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The explosion which hit the USS Cole killing 17 and injuring 39 on October 12 put Yemen in a very embarrassing situation after improvement in the relations between the two countries during the last two years. During the past two years more than 23 American ships moored for fuel at Aden port. Disregarding official statements, political sources expect an American hit on Ben Laden and his followers. In this context, security sources revealed that wide-scale arrests were being carried out against Islamic extremists, Yemenis and Arabs. Observers say that the United States would again put pressures on Yemen to have a military base in Aden. However, President Saleh refuted reports on having an American military base in Aden saying that he would never permit anybody to work against Arab and Islamic countries from Yemen's land.



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Budget Deficit Despite High Oil Prices

Reports of the Central Organization for Control and Audit (COCA) for 1995, 1996 and 1997 which have been already presented to the Public Property Prosecution concerning the General budget recorded a number of violations and recommended to take suitable measures. In its 25th session held in the current month, the parliament agreed on combining final calculations of the budgets for 1995, 1996 and 1997 and came out with a number of recommendations to the government at the end of discussion of the aforementioned budgets. The total expenditure of the project of 2001

budget reached YRs 501,880,000,000 marking a difference of YRs 79,633,000,000 to 2000's. In addition, revenue for 2001 is estimated at YRs 487, 844, 000,000 marking an increase of 98, 891, 000, 000 since 2000. The Budget deficit for 2001 is estimated at 14, 830, 000,000 rials, i.e. 0.6% of the total national production. Economists expressed their amazement about the deficit especially with the government's declarations of cut-backs in expenditure. Despite the global increase in oil prices, it is expected that deficit of the general budget

this year until the end of 2001 will not reach the target level as suggested by the IMF at 3% of the total local production. Economists are still amazed at the inability of Yemen to get rid of deficit despite the increase in oil price which is supposed to help demolish it. Participants in the 5th Scientific Conference held at the college of Commerce pointed out that the budget allocated to high education was 14, 17,000,000 rials out of which 3,418,000,000 is spent on scholarships abroad.

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Has Adam Become 'Innocent'?

Those who follow the trial of Mohammed Adam Omar Ishaq have realized the trial is not proceeding with same momentum with which it started. The court proceedings have become unclear and not understandable. At the beginning he was accused of killing 16 females most of whom are students of the faculty of medicine in the university of Sana'a. In the end the number of his alleged victims was reduced to 2 only, one of them being an Iraqi and the other being Yemeni called Hussn Ahmed Atya from Hamdan tribes, from the North of Sana'a. The last session of Adam's trial was held yesterday while the final sentence was postponed to November 20. The anger of the Yemeni people was enormous at the beginning but it has declined since then. Reasons behind this are the long and protracted sessions of the court and the contradictions in the confessions of the defendant. There may be other undeclared reasons which will surely be known sooner or later. Hamdan tribe



will react after delivery of the final sentence. This is what the Yemen Times has been told by the tribes sheikh. The tribesmen of Hamdan say that this trial is a funny play having no other suspects whereas clearly those crimes could never have happened without the help of other accomplices. The demands of the lawyer of the Iraqi victim haven't been replied to yet regarding the receiving of the body and a compensation of two million dollars from the university. All those who followed the trial say the decline in the public interest in this case is due to the long time consuming measures, the epidemic disease of rift valley fever, the events of Palestine and the explosion of the American destroyer Cole. The public and relatives of the victims are waiting for the sentence impatiently. It was strongly believed that some officials' sons were involved but no accusations against them have been made so far.

Seminar on Water and Environmet Held

Under the stewardship of Dr. Abdulkareem Al-Iryani, the Prime Minister, a seminar on "Water and Environment in Yemen, the Seed for Capacity Building" was organized by the Water & Environment Center in cooperation with IHE DELFT and the Royal Netherlands Embassy on 28 and 29 of October. In the opening session, Mr. Ahmad Mohammed Sufan, Minster of Planning and Development pointed out the danger future generations are bound to face due to accelerating scarcity of water. He said that the individual's share of water is 80 m³ of water while it reaches 7000 m³ in other countries of the world.

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

Our Opinion
Bureaucracy Disease

Administration and the modalities of its function have nowadays become an advanced art and skill. It is rather a sophisticated science what needs hard work and study to fully acquire. It is no longer an ordinary or simple activity but rather a science studied at the university with degrees granted to graduates. Long decades have lapsed since developed communities abandoned the old outdated styles of administration and replaced them by most advanced techniques and methods. They have computerized all administration work to expedite regardless of public grievance and save time and energy for other fruitful things. Therefore, good and developed administration has become a yardstick for measuring progress and development of societies and states.

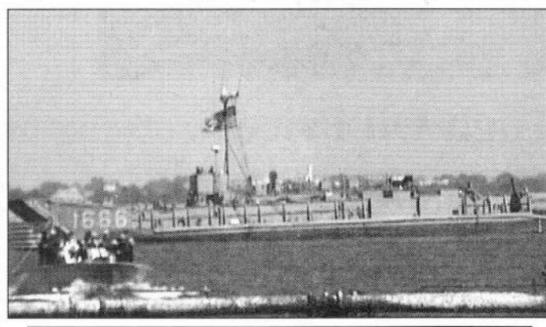
One of the most abhorrent ills in administration and causes of backwardness is the red tape symbolized by excessive bureaucratic control and long series of formalities. Unfortunately almost all our Arab countries, including Yemen, are afflicted by this disease. No one can do without going to state institutions to complete certain official procedures necessary for his everyday life. Here when one happens to go a state office usually carries a piece of paper as an application or petition and after long days of visits one comes out with a swollen bundle of papers accumulated after a long toilsome journey to rooms and corridors of that office. Of course all these formalities and visits would cost you much time and effort that could be used in other activities. It is a kind of long dragging battle causing heavy losses and damage. Even if you take a dying or injured person to hospital you will not get any first aid unless you fulfill long series of procedures, at the end of which the injured person may have lost his life. As a matter of fact it is now imperative to find solutions to this sad reality. Lot of paperwork must be reduced to the minimum and transactions must be computerized instead of merely putting the many sets of computers on officials' desks as part of the office decoration. Institutions should open branch offices in many areas of the city to avoid momentum of visits to headquarters of the main offices, like post office bureaus. Each office and each department should have a notice board listing the things needed for a certain transaction. One has to know beforehand what things are needed from him before having his transaction completed to facilitate the whole process. Finally studies should be prepared and then discussed at the highest levels to find remedies to the disease of bureaucracy and its serious consequences.

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Reliable Sources told the Yemen Times that 20 Yemeni and Arab members of Jihad were arrested last Thursday and were taken to Aden on the same day. About 68 people said to belong to Al-Jihad were arrested in Lahj and Aden last week in addition to 9 others who were arrested last Saturday in Lahj. Besides, sources from Hodeidah said that a judge called Mohammed Al-Najjar had been arrested in an arrest campaign against suspects.

Two Americans from the Congress along with 40 soldiers arrived last Saturday in Aden to take part in the invitations. The Aden Hotel said that it received threats against the Americans it hosted if they did not leave. On the other hand, a Norwegian shipcarrier started Saturday pulling the USS Cole home. President Saleh's latest statement accused an Egyptian from the Arab Afghans of being

involved in the incident. In this context local official sources revealed that a security Yemeni delegation would head for Egypt to brief the Egyptian security offices on the latest results of investigations. In reaction to the American presence in Aden, a source from the opposition bloc in the parliament said that they would question the government about the heavy American military presence there and the facilities Americans had been granted. A large number of inspectors left Aden yesterday while the others are still pursuing investigations.



Seminar on Water and Environment Held

Prof. Win Van Vierssen, Rector of the International Institute for Infrastructure, Hydraulic and Environmental Engineering in the Netherlands highlighted the long standing relationship between the center and the Water and Environment center in Yemen. He said that they were providing help to Yemen by working together and gradually transferring information. "You can share information by working together but eventually it is all about knowledge which is much more than information," he said. "Knowledge includes building up experience, showing how you should manage the organization resources, how you build water institution. Over the ten last years we have been working together, transferring ideas, information and, in particular, knowledge of how to build water institutions and how to manage water resources. I have seen that participants from University of Sanaa have built up their own expertise. So at a stage you will become confident that these people have seen so much and they can do their own job by themselves," he added.

Mr. Anwar Sahooly, Chairman of the Technical Secretariat at the Ministry of Electricity and Water indicated the aim of the seminar as working on the capacity building of the institutions in the water and environment sector. "All these institutions and ministries have made their own policies and strategies to restructure and make these institutions more efficient to give proper and good quality services. Those strategies need highly qualified staff to implement them. The capacity building means capacity building of institutions and personnel. Therefore we have in this seminar brought everybody who work in all these organizations together to speak about their programs about their initiatives in capacity building human resource development and training all their staff in the water and environment sector," he said. One of the institutions which has been doing such work is the Water and Environment Center. Mr. Sahooly added that a draft of recommendations and a workable propositions would be presented at the end of the seminar to the government concerning capacity building in the field of water and environment.

Inauguration of New Oil Production

An official source in the Ministry of Oil and Mineral Resources said that, next month, the new production of oil would be inaugurated in Sector 32 in Shabwa. He also stated that the production would begin with 8,000 barrels per day which would increase, in later stages, to 25,000 barrels a day. He added that our country and the United Arab Emirates had agreed on organizing a symposium in Abu Dhabi next November to encourage investment in the oil and mineral field in our country.

He mentioned that officials, experts and representatives of companies and chambers of commerce would participate in the symposium and would discuss matters of minerals, construction rocks, oil activity and the bilateral cooperation opportunities in accordance with the protocol signed by both countries. Last Wednesday, the Ministry signed meeting minutes with the Jordanian Technical Committee to consolidate the cooperation between the two countries.

BE Suspect for Prosecution This Week

Reliable sources at the Ministry of Interior said that the person accused of bombing the British Embassy would be presented to Prosecution for trial this week. The suspect who threw a bomb inside the embassy belongs according to the investigations to the Al-Jihad Movement. The explosion did not result in any casualties except for the damage to windows of the embassy.

Mohammed Arab, who flew to Saudi Arabia last Saturday continues his meeting with the Saudi Interior Minister Prince Naif bin Abdulaziz for agreement on the company which will demarcate the borders between Yemen and Saudi Arabia according to the Jedah Treaty signed in last June. There are three companies which applied for the demarcation project; they are French, Canadian, and German.

ACCI Prepares for a Businessmen Conference

Under the title "Investment and Development of Human Resources in Yemen," the Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Aden is presently doing the groundwork for the Fifth Businessmen Conference scheduled for January 15-16 2000.

under the auspices of the President and Ministry of Immigrants, is an annual tradition of Aden Chamber of Commerce and Industry. Invitations have already been sent to participants and interested people.

In a statement to the Yemen Times, Sheikh, Mohammed Omar Bamashmouh, Chairman of Board of Directors, said that preparations were being made at that time to assure the success of the conference.

The Fifth conference is expected to be more successful than the previously organized ones owing to the great number of Yemeni, Arab and foreign businessmen and investors expected to participate in this event with the aim of developing human resources.

The conference, to be organized

Drilling Bid Awarded to ZPEB

ZPEB, China Zhongyuan Petroleum Bureau, has been awarded bid for drilling work in Yemen. Mr. Liu Xiangang, Senior Manager of Marketing of ZPEB said that ZPEB was currently committing similar drilling work in Qatar, Russia, Sudan, Ethiopia and Indonesia. Liu seemed excited when he introduced how ZPEB has become the successful bidder for Preussag Energie GbmH Block S2 work. "Surly good price alone could not make it. Equipment, experience, technology, logistics back-up contribute to the success, too," said Liu. The upcoming Rig 906 is of EMSCO CI-2 type, an electrical SCR one with top drive capable of 5000 meter drilling depth. Rig 906 crew was a famed drilling contractor team for British Cairn Energy high-pressure gas wells onshore Bangladesh. Liu added that the over-all management was the key, which held high spirit of team work, and HSE management. ZPEB Rig 905 operating onshore Yemen has satisfactory drilled 3 holes and conducted 2 work-overs, together with 4 more wells to be drilled at Block 53 and Block

32. Rig 905 is thus called "Lucky Rig" by some operators. Asked about future plans, Liu seemed confident that besides drilling contractor jobs, ZPEB was interested in some exploratory turn-key work to devote to prosperity of the government and the people of Yemen. Further more, Sinopec is ready to invest here. Its Zhongyuan Oil field team that has started its geological studies on some blocks in Yemen.



IN BRIEF

Mahboob Ali, Vice President of AJA
The Yemeni Journalists Syndicate (YJS) took part in the meetings of the Arab Journalists Association (AJA) which ended in Aman last Friday. The meeting came out with a new board for AJA in which Mr. Mahboob Ali, President of YJS has been nominated as vice president of AJA. Yemen Times congratulates Mr. Mahboob and wishes him all success.

Aden Hosts Arab Chemists Conference
In cooperation with the Arab Chemists Federation, Yemen's Chamber of Commerce and Industry and Aden University, the Yemeni Chemical Society organizes the 11th Arab Chemists Conference on November 6-8, 2000 in Aden.

About 76 Yemeni and Arab researchers plus a number of international personalities are expected to attend the conference. The conference will concentrate on all Chemistry branches and their applications. A scientific conference is also planned to be held on the fringe of the conference. The conference aims at the exchange of experiences among Arab chemists and participation with owners of industrial institutions to find non-harmful chemical substances. The previous Chemists Conference was held in Baghdad in 1997.

Meet on Humaini Poetry
The Health and Culture Center organizes an evening meet today in which Mr. Musleh Al-Uqab will recite some of his humaini poems. This gathering comes under the activities of the center on humaini poetry and its pioneers.

Seminar of Yemeni Opposition Future
Organized by the Emirates-based Al-Bayan newspaper and Future Studies Center, a seminar on the future of the Yemeni opposition parties was held yesterday. Different opposition and independent personalities took part in the event. Al-Bayan has organized similar seminars on different issues like kidnappings in Yemen.

Prof. Kamali Honored
Prof. Amin Al-Kamali took part in the Third Congress of Pan-Arab Society of Neurosurgeons held in Lebanon during the period 4-7 October. He delivered a lecture on Deformities of Spine in Pediatrics. In recognition of his support, participation and researches, Dr. Kamali was selected for by-laws of the society and was awarded the medal of the society. Dr. Kamali is the first Yemeni specialized doctor in neurosurgery in Yemen.

Commemoration Ceremony for Shuhari
A commemoration ceremony for the late Yemeni politician and poet Mr. Yusuf Mohammed Al-Shuhari was held on Saturday. The event was attended by Prime Minister Dr. Abdulkareem Al-Iryani, ministers, men of letters and others. Some speeches were delivered by his friends which all pointed out the great morals Al-Shuhari had. He was one of the people behind the revolution and one of the fighters in Parliament for the rights of the public. He held high ranking posts in the government but he never used them for self-enrichment as other politicians. He even refused to be given a car by the parliament and preferred to walk on foot. In short, he was a symbol of honesty and real patriotism. Thus, Yemen has lost one of its brave and honest titans.



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Canadian Medical Team in Taiz

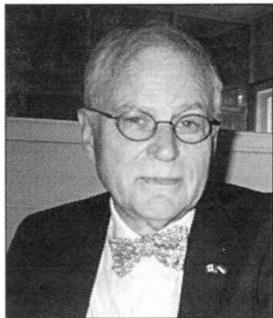
Yemen Times Staff
Taiz

A Canadian Medical team of highly qualified doctors, headed by Dr. Martin Robinson, arrived in Taiz last week. In the team, there was also an artist who gave lectures in Taiz University. A medical conference was held in Al-Saeed Cultural Foundation last Wednesday in Taiz. In the conference, Mr. Faisal Saeed Fare' delivered a speech in which he welcomed the Canadian team and Mr. Yasin Al-Qubati, Coordinator of the visiting team activities. He explained that the personal relationship between him and Dr. Robinson has brought a welcome dividend in inviting many Canadian doctors to Yemen every year to offer help to Yemeni patients and doctors. He thanked Al-Saeed Foundation for hosting the Canadian team and covering most of its expenses. He also thanked the managers of hospitals where operations were made, the Health Minister, Taiz Governor, the Canadian Occidental Company for paying for the tickets and hosting the team in Sana'a and Sayoon. Dr. Robinson also delivered a speech in which he indicated that visits would continue and there were preparations for establishing the Yemeni-Canadian Association that would be headed by Dr. Ahmad Ha'el Saeed. During the last week the team made operations on many difficult cases in hospitals. The team also gave lectures on hospital management, saving cardiac patients who got sudden coma, neurotic diseases, female surgery and obstetrics.

