transported to the markets, where it is sold by late morning. The buyers select from among various types of



QAT: Plumed Serpent

Qat available, which also vary considerably in price, the most expensive (because the most potent) material being, in general, the freshest and with the youngest leaves.

For the consumption of Qat in the traditional social setting, the chewers meet in a house some time in the afternoon, usually bringing their own supply. After being welcomed and carefully seated according to their social position, the guests begin to masticate the leaves thoroughly one by one. The juice is swallowed, while the residue of the leaves is stored in the cheek as a bolus of macerated material for further extraction, and is finally ejected. Altogether, each person takes some 100 to 200g of the leaves; young leaves being the most favored, mainly because they are more potent and tender to chew. During the session, the group may smoke from water pipes, and there is a general supply of beverages. After the Qat leaves have been chewed, the guests stay on for most of the afternoon, passing their time in animated discussions, often devoted to matters of general interest, such as community affairs. From this point of view, Qat can be seen as a factor furthering interaction and structuring social life. The Qat session also plays an important role at

weddings and other family events. Qat is frequently used during work by craftsmen, laborers, and especially by farmers, in order to reduce physical fatigue. Besides these traditional forms of consumption, Qat is nowadays also chewed by single individuals idling in the streets, particularly in towns and cities where it has been introduced within the last decades. In these regions, Qat is also consumed (sometimes along with alcoholic beverages and other drugs) at gatherings which lack the restraint and well-defined social setting described above. The social aspects of Qat use are discussed extensively in the publications of Hughes, Kennedy et al., Nelhans, and Schopen.

The Effects of Qat Chewing:

During the first part of a Qat session, there is an atmosphere of cheerfulness characterized by optimism, high spirits, and a general sense of well-being. The excitement brought out by the consumption of Qat reduces social inhibitions and causes loquacity. After 2 hours, a certain degree of tension reflecting emotional instability and irritability becomes apparent. The talking becomes louder, less relevant to the subject under discussion, and there is greater awareness of problems. Later, depressive tendencies appear, and a mood of sluggishness prevails. At this point, the guests leave the Qat session with the feeling of depletion.

The desirable effects of Qat leaves, as perceived by experienced users, are relief from fatigue, increased alertness in energy levels, feelings of elation, improved ability to communicate, enhanced imaginative ability and

capacity to associate ideas, and a heightened self confidence. These effects seem to be more readily perceived by the habitual user. Since the social environment in which the drug is consumed appears to play a role in the response, it is important to take into account not only the effects of Qat itself, but those of the Qat session as well. Interestingly, the response appears to be influenced by conditioning, since in Djibouti, where Qat is flown in daily, the effects of the drug are commonly to begin when the incoming plane is heard in the sky. The objectively observable effects of Qat use consist of mild euphoria and excitement accompanied by episodes of logorrhea and then verbal aggressiveness. There is also an increased sensitivity to sensory stimulation; excessive Qat use may cause hyperesthesia. Hyperactivity may be observed and the associated behavioral syndrome can be described as hypothemia. A manifestation of irresponsible fearlessness has also been reported. In exceptional cases, Qat consumption may produce an immediate dysphoric reaction which might, however, be due to excessive expectations with regard to potency of a given batch of Qat. The late effects of Qat use are mainly an inability to concentrate, and insomnia. It is important to note that high doses of Qat or exceptionally potent material can induce psychosis, presumably by enhancing a subacute prepsychotic or psychopathic condition. However, such symptoms are mentioned only occasionally in literature, probably because in many cases they are considered as being at the extreme limit of normal behavior. Nevertheless, a number of case reports on Qat-induced toxic psychosis have appeared. The usefulness of phenothiazines has been reported for reducing the central nervous system (CNS). Toxicity of Qat was reported some time ago. At present, thioridazine is suggested for the symptomatic treatment of Qat psychosis. Impairment of mental health may also be the result of long-term Qat consumption; long-term chronic

users may develop personality disorders and suffer mental deterioration. The symptoms described above, particularly that of toxic psychosis are reminiscent of those induced by amphetamine. Similarity of effects of the two drugs has already been reported, and it has been concluded that the differences between the effects are essentially quantitative. Indeed, Hughes has stated from personal experience that the effect of a portion of Qat is very similar to that of about 5 mg of amphetamine. A further analogy with amphetamine is that the habitual use of Qat is in many instances compulsive, as indicated by the tendency of the chewers to secure their daily supply of the leaves at the expense of vital needs. Drug dependence of the Qat type has been described by Eddy et al., and it appears that its only major difference from amphetamine-type dependence is the physical impossibility of increasing the ingested dose beyond a certain limit. This probably explains why tolerance to the physical or to the psychostimulant effect of Qat has not as yet been observed. Similarly, no clear abstinence has been found to occur after prolonged Qat use, although a mild depressive reaction during the period of withdrawal from Qat is sometimes seen. Any definitive investigation of tolerance or withdrawal symptoms would, however, require a thorough clinical study involving monitoring of the blood levels of the active Qat constituents. An important effect of Qat, the induction of anorexia, was already reported in the early Arab literature. This anorexia, along with the tendency of habitual Qat users to divert their funds from food to Qat, would account for the generally observed malnutrition which predisposes the users to disease. Ingestion of the leaves seems to have no effect on the blood level of glucose. On the other hand, Qat has been reported to cause an increase in respiration and induction of hyperthermia; a case of lethal hyperthermia following Qat consumption has also been described.

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Lahj Exquisite Cultural Features

Salah Abdulbaqi
Yemen Times

Lahj is one of the historical cities in Yemen whose history has inspired very many Yemeni, Arab and foreign researchers and historians to fathom the secrets of its features and peculiarities.

Excavations carried out by the Russian and the German expeditions in Lahj since 1996 have brought to light a number of ancient potters dating to BC 1500-2000. The findings were said to belong to the African Horn and Nuba of Sudan. In a village called Al-Niush near Saber of Lahj, a historical place dating to 1000 BC, was discovered. This was given the name of Om'alibah. The expeditions



revealed that excavations at the location showed that Sabir played a great role as a trading and industrial center at the time. "Sabir used to be extending from Bab Al-Mandab in the West to Jizan in the North," a source from the Museums and Antiquities Office

of Aden said.

In "Inscription Histories", the author mentioned that Sabir marked for a long period the end of Himiarian control.

Historically speaking, Sabir witnessed many battles fought to capture Aden and its important port that was the linking point between the East and the West.

Due to internal migration to Lahj, it expanded in course of time. Many people from different origins in Yemen inhabited Lahj. Handicrafts flourished as well, and as a result there were specialized markets such as meat, fish, smithery, etc. For each market there was a leader who was responsible for running their affairs with the state. Today, these markets are supervised by municipality offices. Zones in the city were

also named according to the social class or profession or even religion of their inhabitants. For example, there were the zones of the Jews, blacksmiths, the elite, etc. For each of these zones there was a market, a mosque and its own water wells.

Many groups of people inhabited the valleys of Lahj where plenty of food and water was available. The closeness of these valleys and arable lands helped unite those groups that integrated or incorporated in a geographical identity

free from racial prejudice or discrimination. In such fertile lands, agriculture found a place to flourish. People cultivated lands and built dams and water reservoirs. The fertile land of the valleys helped people grow many kinds

of plants, crops and trees. Among these, Lahj has been reputed for growing sweet-smelling plants such as Arabian Jasmine, Kadhi and Al-Mashhoom-al-lahji. The involvement in grazing and cultivating land helped people lead a peaceful life. Special attention was paid to agriculture as Sultans used to appoint an expert person (usually called a Sheikh) to be a head of a committee of experts to supervise agricultural affairs. One of the responsibilities of the committee was distributing water among the

arable lands according to a the agriculture law for 1951. Land, besides animal wealth, was at the time the only means for living.

