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GCFTG Loses Case Against S & Davis

S & Davis International, Inc. (AS & Davis) filed suit in the Northern District of Alabama to enforce an arbitration award against the General Corporation for Foreign

Trade and Grains (A General Corporation) of Yemen. The suit arose from a breach of contract dispute.

On May 14, 1996, the General Corporation, a Yemeni corporation, executed a contract with S & Davis, an Alabama corporation, to purchase 300,000 metric tons

of wheat at a price of \$274.88 per ton. The contract specified U.S. wheat No. 2 or better with point of origin from the U.S., Canada, Australia, South Africa, or Argentina. The purchase price was to be paid with a letter of

credit issued by the Bank of Yemen with confirmation by a U.S.A. prime bank.

The contract was negotiated and signed in Yemen. However, the contract contained an arbitration agreement providing that any dispute was to be arbitrated by the Grain and Feed Trade Association (GAFTA) in London, England.

After additional attempts through various political and diplomatic channels to open a letter of credit, on January 2, 1997, S & Davis declared the

General Corporation had breached the contract and initiated GAFTA arbitration in London.

The original GAFTA panel held that the General Corporation breached the contract by failing to open a letter of credit but concluded that S & Davis had not shown entitlement to any damages. It also held that the General Corporation was a separate entity from that of the Ministry, and, therefore, the Ministry was not liable. The appellate arbitration panel

affirmed the finding of a breach of contract but awarded S & Davis approximately \$17 million in damages against the General Corporation.

On December 18, 1998, S & Davis filed this suit in federal district court to enforce the arbitration award, in addition to a claim for breach of contract and enforcement of the arbitration award against the Republic of Yemen asserting that the General Corporation is a political subdivision of the Republic, and an alternative claim for tortious

interference with contractual relations against the Ministry of Supply & Trade for the amount of the arbitration award.

The Ministry filed a motion to dismiss under Fed.R.Civ.Proc. 12(b)(1), lack of subject matter jurisdiction, 12(b)(2), lack of personal jurisdiction, and 12(b)(5), insufficient service of process. The Ministry claimed immunity under the FSIA (Foreign Sovereignty Immunities Act), as a political subdivision of the Republic of Yemen. **More on page 4**

Yemen Condemns Al-Aqsa Massacre Stage Popular Demonstrations

Yemen has strongly condemned the massacre committed at the Aqsa mosque in Jerusalem against the Palestinians two days ago. Mr. Abdul Qader Ba Jamal, Yemen's deputy premier, the foreign minister has said in a statement to Saba news agency that the Yemen Republic vehemently condemns the brutal carnage perpetrated by Israeli forces inside the courtyard of Aqsa mosque following Friday prayer and unjustified firing live bullets at prayers. It holds Israel and Barak's government responsible for deterioration of the situation and escalation of the state of frustration suffered by the Palestinian people in the occupied Arab territories. The Yemeni official statement insisted on the need to enable the Palestinian people to establish their independent state with Al-Qods as its capital.

At least 23 Palestinians were killed and seven hundred others were injured during clashes with Israeli army troops over the past few days. The event has evoked



worldwide protest and condemnation. A number of Arab capital cities have witnessed angry demonstrations protesting the massacres against Palestinians. And in Yemen, all political parties, have decided to stage a massive protest demonstration today in Sana'a against the massacre perpetrated by Zionist soldiers in Al Aqsa Mosque area.

President Saleh, "Constitutional Amendments, Greater Participation in Decision-Making"

On the occasion of the 38th anniversary of September 26 revolution, President Saleh delivered a speech in which he highlighted a number of national and regional issues. He first congratulated the Yemeni People and prayed for the souls of patriots who sacrificed their lives for the revolution. "It is to them that we owe the establishment of our republican system, democracy and development," he said. He added that the will of Yemeni people had crystallized and consolidated the achievement of the unity through the prevalence of democracy, the right to form political parties, trade unions, freedom of press and expression,



protection of human rights, general liberties and the empowerment of women to participate in all walks of life on equal basis with men. **to be continued on page 4**

In the wake of possible release of British Prisoners in Yemen British Minister Arrives in Sana'a Today

Mr. Keith Vaz, British Minister for State of Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, arrives in Sana'a today. He is visiting Yemen at the invitation of President Ali Abdullah Saleh, following the President's recent visit to the United Kingdom. While in London, President Saleh and the British Foreign Secretary expressed their strong desire to improve and deepen bilateral relations. It is for this purpose that Mr. Vaz, who was born in Aden, is visiting Yemen. Mr. Vaz will meet with President Saleh, the Prime Minister, the Foreign Minister, the Minister for Cabinet Affairs, and the Minister of Health among others. Mr. Vaz will also sign with the Deputy Finance Minister a Memorandum of Understanding between the two countries on the United Kingdom's \$ 8 million aid program to support economic reform in Yemen. According to well-informed foreign sources in Sana'a, Mr. Vaz



is likely to discuss with the Yemeni officials the question of the 10 British prisoners in Aden and the possibility of releasing them. These 10 Britishers were tried by a Yemeni court in the beginning of 1999 as they were charged of forming a gang to carry on terrorist acts. Among the prisoners is the son of Mustafa Abu Al-Hamza, Mohammed, who threatened to avenge Abu Al-Hasan Al-Mihdar, the former leader of the

so-called Aden-Abyan Islamic Army which kidnapped a group of tourists in December 1998. The confrontation between Al-Mihdar's men and police led to the murder of four tourists including two Britishers. Later, Al-Mihdar was sentenced to death.

The same sources told the Yemen Times that the British Foreign Secretary discussed with President Saleh in London the question of issuing a general amnesty on the imprisoned Britishers, adding that the visit of Mr. Vaz to Yemen is also to push ahead the efforts in this regard. Mr. Vaz will address a press conference at the Taj Sheba Hotel tomorrow. He will also be meeting leading members of the Yemeni-British Friendship Association.

Three Girls Found Dead in Sana'a

Security sources have recently disclosed that three women bodies had been found in and outside Sana'a. One of the bodies, found in a watch out near a qat field on the Sana'a-Amran road, was said to belong to an approximately 22-year girl. The same girl was reported as going missing ten days ago. Another body was found in Assafiah area inside the capital city while the third one was found in Taiz street. Announcement of this event coincides with preparations of Bani Al-Hareth Court to continue looking into the students' murder at the College of Medicine.

Prince Sultan Visits Sana'a soon

Reliable sources told YT that Prince Sultan bin Abdulaziz, the 2nd deputy Premier, the defense Minister, is expected to arrive in Sana'a this month heading the Saudi delegation to meetings of the Yemeni-Saudi coordination council. It is also expected that he would inaugurate Taiz-Saber road funded by the Saudi Kingdom with a cost estimated at about \$ 30 million. Yemeni-Saudi coordination council meetings will be resumed after more than 10 years halt, from the eruption of the Gulf war.

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Yemeni Plane in Iraq to Show Solidarity

BAGHDAD- A Yemeni plane, in defiance of U.N. sanctions, touched down at the Saddam International Airport here Friday afternoon to show solidarity with the sanctions-hit country. This was the second plane from Arab countries to arrive in Baghdad since Iraq reopened the airport on August 17, and it was also the first flight from Yemen to Iraq in the past 10 years.

Upon arrival, Yemeni Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Abdul Qader Ba Jammal, who led the delegation, told reporters the visit is aimed at showing not only solidarity with the Iraqi people, but also trying to build a new future for the Arab countries. He reiterated Yemen's call for lifting the decade-old United Nations sanctions imposed after Iraq's 1990

invasion of Kuwait.

Iraqi Deputy Prime Minister Tareq Aziz, who welcomed the Yemeni delegation at the airport, praised the Yemeni move and slammed the "illegal" air ban imposed on Iraq by the United States and Britain.

Some 70 people, including Yemeni Information Minister Abdul Rahman al-Akwa, parliamentarians and journalists were aboard the Boeing 727-200 plane.

The Yemeni plane came after a Jordanian plane landed in Baghdad on Thursday, being the first plane from an Arab country in more than a decade.

Russia and France were the first to break what the U.S. and Britain insist "air ban" on Iraq by sending planes to Baghdad after noti-

fying, instead of getting permission from the United Nations Sanctions Committee.

It has been reported that Russia and France would send more planes to Iraq, and India, Iceland, Syria and Lebanon are considering flying planes to Baghdad to further crack the air ban.

The U.S. and Britain maintain that all flights to or from Iraq must get permission from the United Nations Sanctions Committee, but Russia and France do not think the authorization is necessary as they claim that the U.N. sanctions on Iraq do not cover air embargo.

Iraq rejects that the sanctions include an air embargo, saying that no U.N. resolution forbids humanitarian or civil flights to or from Iraq. (Xinhua)

NCDC Holds Meeting on Constitutional Amendments

The National Committee for Defending the Constitution of the Republic of Yemen held a meeting on Thursday 28/9/2000 at headquarters of the Yemeni Socialist Party. Representatives of opposition Coordination Council and of Sons of the Yemeni League Party, RAY, and independent politicians have attended the meeting.

The participants discussed possible solutions regarding the constitutional amendments the president had proposed to the Parliament beginning of this month. These amendments are to be put to referendum on February 15, 2001. The participants opinions regarding the amendments varied. The YSP and the PNUP and Al-Haq Party insisted on opposing the constitutional amendments. However, they do not mind constitutional

reforms, not the reforms made by the government which they describe as negative aspect belittling the Unity constitution, endorsed before the unification. The Sons of the Yemeni League Party offered different opinion proposing completely other alternatives. They introduced their proposal calling for constitutional reforms that consolidate the national unity. They urged the opposition parties to support the Sons of the Yemeni League Party and to send a memorandum to the President about this issue. RAY refuses to stop discussion with the government about the constitutional amendments. As the discussion grew hotter, the representative of the Sons of the Yemeni League Party threatened to withdraw in case its proposal was rejected. Mr. Mohammed Al-Rabaie who chaired the meeting of the opposition parties expressed his pessimism about this issue and said, "Whatever was the tendency of the opposition parties, it is of no use. Things will happen as the President wants. And since the draft amendment was referred to the Parliament, it would certainly be approved. He also urged the opposition parties to go back to people and encourage them to take an opposing action against the amendments made by the government. He also called upon people to abstain from voting for those amendments.

The German string quartet Gurzenich Quartett in town

On the occasion of the German Unity anniversary, the German String Quartet band has recently arrived in Sana'a to perform pieces of German classical music at the National Museum today at 7.30 p.m.

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Workshop to Integrate Child Rights in Educational Curricula

A workshop to draw up a draft of educational goals to integrate child rights in educational curricula was organized yesterday in Sheraton Hotel. These goals will be included in the curricula from level seven to the final level of secondary school. The workshop will last till October 3.

In the inauguration ceremony, Mr. Akil Air, vice representative of the UNICEF, delivered a speech in which he reviewed the organization efforts in this field.

Mrs. Insaf Abdu kasem, vice manager of Researches and Educational Development Dep., Sana'a, told YT "The workshop is to integrate the treaty of child rights in the educational curricula. Some preliminary workshops have already been organized for the very purpose. These workshops are for those who take part in preparation of schools' curricula so as to set up the educational goals for child rights which are to be translated into subjects that will be included in the curricula."

She added "Another workshop about the same topic would be organized during 29-31 October. The third workshop will be organized in Aden during 5-7 November which will aim at integrating new educational issues in the curricula such as populated, environmental, health and water education and to stress the importance of child rights."

DAAD Alumni

Workshop Organized

Organized by Agricultural Faculty at Sana'a university/Aden in cooperation with DAAD workshops were organized on environmental issues and education in the field of medicine. The workshop aimed to reach former scholarship holders of the German Academic Exchange Service, which are open to everyone interested in the field of environment/solar energy (Sana'a) and various topics concerning health and medicine.

The workshops were set off Saturday October 1 and will continue until October 7, 2000. Worth mentioning is that these workshops were held last year and the year before.

Culture Ministry Illegalizes YIDD Meeting

The Yemeni Institute for the Development of Democracy (YIDD) held an extraordinary meeting of the General Assembly on 27 September 2000. Official newspapers had previously published a statement saying that such a meeting had been "postponed indefinitely" by the Ministry of Culture, and any such meeting will be considered as "illegal" because YIDD has "yet to complete legal procedures for holding such a meeting".

YIDD was inaugurated six years ago (October 1994) amid great pomp and ceremony, and just about every political faction was represented there, - senior Government officials, senior political party leaders, social dignitaries, intellectuals, the press, etc.

The General Assembly stood up for one minute in silence in tribute to three of its founders who have passed away, including the late Dr. Abdulaziz Al-Saqqaff, whose significant role and efforts in the establishment of YIDD was given special notice accordingly. In the meeting, Dr. Faris Al-Saqqaff, a leading Islah Party member, intellectual and Chairman of the Yemeni Center for Future Studies, aired his views on some of the procedures for the arrangement of this meeting, stating that YIDD should start by "practicing democracy in the internal management of its affairs" and he noted how he, as a trustee of YIDD, was ignored and not advised of this meet-

ing until the very last minute.

General Assembly then elected a Chairman Abdullah Sallam Al-Hakimi, a Secretary General Ahmed Abdullah Al-Soufy and Five Trustees, two women and three men.

On the other hand Saba News Agency has quoted Sunday a culture and tourism ministry official source as confirming that the meeting was a violation of the verdict of the court and legally null because:

1) The verdict passed by South-West capital secretariat No 93 and dated 5.10.1998 defined that the plenary session should hold its extraordinary meeting during at most two months from the date of passing the verdict. The period was over two years ago.

2) The verdict stated that the institute should halt its activities. However, activities were not stopped. This was a violation of the verdict and is illegal.

3) Actual members of the plenary session did not attend that meeting.

4) The verdict indicated that the court, Ministry of culture, Ministry of Insurance and Social Affairs, Central Organization for Control and Audit, General Prosecution are to attend, prepare and supervise the meeting of the institute. However, they never appeared in the meeting.

5) It ignoring requests by the Ministry submitted to the court to postpone the meeting which was published in official newspapers.

NBY New Branch, Opened

Under the auspices of colonel Mohammed Saleh Shamlan, Hodeidah governor, a new branch of the National Bank of Yemen was opened by Hassan Ahmad al-Subahi, deputy governor. Mr. Abdulrahman Ahmad al-Kuhali, chairman of the Bank

Board, governorate general directors, businessmen and some social and political dignitaries have all attended the ceremony. After inauguration, the deputy governor toured around the departments of the bank so as to have an idea of the services provided.

Geoffery Searle Arrives in Yemen

The British Export Promoter in the British Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Mr. Geoffery Searle, arrives in Aden. Mr. Searle works for one of Britain's leading domestic furniture manufacturers and is on secondment to Trade Partners UK. He has extensive experience of international trade gained over thirty years of exporting. The British Consulate in Aden will make a welcome ceremony in Gold Mohur Hotel

on Monday 2 October. Sheikh Mohammed ba Mashmoos will preside a meeting between the Chamber of Commerce and Mr. Geoffery Searle who will visit a number of the Yemeni governorates like Taiz, Sana'a, Aden. He will also visit Aden Container Terminal to carry on a propaganda for the the British exports. He will also visit some Yemeni markets and meet with Yemeni businessmen.

State of Emergency to Control RVF

Two experts from the WHO arrived in Sana'a on Saturday to participate in the field campaigns against the rift valley fever disease which has so far claimed lives of about 100 people in Hodeidah.

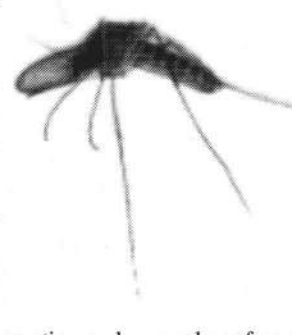
Under directives of President Ali Abdullah Saleh, a number of army Helicopters are preparing to take part in the operation and expand the spray of insecticides all over Yemen.

Following the visit of President Ali Abdullah Saleh to the Ministry of Health and survey of the operation unit to control the disease, he gave orders to ministries of defense and interior to ban import and entry of livestock from the African Horn.

A government team has recently announced full control of the disease in Wadi Mour, Hodeidah, pointing out that no deaths had been reported since last Wednesday. Local sources in Hodeidah told the Yemen Times that a

number of new cases had been detected in Hodeidah and that more than 2,000 animals had died.

A state of emergency has been declared in Hodeidah Wadies following the spread of the fever there. In the meantime, Minister of Agriculture and Irrigation, spraying teams and experts are continuing efforts to control the disease.



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Holding The 9th Week of The Yemeni Blind

Yemeni Association for Care and Rehabilitation of the blind prepares to hold 9th week of the blind on 9 October, 2000. In this year's week, the association focuses on health, educational and social problems suffered by the blind children. It ascribes those problems to the family ignorance of its role in protecting children against various diseases leading to blindness. The family also does not realize importance of education for the blind, added to that the little number of institutes for the blind in the capital. There are no such institutes in other governorates as well as non-existence of an institute for the blind girls.

Journalists' Clinic Inaugurated

Mr. Abdullah Abdualwali Nasher, Health Minister, inaugurated last Wednesday September 27 a clinic for journalists in the Yemeni Journalists' Syndicate, Sana'a. The Minister, accompanied by Mr. Mahboob Ali chairman of journalists syndicate, made a tour of the syndicate building.

The syndicate was granted a license to operate the clinic by Dr. Ihssan Hasson and Dr. Salwan al-Khuza'i. The Syndicate was also exempted from licence's fees and registration with the Ministry.

The Minister expressed willingness to render all kinds of support to journalists, syndicate members and their families.

Women Political Participation, Workshop

Organized by the National Women Committee, a discussion workshop on "Political Participation of Yemeni Women in Parties" is to be held today at headquarters of the committee. Dr. Mohammed Abdulmalek al-Mutawakel, teacher at the political sciences' dep., Sana'a University, Amat al-Razak Hamd, PGC women department chairman, Dr. Amat al-Salam Raja'a, YCR "Islah" women department chairman, Mrs. Shafikah Murshed, YSP permanent committee member, and Mrs. Rana Ahmad Ghanem, PNUP permanent committee member are all going to participate in the workshop.

PNUP Student Sector Issues Statement

People's Nasserite Unionist Party student sector has issued a statement on raising university tuition fees for this year. The statement has reviewed backgrounds of the unfair decision that deprives thousands of poor students of education and causes them to go begging at time unemployment rates are increasing horribly.

