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## Foreign Minister to YT: "Yemen Has no Interests in Somalia Except to See Peace"

Foreign Minister, Dr. Abubaker Abdullah Al-Qirbi said that he would fly to Moscow and China on April 22. He told Yemen Times in a comprehensive interview (please see page 3) that his visit to Russia aims at preparing for President Ali Abdullah Saleh's visit to Moscow in the next few months. Also, to negotiate several agreements to be signed between the two countries during President Saleh's visit. He observed that his visit to China aims at furthering the relations between Yemen and China since China is "an important economic partner of Yemen."

Concerning the unsolved problem in Somalia, Dr. Qirbi said that Yemen has no interests in Somalia except to see peace and stability in that country. He added that Yemen will never hesitate to extend help to the Somali people and bring the various conflicting groups together to sort out their problems

through dialogue. This comes in spite of the recent statements by Mr. Hussein Aided, in which he accused Yemen, Saudi Arabia and Egypt of trying to interfere in the internal affairs of Somalia.

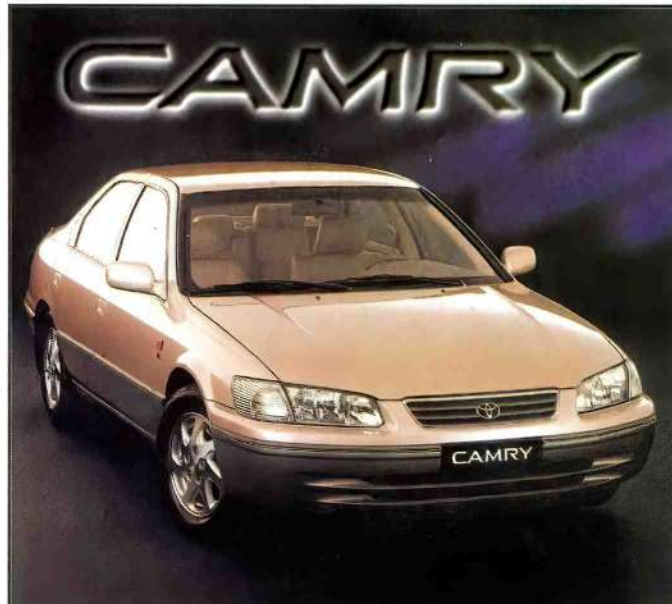
He said that the suicide bombing of the USS Cole did not affect Yemeni-US relations. Rather, it has strengthened them as the Americans have come to realize that Yemen is exercising stiff measures against terrorism within the country. Also, that Yemeni-US cooperation to counter terrorism is now at its best. "Yemen has always tried to coordinate efforts with Arab countries and international agencies to curb terrorism," he stressed.

However, he criticized the American administration's stand towards the ongoing conflict in the Palestinian territories. He said the Americans should not shy away from the conflict, as it is not in their interest to just



watch. In fact, the explosion of the situation will damage the American interests most. He also denied any secret contacts between Yemen and Israel and termed such statements as "but figments of imagination."

Mr. Qirbi confirmed that Yemeni diplomacy will continue taking initiatives at the regional level, as President Saleh's intention is to ensure the stability of the region and to see that all conflicts are sorted out. However, he said the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and its initiatives will be directed towards Yemen and its development, focusing more on investments. He further said that Yemen is fairly qualified to enter into joint ventures and partnership with all countries.



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## Accused Bombers Stand Trial in Aden

The Preliminary Seirah Court in Creator held its second hearing session on Saturday 14 April, 2001 headed by judge Mohammed M. Al-Junaid to the try case of suspect bombers in Aden. The accused are Nasser Ali Awadh al-Shaibah, 28, Anees Mohammed Abdu Muhsen al-Awli, 22, Farooq Saleh Taher al-Esaee, 19, and Saleh Hussain Ali al-Dasem, 28. The fifth suspect Ahmad Masood has been arrested and ordered to be produced before the court in Aden.



The accused are charged with bombings at the Continental Hotel, Saba News Agency and al-Tuwahi church, and of carrying explosives. They are also accused of drinking alcohol. The first suspect refused any legal aid and confessed his crime. However, he denied the second charge of drinking. *Continued on P2*

## Appointment of 8 New Governors, & Capital Secretary

Four Presidential Decrees were issued on Saturday involving the appointment of the Capital Secretary, Governors and deputy ministers.

