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Sultan bin Abdulaziz to YT:

“Forces Withdrawal Will Take A Few Months”

In a press conference following meetings of Yemeni-Saudi Coordination Council, 12 round, held during 12-13 December 2000 in Madinah Al-Munawarah, Saudi Arabia, and in an answer to YT question, his Excellency Emir Sultan bin Abdulaziz, second deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Defense and Airforce, confirmed that the Saudi forces would be withdrawn to agreed points inside the borders within a few months. He also said that strives and opposition of some Yemeni tribes at the border-line would be resolved through bilateral and amicable means by the two countries. He stated that the forces would withdraw to places agreed upon in the Jeddah treaty signed on



12. 6. 2000 maintaining that the Yemeni side should be sure about that.

In an answer to another question by YT about tribes' sheikhs opposing the treaty, he said: "This will be resolved by the two countries. Those who oppose the treaty are motivated by some self-directed interests," stressing that the treaty had seriously considered all the circumstances of tribes located on the borders and people residing there. This happens at a time some sheikhs of tribes located on the

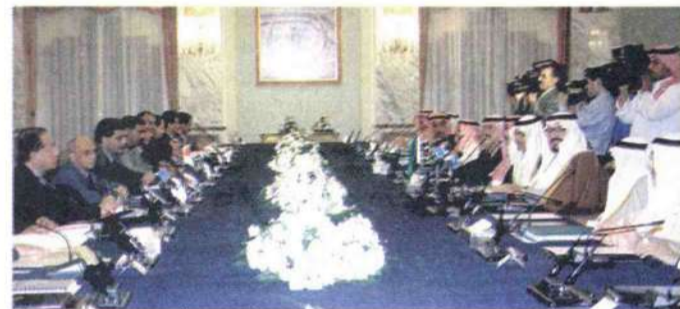
border-line including sheikh Mohammed bin Shaja'a, one of Wa'elah Sheikhs, Sheikh Amin al-Aqimi of al-Jawf and al-Shaif of Daham explicitly state their opposition to the latest treaty. They threaten to use force to prevent any Western companies entrusted to demarcate the new borders if the two countries do not heed to their requests which focus on al-Taif Treaty 1934 as the basis for solving the borders dispute to ensure the unity of

tribal lands and to protect families from divisions between the two countries.

Of the important points that were discussed, but not included in the final report was the Saudi request to put off withdrawing Saudi forces from camps and military bases to at least two years from now. This was denied by the Saudi side indicating that

the withdrawal would be resolved within a few months. Some sources told YT that the Yemeni side has put down the Saudi suggestion to put off the withdrawal of the Saudi forces for that may set off problems and be in contradiction to articles of the treaty.

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YSP to Dissolve

The Committee for Parties Affairs has recently pointed to possible dissolution of the Yemeni Socialist Party (YSP) following announcement of the new list of members of the Central Committee which included elements accused of great treachery. Sources from the opposition parties looked upon the implications of the Committee as provocative indicating that the election of the YSP held last August was an internal affair that the Committee had nothing to do with. The same sources felt doubtful about the timing of committee's decision pointing out that the aim



might be hindering the party from participating in the upcoming elections and referendum. A leading person in the YSP described with regret the position of the Committee as undemocratic. Political sources viewed the committee's position as a reaction to the report the 'Al-Thawri,' mouthpiece of the YSP, published about the USS Cole incident in which it pointed fingers at some high ranking military officers as involved in the incident. Law men considered the move as unconstitutional and interference in the internal affairs of parties.

HRW 2000 Report on Yemen "Government Restrictions on Freedom of Expression Worsened"

Human Rights Watch released last week its 2000 report on human rights situation in Yemen. The report said that this issue showed little improvement in 2000. "There were credible reports of torture in state prisons as well as in private jails and illegal detention facilities" the report reads. It also said that the Yemeni authorities detained political opponents and ignored court orders for their release or trial and that government harassment of independent press and restrictions generally on freedom of expression worsened as several journalists were questioned by security forces and detained without charge, and opposition and independent newspapers were the targets of defamation suits brought by the Ministry of Information as well as by sources from outside the government like what happened to the weekly al-Thakafiya

whose editor was brought to trial on charges of apostasy as he serial-ized "Sanaa is an Open City, a novel by Mohammed Abdulwali, an issue that led to a political crisis between PGC and Islah parties. "The PSO (Political Security Office) contributed to a general atmosphere of political intimidation through its routine recourse to harassment, beatings, and arbitrary detention. PSO plainclothes agents in past years infiltrated the independent press, syndicates, and civic organizations to cease their activities." it adds. There was also focusing on institutionalized discrimination against Yemeni women as well as kidnapping problem and government's ruthless response to it.

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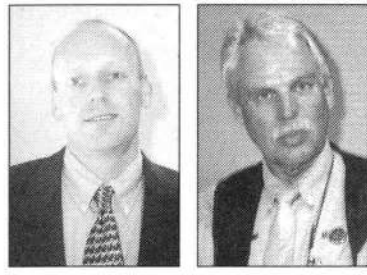
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“Yemeni People Must Have Knowledge to Preserve their Cultural Heritage”

The government of the Netherlands is one of the most important contributors to the development in Yemen. It is not only economic-oriented aid that the Dutch give to Yemen, but also the preservation of the Yemeni cultural heritage. They have now some projects in many places of Yemen targeting the old cities, museums and mosques in terms of preserving and revitalizing them. After an international tender, the Dutch embassy in Sana'a signed a contract on November 26, 2000 with the Institute for Housing and Urban Development Studies (IHS) in Rotterdam, Holland. The objective of this program is to assist the government of Yemen in guiding the revitalization process of its historic cities. To shed more light on the activities of the Dutch in preserving the Yemeni cultural heritage including this program, Mohammed Hatem Al-Qadhi of Yemen Times talked to Mr. Hans Akerboom, Second Secretary of the embassy and Mr. Dick A.J.ter Steege, IHS resident representative in Yemen and team leader of the present program and filed the following interview. Excerpts.



Hans Akerboom Dick A.J.ter Steege

implementation. The third one aims at community development and awareness.

Q: When will the project start?

A: The project consists of two phases; the first one started on the first of November 2000. It is actually defining and determining what activities are going on to be implemented in the remaining program. It will take a period of around 6 months and the implementation phase will take 5 years.

The program is initially financed by the Dutch government. In total an amount of 4.4 million Dutch guilders (US\$ 1.7 million) will be spent. But is important to say that this program is working as catalyst to other donors. So, a number of program parts will be defined and co-financed by the other donors in addition to pilot projects that will be financed by this program.

Q: Are there any Dutch archaeological teams working in Yemen?

A: Actually archaeology and urban development are two different things, though we are related because the present cities are usually also part of archaeological sites. There are two different activities, however, we would like to link them as far as documentation is concerned to see whether all information available and so in the future will be accessible to all for that also part of our program will be the establishment of a documentation center in which all this information can be accessible to all who need for either research or for all kinds of practical purposes...etc.

Q: When will the center be established?

A: It is on of those activities to take place within the coming 4-5 years. In fact, the proposal for this center will be presented within the coming six months and the implementation will depend on how the proposal will be composed as it is not yet there and we are working on it at the moment?

Q: Is there any cooperation between you and other western organizations working in the same field?

A: Yes, we have requested at the moment the Italian and German teams working under the guidance of the World Bank as well as GTZ to have discussions with them. We are also working with the National Museum

On this occasion, the Dutch Ambassador in Sanaa, H. E. Bert J. Ronhaar said: "It is a very important activity during the lifetime of the project. WE with the Yemeni people and government will be able to improve the awareness towards the cultural heritage either of the pre-Islamic or the Islamic periods. The Dutch interest in cultural heritage is that we have a very long standing relation with Yemen. It is a deeply-rooted relation in history when Yemen was an important producer of coffee that was introduced to Europe from Mukha and in our development cooperation quite importance is that to assist in the preservation of the cultural values and identity as it contributes to the

self-esteem of the people and the country. A part of the identity of the country is embodied in the buildings, they way towns have been built and villages are being set up. WE consider it important to keep that as much as possible intact to be able to show to the people how things were in the past and how they developed it in the present and to be aware of how it can be used. It is should not be a living museum only but also an important part of modern society and I think that is the major aim of this project.



and the American Institute for Yemeni Studies to see where we can link all information systems that are there and are related to development. We are also looking for further contacts with other donor organizations.

Q: How do you think the Yemeni private sector can help preserve the cultural heritage?

A: The private sector will in future play a main role in protecting the cultural heritage. So, that means there will be a differentiation in the roles of the government and private sector and it is important that there is a close cooperation between them. In that sense the government in future will be more a facilitating entity. The private sector should be ensured that when it does invest it has a return on its investments and that will encourage the private sector to continue in this field. In this way, there will be very strong emphasis on trying to involve the private sector in the preservation of historic cities. Also the NGOs and CBOs (Community Based Organizations) will play an important role in the development and the implementation of the program.

Q: How do you look at the way the Yemeni people deal with their heritage?

A: I am afraid that at the moment people hardly realize how many assets they have. Therefore, one of the target of our program is to try to see whether we can make people more aware of what is happening and is present in Yemen. This is because there is so much in the form of tradition and built cultural heritage which is right now neglected and not taken as a real asset that can be economically used. In this way, there will be a possibility for revitalizing the historic cities of Yemen.