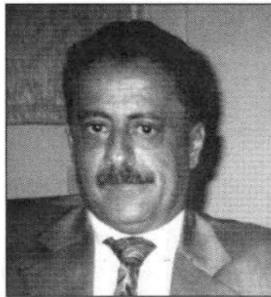


help Yemen improve a lot in the medical fields. We are particularly interested here in establishing relations with Yemeni positions and universities which will help Yemenis improve health education, and training, and we are very much interested here in the health of mothers and babies. This visit has been really successful and we have been very busy and have seen over two hundred difficult and challenging cases, in other fields of medicine as well, for example, Neurology, Hematology, heart problems and stroke. One member of our team offered a course in hospital management and another member ran a course on advanced heart support, both of which were well attended. Regarding our relationship with Yemen, I can say that it is very good and, in future, it is going to continue to be better.

In fact, we got a lot of support from the Ministry of Health, from Dr. Abdul-Wali Nasher, Al-Saeed Foundation, and all people concerned. Really, we enjoyed a lot coming here and I do have high respect for Yemeni people for being friendly and hospitable."



Dr. Marten Robinson said, "The aim of our visit to Yemen is to address the issues of the high infant and maternal mortality which is one of the highest rates in the world. With this in mind, we are looking at the facilities and infrastructure in which we can develop a program to monitor the welfare of mothers and babies and try our best to reduce the death rate. Besides, we are doing many other things that could



Dr. Yasin Al-Qubati, Medical Representative of German Leprosy

Relieve Association in Yemen, said, "The visits of the Canadian doctors and surgeons in many medical fields to Yemen started in 1995. The aim of these visits is to offer advanced technological experiences and practically train the Yemeni doctors in the operation theaters and, theoretically in the lecture halls. He said that the visit was the first of its kind to Taiz and was hosted by Ha'el Saeed An'am Foundation for Culture and Sciences. He added that he arranged for this visit by contacting the Canadian doctors who gave lectures about hospitals management, helping cardiac patients, dealing with neurotic diseases and mother and child care. The team spent a whole day in giving lectures in many medical fields. I participated in a lecture about onchocercosis in Yemen.



Dr. Tawfeeq Al-Qershi, Deputy-Manager of the Health Office, Taiz, said, "The Yemeni-Canadian Medical Conference consolidates the friendship between Yemen and Canada. The aim of the conference is to systematically improve the medical performance in Yemen by benefiting from the medical experiences of Canadian doctors in cardiac, neurotic, mother and child diseases as well as health management and researches. He also said that the conference activities started on 22/10/2000 with team work. The first team examined and treated the cardiac patients in Al-Jomhoori Hospital while the second team examined and did operations on gynecological cases, prepared for earlier in Al-Jomhoori Hospital, Al-Saeed Hospital and Al-Hikma Hospital. The third team examined and treated children's diseases in the Yemeni-Swedish Hospital whereas the fourth team gave many lectures on hospital management. The three-day lectures, given by Dr. Albert Driedger, included themes of administration, statistics, planning, making use of resources, and medical economy. Managers and specialists in the field of public and private hospital management in Taiz attended those lectures. These events came as the fruitful results of the efforts made by Al-Saeed Foundation for Sciences and Culture, Canadian Occidental Company, the interaction of the Yemeni doctors specially Dr. Yasin Al-Qubati, coordinator of the conference and the Yemeni Ambassador in Canada \ Mustafa Aman.

On our part, we felt good for the good relationships among the Yemeni and Canadian doctors that resulted from these visits and that undoubtedly will contribute to the improvement of the medical service in Yemen. We hope

such visits get repeated and that the Yemeni-Canadian Medical Association gets established as it contributes to the development of relationships between the two countries. We would like to thank Al-Saeed Cultural Foundation and all the doctors who participated in the conference.

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5050 Antipersonnel Landmines Destroyed

In a press conference held on October 23 in Aden, and attended by the US ambassador Bodine and Aden governor Taha Ahmad, Mr. Mutaher Sa'aidi, Demining National Committee chairman, asserted the concurrence of the Yemeni Republic to augment the demining program. He pointed out the developing awareness programs launched to make the people aware of the dangers of landmines. He also highly appreciated donor countries' assistance and help in this regard to clear mines, re-habilitate those who were hit by these mines so as to integrate them in the society. US ambassador Bodine highly lauded in her address the positive role played by the demining program which was



an example of the level of Yemen-American cooperation. She pointed out that the program was one of the most successful international programs which was attributed to the Yemeni government's interest and understanding of the importance of this issue. She assured the US support to the Yemeni government's efforts in the demining, thanking to those working in the demining unit for whatever

they have provided to the victims of the USS destroyer in Aden. During the conference, a variety of issues like dangers of mines, explosive bombs, how to defuse them, help those affected, treat and rehabilitate them were addressed. The International Demining Program Report 2000 was also reviewed indicating Yemen's endorsement of the Ottawa agreement since its ratification in 1998. The report indicated that the program cleared 5050 antipersonnel mines in February, 2000. Speeches delivered highly appreciated donor countries' support including US, Norway, Japan, Canada, German, Switzerland, Poland and the Swedish Organization Radaa Barnen.

Ms. Christina Nelke, Radaa Barnen regional advisor, gave a speech about the landmine Monitor report for 2000. She pointed that the International Campaign to ban Mines has issued a 1110-page-book titled "Landmine Monitor Report 2000: Toward a Mine-Free World". The book contains reports about situation of landmines all over the world. It contains information about every country in the world pertaining to use, manufacture, trade, store of mines.



The report was collected by a net consisting of 95 researchers and NGOs in 115 countries. The report revealed that there was an increase in the number of countries endorsing this treaty and applying these programs. It showed lot countries carried out this treaty and 137 countries signed it. There was also a sharp decrease in the number of countries manufacturing landmines from 54 to 16 and that 22 million antipersonnel landmines have been destroyed in more than 50 countries during the past few years.

The book has also included major developments in Yemen since March when the Demining Unit started its first operation in a village where it cleared a field full of landmines in December 1999. 5050 antipersonnel landmines were destroyed out of 79 thousand.

In its Monitoring landmines report 2000, the Demining National Committee indicated that 42 thousand mines were destroyed involving 64 mine fields in the Republic after war of 1994.

The report indicated clearing of 48 thousand mines from April 1995 and 20 thousand mines before that in Aden, Lahj and Abyan. It also revealed that 15 anti-tanks mines were cleared during 1994-1997. During this period these mines killed 360 camels in different areas of the desert. Besides, 12 persons were killed from the Demining team in a tragic accident in Hadramout. The report also indicated that 180 Yemeni employees were trained by the US Military Forces, who were under the command of the US naval commander in the Humanitarian Demining Program.



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Democratic Experience in Yemen: Something from Reality



Gamal Al-Awadi

It was interesting to attend the meeting organized by the Committee on Constitutional Amendments chaired by Parliament Speaker Sheikh Abdullah Bin Husein Al-Ahmar. Many representatives of political parties, civil organizations and Yemeni journalists attended the meeting, too. I was listening to the discussions and arguments taking place in the meeting. I listened to discussions favoring amendments, the opposing views and another view to amend the very same amendments. While doing so, I remembered the days and situation before the declaration of the Yemeni on Unity May 22, 1990. I recalled that, in both parts of the country then, there was no freedom to express any opposing political views. I tried hard to imagine if such meetings between the authorities and the opposition, existed then. However, I could not reach the conclusion appropriate to that period. If such meetings were to happen, they would have merely been a trap to put people in prisons, as an

appropriate place then for all those who expressed views against the government's policy. After the unity had been achieved, Yemen started adopting a big change towards a practical democratic process so new for the people and even for the authorities themselves. People started experiencing democracy cautiously and fearfully. The authorities started dealing differently with the opposition. This experience gave the opposition an opportunity to exist. Instead of oppression and affliction, there existed freedom of expression and the political views became various. This is due to the multi-party system and multi-level organizations. With the lapse of time and succession of events, the cautiousness that coincided with the beginning of the experience began to disappear and people started to get used to a new political lifestyle. Now they express their views and opinions freely without being hurt. This, somehow, helped in developing the awareness of the importance of democracy. However, I must admit that many mistakes have accompanied this experience. This is a normal thing, otherwise it would not have been called "an experience". Consequently, it needs time and more democratic practices to be set right. We are in a country that

suffers from a large percentage of illiteracy. People, however, learned to choose their candidates and representatives in the first and the second parliamentary elections for the years 1993 and 1997. They also voted to elect the president for the first time in the region. Now we have reached the stage to make amendments of the constitution, sustaining and opposing them. What makes me very annoyed is when I find some people compare the democratic experience in Yemen to democracies in Europe and America that made them great economically and politically. Our democracy is still in its first phases. On the other hand, Yemen is still a small country that depends on international aid and we consume more than we produce. Besides, our economic situation is deteriorating and many government administrations and authorities are corrupt. Therefore, I think it is necessary to deal with our issues in a realistic way. We should deal with our problems within the frame of the modest democratic experience in Yemen. We should not overlook the facts that the present democracies in Europe and America were not achieved in ten years.

Statement Discrepancies Are Dangerous



Imad Al-Saqqaf
Taiz Bureau Chief

It has been customary to observe that some Yemeni authorities are used to impose news blackout on many various events. On many occasions official sources tend to give inaccurate information on extremely important events, some of which even relate to security of the homeland. For instance the Yemeni citizen has not up till now known the exact causes of Yemeni Helicopter crash incident in Hadramout last year, claiming the lives of 18 military commanders. He does not know yet about the actual criminals behind Sana'a

University Medical Faculty morgue murders of a number of innocent girl students. Official media have elaborately published about efforts of relevant authorities for combating the RVF disease spreading in Wadi Moor, Tehama, but no confirmed information has yet been published on the disease, number of deaths and cases, and what exactly the authorities have done to safeguard the citizens. More often than not, official information is inaccurate. The man in the street does no longer believe in what official press and government sources mention. Now the Yemeni policy is in deep water after the strange contradiction in official statements regarding the explosion incident in the USS Cole destroyer and that of the British

Embassy building in Sana'a. As an initial response, Yemeni statements ruled out that the explosion was a put-up act, but later backed off by saying it was a premeditated act of terrorism. The authority should have waited for investigations results before declaring its viewpoint. At present the Yemeni authorities concerned say proudly that they have discovered confirmed reports on the incident within 36 hours and that they are pursuing investigations with high efficiency. This entails on our officials to show the same efficiency and resolution to uncover the mystery of the Medical Faculty crime, bring the criminals to trial and to regain the people's confidence in official sources and authorities.

Islamists and Democracy in Yemen



Hassan Al-Zayedi
Yemen Times

Much attention is focused on the future of Islamic movement in the region as they are poised in many countries to overthrow the ruling regimes and take power instead. These movements have actually come under many painful blows forcing them to retreat and rearrange their strategies and approaches. The case in Yemen is not different, though not that tense. Despite the existence of enlightening Islamic parties, that has not prevented the presence of hard-liner groups. In general, the attitude of Islamic parties towards democracy is highly determined by the democratic atmosphere we are living in. These parties started revealing their identity and activities following the declaration of unity which was associated with political plurality and democracy. Under the democratic changes witnessed in Yemen, Islamic parties should play a positive role in democracy as it is a national project without which Yemen will be unable to develop and prosper. Besides, it is within the framework on democracy that Islamists can present their approaches and propagate for them without being monopolized or controlled by authorities. I will try to shed some light on the stand of Islamic parties and movements towards democracy in Yemen. This was based on a study on "Islamists and democracy in Yemen" made by Mr. Abdullah Ali al-Sabri. This is a comparative study among Yemeni Islamic parties including Yemeni People's Forces Union, al-Haq Party, Yemeni Congregation for Reform party "Islah". The writer tries to objectively illustrate their stand from democracy and shed light on democratic practice within these parties to see whether they practice what

they preach or not. In pinpointing the relationship between democracy and Islam embodied by Islamic Thought movement in contemporary Yemen, he sees that it has taken three courses:

- The first that democracy is part of Islam.
- The second rejects democracy and accepts Shoura instead.
- The third does not reject the principle of democracy. However, it has lots of reservations.

These three approaches reflect two distinctive visions in the contemporary Islamic Thought Movement in Yemen. The "Reasonable Trend" embraces democracy and looks at it as the ideal way at this stage to solve the problem of governance. The second trend is the "Salafiah Trend" which has adopted a negative attitude towards democracy and looks at it as a Western project that has the objective of destroying Islam. Moreover, this movement sees that there is no way to compare it to the Islamic Shoura. The writer opens that if the Salafiah trend has managed to attract to its thought some of the leaders of the Islamic parties, the "Rational Trend" has been able to present democracy as the Islamic solution for monopolizing power, a reality familiar in our Arab and Islamic societies for centuries. Scholars are at variance about the nature of Shoura and whether it is obligatory or not. But political activist Islamists agree that democracy and shoura are the same. Islamic parties have actually shown a perfect example of understanding of the institution of democracy and have been an example to follow suit. Programs of these parties embrace democracy based on freedom, participation, equity and plurality. It is true that some difficulties have come to surface causing certain crises to be suffered by the three parties: Islah, Union and al-Haq. However, the general perspective of these parties is good and promising. Among the ills that surfaced within

these parties are doctrinal problem and double standard in dealing with democracy. As for the democratic address, the People's Forces Union party is distinguished while the Islah party applies democracy as a means to assume power. On the other hand, al-Haq party is theoretically stressing the reference to scholars which makes the party less successful in supporting democracy. As we recognize the democratic transition in the country, the three parties have to play an important role in making democracy a success, specially as some sources charge these Islamic parties that they are not really committed to democracy and that they are only using it to capture power and then they turn to the Islamic rule. In order to face this challenge, Islamic parties under study have to intensify their democratic outlook in precept and practice. They also have to tolerate efforts for understanding Islamic Shoura so that it does not come out to be in contradiction with democracy. This will certainly change the commonly held thoughts. Political parties can also make democracy a success through strictly committing themselves to its values in their accepted framework, in solving their internal problems through comprehensive understanding of democracy. They should not restrict their abidance to democracy to take part in elections only. Hence, to ensure the future of democracy in Yemen, these parties have to determinedly face all the challenges to preserve democracy and keep it going on the right track. This certainly requires taking practical measures to put an end to doctoring elections, violating human rights and suppressing rights, specially freedom of the press. This is also a call to face the Salafiah stand which rejects the goals of democracy and modernization in Yemen. In short, that can only be achieved through applying and adhering to the sublime democratic values and techniques depending on a solid basis, dialogue, and accepting disparity in opinions.

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Reviving Pottery Handicrafts

Mahyoob Al-Kamali

Yemenis, for ages, have been famous for mastering many handicrafts. The most important are pottery, leather industry, carving on wood, garnet, gold, silver industry and embroidery. For centuries, handicrafts have flourished and were handed down from generation to generation. But the substitution of imported goods in the Yemeni markets, after the industrial boom, led to the extinction of some handicrafts. On the other hand, some Yemeni families continued their hand-

icrafts to earn their livelihood. The artisans possess an unenviable artistic sense that allows them to vary their productive skills. They also generate decent incomes. Furthermore, they keep their forefathers' past heritage preserved.

Pottery: An Old Handicraft

This handicraft was about to die during the oil boom in the Gulf states and the Yemenis immigration. The second Gulf War in 1990 forced immigrants to return to Yemen and to find no jobs. As a result, many handicraftsmen preferred reviving the pottery handicraft to secure their livelihood. Consequently, prices of pottery, that

appeared in different forms for different purposes, have risen up in markets. Historical sources mention that the Yemenis exported pottery before the year 295 to Egypt, Iraq, Iran, India, China, Ethiopia and Cyprus.

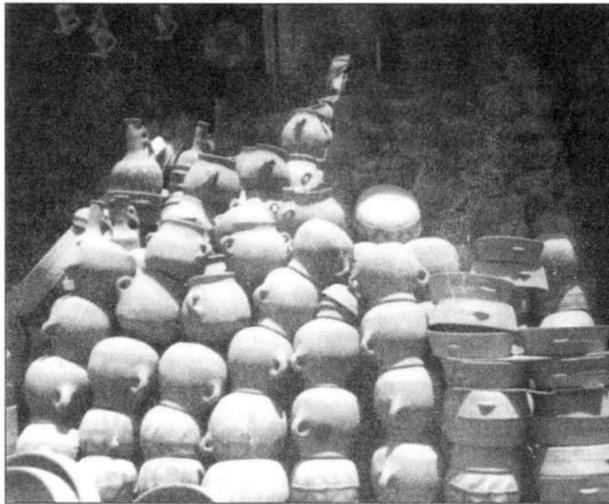
Pottery Making

The potters say that making pots requires many things. The most important thing is the milky mud that is available as red dust underground and in mountains.