In terms of one of the decrees Mr. Ahmed Mohammed Yahya Al-Kuhlani was appointed Secretary of the Capital Secretariat. By virtue of another decree the following governors were appointed: 1) Mr. Abdulqadir Ali Hilal, - Hadramaut, 2) Mr. Ali Bin Ali Al-Qaisi - Ibb, 3) Mr. Naji Abdullah As-Soufi - Ma'rab, 4) Mr. Abdulwahid Mohammed Al-Bukhaiti - Sanaa, 5) Mr. Ahmed Ali Muhsin - Mahweet, 6) Mr. Yahya Ali AL-Amri -

Sa'ada, 7) Mr. Hussein Mohammed As-Saeedi - Abyan, 8) Mr. Mohammed Abdulla Al-Harazi - Hajja.

According to two other decrees, Mr. Abdulwahab Mohammed Al-Aqil was appointed Deputy Minister - Technical Education and Vocational Training, and Mr. Saleh Obad Al-Khawlani, Deputy Minister of Local Administration, Local Development Sector.

It is worth mentioning that Mr. Al-Maswari has occupied the post of Secretary of the Capital Secretariat for 10 years.

## Strict Security Measures Follow Minor Explosions & Violence in Sanaa



Sanaa City continues to witness stiff security measures, since last week, as police and security forces are inspecting vehicles at main crossroads in the capital city of Sanaa. These measures followed in the wake of minor explosions and violence erupting after the cabinet reshuffle. An explosion occurred in Haddah last Saturday causing panic among the residents. On the same day, there was an explosion in the car of Tawfeek Mohammed al-Harazi, a leading member of Yemeni Teachers' Syndicate while he was driving in al-Zubairi Street, Sana'a. The boot of the car blew open and burst into flames. Mr. Tawfeek and pedestrians panicked as they saw the car burning. Firemen rushed to the spot to put out the fire. There were attempts to assault last Tuesday at the residence of former Minister of Health, Dr. Abdulwali Nasher. This was possibly due to the frenzy in the wake of the cabinet reshuffle.

## Human Rights Minister to YT

**"Our Work will not be Limited to Political,  
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Dr. Wahibah Ghalib Far'e, first woman Minister of Human Rights, has said that it is very significant that a portfolio for human rights was established in Yemen. Yemen has ratified all international treaties on human rights and it is necessary to have an official institution to see how principles are to be put into practice. She told YT that she was proud of being the first woman to assume such a position. She hoped that her experience would pave the way for other women to get such posts, and to have the satisfaction of achieving the goal of being at the power center and decision-making core.

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## Words of Wisdom

"The vision of a modern Yemen: I think the majority of the Yemenis aspire to see a modern Yemen based on law and order - a country which feels at ease and comfort in belonging to the modern world civilization. Although not secular, this vision is not at odds with the secular and non-religious culture of the day. This vision has been illusive, and it remains a goal or a dream to which people are working."

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

## Our Opinion

### Here is Where to Start From!

Last week, I felt some sort of sincerity in the new ministers. Most, but not all, ministers realized that they are being put to test and the whole nation is watching their performance. However, interestingly enough, I realized that some of them are still confused and do not know where to start. "The problems are tremendous. I can see that the burden is too heavy. The challenges are enormous here and there. Even though I have not yet settled down, I find myself opening a Pandora's box, in the ministry's files that include unlimited problems and troubles." This is what one of the ministers said when I visited him at his office to congratulate him on his new post and encourage him to strive to accomplish the 'change' we expect from him.

I will not be surprised if I hear that many ministers have already become frustrated. They simply have too many problems to deal with, but have limited time and the clock is ticking. This is why I dedicate this column to the main question they are asking. "Where should we start from?"

I know that it is not an easy issue to deal with. It is a problem, a huge problem and I can understand the frustration of the new ministers who feel that they will be responsible if the conditions do not improve. As such they are aware that every step has to be taken extremely carefully which will make a great difference.