This heritage is important for tourism and research. Recently Yemen is a tourist destination for European people only. It should be so for Arab people who can see their roots of history

in Yemen. This will help expand the scope of tourism

Q: Are you doing some other projects in the field of protecting heritage?

A: Yes, we are one of the biggest donors in the field of cultural heritage and we do several projects. One of the main projects besides the cultural heritage program is the national museum restoration, the Al-Ameryah old mosque and its wall paintings restoration, the restoration of Sayon old palace and lately also the development of a proposal for the establishment of a museum in Marib. We are also looking for other opportunities to help Yemeni people reserve their heritage.

Q: What is the amount of money singled out by you to this field?

A: It is between \$ 6-7 million. It is quite a lot of money. In this we assist the Yemeni people preserve their cultural heritage and make them aware of the beautifulness they have in their country. We try also to make Yemen and its beauty known to the Dutch in

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Yemen has been an international tourist destination even in the past. But as a result of a number of political changes in the recent years especially after 1994, tourism went down. But the political climate is becoming more stable and calm and people will be much more likely to come to Yemen. I believe there is a joint effort not only by the Ministry of Tourism but also by

the government of Yemen as a whole to keep this stable situation and to make clear what the assets of the country are. In this sense we are confident that tourism will increase in the future. But all the facilities to be required for tourism have to be in line with what the competition is offering. In our opinion only a limited part of the possibilities of Yemen are used and a larger scope can be used in future especially Yemen's beaches...etc which can be competitive to many other places like Egypt.

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Every year, some 11 million young children die every year from preventable causes; 170 million are malnourished; over 100 million children never see the inside of a school; and 1 out every 10 children have disabilities, stated Ms. Carol Bellamy, the executive director of UNICEF during the launch of the State of the World Children Report for 2001 in New York.

In Yemen, the report was launched during a press conference organized jointly with the Sheraton Sana'a Hotel whereby the latest handed a sum of USD 1760 in favor of children in Yemen through UNICEF programs.

This donation comes within the world wide initiative undertaken by the Sheraton Hotel under the name "Check Out for Children", which consists on charging each bill one dollar to be forwarded to UNICEF programs.

This year marked the fifth anniversary of this initiative. On this occasion the Sheraton Sana'a Hotel in coordination with UNICEF in Yemen organized a gala dinner where revenue was transferred to UNICEF Sana'a Office.

In his speech, Mr. Fadeel Wehbe, the director general of Sheraton Sana'a Hotel emphasized that "Check Out for Children" was established 5 years ago and until now it helped provide immunization to 3 million children worldwide.

Mr. Leo De Vos, the representative of UNICEF in Yemen, highlighted the importance of such private sector initiative in making a difference in children's lives.

Linking the launch of the State of the World Children report and Sheraton initiative, Mr. De Vos stated that the year 2001 report focuses on early childhood development. In his speech, Mr. De Vos emphasized that the need to protect and nurture



children in early childhood should merit the highest priority when governments make decisions about laws, policies, programs and money. Private sector initiative, such as the one undertaken by Sheraton, will undoubtedly help secure additional funds to provide the appropriate care for children.

Unfortunately, the first years in the life of a child seem to receive the least attention. The state of the World Children Report reveals that are to many challenges facing a better early childhood development since:

- 1/3 of all births are not registered,
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- more than 13 million children have been orphaned by Aids.

Despite the fact that 191 countries ratified the Convention on the Rights of the Child, there is still insufficient recognition of how much the future of the World's children is irretrievably bound up in the first three years of life.

Within this context, Mr. De Vos encouraged the private sector to assist the government to ensure that enough resources are invested in children. "Check Out for Children" played, and will continue to play, a major role in saving the lives of some 3 million children, yet there are still children who are at risk of death and additional funds are still needed.



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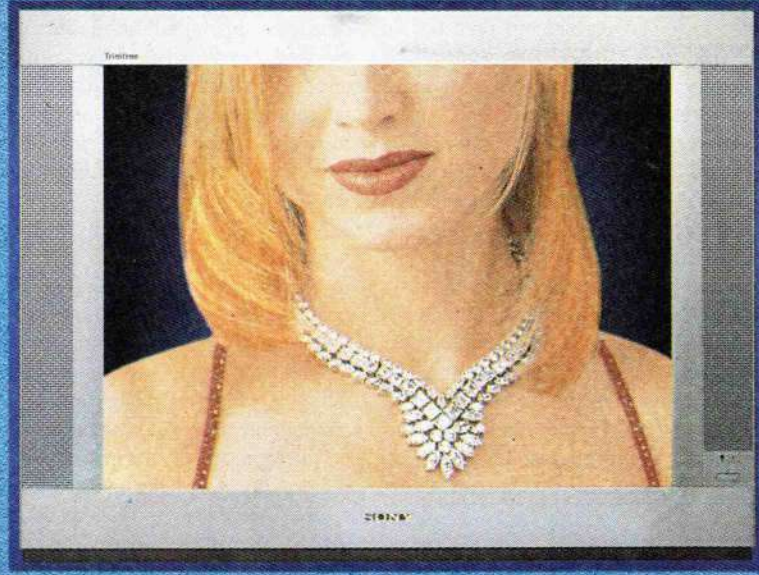
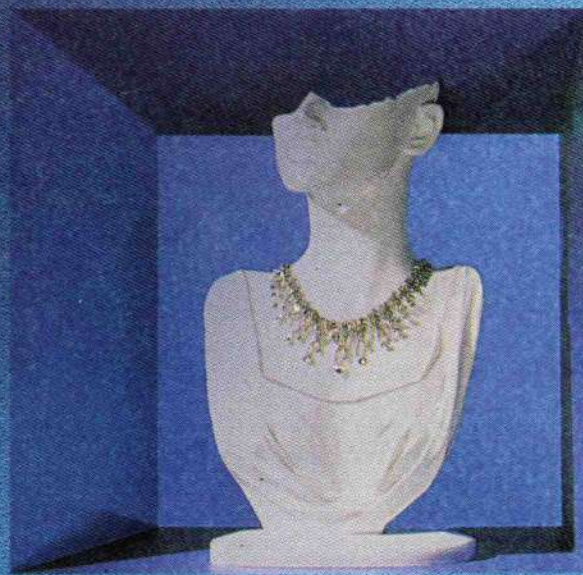
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As The Yemeni-Saudi Coordination Council Concludes Meetings: Yemen Gets Long-Term Loans of USD 300 Million

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The meetings of the Yemeni-Saudi Coordination Council held in Al-Madina, KSA, during 11-12 December were said to be fruitful. The two sides discussed strategies of bilateral cooperation in a number of fields, some of which were mentioned in the final communiqué while other fields, said to be sensitive, were dropped. Politically, The two countries agreed to coordinate their stances concerning the relations between them and other relations on the Arab and international levels. They are also to organize official visits for more discussions and review of cooperation protocols. In the development filed the two sides

agreed on a visit by the Saudi Fund for Development to Yemen to hold talks with the Yemeni officials in the ministries of Finance and Planning about rescheduling late debts of Yemen, estimated at USD 245 million. The Yemeni delegation tried to get a debt-drop, but the request was turned down under the pretext that other countries might be motivated to ask for dropping their debts if Yemen was granted a debt-drop. However, the Saudi delegation promised to provide USD 300 million as long-term loans in support of development projects that will be executed under the full supervision of the Saudi Fund. By this Yemen's debts raises to USD 545 million.

In education, a number of qualified Saudi teachers are to be sent to work in Yemen. In addition, Saudi Arabia agreed on providing a limited number of scholarships to Yemeni students. They also agreed on reviewing the school text-books taught at schools of

both countries to make sure that they are free of material that harms bilateral relations. The Saudi delegation stated that more than 150 thousand Yemeni students study at the Saudi schools. Those include immigrants.

In agriculture, they agreed on facilitating exchange of agricultural products and exchange of visits of ministers.

In the health field it was agreed to treat one hundred cases in Saudi hospitals every year. They also discussed means of enhancing health cooperation.

Discussion of the Yemeni laborers was postponed by the Saudi side to another meeting. However, the time was not identified. In a press statement, an officer in Sana'a International Airport said that one thousand Yemenis were driven out of the KSA on December 13-14 2000. The Saudi authorities commented that they were illegally living in the kingdom.

On the subject of investment and trade they stressed the commercial cooperation as one of the main cooperative areas between them. They decided to make every efforts to enhance such cooperation and encourage the private sector to invest in both countries taking advantage of the many facilities both countries offer for investors. Ministers of Trade and Industry were requested to encourage investors to increase joint ventures. In this context, prime Minister, Dr. Abdul Kareem Al-Iryani met with a number of Yemeni businessmen who live in the KSA and urged them to invest in their motherland. He also listened to their reasons for refraining from investment in Yemen. The two sides also discussed issues related to electricity and assigned ministers of Electricity of the two countries to make studies on possible future cooperation.

In transportation, the delegations discussed means of developing transportation of goods and passengers through the two countries in order to

back up trade and the bilateral interests.

On the issue of culture, youths and sports, the authorities concerned were assigned to outline the cooperation framework that will be presented in the next meeting.

As for oil and mineral wealth, a joint committee is to be formed under the supervision of the ministers of Interior. The committee will include ministries of Defense and Oil which will get together to outline the work-plans to survey the border areas.