To make good pots, first, the specialized handicraftsman chooses the kind of dust, mixes it with water and prepares an amount of clay. Next, an expert handicraftsman makes clay into

many shapes of different sizes and for different purposes. He puts them in the sun to dry up before putting them in kilns heated with coal for a certain time to be hardened. After that, he tests the already made pots to see if they are ready for use. However, the time for making a pot differs according to its shape, size, and purpose.

At a high temperature pots become very solid and not easily broken. Some pots are decorated with different colors and shapes before they are put in furnaces. Sometimes they are engraved with some pat-



terns or expressive designs and then marketed.

Modern products decrease pots sale

We visited the pottery market in the Old Sana'a Market and pot merchants told us that import of similar manufactured products decreases the sale of pots. Against the pots used at home for drinking tea, coffee, the cooking pots and the pots for keeping water cold, there are cheap and imported products for the same purposes. However, the merchants say that their sales of pottery increase when tourists purchase historical statues and antiquities in local and foreign currency. They specially purchase potteries decorated with artistic designs, patterns and drawings derived from the Yemeni heritage.

A visitor to the pottery market would realize perfectly-made, magnificent handicrafts that reflect the craftsman's ability in putting glamorous artistic touches derived from the old Yemeni heritage.

Pottery-sellers find that the spread of gas ovens in the city and countryside has decreased the sale of ovens made of clay that use coal for making bread. This threatens to end this industry. The merchants suggest that the govern-

ment must work on promoting clay handicrafts by studying the economic benefits and specifying some places for revival of this craft. This will ensure new jobs and minimize unemployment. Potters say that by improving their skills in this industry, specifying priorities for pottery production for the local market and the tourists customers, will help them produce more and develop their professional and social conditions.

After a German delegation had discovered an archeological city in Saber region, Lahj, whose people were potters, the government started giving attention to developing pottery, making and marketing pots and statues similar to the ones discovered in Saber.

Therefore, there is a need for supporting the National Center for Developing Handicrafts. This center started work in 1988 after being established following an agreement between the government and the United Nations Development Program to revive local handicrafts that were about to be extinct.

To conclude, it is important to protect handicrafts specially pottery to contribute to reducing the rate of unemployment in Yemen.

ECONOMY NEWS

Liberalization of Foreign Trade
Yemen's balance of trade had in 1990 recorded a surplus amounted to US\$ 418 million while the value of trade exchange volume rose to US\$4.3 billion. That is attributed to the liberalization of foreign trade and participation of private sector in imports of building materials, foodstuffs and goods of other services.

Expected Deficit

The Yemeni government expected the deficit in the general budget of the State for the next year to recede by 6.0% of the budget volume. The general budget expenditures reached 501 billion rials and the revenues 487 billion rials with a deficit of 14 billion and 38 million rials after the it was 2,99% of the Gross Domestic Product for the year 2000.

Education & health Allowances Increased

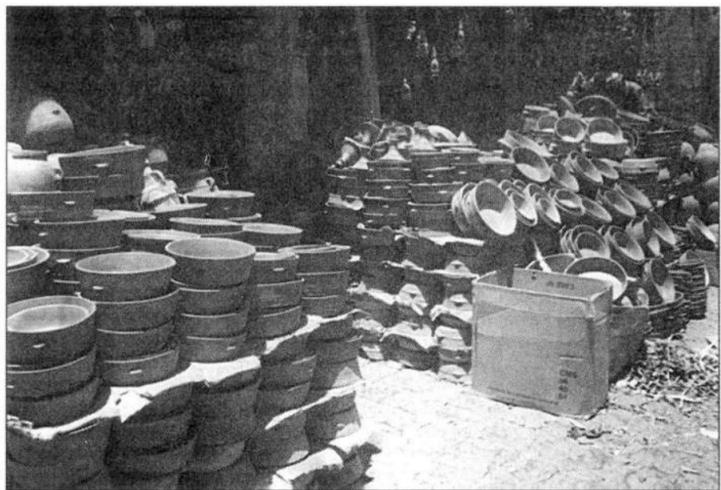
In its new budget, the government allocated 102 billion Rials for its investment program and employment of 9800 people. The government has also increased the education allowances by 15% health allowances by 26% and supported the oil products and gas with 23 billion and 985 million Rials.

Tourists Cancel Visits to Yemen

Tourist agents mentioned that tourists who canceled their visits to Yemen in November 2000 were 5000. This will negatively affect amount of revenues for the current tourist season, particularly on income of hundreds of people working in hotel and tourist services sector.

EU's Financial aid to Yemen

Yemen has got a financial support of \$800,000 from the European Union as an aid for fighting the Rift Valley Fever that led to the death of about 97 people in five governorates infected with this fatal disease.



Banks and Investment Projects

Banks play a significant role in activation of investment projects by opening letters of credit and financing investment and insurance trade. Therefore, success or failure of investment projects in Yemen is influenced by condition of banks and their assets.

Businessmen attribute weakness of investment activities to recession of banks to support failing projects mainly because of delay in paying back outstanding loans to banks.

Financing investment projects is also affected by the circumstances surrounding banks, their jobs and safety of legislation related to their activities and to other offices concerned with encouraging the private sector to practice its activities in all profitable domains.

Investors here think that re-evaluation of banks' role in financing investment projects is related to performance of banks in terms of growth of gain and stability of revenue rate against unan-

nounced reserves when financing investment projects.

The main hurdle disabling banks from supporting investment projects is the weak basis on which those banks are established. There must be a full study on the basic capital rate and the difficulties a bank may encounter.

For this reason there has been a confusion in the specialization of banks working in Yemen. Most banks devote themselves to supply owners of projects and give up offering loans to local investors. According to the General Investment Authority about 40% of the licensed investment projects are still incomplete due to lack of fundings.

Many traders and businessmen were encouraged to open banks in order to supply their letters of credit. This coincided with calls for free market economy which helped increase the number of banks. However, that did not help promote investment.

Other than the Yemeni Central Bank and other governmental and commercial banks there are five private banks,

three Islamic banks and four foreign banks. Most of these banks carry out their activities through opening letter of credit or money remittances.

Such activities do not meet the needs banks were established to meet. Being investment institutions they should support investment projects and help their execution as well.

Despite the fact that the YCB classifies many banks as private companies and thus raises the capital to YRs 1,000,000,000 as a minimum requirement to run a bank, no improvement in terms of enhancing investment has taken place.

The withdrawal of banks from supporting and adopting investment projects has led to decrease in their profits to the extent that some of them were liquidated.

To sum up, specialized and commercial banks could have been in better condition if they were established after careful and legal studies and made their main objective to support investment.

Recession in Real Estate Investments

The rates of real estate investments have declined during the last three years to 45% of what it was in years 1994 - 1997 which led to recession in the fields of construction and hiring empty lands. This recession has increased since the declaration of bankruptcy of money investment companies which refused to give back the money of investors in those companies. All that

led to drop in selling cement, steel and all building materials while rents have increased and on the opposite side real estates prices have gone down.

This recession has also affected other sectors related to real estates' business like workshops needed in this sector and many who work in those workshops lost their sources of income.

Obviously recession in this sector caused growth delay, created an atmosphere of social instability and

disturbance among businessmen.

No doubt imposing a yearly tax on revenues of hired real estates and empty lands doubled and complicated the difficulties facing investors in this sector. In addition to those, there are taxes imposed when selling lands or real estates leading many investors to stop investing in this field.

Encouraging legislation especially that related to loans is needed to encourage investors and commercial banks to invest in this field.

Unpaid debts have played a big role in this decline, and for this problem to be solved rules should be made to insure repayment of all debts without disturbing other real estate investments.

Those unpaid debts should be settled in courts and some fair conditions should be imposed on loans to get this problem out of the way especially when some plans are made to have a stock market here in Yemen.

Some businessmen in this sector confirm that prosperous real estate investments will help having a healthy stock market where loans can be registered by long term stocks.

We stress, that activation of real estate investments will inevitably solve many economic problems the Yemeni society suffer from, for the strong bond that ties this sector with other industries and services.

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After the Arab Summit:

Have The Arab Leaders Lived Up to the Challenge?

It is really inconceivable that the Arab leaders who were so slow in getting together just to talk about the recent Middle East Crisis, when Israel once again showed that it did not give a damn about the Arabs, their leadership or the peace process, even if the latter was engineered by the United States, had really any inkling of what was being displayed by the Israelis over the last month or so of bloodshed mainly suffered by a helpless population, who have known nothing but suffering for close to four generations now. As for our monumental Arab leaders, who have time and again shown that in the end they really are powerless midgets that fail to harmonize their thinking with that of their constituencies, although their propaganda machines magnify them to the state of mythical beings, at the expense of the public treasury of course. As was expected, the Arab leaders' meeting in Cairo last week failed in coming out with the concrete resolutions that reflect their appreciation of their constituent's much stronger attachment to the greater national issues that confront their nation, or the sympathy they have for the undue suffering of their brethren in the cities of the West Bank and Gaza – the remaining 10% of their national home. Moreover, the overriding view in the Arab "street" is that the Arab Summit was ineffective in curbing the bloody assault on their unarmed brothers in Palestine or in even shaking the Israelis one bit. For all intents and purposes, the Arab Summit was viewed as just a gathering of former friends and new friends for some coffee or tea – a social event so that new leaders may have a chance to meet some of the very long-standing leaders, who still have yet to make their marks on the real issues at hand, whether domestically, regionally or internationally. Ironically, the two weeks of media support and speeches by all these leaders prior to the Summit, seemed nothing more than rhetoric geared to absorb the anger felt by most Arabs at the sight of cold blooded murder being unleashed and broadcast live to the whole world every day at the hands of the Israeli Defense Forces – with their Rambo outfits ready to show how

tough and resolute they are in living up to their "national" causes. However, when it was their turn to show what they are going to do to answer their constituents demand for concrete action to show that 300 million people are simply not going to stomach these atrocities, the Arab leaders once again showed that they are operating on different wavelengths from the Arab masses – as usual. Mind you, no one expected the Arab leaders to take off their various outfits and put on their battle gear – they have reserved that for facing up to any potential protest or uprising from their own people. However, one was expecting to at least see some reflection of the severe pain at heart one feels upon seeing such pitiful scenes as the cold blooded murder of Mohammed Al-Durra, repeated almost on a daily basis. However, apparently these leaders have lost all heart and emotions for the suffering of anyone at home – at their hands - let alone suffering outside their domains. It is not a mystery anymore, then, that the Arab leaders seem to act on the whims of other power centers beyond their own borders, feeling somewhat ill at ease at having to survive in a single superpower world, which limits their maneuverability politically. After all, most of them are the product of a bipolar world, where they were able to vie for support of any of the Big powers in order to maintain their hold on their people's necks. Nevertheless, it makes no difference to them that the superpower happens to be the mentor and sponsor of the menace that lies in their midst, a menace that stops at nothing to realize its goals and aspirations, and hardly gives any care to world public opinion, which it can always claim to be no more than an anti-"Semitic" (note they have even stolen our ethnic description and claim it solely for themselves) streak or a biased streak, which does not express the objective opinion of its speakers. All that matters is that they should not come out with anything that disturbs the foreign policy makers of Washington D.C., most of whom now happen to be members of the Jewish faith – all of whom undoubtedly can never opt for a foreign policy that will stand in the way of the Zionist dream

or work against the interests of Israel, no matter how much they will claim to be only working for America's interests. There should be no illusions about such matters and it would be very difficult to believe that as far as Israel is concerned, these policy makers have no second thoughts about where they – the US should stand. For sure, no one is certain why these leaders decided to meet at all, since the desired objectives, as far as the millions that went out on the street from Mauritania to the Persian Gulf saw them, were the last thing on these leaders' minds. It was a conference of wide ranging speeches, of which the speech by Hafez Al-Assad's son, Dr. Bashar, seemed to outdo all the others, in terms of projecting a clear set of strategic alternatives that should be pursued by a nation confronted with a wily enemy that fully believes that it was power that set it up and it is power that will keep it sustained, and fully understands that power and force is the only thing that can tame it, since Washington D.C. has declined to do so. Even the Israelis had to admit that Dr. Bashar's speech was the only one that worried them of all the 22 or so leaders who spoke, including those who supposedly projected "extreme" tendencies. So what is the situation we have now after the Extraordinary Summit? We have a Fund to which peanuts will be put in, when compared to the formidable sums Israel gets and spends from the United States and World Jewry. It is not apparent to this observer if such a Fund is sufficient enough to clear the conscience of those who opted for it and supported it in the Summit, and for sure it will hardly do anything to enhance the capability of the Palestinians to counter the might of the Israeli Defense Forces with all their battle gear pointed point-blank at them, nor even to alleviate the hardships their brave fight is bound to create – no jobs, no food, no medicine and no hope. It is really distressing that for a nation that sits atop the world's biggest oil reserves, it should be content with a fund of US 1 Billion to counter the annihilation of an important element of its people, who are putting a brave fight to keep the

head of the entire nation so high, and to defend the sacred holy sites, revered by their constituencies. A few critics went on to chide the Arab leaders by saying that the Israeli leaders – Ehud Barak and Ariel Sharon – are actually loyal to their national causes, and had our Arab leaders been just half as loyal to their national causes, the Arab states would be in a far different position and Israel would think twice about creating any situation that would move these leaders to far more concrete resolutions, using all the weapons at their disposal, as the situation would dictate. Noting the series of blows that Hizbullah, under the leadership of Sheik Hassan Nasrullah (translated "the victory of Allah"), have dealt the apparently feeble Israelis, some critics went on to suggest all the Arab leaders had to do was to pass a resolution to hand over all the Arab military forces and weaponry to be under the command of the Hizbullah leader, and pretty soon you will have a state of Palestine in its natural borders, or at least a just peaceful settlement of the Middle East Crisis, in no time at all. It seems that the Arab population will have to find some other means of convincing their leaders that they and their constituencies must see eye to eye on all the issues that are confronting the Arab nation, whether at the domestic, local or regional level. The Arab people are tired of seeing their blood wasted in vain for causes that never float above the surface of the water. The Arab people are tired of seeing its resources wasted on the glorification of leaders, who have in essence, failed in fulfilling any of their constituents' aspirations, domestically and regionally. The Arab people are tired of hearing endless rhetoric, without any practical reflections that give such rhetoric substance. The Arab people are tired of the vast waste of resources, which work only to enhance the wealth of their leaders and their cronies and fail to give back the people anything in return. For sure, as the Infadhah continues in Palestine, the Arab people might be inclined to consider many more Intifadhas throughout the Arab world unless their leaders deliver and deliver fast.



No Passage to Yemen For Israel



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The Israeli attempts to get access to Yemen's sea-ports and land passages are doomed to failure and its policy of creating crises and instigations would be fiercely confronted. Israel will never get access to the Strait of Bab Al-Mandab as long as there are millions of people ready to make the Red Sea really red. The black history of Israel has developed a sense within Arab people that coexistence with the enemy can not be whatever Masonic and Zionist pressure is exercised. Had there been a curse on Arabs during decades, it should be considered that of Israel as an entity implanted by the colonialists in the heart of the Arab Land as an embodiment of crises, creation of instability and waste of energies. With the international patronage Israel enjoys, it has become as an inevitable fate for Arabs. As an Arab country Yemen has not been away from the Zionists' plans and attempts to create chaos as messages to let go normalization stream. In the mid of 1990s Israel contributed to creating the crisis between Eritrea and Yemen on Hanish Island with the hope that Yemen would be engaged in war with Eritrea, but its attempt was undermined. It was expected that Israel's failure would be followed by

another attempt. Between Hanish and attempts to disrupt order by using the American card to get facilities in the Yemeni sea passages, Yemen was no easy task. The issuance of American and British passports to Jews in order to facilitate their entrance to Yemen was encountered with fury. The enemy newspapers then announced that a barrier had been collapsed even if nothing was achieved. This was followed by a ban on Jews entry to Yemen disregarding their identities and the passports they hold. On October 12, 2000 USS Cole was attacked to reveal once again an Israeli involvement through timing of the event, and its brutality which indicates that political failure has another inroad: terrorism. The event put Yemen in a very embarrassing situation because it took place after the President's return home after a tour of a number of Arab and foreign countries during which he presented Yemen's crystal-clear stance versus Israel. The Yemeni rage has reached its climax and the demonstrations of two million people calling for jihad sent a clear message. Opposition parties might be in bad terms with the state but when it comes to the enemy they join hands with the her. Great Britain, while at her supremacy, was kicked off from Aden and before that the Turks and Imams were driven out. So, any enemy tries to tread on her land will be dead. Israel will never pass through any passage to Yemen. Our people have an iron will, cause and love for sacrifice.