Lahjies usually wear colored shiny hats, Maqtab (a triangle piece of cloth turned round the waist and legs) and Jenbiah. Senior ladies prefer white or black cotton dresses with light black scarfs on their heads. Wives and young ladies are fond of bright clothes made of silk, perfumes and make ups.

Lahjies used to break their fasting in

Ramadhan upon the sound of a gun before electricity was supplied. At Adhan time for Al-Maghreb prayer, a red flag would be hoisted as a sign for soldiers to fire the gun. Firing the gun also took place on Eid as a sign of beginning the Eid prayers. Upon hearing the sound, the Sultan would come out of his court accompanied by his entourage to go to the mosque to perform the prayers. After this a luncheon party was to be given at the Sultan's palace and then Maqial would begin. During the Maqial, singers were used to present their songs with the accompaniment of sweet pieces of music.

On the other hand, Lahj had its own cultural heritage. Many educated people had graduated from Lahj schools. One of the most outstanding literary figures of the time was Al-Qomindan who is considered to be the father of Lahj culture. He was both a poet and a composer and he helped Lahj musical scales and types of Lahj dance develop and become popular not only in Yemen but in the neighboring countries as well. After his death, a number of poets and musicians followed his footsteps and created new musical scales and made the Lahj music and songs more distinguishable.



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Press Scanner

Two subjects dominated the Yemeni press last week: 1) The celebrations in connection with the 10th Anniversary of the unity of former North and South Yemen, into what is called now the Republic of Yemen, and 2) The uncovering of a Sudanese serial killer who was working at the Sana'a University, Faculty of Medicine.

AL-EHYA'A AL-ARABI (Ba'ath Party, pro-Iraq faction, weekly, 15th May)

Headline:
The Unity of Yemen: A Pan-Arab Achievement for All Arab Masses.

AL-EHYA'A AL-ARABI praised the 10th anniversary of the unity of Yemen. It said in its editorial, which was titled: "Unity, The Strategic Goal": "Accomplishing this goal of the Yemeni revolution isn't only a national achievement that is limited to the people of Yemen. Rather it is a Pan-Arab achievement for the whole Arab masses. It is part of the struggle of these masses for the unity of the whole Arab nation".

The newspaper was one of the first to publish about the notorious anatomist at the Faculty of Medicine. It disclosed that 16 females were killed by the accused. All of them were Yemenis, except an Iraqi and a Somali.

AL-MITHAQ (PGC, weekly, 15th May)

Headline:
Big Preparations by our Party for 10th Anniversary Celebrations.

AL-MITHAQ devoted its editorial to defending the government position regarding questions by MPs to the Cabinet or to certain Ministers. Al-Mithaq said: "The standing order of Parliament explained how members of Parliament are supposed to forward a question to the Prime Minister, one of his deputies or to a certain minister. It should abide by all procedures and be forwarded through the Speaker of Parliament copied to the Prime Minister and the other relevant authorities".

Several opposition parties and media had accused the Prime Minister of refusing to go to Parliament and make the necessary responses.

AL-AYYAM (Independent, weekly, 15th May)

Headlines:
- Ali Nasser: Full Unity Failed and Understood as the Big Eats the Small One.
- Chief Editor Accused of Defaming Aden Police Director.

AL-AYYAM republished an interview with Mr. Ali Nasser Mohammed, ex-president of South Yemen and ex-Secretary General of the Socialist Party of Yemen, which took place at Genin Center for Strategic Studies, Jordan, and published by five Arab newspapers. However, AL-AYYAM displayed it as its main article and spoke about the failure of total unity. Mr. Mohammed said this phrase with regard to the defunct union between Egypt and Syria.

AL-AYYAM ran another first page story about the trial of its Publisher and Chief Editor who is accused of defaming the Director of Police of Aden Governorate. It said that the trial is aimed at silencing AL-AYYAM by

the imprisonment of its Chief Editor.

In a small flash on its front page, AL-AYYAM said that all projects being implemented at Hadhramout Governorate, involved neither local contractors nor labor force, while many young people are unemployed.

In its 17th May edition AL-AYYAM reported that the accused Sudanese serial killer has confessed that he had killed eleven women in Sudan before coming to Yemen.

AL-WAHDAMI (Unionist People's Nasserite Organization, weekly, 16th May)

said: hopes of an agreement on border issues between Yemen and Saudi Arabia during the visit of Crown Prince Abdullah are weak because Yemen "refuses to discuss the subject during the celebrations, while the Saudi side hopes that an agreement in this regard can be reached".

However, AL-WAHDAMI said: observers think that the Saudi delegation accompanying the Crown Prince (more than 200 members including 20 Emirs) is aimed at forcing the Yemeni side into a corner.

In Another story AL-WAHDAMI reported that the accused killer at the Faculty of Medicine confessed that he started his activity in 1976. The 52 years old Sudanese had killed more than 50 women in his life.

AL-WAHDAMI said in another news item that a 12-member Yemeni Eritrean Friendship Society delegation headed by Mr. Nabil Al-Eryani, Chairman of the Society wasn't allowed to fly to Asmara because of "reasons linked to conflicts among different factions inside the ruling party, amid reports about possible

replacement of the Prime Minister, Dr. Abdul Karim Al-Eryani".

AL-WAHDAMI quoted sources as saying that the cause was that "had arranged for a visit to Tel Aviv after their visit to Asmara". However, AL-WAHDAMI said "spreading the news about a visit to Israel is a bid to hit at the Prime Minister who is a kin of the head of the delegation".

ATTARIQ (Independent, weekly, 16th May)

questioned the wisdom of switching off mobile telephones and direct international calls although consumers have paid their bills. ATTARIQ wrote: "It is said that these services were switched off for security reasons, especially as we celebrate the 10th anniversary of our national day. What is meant by security reasons as we are living in Yemen in a situation of unity, peace, safety and security!!".

RA'Y (Sons of Yemen League, weekly, 16th May)

Headline:
Faculty Butcher Kills 16 and Sells their Organs.

RAY reported of an undeclared state of emergency on the occasion of the 10th anniversary of the national day as "mobile telephones, pagers and international calls were switched off. It is reported also that something similar to a curfew shall be imposed on the streets at midnight."

"Citizens are frustrated because of other reports that cars manufactured before 1985 shall not be allowed in the streets of Sana'a or to leave or enter by land. Sana'a Airport was closed for all normal flights and was devoted only to the planes carrying guests arriving for participating in the festivals".

AL-THAWRI (Socialist Party of Yemen, weekly, 18th May)

Headlines:
- Socialist Party Denounces Provocation and Surveillance of its SG.
- Police Officials Suspected of Collaboration with the Sudanese Killer Detained.

AL-THAWRI reported the "denunciation by an official source of the Socialist party for acts of surveillance and provocation by the police against the Secretary General of the party and several leaders". The source expressed its sorrow that authorities picked the 10th anniversary of unity to convert the country to barracks and impose an undeclared state of emergency". The spokesman added that the "houses of Mr. Ali Saleh Obad Moqbel, the party's Secretary General and Ali Munassar Mohammed, its Aden Secretary, are openly watched". He added: "Since the 1994 surveillance and wiretapping in secret on the leadership of the Socialist party and other opposition parties were stopped. Recently, that was restored in the open and done in provocative ways.

AL-THAWRI reported that "a girl named (A.G.) committed suicide at Hajja governorate by a shooting on her head last Wednesday. The reasons: she was being forced to marry a man she didn't want to".