In aviation, the council assigned the general directors of the Saudi Air-ways and Yemeni Air-ways to meet with each other to discuss means of developing cooperation between the two institutions and present suggestion to the next meeting scheduled for Mid 2001 in Sana'a.

The two delegations were led by Prime Minister, Dr. Abdul Kareem Al-Iryani and Saudi Arabia second deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Defense and Airforce Prince Sultan Ibn Abdul Aziz. The meetings were attended by a number of Ministers from both sides in addition to journalists and many others.

ECONOMY NEWS

Yemen Decides Not to Export Mareb's Crude Oil For January

The Yemeni Petroleum Company decided to reserve its production of Mareb crude light oil for next January. The decision came after failure of negotiations with businessmen in Singapore auction in which Yemen offered a price for January contracts less than 49 cents per Brent Crude oil in the urgent transactions while the businessmen's offers were less by one dollar than the price of Brent crude oil price. Yemen sells about 800,000 barrels of Mareb crude oil every month.

98% of Yemen's Population Ready to Boycott Israeli and American Products

The results of the referendum launched by the Yemeni Association for Consumer's Protection on 20,000 people chosen from different classes of the society, showed that more than 98% of the population of Yemen are prepared to boycott the Israeli and American products. This step came in support of the Palestinian people and in response to the decisions made recently by the Arab Union for Consumer's Protection in Amman.

Yemen Participates in Drawing Up an Agreement to Limit Crimes of Laundry Money

Yemen took part in the international conference held in Italy in which a final draft of an international treaty was laid. It included terms for restricting the phenomenon of money laundry resulting from illegal activities by groups of people dealing in drugs, weapons trade and illegal investments under assumed names in a way that affects economies of the countries where the phenomenon is spreading.

3 Billion Dollars For Yemeni Exports through Aden Seaport and Airport

The value of the Yemeni exports through Aden Seaport and Airport reached 3 billion dollars until November. The exports included fish, coffee, potatoes and other manufactured and agricultural products. They were exported to more than 21 Arab and foreign countries.

Euro-Arab Economic Cooperation:

Case for Smaller Countries to Take Initiative

Irena Knehtl
Economist, entrepreneur and
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Republic of Yemen is in process of establishing its regional role aiming to promote regional stability and prosperity. Yemen is also the richest Arab country in culture and people, human capital being its greatest strength. Strategically located across the Horn of Africa it is a natural hub of logistical and transport routes, a distribution and investment center for emerging marketing opportunities in southern Arabia and the Indian Ocean Rim. It has been also emerging as bridge for servicing Australia and Southern Africa, Europe most important trading partners. But Yemen is seen as bridge between ancient and modern, and a creator of new relationships...

Scent of Place:

Geographically the Arab Peninsula is an area with strong flavors, and smells too intense, and contrasts much too extreme, stretching from the desert lowlands, mountain tops wrapped in thick clouds, wilderness, to the cities, and shores of the Red and Arab Seas, the Indian Ocean, and further. It is here that the Scent is the strongest. Scent, so it is being said, clears also "darkness" of visions. Scent also brings back memories of youth.

This is also an area with rich commercial and cultural links, and not until this century did Arabia and the West resume a comparatively fruitful commercial intercourse, only this time the commodity was oil. Here even the geography of peoples faces has the shape of their mountains, which meant being free! But once upon the time they had the power that created fear, it

changed lives. Now, however, their teeth were pulled out, and their spirit died.

Whether inside or outside, a partnership with an economically united Arab world is increasingly in Europe interest, to help Arabs to realize their economic potential in full. The potential for an equal partnership thus lies in continuing liberalizing of their economies, and managing economies more efficiently, on one hand, and a different set of European countries on the other, in order to reach a new quality in relationships and development.

European investors no longer seek exceptionally high profits, and fast returns only, but also other enduring values, such as culture. The oil and gas industry, once a king maker has lost much of its political prominence, and its significance, and has been eclipsed by a new economy and telecommunications. However, e-commerce must

never remain confined only to network, telecommunications, computers, and the media, and or markets, but rendering it human and no consolidating of democratic space and duty maintain the freedom.

The battle is one: the challenge for 21 century is to dismantle the big, and develop the people. Further, just what type of investments, projects, deals, and which technology will be more appropriate as we have to become ten to twenty times more efficient in our use of resources is now further challenge.

It is culture that provides us with values and identity, and which enables us to cope with challenges, and changes occurring as we expand our relationship with an increased united Europe on one hand and a potential economic united Arab world on the other. It is also culture that reserves the right to be different and an instrument of opportunity and inclusions on one own terms. Technology too has to be seen as part of culture, and new technologies are important for cultural development. Many of the answers to Arab problems of development, however, lies not so much in the wholesale adoption of foreign values and ideas, as in a more realistic perception of its own, its past, its culture, and splendidly complex ecosystem may well provide some exciting alternatives. Thus the model for a new Euro-Arab

economic partnerships is one of joint marketing exploration and approach and joint establishing of transport, and logistical routes, and distributions, centers for emerging marketing opportunities. Further, the source of foreign capital from foreign investors should include also management know how, and technology, and an economic engine to help to reinvigorate the region.

Innovation is a key success behind all successful firms, undertakings and countries. Being innovative means, however, more than just having good ideas. In fast changing environment innovation is not just matter of export profitability, it can be a matter of survival. Republic of Slovenia, has been aiming of setting and example of new Euro-Arab economic cooperation and partnership with Yemen in form of interactive business networks, and a regional investment summit to begin with. Thus the youngest country in the world has opted for an innovative approach having in mind it is innovation that will allow companies and countries to thrive and survive. In a global economy is the harvesting the power of innovations the central theme. Together with our human resources, technologies, and our cultural heritage, we could achieve European and world standard:

"... among the olive trees of our valleys, and in the ripeness of the fields, we shall await the promise of July. And the joyous dance and the harvest..."

Agriculture Development Strategy

Mahyoub Al-Kamali

Yemen which, depends heavily on oil exports, faces many difficulties in benefiting from the international trade as an essential factor for the development of its economy. Classified as one of the poorest countries in the world, if Yemen does not promote its agricultural, marine products and encourage production of primary products for export, it will not move forward.

Horizons of Agricultural Promotion
Developing of agriculture can help increase production and organize internal and external marketing. Revenues of agricultural products constitute the major income-source for many families in addition to its being a source of foodstuff production meeting demands of the increasing population. Despite the low level of agricultural production and its fluctuating revenues, promotion of agriculture seems to be provided with the suitable ground.

Among the most important factors to further agriculture are development of water resources, exploitation of countryside waters, improving agricultural equipment, conducting scientific surveys and studies on soil, climate and identifying the crops that are suitable for cultivation during the whole year.

Self-sufficiency.

Achieving family self-sufficiency is one of the priorities of promoting agricultural production. Statistics indicate that agricultural production level falls every year. Farmers sometimes stop cultivation owing to losses, lack of water, difficulty of marketing, high costs of production, etc.

Sources of the Supreme Council for Exports Promotion say that weak marketing hinders exportation of agricultural products. However, the sources add that the production of vegetables and fruits increased from 6000 tons in 1996 to 54000 tons in 1999 and that it is expected to rise to 100000 tons in the beginning of 2001. Yemen produces about 130000 tons of grapes, 170 thousand tons of wheat, 62 thousand tons of corns, 56 thousand of barley, 77 thousand tons of seeds, 747 thousand tons of vegetables, 35 thousand tons of melon and 120 thousand tons of watermelon, 554 thousand tons of fruits, etc.

Random Marketing

The above numbers are not fairly distributed to local markets according to population density. This production suffers from random marketing and lack of companies to market it.

Encouraging Exports.

During 2000 the Fund to Support Agricultural and Marine Production spent about 30 million rials in support of export samples of agricultural and marine products and participation in

foreign exhibitions. It also financed 107 agricultural projects in 1998 at the cost of about 973 million rials. However, the private sector indicates that this support is not enough to promote agricultural production.

Strategic Infrastructure for Marketing Needed

To eradicate the difficulties facing agricultural marketing, specialists suggest establishment of a strategic infrastructure on the basis of exempting materials used in production such as seeds, etc. from taxation. Transportation costs need also to be enhanced. Some specialists are of the view that the Fund should undertake 50% of the total cost of air shipping and 30% of the cost of land shipping and similar part of sea transport. It should also provide export harbors with the necessary equipment for quality control.

For the above, marketing seems to be a complicated procedure that requires a lot of facilities and human abilities to cope with the local and international market changes. Therefore, there must be a clear role of the banks specialized in supporting production and marketing.

To promote and protect production, the authorities concerned must undertake clear and specified responsibilities to enable local agricultural products to cover local needs and invade the foreign markets to get hard currency.

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Taiz by Night



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Taiz, nowhere compares to any glittering skyline of a cosmopolitan city in any country, has a special charm of its own. Despite the blackouts and shortage of electricity from time to time, Taiz spreads its spell over the whole atmosphere. Even if electricity is out, the darkness, flicker of candles and car's headlights are sure to charm any one's mind. Its small size, crowded buildings, small streets and lanes make it something between a city and a countryside. You could see a mixture of modern as well as ancient buildings. It

is actually a place where the present as well as the past have wonderfully mixed together to form a unique environment.