Before I express my own opinion about where to start, I need to explain to all the ministers that if they want to do any good, they should first of all look after the issues of the public. The people and their responses to the ministers' actions are the ones which will decide whether they have done well or not. The people now have the impression that ministers are corrupt. Even if this is not the case, they always get the feeling that whoever comes to the post of the minister is a 'corrupt' individual. So, the first step is to erase this belief. There are many ways to do so. First the minister should not accept the armed guards, and the lavish cars offered by the ministry. Some may think that this is not a serious issue. But according to my experiences, and the comments Yemen Times gets from the people, I believe this should indeed be the first step. For example, if a new minister used to had a 1990 decent Mercedes before being a minister, he does not need to shift to the luxury 2001 Land Cruiser with 4 or more armed escorts. Nothing forces him to do so. He can even refuse the extra cars and escorts. This will be a major indication that he intends to be a 'clean' minister with humble attitudes.

The second step is to make a tour of the ministry. He should visit all departments, meet all the employees, and check the different offices in the ministry. He can then see if the employees are available or are out of the office. He should also make sure that they realize he is different from his predecessor. He should explain that he will make frequent visits to the different departments without prior notice. The next step should be to get the feedback from ordinary citizens concerned with the ministry. He should ask about the obstacles, whether bribes have become a necessary evil, whether employees treat them roughly, and how do they assess the schedule and attendance of employees, etc.

Then he should hold a meeting with the heads of the different departments and explain to them the overall strategies of the ministry in general. The main points to be explained are that the minister concerned hates corruption and corrupt employees, and will deal with them severely if he finds out about any corrupt incidents. He of course must follow his words with deeds to show that he is not joking. A few incidents and punishments should be enough to prove that he means business.

All of the above steps are easy to take and show a lot of commitment for change. However, what is more important is that all of the above steps be part of a complete plan for reform and change. Continuation is another issue. The minister must always be alert and make sure that the ones responsible in the ministry will do their job well even if he is not around. Having a few honest reporters as watch dogs is also beneficial.

I hope that these steps will be considered by our new ministers, wishing them luck in their tough and extremely challenging start.

## Nestlé GM's House Catches Fire

A major fire broke out in the house of the Nestlé's Yemen branch's General Manager which is located in the Haddah district in Sana'a. The fire engulfed the master bedroom in the house and all the utilities in the second floor of the two storeyed Villa. A gun battle between rival land grabbers in the northern side of the house ensued. It lasted for more than forty minutes in which machine gun and Klashnikov fire were used leading to the fire. A stray machine gun bullet entered the master bedroom through the window causing the fire. Luckily, the fire didn't hurt any one because the inhabitants of the house were on the ground floor. The outside of the window was bullet ridden as it was hit by more than ten machine gun and Klashnikov bullets. Mr Tahir Saeed, Nestlé's Yemen Branch's General Manager who lives with his wife in the house chose to sleep in the ground floor when he heard the gunfire outside the house. He said that he discovered later, when the guards told him, that smoke was coming out of the window. He went up to find out what was happening on the top floor, only to find a corridor full of smoke which prevented him from even seeing the real damage in the bedroom. It was discovered later that the fire had engulfed everything in the bedroom and turned the master bed into ashes. The plaster in the ceiling came down, fans as well as lamps and an air conditioner melted as a result of the intense heat



produced by the fire. Adjacent rooms and corridors turned black as a result of the heavy smoke.

Mr Saeed called the fire department which arrived after efforts to put out the fire had already started using ordinary water tankers. Fire exchanges, as a result of land disputes in Sana'a, have become common in the Haddah area where it has become almost routine to hear machine gun fire in the middle of the night. Sometimes, innocent people get hurt as a result. Neither the land lord of the Villa, nor the inhabitants had any thing to do with the land problem which caused the exchange of fire. Yet, they have become the main victims of this atrocious behavior. Haddah is one of the areas in the city where many thought there was least danger, but repeated incidents like this is changing the situation.

## Women Prisoners' Conditions Reviewed Today at ACC

Organized by the al-Afif Girls Forum, women prisoners conditions are going to be discussed today in the headquarters of al-Afif Cultural Corporation, Sana'a.

The seminar comes in the context of the annual cultural program of al-Afif Cultural Corporation. The seminar is the second of its kind to discuss this important topic: women's conditions in prison. Women prisoners suffer

a lot due to some social reasons. They are completely neglected and shunned by their families and the society as a whole. Moreover, media and NGOs are not allowed to conduct field studies to review their conditions. At the seminar Mrs. Shatha Nasser, lawyer, and Mr. Foad al-Ma'akhathi, representing the Red Cross, are going to present some papers pertaining to women conditions in prisons.