AL-THAWRI quoted police sources that "several security men have been detained" in connection with the crimes committed at the Faculty of Medicine, in which, the Sudanese technician Mohammed Adam Noah is allegedly involved. "Evidence is being gathered in Yemen and Sudan to implicate several individuals for providing the killer with facilities to commit his crimes". However, AL-THAWRI adds: "informed sources at the Faculty of

Medicine, Sana'a University report that the Sudanese killer is accused of killing two only, as the other bodies found were not of his victims".

AL-UMMAH (Al-Haq Party, weekly, 18th May)

reported that "the luggage of the accused Sudanese were brought back from Khartoum Airport. Only the Identity Cards of the Iraqi student Zainab and the Yemeni one Hosn were found. No other documents were found except a video cassette said to contain recordings of two or three of the victims. "A common feature among the corpses recovered is that they didn't contain livers, hearts or kidneys, which confirms suspicion that it involves a trade of human organs".

AL-OSBOA' (Independent, weekly, 18th May)

Killings and Sex in Criminal's Video Cassettes
AL-OSBOA' reported that a "video cassette was found in the luggage which belongs to the suspect and that it contained recordings of the killing of two of the victims and their sexual abuse. But the prosecution hasn't seen the contents of the cassette till now".

AL-OSBOA' reported that "Sana'a University Council denied receiving any report of the disappearance of any student other than that made by the mother of the Iraqi student Zainab. The Council pointed that only two corpses were found, one of them was that of Zainab.

"The Council said that the Sudanese employee was borrowed from Khartoum University and was appointed as a technician". However the newspaper quoted sources at the Sudanese Community in Sana'a "denying that Adam was borrowed from Khartoum University or appointed with the Knowledge of the Sudanese Mission in Yemen." The sources added: "Adam was granted political asylum in Yemen"

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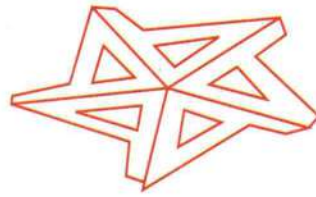
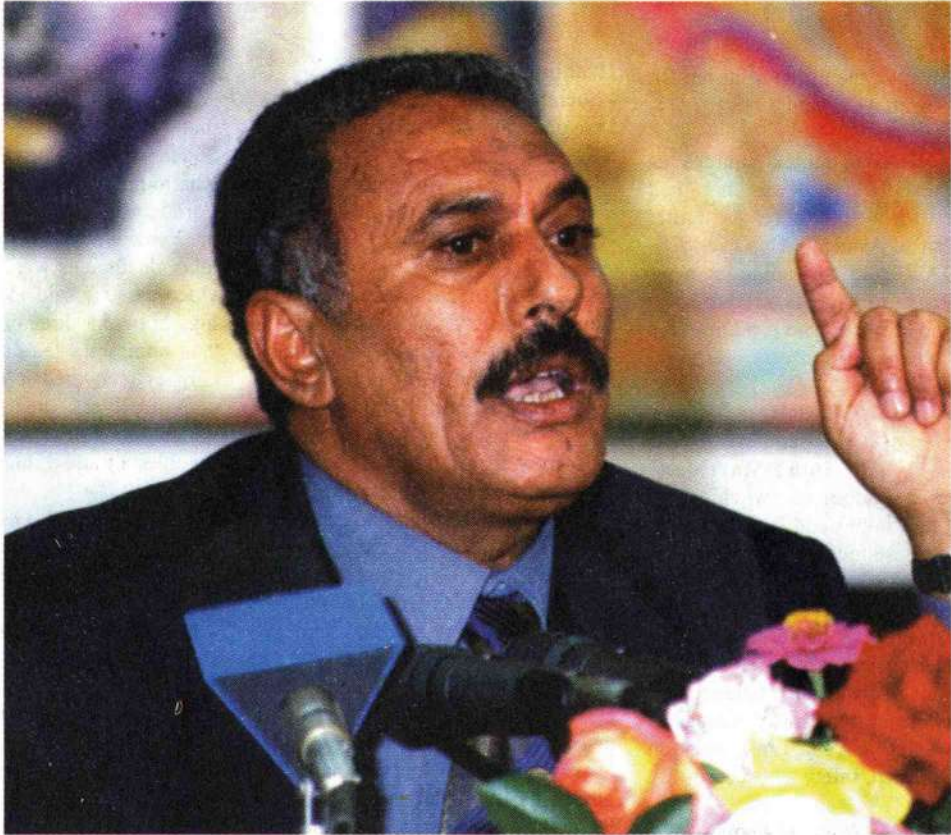
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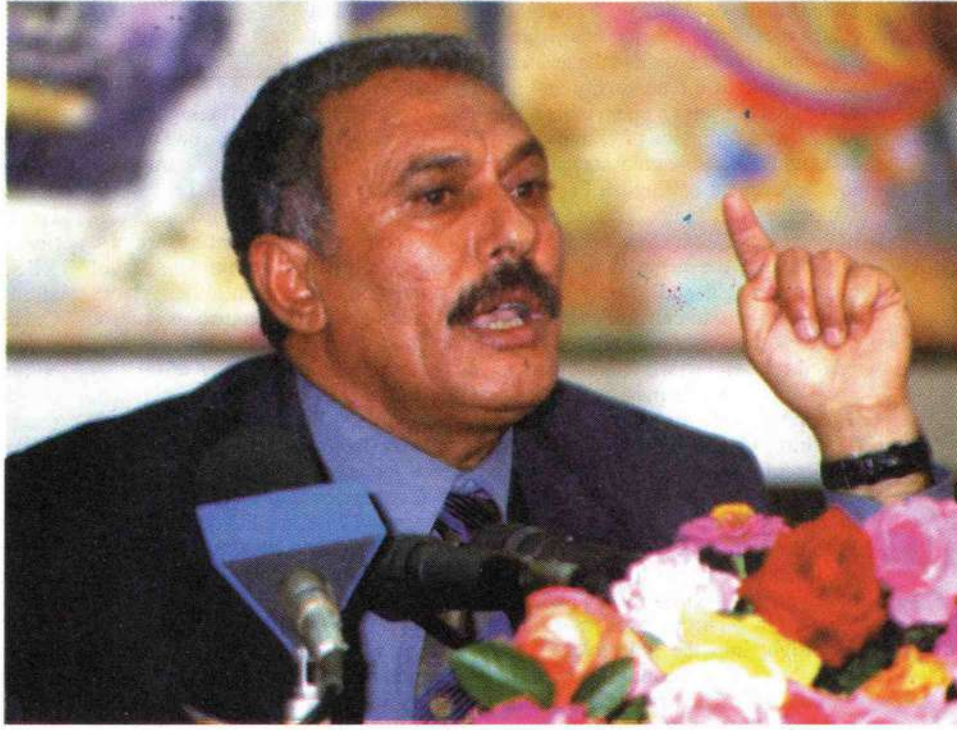
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I. What to say

A long pending loan

One of your friends who borrowed money from you a long time ago doesn't repay the loan despite repeated reminders. You have personally gone to him to ask the refund.

- "You have been assuring me time and again that you would pay it off. It is very unfortunate that you have made me come personally."
- "Had I been in your position. I wouldn't have given my friend so much of bother. My kindness to you seems to be my crime."
- I hate reminding people about payment personally. You have not responded to any of my requests and reminders. I have come personally much against my will."
- "You have been so prompt in your repayments of earlier loans. But I don't understand why you have turned a deaf ear this time to all my requests."
- "You know very well that I have never harassed you get refunds from me. I waited for long and it looks now that you have driven me to that situation."
- "I gave you the money on trust. It seems you are trying my trust and patience. I'm afraid that it may tell upon our relationship."
- "You never respond to my letters or calls. Does it mean that you want me to write the loan off? I'm really disappointed."
- "You are a businessman and you know very well that business runs on mutual cooperation and trust. I'm sure you won't force me to revise my opinion about you."
- "You are not available when I call on you during business hours. I don't understand your motive. Tell me clearly whether you want to pay or not."
- "Every time you come with some excuse or the other. I have lost my patience. You are forcing me to think of a drastic alternative."