Developing Judiciary Awareness, Workshop

A workshop for increasing awareness of judicial and legal cadre of issues related to violence against women would be as organized on 2-4 October 2000 at the Hall of the Higher Institute for Justice. The workshop was organized by Supporting Women Issues Center, Supporting Civil Democratic Transition Establishment and in cooperation with UNDP. It was sponsored by Ismail al-Wazir, Justice Minister. 50 judges, prosecutors and lawyers from different governorates will be attending this workshop.

Mrs. Sultan al-Jeham, program coordinator, said that the program was part of a year-long program for raising the judicial and legal cadre's awareness. A number of media workshops and activities would be held nationwide during that year.

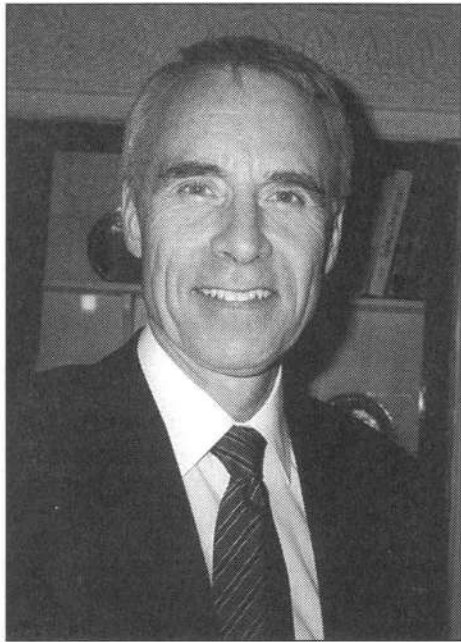
Newly Appointed Canadian Ambassador to the YT: "Canada doubled its fund to Yemen during President Saleh's visit"

The friendly state of Canada is one of the most important donors and contributors to development of Yemen. The Canadian role in this regard is not played only by the generous financial aid allocated to Yemen annually but through the significant services some of the leading Canadian companies operating in Yemen offer as well. During the latest visit of President Saleh to Canada, the government of Canada doubled the volume of financial aid to Yemen.

On the occasion of the arrival of the newly appointed Canadian Ambassador Melvyn L. MacDonald, Resident in Riyadh and responsible for Saudi Arabia, Yemen, Bahrain and Oman, to Yemen in a short visit, Yemen Times Managing Editor, Mohammed Hatem Al-Qadhi met with him and filed the following short interview:

Q: How do you assess the relationship between Canada and Yemen?

A: This is my first opportunity to work in the middle east and in Arab countries. So far I have been very positive and looking forward to working close-



ly with all the governments and industries in countries for which I have responsibility.

The relationships that Canada has with various countries in the Gulf region is very important to Canada. As we continue to look at what is happening here and the development, particularly in countries like Yemen with democratic development and the move towards

more open market, we are very interested in continuing our relationships with the Gulf.

President Saleh visited Canada and he knows the interests of our prime minister and government in working with the government of Yemen. We have a number of companies that are actively engaged in the business sectors in Yemen. I hope that during the course of my assignment we will be able to look at strengthening the economic relationship between companies of trade and investment. It is important that we increase that and make good opportunities in many different areas in Yemen.

There have been already some Canadian companies working here very successfully, like Canadian Oxy in the oil and gas sector but there are areas that we want to look at and see whether there might be opportunities to develop further.

As the economy of Yemen restructures there are many other sectors and services that are important like telecommunication and the whole informatics. Canada has got many companies and different organizations which are preparing and willing to work with Yemeni partners to further expand the possibilities here. So, I think that the future is very positive with lots to do and I am looking forward to working with the government, industry people and officials to further expand our relationships.

Q: What will be your priorities?

A: My personal priorities are going to be to continue to look at the sectors in the areas that the President was looking at when he visited Canada in terms of trade development and also in terms of where Canada can be helpful as far as the areas of human rights and women's rights and democratic development are concerned. These areas are very important and Yemen has already proven to the world that it is very progressive in this regard. I hope that we can continue to work with Yemen in terms of developing these sectors. I also want to spend time trying to work with companies in Yemen as well as companies in Canada to see where there are sectors and business opportunities for further development, not only from a bilateral trading point of view but also looking into a third mar-

ket where perhaps Canadian and Yemeni companies may be able to work together.

Q: Do you mean that you will have chance to further straighten the relationships between private sectors in both countries?

A: Yes I hope that would precisely be the case in sectors that I have already mentioned like oil and gas. As Yemen develops its agricultural base there may be opportunities for Canadian companies to work with Yemeni Companies in this field. Fishery is another area of interest that might be worth pursuing. Of course, high technologies, information technologies, communication technologies are also important sectors for Canada.

Q: What about your previous work?

A: I have served in Canadian foreign service for almost 30 years. I have had a number of postings. I have had 3 assignments in Japan. I have served in Italy, Norway and in Malaysia. I have experience in a number of different countries and most recently in the past four years just before coming to this part of the world I was the Minister economic commercial at the Canadian embassy in Tokyo responsible for the trade development between Canada and Japan. So my background is primarily commercial economic and I hope to be able to draw upon that experience to improve the commercial and economic relationship between Canada in the countries for which I am responsible now in the gulf.

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Q: Any last word you would like to add?

A: I just would like to say how grateful I am to all of those people that I have met during this visit. I have had a good opportunity to meet with President, Prime minister and with the speaker of the parliament and a number of ministers and businessmen. Every body has been very welcoming and I look forward to increasing our relations.

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President Saleh, "Constitutional Amendments, Greater Participation in Decision-Making"

The President highlighted the clear and transparent path that has emerged out of the revolution and has shaped our foreign policy, based on the principles of national, Islamic identity, peace and mutual co-operation and respect among all nations, a policy, which has enabled our country to establish progressive relations with all countries of the world. We, therefore, will continue to support efforts aiming at securing a permanent, comprehensive and just peace in the region.

President Saleh called for an end to Israeli occupation of Arab land occupied in 1967 in the Golan Heights and Palestine. He also called for implementation of the international resolutions based on the same criterion. "We draw the attention of the world to the plight of the Iraqi people caused by the continuation of the sanctions, especially since the embargo policy

has proved its ineffectiveness in achieving the goals it was originally designed to achieve," he said.

As for the constitutional amendments he said that they stemmed from the desire to enhance and entrench democratic values, greater participation in decision making, strengthen constitutional foundations, enhance stability, develop the electoral system, raise the standard of coordination and control between the executive and legislative authorities.

On the other hand, he highlighted the peace agreement of borders with neighboring countries which stemmed from an awareness that political, economic and social progress is best achieved through peaceful means and under collective security of neighboring countries.

At the end of his statement he expressed his hopes for prevalence of peace in the world.

GCFTG Loses Case Against S & Davis

S & Davis asserted that subject matter jurisdiction was allowed under the FSIA and the Convention on the Recognition and Enforcement of Foreign Arbitration Awards, 9 U.S.C. § 201 et seq. The district court held an oral hearing and on April 22, 1999, denied the Ministry's motion on all grounds. The Ministry timely filed a notice of appeal.

On the other hand a formal letter was sent to Mr. Richard Firtz the General Sales Manager FAS/USDA by Mr. Philip A. Geddes lawyer on behalf of S & Davis that protested any further aid to the Republic of Yemen under the provisions of Section 416 of the

Agricultural Act of 1949. The protest was grounded legally on the requirement that any donations made under section 416 must not displace any sales and must not disrupt prices and patterns of trade.

About this matter Yemen Times contacted the American embassy and was assured that the appellation was true and that S & Davis won all the points mentioned in the case. However, the embassy had had no direct influence on this case for the past one year.

The current situation is still pending as there are efforts to bring together the two sides and reach a peaceful settlement.

Politicizing Conflicts Among Salafiah Movement Groups

The heated conflict among Islamic groups in Aden ended up last week in police stations and security forces offices. Observers think that this is the beginning of fresh conflicts among sections in Salafiah Movement headed by sheikh Mukbel al-Wadi'e, now in USA for treatment. On Wednesday, September 20, groups representing different Islamic movements clashed in al-Rahman Mosque in the Small Aden, the center of al-Wadi'e group, resulting in serious injury of three persons who were rushed immediately to hospital. A sheikh who broke off from al-Wadi'e was detained for some hours and then was taken escorted to the governorate office after his supporters surrounded the police station asking for his release.

Resources confirmed that new conflicts between supporters of al-Wadi'e and those who seceded erupted due to interference of some unknown parties to illegally appoint a deputy for the Imam of al-Rahman Mosque.

Other resources indicate it may be a way to settle old accounts between sheikh Mukbel's group and dissidents

who are supporting a modernization approach which was established seven years ago when announcing the establishment of al-Hekmah al-Yamaniah Society in 1992. The society supported elections and participated in them with the Moslem Brothers.

Sheikh Mukbel had already passed a fatwa banning elections and plurality. He banned Muslims' participation in candidacy and voting. However, when the society participated in the elections, he was forced to modify his fatwa.

Some leaders from the Moslem Brothers are trying to mediate with the objective of winning their favor and show good intentions towards the movement. On his part, al-Wadi'e thinks that any breakup in his movement will lead him to come closer to the authority especially after losing many of his supporters by al-Hekmah al-Yamaniah Society in Aden which pursues the modified attitude. This has actually put al-Wadi'e in a climax moving in different directions, thinking that the closer to authority he comes the more able he will be to keep his supporters.

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Response of The Environment Protection Council to

"Environmental Crisis in Yemen" published on 4/8/2000 in the very page

The Editor
Yemen Times
Sana'a

Subj: Comment on the article "Environmental Crisis in Yemen"

Reference is made to the article titled "Environmental Crisis in Yemen" written by Mr. Abdulhakeem Hashem and published in the Yemen Times issue No. 33 dated 4/8/2000.

It seems that freedom of press and democracy that we are enjoying is mis-used without any

consideration to negative impacts of articles published in the press.

Please note the following major comments:

1. The title of the article is misleading. It suggests as if Yemen is facing environmental crisis. This is not true. There are environmental problems, but are not at stages, that would be described as crisis.

2. The writer exaggerates in some cases in describing environmental problems e.g.

a) under item-2 "water pollution", the writer mentioned that clean water is

available in Yemen, which is not true.

b) Under item-4 "desertification", the writer mentioned that indicators show that 97% of the Yemeni land suffer from desertification at various levels. The right description to this situation should have been 'threaten' instead of 'suffer'.

Please take necessary actions to clarify the misunderstanding resulting from the article, and publish our concern.

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The Yemeni Veterans Organization Ups and Downs

Yemeni martyrs and patriots have sacrificed their lives for the achievement of the Yemeni September and October revolutions to deliver the people from the dark period of the despotic Imamate regime and the British colonization. By those sacrifices they have paved the way for the two revolutions of 26 September and 14 October to embrace each other culminated by the declaration of the Unity on 22 May 1990. Thus, the unity has realized one of the people's dearest strategic aims that represented a historic turning-point and great change on the road of democracy and progress. Martyrs are the most honored people and the strugglers are their alive colleagues. Therefore they decided to establish an organization representing them and defending their rights. Besides, through this organization they would be able to exercise their activities in society. This organization was called "The Organization of Yemeni Revolution Patriots and Unity Defenders", the Veteran Fighters. To get more information on this organization, its objectives Mohammed Ben Sallam of the Yemen Times met with Brigadier General Hamoud Mohammed Bider, the Chairman, and had the following interview:

Q: Will you please give us a brief account on the organization, its objectives and members? Is it governmental or non-governmental and how are its members selected?
A: The organization of the Yemeni Revolution Patriots or to be more specific the Association of Veteran Yemeni Warriors was one of the accomplishments of the Yemeni Unity. As the patriots of the Liberation War in the south and the patriots of the former North War or commanders of Yemeni Armed Forces were marginalized and a large number of them retired, it was decided that they should have an association to sponsor their interests. This idea was put forward in a conference presided over by President Ali Abdullah Saleh and was

widely accepted at the time. After that we formed a preparatory committee and set up rules and regulations for it. A general conference was held for this committee attended by more than a thousand Yemeni social dignitaries. This organization was recognized by the conference and conditions for membership were defined. It was optional for those who struggled against colonization and the oppressive rule of the Imam to join this organization.

Q: How can you differentiate between the person who fought for the revolution and the one who fought against it? what's your view about rumors that monarchists joined the organization?

A: That's what they think. Our membership conditions are clear and we accept only those who defended the Republican regime, the Yemeni Revolution and the Unity. The people who we don't know must have recommendation from two notable personalities either patriots, political leaders, sheikhs or any two known personalities. Those who we know are received and welcomed by us.

Q: What does the government offer to this organization?

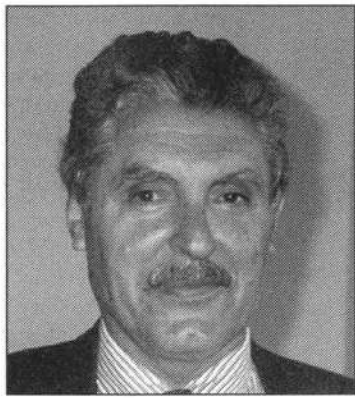
A: Our organization is non-governmental but we get a financial support of 3,000,000 rials every year from the government.

Q: Is this support enough?

A: Basically the leaders of this organization work voluntarily. This amount is spent on helping the senior patriots or the poor ones. In case anyone of them dies, we pay the expenses of the funeral and burial ceremonies.

Q: What are the issues the organization adopts for its members?

A: Defending peoples' rights comes in the first place because morally we are a small image of the conscience of the state and people. In other words, a lot of Yemenis served Yemen and now they are weak and old. We do offer them help in different ways among which is drawing the attention of the



people in charge to them so as to patronize them financially and provide them with treatment and medicine.

Q: Are there any non-governmental or foreign organizations supporting you?

A: We have not asked and we will never ask anybody for help, but we will not turn down any support that comes to us from anywhere. In America, for example, the American Federal Government has allotted 26 billion dollars for "The Veteran Fighters Association" beside other securities so as to encourage the Americans to join the army to fight in Vietnam or in the Middle East. As for Yemen we tried to obtain the government support but we could not. However, the President insisted on providing the organization with financial and health support by sending a large number of the Armed Forces and Police officers abroad for treatment and we expect more from him. Of course, we established this organization with 4 million rials from the government and 3 million rials from the Ministry of Interior. We paid nothing. All we have is The Officers Club. We try to develop our organization into a syndicate like Journalists', Doctors', Engineers' etc, for we have counterparts in Jordan, Egypt, Syria, Algeria, Libya, Tunisia. We attend some conferences and now we are a member in the International Conference for the Veterans.

Q: What are exactly the objectives of your organization?

A: The organization has its objectives from the principles we have adopted. The objectives are so many and some of them are:

- 1- Defending the Yemeni Unity, the Revolution, the Republic and its achievements and confirming the constitutional legitimacy and standing up against any attempts to violate them.
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- 5- Collecting all written documents and records about martyrs, registering, archiving and submitting them to the concerned authorities for studying, analyzing and exchanging them.
- 6- Participating effectively in making a national honor charter to consolidate the national unity and define the criteria for the country's interests.

Q: What are your future plans?

A: Our ambitions are too many and endless. We are looking forward to establishing an economic corporation for all the old fighters and their sons to work in and for further development of the country. The government has promised us some amounts of money. The President has also promised us and we trust him a lot.

Q: In your point of view, is the pension salary given to officers sufficient?

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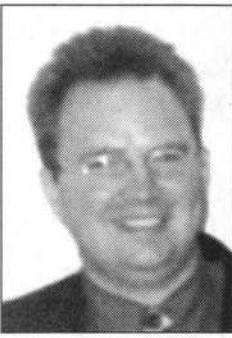
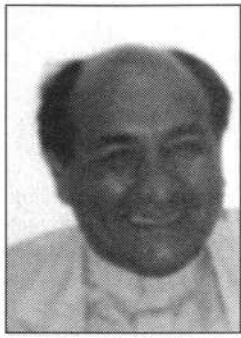
On this occasion, the administrative board is pleased to announce that a new branch will be opened in Hodeidah governorate, Sana'a Street. Through the new branch, the bank will broaden its services to its valuable clients in the Republic.

Is Yemen Enough Prepared to Join WTO ?

The European Commission assistance to Yemen develops an increasing bias towards economic and private sector development. The recently launched Tourism Development Program, the Commission's approval of assistance to Aden Free Zone Development and the preparations of a project for the establishment of a business centre in Sana'a underline this trend. The Government has now asked the EC to examine Yemen's preparedness for joining the World Trade Organization and propose a long-term technical assistance program in support of Yemen's accession and post accession process. Given the controversy surrounding the alleged benefits that

developing countries can draw from WTO membership Yemen Times took the opportunity to meet with the EC consultants charged with the aforesaid study Mark Hellyer and Saul Alanoca and with Rainer Freund, Head of the EC Technical Advisory Office in Sana'a.

Q: There seems to be considerable confusion as to what the objectives of the World Trade Organization are, but also a prejudice that WTO bolsters the position of the advanced, industrialized economies in World Trade and that particularly the least developed countries seem to lose the little ground they had gained in World Trade as a direct result of WTO membership.



Could you briefly clarify this issue?

A: There is no evidence that trade worsens after WTO membership. In fact the contrary is true. Adopting the rules and regulations of trade, which are now used and considered the norms by more than 130 countries worldwide, makes it easier for companies in a country to compete in international markets. The commitments, which will be made at the WTO, are really extensions of the reform policies pursued by the government of Yemen and are aimed at strengthening the economy and developing export led growth. It should also be remembered that the Accession process to WTO is not fixed and is a framework with many parameters determined through a series of bi-lateral and multi-lateral negotiations. Therefore, there is opportunity through negotiation to be granted a long period for implementation of the more than 14 Agreements under the WTO. For developing countries, this can be up to 10 years. Considering that it takes most countries, on average, 4 years to join the WTO, Yemen can expect up to 14 years before all commitments to the WTO need to be fulfilled. This provides plenty of scope for policy makers and local enterprises to adjust and prepare so that any potentially negative effects are minimized.

Q: Yemen has had an observer status at the WTO and has now applied for membership. Particularly the private sector seems to be wary of the implications of Yemen's WTO membership and cautions the gov-

ernment that Yemen's industry is not ready yet to compete internationally and that widespread loss of jobs is a likely consequence, should membership materialize. What has a country such as Yemen to gain from WTO membership and how can the negative effects of trade liberaliza-

tion on Yemen's economy be best averted?