Who has the interest in the explosion?

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Has Yemen got any interest in the American destroyer (USS Cole) explosion? The answer is simply, No. Yemen has always rejected terrorism of all kinds, always looked at it as a desperate and heinous action, and has invited others to fight it. Yemen's policy is based on democracy and respect for human rights. Even the traditional Yemeni attitude towards this issue looks down upon terrorism. American media haven't been fair in covering this affair. They've dealt with it in such a way as to provoke the sentiments of people by through interviews with the families of the victims, trying to link Yemen without proof to this action, despite their knowledge that Yemen has nothing to do with this. American media should also be more reasonable by taking into consideration the incalculable harm they could do to the Yemeni-American relationships by dealing with this matter in

such an irresponsible way. The other big question that the Americans should ask themselves is, since this destroyer is supplied with high technology which enables it to stop any land, sea or air assault, how can it be attacked without detecting the attacker before hand which apparently had the ability to distort radar detection on the ship? Obviously, whoever attacked the warship must've had facilities better than those Yemen has. Those facilities that Yemen has are very well known to authorities concerned in America. On the other hand, who has the direct interest in such an action and in endangering the Yemeni- American relationships? The same warship could've been attacked before when it used to come to the same harbor to get refueled, so why now? Yemen is very much concerned to have its free zone in the harbor secured and settled since it is vital for Yemen to attract foreign investments. Any damage in Yemen's reputation in this field could affect negatively the Yemeni economy.

Letters to the Editor

DEAR EDITOR,

HERE is an article about racism towards Arabs. "Racism: Pure and Simple" By MICHAEL COREN — Sun Media



Thank God I'm not an Arab. Let me say it again in case any of you didn't quite understand. Thank God I'm not an Arab. Offended, hurt, shocked? Are you politically correct sensibilities dented and bruised? Tough. Because you shouldn't be surprised at all. The fact is that in North America and most of the western world the Arab peoples are not treated at all fairly and seem to be the final example of where racism is permissible, even respectable. It's hard not to notice this when we read the coverage of the latest violence in the Middle East. Whatever the details of why the situation occurred, the fact is that for every tragic death of an Israeli Jew there are at least 50 Arab corpses. The dead include children, teenagers and medics on their way to help the victims. The Palestinians do

have guns but generally throw rocks. The Israelis respond with sharp-nosed, live ammunition. Over and over again. I have seen many violent and terrifying demonstrations in my time, but outside of dictatorships I have never seen them treated in such a manner. And such dictatorships invariably receive the world's scorn and a whole bunch of sanctions. I do not say Israel initiated the violence in the area, but I am deeply shocked at how it has all been handled. Goodness me, truth cries out to be heard. If the demonstrators were as well armed as their opponents say, they would not be dropping like flies and would have inflicted more damage on the enemy. Beyond this, however, is the way the situation is being treated in, for example, good old Canada. A journalist in one of our national newspapers actually seemed to allege that Arabs are mentally ill. He was a doctor, he said, and it seemed to him that, psychologically speaking, appeasing such people only encouraged them. The implication was clear. This is a simple, foolish race.

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DEAR EDITOR,

BISMILLAH...As-salamu A'laikum. An irony we are as humans aren't we. I saw a piece in a film where the

mayor of a town got angry with his leading officer and smacked him. The leading officer stood in astonishment, acceptance and fear. The leading officer then walked out of the office looking down and was contemplating. He then saw his deputy officer and he went to him and smacked him. In turn the deputy smacked the doorway guard. In turn the guard smacked the simple traffic patrolman and in turn this patrolman smacked a common man passing by. The common passer-by smacked an old man with a white beard...this weak old man looked around and found no human around him...and saw his little goat which he smacked in the behind. This is very humorous to me and to anyone who would watch such senseless behavior. Anyone with common sense would not smack someone weaker than they nor would we steal from those who have less than we, nor would we make harsher sentences to those with less power. We don't have that in Yemen, our beloved country...or do we? This I say only to allow us to think for a moment and use our natural "Yemeni wisdom." In Yemen the big eat the small, the rich eat the poor, and the strong eat the weak all the way down to the "small man." We point here or there when we must first take a look at ourselves. If we do, we will find in us all the same traits that are possessed

by those with more power than we. The ones you point at with a dishonorable brandishing finger, ARE you!

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DEAR EDITOR,

THANKS for setting up this English site of your paper. The Internet is giving many people in my country (US) a broader and more accurate picture of the world, including access to media which is not owned and controlled by corporate America and its allies. I express my deep regret and anger over the recent murders in Palestine, especially of youth. The U.S. papers feed us mostly lies and distortions about the whole Middle East, and is often guilty of anti-Arab racism. I'd just like to inform you and your other readers that there are many American citizens here who are tired and angry about our democracy being subverted by corporations and the wealthy elite. (It is this elite—a very small percentage of the

U.S. population—who tend to make all the decisions on foreign policy.) There are those of us, therefore, who don't buy into Zionist lies anymore about the conflict in Palestine, and who are protesting actively to end U.S. aid for Israeli terror, and U.S. imperialism around the world, too.

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DEAR EDITOR,

I am a United States Navy veteran. When I heard about the "cowardly" attack on USS Cole, I was shocked and saddened. I have been trying to get as much information possible on both the USS Cole and Yemen since the events of that day. When I found yementimes.com, I found a fountain of information from a different perspective. I am by no means an expert on Islam. I am and have been a Christian all my life, and I realize there are major differences between the two. What I do know is that Islam is a religion of peace, and just like Christianity, there are radicals out there that will twist the word of God to suit their own purposes. During my tour of duty in the US Navy, my ship deployed to the Arabian Gulf. We stopped in Oman, Bahrain, and Saudi Arabia. I was impressed by the kindness and generosity of the people, and by the beauty of the cities. There was

never any problem with the sailors from our group and the local population. I learned much about the Arab people, Islam, and the general Muslim culture. I carry that impression with me to this day. It is such a shame that some radicals with their own agenda might ruin the opportunity for others to gain the same impression as I have.

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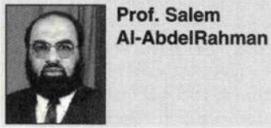
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DNA Computing:

A Possible Efficiency Boost for Specialized Problems (PART 1 OF 2)



Prof. Salem Al-AbdelRahman

The idea of walking over to a rack of test tubes filled with liquid and pouring the contents of one into another to compute the answer to a problem certainly does boggle the mind. Yet, essentially that is how one 'computes' using DNA. This innovative method of problem solving merges the two disciplines of biology and computation, and it could

be useful for problems that may prove intractable by traditional computing methods. Since its discovery in 1994 by University of Southern California by computer theorist Leonard Adleman, it has become a thriving field of interdisciplinary research, with a growing number of proponents each year.

It all began when Adleman, while pursuing a biology textbook, was struck by the similarities between the way both computers and DNA encode and store information. He thought it should be possible to 'compute' with DNA - That is, to utilize its encoding and storage properties and manipulate single strands of DNA so that they

could link up in ways that represent the solution to a problem.

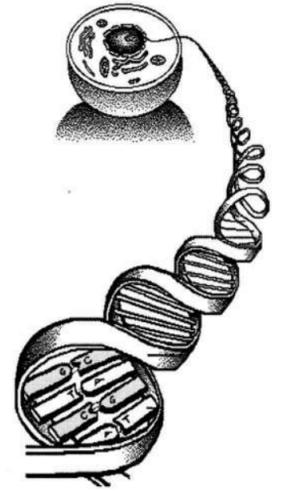
DNA consists of two long chains of alternating phosphate and deoxyribose units twisted into a double helix and joined by hydrogen bonds between the four nucleotides adenine and thymine (A and T) or cytosine and guanine (C and G). In living organisms, each of these base pairs bonds with its complement - A to T and C to G - in a sequence that determines the organism's hereditary characteristics. From Adleman's point of view, this sequencing also endows DNA with the ability to compute. Of course, a researcher must first puzzle out the sequences and reactions that can accu-

rately replicate the algorithm in question and then custom-make the single strand of DNA with the desired sequences, known as an oligonucleotide. This process usually involves the close collaboration of computer scientists and biologists, creating a rich hybrid field, composed of experimentalists and theorists alike. Typically, a DNA-based computation is arranged as a series of test tubes filled with water and upto 10²⁰ strands of DNA. Each test-tube batch is created from earlier mixtures by performing an operation such as separating the strands by length, puring the contents of one test tube into another, extracting those strands with a given pattern,

heating or cooling them, or using enzymes to splice the DNA. The series of test tubes forms a single-instruction, multiple-data computation, performed in parallel on the DNA.

Traveling-Salesman Test

Four years ago, Adleman first tested the theory of DNA computing on the directed Hamiltonian path problem and was successful in his endeavor. The directed Hamiltonian path or 'traveling-salesman' problem is a good example of how computations with DNA actually take place. According to Adleman's method, the vertices of a graph can be represented by a particular DNA sequence, and random paths can be created



strand containing a flight from Boston to New York gets near a strand with the New York complement city code, the two will bond:

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atc gaggtt
|||||
tcaatac g
    
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If this strand bonds in the test tube with one containing a flight from Sydney to, say, Seville, we have:

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atc gaggttatgctatc
|||||
tcaatac g
    
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and when this piece runs into another containing the Seville complement code, we get:

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atc gaggttatgctatc
|||||
tcaatac gatagagct
    
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which will react with a strands for a direct connection between Seville and another city, and so on.

The next step is to read out the strands containing the solution. This is accomplished by first filtering, measuring, and reading out the DNA in the test tubes so that only those strands that begin with Boston and end with San Francisco, contain all the five other city codes, and are seven city codes long remain in the test tube. The sequence in the strands will contain the answer. The DNA computer uses brute force to try out all the possible solutions to the problem and does so in about 10⁴ operations per second (assuming the binding of two DNA molecules is a single operation, and also that approximately 10¹⁴ copies of the associated oligonucleotide are added to represent each direct flight, and half of them bind).

The traveling-salesman problem forms part of a class of problems called 'NP'. 'NP' stands for nondeterministic polynomial time. NP problems are those whose answers can be checked in polynomial time, that is, problems for which the computer running time to verify an answer is bounded by a polynomial function. (This is assuming that a genie has already revealed the correct answer.) The traveling-salesman problem is a special sort of NP problem, called 'NP-Complete'. NP-complete problems currently have no known polynomial-time solution. What made Adleman's accomplishment so remarkable was that by successfully demonstrating, as proof of concept, that this simple traveling-salesman problem could be solved with DNA, he showed that the biological computer was capable of solving NP-complete problems. (This does not mean, however, that all NP problems can be feasibly solved).

through the graph by causing a chemical reaction between various strands of DNA. In this case, he chose seven cities (vertices of the graph), and 14 links connecting the cities in various ways that represent a one-way nonstop flight between two cities. The task at hand is to figure out whether there is a route that takes the salesman from a given starting point to a given end point, passing through each city once and only once.

Step one is to assign each city a unique eight-letter name, in which each letter stands for a given nucleotide (adenine, guanine, cytosine, and thymine or a, g, c and t). In Adleman's original paper, a 20-letter code was used; however, in this example we arbitrarily use an eight-letter code and therefore have the following:

- San Francisco = agctatcg
- New York = gttatgcat
- Seattle = acactact
- Sydney = agttatgc
- Seville = tatctcga
- London = taaaaggc
- Rome = gatgctag

Then a researcher assigns corresponding names for flights between those cities that have direct connections, using the first four letters of the city name to signify arrival and the last to indicate departure. For example:

- Departs San Francisco, arrive Sydney = atc gaggtt
- Departs Sydney, arrives London = atgctaaa

And so on. The four nucleotides bond chemically only with their complement base pair, and so each city code also possesses a complement code, as shown here:

- San Francisco (original code) = agctatcg
- San Francisco (complement code) = tcgatagc
- Sydney (original code) = agttatgc
- Sydney (complement code) = tcaatac g

Single strands containing all the direct-flight names and others containing all the complement city codes are then created in a laboratory and mixed together in a test tube. If a

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Congestive Cardiac Failure



Dr. Rana Jaffer, Cardiologist

The heart and lungs work together to pump oxygen to body tissues. Blood is pumped by heart which extracts oxygen from air in lungs. Without oxygen, cells of body stop functioning. In heart failure, the heart does not pump strongly enough and symptoms result at rest with activity. Arteries are vessels carrying blood away from heart, while veins carry blood towards heart and their valves prevent blood from flowing backward.

Heart failure is a pathophysiological state which results from abnormality of cardiac function. In this case the heart is unable to maintain an output sufficient for metabolic needs of tissues. The main causes of Congestive Cardiac Failure (CCF) are either decreased myocardial capacity to contract or an inability to fill cardiac chambers with blood. Sometimes, the chambers are unable to expand during diastole as in case of left ventricular hypertrophy, myocardial fibrosis, amyloid deposit and constrictive pericarditis.

Dynamics of Circulation in Cardiac Failure

In Myocardial Infarction, heart's pumping ability decreases; thus there is decrease in cardiac output of jamming of blood in veins. Compensation for acute cardiac failure by sympathetic reflexes:

The best known of these is baroreceptor reflex which is activated by decreased art. Pressure. It is probable that chemoreceptor reflex, CNS ischemic response and even responses that originate in damaged heart also contributed to nervous response. But whatever the responses, the sympathetic are strongly stimulated within few seconds, and parasympathetic are inhibited at some time. Strong sympathetic stimulation effects heart and vasculature. If all the ventricular vasculature is diffusely damaged but still functioning, sympathetic stimulation strengthens damaged muscle.

If part of muscle is non-functional, part of it is normal and is stimulated by sympathetic system, in this way compensating for non-functioning muscle. Thus the heart becomes stronger by one way or another by stimulation of sympathetic impulses. Sympathetic stimulation increases tendency for venous return because it increases tone of blood vessels of circulation in veins raising mean systemic filling pressure to 12 to 14 mm Hg, almost 100% above normal. Thus damaged heart become primed with more blood than usual and right atrial pressure rises which causes heart to pump large quantities of blood. Therefore, a person who has a sudden moderate heart attack can experience cardiac pain. Shortly, after this, by aid of sympathetic reflex compensations cardiac output returns to level adequate to sustain the person who remain quiet, although pain might be present.

Fluid Retention Helps to Compensate Cardiac Output

After acute heart attack, there is:

- Retention of fluids by kidney &
- Progressive recovery of heart over period of several weeks and months.

Renal Retention of Fluid and Increase in Blood Volume

Low cardiac output causes atria, disturbances in urine output which persists till the cardiac output returns to normal.

There are benefits of fluid retention in cardiac failure: it

- Increases mean system filling pressure which increases pressure gradient for causing flow of blood towards heart.
- Distends veins which reduce venous resistance and thus allows increased ease of flow of blood to heart.

Excessive retention of fluid in cardiac failure may result into:

- Overstretching and weakening of heart, filtration of fluid into lungs to cause pulmonary edema and development of edema in all tissues of the body.

Recovery of myocardium after Myocardial Infarction

There is development of new collateral blood supply in the infarcted area causing muscles functioning again. The recovery depends on severity of damage.

Heart recovers within 5-7 weeks. As the heart's function becomes normal, kidneys become normal and sympathetic function becomes normal.

Dynamics of Severe De compensated Heart Failure

There is no compensation, the cardiac output cannot rise to high enough value to bring return of normal renal function. Fluid is retained causing edema. Heart fails to pump enough blood to cause kidneys to excrete daily necessary amount of fluid. Sometimes, due to decompensation, cardiac output is greatly decreased, effecting all the body tissues resulting in cardiogenic shock.

CARDIAC HYPERTROPHY Pathophysiology and Progression to failure:

Increased workload results in cardiac hypertrophy which finally results into CCF. In CCF, the myocytes increase in size, which later increase the overall mass and size of the heart. Hypertrophy may result from several causes but the main one is hypertension.