## Yemen & Japan Join in Fighting TB

Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) has been supporting TB control in Yemen since 1983. Through their support National TB Institutes were founded in Sana'a, Taiz and Hodeidah. TB programs were also intensified in the southern part of the country. In the third phase of collaboration between Yemen and Japan, the aim was to provide effective TB control services to all over

Yemen. By the end of 2000, directly observed treatment, short course (DOTS) was expanded to more than 150 districts and 89% of the population gained access to it. TB control project by Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) will continue until August 2004 and the Research Institute of Tuberculosis (RIT) will carry on the operational research for better implementation of DOTS.

## Amnistia Internacional Appeals For Fair Trial

Madrid-based Amnistia Internacional, Unidad Territorial de Madrid, member of Amnesty International, issued a statement this month informing it had sent letters to the authorities in Yemen concerning the case of Hammoud Murshid Hassan Ahmed. It voiced hope that he would be allowed to his right to fair trial in the Courts on 25th April, 2001.

The organization's letter urged that there would be an emphasis on there being no irreg-

ularities in the forthcoming trial.

The Madrid-based organization said in its statement that when the case came before the Court of First Instance in Taiz on August 23, 1995 and Hammoud Murshid Hassan Ahmed was condemned to death, as also on May 11, 1988 when the Appeal Court upheld the sentence, international standards for a fair trial were not met.

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## Yemen Times Interviews Wahiba Fari

They would further feel that their voice has been heard and dreams met. She indicated that the government is serious about promoting women's role in society and, her appointment to this position will help women in the future. She also pointed out she will be working with women in the field of motherhood and childhood. She denied statements that her ministry was created to propagate the political regime and sell it abroad. Pointing out that the ministry will be a voice for the whole society and work with all groups in this field. She added that human rights are not merely the business of the political regime only. Rather, it is the

business of everyone. It is a question of the whole society and everybody has to contribute to improve it. She stressed that she would cooperate with all NGOs working in the field in order to record all abuses and violations, and that these NGOs should be objective in targeting such issues.

Dr. Far'e said also that one of her priorities is to include awareness courses in school curricula, adding that she would start this with kindergartens and basic education. She also said that there are a lot of Arab and international organizations that are willing to support women's organizations working on education.

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## Accused Bombers in Aden Stand Trial

Two lawyers represented the second and third suspects who denied the two charges.

The fourth suspect, who was charged with selling bombs and explosives to the three, facilitating the transfer of explosives to Sana'a and then to Aden, denied the charges completely. The court jury requested the prosecution to produce witnesses and other evidence. At the end of the hearing session, the court allowed the lawyer of the second suspect to

study the file of the case. It also rejected the release of the suspects on bail as they are charged with grave crimes, and ordered their remand to indicial custody. Concerning the third suspect, a secondary school student, the jury asked to prepare a suitable atmosphere for him in the Pending Investigation Office so that he may prepare for his exams. The case was adjourned to the coming Saturday, 21 April 2001.

## Correction

Mr. Mohammed Abdullah al-Bitani, former Minister Social affairs, was wrongly mentioned in issue No 15 dated 9 April 2001, page 5 as the Minister of Construction. Our apology for this inadvertent error.

## Honoring a Great Man

Ministry of Health and Population held an honoring ceremony for the former Health Minister Dr. Abdulwali Nasher and the new Health Minister Dr. Abdulnaser al-Munaibari. The ceremony was attended by a number of officials including Abdulaziz Abdulghani, Consultative Council chairman, diplomatic corps members and many social dignitaries. Speeches highlighting the achievements in praise of the former minister were delivered. At the end of the ceremony, Dr. Abdulwali Nasher announced the establishment of a society called The Yemeni Society for Fighting Burns.

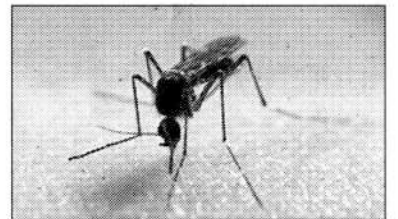
It is worthwhile to mention that during Dr. Nasher's term in office, he made laudable strides in the health field and was highly respected by donor countries.



## Diagnosis of Malaria with Rapid Diagnostic Tests (RDTs)

A seminar on Malaria Diagnosis was recently held in Sana'a. It was organized by National Trading & Services Co. Ltd. and conducted by Patrick Jackier, MD and Bahy Ayoub, MD. A lot of topics were discussed during the seminar which was attended by laboratory technicians.