A: Probably the most important benefit is the economic benefits of WTO membership. Under WTO rules, domestic prices in Yemen would fall as the import regime is liberalized and the general population would be able to afford and purchase more goods and have a wider choice. In addition, producers costs would reduce leading to increased output (economic growth), increased exports and increased employment. On the other hand, it is understood that this will bring more competition from imports and certain sectors of the Yemeni economy will find it difficult to cope. Therefore detailed analysis and study of all sectors of the economy need to be undertaken to determine those industries which are now competitive, which could be competitive in time and those which can never be competitive. In such circumstances, the WTO allows for flexibility so that during the negotiations, such arguments would be used so that those industries which could be competitive in the future would be protected for a number of years whilst the government and industry work to improve competitiveness and; those industries which could never be competitive would be protected for a longer period whilst efforts to encourage diversification and restructuring to more competitive products is undertaken. Hence, the key to minimizing the negative impacts, is on preparing good arguments and negotiating with the members of the WTO during Accession.

Q: Where does Yemen stand now in regard to WTO accession, what are the next steps and how long do you foresee the accession process to take and what are the most important adjustments Yemen has to make to its current trade regime to comply with WTO rules? How does Yemen compare with other applicants from the developing world or LDCs that have already acceded in terms of preparedness of the institutions that are to prepare the necessary paperwork for review by the WTO?

A: Yemen has formally applied to become a member of WTO and members have welcomed and accepted this application. Yemen must now prepare its Memorandum of Accession. This document must comprehensively describe and detail the current laws, regulations and regimes regarding all aspects of the WTO Agreements including: tariffs and trade (GATT 94); agriculture; services (GATS), intellectual property (TRIPS); investment (TRIMS) and many others. The object is to allow WTO members to examine how close Yemeni law and practice is to WTO rules. After that, bi-lateral negotiations are undertaken with individual members of WTO to agree how and when Yemen will implement each agreement. In fact, Yemen's current regime is fairly liberal following implementation of the reform program since 1995 and no radical changes in the trade regime are expected. Given Yemen is an LDC, any changes would happen gradually over time. Compared with other developing countries Yemen seems quite well prepared. The government has established a coordination unit, national committee and several sub-committees to address the issue and there is great awareness of the scale of the task in hand. So from this perspective, Yemen is already more advanced than other countries we have worked with at this stage of the process. However, it needs to be remembered that this is a long process and much work is needed, so strong government commitment and hard work is needed

to complete the task.

Q: What type of assistance is Yemen most likely to benefit from in regard to its bid for WTO accession and how do you estimate the cost of the entire accession process?

A: The various WTO Agreements are extensive and complex and although many officials have had some training, they are inexperienced in WTO matters. We therefore feel that the most beneficial assistance, which can be provided by the EU, is that of administrative support and guidance to the National Committee for WTO Accession through its Coordination Unit. However, much more assistance is needed throughout the government with all Ministries involved in the process requiring training, support and technical assistance. It is difficult to precisely cost all the elements necessary as the extent and scope of assistance depends on the negotiations themselves. For comparison, it should be noted that Jordan estimated the cost of Accession at US\$ 5 million. A similar figure would be expected in the case of Yemen.

Q: Mr. Freund, is there a shift in the focus of the European Commission's assistance to Yemen given the apparent increase to economic and private sector development?

A: Not really - the Commission has agreed with the government of Yemen to continue to allocate approximately 50 % of funds annually available under the EC-Yemen co-operation framework to social protection including food security and 50 % to direct assistance to selected components of Yemen's structural adjustment program and support to those sectors of the Yemeni economy that have the potential to grow quickly and thus generate employment. Our assistance to Tourism Promotion, Aden Free Zone Development, Private Sector Development in General and Fishery Products Export fall into this latter category. The liberalization of trade regimes is obviously an important prerequisite not only for the expansion of trade per se but also for attracting both domestic and foreign direct investment - it creates new job opportunities and benefits the consumer through more choice and lower prices. Recognizing the linkage between poverty and an over regulated, non-enabling economic environment, even the Commission's social protection programs have in part been made contingent on advances in market liberalization. Our food security program for example under which thus far 36 million have been committed, was conditional on the removal of the wheat and wheat flour subsidies that were previously in place in this country as well as on the liberalization of the internal distribution of these two commodities. The previous subsidy system for these basic foodstuffs was a drain on the scarce resources of the treasury, a disincentive to local food producers and, being a universal subsidy, had a comparatively low impact on the vulnerable groups it intended to target. The freeing of government funds previously allocated to this system has not only removed market distortions, introduced more competition and provided incentives for local cereal producers. It has also allowed government to support the poorer segments of society more effectively by tailoring intervention mechanisms to the specific causes of poverty - the Social Fund for Development and the Social Welfare Fund both of which the European Commission assists are only two such examples. Whilst we strongly support the reform policies adopted by government and particularly those which inspire trade and investor confidence as the fundamental pre-requisite for economic growth and thus poverty reduction we help at the same time to cushion the temporary negative effects of some of these reforms on the poor through our strong commitment to social protection. The orientation of our program has thus not changed, but it has undoubtedly become more focussed.

ECONOMY NEWS

Yemenis in Infected Areas Lose YR50 Million

Many people living in areas infected with the rift valley fever lost their means of living due to death of their animals of the disease. A rough number of these animals affected exceeded 4000 estimated at about YR 50 million. On the other hand, income of families, living outside the infected areas who obtain their living through marketing animals; sheep, goats and cows, went down sharply after decisions made by Saudi Arabia and Oman to stop importing meat and animals from Yemen.

Yemeni-American Consultations

Yemeni-American Consultations are under way to draw up a study to establish an electric network for transferring power of 400 kw from Mareb to Sana'a.

Swiss Delegation Arrives Sana'a

To study the geological history of Socotra islands, a Swiss delegation is to arrive in Sana'a this October. It is expected that it would be able to disclose valuable economic information enhancing the status of the tourist island and its animal and plant wealth.

Yemen Extends its Oil Discoveries

Yemen is planning to extend its oil discoveries, specially after signing the borders treaty with Saudi Arabia. Oil resources anticipated more commercial quantities of oil in western Yemeni regional water and gas at the bottom of the Red Sea. This will create more investment opportunities. Oil reserves are estimated at about 5.7 billion barrels and 14 trillion cubic feet of natural gas.

Yemen Provides Djibouti with Vegetables

Trade resources reported that Yemen is going to provide Djibouti with vegetables and fruits to enhance the balance of trade between the two countries. To achieve this, negotiations between merchants and businessmen to define available means for Yemen's and Djibouti's Economic Establishments and how they can be used for commercial exchange, are now taking place.

YARC Organizes a Training Course

The Yemeni Arbitration and Reconciliation Center organizes during 21-25 October a training course on solving banking disputes through arbitration. The course is to develop arbitrators' skills and interested ones in these issues. Lecturers from Regional Cairo Center for International Arbitration and from Egyptian International Credit Bank are going to participate in this course.

Increasing Investment in the Free Zone

The free zone in Aden will witness in the forth coming months big investments. In a statement for Mr. Derham Abdah Noman the chief director of the free zone in Aden, the containers' harbor has witnessed a very active period in which very big projects have taken place in the sector of infra structure of the harbor. What has been done so far exceeds the plan made for the free zone, the work in the decks of the container's harbor is in progress. By the end of August this year the number of applications for investments in sector G reached 455, distributed in different fields. Mr. referred to the 11285 job opportunities provided by those projects of a total cost of \$412,934,056 and YR32,189,435. He also added the land given for the free zone is about 4,870,581 squared meters. Mr. Derham concluded his statement by referring to the anniversaries of the 26 Sep and 14 Oct revolutions and how these can be great motivation for them to work harder and to serve the people of the Republic of Yemen. The total number of applications received from Yemeni and foreign investors reached 775 thousand with a total sum of \$ 1,239,067,940.

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

Our Opinion

Leading The World Again

Once I was driving from the Yemen Times office heading home, when I was met with a familiar scene to us, but rather strange to logic. I saw two cars blocking the road completely, while their drivers were out hugging each other and shaking hands. Must have been two long lost friends. Perhaps too excited to remember that they shouldn't block the road while they find out the latest about each other.

A few minutes later, they broke off smiling, and each went his own destination. I continued after the halt, but it got me thinking.

We don't have many escalators in buildings in Sana'a. The one in the Sana'a Trade Center is one of the few. It's not often that I go there, but when I do, I always see people of different ages going up then down the escalator, fascinated by its mechanism. Some others are too scared to try it even once. I see that very often and I am sure you would if you go there as well. There's no harm in what they do, but it always leaves me thinking.

Again I was driving along the 60-meter road last evening. When I reached the junction of Hadda road and the 60-meter road, the signal turned green for me, so I proceeded happy that I didn't have to stop for the traffic signal. Suddenly, when I was in the middle of the crossroads I found the cars from all the other three directions started moving. Something must have gone wrong with the automation in the signals because all four directions went green simultaneously. Things came to be under control when the traffic police took charge, but it left me thinking.

These three examples and many more are common in our daily life. However, they set me thinking whether we as a society have been pushed too early into the world of technology, without sufficient experience or supporting background. It seems that we have grown as a country a little too soon when it comes to modern aspects of life. Cars, traffic lights and escalators, elevators, computers and other devices are not that difficult to handle.

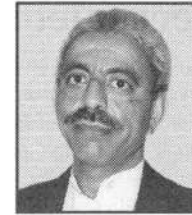
Still we happen to always misuse the technology science has brought to us. The average lifetime of electrical devices, especially cars, in Yemen is less than one fourth of what it is in the developed world. There are still regions in our country, which don't have the most basic facilities such as electricity and water services.

How are we supposed to have entered the 21st century and compete with other nations when the rate of illiteracy is as high as 70%? It's not fair to push us into the next century when we haven't yet learned the lessons the last century tried to teach us.

Yet, time does not wait for anyone. As long as we belong to the world, we have to live like the rest of the world. We can't isolate ourselves from the ever-advancing technology and stick to our old familiar methods. The only solution for this is awareness. It is knowledge. If only we try a bit harder and focus as our ancestors, we can do it. In the old times we used to be the ones to lead the world. Will time takes its turn and we find ourselves ahead again?

COMMON SENSE

By: Hassan Al-Haifi



On Physics and Good Government

Being as the rulers and the people are made up of the same ingredients, why doesn't the Government recognize that we are not just dead meat, without any feelings, desires or aspirations?" said Mubarak as the family started on a long awaited family trip to Aden, they have been planning for 10 years now.

As the father prepared for the first set of curves on the Sumara Pass remarked: "I thought you wanted to be a Physics Professor in a university, so what is this political nonsense you are starting now?" Murad Jr., who has just finished his elementary education answered for his brother: "Maybe he realized that the only people who are making money are Government officials or political activists, so he now opts for a career switch".

The Mother, Fatima, saw some good sense coming out of her sons: I was beginning to worry seeing Mubarak fooling around with pulleys and having to look at so many different dials just to find the time of day! Politicians and government officials only use paper and ink to do their jobs, which they get free from the Government or their political organization. I have sold half of my jewelry just so Mubarak can carry on with his scientific studies. I hope we won't have to sell the house when he starts on his career as a bona-fide Physicist. I have always told him that Physicists, or any scientists or intellectuals for that matter, never make money. In fact nobody has ever shown me a house and said: 'Look there, that is the house of a scientist!' Maybe scientists and scholars live in tents like Bedouins. How many poor scientists, artists and intellectuals are roaming the streets not even being able to afford lunch for the day, let alone build a house. Your father has tried for the arts, but if it was not for your father's inheritance and mine, you kids would have never tasted meat, let alone studied Physics!"

Murad the Elder, wanted to fully understand what Mubarak was really getting at: "No, Mubarak is really just criticizing Government officials. What is it that is bothering you, son?"

Mubarak was trying to measure the lengths of the drops he saw as they winned their way up the Sumara, as he answered: "some of my associates in the University and myself tried to form a scientific society, along with some other people, who are interested in Science. However, to get the association inaugurated we have been subjected to so many hassles and bureaucratic routine - not to mention the excessive scrutiny - that we feel like outcasts and suspicious criminals, rather than sincere citizens seeking to advance scientific knowledge. How can we hope for the country's development, if scientists and other serious minded intellectuals, professionals, artists and craftsmen, cannot work collectively to advance their own particular fields. Even if we want to hold a routine meeting, the Government must be informed, and we may be refused such a meeting, and held accountable to the Government for holding any 'unauthorized' meetings! Scientists from abroad make us feel so embarrassed, when we hear about the ease of dealing with their Governments, in those few instances that they have to deal with the Government. When we also hear about the substantial support in funds and facilities that they receive from the Government and the promotion of their work to harness private and corporate donations and support, we become depressed. We have not been able yet to determine which Government agency is responsible for regulating our work, since half a dozen agencies have to 'coordinate' with each other in this task."

The mother cut in: "See what I mean, if you have opted for a Government position, you would be on the controlling side, telling people the appropriate time when they can have breakfast, not just when to hold a meeting. See how powerful and important a person is when he becomes a Government official!" Murad added another advantage: "They also travel overseas free, build great palaces, and each family member has his own car, from the time he is still in his mother's womb or in the test tube, as the case may be". Then the father started a long political lecture: "Murad, you should not believe that government work or politics is the magic road to wealth, just because some corrupt

officials have turned Government into a conglomerate of mixed narrow interests, none of which functionally serve Government's essential roles as the provider of public services and as an effective regulator of individual and group interaction among the members of the public. You see son, 'good Government' should show results that are felt and appreciated by the vast majority of the population. That is then what justifies the Government demanding reasonable obligations from the citizens, such as taxes, military service and adherence to reasonable regulatory requirements or restrictions. However, when Government serves to just cater to the narrow interests of a small select element or elements of the population, and functions without regard to sound managerial and ethical standards, one is bound to be confronted with so many improprieties, not just in the Government, but in society as a whole, and certainly a wider distance between the functions of the Government and the interests of the country as a whole. Moreover, confusion and misunderstandings create an atmosphere where words and expressions fail to take on their normal standard definitions and meanings and the application of law becomes subject to the whims of those who are responsible for the enforce-

ment of law and order in the society. What is worse is that norms and values become distorted and society is in disarray. Murad, your conception of 'Good' Government is in need of better orientation." Murad now seemed confused: "None of what you see hits my mind at all. From what we see, Government is just a good time for those who are involved in it, and those who ride on the bandwagon."

The father tried to balance his attention to all the lefts and rights he has to make before finally reaching the top of the ever beautiful Sumara and to teaching his kids the 'good' side of Government, both of which are now of equal importance: "What we should not forget is that the Government and the people, in general, should see eye to eye on most issues of public affairs; we can't have the Government look at matters in one perspective while the public view reflects a whole different orientation. Accordingly, the situation is not just an indication of 'good' or 'bad' Government, but more a question of what is right and what is wrong. In this respect, one would think that the public is the party to decide and the Government is obliged to serve accordingly. The conscience of Government must always lie with the public. Only then, can it be said that a society has reasonably reached maturity as a democracy. Anything otherwise is no more or no less than child's play." Murad commented: "Mubarak carry on with your Physics then, you will have a tough time trying to put our father's idea of Government into play in this country, with all the other distorted ideas on Government that plague most Government officials these days."

Letters to the Editor

FOUR HOUR TRAVEL THROUGH SAHRA

AN exceptional experience we got on August 22 2000.

We, QM Zaho and I, left Ataq after 1.5 hour waiting for a guide driver. Five minutes later we drove into flat land with sparse dry grass, shrubs, gravel and somewhere with pure golden sand. We, one more local land-cruiser together, saw a couple of herdsmen families with camps and tankers, vehicles not far from the highway, a peaceful view. One hour later, before we came near an oil field pumping and ESP wells with flaring separation station, I believe, we noticed several lonely black hills with golden sand at their bottom.

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DEAR MR. ALI

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BELIEVE IT OR NOT

IT is well-known that revenge is considered a deep-rooted and bad phenomenon in our society in which many innocent persons are victimized.

Here is a story as an example of the other course: Once there was feud between two tribes. As a result, serious armed encounters erupted during which one of non-Yemeni teachers was shot to death.

Oddly enough, the tribe in which the victim was teaching decided right away to kill the non-Yemeni teacher available in the other tribe who was still deeply sad for the death of his friend.

Fortunately, he was saved by the security forces.

Finally, he left our country murmuring "the leopard cannot change its spots."

Turki Mohammed Howel
Sa'adah Faculty

DEAR EDITOR,

I appreciated the Yemen Times because of its broad spectrum of various pictures an individual article holds. Now, the current issue has a minimum of pictures until zero. Why? Pictures and text belongs together and make the effect of the single article and its statement, which I praised for the former issues of the Yemen Times. A source of which I, boarding member of the German-Yemeni Society, supported my own research and news source of Yemen. Not only me would be happy if you could enrich your future articles by various pictures, accompanying the single reports. Many thanks in advance.

With best wishes;
yours sincerely,
H.-W. Emrich



Mohammed Hatem Al-Qadhi
Managing Editor

After 4 Decades of Revolution: Nothing up for Grabs

Nobody can deny the fact that the 26th September Revolution 1962 has considerably improved the life of the Yemeni people in comparison with the situation under the Imam rule. However, what has been achieved during these four decades does not meet the aspirations of Yemeni people. The priorities of the revolutionaries are still ours today. Political, social, economic stability, good health and education, fighting ignorance, illiteracy- these all were the priorities of the revolution. However, they are still our main headache today after 38 years.

During this period the country was embroiled into the turmoil of several problems, mainly political which in return created instability that considerably slowed down the process of development in the society. After 4 decades we even failed to abolish the tribal vengeance which has been claiming the lives of many Yemenis since then.

Of the main concerns of the revolution was introducing good education and health, enhancing law, justice, security and fighting against the "chains" of the Imam's jails. Unfortunately, these efforts to achieve the aspirations of the folks could not hit the nil on the head and put us on the right track.

We have many schools and universities but "Do they meet the development needs at a time where more than 70% of population are still illiterate"? We have many hospitals but they are empty even from Aspirin at a time where thousands of Yemenis still die of malaria. Yes guys, prisons of the Imams were demolished but we have many jails belonging to various (Imams) sheikhs in different areas all over the country. Security and safety is still something which we need as we need water. The absence of law and order and justice is more visible in the cases piled up in courts for many years and other lawless practices by influential guys at the power center.

By and large, I do not mean here to put down or deny the achievements we have made so far since 1962. Rather, I simply do not want the priorities of the people in 1960s and 1970s be ours today. Our concerns today should not be to teach people to read and write only; they should be to live up to the challenges of the time and fight against the illiteracy of computer and internet. They should be to combat cancer and other serious diseases, not malaria. In short, we need another revolution in different arenas of our life. It is only this way could people realize the real change their revolution had made in their lives.