Hypertensive people are more prone to develop left ventricular hypertrophy which leads to CCF.

In cardiac hypertrophy, there is a balance between adaptive changes and potentially deleterious structural alterations including decreased capillary to myocyte ratio, increased fibrous tissue and synthesis of abnormal proteins.

On autopsy, patients with congestive cardiac heart are seen to have their hearts to increase in weight, increase in chamber dilatation and other microscopic changes of hypertrophy. CCF produces different effects in different tissues.

Under various pathologic stresses, left sided and right sided failure occur separately. Often both sides fail together.

Precipitating Causes

- Infection: Most of the pulmonary congestion leads to CCF.
- Anemia: it decreases oxygen supply & precipitates heart failure.
- Thyrotoxicosis: it increases cardiac output & leads to its failure.
- Arrhythmia
- Rheumatic fever
- Infective endocarditis
- Systemic Hypertension
- Myocardial Infarction
- Pulmonary embolism
- Marked obesity
- Diabetes mellitus
- Family history of heart failure

CLASSIFICATION OF HEART FAILURE

Congestive Heart Failure
Fluid in lungs or body resulting from failure of heart as a pump.

Right Sided Heart Failure
Failure of right side of heart resulting in swelling of body especially the legs and abdomen

Left Sided Heart Failure
Failure of pumping action of left side of heart resulting in congestion of lungs.

Forward heart Failure
The inability of heart to pump blood forward at sufficient rate to meet oxygen needs of body at rest or during exercise.

Backward Heart Failure
The ability of heart to meet needs of body only if heart filling pressure are abnormally high.

Left Sided heart Failure
Causes: IHD - Hypertension - Aortic & Mitral Valvular Diseases - Myocardial Diseases.
The left ventricle dilates which in turn causes the left atrium to dilate. Atrial fibrillation & thrombosis are evident, too. Left-sided heart failure mostly affects kidneys, lungs and brain.

Lungs: There is pulmonary congestion and edema.
Changes in lung include:
- Perivascular transudate, particularly in interlobular septa
- Progressive edematous widening of alveolar septa
- Accumulation of edema fluid in alveolar spaces.

Chief Complaints
Dyspnoea: Use of respiratory muscles to inflate lungs, resulting in shortness of breath.

Orthonea: Dyspnoea in recumbent position which is relieved on lying down.

Paroxysmal nocturnal Dyspnoea: Attacks of dyspnoea occurring at night, leading to cough.

Cheyenne-Strokes Resp: Decreased sensitivity of respiratory center to arterial pulmonary carbon dioxide. There is hyperventilation with intervals of apnea.

Kidneys: Here there is reduction in renal perfusion which results into tubular necrosis.

Brain: Cerebral hypoxia results into encephalopathy

Right-Sided Heart Failure
It often results when pressure increases in pulmonary circulation.

Pure, right-heart failure occurs with cor pulmonale. Right-sided failure results in right ventricle and atrium dilatation. The major organs affected are: liver, spleen, kidney, subcutaneous tissue and brain.

Liver: it increases in size & weight and it displays pattern of "nutmeg liver", "chronic passive congestion". This is composed of congested red centers of liver lobules surrounded by pale, fatty peripheral regions. There is centrilobular necrosis along with sinusoid congestion, Rupture of sinusoids produces central hemorrhagic necrosis. Central areas with time become fibrotic creating cardiac sclerosis.

Kidneys: There is fluid retention, edema and pronounced arteremia.
Portal System of Drainage: There is increase in pressure of portal system leading to enlargement of spleen.

Microscopically, sinusoids dilate with areas of hemorrhage. Later sinusoids are fibrosed leading to congestive splenomegaly. There is also fluid accumulation in peritoneum forming ascites.

Subcutaneous Tissues: edema of dependent areas e.g. at the ankle is often seen. Generalized edema is called anasarca.

Pleural & Pericardial Cavities: Effusions are seen here

Brain: Venous congestion & hypoxia of CNS.

Most often, patients with CCF are seen to have cardiac manifestations of right and left side heart failures.

Living with Heart Failure
Healthy Life Style: a healthy, balanced diet with regular exercise.
Doctor visits: regular visits to doctor like a good patient.
Medical treatments: Regular intake of medicines.



OPHTHALMIC EDUCATION (15)

How to Keep Your Eyes Clean and Healthy?

Allah created human beings and looking at the human eye you can believe in the ability of our lord. Sight is very important and everyone takes care of his or her eyes. Most eye diseases in our community can be prevented or treated in the early stages. Following the preventive methods in dealing with eye diseases can prevent a large number of people from being visually impaired. It also decreases the cost of treating a large number of these diseases and decreases the burden on the community in taking care of the partially sighted or blind people.

Here are some advice and instructions on how to keep your eyes clean and healthy:

- Avoid cleaning your eyes using head covers in males 'Mashada' or the veil (Hijab) in females because these head covers are full of bacteria. Use clean soft tissues to keep your eyes clean and healthy.
- Each person has to have his own towel to clean his face and shouldn't be used by others. Using other people's towel transfers infectious diseases easily.
- Avoid rubbing your eyes if a foreign body goes into your eyes. Try to wash you eyes to get rid of the foreign body. Rubbing your eyes produces abrasions and damage to the outer coat of the eye.
- If you develop an abrasion or an injury to your eyes; then you need to cover your eye with a clean tissue and visit your eye doctor immediately to get the right treatment. Abrasions of the outer coat of the eye are a good media for bacteria to grow.
- Avoid using dirty water to wash your face because it contains a lot of microorganisms that can cause serious infections to the eye.
- Using sunglasses protects your eyes from sunrays and also provides protection from dust.
- Main causes of unilateral blindness in Yemen are eye injuries and it happens mainly in children. Do not let children play without supervision and remove all dangerous toys with sharp ends. Also prevent children from playing with stones and dangerous guns.
- Pregnant women should avoid getting near cats; because cats can transfer an infectious disease to pregnant ladies and their babies leading to serious eye and brain problems.
- Cook your meat thoroughly and clean your vegetables and fruits carefully and avoid non-pasteurized milk. All can transfer serious infections to the eye and brain.
- Use protective eyeglasses when welding and drilling. Metal foreign bodies can go easily into the eye and produce serious problems.

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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Hodiedah: Overflow Sewage, Rubbish and Diseases

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For the last ten days we were visiting Hodiedah, where the Rift Valley Fever recently killed many people due to the authorities' negligence and their inability to fight the disease or its causes. They blackmail the citizens by taking money from them to make a spraying campaign to kill mosquitoes in their areas with traditional means. They also attempted to fight the disease by prohibiting the selling of meat. They also put check-points to stop cattle move from the infected areas. This caused the citizens much suffering because cattle are their only means of living. The government did not offer those citizens any compensatory assistance. Some merchants make use of this situation and transport the cattle at night. We saw this happen on Hodiedah-Taiz road where a Hilux was carrying some calves to Taiz. Some people told us that those merchants bribe the guards at the check-point to let them pass freely between Hodiedah and Taiz.

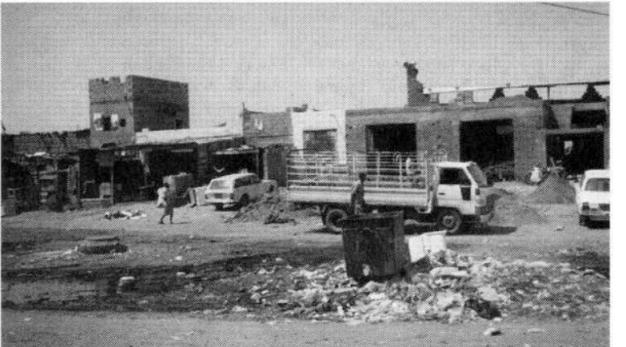
The rainfall on Hodiedah Governorate made the problem worse. Swamps made a convenient environment for mosquitoes causing this disease. The people are worried about the increase of areas where the disease is spreading. The Rift Valley Fever was not the only epidemic in Hodiedah. Bilharzia

and malaria were also there. Hot weather, humidity, swamps and sewage on the streets help spread of the disease. The damaged streets are also full of rubbish and beggars driven by poverty and hunger. Those beggars sleep in cottages at night and live on the sidewalks during the day.

Beside the damaged streets, with piles of garbage and sewage running in the streets, Hodiedah is suffering from the random building of houses and the big number of cottages that spread after the Yemeni immigrants returned from the Gulf states in the early nineties. The biggest problem the people of

Horate, is lacking cadres and medical equipment. Patients are thrown in the hospital wards without any due care. What makes it worse is that the rural hospitals like Bajel and Al-zahra Hospitals that receive the Rift Valley Fever patients, are lacking medical equipment and there is only one doctor and few nurses who treat emergency cases themselves.

The biggest problem that makes the people of Hodiedah worry is the high electricity bills. We heard them complain about the exorbitant electricity bills that they can not pay. However, they cannot do without fans, air con-



Hodiedah are suffering from is the inefficiency of health services. Nothing indicates that there are any hospitals or doctors. A single visit to Al-Olofy Hospital shows clearly the suffering of the people of Hodiedah. This hospital, the oldest in the gover-

ditioners or refrigerators in a very hot city like Hodiedah. What is regrettable is that millions of rials are spent on inaugurating projects for decorating streets while the problems mentioned earlier exist. What is more surprising is the building of an arch called the Arch of Triumph at the entrance of the city. This arch cost YR 35,000,000. This money should have better been directed to improve the most important sectors like health and education.

Hodiedah is a miserable city and its people suffer from different problems that need be solved by the government. Thus, we will continue, in coming issues, discussing health and education aspects with the people and the governor, who has recently been appointed and from whom the citizens expect a reform movement to redeem the deteriorating situations there.



جامعة كيل الألمانية في مستشفى المتوكل من ١٠ الى ١٧/١١/٢٠٠٠م

وداعاً للعقم.. وأمراض النساء

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Fuad Abda Saif AlAdemi:

“A mystic is a holy man who believes in God and does everything to please God”

The dictionary definition of mysticism is the religious practice in which people try to get knowledge of truth and to become united with God through prayer and meditation. Mr. Mohammad Bin Sallam from Yemen Times interviewed Mr. Fuad Abda Saif AlAdemi, a 41-year-old Yemeni mystic. Mr. Fuad Abda Saif AlAdemi holds a BA degree in political sciences and economy from the university of Sana'a.

Q: How do you define mysticism? And who are the mystics?

A: A Holy man defined mysticism as morals and one who has better morals is more mystical. Another defined it as trying to acquire better morals and leaving bad ones.

There are more than one thousand definitions for mysticism, the two chosen above are emphasizing the good morals people should have. Prophet Mohammed, the messenger of mercy stressed this concept strongly. God has given credit to prophet Mohammed in the Holy Qura'an for having the best morals and for being the messenger of mercy to people. To conclude, we can say that a mystic is a Holy man who believes in God and does everything to please God.

Q: What are “levels” and “conditions” in mysticism?

A: Mystics follow their own spiritual ways. This way depends on the instructions of the Holy Qura'an, the sunna of prophet Mohammed and experience passed to them from previous mystics. Levels are stages a mystic should go through deserting all his worldly needs and desires to prepare himself for the next stage.

The first level is Al-tawba (repentance) which qualifies one to the next level, Al-wara'a (piety) which qualifies to Al-zuhd (asceticism) level, then Al-mahaba (love), then Al-tawakul (trust in God), then Al-ridah (satisfaction). Every level needs the mystic to fight body desires and to give endlessly and unlimitedly for the mystic to be an obedient worshipper of God.

Conditions are those spiritual breezes to nourish the mystics' spirits leaving their perfume which make spirits seek immortal life.

Q: Will you tell us about love in mysticism?

A: In mysticism, to love is to love God. God has told us in the Holy Qura'an that He loves the one who loves Him. This Divine love makes you see a new world of beauty and good and gives you the power to make other people love God. Mysticism, strongly stresses love since it is the source of other virtues.

In the Islamic history we have many examples of those who loved God, like the famous Rabia'a Al-Adawiya who loved God strongly and had a lot of followers.

Q: What are the conditions for being a mystic?

A: The main condition is to join one of those mystic groups being taught by a sheikh who himself was taught by another sheikh and this chain goes on to prophet Mohammed.

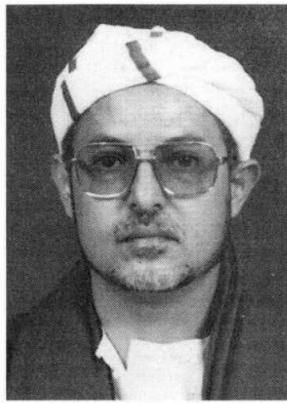
The Imam Al-Razi says that the sheikh must be a believer, honest and a good example for his followers. According to one of the holy men, mysticism is a science that explains other sciences but it can not be explained by those sciences. Mysticism can not be read in books, neither can it be taught by the usual academic methods. Even those books written by sheikhs are actually used to motivate meditation which is considered an essential part of mysticism.

Imam Abi Hamid Al-Ghazali wrote in his book “Al-Moneth Min Al-Dhial” that mysticism can only be understood through knowledge and the hard work of renouncing all desires of the body, and reaching a stage when the heart is filled with love for God.

Q: Tell us about the mystic pledge, it's types, and the secret of this pledge.

A: Mystic pledge starts with putting the hand of the new member in the hands of the sheikh, then saying various religious sentences a number of times.

The new member is ordered give up all bad manners, to watch his words and actions all the time and to set himself a model to the rest. The following mystical rules should be followed by mystical



groups' members :

- the least of food
- the least of sleep
- the least of talk
- remembering God all the time

The member should see inside himself and rectify his faults, following the teachings of prophet Mohammed. The member is also ordered to read mysticism books to know all about the secrets and the teachings.

Q: What are the stages that the mystic should pass through to become a sheikh?

A: I spoke about the importance of the sheikh in mysticism, the pledge and the connection between the member and the sheikh. For a member to become a sheikh, he should work very hard to be distinguished among other members, then the sheikh could ask him to run meetings with the new members so that he may be qualified to be a sheikh.

Q: Could you tell us about special practices in mysticism and where those practices are performed?

A: The Imam Abi Hamid Al-Ghazali wrote a book about mysticism called “hyaa Aulum Al-dean”. That book contained a lot about mysticism at that time. In the same century Al-sheikh Abdul-Qader Al-jelani started his own school which is considered the actual beginning of mysticism. Then the Imam Ahmed Al-Rifae, who had many followers, started his own precept of mysticism. Then many people started their own ways of mysticism.

Mystics had the honor in the eleventh

and twelfth centuries to defend the Arab land against Mongols and crusaders and made those invaders respect Islam.

What some say about mysticism and the negativity it represents in the Islamic history is not correct, for the course of history has showed us that Islamic religion was spread in many parts of the world because of the sincere efforts those mystics made. It is also not true that mysticism is against “jihad”. Alameer Abdul Kader Al- Jazaeri, Al-sheikh Omar Al-Mukhtar and Al-Mahdi all led revolutions against France, Italy and Britain and they were all mystics.

Q: Would you tell us about the “hadrah” and mystical songs?

A: Mystical songs represent a sign of spiritual mystical performance. All human beings like songs that make them feel in harmony with themselves and they all like the sound that calls them to see the beauty of the creatures created by God. Moslems sang and played on the tambourine when prophet Mohammed entered Al-Madinah. Songs have always been a method of communication with beauty, that's why we see songs having a great role in mysticism. Some people may think that religious song is nothing but heresy.

Q: How do mystics know about God?

A: The core of knowledge is to know oneself. So one won't be able to know about God unless one knows about oneself which by itself is a long journey to cover.

Q: It is said that mysticism has brought heresies to Islam. How do you respond to that?

A: I don't call that heresy, I call it mystical creativity. Those who make such accusations do not know anything about mysticism. I wish they would discuss those accusations with mystic sheikhs to find out the truth instead of being stubborn and ignorant. They are always trying to distort the image of others who don't agree with them.

Q: As a mystic, could you tell us about your suffering and the harassment of other religious groups?

A: Harassment of other groups does exist because of the misleading religious address of scholars of those groups who

brainwash their followers and prevent them from realizing the truth.

Q: How do you react to those who try to destroy the tombs of the dead mystic sheikhs?

A: In all Islamic and Arab countries, those tombs are respected for having been part of our glorious history due to the great role those mystics had played, but some who don't understand that fact and are driven by their fanaticism want to destroy those tombs. They should realize that those tombs are not worshipped but respected for being symbols of our heritage of the great Islamic civilization, and they should always motivate us for a better life.