When electricity is out, many people find it a chance to have a trip out. Some go out to stay at cafes and keep staring at people walking up and down streets. Many others prefer walking which is a popular hobby. It is really fascinating to spend some time walking out at night. The atmosphere keeps you spellbound and you feel as if you are in another town. Night time in Taiz is far more different in its complexion than the day time. For all that dusty and hot hours disappear and are replaced by a heavenly quietness and stillness. The people's number becomes fewer at night than during daytime. Moreover, Yemenis are not nocturnal people and the cities of

Yemen, in general, sleep early. The stillness and quietness that one feels at night bestows on Taiz a holy atmosphere that could attract and captivate anyone. But it is a pity that only few people and families are aware of such superabundant harmony and poise.

Taiz is also distinguished for its strategic location. It is situated in the northern slopes of a very high, skyward, and well known mountain called Saber Mountain with an altitude of 3070 meters. Saber Mountain by itself is a wonder, as it embraces the city in its arms. Many springs and streams run on its sides and that lend a heavenly beauty to the villages located at cliffs. Until recently you could only see darkness, if you looked at the villages at night. However, the situation has nowadays

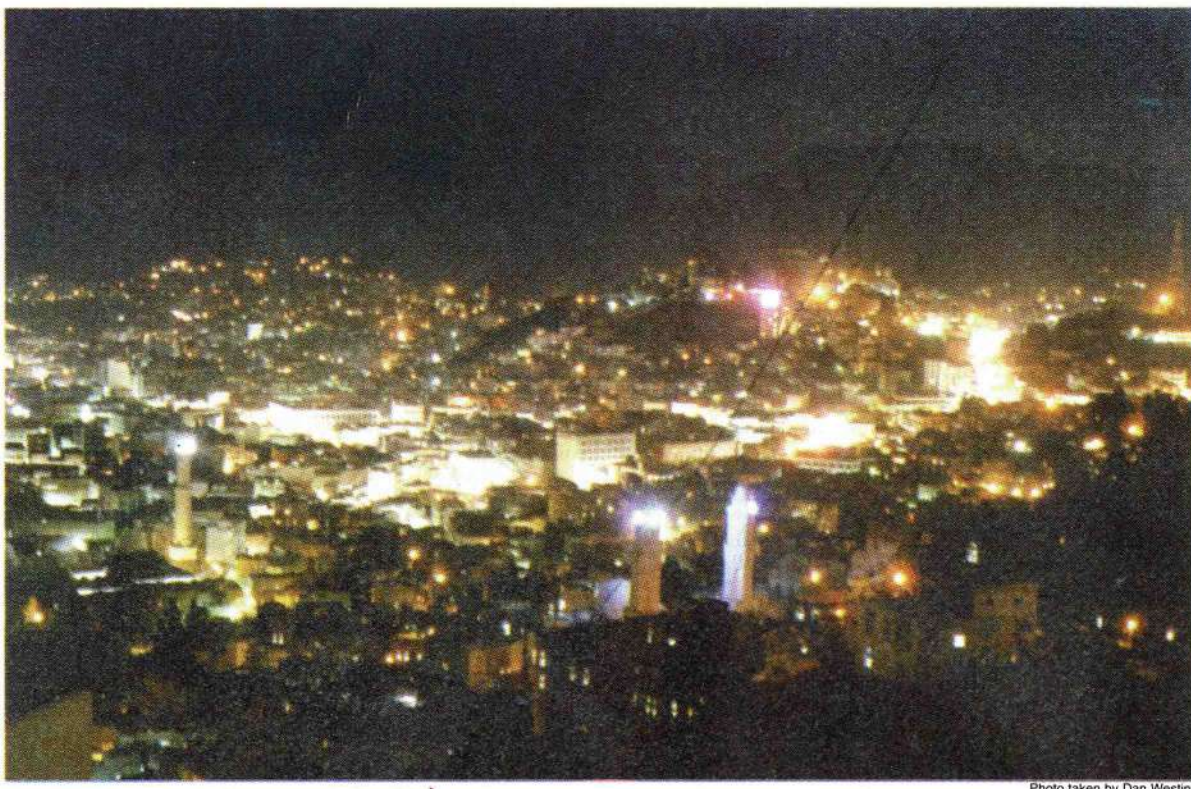


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upon an amazing street that has been paved from Taiz to the top of the mountain. Most of the villages have also been provided with electricity. Seeing all this at night, you can not help but wonder at the captivating and beauty of the whole scenario. Some people go up this majestic mountain to enjoy an unprecedented spectacular view.

From the top of the mountain, the whole city and the buildings seem as nothing but small spots of light and dark that glitter invitingly. Saber

Mountain has all the potential to be exploited as a fascinating tourist resort. Unfortunately, no infrastructural facilities have so far been provided. The families on a visit to the spot find it difficult to find a proper place to stay peacefully and enjoy themselves there. The only park that exists there is Shiekh Zaid's National Park which has not been opened yet.

It is amazing that investors have not yet opened their eyes to these enormous business opportunities that the place offers which if properly exploited can generate fabulous revenues. We do cherish the hope that the people in change will take this on board to do something, won't they? I love imagining that they would!!

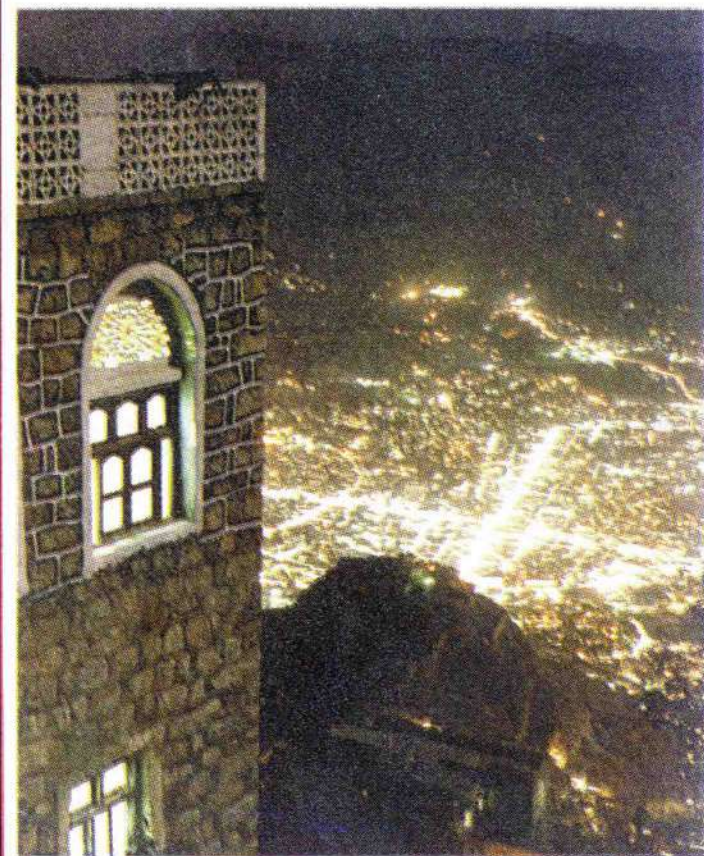


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POSITION VACANCY

Instructional Technology Specialist at the US Embassy (YALI)

Under the supervision of the Director of Courses at the Yemen America Language Institute (YALI), this position manages the YALI computer training center and acts as lab assistant in the training of students of English in acquiring entry-level English-based computer skills.

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Behavior Modification in Ramadan

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1. Daily practices and health during fasting

A study was carried out to explore the effect of fasting on daily practices (life events, diet and smoking), health and performance of university students. Almost all were single, living with their families. Analysis showed that more people involved in stress reducing and spiritual activities. They drank less caffeine-containing beverages and smoked less. The intake of food from meat and vegetable group increased significantly and decreased from cereal group. Even though cereal consumption was less during Ramadan, it was still in the adequate range. Change in weight was variable. Weight loss was significantly more among the

sick. Reduced activity, study desire and concentration ability were reported by 50% of the students.

2. Smoking cessation

A recent research carried out in Britain amongst four black and minority ethnic groups provides information which can be used for support smoking cessation programs targeted at these groups. Motivation to quit appears to be high. For example, knowledge of the health risks of smoking is high, as to desire to quit. However there are fewer attempts to quit and therefore a lower than average smoking cessation rate.

A nationally organized event which has been a success, albeit very hard work, is the Ramadan project. Health strategy group saw that Ramadan was an ideal time to urge Muslim men to give up smoking for good. Over 70%

of Bengali men smoke, yet most refrain from smoking during the daylight hours of Ramadan. Posters with the fasting timetables and messages asking smokers and other cultural centers for seven years. Local activities have included cessation groups in the mosques, press and TV coverage of the campaign launches and other high profile events.

3. Parasuicide during Ramadan

The impact of national and religious events on the rate of parasuicide was

studied. A comparison was made between the number of reported parasuicides during the month of Ramadan and the month before and after Ramadan in Jordan. Significantly fewer parasuicides were reported during Ramadan than the month preceding it and the month that follows Ramadan. The findings confirm that national events reduce the rate of parasuicide, but protective effect does not persist into the month that follows Ramadan.

Reference: International Journal of Ramadan Fasting Research

Contact Lenses

Abdulrajeeg Nalijee

Contact lenses, today, are the most widely spread fashion of eye-wear. They are used either for cosmetic reason (i.e., changing of the eye colour) or as an optical correction (i.e., to get rid of spectacles, and for curing high astigmatism).