Then it was an excited moment when we reached Block S2, Kharwah-1 well lying there in dried swamp quietly plus 2 water wells 6 km and one water well 10 more meters around. The new location of Al-Jameelah- I was a few kilometers away beyond one black hill. We passed to a fissured land and came to desert domes, our Ataq guide suggested a stop. New well location was a another 600m ahead.

We started our way back without Ataq companion toward Mareb-Sanaa direction westward. Very beautiful scenery indeed. Fissured land, shrub sand, arid grass, pure sand, gravel desert clearly one after another. It came to my mind that it might be a perfect ground to learn to drive. All of a sudden we almost fell off down to a valley. Thanks to our guard he managed the landcruiser back and drove us all the way forward following slopes and valley floors. A trick traveling! Thereafter, we witnessed Gannah Hunt and Yemen Hunt oil fields. An eye open separation and refinery, too. We met only one tourist group in a car shouting at us when we were at s2. Nobody 2 hours later was seen but some back moving relics of current habitants, which seem to remind man of something serious.

We were back to Mareb at 11:45. And Sanaa at 15:10. That was quick compared with our 9 hour journey going by highway the day before.

Liu Xiangang.

DEAR EDITOR

I would be grateful if you can send me a



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Israeli PM Suggests Jerusalem as Two Capitals: Report

JERUSALEM—Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak has said for the first time Jerusalem and Al-Qods, the Arabic name for the Holy city, will be side by side as the capitals of Israel and a future Palestinian state if a peace agreement is signed between the sides, the Jerusalem Post reported on Thursday.

In a Rosh Hashana (Jewish New Year) interview with the paper on Wednesday, Barak said he did not know whether there would be an agreement. "But if there is an agreement it will include an end to the conflict, permanent borders for Israel recognized by the world, 80

percent of the settlers in Judea and Samaria (biblical names for the West Bank) under Israeli sovereignty in settlement blocs, security arrangement, principally along the eastern border, and Jerusalem bigger than ever since King David - with a solid Jewish

majority for generations, united under our sovereignty, and recognized by the world as the capital of Israel," he said. The final result, the prime minister said, will be Jerusalem

that will include such large blocs of Jewish settlements in east Jerusalem as Givat Ze'ev, Ma'aleh Adumim, Gush Etzion and almost all Jewish neighborhoods.

But at the same time Barak reiterated rejection of a transfer of sovereignty over the disputed Temple Mount holy site to the Palestinians or to an Islamic body.

The Temple Mount, also known as al-Haram al-Sharif to Muslims, is sacred to Jews as the site of their destroyed temples and to Muslims because it houses the Al-Aqsa mosque, the third holiest shrine in Islam. The sovereignty dispute over the holy site in Jerusalem is the sticking point in the Palestinian-Israeli peace talks and it

also aborted the July Camp David summit.

In the interview, Barak also raised for the first time his conception of a partial agreement with the Palestinians, leaving out Jerusalem in the final settlement. This is expected to be one of the issues tackled in the current separate talks of Israeli and Palestinian negotiators with U.S. officials in Washington, said leading newspaper. Barak suggested both sides reach an agreement on all issues but Jerusalem or the Temple Mount. Those issues, according to Barak, would be set aside and dealt with "under a timeframe and mutually-agreed procedure."

In the meantime, the Palestinian and Israeli negotiators are expected to return home on Thursday night to brief their leaders on the talks.

The Americans have so far refrained from presenting their bridging proposals for an agreement. (Xinhua)

World Summit on Arts to Open in Ottawa

OTTAWA—A World Summit on Arts and Culture will be held in Canada's capital city Ottawa from November 30 to December 3, the Canada Council for the Arts announced Thursday.

This will be the first-ever meeting of national arts councils and arts funding bodies from all regions of the globe, said the council. Up to 60 countries and 25 international organizations will attend the four-day event.

During their discussions, participants

will exchange views on the promotion of the arts in culturally-diverse societies, the creation of an international network of national arts support agencies and ways to deal with challenges "as a result of this new and wired world," according to the council. "Globalization and new information technologies are having a profound impact on artists, arts organizations, arts funders and policy-makers," said Shirley L. Thomson, director of the

Canada Council for the Arts. "The challenges we face in areas like audience development and copyright are among the issues we will be discussing at the summit," she told reporters.

The meeting is also expected to adopt a two-year action plan which will identify specific projects, timelines and responsibilities.

(Xinhua)

Growth Slow in Most Developing Countries: U.N. Report

UNITED NATIONS—Out of 95 developing countries monitored by the United Nations, 28 suffered an overall decline in per capita GDP in the last 35 years, according to the annual U.N. economic and social survey released here Thursday.

For the majority of developing countries, "growth is a very slow or even elusive process," said the report. GDP or gross domestic product per capita

doubles in 35 years if it grows at an annual average of 2 percent. Out of the 95 countries monitored by the U.N. Department of Economic and Social Affairs, 74 failed to reach this benchmark over the period. Moreover, the report said, 39 of the 74 have per capita GDP below 1,000 U.S. dollars (in 1995 dollars) in 1999, and 38 of these were in the same situation in 1964. No developing country

achieved an annual growth rate above 3 percent for 24 consecutive years, the time-frame required to double GDP per capita at such a growth rate, said U.N. economists, citing the experience of the last half century.

However, the growth record of the developing countries improved during the 1990s, with GDP per capita up 2.3 percent annually, against a 0.1 percent growth in the 80s. (Xinhua)

Effort To Combat Epidemic Fever in S. Arabia Continues

RIYADH—With one more death from Jizan in the south, the death toll linked to the Rift Valley Fever (RVF) rose to 39 in Saudi Arabia, the English-language newspaper Arab News reported Friday.

According to Ministry of Health, there were eight new cases detected from the same area, including four in Asir and one in the Eastern Province, bringing the total number of the affected people to 189, the newspaper said.

Minister of Agriculture and Water Abdullah Muammar continued his inspection tour in the Jizan region where he confirmed to citizens that health conditions were under control. Muammar also urged local people to cooperate with spraying teams working in the area. He said two vaccines had been used to protect from RVF,

noting that seven more helicopters were dispatched to the region on Thursday evening as a batch of the 20 helicopters to spray insecticides against mosquitoes, which carry the virus from infected animals to humans.

The RVF disease, which broke out in Saudi southern city of Jizan near the border with Yemen on September 11, was first reported in Kenya, Africa in 1930 and was believed to have been brought into Saudi Arabia through cattle imported from Africa or through people already infected with it.

RVF virus is transmitted from livestock to human by mosquitoes. It causes high fever, diarrhea, nausea, internal bleeding and dysfunction of kidneys that can result in death. The disease has also claimed 31 lives in Yemen and over 100 people have also

been infected by the virus in the neighboring country.

As there is no medicine against the disease Saudi and Yemeni authorities are stepping up joint preventive measures. Saudi government has allocated some 24 million Saudi riyals (6.4 million U.S. dollars) to combat the disease. Saudi Minister of Health Osama Abdul-Majid Shobakshi, who started a tour in Jizan on Saturday, said the government was also contacting the World Health Organization (WHO) to follow the developments of the disease and control it.

An international anti-RVF team arrived in Yemen earlier in the week has been working on the disease in Hodaida Governorate, 230 kilometers to the northwest of the capital, Sanaa.

(Xinhua)

Second OPEC Summit Closes

CARACAS—The OPEC wrapped up its summit here Thursday in the midst of brotherhood and cordiality.

Six heads of state and five high-ranking officials of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries' 11 members attended the summit, the first in 25 years. The cartel represents 40 percent of the world's oil production and 75 percent of proved reserves of the planet.

Present at the summit as observers were representatives of independent oil producing countries like Mexico, Angola, Russia, Oman and Norway. The meeting ended with the approval of the Caracas Declaration. During the summit, leaders agreed to the need to strengthen the organization's unity, tighten relations between members, defend fair prices and guarantee an efficient oil provision. "United we're unbeatable," said Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez Frias.

The wish to maintain dialogue with consumer countries was expressed in order to gain the oil market's stability and impulse the world's economic prosperity.

On the other hand, a call was made to industrialized countries to make their

own contribution to oil price stability, solve refinery problems, end speculation and revise high taxes applied to the final consumer, instead of blaming the OPEC as the only one responsible for high prices.

The second OPEC summit has fomented heads of member countries a scenario to exchange opinions, coordinate positions and design strategies to face the new century's new challenges, leaving aside past disagreements, and sending out to the world a message from an organization of even further strengthened developing countries.

The OPEC, which was founded on September 14, 1960, has 11 member countries now: Saudi Arabia, Algeria, the United Arab Emirates, Indonesia, Iraq, Iran, Libya, Kuwait, Nigeria, Qatar, and Venezuela. Venezuelan Mines and Energy Minister Ali Rodriguez is the rotating chairman of the cartel. At the end it was decided to hold a summit in every five years.

Its first summit was convened in the Algerian capital of Algiers in 1975. Since then OPEC gatherings have been held only on ministerial level. (Xinhua)

Bashar to Pay First Visit to Egypt on Sunday

CAIRO_ Syrian President Bashar al-Assad is due in Cairo Sunday as the first leg of his first trip abroad since taking office in July. Bashar is expected to hold talks with Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak on the current situation in the Mideast peace, especially the Syrian track, the Arabic Al Akhbar reported Wednesday.

The two presidents will also discuss ways of restoring solidarity of the Arab world and means of strengthening bilateral political and economic relations, the government newspaper quoted Syrian sources as saying.

The Palestinian-Israeli peace talks have achieved no progress on key issues though discussions and contacts have been carried out on and off these days while the peace process between Syria and Israel has been stalled since January. The fate of the Golan Heights captured by Israel in the 1967 Mideast war had been the deal-breaker in the Syrian-Israeli peace talks early this year. Syria held firm in its demand for a total return of the Heights while Israel insisted a conditional handover. The sources said Bashar would also visit Saudi Arabia and Bahrain during his coming trip. (Xinhua)

Anti-Govt Armed Group Members Surrender in Myanmar

YANGON- Fifty-two members from four anti-government armed groups in Myanmar laid down their arms to the government forces in August, official newspaper The New Light of Myanmar reported Friday.

These members of the Shan-State United Revolutionary Army (SURA), Chin National Army (CNA), All Burma Students' Democratic Front (ABSDF) and Kayin National Union (KNU) "exchanged arms for peace" in northern, northeastern, northwestern, eastern, southeastern and coastal region command areas in the month. They brought along with them a total of 95 rounds of ammunition, the report said.

The SURA, CNA and KNU are anti-government ethnic armed groups respectively operating in the country's Shan, Chin and Kayin states, while the ABSDF is a similar students' organization operating in the Myanmar-Thai border areas.

Up to now, 17 anti-government ethnic armed groups as well as the Mong Tai Army, led by former drug warlord Khun Sa, have made peace with the government with cease-fire agreements reached between them. (Xinhua)

Death Toll in Greek Ferry Tragedy Rises to 72

ATHENS- The death toll from Greece's ferry accident near the Aegean island of Paros had increased to 72 by Friday afternoon following six more bodies were found near the shipwreck site.

The "Express Samina", owned by Greece's Minoan shipping company, sank late Tuesday after it rammed into a rock some three miles off Paros. A total of 452 people, including 72 foreigners, have been rescued. At least seven people are still missing.

More than 500 passengers and crew members were aboard the 34-year-old ferry, which was due to be withdrawn from service late December. The vessel is now lying at a depth of 38 meters under the sea, and there is no oil leak. (Xinhua)

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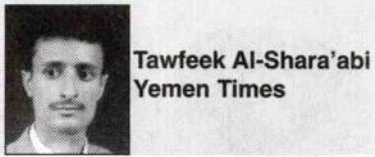


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Back to the Old "Clean" Days



Tawfeek Al-Shara'abi
Yemen Times

It is vital to see one's city clean and beautiful. It is unquestioned to affirm that a civilized society is measured by how clean it is. Thus cleanliness should be paid heed to achieve a real civilized society. What is unusually noticeable is that cleanliness is such a secondary matter in our society. It is not given the attention needed and as a result piles of rubbish frequently accumulate in streets, corners, alleys, etc. However, when it comes to times of celebration, things radically change. It was undoubtedly clear that cleaning campaigns were extensively launched during the past few months, particularly during the unity festivities. Not only that but this was associated with a regular supervision by the authorities concerned whose activities used to be in full swing. Streets were cleaned and re-asphalted, walls were painted white; pavements were well-built and planted. It was also associated with developing-awareness programs on TVs, radio, and other media, to keep the city clean. However, the time celebration was over, there has been a visible mark-down in such activities. One

of the virtues of the unity festivals was that walls were built and painted white. Actually that was a good action to be appreciated. It reflected a good and clean picture. However, it is a pity to say that good things never last. As soon as these festivities were over; developing-awareness programs disappeared, the authorities' supervision dwindled, and cleaning campaigns receded. What is more distressing is that the white picture we used to see has been changed into a defaced one as companies, computer and English institutes and other institutions have started putting their logos and mottos on public and private building walls.

Advertisement Value:

It is a fact that advertisement is such a pivotal device for marketing goods. It is a science by itself. Many a company spends a great deal of its capital on advertising. These companies are highly aware of the value and meaning of advertisement. They also know how to advertise following the state-of-the-art techniques including putting ads on newspapers, magazines, space channels, etc. Some put their logos on T-shirts and distribute them for free. Competitions may be organized and draw is made for valuable prizes, consequently attracting the public attention to their goods and products.

However, the case in our country seems to be different. Companies' and institutes' owners are not aware of advertisement value. If at all they think of it, they ask some guys to go and paint their mottos on public and private building walls or in any space available. However, they are completely mistaken for instead of gaining in publicity, putting ads randomly on streets will make all feel repulsive and loathsome to such ads and goods. Besides, ads deface the beauty around. Therefore, they did this out of their ignorance and their premature awareness to the importance of cleanliness. They also carry out that as they find it a money-saving way. This has actually made streets and walls appear like a real dirt.

The funny thing is that some people go on writing their names and memories for remembrance. Others may put and write graffiti. How stupid?! What is killing is that this is done before the very eyes of the authorities concerned who have never bothered to move to stop this bad and chaotic conduct.

Problem of Authorities Concerned:

One can easily attribute the occurrence of this phenomenon to the lack of sense of responsibility on part of the authorities concerned. It is their duty to launch cleaning campaigns; intro-

duce developing-awareness programs to create awareness among the people on TV, radio and in schools, companies and all other governmental and non-governmental institutions. By this all sections of the society will derive direct benefit. The authorities concerned have also to set up special boards in streets, specially for ads, posters and stickers; put litter-bins in streets; conduct field supervision to enhance rules and force their application, imposing fines in case violations were reported.

Putting litter-bins in streets only will never do as long as these officials will never come up with the goods and carry out things out of interest and responsibility. Not when there are high instructions from top officials in the Authority.

In short, maintaining cleanliness in our society, in general, and in the capital in particular, will never be achieved unless there is an interest and sense of responsibility by those officials in charge. It should not be restricted to some time and some occasions. Rather, it should be for all the time. I do cherish the idea that our arm-chair officials will respond to this clarion call and move to retrieve things before going back to the old DIRTY days.

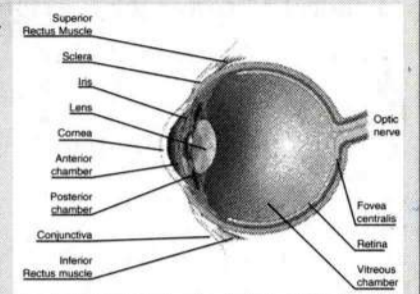


OPHTHALMIC EDUCATION (13)

Traumatic Eye Injuries in Children

Eye injuries in children are a significant cause of unilateral blindness in Yemen. Unfortunately we don't know the extent of these injuries because of lack of information all over Yemen. An internal audit performed by the authors in the eye department in Al-Thawra hospital covering one calendar year (1999) showed the following: -

- 14.3% of all eye surgical procedures performed were related to eye injuries.
- The eye was ruptured and needed repair in 79.7% of these procedures.
- 66.2% were children under the age of 16 years.
- From the above numbers we realize the burden of eye injuries in Yemen and it shows that almost two thirds of these patients are children under 16 years.
- Ocular trauma is a frequent reason for emergency department visits at pediatric hospitals. The extent of trauma may range from simple superficial injuries to devastating penetrating injuries of the eyelids, lacrimal system, and globe.
- Males usually outnumber the females. The frequency of injuries among boys increased markedly from the age of 8. The majority of injuries occurred in children between the ages of 11 to 15 years.
- Ocular injuries in children above 10 years of age are most commonly play and sport-related, whereas injuries at home accounts for the majority of trauma in children less than 10 years. Stones and sharp objects are the most common and most of the sharp objects are household instruments. In Yemen missile injuries from children playing with BB guns or sharp projectiles are common cause for lacerated eyes.
- Eye findings are very common in physically abused children. It is very rare that these findings necessitate surgery; however, ocular manifestations of child abuse are important for the eye doctor to maintain a high index of suspicion for child abuse in the traumatized eye.



REMEMBER

- Trauma to the eye is common in our community.
- Most of these patients are in the pediatric age group.
- The numbers above don't include the cases of blunt injuries that are referred to the eye clinic.
- We need to increase the awareness about safety among the people in our community and children in their schools to decrease the number of this avoidable problem.

Routine eye exam by an eye specialist is very important. It is your sight and your eyes need every care they deserve.

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Hammering Away at Diseases

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Many non-governmental organizations are to be found all over the world. These work in different spheres for the development of their societies. In my opinion, health care organizations are the most important institutions because they have undertaken responsibility for caring for people's health. Such organizations play an undeniable role in developing countries where diseases claim lives of countless people, specially of women and children. In Yemen, there is a good number of international organizations working in different domains, but few of them offer health services. One of those outstanding health care organizations in Yemen is Hammer Forum. V. Hammer Forum was established in 1990 and began working in Yemen seven years later.