Q: Why do you think mysticism is fought in many Islamic societies?

A: This is not true.

Q: What does “transparency” mean in mysticism?

A: A mystic always mentions God, and because of that he is able to see what others can't see, he becomes free from all material bonds and his soul becomes like a bird who can see a lot more than we humans can see. That is transparency to mystics.

Q: How could a mystic earn his living?

A: A mystic could be anything, a teacher, a doctor, an engineer, etc.

Q: Tell us about sheikh Ahmed bin Alwan. What is he to you and to mystics in Yemen?

A: He is the most famous mystic sheikh in Yemen and he has many followers who follow his teachings.

Q: How do you read “Alwird Alam wa Alkhas” in mysticism?

A: Alwird Alam is a collection of verses given to all members of a certain group. Alwird Alkhas is another collection of verses given to those distinguished members.

Q: Where is mysticism centered in Yemen? And in which Arab countries, mysticism is found?

A: There is no one center for mysticism in Yemen and you can find it in many places. Mystic groups have extensions even outside Yemen and all the different followers of the one method whether inside or outside have spiritual ties that bring them close to each other.

Q: Do mystics have special places and mosques where they hold their meetings? And if so, where are those in

Yemen?

A: Mystics haven't taken part in the struggle over mosques with others. But you can find that some scholars preaching some mosques are mystics, those scholars play a great role in teaching religion to people and you can find them in Hadramout, Aden, Hodeidah, Taiz and Albaida. Mystics congregate at four different occasions Al-mawlid Al-nabawi, Alesra wa Almeraj, Half of Sha'ban night and the twenty seventh day of Ramadan.

Q: How do you evaluate the spread of mysticism in Yemen? What are the numbers of mystic groups in Yemen?

A: I don't have accurate numbers of the mystics in Yemen. But mysticism has widely spread in Yemen especially after sheikh Ahmed Ibn Alwan published his book about mysticism.

Q: How many mystic sheikhs are there in Yemen? And who are they?

A: Generally mystic sheikhs do not seek any publicity. But some became popular like sheikh Asad Hamza, sheikh Abdulbari Al Soruri, sheikh Dr. Mohammed abd Alrab Al nadari, sheikh Alhabib Hussein Alhadar and sheikh Alhabib Omar bin Hafeed.

Q: What are the most famous methods in Yemen?

A:

- Alshadilia method
 - Alalawia method
 - Alqadiria method
 - Alnaqshabandia method
- Sheikh Ibn Alwan is the master of all these methods.

Q: How do you define “jihad”?

A: God has urged Moslems to fight for God.

Q: How do you define Islamic awakening?

A: This will definitely come and it has already started.

Q: Do mystics seek to govern?

A: No, mystics have the duty to make rulers see and understand better, but not to rule.

Q: Do mystics buy weapons?

A: No, the weapon a mystic has is mentioning God.

Q: Is there a special message that you want for us?

A: Work hard to understand life and yourself better and don't brag of what you know, just try to make others see and understand.

Loss of Art Heritage



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Yemen's traditional folkloric heritage is known for its different cultural variety that is in harmony with the different circumstances of climate, geographical terrains and local environment. The difference in life on mountains, valleys and deserts constitutes a very interesting and colorful tradition.

Yemeni traditions also vary in accordance with the economic output, be it agricultural, industrial, handicrafts, commercial, political, etc. Such diversity is noticeable in man's appearance, habits, conventions, etc. creating a unique Yemeni panorama with many colorful pictures that are less seen in other countries in the peninsula. Roughness of difficult and rough terrains has influenced the typical Yemeni and forced him to adapt himself to life here and to tackle all difficulties by reason. Building dams and fortresses, digging irrigation canals, and making irrigation terraces and roads are examples of the ability of Yemenis to exploit nature and deal with it for their good. This heritage had been preserved and communicated by generations until the 1970s which mark the beginning of the internal and external emigration.

Internal Emigration.

Social stability, security and peace after the revolution on September 26, 1962 motivated emigration from the countryside to cities where life seemed

easier with more work opportunities. As a result, a new mixture of public tradition emerged. Common features also started to appear such as traditional dresses, public culture, ceremonies and various social rituals.

External Emigration

With the boom of oil industry in the gulf region in the 1970s, doors were wide open for Yemenis due to the need of manpower and other factors such as neighborhood and easiness of transportation.

Yemenis moved from their conservative environment and limited resources to an environment based on money and superficial perception of civilized life. It was a difficult to shift from farm-work to performing activities that are absolutely different from what they used to do.

Besides forsaking and abandoning cultivation of arable land, a whole setup of traditions was stopped. For example, irrigation terraces, irrigation canals, local traditional production and all cultural activities such as traditional songs accompanying cultivation, harvest gatherings, rain seasons, etc. sank into oblivion.

The thirst for materialistic gains and increase in per capita income resulted from emigration similarly, working in the gulf countries was accompanied by a gradual decline in the spirit of social solidarity and cooperation that used to be part and parcel of the structure of Yemeni pastoral society. This resulted in a kind of confusion in our economy in the form of consolidating backward consumption values that have nothing to do with farming, let alone its consequences of abolishing the traditional

heritage and the national identity of people. Wedding ceremonies change, clothing changes, solidarity disappears, architectural peculiarity has been tarnished and oral songs have yielded place to recorded ones. The mechanized mills have silenced that enchanting voice of women hand-milling.

Development Movement

A comprehensive development coincided with external emigration which brought into the country features and conditions of the contemporary civilization such as schools, hospitals, roads, cars, offices all of which were new to our Yemeni society. Availability of financial resources in the 1970s and beginning of 1980s helped develop those features. The modern technology brought about new values that do not agree with the inherited rustic values. Overwhelmed by modernity values, our society began imitating societies with superficial modernity which neither helped it preserve its tradition nor developed its own modernity.

The Yemeni man abandoned his old house unaware of its historical values. He abandoned his field at a moment of prosperity, gave up growing coffee in a race to cultivate qat and was enchanted by the printed books and forgot his valuable scripts. He ran after importing African livestock giving no consideration to how important animal wealth is to our country. Fathers forgot what their forefathers had taught them about agriculture, astrology, rain seasons and climate and sent their sons and daughters to universities to study agricultural sciences that proved to be a failure in our local environment for their

inability to find solutions to boost agricultural development.

Religious and Ideological Extremism

The local tradition has greatly been affected by a number of religious and ideological calls, some of which came from the gulf.

Many religious ideas against tradition, conventions, literature and art have arisen under the pretext of religion, that worked in effacing features and identity of the people. Disregarding the aims of such opinions and ideas, be they political or social, tradition has been always the victim. Attacks on historical shrines and sites were performed under the theme of prohibition, purging religion. Such ideas changed the clothes, affected the social relationship between man and woman. They also changed the social roles and canceled woman's role in production when it was decided to keep her at home.

Education

The inappropriateness of educational curricula in raising awareness of tradition created a wide gap between generations and their local environment and built barriers between them and their inherited values.

The negative values those curricula brought about made it easy for the youth to accept any extremist calls and destroy their society and community thinking what they are doing was right.

Future of Traditional Literature, Culture and Art

The threat imposed on traditional heritage is passing through different levels: local, regional, and international. Globalization as the concept implies is a real threat to our nations' heritage. Regarding factors which are threaten-

ing the traditional heritage, we should ask what we have done to preserve it. To answer, we need to:

- 1- classify our traditional, literary and artistic heritage,
- 2- carry out specialized surveys all over Yemen,
- 3- encourage academic and specialized departments at universities to do researches on traditional heritage,
- 4- complete all tourist surveys all over the country,
- 5- encourage and motivate handicrafts and traditional ceremonies,

6- organize cultural festivals to activate, document and record traditional activities,

- 7- enrich the art and Traditional Heritage Documenting Center with available arts and literature,
- 8- organize festivals for traditional poetry, songs and tales,
- 9- raise people's awareness about importance of heritage,
- 10- prepare generations to care about it by including it in educational curricula, and
- 11- encounter all anti-traditional calls.

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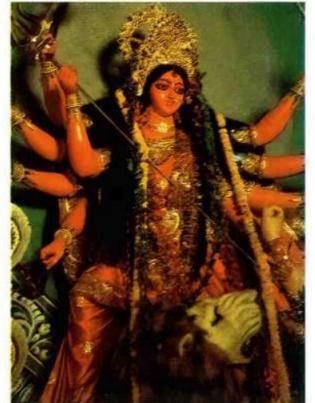
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A Rich heritage that goes back 5000 years. A vibrant democracy that's barely 51 years old. A young one-billion strong nation on the move. Call her what you may, India defies description. Its vast geographical diversity, heritage and culture, fairs and festivals, and monumental attractions that span a sub-continent cannot be condensed between the two covers of any book. The sub-continent of India lies in South Asia, with Pakistan, China, Nepal and Bangladesh as immediate neighbors. To the north, it is bordered by the world's highest mountain chain, the Himalayas, where foothill valleys cover the northernmost of the country's 26 States. Further south, plateaus, tropical rain forests and sandy deserts are bordered by palm fringed beaches. India covers an area of 3287263 sq. Kms.



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the west, south and east India, however, December and January are pleasantly cool, never very cold. The summer months (April-June) are hot in most parts. The South-west monsoon usually breaks between June & September.

Flora and Fauna

With a wide range of climatic conditions from the torrid to the arctic, India has a rich and varied vegetation. India can be divided into distinct floristic regions, namely, the Ganga plain, the Deccan, Malabar and the Andamans.



India, has vast variations in geography and climate too. As a consequence there is exciting diversity in habitats and wildlife. The mighty Himalayas, the highest mountains in the world, offer a wide spectrum of landscapes and wildlife. Known as the land of the Tiger and the Elephant, the Peacock and the Rhinoceros, India's wildlife is a delight for nature lovers.

spoken in the Indian Union. Hindi is the Official Language of the Union. However, English is the language of business and administration and it is widely spoken and understood throughout the country.

Fairs & Festivals

The colorful mosaic of Indian festivals and fairs - as diverse as the land, is an expression of the spirit of celebration, that is an essential part of the country.



Observed with enthusiasm and gaiety, festivals are like gems, ornamenting the crown of Indian culture. They are round-the-year vibrant interludes in the mundane routine of life. Every season brings along new festivals, each a true celebration of the bounties of nature. And that's not all! The Birthdays of Gods and Goddesses, Saints and Prophets, Great Historical happenings and the advent of the New Year, all find expression in colorful festivities. Packed with fun and excitement, festivals are occasion to clean and decorate houses, to get together with friends and relatives and to exchange gifts. These exhibit an eternal harmony of spirit.

India is a land where one finds a celebration of life always in progress, occasions to spread laughter and music, dance and drama. Celebratory fairs, bright lights, colorful attire, shopping spree, fun, frolic and entertainment are all part of the game! India probably celebrates more occasions than any other place on earth! At all times of the year!

Entertainment & Tourist Attraction

India is one Nation with Countless Destinations. Something new at Every turn. The country's staggering topographical variations is its cultural diversity, the result of the co-existence of a number of religions as well as local traditions. Thus, the towering temples of South India, easily identified by their ornate sculptured surfaces, are associated with many crafts and performing arts of the region.



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Chennai

The largest city in Southern India, developed after 1639, is just a gateway of South India. One can peep into the varied aspects of traditional south Indian culture and life styles which intermingle with the modern city complete with its plus hotels and restaurants offering a range of continental and typical south Indian cuisine, long and uncrowded stretches of beaches, modern shopping centers, which offer traditional handicrafts, textiles and much more peculiar to this part of India.

Calcutta

Born on the Bank of the river Hoogly 300 years ago, the Gateway to the mystic east, Calcutta became a British trading post which was destined to shape centuries of Indian history. The exquisitely delicate Victoria memorial Hall, Calcutta museum, Dakshineswar Kalibari, Bengal School of Painting are of tourist importance.



Others

The world famous Taj Mahal and numerous monuments at Agra, Pilgrimage centers throughout, Ajanta and Ellora Caves, splendid cities of Jodhpur, Bikaner and Jaisalmer, Pink City Jaipur, pilgrim towns of Varanasi, Mathura-Vrindavan and Rishikesh, Buddhist Centers like Saranath and Kushinagar, the Golden triangle cities of Bhubaneswar-Puri-Konark and many many more throughout the country are of tourist importance.

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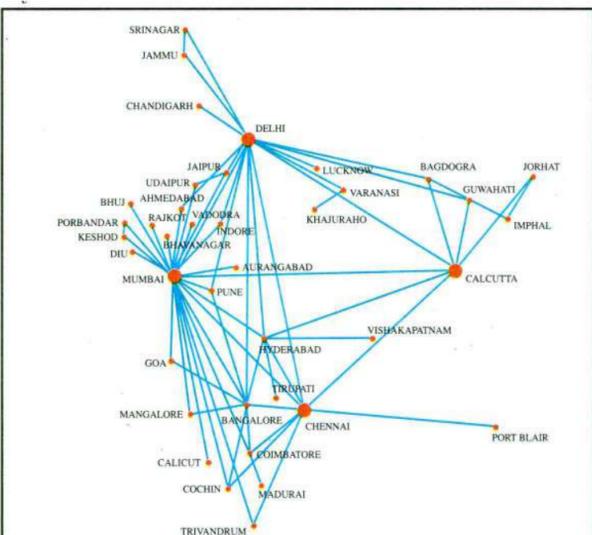
Climate
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Increase of Poverty and Unemployment Levels

The College of Commerce and Economics concluded last Wednesday the Fifth Scientific Conference inaugurated a day before under the theme "Yemen's Future Within The Local, Regional and International Changes." Deliberations included 25 working papers all of which dealt with different economic, administrative, accounting and political issues.

tial elections. Assabri severely criticized the opposition parties' participation in the political and democratic life saying that they needed to be more serious about democratic activities.

"The past ten years was enough to present a clear picture of the situation of democratic work here taking into account many examples such as parliamentary and presidency elections which prove that," said Assabri in a

cussed future of women's participation in politics as viewed by girl students of the college of Education at Sana'a University.

"A number of measures and steps must be adopted to save Arab countries the troubles and consequences of globalization," said Dr. Ali Ali Azzabedi in his discussion of trends of globalization and their reflection on Yemen. The discussion also touched the future of economic roles and expected consequences of joining the WTO.

Dr. Mohammed Al-Afandi followed up the development of economic role since the 1970s with explanations of the outstanding developments and economic events.

The other papers dealt with concrete some of the problems Yemen faces in terms of food security, poverty, unemployment, and low level of development.

A joint study by Dr. Nasser Al-Awalaqi and Dr. Hameed Al-Khafaji indicated that wheat production covered only 70% of the total need of the Yemeni market. The study added that export of grains had increased despite the local need.

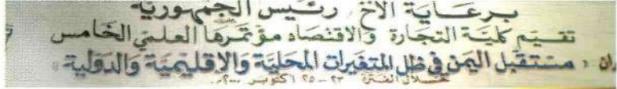
Another study indicated the increase of unemployment level to 30-35% with a fall in investment level during 1990-1999 and shooting up poverty rate to 33% of the total population.

On education, Dr. Azeez Thabet Saeed expected that the number of jobless graduates would reach 160,000 at the end of 2004. Present statistics by the Civil Service Office show that 23,000 jobless graduates were recorded until July 1999. "Absence of planning led to reversal in the educational production," he said. "The rate of high education graduates to technical

education graduate is 50-1," he added. He further pointed out that 85% of the general budget of high education was spent on scholarships despite the fact that some specializations are available here.

According to official statistics for 1999, YRs 14 billion and 17 million was the budget of high education out of which 3 billion and 418 million was spent on scholarships abroad.

A study on privatization by Dr. Morheb Al-Asad pointed out that privatization process of a number of institutions did not burden the general budget of the state. He said that since 1990 such institutions proved to be a success by gaining increasing profits.



Importance of such a conference was elaborately highlighted by a number of speeches made in the opening ceremony by Minister of Supply and Trade Mr. Abdulaziz Al-Komaim, Dean of the host college Dr. Mansour Al-Zindani and others.

Dr. Ahmad Al-Kibsi presented a paper titled "Choice of Democracy and Future Anticipation," highlighting the economic, social, cultural and historic challenges posed for democracy in Yemen. Freedom of participation, freedom of expression and peaceful transference of power were identified as prerequisites for the success of political affairs.