The optical system of the eye on using contact lenses provides special advantages, while contact lens plays an important role in given protective, diagnostic, cosmetic and optical aids in numerous eye conditions.

There are many ways in which a contact lens may be optically superior to spectacles. For example, it moves very largely with the eye and vision, which means that it is much less liable to peripheral distortion which happens due to eccentric viewing through a powerful spectacle lens. In European countries many people working in industries wear spectacles to prevent their eyes from flying objects and certain irritative gases. These people have shifted from spectacles to contact lenses, since it prevents the cornea in the eye from a possible damage due to these gases; something which the spectacles cannot do.

In sports too (especially swimming), spectacles make a person handicapped. Contact lenses for the players of such sports provide a perfect optical correction.

Before buying a contact lens it is always good to refer to an optician or

an ophthalmologist, so as to be sure that the eye is free of any corneal disease. On the basis of other clinical findings a decision to fit a contact lens is made. This is especially important in the case of children. At present, with the help of advanced fitting techniques and various designs available, contact lenses can be prescribed to anyone having a great desire to wear them. But contact lenses are delicate things which require a lot of care from their user, that is, keeping them in a good condition by cleaning and rinsing them regularly. This will not only keep them hygienic, but will also increase the period of their usage. The manufacturing of contact lenses today has become so advanced that their manufacturers have taken out a new type of lens, which is specially designed for people over the age of forty-five years, as they are usually short-sighted and have problems in reading. These lenses are bifocal lenses which can be fitted with ease, causing no visual difficulties.

The most widely used contact lenses in Britain nowadays is of the brand HYDRON "Zero 6 (26)", which is an ultra-thin, 38.6% water content lens. It's been named Zero 6 because its made to prevent particles upto 0.006 microns from entering the eye, that is, it protects the eye from particles like bacteria and other such harmful substances.

There are many other companies which manufacture cosmetic contact lenses beside optical lenses. These cosmetic lenses are made in a variety of designs and in a wide range of colors. Cosmetic lenses are mostly used in the film industry according to an actor's costume and character, but today they are used by every person in their every day life as a cosmetic make up.

Any person wanting to buy a good quality of contact lens should go for a European brand as they are the best.



OPHTHALMIC EDUCATION (20)

Aging Changes of the Eye



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As we get older there are changes happening in every part of our body including our eyes. Many eye diseases are related to age and fortunately with advanced technology many eye diseases can be treated easily and safely. Routine eye exam is very important especially after the age of 40 years. Many eye diseases can be treated or even prevented if they are diagnosed early.

Here are some eye diseases related to aging:

1. Reading Problems: the lens in our eye has the ability to change its shape to let us see the distance and the near. As we get older the lens loses its elasticity and ability to change its shape and this leads to difficulty in reading and people tend to push the book or newspaper further away to be able to read. This is normal aging changes and it is treated with simple reading glasses. Visit your eye doctor and get a new pair of reading glasses and keep enjoying the habit of reading.

2. Floaters (Flying Spots): some people who are above the age of 40 years complain of some spots in front of their vision. The shapes range from fly-like or spider-like spots that move with every eye movement to different directions. These are benign things and are due to aging changes in the vitreous of the eye which is the jelly like material that fills the eye. If you develop these spots it is better to see your eye doctor and to be sure that everything is okay.

3. Cataract (Lens Opacities): cataract develops when the lens inside the eye gets opaque. It is usually related to aging and causes progressive loss of vision. In its early stages the patients need only to change their glasses but as it advances surgery is the best treatment. The right treatment is removing the cataract and an intraocular lens implantation and it is a very successful operation especially with recent technology including the phacoemulsification technique, which is removing the cataract using ultrasonography and putting a lens through a small incision.

4. Glaucoma (Increased intraocular pressure): glaucoma affects two percent of all those above the age of 40 years. Unfortunately glaucoma is a blinding disease and the earlier it is diagnosed the better it can be controlled. Treatment is very simple in its early stages and becomes more complicated as the disease progresses. The disease has no symptoms and it is only diagnosed by routine eye test. You need to visit your eye doctor regularly if you have a member of your family with this disease.

5. Diabetic Changes of the Eye: diabetes mellitus (sugar in the blood) is a disease that can cause many eye problems. The most serious one is changes in the retina which is the film of the eye. Unfortunately diabetic changes in the eye are one of the main causes of blindness in Yemen. Routine eye test for every diabetic patient is mandatory to diagnose the changes inside the eye. The earlier the changes are discovered the easier it is treated especially with the new technology of LASER.

Routine eye exam by an eye specialist is very important.
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IHRQC & YT Celebrates 52nd Anniversary UDHR

Farouq Al-Kamali
Yemen Times, Taiz

Sponsored by the Information and Human Rights Qualification Center (IHRQC) and Yemen Times, Taiz, a seminar was organized last Sunday on the occasion of the 52nd anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

In the seminar Mr. Ez Aldin Saeed, IHRQC director, talked about the UDHR and to the extent the Yemeni legislations are in harmony with it. He asserted that Yemen was of the very few countries that ratified most of international treaties pertaining to human rights and that the Yemeni con-

stitution stipulates in its article No 6 Yemen's obligation by the principles of Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

He reviewed the role played by Arabs in formulating the UDHR through the membership of the Arab countries in the UN which were restricted to Yemen, Egypt, Lebanon, Syria and Saudi Arabia.

He indicated how the Arab commentaries affected the formation of this declaration revealing the distinguished role played by the Arab committee formed to discuss the UDHR headed by Mr. Shark Malek from Lebanon. Ez announced the inauguration of the monthly Forum of the IHRQC where many issues are to be discussed including human rights.

Imad al-Saqqaf, YT Taiz Bureau chief, talked about the freedom of the press and human rights and indicated the violations of the press and journalists' harassment and said "Tens of journalists were harassed and that newspapers were brought to courts. This is very dangerous to freedom of the press which is to play an essential role in



promoting human rights awareness." He indicated that freedom of opinion and press are the most important pillars for human rights and that confiscating these rights means a clear violation. He asserted the importance of strong ties between the press and HR organizations on one hand and the press and decision making centers on the other.

He added that it was important that the authority gave access to information in all the institutions and in all fields highlighting the active and instrumental role played by the late Dr. Abdulaziz al-Saqqaf in establishing the civil society organizations; promoting human rights awareness through founding Yemen Times newspaper and 21st Yemen Forum; sup-

porting children and women rights. He also said "Dr. Saqqaf sacrificed himself for the sake of these supreme values he believed in: freedom of the press, democracy, civil society organizations and the country of law and order. It is true that he has left, but YT is still there to continue what he has started with the same pace and policy."

Dr. Abbas al-Junaid, Law Faculty Dean, Taiz University, presented a paper regarding human rights and their nature and said "Human rights are ranging between the right which is a duty and the duty which is a right. Human rights are originally a duty. International and regional constitutions, treaties, agreements and laws are centered on the right and duty issue.

Human rights issue have developed dramatically and has taken many humanitarian dimensions including saving human beings from massacres, floods, disasters, diseases, etc, despite employing this issue much to serve political interests."

He highlighted the hazards posed at human rights by globalization, especially in poor societies. He said "This danger will widen the gulf between the poor and the rich which is a violation of social justice and of all its political,

economic and information and civil dimensions." At the end of his paper, he paid tribute to the late Dr. Abdulaziz al-Saqqaf.

The seminar was enriched with discussions of university professors and media people. Mr. Hussain al-Adimi talked about efforts NGOs have to exert to combat torturing through conducting field survey to prisons and detention pending investigations promoting human rights awareness among the people.

Attendants have expressed their condemnation of the ignorance of interna-

tional community and HR organizations to the aggressive and merciless massacres and killing of Palestinians and their right to have their independent country on their independent lands. They all called upon the international community to stop the Zionist attacks on Palestinians and violating their rights.

The seminar was dedicated to the soul of the late Dr. Abdulaziz al-Saqqaf who was the pioneer and martyr of human rights and democracy, the first founder of civil society and HR organizations in Yemen.