Dr. Ali Abdullah Al-Zakhami, chairman of the society in an interview to the Yemen Times said that the society offered health services in all cities and districts of the Republic. Many patients who badly required treatment

abroad are taken to Germany under arrangement by the society. In this regard, the society conducts a number of field surveys on all epidemic diseases and focuses on those people who can not afford treatment. Files of such patients are then sent to Germany and as soon as positive replies are received, traveling procedures are finalized by the society itself. Patients are always sent with representatives from the society's office in Sana'a. The society receives cases including,

congenital anomalies, Osteomyelitis, heart diseases and many others such as those related to malignant tumor in brain and spine. In 1999, 85 patients were sent for treatment in Germany. During this year 78 patients have been sent so far for the same reasons, most of whom have returned in good health. "Some patients need a long time of treatment," said chairman. "For example, one of the patients spent more than 7 months with DM 3,000 daily expenses."

A senior delegation from the society headquarters in Germany visits Yemen biennially to do a number of operations and to participate in vaccination campaigns. The society also provides some patients with drugs specially those scarcely found in local markets. Some patients' families are even financially supported while patients are in Germany for treatment. In addition, Hammer Forum supports a number of hospitals here such as Burns Center in Taiz and the Military Hospital in Sana'a. An agreement has been reached between the society's representative and governor of Taiz to build a center for burns treatment in which the governor committed himself to provide the buildings while the society will provide necessary equipment and train the cadre. "However," said Dr. Al-Zakhami "We have no idea whether the buildings are ready or not." Coordination with the Ministry of health is unlikely to take place. "Complicated routine has made many donors give up helping Yemen especially when they see that money donated is not spent through its proper channels," said Dr. Al-Zakhami, "let alone the Ministry's orders to send

some patients, who can not be cured, abroad," he added. Dr. Abbas Mohammed Al-Samawi, Head of Orthopedic Department in the Al-Jomhuri Hospital said that the chairman of the society visited the hospital requesting to be briefed on cases in the hospital. Some patients were then chosen to be taken to Germany for treatment. Moreover, a German professor visited the Orthopedic Department and carried on free of charge examinations for 30-50 patients a day.

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Ten Years of German Unity

Message of Greeting On the Occasion of the Tenth Anniversary of German Unity

by Joschka Fischer,
Federal Minister for Foreign Affairs

On 3 October 2000 we will be celebrating the tenth anniversary of German Unity. After forty years of an enforced division Germany was once again united with the agreement of all its neighbours and allies. For the first time in our history German is surrounded only by friends and partners. For that we are grateful. And we see it also as an obligation in terms of the future.

At home tackling the task of creating comparable living conditions throughout Germany, reuniting in the social, economic and also psychological sense two societies that for decades had been cast in very different moulds remains an epochal challenge. Impressive progress has been made, for example in building an ultra-modern infrastructure in the new Lander. Yet there is still much to be done. Only active solidarity on the part of each and every one will allow the work to go forward. That means, too, that the entire nation has a responsibility to take a clear stand against all forms of xenophobic and racist violence.

The yearning for freedom of the Central and Eastern European nations and the end of the Cold War brought about not only German unity but also profound change in the international arena. Faced with the challenges of globalization and the renewed outbreak of conflict in the Balkans and many other parts of the world, Germany needs like others, too, to redefine its foreign policy role. There are two fundamentals, however, to which we are committed. Firstly, the need for foreign policy continuity. Given Germany's history, we fully recognize the importance of predictability and trust in this area. Secondly, in pursuing our interests we have opted for the "multilateral imperative". Clearly Germany's participation in cooperative international institutions has been a key factor in overcoming its historically precarious position in Europe and paving the way to unity.

Also in the future the paramount goal of German foreign policy is to make peace secure and the rule of law prevail. On this basis our priorities are:

- to complete European integration, both by deepening cooperation and by enlarging the Union through the admission of new members, notably from Central and Eastern Europe. We attach particular importance here to building on the successful cooperation with our closest partner, France;
- to expand and recalibrate the transatlantic partnership, which also has a vital role to play in responding to the new global challenges ahead;
- to bring greater stability to the Balkans and move South-East Europe closer to the Europe closer to the Europe of integration;
- to steadily develop our friendly ties with Russia;
- to steadily expand our friendly ties with the countries of Africa, Asia and Latin America. With new approaches and carefully honed strategies, believing solidarity and self-responsibility go hand in hand, we intend to step up our cooperation with these countries;
- to strengthen the United Nations, the indispensable, pivotal institu-

tion for addressing the momentous challenges facing humanity, issues such as the maintenance of world peace, securing respect for human rights, conflict prevention and protection of the environment as well as promoting more equitable and sustained social and economic development;

- to foster efforts across the world aimed at a peaceful accommodation of interests and to this end to actively support the many initiatives to develop closer regional cooperation.

The political process that ten years ago enabled Germany to regain its unity was impressive proof that the path of integration and cooperation Germany embarked on following the catastrophe of World War II and the Holocaust, a catastrophe for which Germany was responsible, was indeed the right path. And that is the path we will continue to pursue, conscious of Germany's responsibility for the past and at the same time ready, where we have the capacity to do so, to assume at the international level responsibility for the future.

Ten years ago: Economy and currency set the course

Reconstruction of East German State-run economy cost DM 230 billion

Bonn/Berlin (INP) - "If the D-mark doesn't come here, we'll go to it," chanted the people in the former German Democratic Republic (GDR) shortly after the fall of the Berlin Wall on November 9, 1989. The widespread wish of the East Germans was suddenly palpable. All of them were now able to cross the border to the West, where each was handed DM 100 as official "welcome money" so that they could at least buy something in the Federal Republic to take back home. The East German currency was one of the weakest in the world, while the D-mark was already one of its hardest. Ten years ago, on October 3, 1990, the Germans in East and West then also celebrated Germany's political unity. Chancellor Helmut Kohl had realised it with a single-minded sense of purpose.

The West German answer to the East German compatriots' cry "We are one people!" could not be "One people, but with two different currencies", despite all the difficulties for the national economy that giving them the D-mark might entail. Ten years after creation of economic, monetary and social union between the Federal Republic of Germany and the German Democratic Republic on July 1, 1990, Federal Economics Minister Werner Müller declared unequivocally in Berlin: "There was no alternative, even if a drastic cure of the East German economy was the unavoidable consequence." Most East Germans were satisfied with exchanging their savings for D-marks at a rate of 1:1 up to a certain amount, and at 2:1 after that. Now they were able to buy something for their savings. They bought cars and other consumer goods from all European Union countries, things which they could never buy in the GDR. The downside of the conversion was that East German debts also had to be booked in D-marks. This was a heavy burden for Easy Germany's former State-owned enterprises. They broke up with the decline of Comecon, the economic union of the Communist Bloc, and the disappear-

ance of GDR's traditional markets. Many East German products could not compete on world markets in terms of quality. The GDR industries were also unprofitable. The eastern German productivity rate was, and still is, much lower than that of western German industry. On the other hand, wage costs in eastern Germany have risen to close to western German levels. Eastern Germans who have only a slightly lower cost-of-living (housing, food and drink) than the people in western Germany understandably also want to be paid accordingly. The eastern Germans demanded, and still do, the same pay for the same work. The unavoidable consequence of the costs crisis was that many eastern German businesses had to declare bankruptcy. Millions of eastern Germans were jobless, at least for a while, or took early retirement thanks to a generous temporary arrangement in the now all-German social security system. At the same time, due not least to foreign investors, new and secure jobs emerged in eastern Germany in high-tech sector such as motor vehicle manufacture and semiconductor chip production.

The privatisation of the former Communist GDR State-run economy, implemented by the Treuhand [Trust] agency and its successor, the Federal Office for Unification-related Special Tasks, cost about DM 230 billion. This sum includes the cost of modernising, redeveloping and in some cases also shutting down the 14,000 former GDR enterprises, as well as of remedying environmental degradations. Ten years after the Treuhand Act came into force on July 1, 1990, most of the original tasks have been completed. The remainder are being handled by other institutions. The remaining major expenditure, according to the authorities in Berlin, totals DM 2.3 billion for eliminating "legacy burdens" in the eastern federal states of Saxony, Saxony-Anhalt, Brandenburg and Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania.

"The necessary trust in united Germany in foreign policy terms is linked essentially to its anchoring in the western alliance and system of values," emphasised Chancellor Gerhard Schröder 10 years after the achievement of German unity. The European Council of Ministers declared in Dublin as early as the spring of 1999: "We are glad that German unification is taking place under a European roof." That was reinforced in February 1992 with the signing of the EU's Maastricht Treaty. The treaty included the partners' agreement on European economic and monetary union (EMU). This came into force on January 1, 1999 with the official introduction of the European single currency, the euro, which will go into circulation as cash from 2002.

True, the European monetary union idea dated from earlier times. The then Luxembourg prime minister Paul Werner, for example, put it up for discussion at the beginning of the 1970s. At the end of that decade the European Community (as it was then named) took a first concrete step towards it with the European Monetary System (EMS), which pegged the exchange rates of national currencies to each other. European unity now calls for a common currency. Like the unifying D-mark in West and East Germany 10 years ago, Europe is now to get the euro.

Hermann Horstkotte
(INTER NATIONES)



The way it was then: on the eve of October 3, 1990, one million eastern and western Germans celebrated the Day of German Unity at the Reichstag in Berlin with the Federal Government led by Helmut Kohl

"WE ARE ONE PEOPLE"

The glue that holds the Germans together

By: Professor Dr. Elisabeth Noelle-Neumann

"We are facing a pile of ruins," Lothar Gall, the historian, said. That was almost at the end of a one-day symposium on the topic "The glue that holds us together in Germany", organised by ZDF television this summer to mark the tenth anniversary of reunification. Professor Dieter Stolte, the head of ZDF, explained the aims of the symposium: the idea was to be in a better position to answer the question "What does the inner cohesion of our nation consist of? How tightly, or how loosely have the stitches of reunification now been sewn by the East and the West? What direction must our society move in?" There was a long series of gloomy statements. Ex-president Von Weizsacker did his best to brighten things up: "It is the past and the future which hold us together - glory and remorse." Right at the end, Marcel Reich-Ranicki applied some discipline to create a certain degree of order: "We are held together by three things: commerce - the past - culture."

Since April 1990, the Allensbacher Institute has been interviewing 2000 Germans, a representative cross-section of society, and asking this question: "Is German reunification more a reason for you to rejoice or more a cause of concern?" Every month, the same result was repeated in Eastern and Western Germany. A large majority of the Eastern Germans always said "More a reason to rejoice". And, with a short interruption from 1992 to 1994, the Western Germans also regularly responded: "more a reason to rejoice". Now, in summer 1999, 48% of Western Germans said "More a reason to rejoice", against 28% saying "More a cause of concern".

In a test of which concepts were associated with good feelings and which with bad, 70% of those asked in August/September 1999 said they associated the word "reunification" with good feelings; 19% said "bad". In the spring 1999 survey, people were asked

what they hoped for most, and out of 17 wishes one of the top hopes, ranked third in both Western and Eastern Germany, was "That German unity might succeed".

There have been repeated attempts to reformulate the questions in order to reveal the bad feelings that are always alleged to exist between Western Germans and Eastern Germans. "If it were actually possible, for example via a referendum, would you be in favour of reversing reunification, or against it?" was one of the questions in August/September. 14% of the Western Germans and 8% of the Eastern Germans would like to reverse reunification.

The strongest signal which emerged from the demonstrations in Leipzig in autumn 1989 and which has gone down in German history for ever was the cry "We are one people!" For a time, it looked as though this realisation had got lost after reunification. In 1994, an Allensbacher survey for the first time asked: "What do you think? Do you feel that this slogan is apt or misplaced today?" The majority of Western Germans - 50% with 30% against - said in 1994: "It still applies today." 24% said "it is misplaced" in the survey conducted in late August/early September 1999, which forms the basis for this report.

The most important basis for a forecast of whether unity will work is the response to this question from the new Lander. In four steps since 1994, the belief that the statement "We are one people!" is still apt today has spread: from 32% in 1994 to 38% in 1997, 42% in 1998, and 45% in 1999.

The important point here is the continuity of the trend. What is feeding this growing belief? At the symposium mentioned above, Lothar Spah said: "No-one is curious, the West is not curious about the East, the East is not curious about renewal...". If there were a little more curiosity, people would long since have discovered what opinion polls show in every new survey: the striking family likeness of the German in West and East.

Family likeness is an unscientific, but generally understood concept. It is used here to distinguish between characteristics derived from the state ideology of the GDR, from the media, education and systems of control on the one hand and what on the other the symposium termed roots: heritage, history, tradition, culture, popular culture, homeland. The family likenesses between Eastern and Western Germans are to be found in the latter characteristics.

Proverbs bear witness to shared roots. Ten were tested in the survey. Half were known by more than 80% of Western and Eastern Germans, and only in two cases was the percentage of those familiar with that particular saying more than 10% apart. The question "Which of these sayings do you fully agree with, which can you subscribe to from your own experience?" arrived at the same results.

"Speech is silver, silence is golden": 51% of Western Germans and 58% of Eastern Germans put this saying in first place. "Those who dig a trap for others will fall in themselves": 43% of



German President Johannes Rau (left) welcomes Chancellor Gerhard Schröder at Schloss Bellevue, his official residence in Berlin.

Western Germans and 41% of Eastern Germans said "I can confirm that from my own experience". "Ingratitude is the reward of this world": that is true, said 46% of Western and 53% of Eastern Germans. A family likeness is already apparent: the scepticism, the suspicious, the distrust.

But there is also pride, no matter how restrained. Asked straight out whether they are proud of their nationality, fewer Germans say yes than any other nation. The shared history is a heavy burden.

But when asked more cautiously about what one can be proud of as a German, the views of Western and Eastern

Germans coincide almost entirely. They are proud of the rebuilding after the war (87% of the Western and 83% of the Eastern Germans). They are proud of Goethe, Schiller, and great poets and of Beethoven, Bach, the classical composers (80% and 90% respectively).

The same goes for the medieval towns and churches (38 and 86% respectively), the beautiful landscapes (80 and 88%), the achievements of German sportsmen and women (78 and 85%), German science and research (80 and 77%), cars from the Federal Republic (77 and 73%) and the quality of German products in general ("made in Germany") (77 and 73%).

The family likenesses are particularly striking in all matters affecting children: how to bring up a child, what table manners children should learn. This is an indirect reflection of the system of values of our society and it is another sign of the similarity between Eastern and Western Germans.

Since we know the extent to which totalitarian regimes try to affect the upbringing of children, an Allensbacher survey from July 1999 asked about childhood memories. The answers from East and West Germany were then broken down into the decades in which those surveyed grew up, the fifties, the sixties, and so on. The childhood memories did change from decade to decade, but did not differ between East and West Germany. In fact, the answers were so similar that it was as though Germany had never been divided.

The greatest surprise was the discovery of just how similar the characteristics of Western and Eastern Germans were after reunification. The idiosyncrasy of the Western Germans, known to us mainly from comparisons with other Europeans, is the particular intensity, the "boundless rejoicing/total depression" which can be demonstrated in a test developed by the Chicago-based scientist Norman Bradburn. This very same intensity and this moving from one extreme to the other was equally to be found in the Eastern Germans, as was the perfectionism, the tendency of men to play around with gadgets and the absolute "Here I stand, I can do no other", as Luther put it, which many Western and Eastern Germans regard as their personal ideal.

So what is it that holds the Germans together? Perhaps it can be put very simply. Perhaps it is even the most important feature if one wishes to describe what a nation is: the German want to live together.

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With a huge national flag and the flags of the 16 German federal states, young people at Berlin's Brandenburg Gate welcome the Day of German Unity. Ten years ago, on October 3, 1990 hundreds of thousands of people celebrated Germany's unification following the fall of the Berlin Wall in November 1989

Why do we need unity?

Vive la difference!

By Peter Schneider

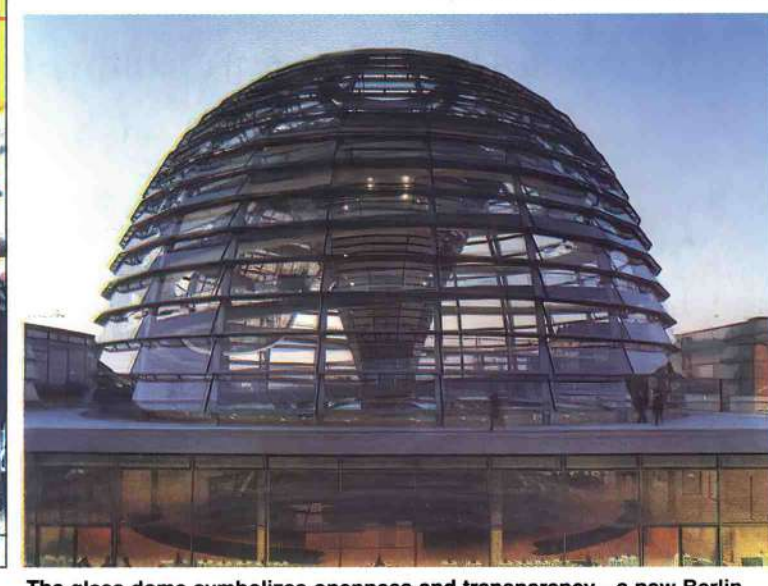
Obviously it was really stupid - and not only from the point of view of the tourism industry - to get rid of virtually the whole Wall. Leaving a bit of the border system in the city would help East and West Germans to communicate today - it would be a tangible reason why the Germans don't get on, after forty years of division and ten years of unity.

As far as I'm concerned, I'm surprised not at the "mental wall" but at the amazement it causes around the world and here in Germany. What did people expect? Is it really surprising that the Germans to the left and right of the Wall, who both grew up as model pupils at two extremely different boarding schools, took a closer look at one another after an initial enthusiastic welcome? People talk about the "wall in people's heads" as though it were something bad, somehow improper. But why? To me, nothing seems as helpless and false as the incessant calls for "internal unity". Ironing out all the differences between East and West is not even desirable. It is high time to stop all the complaints about the differences of perception and to start an open debate on which differences we should celebrate and which we should try to overcome.

Some differences that I regard as worthy of consideration are for example the strict separation of church and state which the Germans have inherited from the GDR, the economic independence of women and the right to freely decide about pregnancy. But it is also true that not every difference is equally nice, and not all of them are worth keeping.

People in the eastern part of Germany still regard it as a provocation when they are told that the GDR was an unjust regime. If someone actually uses the technical term and calls it a "dictatorship", he is told that he cannot use a term like that for the socialist regime, when it is reserved for the Nazi tyranny. Why is half a people, which after the Nazi dictatorship ended up under a socialist dictatorship, unable to admit that this was the case? It is a fact that the cards in the intra-German game have been dealt out unequally, and there is no point in the West Germans denying their superior expertise in democracy and the market economy, which they owe to their geographical fortune, just for the sake of some sort of political correctness.