An evaluation of democratic activities and political pluralism was presented by Mohammed Yahia Assabri, a political analyst. The evaluation concentrated on parliamentary and presiden-

statement to the Yemen Times. He said that shortcomings did not mean that the government was responsible for them all. "Many activities of opposition parties show that they are still far away from democracy," he added.

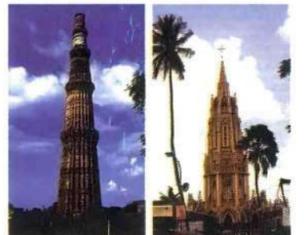
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TRAVEL & LEISURE

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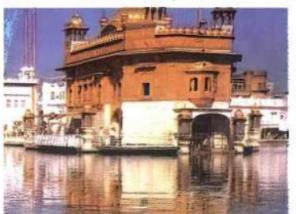
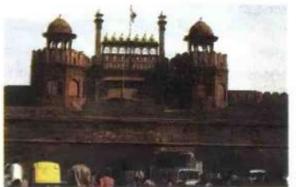


India. Other types of visas being issued to foreigners are - Transit visa, Business visa, Student visa, Conference visa, etc.

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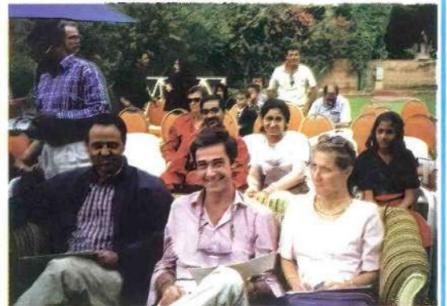
Two and Half Years Old at The Benetton Fashion Show at The Taj Sheba



The Taj Sheba Hotel Sana'a arranged the Children Fashion Show with their Friday Brunch on 27th October.

The show co-sponsored by the Italian fashion chain stores 'Benetton', Sana'a, owned and managed by Ms. Iana Livioditti. The show was a success with 12 children participating, and the youngest being just 2 years and 5 months. The judges were Mrs. Libor, Mr. Andy and Mr. Ferdinando who put the points in three rounds and asked general knowledge questions to all the participants. The winner were Anirudh Bhawe, 6 years, Mst. Akshay Bharadwaj, 10 years and Ms. Malissa 15 years.

The prizes were sponsored by Benetton, Taj Sheba and Elephant Bay Beach Resort, Aden. "Events with children always has been successful, and will be arranged more often at the Bilquis" mentioned Mr. Shankar Bharadwaj, Sales Manager at the Taj Sheba.





Press Scanner

Prepared by Mohammed Khidhr

News and developments of the Palestinian intifada in the Palestinian occupied territories, progress of investigations into the USS Cole destroyer blast and results of the recently-rapped up Arab emergency Summit and the consequences that followed it, are still the main issues tackled in Yemeni press news items and writings this week.

Review of the main headlines front-paged in this week newspapers.

- Presidents Saleh & Clinton Discuss Cooperation, Current Developments in a Phone Conversation
- President Saleh: We Renew the Call for Supporting the Palestinian People
- Arab Summit Resolutions Represent the Minimum Extent
- Presence of U.S. Bases in Yemen, Groundless
- Council of Ministers Approves Yemen's 2001 Budget
- Israeli Occupation Forces Pound Palestinian Cities
- US Marines in Aden, Threatened
- Explosion Jolts Amran City
- Scientific Symposium on Water, Environment in Yemen
- "Cole" & US Troops Leave Yemen
- Two Women Committed Suicide in Taiz, a Third Disappears in Hadramout
- A Rise in RVF Cases Recorded in Yemen
- Cole incident: 68 Yemenis Arrested, House Search Continues
- Parliament Condemns US Congress Stand Biased Towards Zionist Entity.

Excerpts from articles and analyzes published in this week's Yemeni newspapers.



AS-SAHWA
weekly,
October 26, 2000

The political editor in the newspaper has this week discussed what is being rumored about foreign military bases in Yemen, describing them as mere lies and fabrications. The editor has said that it is regrettable that some press and other media have lately published allegations on presence of US military bases in Yemen while writing about the incident that happened to the US warship Cole at Aden seaport lately. The article confirms that Yemen's people have sacrificed dearly for liberation from colonialism and gaining their freedom and liberty and would not ever squander that and would not allow any one to impinge on their sovereignty. As it has always affirmed, Yemen had not been and would not be a place for any foreign military base belonging to any country whatsoever.



ATH-THAWRA
weekly,
organ of YSP,
October 26, 2000

In one of its articles the newspaper commented on the proposed constitutional amendments in Yemen. At the beginning of the article the paper reviewed the most controversial articles to be amended particularly those related to extending the parliament term, abolishing the principle of referendum for dissolving the parliament and annexing the appointed consultative council to the elected parliament. The article has said it is not possible to grant the authority of taking decision to the side that does not possess it as a constitutional right and integrating it with a body entertaining constitutional right guaranteed by the voter voice. As for cancelling the principle of referendum with regard to dissolving the parliament the article says it should not be commented at because this inten-

tion expresses a desire by the authority to chop off the most important democratic right possessed by the people. As for the mutual extension of the terms of both of the presidency and parliament, the question is very clear and represents an offense to the people and does not need much comment.



AS-SAHWA
weekly,
October 26, 2000

One of the articles of the paper tackled the convening of the Arab emergency summit lately saying that following a few weeks of al-Aqsa intifada in the Palestinian occupied territories, sacrifices of the Palestinian people and outrage of the Arab nation against the Zionist entity crimes, the Arab leaders gathered in Cairo in their summit. The article confirms that observing the Jews feelings and not to excite the American indignation were the aim many leaders were keen to maintain. They have asserted that they are with peace, do not want war, even if it was imposed on them. The summit communiqué has avoided to anger America and has not referred to its bias and siding with killing of our children in Palestine.

Though in its minimum degree and in itself, the conference has become a necessity for bringing closer the viewpoints and that it has achieved some positive aspects, it was not at the level of peoples' aspirations and hopes. The conference has come out with resolutions that could be summed up that the Palestinian people are oppressed, Israel an aggressor state and the international community must make it accountable for that. From the summit communiqué it could be inferred that Israel is so strong that there should be a warning against its infiltration into the Arab world. As for what our countries must do to deter the Jews, the communiqué dared not express.



AN-NASS
weekly,
October 23, 2000

A leading article has discussed the question of constitutional amendments. It has said that the parties grouped in the opposition coordination council have boycotted the symposium held on constitutional amendments called for by the parliamentary committee entrusted with studying them, chaired by parliament speaker Sheikh Abdulla bin Hussein Al-Ahmer. In its opposing stand to the amendments the opposition coordination council described the amendments project as a "white" coup against the republican system while some independent personalities such as Dr Mohammed Abdul Malik Al-Mutawakil described it as stabilization of the individual authority against the society. Islah party refuses the amendments but differs with others on the means.



AL-MITHAQ
weekly,
organ of People's
General
Congress Party,
October 23, 2000

An article on its back page by Dr Abdul Aziz Al-Maqaleh titled "Where is the US Sponsor" says amidst the continuous Israeli attack on the land and people in Palestine and outside it, and amidst conflicting statements on alleged peace, a big question pops up; where is the US sponsor, what is its role and stand against all that is happening? Is that sponsor's task, as some Arabs and foreigners say, confined to sponsoring the Israeli aggressions and defending its increasing ambitions?

Most of the people in the world are misled in thinking that the US holds all threads moving the events in the world, and that if wanted, to be an impartial and honest sponsor working for creating a state of stability on the earth. The past years of the alleged peace have proved that peoples and nations do not accept deceit and refuse the fait accompli whatever the circumstances and situations are. Hence the American sponsor has to reconsider its task and define a just attitude towards the ongoing struggle and to realize that the previous game has become known and it is very difficult to repeat. It should stop using the same ways based on calming down and promises unless there is a complete change in the stand. Nobody would otherwise believe anything about its keenness on world peace and stability.



AL-IHYA' AL-ARABI
Baath Party
organ,
October 23, 2000

The newspaper's editorial has said that decisions and statement of the Arab latest summit have represented a real scandal for the Arab rulers depending ambiguous vocal threatening whose aims and intentions are unspecified. It is as if they have wanted to wring the issue of the conflict out of the masses hands and fields of jihad in Palestine to return it to hotels foyers and negotiating tables in European, American and Egyptian resorts. That is why the Zionist official spokesman described the communiqué as wise, rational and practical, expressing the Zionist entity's satisfaction over results of the conference in general.

We have not been surprised by the summit statement because the speeches at the opening session represented a clear indication to this regrettable outcome. This situation puts additional struggling burdens and responsibilities on shoulders of the Arab masses forces towards what is going on in the Palestinian and Arab arenas. The pan-Arab and Islamic forces have only to reconsider their stands, join their forces to work together in the course of jihad for liberating the sanctuaries.



RAY
weekly, organ of
Sons of Yemen
League party,
October 24, 2000

An article by the weekly says of the painful paradoxes is that while the Arab leaders have been busy discussing the Zionist danger, martyrs were falling all over the Palestinian towns and villages by Israel's gunfire and rockets. And during the days of the summit the number of Palestinian casualties reached 25 deaths and more than 750 wounded to be added to the number of martyrs and wounded. Absence of active Arab response and the rulers engagement in their differences was a strong indicator of the hyper inability of taking the initiative and shifting to the decisive and responsible reaction against the Zionist obstinacy. The speedy bloody events in Palestine and flagrant challenges of Israel's war

generals, and the rulers' deal with them, was a dangerous indicator of the inability and confusion of the mechanism of strategic decision. In other word the Arab rulers failed to come out with resolutions representing the minimum degree compared to demands of the Arab masses. The cause is that taking a strategic political decision for them depends on selective and sometimes personal foundations.



AL-WAHDAWI
weekly,
October 24, 2000

The weekly editorial has also tackled results of the Arab latest summit and linking it with the Prophet Ascension anniversary. It says the Arab leaders have failed in taking decisions expected to be taken by them. The failure became very clear with the immediate angry reaction by the masses in the Palestinian towns and their declaration of their non-confidence in them and their determination to go ahead with shouldering the responsibility for jihad.

The surprising thing is the Zionist response to resolutions of the Arab summit. The Zionists described the Arab resolutions as moderate and then decided to halting negotiations of the settlement in a move to extract more concessions from those rulers.



ATH-THAWRA
daily,
October 29, 2000

One of the daily articles says that 55 years have passed since the Arab League has been established. Despite its being one of the regional and international organizations it is the only one remained throughout all these years without being modernized and developed as for its system and charter.

The Yemeni latest initiative regarding the mechanism of holding the Arab summits has been the main link to place the League in its presumed pan-Arab position. With approving this initiative it becomes important to head for rehabilitating this organization to perform its role based on foundations and principles taking into consideration the nation's huge human and materialistic potentials.



ASH-SHOMOU
weekly, October
28, 2000

Ash-Shomou says in an article that we thought that when the US had spread its influence in the Mideast in place of Britain it took the pretext of supporting Israel as part of the world conflict with communism. The US was always alleging that most of the Palestinian liberation movements were connected with the then socialist bloc. We have also understood that the US unlimited support to Israel was proceeding from its interests to secure their continuity and not to be exposed to any danger against them and the Zionist entity remains as a force used for threatening and compromise against any threat from the Soviet Union. But since the collapse of the soviet threat and he US became the sole actual pole in the Arab and Islamic region the Arabs thought at the beginning that the US policy would change and would commit itself to justice in dealing with Arab peoples and the cause of Palestine. But all that supposition proved to be wrong. The US administration, with all its political, economic and military power, became more keen on defeating the Arab and Moslem peoples.



AL-UMMA
weekly,
October 26, 2000

In an article on the Palestinian Intifada says that causes of the intifada are not confined only by the desecration of al-Aqsa holy mosque by the notorious terrorist Sharon and killing children because the desecration had already happened against every grit of the

Palestinian soil even before 1948. Killing and displacement have befallen even the infants on their mothers' bosoms. What is certain is that the Aqsa intifada has broken out after it has become intolerable and the Palestinians became aware that "camp David" and Sharm el-Sheikh negotiations were reaching their final stages and that preparations were under way to announce the establishment of Palestinian small cantons on an area not exceeding 1% of the Palestinian land. They have become aware that those negotiations have ignored the refugees, the Arabs under Israeli rule since 1948 and even the Quds it has been arranged to be internationalized. The Palestinian intifada broke out after they have become convinced to resort to the principle that what has been taken by force would only be recovered by force.

Thus, under the increasing popular pressure came the Arab summit under an American blessing on condition that it would not exceed the ceiling the US has defined. Its resolutions came weak confined to financial support, denunciation and condemnation of the Zionists. The Arab summit came as disappointing and that there is no hope from the Arab political system.



ATTARIQ
weekly,
October 24, 2000

An article commenting on the proposed constitutional amendments says that the initiative proposed by RAY party on the subject, the visions and suggestions as objective alternatives, have embodied deep-rootedness and pioneering stand of RAY. The initiative comes to meet requirements of the national necessity for constitutional amendments and deriving its importance from its giving objective and convenient alternatives. It would have been supposed that Yemeni opposition parties support the initiative and adopt its contents with the aim of unifying their efforts and regain their position as political parties and constructive and active opposition instead of being absent from the national arena.

UN Agencies Celebrate 55th Anniversary of Establishing the UN

UN agencies working in Yemen held Tuesday a celebration in the police officer club on occasion of the 55th anniversary of founding the UN Organization. The celebration was attended by ambassadors, officials, political and social dignitaries and all employees of the UN agencies. The celebration was inaugurated by UN secretary general Kofi Annan and addressed by James Rawli, UN coordinator and representative in Yemen. The objectives defined by world leaders in the declaration of the third Millennium Summit were reviewed. The address iterated promises and pledges by leaders of the world to stop wars, combat poverty, enhance democracy, enforce law and order...etc. "These promises are inspiring. However, they won't have any effect unless they are followed by action, the address highlighted adding that even after the summit bloodshed in the Middle East reminded us of the danger of leaving political and social

grievances unsettled. He also mentioned that these leaders have to show ability to lead and they are in need of the UN agencies' support." Mr. James also welcomed the participants from the Yemeni government, civil and representatives of the international community, highly commending Yemen's achievements in terms of enforcing the unity, signing the borders treaty, hosting the Human Rights Conference in January 2000 and sheltering refugees from the African Horn. He also reviewed the UN agencies' activities pointing out that those agencies were committed to humanitarian and development support. He added that the UN agencies working in Yemen had started with two important activities in cooperation with the Yemeni government. These two are CCA and UNDAF which have the objective of defining major developing fields for working together to bring about a considerable change in this regard. He also indicated that the UN agencies have also made contacts with the civil society

institutions, NGOs in order to pull together the resources to achieve the same objectives, specially relating to combating poverty, achieving a human development and carrying out objectives of the UN Charter. Mr. Mutaher al-Saidi also delivered a speech reviewing the UN role in settling disputes and trying to stop wars. He said "New changes in the international arena have made it necessary to make amendments to the UN standing orders. It has become important to improve these orders, most important of which is that of the Security Council whose permanent and non-permanent memberships have to expand, especially as there are new forces at both regional and international levels." He also reviewed the instances of violations of human rights taking place in Palestine by Israelis and the role of the UN in this regard. Finally a photo exhibition was opened showing media publications illustrating activities of the UN agencies.