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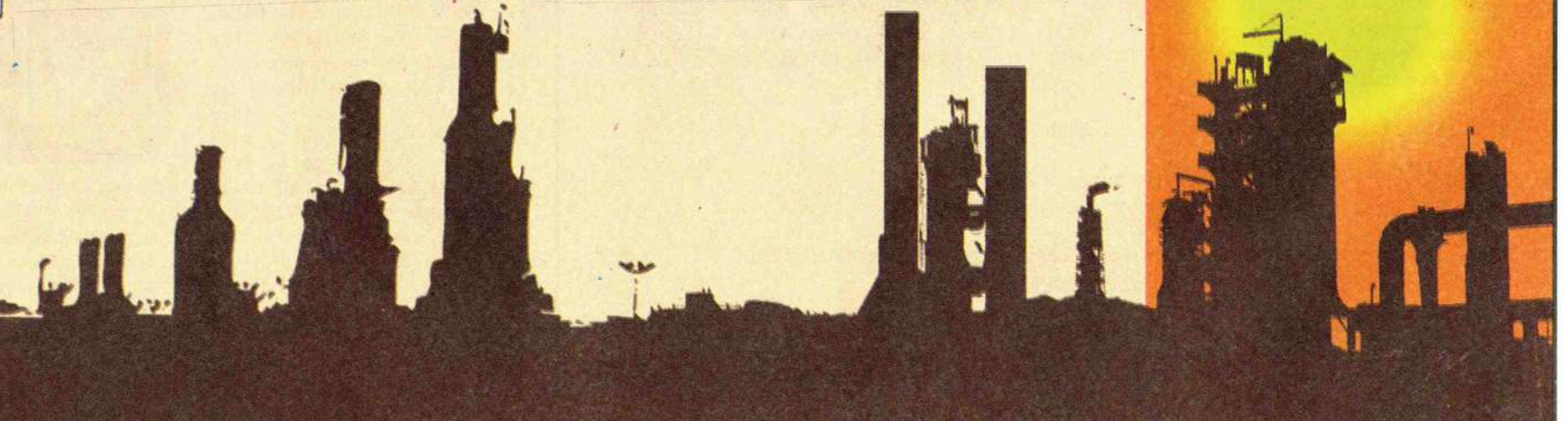
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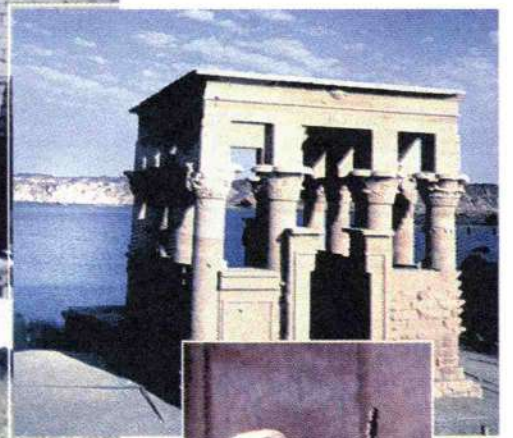
EGYPT



Shamsa Tabbara
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This is a fact that Egypt was one of the first centers of civilization in the world and its recorded history stretched back at least 6,000 years, way before the time of the PHARAOHS. Such a past has left the country with an unsurpassed collection of ancient

monuments and relics of antiquity. Whilst the pyramids amongst the world's largest constructions are perhaps the most famous of Egypt's sights, Roman ruins, Byzantine churches and exquisitely decorated mosques testify to the various cultures that have influenced the country and its people over the millennia. The main sites, clustered along the Nile valley, are easily accessible by road, air and, best of all cruise ship. Egypt has attracted travellers for centuries, and today, the country has more than ever to offer, in between historical visits to the Pyramids and other relics from ancient civilizations, the modern-day traveller can take in a few rounds of golf and dine in hotels that rank amongst the country's modern architectural wonders.



But there is more to Egypt than mementos of past civilizations. The 20th century is very much in evidence, in comfortable hotels busy casinos, lively nightclubs and comprehensive programs of entertainment. Shopping, too, especially in the bustling souks, is a very great experience and there are bargains to be found in jewellery, glass, leather, silver brass and handicrafts. Shops are generally open well into the evening although during Ramadan, times for shopping and also business can vary. All this, plus an active social culture, makes Egypt one of the region's most intriguing holiday destinations.

The Cairo city Tour gives you the unique opportunity to visit the Pyramids of Giza, the Sphinx, Memphis and Sakkara. And not to be missed, is the sound and Light Show at the of Giza where the history of Egypt is brought dramatically to life.

the opportunity of viewing what is probably the worlds' best collection of Egyptian artifacts, including the sarcophagus of Tutankamun. the Citadel Mosques and Bazaar tour takes in the Citadel's superb examples of Arab art as well as some of the city's most beautiful mosques and the hectic bazaar. During the old Cairo and Coptic Museum tour there are yet more opportunities to learn about Egypt's unique heritage as you discover the city's historic churches and mosques, including the 1,300 year old Amr Mosque, the oldest in Egypt.

mysteries of the past, the picturesque Egyptian country life, the calm and the grand beauty of the Nile, while surrounded by the modern luxury of the cruise ships. Tours take you through the Valley of the Kings, to the mummified crocodiles of Kom Omba and a sail around Kitchener's Island in a felucca. A traditional galabaya party, a captain's welcome party, a captain's welcome party and Nubian folklore dancing show offer an authentic Nile River adventure.

TIPS TO TRAVELLERS



Location: North Africa
Capital: Cairo
Language: Arabic, English, French
Currency: Egyptian Ponds (EGP)
Business Hours:
Banks: 0830 - 1500 Sun - Thu
Offices: 0900 - 1400 Sat - Thu
Shops: 0900 - 1900 Tue - Wed & Fri - Sat, 0900 - 2000 Mon & Thu (Winter) 0900 - 1230 & 1600 - 2000 (except Mon & Thu) (Summer)
Population: 60,689,475
Area: 1,001,449 sq. kms.
Inoculations:
Yellow Fever, Cholera, Typhoid, Polio, Malaria (This is guide only)

Time Difference: GMT + 2 hours
Climate: Apart from along the Mediterranean coast Egypt's climate is nearly entirely desert. The Winter period (Nov-Mar) on the Mediterranean coast can be variable although it is usually warm and sunny, summers are hot but temperatures are tempered by strong sea breezes. In the south summer temperatures can be intense, however, the low humidity makes the heat more bearable and winters are dry and sunny.

Places of Interest: Valley of Kings, mask of Tutankhamun, Pyramids, Nile Valley, Sphinx, Karnak, Egyptian Hieroglyphics.

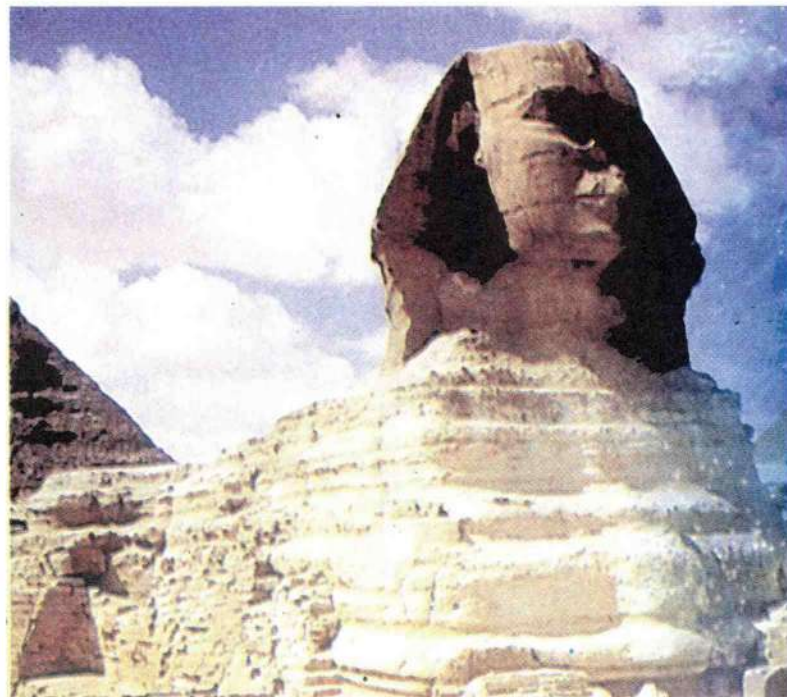
Visa: Yemeni national do not require entry visa.

How to go: Yemenia and Egypt Air are offering excellent flight services from Sanaa to Cairo contact your travel agent for further details.