The rapid monetary union proved to be a further act of expropriation. Learned scholars debate whether there was an alternative to this. But did it have to



The glass dome symbolizes openness and transparency—a new Berlin landmark



mean that 94% of the production capacity of the former GDR now belongs to West German or foreign firms?

By an irony of history, some of the errors made during reunification hit both East and West Germans. The West German "victor", who was taken by surprise in his sleep, has transferred his own structures to the new Lander - structures which had long been in need of reform. These include the dilapidated university system, the absurd surplus of civil servants, the regional collective bargaining system, and a welfare state which had become unaffordable even before the Wall came down. People today rightly speak of the "fairness trap": in which both East and West Germans have been caught. Of course it is "unfair" when East German blue and white-collar workers earned between 10 and 20% less than their West German counterparts for the same work. But given that their productivity is still up to 40% below the West German level, this "unfair" wage is still too high, or to be more precise it is counterproductive, as it drives the investors across to Poland and the Czech Republic. Economics experts tell us that the "fair" concept of rapidly aligned wages is keeping more than a million GDR citizens in unemployment.

With socialist confidence, Erich Honecker announced: "The Wall that protects us from robbers" will stand for a hundred years. If we fail to overcome the economic disparities between East and West, this prophecy could prove true in a very unexpected way.

The author, born in 1940, lives as a writer in Berlin-Charlottenburg. His story entitled "Der Mauerspringer" (The Wall Jumper) was published in 1982 and is one of the most remarked-on books about the Berlin Wall.

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DIA, Successful Example of Foreign Investment in Yemen

Imad al-Saqqaf
Farook al-Kamali

The main cause of development failure in the third world is fundamentally ascribed to administrative and financial corruption. Developmental backwardness could also be attributed to corrupt political systems or weak public participation in decision-making. Despite the fact that 3rd world countries suffer from technological and industrial backwardness, industrial countries refrain from facilitating transfer of technology to them. Instead of that they offer assistance which imposes additional burdens on these poor countries and keep them at a low level of development.

The largest part of these aids go to destinations and purposes other than basic humanitarian needs such as food, health, housing, sewerage, education, etc. and other important issues such as illiteracy eradication, creating more job opportunities, transportation, social security and justice.

Most international aid offered for some foreign projects goes to experts working in these projects. The daily income of the expert equals many times the average annual income of the Yemeni individual. The foreign expert has to train a group of citizens for the job he is doing. However, this does not happen in many countries. People in Arab countries highly doubt the ability of the International community to produce a tangible change in their countries. However, there are always exceptions.

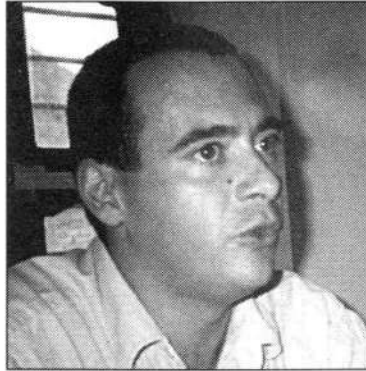
Yemeni Ministry of Planning and Development has signed agreements with foreign organizations on providing Yemen with aids and to implement projects aimed at fighting poverty and developing local societies.

This article is to shed light on a successful project carried out in Taiz by

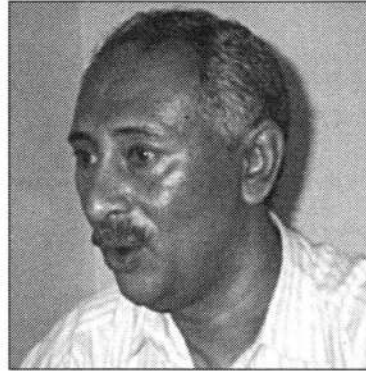
DIA, a French organization working in field of international development. The organization's aims are to establish development projects in different sectors including educational, social, health, local economic, environmental fields. The organization also encourages and works for a sustainable human development preparing citizens capable of shouldering responsibility. The DIA's currently implemented European Union-funded 2-year project is an integrated experimental one for rehabilitating the infrastructure. The project focuses on immediate help to improve the living conditions of the people by youths' active participation.

The organization's headquarters is in Taiz and it has a branch in Sana'a. Mrs. Aan Joruo is the representative of the organization in Yemen. Mr. Radlf is the technical coordinator of the organization who talked about the organization and its objectives and said "DIA is a French non-governmental organization. It exists in the south of France, working specially for young people to improve the quality of their life. We are mainly funded by the European Community. We are also working in different countries, in Portugal, Morocco, Iraq, and Bosnia. There we focus on the program of improving lives of young people. Here in Yemen it is quite larger. We focus on education, schools, health centers, specially in Taiz governorate. We are working in two districts al-Muwaset and Shamaiteen. We are also working in Lahj in the district of Wadi Duban. We have settled here in Taiz.

We came to Yemen in 1999. This is the first program we are implementing in Yemen. Our main office is in Taiz governorate and there is another office in Sana'a, which is a representative office. We are two groups: the technical group which takes charge of keeping agreements and the social group which takes charge of involving work-



Radlf



Farook

ing and participation of the people with the community."

Mr. Farook al-Saqqaf, financial and administrative manager of the project, talked about the project and said "Foreign projects have important role in economic development in Yemen. Our country suffers from economic depression, social problems, unemployment, etc.

DIA is an organization working for people and trying to develop people's abilities particularly of the youth. There are many latent talents which are not polished and are not made use of due to the limited resources and lack of encouragement on the part of the government. The organization tries to help upgrade youth abilities by holding training courses through setting up local committees. The organization has also organized training courses for school principals to develop their administrative skills. During these courses we discover latent talents and we encourage them.

As for the project now being carried out by DIA, it was already studied two years ago by a specialized committee from the EU, the organization and Yemeni government. Three districts were selected for this; two in Taiz and one in Lahj. In Taiz, 16 schools will be renovated in addition to 14 health units. We have started renovating some schools in some districts and are

still working on the other ones.

Technically we are doing the same activities as those done by the Social Fund for Development. At times we come to find that we both intend to work on the same site. However, one of the parties withdraws and goes to other districts in more desperate need of help."

Fahmi al-Sharif, a chief Engineer, said "Our activities and projects are different from those of the Social Fund for Development in the sense that the Fund establishes projects from loans with profits, but our projects are without any profit aiming at renovating and establishing schools and health units."

As for the social aspect of the project, Mrs. Sawzan al-Adimi said "Social activities of the organization are represented by organizing rural societies in which DIA is working. The organization organizes different rural committees consisting of some youths, males and females, and some people from villages. Through these committees problems facing these villagers are studied establishing the priorities the society should deal with and the role of the organization in solving these problems.

The organization is interested in exploring latent talents. For that reason, the organization organized, in coordination with the Ministry of

Youth and Sports office in Taiz and Hail Said Group of companies, a camp for 30 youths for rural areas. Other courses are organized for developing the rural women.

In town, we set up a committee for youths from different sources and organize for a workshop to define mechanisms of the committee's work objectives and to draw up a training plan for youths in the organization. Through this committee we discuss their needs, social problems, etc. One

of the problems is unemployment prevalent among graduates from Taiz university. We had made a questionnaire about this phenomenon to point out the reasons. Now we are working to sort out the results of this questionnaire."

DIA organization is pursuing commendable activities in the country. We hope that other organizations will follow suit and do something to relieve the suffering of the miserable section of the society.



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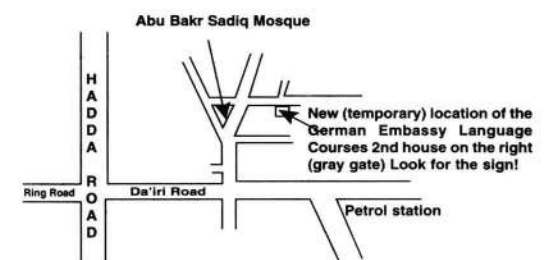
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Reasons behind Judicial Corruption and Assault on Judges



Hasan Al-Zayed,
Yemen Times

Incidents of assaulting judges have shown an increase during last year, 1999. Statistics for 1999 reveal that 40 attack incidents had taken place and judiciary officials say such incidents are increasing.

Despite introduction of the judiciary reform plan, corruption is rampant in almost all judicial institutions. The long tiring procedures, deadly courts' routine and judges' postponing of cases have made people lose trust in efficiency of courts. On the other hand, judges themselves have started asking for justice claiming limited resources and oppression of the Ministry of Finance.

Yemen Times came close to the core of the issue to reflect a clear picture of reasons behind not implementing verdicts, assaulting judges, corrupt practices of judges and judiciary system, judges' stand versus the latest Finance Ministry decision cancelling allowances and increasing judges salaries.

Abdulmalek Abdullah al-Jandari, an official at the judiciary Inspection Authority has been interviewed by Yemen Times and said "All these factors are related to each other. Approving the new allowances to members of the judiciary is a positive step to improve their performance. Its effect will be visible on those judges who are competent and qualified. Increasing their income means to take a heavy burden of responsibilities off their shoulders which will be clearly reflected in their performance.

However, in case of those unqualified, this won't have any positive effect.

According to my experience as a judiciary inspector I can say for certain that the proportion of corruption detected in judges is the least among the shortcoming in judiciary's performance. Such shortcomings include lack of understanding, insufficient qualification, lack of experience, daunted spirits due to low incomes, lack of incentives and lack of lawful background. There is also inefficiency in terms of weak articles and their inconvenience. There are also weaknesses in the standing order, rules that violate provisions of law, pressure of work, limited courts' resources, bad and unqualified assisting staff.

As a result of these factors, the judiciary performance has not been up to the standard. Many attempts were made to tackle this situation. However, as there has not been any clear vision regarding all other factors attached to this problem, all our attempts came to naught. In other words, at times symptoms of the problem were treated. However, the real problem was left untouched. For instance, many people started thinking that cases were not settled quickly. This has led officials to take measures for solving this phenomenon. However, this was the outcome of many reasons the foremost of which is the high flow of cases in courts, a thing that seems unprecedented. For example, the number of cases registered in primary courts in the capital secretariat in the first half of 1418 Hegira were 10182. This great number was distributed only among 20 judges. That is, every judge will have to deal with 509 cases in six months. These judges have settled in the first half of the year 6991 cases, that is, 69% of all the cases having been looked into. The settled cases

were achieved within the very limited financial at human resources available compared to courts and judges in other countries.

There are some other obstacles such as the weakness of legal culture, sluggishness of the judiciary authorities to the courts' decisions. All these reasons have led directly or indirectly to slow settlement of disputes and cases. This does not mean that judges do not have any hand in this, for some of them deliberately or indeliberately postpone finalizing cases. However, that does not have a big effect compared with the number of cases settled in all the governorates of the Republic.

In 1995, a judiciary survey was conducted and new specialized courts were set up. This action necessitated appointment of new judges who were mostly unqualified. Therefore, new courts have worsened and complicated things instead of making them better. This has resulted, in course of time, in campaigns against what is termed as corruption of the judiciary system. People started distrusting courts and judges. Consequently, assaulting judges as phenomenon started to appear. Actions were not promptly initiated to from the very beginning. Many judges were subjected to attacks and kidnapping, which if not tackled quickly will lead to more hazardous results in times to come."

While leaving offices of the judiciary inspection authority, I encountered a person in the corridor. His face was



ties on whoever thinks of violating judiciary rules and laws or whoever dares to blackmail people. Corruption in the judiciary system is the cancer of courts. Some times judges refuse to carry out orders from higher courts which is certainly the climax of corruption."

While talking to Mr. al-Sa'adi, a crowd of people gathered in the corridor complaining about the long tiresome deliberations of courts and the corrupt judges. Others have verdicts which have never seen light of day. All are saying that justice is not served, and that the state of law and

pale, with marks of despair and exhaustion clearly shown on it. On being asked he replied: "I'm Dr. Rajeh Nasser al-Sa'adi. I teach in the Faculty of Medicine, Sana'a university. I came here to complain against a judge."

We asked him about the phenomenon of attacking judges to which he replied, "What is evident is that there is oppression on people who seek justice and could hardly find it. An ordinary man will naturally try all means to achieve his lost right these may include kidnapping those suppressive judges and assaulting them.

There are some judges who find it good for them to prolong cases of people in courts so as to blackmail them into paying money. What is worse is that they deceive people by saying that verdicts are in their favor while they are against them. Sometimes they make obscure verdicts in a way it as becomes difficult for people to know whether verdicts are in their favor or against them.

Corruption and corrupt judges are a result of the absence of judiciary inspection that enforces heavy penal-

order does not exist.

One of complainants is Mr. Mohammed Ali Nasser al-Sa'adi who said "I am a soldier in a camp at the borders. I do defend and protect my country and my property is blundered. If I absent myself from the camp, my salary disappears in thin air. I have been following the deliberations of my case for 25 years. I have won verdicts from the primary court to the highest supreme court. I have spent all that I have in life to get back my rights. I have spent around 2 millions. However, all these verdicts remain nothing more than ink on paper. The judge asked for YR 60,000 so as to implement the verdict."

Regarding assaulting judges, he said "We will take the law into our hands if justice is not served. What the hell you expect me to do after 25 years of following up these damn deliberations and corrupt judges!

We have reached the highest court in the country and still we could not find justice. Shall we appeal to the International Court of Justice?"

Mohammed Saif Hamid Al-Khalid

"I want to save garden endangered plants and shrubs, and to create a centre for attracting tourists to enjoy the magnificent views overlooking Adeem valley, the desert and the gulf of Aden"



Mohammad N.
Al-Hakeemi,
Yemen Times,
Taiz

Mr. Mohammed Saif Hamid Al-Khalid is a UAE citizen of Yemeni origin. He holds an honor degree in system engineering and a master degree in systems and control. He is a member of major engineering institutions. His activity is concentrated around the provision of petroleum engineering expertise and support.

Frequently, Mr. Al-Khalid visits his native village in Turbat Thubhan, Taiz province, in which he has developed medium size agriculture projects divided into three phases, phase one was essentially experimental one and involves approximately 1.5 acres of lands in the neighborhood of new house that was built for his family. The second phase was an expansion in the neighborhood of the first phase which involves approximately six acres. The third phase is in a cliff in an area of approximately three to four acres and it overlooks the Adeem valley and in there endangered species of plants and shrubs are nursed. There are also other

fruit trees and in particular coffee plants are grown. It is hoped that the pleasant atmosphere around the year and the magnificent views of the Adeem valley which terminate at the gulf of Aden some 60 to 70 km away will attract tourists to the area.

On the top of his resort, 1960 meters high above sea surface, Mr. Mohammed Al-Hakimi of Yemen Times met with Hamid. Here are the excerpts:

Q: How was the start?

A: I started my farm in 1990 at Hesbara village for my father who doesn't have any other children. I am his only son. In fact, it was a simple start, there was a plenty of water which encouraged me to make farm round my luxurious house which I built for the sake of my father also. I started with an acre and then it was expanded to three acres.

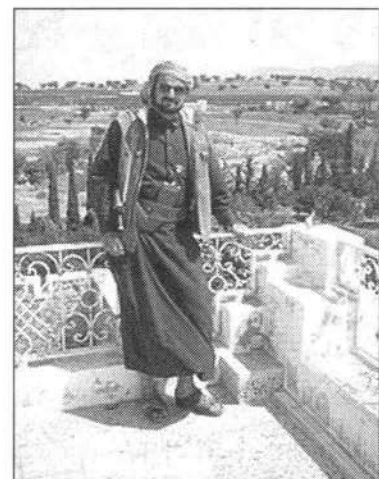
Q: What do you grow in the farm?

A: We grow almost all trees. We grow in the new areas the plants that suits with the weather here. We set aside mangoes because it quite cold here. We concentrate on growing most suitable plants like apples, oranges, citrus trees, guava, pomegranates, mandarins, forest trees, and establishment trees. The first phase of development which surrounded my house is approximately three acre, i.e. nearly thousand square meters. Other plants are also planted like beaches, apricots, olives, coffee, grapes.

Q: Could you tell us about other phases of development of your agriculture project?

A: Well, the second consists of developing approximately 3.5 hectares of land adjacent to the main road connecting Turba. Three more wells were drilled providing sufficient water for the expansion.

The other phase consisted of developing approximately two thousand apple



trees, four hundred citrus fruit, two fifty guava trees, four hundred pomegranates, and another trees, four hundred pomegranates and another 400 Another hundred American variety peaches.

Another development was directed towards creating an environmental compound of approximately two hectares where endangered species of plants and shrubs are nursed. Also necessary services such as water tanks, containing about 200 cubic meters of irrigation water and a tourist resort consisting of seven floors for accommodating visitors is being completed.

Q: What is the total area for the three phases of development?

A: It is seven hectares.

Q: What was the total cost of investment?

A: The total gross investment was approximately \$3m.

Q: What sort of animals can be seen in the this phase of development?

A: You can see most birds and many little animals which gather round and above the farm. They are never hurt and they feel safe there.

Q: What are your future plans?

myself.

Then I asked a citizen who informed me the following. "He established a Quranic school, water projects, paved roads, built mosques, provided schools for sewing and he intends to perform lots of services highly needed by his neighbors in the village.

Q: What do you hope for?

A: I hope that this project in Turba is fully developed so that we would receive our fair shares of tourist attention, in order to encourage to finance more developments. I hope to develop this land in order to find out the best plans suited for the environment from the point of production and aesthetic aspects and to give special consideration to the ecological aspects for saving garden endangered species of local

plants and shrubs, and to create a center for attracting tourist to enjoy the magnificent views overlooking Adeem valley (wadi) and the desert and the gulf of Aden, leading to open desert and terminating at shores of gulf of Aden.

Q: Any last message to improve the locality and to create opportunities for the local population?

A: Additionally we hope to commence a practical model for saving our environment, and to give a practical example for encouraging future investment from within Yemen and abroad. I hope that the Yemeni government would take practical measures to encourage serious investors by way of reconsidering import duties on essential equipment for for such schemes.