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Bahrain Rejects Qatari Claim to Disputed Island

RIYADH—Bahrain has dismissed as "astonishing" Qatar's rights claim to the disputed Hawar Islands in the Gulf, saying the issue should be decided by the International Court of Justice. Qatari Emir Sheikh Hamad bin Khalifa al-Thani told the consultative council Tuesday that the Hawar Islands were granted to Bahrain by the British in 1939 "in an arbitrary and illegal decision based on political and economic considerations, represented by oil interests, and are just a few metres from our coasts." "We hope the court will re-establish the legitimate rights of Qatar," he stressed. "No one can return to Qatar

what Qatar never had. The time has now come to let the judges decide in sincerity and according to historical facts and international law," a Bahraini Foreign Ministry official said Friday. The small but potentially oil and gas-rich islands are controlled by Bahrain but claimed by Qatar, which unilaterally took the case to the International Court of Justice in the Hague in 1991. The Court wrapped up the five-week public hearings in June. The territorial dispute brought the two Gulf states to the brink of war in 1986 and conflict was averted by the intervention of regional power Saudi Arabia. (Xinuha)

German Chancellor Calls for End to Palestinian-Israeli Clashes

CAIRO—German Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder called Saturday for stopping the violence in the Palestinian territories, saying it is in everyone's interest. An end to the clashes between the Palestinians and Israeli security forces is the basis of continuing the peace process and it is in the interest of every party, Schroeder said after a meeting with Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak. Schroeder arrived here Saturday and immediately went into talks with Mubarak on the general situation in the region as well as bilateral trade ties. A month of bloody Palestinian-Israeli clashes have left nearly 140 people dead, most of them Palestinians, and 4,000 others wounded. Both Germany and the European Union (EU) have an interest in continuing the peace process and a peaceful

settlement of the Arab-Israeli conflict, Schroeder said. He praised Egypt for its mediating role in the region, particularly at last weekend's Arab summit, which pledged moral and financial support for the Palestinians, and at the Sharm el Sheikh summit, where Palestinian and Israeli leaders reached a cease-fire agreement. He expressed optimism about the peace process, saying that the Palestinian-Israeli negotiations have not completely ended. Schroeder will meet the secretary general of the Cairo-based Arab League, Esmat Abdel-Meguid, before leaving Egypt Sunday. He will also visit Jordan, Israel, Syria, Lebanon and the Palestinian areas for talks aimed at contributing to the EU efforts for restoring peace in the region. (Xinuha)

U.N. Warns of Food Shortage in Afghanistan

UNITED NATIONS—The World Food Program (WFP) Friday warned that hundreds of thousands of poor Afghans may face starvation in a few months if necessary aid will not reach them. The WFP estimated that up to 12 million Afghans are affected by severe drought. The cereal deficit for

Afghanistan in 2000/2001 stands at over 2.3 million tons, more than double that of the previous year. The U.N. agency said it needs an estimated 54 million U.S. dollars worth of food aid to maintain its life-saving activities in the war-torn central-western Asian country. (Xinuha)

SS-23 Missile Systems Destroyed in Slovakia

PRAGUE—The Slovak Armed Forces completed the destruction of its Soviet-made SS-23 missile systems Friday. The last components of the missile heads were destroyed by an excavator at a military repair facility in Novaky, central Slovakia, Friday, local media reported. Slovak Defense Minister Pavol Kanis and U.S. Deputy Secretary of State John Holum attended the ceremony. Kanis said that liquidation of the out-

dated missiles has contributed to the country's NATO accession process. The mobile missile-launching system was dismantled on the basis of the Slovak-U.S. memorandum signed on April 27. The whole operation cost 16 million Slovak crowns (about 308,000 U.S. dollars), which is covered by the United States. The Slovak army has acquired the missiles capable of carrying nuclear heads after the split of Czechoslovakia in 1993. (Xinuha)

Cyclonic Storm Leaves 15 persons Dead in Bangladesh

DHAKA—The cyclone that emerged from the Bay of Bengal as a result of depression, swept the southern, central and northeastern parts of Bangladesh Saturday leaving at least 15 persons dead and several thousand injured. According to reports reaching here Sunday, the storm, with windspeed ranging from 150 to 200 kilometers per hour accompanied with heavy rains and tidal surge, wrecked heavy damages to the lives and properties in the coastal districts. The storm paralyzed all the normal activities in the southern, central and northeastern regions of the country, disrupting roads, riverine and air com-

munications, telecommunications and supply of electricity and piped water. Roads, lanes and by-lanes in many parts of Dhaka went under knee-deep water on Saturday following incessant and unprecedented rainfall caused by the cyclonic storm. Six people were killed and several hundreds injured in the capital, where most shops and business houses were forced to keep their shutters down as overflowing rain waters entered their premises. Water and power supply in the city was seriously disrupted after the storm. The normal transport operations were also disrupted. (Xinuha)

U.S. Denies Plane Hit by Iraq

WASHINGTON—The United States Saturday denied claims by Iraq that its air defense forces had hit a Western plane which invaded the southern part of the country. "The Iraqi claim is not true," U.S. National Security Council spokesman P.J. Crowley said. He made the comments after Iraq announced Saturday that its forces hit a Western plane patrolling the so-

called no-fly zone in the south of the country. "Our brave air defenses have hit one of the aggressors' planes," an Iraqi military spokesman was quoted as saying. He said a total of 62 sorties of U.S. and British planes invaded southern Iraq Friday and Saturday. The plane was hit Saturday, the Iraqi military spokesman said. (Xinuha)

Clinton Says Violence Must Subside Before Peace Talks

WASHINGTON—U.S. President Bill Clinton said on Friday that Israelis and Palestinians must curb violence before they can resume peace talks. "There has to be a much lower level of violence before they can meet together and talk about the long term prospects for peace," Clinton told reporters at the Rose Garden of the White House. "We've got to get the level of violence down before there can be a resumption of negotiations," he added. Clinton said he was still discussing the likelihood of holding a separate meeting with Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak and Palestinian leader Yasser

Arafat in Washington. "We are talking to the Israelis, we're talking to the Palestinians, we're talking to others around world," he said, adding that the question of "who comes here, when ... is still subject to discussion." Clinton said he was "very disturbed" by reports that more clashes broke out on Friday between Israelis and Palestinians. "I'm working really hard on this. I'm frustrated. I'm just as frustrated as you are and it's heartbreaking. We just got to try to get a hold of it," he told reporters. (Xinuha)

Spanish and British PMs Call for Faster EU Economic Reforms

MADRID—Spanish Prime Minister Jose Maria Aznar and his British counterpart suggested on Friday that the European Union (EU) should speed up economic reforms to deliver the plans established during an EU summit held in Lisbon last March. The EU needs to create a more open market with better regulations and subvention and competition policies, the two premiers wrote in a letter to European Commission President Romano Prodi and heads of EU's 15 member states. They asked the European governments to reach an agreement on telecommunications by June 2001, and by 2004, to establish an open European market for natural gas and electricity, an open and integrated European airspace and a com-

petitive and ecological railway cargo system. Blair and Aznar suggested an agreement among the EU institutions to streamline administrative procedures for decision-making. Less subvention was also regarded as necessary. They said that European governmental subvention, which now amounts to an average of 1.1 percent of the gross domestic product (GDP) of each member state, should be reduced to 0.9 percent of GDP by 2003 and 0.7 percent by 2005. All barriers in the way of building a pan-European market for venture capital should be abolished by the end of 2002, the two said. Blair arrived in Madrid Friday morning for the British-Spanish annual summit. (Xinuha)

Pakistan repulses attack by Indian troops in Kashmir

ISLAMABAD—Pakistani soldiers on Saturday repulsed an attack by Indian troops on a forward post in Khanjar Sub-sector of Bhimbar Sector, Kashmir, and forced the Indian troops to retreat. "Pakistani soldiers defended their post successfully and compelled the enemy to retreat," a press release of the Armed Forces' Inter-Service Public Relations said, adding that at least five Indian soldiers dead and a large num-

ber injured in the encounter. "The Indian attack was heavily supported by artillery, mortar and small arms fire," it said. Indian helicopters were also seen evacuating their injured soldiers, the press release said. During the Indian attack three Pakistan Army soldiers suffered injuries while performing their duties, it said. (Xinuha)

Over 30,000 Germans Demonstrate Against Extremism

BERLIN—More than 30,000 people Saturday attended demonstrations in two German states to protest against right extremism and racism. About 25,000 people showed up in the demonstration in Duesseldorf, the state capital of Nordrhein-Westfalen, while some 6,000 rallied in Kassel of Hessen state. Nordrhein-Westfalen Prime Minister Wolfgang Clement told the rally in Duesseldorf that "there is no tolerance for violence nor for hate against foreigners." He urged the ban on extreme rightist National-Democratic Party (NPD). Paul Spiegel, chairman of the German

Jewish Central Council, said at the same event that people should not allow their freedom to be taken away of standing up against mobs. "If the skinheads feel themselves as executors of the will of silent majority, then the silent majority are not without guilt," he added. The cause for both demonstrations was the right extremist-organized activities in the same cities, which gathered a few hundred right-wing followers. Clashes between some extreme rightists and anti-extremists occurred and police arrested 230 people, German press reports said. (Xinuha)

Electronic Device to Ease Depression Being Tested in U.S.

LOS ANGELES—Twenty medical centers in the United States plan to study whether a small implanted electronic device is a safe and effective treatment for patients with treatment-resistant depression (TRD). One such center, the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center, said Friday that its researchers will implant the device in up to 30 patients. Each patient will be evaluated for about 12 weeks after receiving the device. If successful, the new treatment may become a unique and effective alternative to electroconvulsive therapy (ECT), now the most common treatment for TRD. Like a pacemaker for the brain, the device called NeuroCybernetics Prosthesis (NCP) helps regulate nerve impulses by sending intermittent mild pulses of electricity directly to the vagus nerve. The device is surgically implanted in a patient's left upper chest and is connected to the vagus nerve in the neck by way of a flexible lead. Signals from the device travel through the lead, up the vagus nerve, and into the brain. According to the medical center,

depression affects five percent of the U.S. population at any given time. The economic cost of depression is more than 40 billion U.S. dollars a year. Numerous antidepressant drugs are available to treat the disease, and most people respond to a combination of drugs and talk therapy. However, about 30 percent of the estimated 1.5 percent of the general population with severe, recurrent episodes of depression has a form that is resistant to conventional treatment. The most commonly followed course of treatment for TRD is ECT which, the center said, while effective, involves the repeated use of general anesthesia and requires multiple treatments over a period of several weeks or even months. Moreover, ECT may cost from 8,000 to 20,000 U.S. dollars per patient per year and carries the risk of short-term and possible long-term memory deficits. Vagus nerve stimulation with the NCP system has been used safely in Europe for the treatment of epileptic seizures since 1994 and in the U.S. since 1997, the medical center said. (Xinuha)

Egypt Sends Third Flight to Iraq

CAIRO—Egypt sent its third flight to Iraq Saturday from Cairo, carrying medical and food aid as well as a 172-member delegation that includes physicians, artists, newsmen and lawmakers, the official Middle East News Agency reported. The flight, the third in one month, went to Baghdad as part of Egypt's efforts to end the embargo the United Nations imposed on Iraq since Iraq's 1990 invasion of Kuwait. During their one day stay in the Iraqi capital, the Egyptian delegation will visit an Iraqi orphanage, the agency said. The first Egyptian flight landed in Baghdad's Saddam International Airport on October 11, and the second a week later, in a show of solidarity with the sanctions-stricken Iraqi peo-

ple. The United States said that the Egyptian flights had violated the air embargo because Cairo did not seek approvals from the U.N. Sanctions Committee before the flights. Several Arab countries have challenged the embargo, following Russian and French lead, since the reopening of the Saddam International Airport on August 17. Iranian Foreign Minister Kamal Kharrazi has also flown in on a landmark visit to Iraq. Russia and France said that the air embargo on Iraq, as part of the sanctions, does not cover private non-commercial flights. But the U.S. and Britain insist that all flights must be approved by the U.N. sanctions committee. (Xinuha)

Saudi Plane Makes Emergency Landing in Chennai, India

New Delhi—A Saudi Arabian plane Boeing 747, operating in the Jeddah-Kuala Lumpur sector, made an emergency landing in South India's Chennai Sunday morning after one of its passengers died aboard the aircraft. According to airport sources, the 44-year-old passenger Nooruddin of Malaysian nationality suffered a severe heart attack just half an hour before the plane entered the Chennai airspace. A doctor travelling in the plane examined him and proclaimed him dead.

The commander of the flight informed the Air Traffic Controller in Chennai about the incident and at about 5.30 a.m. the plane was allowed to make a medical emergency landing, the Press Trust of India reported. A team of airport doctors examined the passenger, who was working as a carpenter in Jeddah, and found him dead. His body was sent for post-mortem, it said. Later, the aircraft left for its onward destination at 7.00 a.m. (Xinuha)

JOB VACANCY

The American Embassy announces for job vacancy within its organization.

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Hadramawt International Festival November 11-16, 2000

Yemeni music accompanies all moments of social life and it proves to be of an astonishing richness. Music is an important element for the cultural identity of its people. It has been able to preserve originality within the Arabian countries hence it seems justifiable to organize a festival underlining the musical variations existing in the country.
On April 24 2000, the Ministry of Culture made a decision to organize an annual festival to preserve the traditional repertoire, promote young artists, discover new talents and valorize the musical patronage for the up coming generations. Along with the Ministry of Culture and Tourism of Yemen, the festival was greatly welcomed and hence supported by the Hadramawt Welfare Association, French Embassy in Sana'a, the Maison de la Cultures du Monde and French Ministry of Culture, Paris, as founding partners. The UNESCO, World Bank, British Council in Yemen, Radio France International and GTZ have also showed interest to support the event.
Beyond its organizers' wish to promote and preserve the cultural heritage of Yemen the Hadramawt

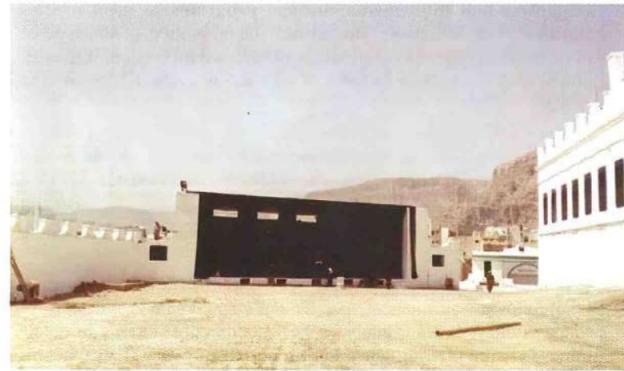
International Festival also aims at enhancing international artistic dialogue with due respect to cultural identities, developing mutual knowledge between people of different countries, showcasing Yemeni arts and culture both at national and international levels, helping Yemeni artists access the network of international festivals and exhibitions, promoting awareness of the cultural heritage and environment of Yemen, strengthening Yemeni non-governmental institutions in the cultural sector, improving Yemen's image in the international media, providing good advertising and marketing opportunities for sponsors, supporting traditional Yemeni handicrafts and encourage the development of tourism.
The festival will cover a wide-ranging series of activities distributed over the historical cities of Shibam and Sayoun.
The Sayoun concerts will be staged inside the Museum; the former palace of the Sultan. There will be two main concerts a day, one national and one international.
An exhibition including a variety of Yemeni artists will be held in the Sayoun Palace itself. Several artists will be there to present their work.



Shibam



The Palace of Sayoun (Musuem of Sayoun)



Enclosure of the palace of Sayoun where the main concerts will take place

This year's poetry day will take place in the palace as well. Most of the folklore street music will take place in Shibam, reflecting the richness of the local Hadrami traditional and emphasizing the natural and architectural beauty of the city and its environment.
The GTZ is programming a series of workshops with the children of Shibam just before the festival, "Children painting their city." The result of their work will be presented during the festival in Shibam.
The folklore music in the streets and the possible collaboration of the Woman's Association of Hadramawt will likewise encourage local people to participate in the festival in the coming years.
For the coming years the construction of a podium is planned outside the city of Shibam. This requires that a whole area should be reorganized. Negotiations regarding this project have begun with the Municipality, local owners of the land and potential foreign donors.
Some international media has been contacted in order to provide coverage of the event. This includes Al-Jazira Television, ART, Liberation, Le Nouvel Observateur, France Culture and Le Monde.
As far as non-musical events are concerned the program will also cover fine arts exhibitions, poetry lectures and, if possible theater. Sayoun and Shibam will showcase the arts and the traditional culture.
Tourist agencies participating in the festival will help make the event a success and will be able to take advantage of this excellent opportunity. They will be invited to set up the infrastructure necessary to adverse and promote the event through their existing contacts both in and out of Yemen. They could assist in setting up the festivals events and its facilities e.g. craft exhibitions, tourists

camp, and eco-tours in coordination with the local board of Hadramawt. Emphasis will be made to ensure children's participation. The British Council will sponsor an exhibition "Children Painting Their Rights" (over 4000 drawings from various cities of Yemen will be presented.) Concerts, puppet shows, theater and other such activities will be set up in the interest of children. The activities will be set up so as to inform children of specific themes concerning their cultural environment. The presence of children in the festival is a means to reinforce a cultural identity. By creating workshops and concerts within the schools for the children their curiosity can be awakened and hence their sense of criticism may be sharpened. This may give emphasis on the importance of introducing a cultural identity at an early stage. Those who are most conscious of their cultural patronage are most apt to preserve it. The GTZ is supporting a series of workshops and an exhibition with the children of Shibam "Children Painting their town." By introducing these different activities the historical patronage, including both Sayoun and Shibam will be highlighted.

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