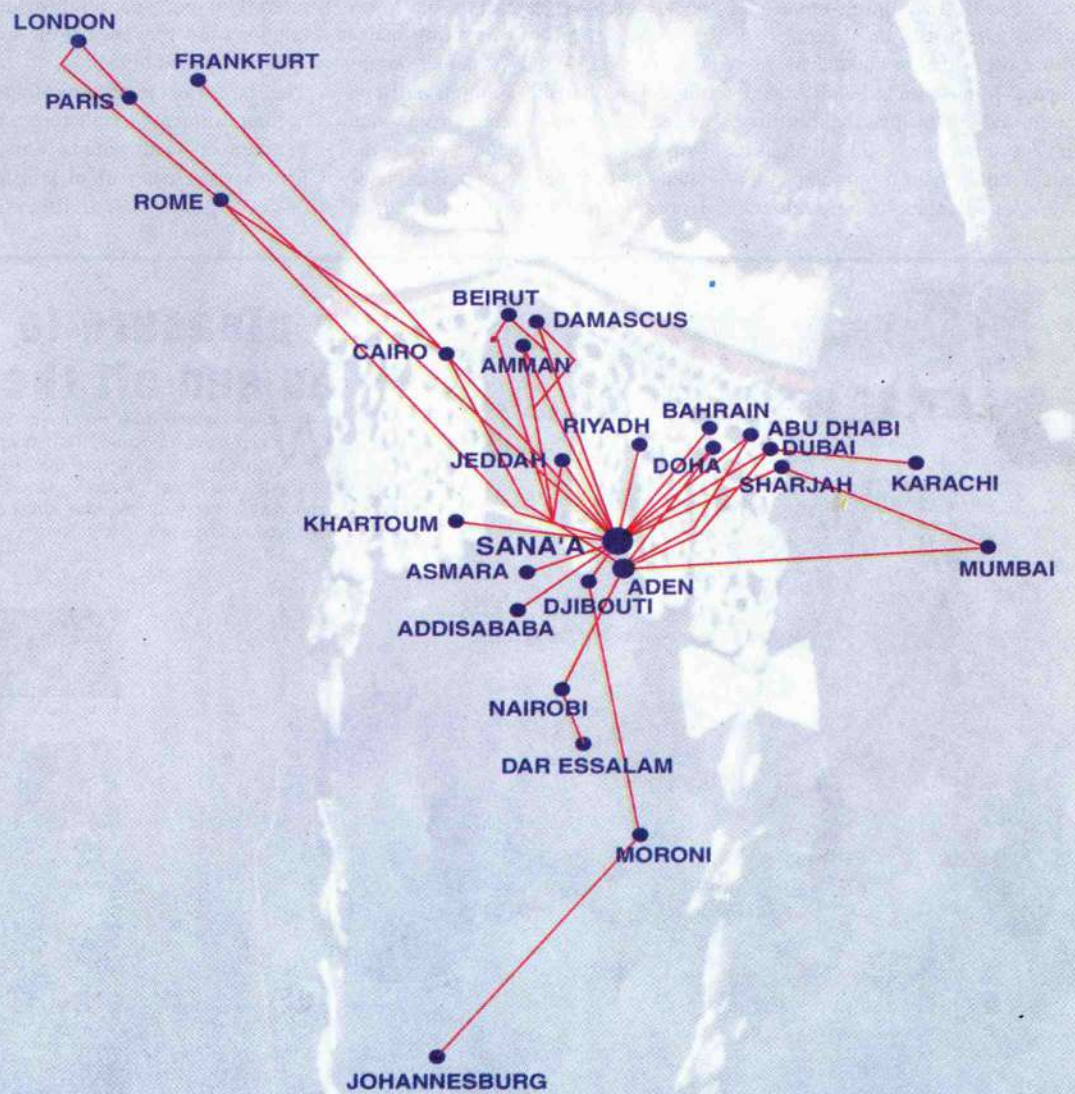
Cairo
Cairo, with the Nile at its heart is home to more than 18 million people. The largest city on the African continent, it is an extraordinary mixture of old and new, providing an endless variety of things to see and do - from exploring the crowded, winding labyrinths of the Khan-El-Khalili Bazaar, one of the largest in the world, to investigating the fabulous displays in the recently renovated Egyptian Museum, from visiting Giza, just two kilometers from Cairo, where the Great Pyramids and Sphinx rise from the desert sands, to playing a round of golf at the Mena House Oberoi. With more than 400 registered historical monuments dating back as far as the Pharaonic period, Cairo is certainly a treasure trove. A few recommended sightseeing tours provide an excellent introduction to the many attractions of this complex, fascinating city. The Egyptian Museum tour gives you

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Nile Cruisers
Voyage through History. It is recommended by Emirates Holidays of Emirates Airlines that a Nile cruise aboard the Oberoi Philae or the Oberoi Shehrazad is undoubtedly one of the most relaxing and enjoyable ways to travel. Sailing smoothly along this historic waterway in style and comfort, there is no better way in which to discover the archaeological heritage of Egypt. Gulf Air too recommends Nile cruise in their "Gulf Air Holidays that Sail recently between Aswan and Luxor as 5000 years of history unfolds before you on a very magnificent journey through ancient Egypt. Discover the



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Press Scanner

Prepared by Mohammed Khidhr

The major news topics dealt with in this week's local press are meetings of the Yemeni-Saudi coordination council held in Madina al-Munawara in Saudi Arabia, an international report on human rights, the short visit by president Ali Abdullah Saleh to the UAE and his meeting with Sheikh Zaid bin Sultan president of UAE, developments of investigations on Cole incident and preparations for local councils' elections and referendum on the constitutional amendments.

Review of the main news headlines on first pages of this week's local press.

- President & Saudi Crown Prince Evaluate Results of Yemeni-Saudi Coordination Council Meetings
- King Fahd of Saudi Arabia Receives Yemen's Prime Minister
- The President Visits UAE
- Dr al-Eryani, Prince Sultan Co-chair Yemeni-Saudi Coordination Council Meetings
- Prosecution Returns Cole's Suspects Files to Security
- Opposition Coordination Council Discusses Local Elections
- Labor, Budget Support, Challenges Facing Yemeni-Saudi Coordination Council
- Sanaa Libraries Complain of Municipality Blackmailing
- Eight Million Yemenis Without Food by 2025
- Government Attempts to Control Non-governmental Societies with New Law
- US\$ 80 Million, Saudi Support For Yemen
- Three Firms Compete on Building Industrial Area in Aden
- U.S. Navy to Punish Cole's Captain
- Islamic Bank Participates in Building 5 Water Dams.

Excerpts from articles published in some Yemeni newspapers this week.

Al-Mithaq weekly, organ of People's General Congress party, Dec. 11, 2000

The weekly editorial is devoted to Yemeni-Saudi developing relations particularly focusing on meetings of the joint coordination council held in Madina al-Munawara in Saudi Arabia. The editorial affirms that the meetings of the coordination council come as a practical confirmation on activating the developed relations between the

two countries. The political leaderships of the two countries have the favor and good role of pushing forwards these relations on the road of realizing the two peoples' aspirations and hopes for achieving on a basis of mutual benefits, common interests and ensuring convenient circumstances for transferring from the stage of good neighborly to partnership. Undoubtedly, the topics on agenda of the meetings co-chaired by Yemen's prime minister Dr Abdulkarim Al-Eryani and prince Sultan bin Abdulaziz, second deputy premier, the minister of defense and aviation are highly important and reflect he developed level of the two people's who are having many common denominators. The meetings represent a significant step so that to place orientations of the two countries' political leaderships into practice.

Al-Ihya'a Al-Arabi weekly of the Arab Baath Socialist Party, Dec. 11, 2000

The newspaper's editorial is dealing with the Zionist atrocious acts committed inside the Palestinian occupied territories going on for some months. The editorial says that the situation in Al-Quds nowadays reminds us of that in July 1099 when the Arabs of Palestine had been subject to an unsightly crusade massacre. Palestine today is covered with martyrs blood for more than one time.

To consider the time and place would lead us to hold comparison between the crusade carnage of 1099m and the present manslaughter perpetrated by the Zionists in Palestine. The only difference is that the crusades were representing Europe's states but as for the new Jews crusaders they are now representing interests of the European states, particularly America's. The queer thing is that the Palestinian national authority has changed into a follow-up element of resolutions of both the recently held Arab and Islamic summit conferences. It is as if the Arab League and the Organization of the Islamic Conference are not existing or are not concerned with the matter. This in fact reflects the catastrophic situation deep inside which are developing the factors of frustration and precepts of conspiring against the intifada. What is defect in this respect is that the summits are convened under the American guardianship. The summits decide what is dictated on them beforehand, completely ignoring and disregarding the pan-

Arab strategy and importance of the Arab security and calculations of both present and future. In conclusion the editorial wonders when the Arab rulers come out of the chains containment they are tied with so that to put an end to this farce.

Al-Ra'ie Al-A'am weekly Dec. 12, 2000

Amin Manea Dammaj has written an article published on the back page of the newspaper on the issue of constitutional amendments. The author says throughout the past fifteen years, president Ali Abdullah Saleh has been boasting of what he has accomplished during his tenure as president. The most significant of his gains is the democratic approach he has effected. The president has a few months proposed certain amendments on the constitution and have been lately approved by the parliament and are going to be put to referendum. In case they are approved in the referendum it would mean doing away with democracy or the democratic margin and the return to totalitarian system. It would mean that the president would no longer have what to be proud of in future. One would not believe that he would try to destroy what he has built by himself. During the past ten years the constitution was amended for more than one time, whereas some constitutions in the world are being in use for tens of years with having been amended not even one of their articles.

RAY weekly, organ of Sons of Yemen League party, Dec. 12, 2000

The RAY editorial is focusing on the meetings of the Yemeni-Saudi coordination council, saying after 3 years of suspension the council convenes again to continue cooperation and establish for a new stage between the two sisterly countries. This is one of the positive results of the historic border agreement. Any Yemeni sincere to his homeland and people would believe that the national interest lies in the rational administration of the relations with the brethren. The coordination council shall realize many big gains in interest of both parties provided the relations are prevailed with spirit of genuine cooperation. The editorial maintains that such accomplishments in relations with the brethren in Saudi Arabia, Oman and Eritrea represent part of constituents of development start and they should

be completed with performing internal requirements creating a normal and healthy climate and preparing for investing these gains for helping Yemen play its positive role at both regional and Arab levels.

Al-Ayyam weekly, Dec. 13, 2000

An article by Ahmed Omer bin Fareed says an observer of political developments taking place in Yemen since the civil war of 1994, would notice the political authority control on drawing up whatever it wants of features and events and stands. This spontaneously means nihilism of any effect of what the opposition could do against domination of the authority which does not see but its interests. Approval of the constitutional amendments by the parliament a few weeks ago may present but one example of what we have already mentioned. The move discloses the actual reality of partisan work in our country. It also discloses accurate features of what we call the "ruling party." Of course this is a traditional image differs not from any other image of any other "authority party" in any other Arab country claiming falsely to be democratic.