II. How to say it correctly

Try and correct errors, if any, in the following sentences.

1. My dear respected father. You are really great.
2. He worked hard and failed.
3. Please close the door.
4. The teacher forbade the boys not to talk.
5. Do you know that what is a computer?

Answers to previous week's questions.

1. He scored a goal in the football match.

2. The river has overflowed its banks.
[Note: 'flown' is the past participle form of 'fly'. But the past participle form of 'flow' is 'flowed' not 'flown'.
3. He has a headache.
[Note: 'get' is used in the sense of physical possession. Ex: 'Have you got YR 100?']
4. Our only guide was the stars.
5. He failed in Mathematics.

IV. Tell the difference in meaning of "pound" in the following sentences.

1. Shylock demanded a pound of flesh from Antonio's body.
2. The book costs a pound.
3. See him pound the nail.
4. You may look for your dog in the pound.
5. He pounded along the road.
6. I could hear feet pounding on the stairs.
7. She could feel her heart pounding as she finished the 100 meters run.

Answers to previous week's questions:

1. When the boy saw the people far away, he shouted at them.
2. The cruel boy rode the horse roughly.
3. When he learnt about his mother's death, he wept bitterly.
4. The headmaster praised the boys on their success in the examinations.
5. Having seen a rainbow in the sky, children shouted with joy.

III. How to express it in one word

1. That which cannot be perceived by senses.
2. That which cannot be destroyed.
3. That which cannot be altered or changed.
4. That which cannot be dispensed with.
5. That which cannot be burnt.

Answers to previous week's questions.

1. Not definitely or clearly expressed: **inexplicit**
2. That which cannot be excused: **inexcusable**
3. That which cannot be taken by force or arms: **impregnable**
4. That which cannot be admitted or allowed: **inadmissible**
5. That which cannot be reached: **inaccessible**

V. Quotable quote

"Self help is the best help."

WORKSHOP ON THE TEACHING OF ESP AND GENERAL ENGLISH COURSES IN DIFFERENT FACULTIES OF SANAA UNIVERSITY (23-24 MAY, 2000) A CURTAIN RAISER

In the English language teaching scenario of Yemen, Professor Dr. Awadhesh Kumar Sharma is a very familiar name. During his decade long association with the English Department of Sana'a University and later as the professor and Head of the Department of English Faculty of Languages, Prof. Sharma has made a substantial contribution to the academic ambiance of the university and has carved for himself an unenviable reputation as a professor of eminence. In fact, under his dynamic stewardship, the Department of English Faculty of Languages has scaled greater heights of academic excellence. He has infused into the department the sustaining strength and vitality by constantly striving to enhance professional awareness of the faculty through periodical seminars, symposia on an array of relevant themes. The proposed workshop on "The Teaching of ESP & GE Courses in Different Faculties of Sana'a University" constitutes the latest step in that direction. With the twin objective of understanding the perspectives of the department of English, Faculty of Languages, Sana'a University as well as gaining an insight into the objectives of the workshop, Dr. Ramakanta Sahu, Education Supplement, Yemen Times met Prof. Sharma. Excerpts.

RKS: Please give our readers a brief idea about how and when was the Faculty of Languages under Sana'a University set up and how it has grown over the years.

AKS: Sana'a University established a Language Center in March 1983 to 1) Design and teach courses in foreign languages and Arabic in all the faculties of the university according to the linguistic needs of the students of each faculty; 2) Design and teach special courses to particular groups of employees, demonstrators, research assistants, assistant lecturers and candidates to be sent abroad for higher studies; 3) Provide language programs for foreigners and outside institutions with whom the university may contract to offer such programs. 4) Conduct and publish research and linguistic studies which are relevant to the activities of the center.

In 1997 the university elevated the Language Center as the Faculty of Languages, which, besides carrying out the responsibilities of the erstwhile Language center, is offering undergraduate and postgraduate programs in different language departments.

RKS: What are the principal objectives of the Department of English in the Faculty of Languages. How do you define the roles of the Department of English in the Faculty of Languages and the one in the

Faculty of Arts?

AKS: The main objective of the Department of English in the Faculty of Languages is to produce graduates and post-graduates who should be proficient users of English Language in day-to-day communicative and official activities, who should be competent translators and executives in government offices, private companies, business concerns, diplomatic services, banks, tourism departments, travel agencies and in such other places where the use of English is almost obligatory. As far as defining the roles of the two departments of English is concerned, our focus of attention is on language whereas theirs is on literature. They teach language courses to make their students understand literary texts in a better way; we teach literature to make our students understand the use of language in a better way.

RKS: Please name the departments that function under the Faculty of Languages.

AKS: In the Faculty of Languages presently there are four departments, namely, the Department of English, the Department of Arabic and Translation, the Department of French and the Department of German.

RKS: How many seminars, workshops and symposia have so far been organized under the auspices of the Department of English?

AKS: We organize seminars at regular intervals for the teachers and students of the Department. But as far as the organization of such activities with the sole intention of curricular development is concerned, we organized an in-house symposium in July 1999 and the workshop to be held on 23-24 May 2000 is only the second in a series.

RKS: What is the perspective of the workshop on ESP and what is its present relevance?

AKS: The workshop is being organized with the twin objectives of evaluating our program of teaching ESP and GE courses in different faculties of the university and devising ways and means to tone up the teaching of these courses and making them more productive and cost-effective. The proposed workshop is intended to attempt a systematic evaluation of the total instructional program of these courses designed in 1983. The English Language teaching scenario in the world has undergone a sea change in view of the recent developments in the areas of information technology, electronics, free trade and the globalization

of all kinds of resources. It would be in the fitness of things that we update, refine and revitalize our program in the light of our experiences and insights from the past and with the help of the burgeoning technological resources from the present.

RKS: What are your perceptions about the outcome of the workshop?

AKS: As an incorrigible optimist, I am pretty sure on the fact that this workshop will go a long way in revolutionizing the general perspective of the importance of these ESP and GE courses.

RKS: How would the academic community as well as the current English teaching scenario in Yemen in general and Sana'a University in particular stand to benefit from the deliberations of the workshop?

AKS: ESP/GE courses are taught in almost all the faculties of Sana'a University. So every one related to the fields of medicine, engineering, agriculture, science, commerce, education, mass media, humanities and social sciences will stand to gain out of this workshop. The workshop will also underscore the importance of English for the students of different faculties who, for want of a global perspective, undermine the significance of English in their respective fields of study. Little do they realize that in the days to come they will have to compete as doctors, engineers, scientists, business executives, journalists, etc. on a global basis for which a working knowledge of English will be the *Sine qua non*. It is through this realization that the academic community in Yemen is going to gain out of this workshop.

RKS: What is the agenda of future programs of the Department of English in the Faculty of Languages?

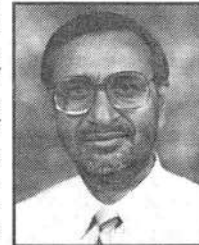
AKS: After toning up the teaching of ESP & GE courses in different faculties of the university, we plan to consolidate the undergraduate and post-graduate programs of our department.

RKS: Are there any plans, for example, for organizing proficiency course module in English for people working in different professions such as doctors, engineers and other professionals?