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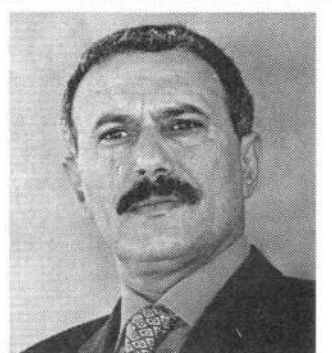
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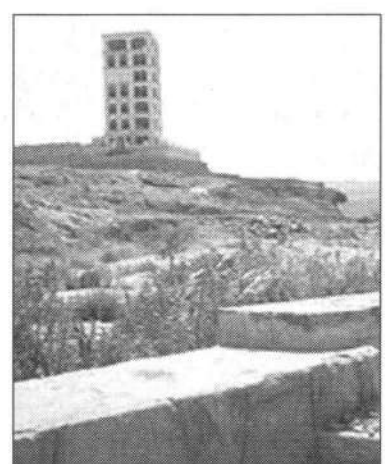
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السابع والثلاثون لثورة ١٤ أكتوبر.



26 SEPTEMBER



Press Scanner

Prepared by Mohammed Khidhr

The 38th anniversary of September 26 Revolution, 1962 has captured the main headlines of Yemeni newspapers front pages and most of those papers articles and editorials. Many state-run and non-governmental newspaper have issued special editions on the occasion.

Review of the major news headlines front-paged in this week's Yemeni newspapers.

- The president Defends Amendments, Assails Opposition Nationwide Celebrations Observing Yemeni Revolution Anniversary
- 20 Saudi Planes Spray Rift Valley Infected Areas
- Saddam International Airport Receives 1st Yemeni Aircraft for 10 Years
- Bajammal: Our Visit to Baghdad, Humanitarian Message to Alleviate Iraq's People Suffering
- Aziz: We Highly Appreciate Yemeni Initiative
- General Strike in Palestinian Territories, Anan Calls for Self-Restraint
- Rift Valley Fever Claims Tens of Lives
- PGC-YSP Crisis Aggravated
- Tawahi Court Issues Death Sentence Against Haidara
- Al-Mahara Women Demand Ousting the Governor
- YSP Accuses Authority of Conspiring to Dissolve it
- Educational Professions Syndicate Delegation Heads for Baghdad

Excerpt from some articles and editorials published in some of Yemeni press this week.

RAY weekly, organ of Sons of Yemen League, September 26, 2000.

RAY editorial this week is devoted to the revolution anniversary saying, today all the Yemenis are rallying behind the 6 aims of their revolution to

renew the pledge and loyalty to these aims to be guided by them in their march towards their aspirations. These goals are still alive in the soul of the people who realize that the revolution has not been only an instrument for the ruling system and its mechanisms. It was a revolution aimed at effecting a comprehensive change of the reality of the people. They are goals that every day make a revolution and call everyday for a revolution embodying these gigantic aims. It confirms the fact that the revolution is an act of ever changing refusing life's stagnation.

The people realize that the revolution did not attain its goals on September 26 but rather had planted their first seeds and that it is in need of permanent need of renewal and a series of revolutions in every walk of life.

AL-RA'IE AL-A'AM independent weekly, September 26, 2000.

The weekly's editorial says today our people celebrate the 38th anniversary of the revolution that had put an end to periods of ignorance, backwardness and isolation imposed on the people throughout the periods of Imamate rule. Upon victory of the revolution the country had inaugurated a new phase of construction and comprehensive development. With the elapse of these years it has become not possible to hold a comparison between the past and the present. Though the masses recognize the revolution's many achievements culminated with the reunification of the country on May 22, 1990, accompanied with practicing democracy, they are aspiring for more gains and achievements.

The newspaper's editorial says the elapse of one year on the first free direct presidential elections in the history of Yemen call for reconsidering many of the concepts and commitments. The editorial wonders whether it is possible to make this anniversary a turning-point from which to proceed towards horizons of a future more

aware of human rights, commitments and credibility in dealing with many political, and economic issues we are suffering from.

ATTARIQ independent weekly, September 26, 2000.

The weekly's editorial has dealt with the subject of political parties in the country.

Throughout the past years we have been hearing that the political parties in Yemen speak about abundant shortcomings and negative aspects in our present constitution, especially following 1994 amendments. We have expected that these parties would seize opening the opportunity of new constitutional amendments proposed by the authority to play their role by submitting their opinion in this regard. Instead of that we find that they have sped up to announce their unjustified rejection. Such stand expresses their utter bankruptcy.

RAY party alone has the honour to take the initiative of presenting a complete vision of a constitutional draft amendment within less than 24 hours after the president's message to the parliament in this regard. RAY has also called upon the political parties outside the authority for a meeting and consultation in order to come out with a common viewpoint on the constitutional amendments. The call did not receive any genuine response.

Now the opposition parties are demanded to respond to this political action. If they find difficulties about this they should adopt amendments proposed by RAY, otherwise we think that such parties would better dissolve themselves.

AL-BALAGH weekly, September 26, 2000.

The weekly's editorial is devoted to the anniversary of September revolutions. The editorial has said that time is dynamic and could not in any way turn it back. In recognition of this fact and

as a result of it requisites for development increase day after day. Therefore requirements of the present have redoubled in comparison with those at the beginning of the revolution.

The responsibility on shoulders of the president, the government and other officials is very great. They have to understand the time and the world they are now living to find out that our country is still living the past. How would then the people would look for the future as long as they have not yet reached the present?

The editorial demands exerting more efforts and sincerity and work and more honesty in shouldering the responsibility to lead the country to the time the world is now living.

AS-SAHWAH weekly, September 28, 2000.

An article written by Zaid Binali Ash-Shami has said that the 26 September revolution has effected a change in the life, thinking and style of the life of the Yemeni citizen. The Yemenis have felt that they are equal and opportunities for education, work and jobs have been open before them. The revolution was the gate that opened the battle of liberation against the British occupation till independence was achieved.

The Yemenis had suffered from despotism, domination, colonization and their political, social and economic impact. The republican regime came to remove those consequences. Then came the unity to and with it the political plurality that allowed more liberties and peaceful transfer of power. But with a scrutinizing look at the reality we find that his aim of the revolution began to dwindle to pave the way for new classes and privileges. Education opportunities, especially the university are no longer available but for the influential and close to the authority. Job opportunities are no longer for all. While the holder of Ph.D degree is deprived of work, the job could be easily obtained by the one who has no qualification. And that has led to Yemeni brain drain. Moreover, political multi-party system has been offended. Undeserving people have got privileges and the corrupt have sought protection through their party affiliation.

The question is that would the revolution's luster fades away by the passage

of time?

AL-WAHDAWI weekly, organ of PUN O, September 28.

The weekly's editorial has also been devoted to the Yemeni 26 September revolution anniversary. The editorial says that observing the Yemeni revolution anniversary should not be confined to carnivals, but rather in serious consideration of its great goals. These goals should be the yardstick for evaluating performance of those now in power who work through their irresponsible conduct to bury alive the Yemeni revolution.

Seizing the opportunity of this occasion, we call upon all to respect our martyrs souls. We also call on the authority to lift the injustice against the people who have offered sacrifices. This should be by reconsidering all the laws and measures aimed at liquidating the revolution's aims, the latest of which are the constitutional amendments.

AL-AYYAM weekly, September 27, 2000.

An article written by Abdulla Basabreen, published in Al-Ayyam

weekly has dealt with the theme of the constitutional amendments saying that the parliament has approved the principle of the draft amendments presented by the president. The most important of those are the establishment of the shoura council, specifying 5% for selecting the presidency nominees, extending the parliament term to 6 years and the presidency tenure for 7 years.

Establishment of the shoura council comes as extension to the appointed consultancy council. The shoura council would have broader powers to share the parliament its functions, including participation in examining presidential candidacies for presidential elections.

The article maintains to say that if Yemen has lost much of its luster and been exposed to political deformation by international media, now the chance is very appropriate to rectify the situation and polish its image before the international society. This end could be realized through providing more press and media freedoms, supporting human and women rights and creating more dynamic climates for the political parties to exercise their honest political activity away from factors of frustration and security pursuing.

Announcement of the Embassy of the Republic of Poland In Sana'a

Based on the decision of the Speaker of the Parliament (Sejm) of the Republic of Poland dated 9th June 2000 the Embassy herewith informs that on October the 8th 2000 the elections of the President of Poland on the territory of the Republic of Yemen will be held. The voting will take place in the premises of the Embassy of the Republic of Poland, Sana'a, Fajj Attan Area, from 6.00 a.m. till 8.00 p.m.

Eligible are only these citizens of Poland who are 18 years of age, possess valid Polish passport and register themselves on the voting list verbally, in writing, by phone, fax or e-mail by October the 5th, 2000.

For further information please contact: Embassy of the Republic of Poland

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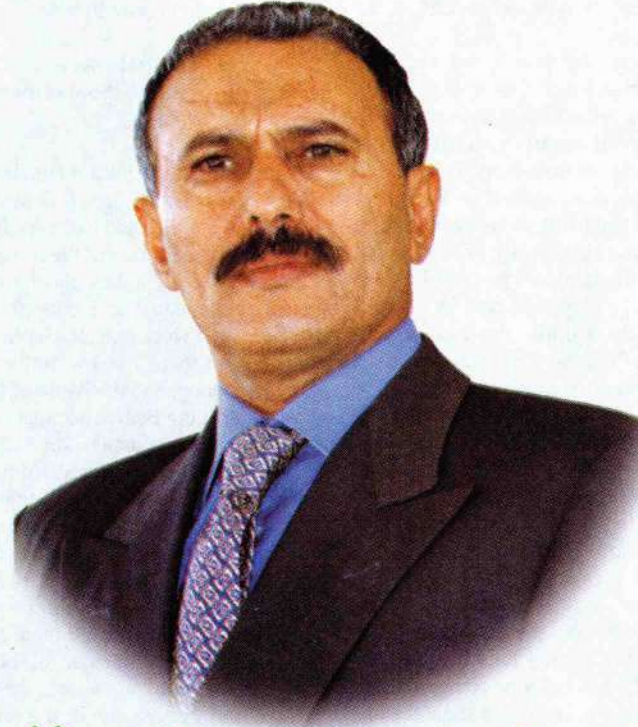
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and the Yemeni people

On the great occasion of the 38th anniversary of September 26 glorious revolution.





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Singapore had long known visits from a wide variety of sea craft, Chinese Junks, Indian vessels, Arab dhows, Portuguese battieships and Buginese schooners. During the 14th century, this small but strategically placed island had earned a new name - Singa Pura means 'Lion City.' According to legend a visiting Sri Vijayan prince saw an animal he mistook for a lion and Singapore's modern day name was born.



The British provided the next notable chapter in the Singapore story. During the 18th century, they saw the need for a strategic halfway house to refit, feed and protect the fleet of their growing empire, as well as to forestall any advances by the Dutch in the region. It was against this political backdrop that Sir Stamford Raffles established Singapore as a trading station. The policy of free trades attracted merchants from all over Asia and from as far afield as the United States and the Middle East. By 1824, just five years after the founding of modern Singapore, the population had grown from a mere 150 to 10,000. Five centuries later, it was again the scene of significant fighting. During World War II, Singapore was considered an impregnable fortress, but the Japanese overran the island in 1942. After the war, Singapore became a crown colony. The growth of nationalism led to self-government in 1959 and in August 1965, Singapore became an



independent republic. Singapore today is not just one island but a main island with over 60 surrounding islets. The main island has a total land area of about 640 square km. However, its compact size belies its economic growth. In just 150 years, Singapore has grown into a thriving center of commerce and industry. Its former role as an entrepot has diminished, as the republic has increased its manufacturing base. Singapore is the busiest port in the world with over 600 shipping lines sending super tankers, container ships and passenger liners to share the busy waters with coastal fishing vessels and wooden lighters. One of the world's major oil refining and distribution centers, Singapore is also a major supplier of electronic components and a leader in shipbuilding and repairing. It has also become one of the most important financial centers of Asia, with more than 130 banks. Business dealings are facilitated by Singapore's superb communications network which links the republic to the rest of the world via satellite, 24 hours telegraph and telephone systems. Singapore's location, excellent facilities, fascinating cultural contrasts and tourist attractions draw an ever-increasing number of tourists.

LOCATION
Singapore is located at one of the crossroads of the world, its strategic position has helped it grow into a major center for trade, communications and tourism. Its geographical location is 136.8 km north of the equator, between latitudes 103°38' E and 104°06' E. It is linked to Malaysia by a short causeway and the key islands of the Riau archipelago of Indonesia are just a quick fiery trip away. Thailand and the Philippines are a short plane journey and Singapore, with an airport served by more than 69 airlines, is very much the gateway to south-East Asia.

PEOPLE
Although geography has played a part in the success of Singapore, its mainstay is its people. Singapore's population of 3 million comprises 77.3% Chinese, 14.1% Malays, 7.3% Indians and 1.3% Eurasians or people of other descent.

The original inhabitants were Malay fishermen, but after the arrival of Sir Stamford Raffles and the establishment of a British trading post, Singapore became a magnet that drew hundreds of thousands of migrants and merchants. Seeking a better life for themselves and their families, they came from the southern provinces of China, Indonesia, India, Pakistan, Ceylon and the Middle East. Though inter-community marriages have taken place over the years, each racial group within Singapore has retained its own cultural identity while developing as an integral part of Singapore community.

LANGUAGE
There are four official languages in Singapore: Malay, Mandarin, Tamil and English. English is the language of business and administration, and is widely spoken and understood.

SINGAPORE IS A COMPACT ISLAND WITH A WORLD OF ATTRACTIONS
Singapore's variety of attractions ranges from legacies of the island's colonial past and multi-cultural heritage to internationally known performing and visual arts. All these are easily navigable as attractions of a similar theme are located near one another. From Chinatown to the Singapore River, each area provides its own distinctive view into the soul of New Asia - Singapore.

ANIMAL, BIRD AND AQUATIC LIFE
Jurong Birdpark, Jurong Reptile Park, Singapore crocodilarium, Singapore Zoological Gardens, Night Safari, Underwater world Singapore are the prominent sanctuaries.

GARDENS, PARKS AND NATURE RESERVES
Bukit Timah Nature Reserve, Chinese and Japanese Gardens, East Coast Park, Fort Canning Park, MacRitchie, lower Pierce, lower Seletar and Upper Seletar Reservoirs, Mandai Orchid Garden, Marine City Park, Mount Faber, Pasir Ris Park, Singapore Botanic Garden, Sungei Buloh Nature Park are worth visiting
ISLES OF SINGAPORE
Kusu Island, Pulau, Ubin, St. Joh's Island, Sentosa, Lazarus Island and sisters Island.

LANDMARKS AND MEMORIALS
Chijmes, Civilian War Memorial, Dalhousie Obelisk, Kranji War Memorial, Lau Pa Sat, Merlion, Parliament House and Elephant Statue, Raffles Hotel, Statues of Sir Stamford Raffles, Supreme Court and City Hall constitute an exciting range of monuments.

MUSEUMS
Asian Civilization Museum, Chinaman scholars Gallery, Images of Singapore, Maritime Museum, Mint Coin Gallery,

Royal Selangor Pewter Museum, Singapore Air Force Museum, Singapore Art Museum, Singapore History Museum, Singapore Navy Museum, Singapore Philatelic Museum contain a wealth of human heritage.

MOSQUES
Abdul Gaffoor Mosque, Hajjah Fatimah Mosque, Sultan Mosque are major mosques.

THEMED ATTRACTIONS
Boat Quay / Clark Quay, Fantasy Island, How Par Villa Tiger Balm Garden, Ming Village, Singapore Maritime showcase, Singapore Science Center, Singapore Discovery center, Tang Dynasty City, The Battle Box, Volcano land promise to enthral any visitor.

ENTERTAINMENT
Discos, Karaoke lounges, theaters, restaurants and night life; Orchard road / Marina Area captivate audiences. Every morning in New Asia - Singapore, there is an air of anticipation. The activity of the day continues into the night. One has to choose which venue intrigues him most. Visitors to Singapore feel comfortable exploring Singapore's entertainment center even after dark. Transportation is not a worry as taxis operate round the clock. With so much to choose from and with such convenience, there's no excuse not to enjoy the world of entertainment in Singapore.

FESTIVALS AND EVENTS
Singapore is alive with festivals and events all year round. The nation's multi-cultural origins are celebrated through festivals that include Lunar New Year and Tharpusam. Events ranging from the Singapore Food Festival to the World International Dragon Boat Races are also part of Singapore's busy calendar.



FOOD
East meets West at Singapore's dining table and the result is New Asia cuisine. New Asia cuisine describes the imaginative dishes from Singapore's melting pot of Indian, Chinese, Malaysian, Indonesian and Western cooking styles. Singaporeans relish recipes from around the world, as evidenced by the popularity of everything from British high tea to India dhosai. Street hawkers to Michelin chefs serve

this varied feasts in venues ranging from outdoor eating stalls to five star restaurants. Best of all visitors may indulge in New Asia - containing the excellence of Singapore's culinary arts fully aware that a high level of cleanliness is maintained.

SHOPPING
Travelers are often swept away into one of Singapore's favorite pastimes - shopping, it is not surprising, considering the diversity and quality of goods found in Singapore's bustling commercial centers. Contemporary shopping complexes along Orchard Road Captivate visitors for hours with their dazzling international selections while some of the best bargains can be found in the suburban housing estates. Anything from old-world trinkets to hi-tech equipment can be found in Singapore. Shopping Tips: The sales season around June / July each year offers bargains galore "The Great Singapore Sale" where shoppers can enjoy remarkable markdown on a wide range of merchandise including designer goods.

While Singapore is a great place to buy a wide range of shopping items, the following seem to be the favorite buy as indicated in surveys of visitors shopping patterns; ready made and tailor - made wearing apparel, souvenirs, handicraft and pewterware, leather goods, edibles like chocolates, candies and food items, cosmetics, perfumes, and toiletries, footwear, electronic and electrical goods, watches, clocks and timepieces, toys and games, sports / recreational equipment and jewelry.

TOURS
The sheer number of tour options should

TIPS TO TRAVELLERS

LOCATION: Asia (Far East)
CAPITAL: Singapore
LANGUAGE: Malay, Chinese (Mandarin,) Tamil, English
DRIVING: Driving is on the left
CURRENCY: Singapore Dollar (SGD)
BUSINESS / SOCIAL HINTS:

Appointment must be made in advance, punctuality is important. For business meetings men should wear a lightweight suit and tie, women a lightweight suit or equivalent. It is customary to shake hands on meeting and taking leave. Business cards are exchanged after introduction and are presented with both hands.

There are many laws governing personal behaviors and on the-spot fines can be imposed for offenses. Smoking is banned in all air-conditioned premises, public buildings and in restaurants.

JAYWALKING: Pedestrians crossing a road within 50 meters of a pedestrians crossing risk S\$50 fine.