26 September weekly, organ of Yemen Armed Forces, Dec. 14

Yemeni-Saudi Coordination Council meetings and discussions have been the theme of the newspaper's editorial. The editorial says resumption of the council's activity after more than ten years of suspension comes as a product of the new atmospheres resulting from signing the border treaty between the two countries and a true translation of the two peoples' aims of integration, partnership, exchange of joint interests and an expression of the two political leaderships will. The two countries are in need of each other in many areas. Saudi Arabia sees in Yemen a promising economic market, promising human wealth and a fertile land for investments and erecting joint projects for the benefit of the two countries. On its part Yemen sees Saudi Arabia a sisterly country with large field for fruitful partnership and spacious area for exchanging benefits and interests particularly through Yemeni human wealth in the Saudi labor market and the Saudi investments in the Yemeni markets. Added to that is the ambition for expanding the volume of trade exchange between the two countries within the framework of integration of interests and benefits. Meeting of the Yemeni-Saudi coordination council is expressive of the

high keenness on representing the two peoples' will and aspirations and activating role of the two countries in the region.

Al-Umma weekly, Dec. 14, 2000.

Yasser Al-Houri has written an article on he local elections scheduled to take place on February 20, 2001 coinciding with the referendum on the constitutional amendments. The author says that the time span is no more than two months and half and that means that the political forces, parties and social personalities have to prepare themselves for the events in this short time. Most of the political parties have not defined yet their final stand towards the elections and the referendum. As a matter of fact the call for approving the law of local authority was an urgent demand by the opposition parties or the public, but the issuance came to be disappointing. The law came to have only the name and lack the meaning whether regarding the authorities that must be granted to local authorities or pertaining the citizen's right to elections of governors and heads of other districts.

Ath-Thawra daily 15 Dec. 2000.

In its editorial the daily says that the

constitution and the law are the essence of the democratic system and legitimacy of the political performance within their boundaries both by the authority and the opposition. Accepting participation and public action by any political party under this regime is accompanied by accepting the existing legitimacy. This means commitment to work and move within the framework of the system of legislations, laws and constitutional institutions constituting the authorities in the country. Within this body, judiciary occupies a position that should receive all esteem it deserves as it is the authority that decides issues of dispute and its verdicts must be respected. Since the peaceful transfer of power represents the principle No. one of the democratic system, any practice violating that puts its source within the circle of mutiny against democracy and against any political organization calling for the establishment of the state of law and order. We find ourselves before regrettable cases created by political forces and organizations that do not respect these bases. Some of them go further to challenging decisions and verdicts of judiciary and defending practices that are not peaceful reaching the level of crime. This is applied to the case of the socialist party that in its latest congress had returned to its leadership some of the elements who were judicially condemned.

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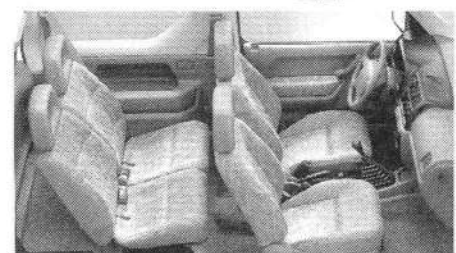
Prime Minister Hosts Iftar and Dinner at The Taj Sheba

Dr. Abdulkarim Al-Iryani with Ministers and Arab Ambassadors had their iftar at the Taj Sheba Hotel on December 16th. It is the first time the Prime Minister hosted Iftar in a hotel, and was very pleased with the arrangements made by the Taj Sheba.



Seen here in the picture: The Prime Minister being welcomed by the GM and the PR Manager of the Hotel.

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Socotra: Masterplan to Preserve Subtropical Wonderland

Karen Dabrowska

Socotra, Yemen's largest island in the Arabian Sea almost 100km from Aden, is the world's largest surviving subtropical island with a unique ecosystem which the government is determined to preserve.

A \$1 million masterplan study for the Socotra Archipelago has been commissioned by Yemen's Environmental Protection Council and the Ministry of Planning & Development. An extensive study financed by the European Commission and undertaken by four international companies: W S Atkins International (UK), the Yemeni Engineering Group (Aden), Macalister Elliot & Partners (UK) and Athens-based Vakakis International has proposed around 80 projects which can be undertaken within a ten year period. Additionally there are 62 small immediate impact ventures which can be carried out with very little money and very quickly.

According to Dr Marcus Chambers, an environmental consultant with W S Atkins, the co-ordinators of the masterplan, some of the island's problems have simple solutions. Children are often absent from school because most of the

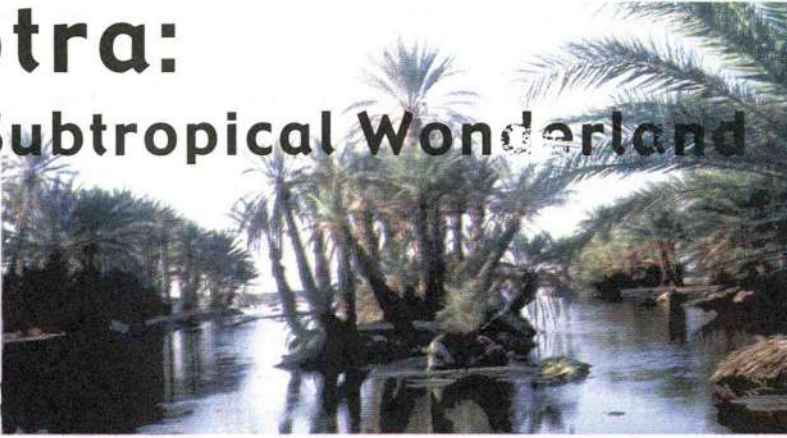
educational facilities are boarding establishments which do not provide meals. If boarding schools provided meals more children would attend. There is a need for clothes making which could be greatly assisted through the provision of sewing machines.

The island's water problem could be ameliorated through the construction of karfis. The islanders have been building the karfis but the cottage industry could expand with greater community involvement and technical advice.

The masterplan contains detailed recommendations for community development and projects concerned with wildlife, the environment, health, education, the use of water resources, livestock, fisheries, tourism and infrastructure.

The fishing industry is in urgent need of refrigeration and cold storage facilities. A product handling, processing and storage project will develop a basic cold chain for the archipelago to permit long-term storage of fisheries products.

Tourism in Socotra is still in its infancy and is based largely on the natural assets of the island, its scenery, exceptional flora, fauna and marine life, the climate and the thriving and friendly culture of the Socotri people. The study points out that in view of the sensitivity and importance of both the natural resources and



people's culture and the lack of a conventional tourist infrastructure, discussion in the recent past has been on the potential for the development of ecotourism.

Dr Chambers emphasized that the projects in the masterplan must be in line with government policy and the wishes of the local people. Earlier this year, at the conclusion of phase one of the mas-

terplan, a workshop chaired by the deputy minister of planning, was held in Sana'a to identify priority areas for development in the second phase which began in September. It was agreed to focus on support to the local authority, institutional arrangements for environmental management, preparation of structure plans and regulations for general use zones, a roads plan, a fisheries feasibility study, tourism, livestock development and the production of land use maps.

Socotra expert, Dr Miranda Morris who is assisting with the preparation of the masterplan and working on a book on the traditional life style and land use on the island described Socotra as 'a cosmopolitan mix of adventurers, tribes, seafarers, merchants and mercenaries'. Unlike most of the warlike people of the Arabian Peninsula, the socotris have a tradition of non-violence and the ability to defuse arguments is lauded. Children are brought up to be sensitive to atmosphere and as adults they become adroit in averting potential conflict.

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Chicken-Rice Cassarole

INGREDIENTS:

1.5 Kg chicken, 1 piece cinnamon stick, 5 pieces cardamom, 1/2 tsp cumin seed, 5 tbsp Tomatoes past, 2 pieces tomatoes cut into pieces, 2 large onion cut into pieces, 2 tsp salt, 5 cups water, 4 tbsp butter, 1 tsp black pepper ground, 3 cups long grain basmati rice, 1/4 cup raisins, 1/4 cup sliced almonds.

METHOD:

1. Wash chicken thoroughly. In a medium pat add water, chicken, salt, cinnamon stick, cardamom, cumin and pepper.
 2. Boil it till the chicken is half cooked. Reserved the stock for later use.
 3. Now remove and cut the chicken into 4 pieces.

4. Fry the diced onions in butter, and add tomatoes till soft, add chicken is fully cooked.
 5. With four cups of chicken stock, cook the washed rice in rice cooker, stir well.
 6. When the rice is done place it on a platter and top with chicken pieces and onion with fried onions rings.
 7. Fry the raisins and the sliced almonds and sprinkle on the top of the rice and chicken.



Chocolate Mousse

INGREDIENTS:

1 cup milk powder, 2 cups water, 1 can condensed milk, 1/2 cup baking chocolate, 1.5 tbsp gelatin, 3 tbsp water extra, 1 cup raisins, 1 cup slivered almonds, 1 can Nestle cream, 1 cup whipping (heavy) cream, 1 Cup sugar

METHOD:

1. Combine milk powder, water, sugar and Nestle ream and consented milk in a

pot, heat over a low heat until just warm, then remove.
 2. Stir baking chocolate into warm milk. Dissolve gelatin in the extra water and stir into mixture.
 3. Pour into a shallow tray and refrigerate until set. After setting, turn the mixture into a large bowl and heat until it increases in volume, then fold in the raising and almonds.
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