AKS: We have been offering non-credit courses in general/functional English for elementary and intermediate level learners. As far as organizing proficiency course modules in English for professionals is concerned, we would be willing to do that provided they approach us through proper channels.

RKS: Any last comment you'd like to make?

A: Thank you. I would like to thank the Yemen Times for creating in the English reading public in Yemen and abroad the right kind of awareness about the English language and its importance in the present-day world. Thank you.



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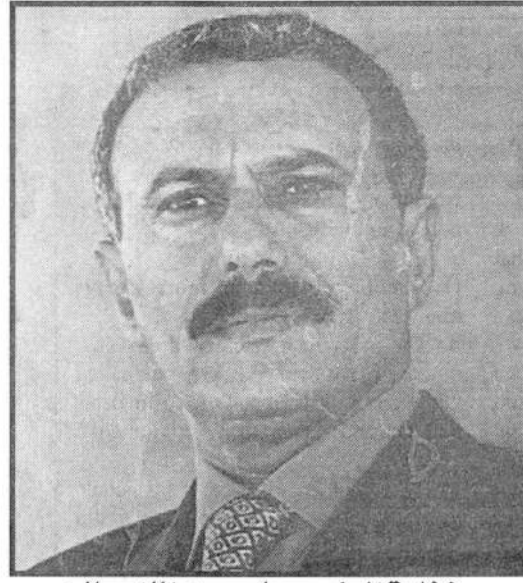
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- 2) The winner selected company has to pay 2% of the total amount of the contact to the tax department.
- 3) Local national companies must attach with their bids a copy of tax card valid/renewed for the year 2000.
- 4) Bids to be submitted in an original plus two copies in a closed envelope, sealed with red wax latest 12:00 noon on Saturday dated 1st July 2000.

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ABC Shoots Film on Qat

A three-member crew from the Australian Broadcasting Corporation (ABC) Australia's public broadcasters flew to Yemen last week to shoot a film on Qat. They are Trevor Bormann, network editor, Geoff Clegg, cameraman, and Kate Graham, sound operator. They are working for a program called "Foreign Correspondence." This program looks at different people, situations and stories around the world. The crew visited various places like Shibam, Kawkaban, Haraz, Dula' and others. Mohammed Hatem Al-Qadhi, Yemen Times Managing Editor met the crew and interviewed Mr. Trevor Bormann. Excerpts.



chew Qat. We might ask where are the parents? What is happening to these young children who chew Qat? The other observation we had is that everywhere we go everyone chews Qat and it is very surprising. We did not come here to make any judgments about Qat, but we are very curious that so many people chewing Qat in the streets, in the Mafraj and wherever you go.



Q: You made a story about chewing Qat in Yemen. Why did you choose to make this story? And what impression do you have on the Yemeni people and the chewing Qat tradition?

A: People in Australia don't know a great deal about Yemen. They may have seen pictures of Yemen and they know it is very beautiful. They also know that Arabs in general are very hospitable people. I think they are kind of curious what kind of a place Yemen is because it is very remote to most Australians. The reason we chose to make a story on Qat is that we were aware that Yemen is a very tribal society and Qat is an important part of the tradition of that society. We have come here with no pre-

conceptions about what we will find. I had no idea until I came here of what I would see and find. So, we came with open minds to talk to as many people as possible to find the true situation of Qat. We wanted to produce an open, objective and honest story. We wanted to have a look at how Qat was used in a traditional "Mafraj" and why students used it; how the new generations of Yemen like Qat. We also wanted to explore the problems associated with Qat. We heard before we came that it is very much an important part of the daily routine to chew Qat. We were aware that many people claimed that it produces social problems. So we wanted to investigate all the facts.

Q: What were the results of your investigation?

A: We found that Qat is a very important institution in the Yemeni society and it has its place because it has been chewed for hundreds of years. But we also get the sense that in many ways it is out of control. We saw young children chew Qat and to us they were too young to

Q: What are your impressions on the tribal society?

A: The tribal society is a very close community, family ties are very strong and wider tribal ties are also strong. This is a good thing because in Australia we suffer from the same problems like many other western societies; families break down and there is no sense of community. Many Australians think the tribal aspect in Yemen is very good because people are close.

Q: How do you think this film would expose the Yemen to Australian people?

A: We have been to many beautiful places and we spoke to many interesting people. I don't think it would be at all a negative film, it will be a very honest film. Australians love traveling so much and Yemen is one place that I think they would like to visit. They do not know about Qat so much, but there is more publicity about things like kidnappings here. I think that Australians know a little about Yemen but still they are aware

that Yemen is a beautiful place. When watching our television story, they would see a beautiful place, very good people and probably Qat.

Q: Could you give us more details about this film?

A: The program itself would cover 20 minutes of an hour-long program called "Foreign Correspondent". The film deals with Qat and Yemen; the positive and the negative aspects of it. So it is very handy. I think it will leave it for people to make their own judgments; we would not make judgments ourselves. We will stimulate their thoughts and will provide people with different viewpoints. Then, Australians can make their own judgments about what they think.

Q: What is the impression that the Qat issue left on you?

A: I get the impression that it is a national obsession. The economy is dependent upon Qat and the working day is determined by Qat. In addition, it spreads its effects to the society and the economy as well. I think many people are sorry that Qat is so damaging because there were other crops like coffee which would have brought more money to the country. Most people tell us that Qat is useless because it does not provide any revenue.

Q: Any last comment?

A: Yes, I was quite interested in things people tell us about Qat. They always say I am going to give it up after the exams or I am doing this for the rest of my life. I come from a country where there is a problem of alcohol, smoking and drugs and people say the same thing. They say I am not addicted and I am going to give up tomorrow or next week.

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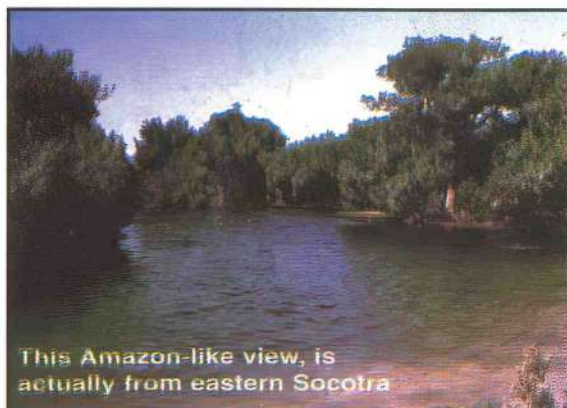
SOCOTRA: The Island of Ecstasy

Tourism in Socotra:-

Tourism in Socotra has a different magnitude. A bulk of tourists and visitors come for the purpose of sight seeing, nature, and most of them are interested in environment. As for hotels, there are only two hotels without any facilities or services. According to the census surveys, the estimated number of visitors are around 10% - 15%. The flow of the tourists depend on the services, hotels and tourist offices and other sources of attraction.

Habits/ traditions and social life:-

It is worth mentioning that life is very simple and primitive. On this island the inhabitants have a sort of a social cohesion and integration. The wedding ceremonies are attended by all men and women though they don't allow strangers who are not from the island to attend such ceremonies. It is a tradition that the bridegroom after wedding stays in the house of the bride and not in his family's house. Most of the youth get married at the early years of maturity. One of the most important ceremonies is the season of harvesting the dates and this takes place in March and May. The celebration is accompanied by dancing, singing and rejoicing in the beautiful ceremonial rituals conveying a sense of jubilation at this harvesting season. It is to be noted that palm trees are sacred to them. I met with a person who sold his car for fifty palm trees in which he was held in high esteem by the people. To them, his deed symbolized wisdom and signalled that he is not going to face any starvation in future.