LITTERING: Any person convicted of littering faces a fine of up to S\$ 1,000 for the first offense. Repeat offenders may be fined S\$ 2,000 including a stint of a corrective work order cleaning public places.

CHEWING GUM: Import and sale of Chewing Gum is prohibited

CLIMATE: Tropical climate being hot and humid throughout the year. Rainfall occurs in all months with heaviest period between November to March.

VISA: Yemeni nationals do require visa to enter into Singapore. Passports must be valid for 6 months from day of departure.

DRINKING WATER: It is perfectly safe to drink water straight from the tap in Singapore. However bottled mineral water is available in all local supermarkets and grocers.

give some indication of how much New-Asia - Singapore has to offer. The full spectrum of the Singapore experience is best captured with a minimum of five to six days and there are Singapore's neighboring countries to explore.

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I. What to Say

At the Pharmacy

Pharmacist: Good evening. Mr. Anwar. What can I do for you?

Mr. Anwar: I have a long list of things to be procured. Would you please check this prescription? Most of things mentioned should be on your shelves.

Pharmacist: Wait a minute, and let me see if I have all this in stock. If I have run out of some, I have to place an order for them, and it may take a day or two before I deliver them to you.

Mr. Anwar: There are one or two essential drugs urgently. Those have been ticked by the doctor. First check these, please.

Pharmacist: Let's see. Aspirin, a bottle of vitamin C. These are in the stocks. But I'm not sure about the injection. It's an imported one and high in demand. Let me check. (He walks along the drug aisle and returns to the counter after a while)

I'm sorry, Mr. Anwar. We have not a single vial of the injection.

Mr. Anwar: How soon can you get fresh stocks?

Pharmacist: I'll have to check with the sole distributors. You'll get it tomorrow morning, I guess. Aspirin capsules comes in strips of ten. Vitamin C comes in bottles of fifty and one hundred. How would you like to have them?

Mr. Anwar: Let me have two strips of Aspirin capsules and one bottle of fifty vitamin C pills.

Pharmacist: Your order will be ready in about ten minutes. My assistant, Sikander is working on a couple of prescriptions. He will take care of yours as soon as he finishes them.

Mr. Anwar: When may I check with you for the injection? Please, get at least one vial urgently.

Pharmacist: I shall do my best. Please phone me up around 10 in the morning.

Mr. Anwar: Thanks a lot.

Pharmacist: You're welcome.

NOTE

prescription is a doctor's written order or direction for the use of medicine.

drug aisle a passage between two rows of drug shelves.

vial small bottle for liquid medicine.

II. How to say it correctly

Correct errors, if any, in the following sentences.

- 1- I refused his invitation to dinner.
- 2- The teacher told the boys that the sun and the moon

- 3- were the lamps of the sky.
- 3- If I am you, I would do it right away.
- 4- He lives in Yemen for ten years before the unification.
- 5- The lion will kill him before you bring the rifle.

Answers to last week's questions:

- 1- The teacher and the doctor **have been** honored.
- 2- I have known him **for** two years.
- 3- **May** I have your pen for some time?
Note: **may** is used for polite requests.
- 4- **Light** the lamp at once.
- 5- He **denied** having broken my glasses.
Note: we **refuse** permission, but **deny** a charge or an allegation.

III. How to express it in one word

- 1- Plea that one was in another place at the time of an alleged act or crime
- 2- A substance like soda, potash, etc. that combines with acids to form salts
- 3- Story in which ideas are symbolized as characters
- 4- Condition of being sensitive to particular foods, etc
- 5- Narrow passage between buildings

Answers to last week's questions:

- 1- Great pain or suffering of mind and body: **agony**
- 2- Having the same opinion(s), thinking in the same way: **agreement**
- 3- Science or practice of farming, cultivation of soil: **agriculture**
- 4- Blank book in which a collection of photographs, postage stamps, can be kept: **album**
- 5- Chemistry of the Middle Ages which was supposed to change ordinary metals to gold: **alchemy**

IV. Rearrange the following words to make good sentences:

- 1- brother / in / my / a bank / works
- 2- at / she / now / work / is ?
- 3- go / school / to / time / what / you / do ?
- 4- you / do / do / what / weekends / at ?
- 5- goes / school / bus / by / to / He.

Answers to last week's questions:

- 1- My father is at work
- 2- Where are you from Tawfeek? Taiz.
- 3- She looks after the baby in the afternoon.
- 4- How old are you? Sixteen.
- 5- Do you work on Fridays? Yes I do.
- 6- How much is this talking clock? 1000 Riyals.
- 7- What's her job? A teacher.
- 8- My father's brother is my uncle.
- 10- Dr. Ahmad lives in a flat in Sana'a.

V. Words of Wisdom

"Gold is tried by fire, brave men by adversity."

—Seneca

World's Largest School

Eric Shackle*

Wordsmith Anu Garg, born in India, where English is taught as a second language, is doing his bit to help the peoples of the world speak and improve their English. From his home in the United States, he and his wife Stuti email a Word a Day to more than 280,000 men, women and children in 184 countries, free of charge. "After sending out more than 2000 words in 186 million messages, we still haven't run out of the love for words," he said recently, on the sixth birthday of what must be the world's largest school. "We are still tickled on discovering a curious word, and we still believe a dictionary is the most fascinating book ever created."

Garg, a 33-year-old Internet professional who works for AT&T, began his education sitting under a mango tree in a small Indian village, with a few

broken sticks of chalk and a black-board made by painting a flat piece of wood with soot.

He went on to learn English, and became so fascinated with what he calls "the music and magic of words" that he now shares them with the Internet world. (His website is <http://www.wordsmith.org>).

"English is a global language," he says. "With the rise of electronic communication, worldwide trade and international travel, its status has far surpassed that of a link language. English is equated with success. Wherever you go, you're sure to find someone who speaks English, albeit in an accent far different from yours. If nothing else, English makes a disguised appearance in hybrids such as Franglais, Spanglish, Hindlish or Singlish.

"This rise in popularity of English is not without a downside. Talk with someone for whom English is not a first language and you sense a feeling of loss. Reactions range from the trace

of helplessness of parents whose children can't appreciate a poem in their native language, to lawmakers making it mandatory for a company to have a Website also in the language of their country before the company can do business there."

Garg recently invited his subscribers to send him their views on the globalization of English. He received more than 400 replies from around the world, including the (edited) opinions quoted on this page. All persons mentioned in the article have given permission for their identities to be disclosed.

* Eric Shackle is a retired journalist who spends much of his spare time surfing the Internet and writing about it. His articles have been published by leading newspapers including the New York Times (U.S.), the Toronto Globe and Mail (Canada), the Sydney Morning Herald (Australia), and the Straits Times (Singapore).



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The British Foreign & Commonwealth Chevening Scholarship Scheme

The British Embassy invites applicants for the Foreign & Commonwealth Office's Chevening Scholarship scheme. This flagship scheme offers full-time postgraduate scholarships of varying length to Yemeni men and women occupying important positions within ministries, agencies, and private sector organizations which are key to Yemen's continuing economic and social development.

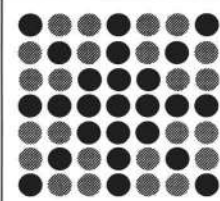
Applicants, who must be under 40, should have a university degree, very good English (more than 6.0 in IELTS exam), and at least four years' work experience. Priority is given to candidates who demonstrate the potential to rise to positions of authority.

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Unless there is a coordinated effort to make education socially meaningful and productive, the situation is unlikely to change for the better.
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Optimism or Pessimism

The word 'pessimism' is the opposite of the word 'optimism'. It means apprehending that bad things will happen in the future or that situation will have a bad result. On the contrary 'optimism' means that good things will happen in the future. These two words of course have a great influence on our lives, personality, thinking and behavior.

The pessimist is always dampened, worried due to short sight or sometimes a wrong thought. You will find him always complaining against and criticizing about everyone around, without having any testimony about their merits or faults.

In other words, he randomly accuses, attributes things out of context. All these things in a croaking tongue have naturally a boomerang effect upon him making his personality shaky, and his thought process essentially narrow. All his life he is a confused blend of hostility, reality and imagination. On the contrary, the optimistic person is always happy with wide, elevated thoughts and far-sighted approaches. Even if some disturbing things or catastrophe happened he is still having the transforming vision through which every bad thing changes into good things.

Being gifted with such things he leads a life of fulfillment. Scientists have asserted that pessimism is the root cause of failure, physical fatigue, mental depression and psychological confusion. However, optimism is the key factor behind any success for it enables the individual to create a new spirit and encourages one to cope with the difficulties.

Therefore, try not to give in to pessimistic thoughts and not be vulnerable. Our country has still a long way to go. So why haste? What we just now need is only to be patient and optimistic. To those with black glasses, my appeal is please put them off, be hopeful and help in achieving something for ourselves and the nation.

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**Chess Champion, Al-Zindani, to the YT:
Lack of facilities and international participation hinders Yemenis from reaching international levels**

A'del Al-Haimi

A few may have heard about Zindan Al-Zindani, only after he achieved spectacular success in the Arab chess championship held recently at Beirut. Zindani confidently moved from one victory to another, beginning from the Under-20 Chess Championship of the Republic in 1997 until he was classified as an international master in 2000. Congratulating him on this great success, the Yemen Times took the opportunity to have the following chat with him:

Q: Captain Zindan Zindani, the Yemen Times congratulates you on your great achievement in the Arab

Chess Championship and would like to know your beginning in brief?

A: While a child, I used to watch my uncle, Mohammed Al-Baiadhi playing with his friends. I was very attracted to it, specially by the silence surrounding the players and the concentration it demanded. I then started playing with young people in my area. Once while I was playing in 1993 with a friend, Mr. Khalil Al-Sobhi was watching me. He liked my ways although I was a beginner. He encouraged me and gave me a lot of books. Moreover, he introduced me to Yemeni chess champions at the time and urged me to interact with them and learn more from them. The credit for my achievement, in fact, goes to him.

Q: What about your local and inter-

national achievements?

A: The first achievement was in 1997 when I won the Under-20 Championship of the Republic. After that I won the President's cup in 1999 and came first in Al-Haimi Chess Championship in the same year. In 1996 I was internationally classified during the World Chess Olympiad held in Armenia. I achieved the third position in the Arab Under-20 Championship held in 1997 in Iraq. In the Hussain Tournament in Jordan, 1999 I won the Bronze medal, and the silver in the Arab Clubs Championship held in Dubai in 2000. Recently, I was classified as a chess master after I won the Under-20 Chess

Championship in Beirut.

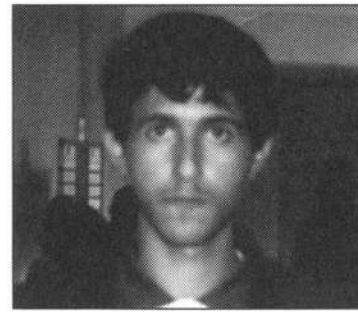
Q: How do you assess the Arab championship and the other Arab opponents?

A: It was the strongest championship ever organized by the Arab Chess Association. All Arab countries took part in it. Thank God that I was able to achieve such a victory.

Q: Since chess depends on talent, what do think hinders Yemenis from reaching international levels?

A: Lack of facilities and international participation.

Q: What is your advice to those tal-



ented people who are faced by such hindrances?

A: To try to interact with great players and avoid conceit.

Q: How do you foresee future of

sport in general and chess in particular in Yemen?

A: Sports are developing although in a slow pace. As far as chess is concerned, it depends on talents and we have been able to achieve a lot in this sphere depending on our personal efforts.

Q: What are you aspiring for?

A: To reach world chess championship.

Q: Any last word Mr. Zindani?

A: Thank you very much and I hope that the Yemen Times will adopt a whole page for sports including chess activities with a weekly puzzle.

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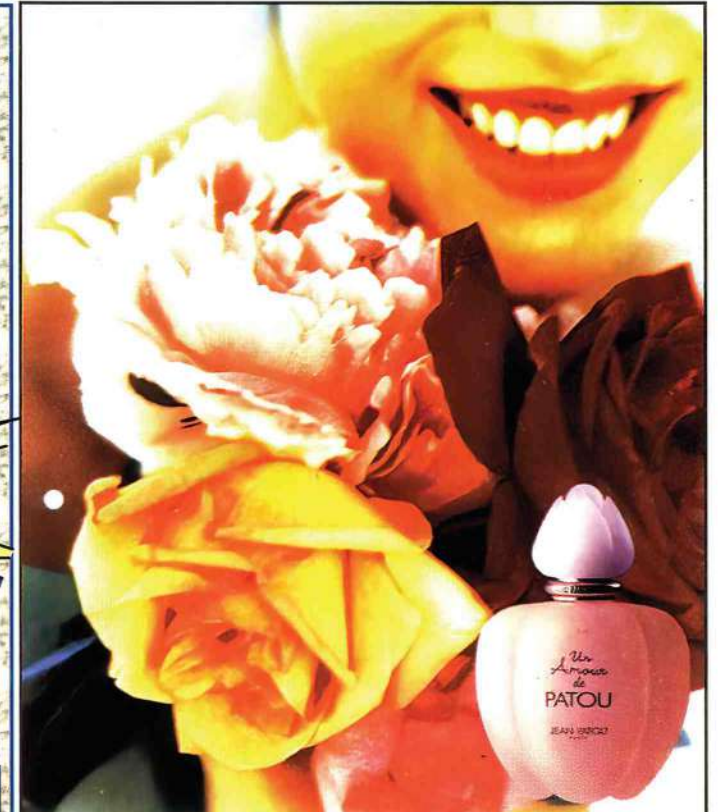
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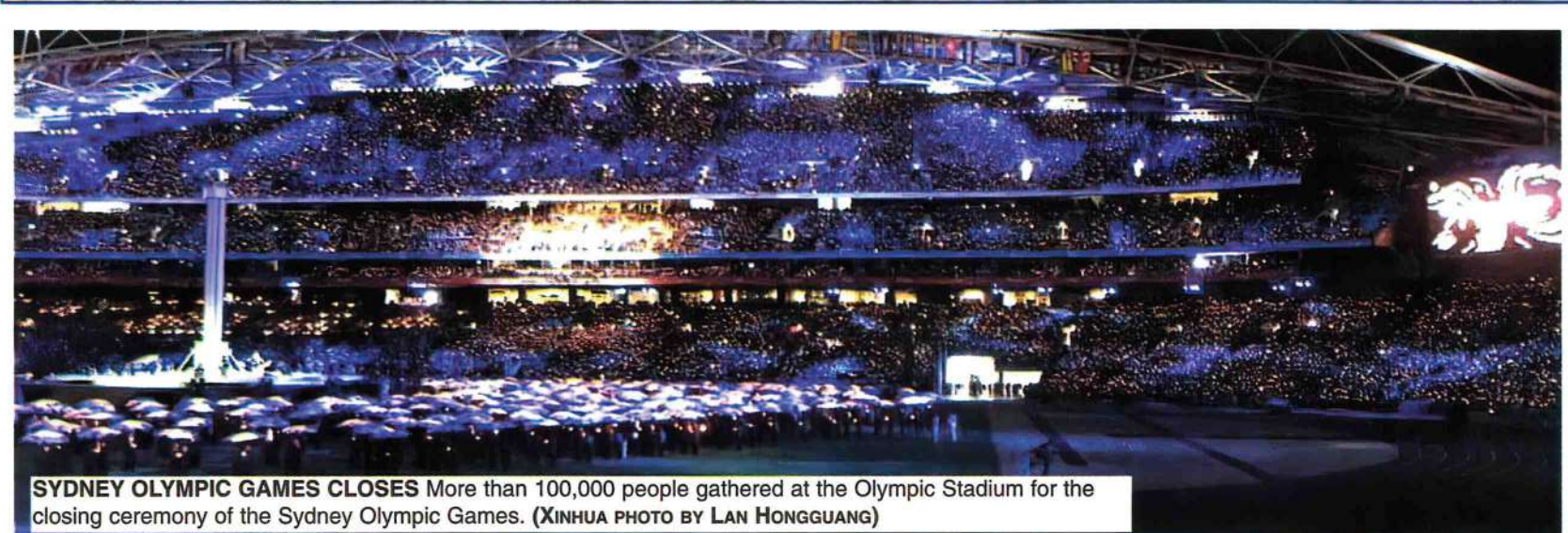
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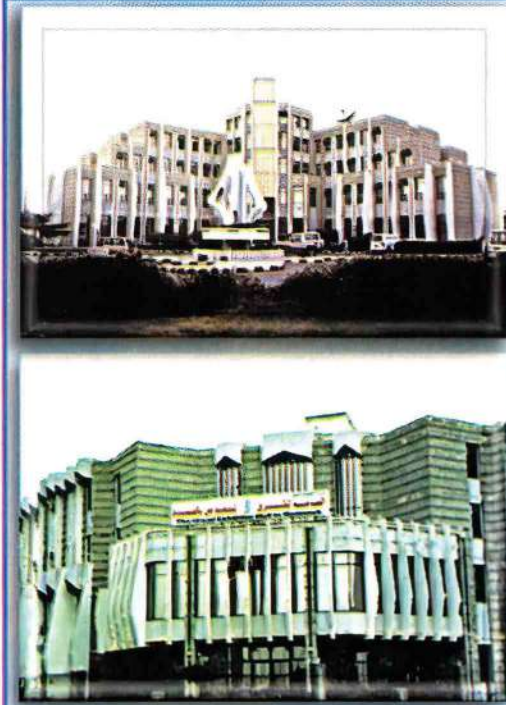
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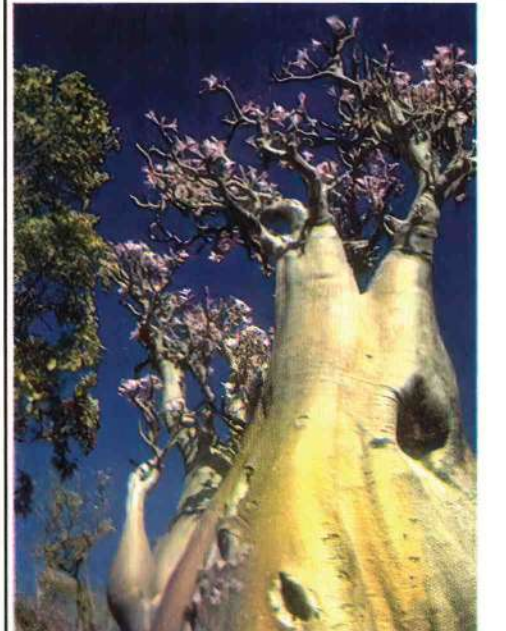
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