This Amazon-like view, is actually from eastern Socotra

The level of services:-

In general there is no availability of services on the island. In other words, there is negligence particularly with regard to health for there is only one hospital lacking in adequate facilities and services. Two weeks ago, the minister of health opened the first operation theatre which is in reality an ordinary room for simple surgery. The doctors are only three of whom one is the manager and the other on his bike roaming here and there on the island, while the third one is a resident doctor. The main disease is the TB and malaria which spread as an epidemic. Two Italian doctors have reached the island to monitor the emergent program of curbing the infection of malaria. They inaugurated a workshop for this purpose. As far as TB is concerned, there is no concerted efforts to curb this disease.

The damages resulted by floods:-

The flash floods in the wadi of Hadibu last year caused a catastrophe to the plantation and houses. Help came to the people from non-government organizations but still some have not received tents and aids.

The level of education on the island is very low. There is only one secondary school. Most of the teachers arrived at the island in December which means three months after the beginning of the academic calendar. On the other hand, most of the classrooms lack the minimum facilities of a standard classroom.

Socotra historically:-

Over the centuries, Socotra has remained a part of the old Yemeni kingdoms. Historically, the island has been famous for its active trading in cyclamen, incense and Luban "chewing gum". It may be mentioned that all these goods were considered as sacred and that is why it has been called the sacred

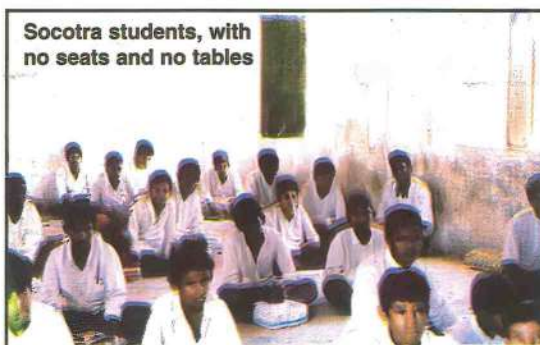
island. Socotra has remained a mystery, a riddle and an unknown page throughout the phases of history until the century of exploration and discovery when the Portuguese were able to reach the shores of the island in 1507. Due to spirit of resistance and with the help of Dhafar sultanate, the Portuguese were ultimately compelled to leave the island. With the departure of these colonialists, the British were able to occupy it and use it as a military base for furthering their policies and interests in the Indian Ocean. It is difficult to give any historical background about the island, the only source that could shed some light in this regard being the kingdom of Hadhramout. Since, the islanders have no writing system, there is no recorded history to enlighten us regarding its past.

Socotra as a living museum:-

The environment of the island is one of the most wonderful, the most amazing and unbelievable in the world. In fact, it is a living museum. The trees, birds, and the natural mystery are all fantastic and unique in the world.

Adam tree or "Dam Al-Akhawain"- the blood of the two brothers:-

This tree is a strange species of flora on the island. It has the shape of a shady umbrella but turned upside down. As the saying goes this tree came into being with Adam's sin and that it has emanated from Kabeel's blood who killed his brother Habel. There is another story which says that an elephant and a dragon got into a fight until they shed blood and out of them this strange tree grew. The red crimson fluid that flows from it is a medicinal drug for the citizens of the island and it is also used as a paint for some other uses. In general, the name of the tree has always been linked with the name of the island due to its fame and importance since ancient times. The tree grows on the mountain peaks and attains a height from 6 to 9



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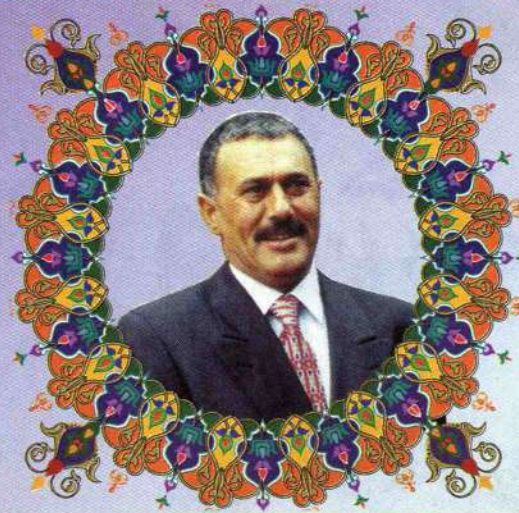
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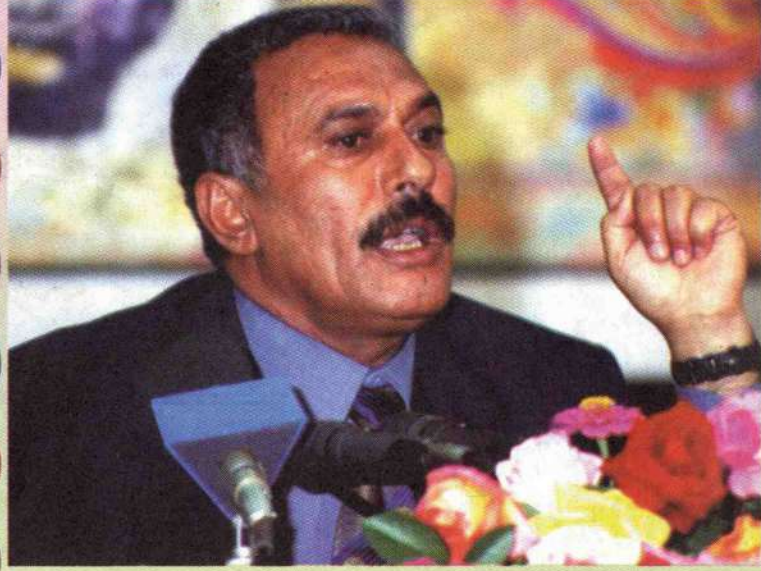
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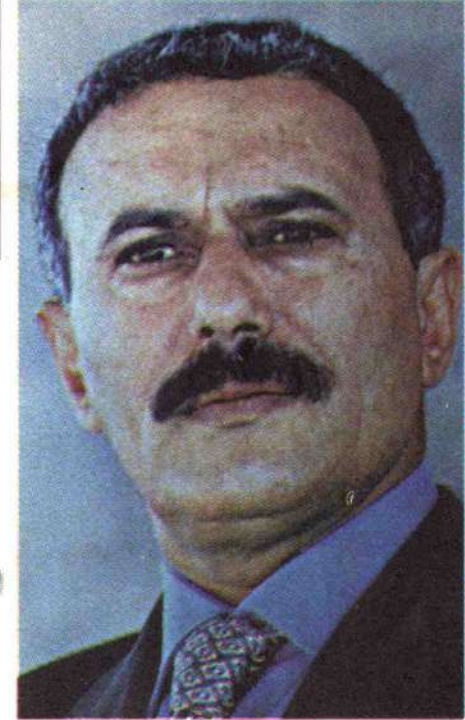
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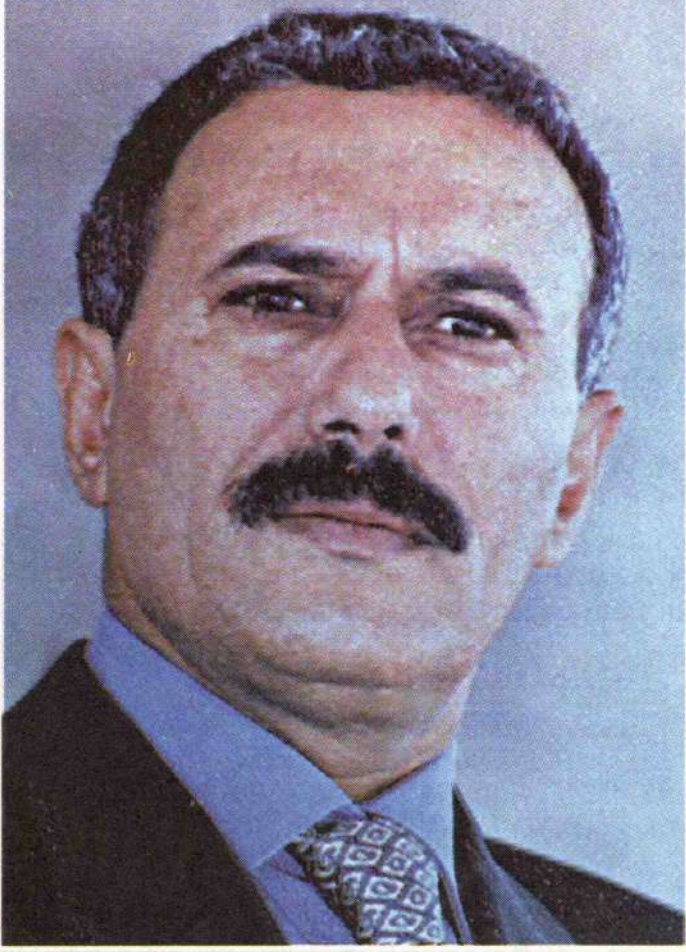
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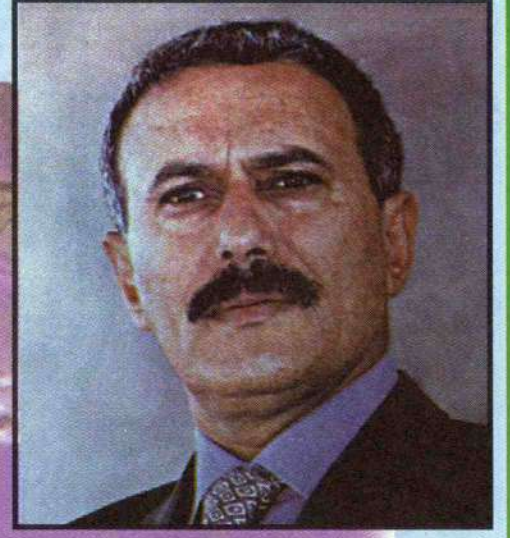
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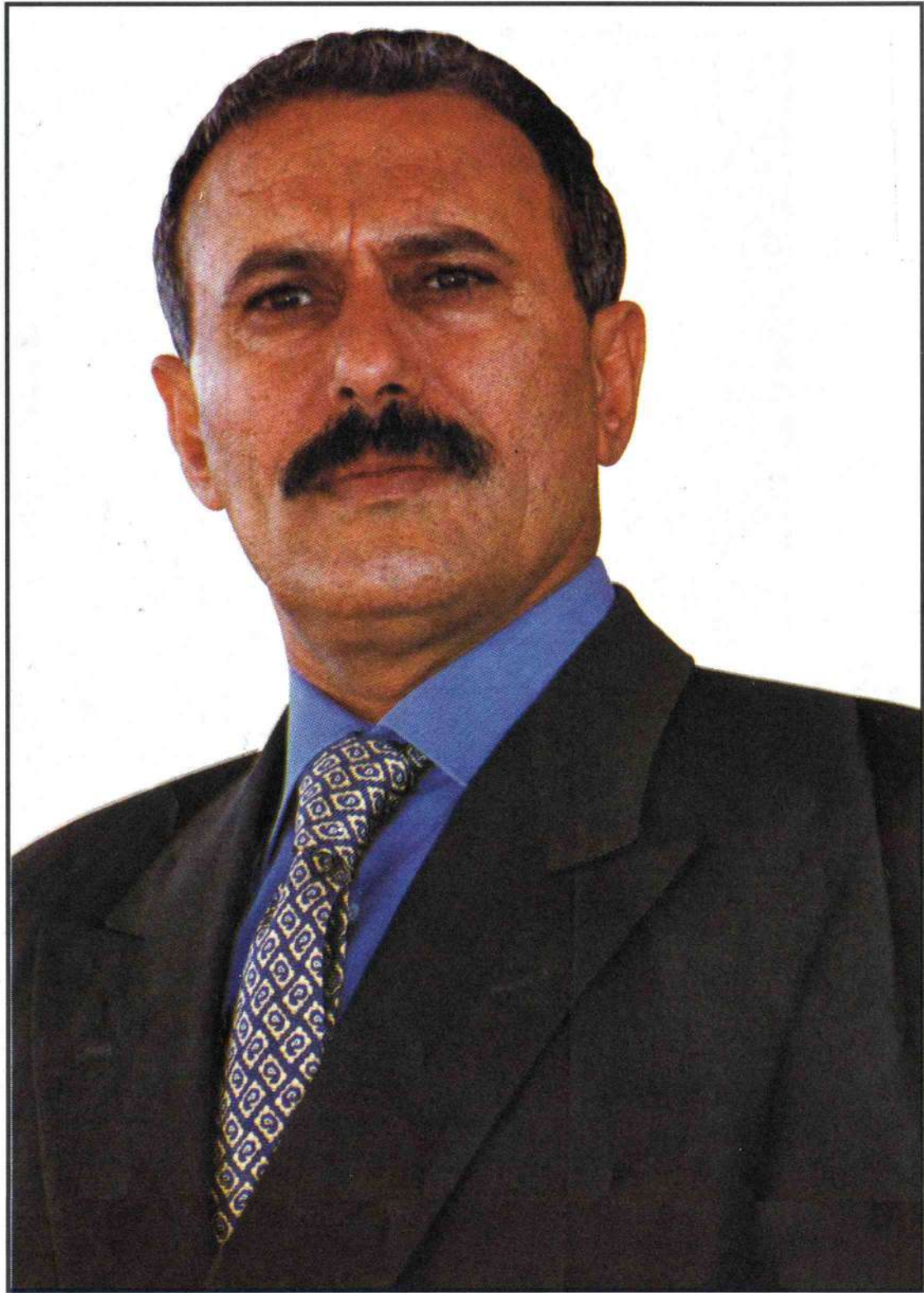
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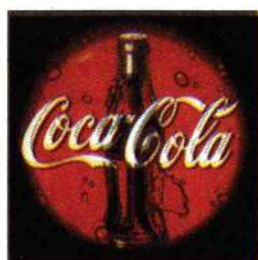
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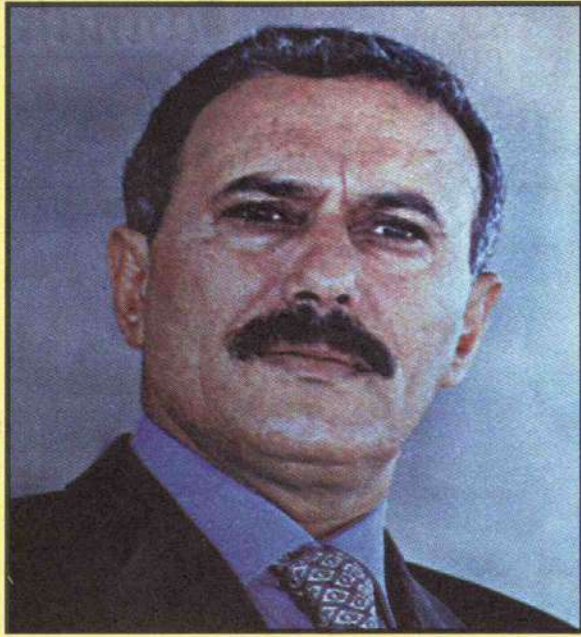
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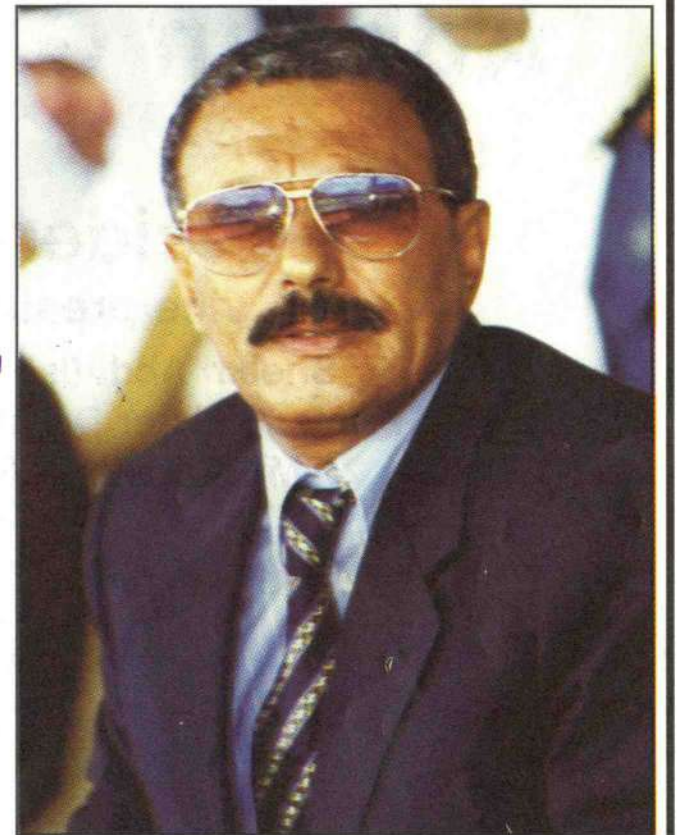


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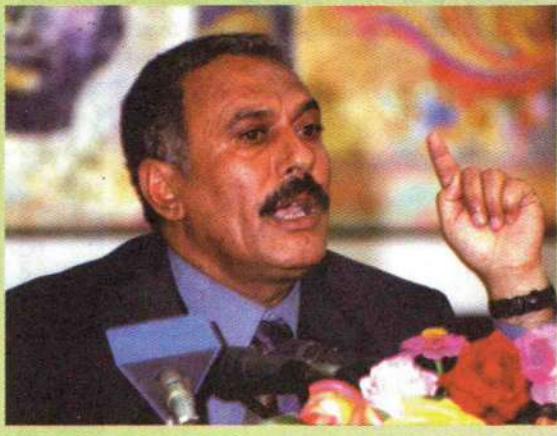
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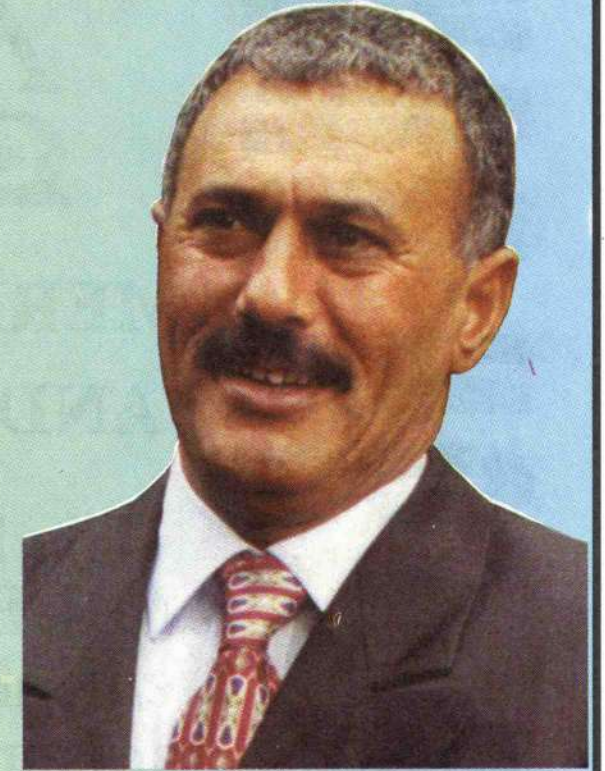
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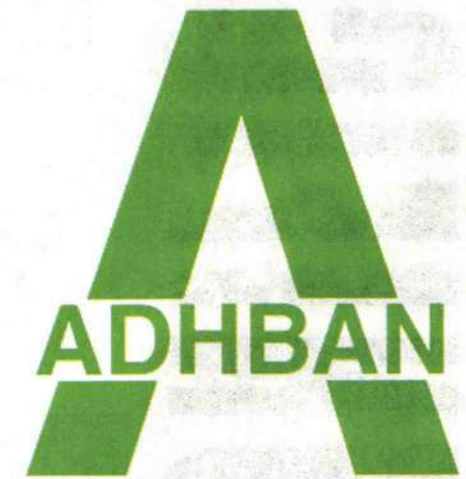
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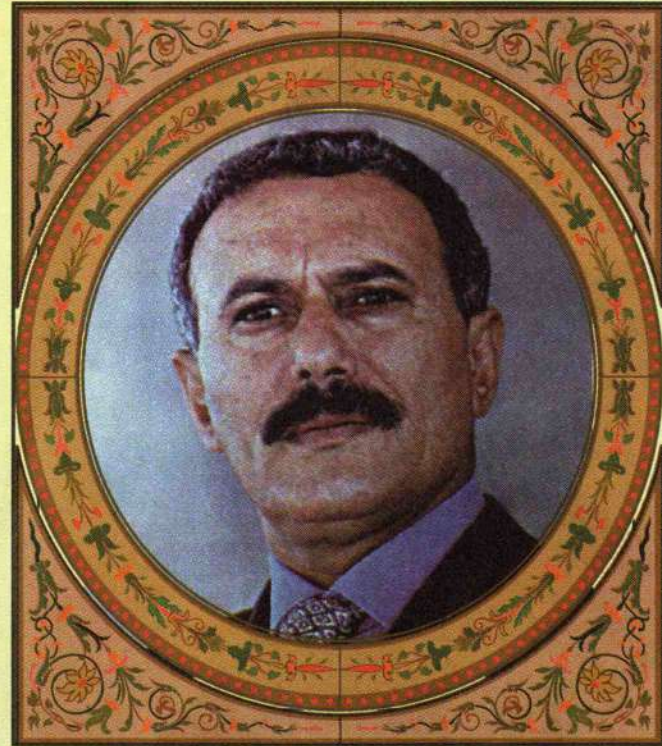
بمناسبة العيد الوطني العاشر لقيام الوحدة اليمنية 22 مايو.

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والى الحكومة اليمنية الرشيدة برئاسة الدكتور/ عبدالكريم اليراني،
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بمناسبة العيد الوطني العاشر لتحقيق الوحدة الوطنية المباركة في الثاني والعشرين من مايو،
كما سعدنا أن نرحب بضيوفنا الكرام الوافدون من الدول العربية والدول الصديقة
لمشاركتنا افراحنا واحتفالاتنا بهذه المناسبة المجيدة .
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Sheikh Abdullah Bin Hussein Al-Ahmar and Parliament,
Mr. Abdulaziz Abdulghani and Consultative Council,
and the Yemeni people

On the 10th anniversary of Yemen's Unification on 22nd May.
We seize this opportunity to welcome the Esteemed Guests from Arab and Friendly countries
participating in Yemen's people unity celebration.
We wish our country more progress and prosperity.