Malaria is a global health problem, responsible for nearly 3 million deaths each year, and it is on the increase worldwide. Improvements in malaria



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## "Yemen is Fairly Qualified to Enter into Joint Ventures with all Countries and I am Flying to Moscow to Prepare for the President's Visits

Interview by  
Mohammed Hatem Al-Qadhi  
Yemen Times

**Q:** Yemeni diplomacy coined a new term in the last few years namely "partnership" with other countries. How far can it be put into practice and is Yemen qualified enough to enter such partnerships?

**A:** I do not think there is anything impossible in the world. Everything is possible whenever there is a will, good intentions and clear indications to what one wants to do.

I think Yemen is fairly qualified to enter into joint ventures with the countries in the region, whether in the Gulf, or at the international level. Yemen has achieved a reputation for its rather flexible policy at the local as well as international level. It has started dialogues with all countries from the US to Japan on principles of partnership. Nothing happens immediately after one coins a term. It needs a lot of hard work and preparation. Certainly then, the international community will respond to Yemen's call and we hope we will achieve our objectives of developing relations, not only on the basis of cooperation, but, of partnership in the development of political stances.

**Q:** To what extent will Yemeni diplomacy continue taking initiatives at the regional and international levels?

**A:** I think President Ali Abdullah Saleh's intention is first to ensure stability in the region, and that all conflicts are settled by negotiations in peaceful ways. Proceeding from there, he works through the Ministry of Foreign Affairs to enhance Yemen's relations with all countries in the region. Also to work on issues that are now causing a lot of worry to us in Yemen whether in Somalia, Sudan, Ethiopia or Eritrea. We try to mediate whenever it is possible for us to persuade various parties to sit at the negotiating table and settle these issues. We really feel that force is no longer the means of solving disputes and that negotiation is the only way for settling any differences of opinions.

**Q:** Concerning the problem of Somalia, Mr. Hussein Aided stated recently that Yemen, Egypt and Saudi Arabia are trying to interfere in the internal affairs of Somalia, while he used to support Yemen's efforts in this regard. How do you spell out this change of Aided's views?

**A:** I cannot really answer this question. All I can say is that we would like Mr. Aided to talk responsibly about every country's efforts in helping Somalia to settle down and to ensure that peace prevails in the country. Also, that constitutional institutions play their role in developing the country and settling the various disputes within the country. Yemen's role was towards this objec-

tive. We would like to see stability in Somalia. We feel that the people of Somalia have suffered a great deal over the last ten years and it is time now for its leaders to think seriously about the future of their country. Yemen has no interests in Somalia except to see peace and progress prevail there as an important partner in the region, and it is a member of the Arab League.

**Q:** Will Yemen continue its efforts in Somalia after the statements of Aided?

**A:** We will never hesitate to do whatever we can to bring the various parties together and help to get them at the negotiating table in order to iron out their problems.

**Q:** PM Bajamal stated recently after announcing the new cabinet that one of the main objectives of his government is to make Yemen join regional and international alliances. Do you think it is time now that Yemen joined the Gulf Cooperation Council?

**A:** Well, certainly Yemen is not going to sit on the sidelines. It will have to become an active member in all regional groupings and economic zones. We will do our best to join all of them. We are not in a hurry. This is something we have to develop over time through trust, cooperation and participation. I do not think all the countries in the region taken together can afford to keep Yemen out of any economic or political communities.

**Q:** What about the Commonwealth?

**A:** It is also on our agenda. We are really trying now to establish our priorities and this will be clear in the coming few months.

**Q:** What are these priorities?

**A:** Our priorities now are to make sure that the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and our political initiatives are geared towards Yemen and its development. Also, attracting investors to come to the country and invest in developing its economy.

**Q:** You are now getting prepared to fly to Russian and China. What will be the focus of the visit in your first diplomatic mission?

**A:** Well, this was arranged before I became the Foreign Minister. Its objectives, as far as China is concerned, are to boost our relations with China further. It is an important economic partner of Yemen and one of the growing economies in the world. It is a country which we believe has a tremendous future in the world. Therefore, we have to develop our relation on principles of economic partnership.

The visit to Russia on April 22 is partly to prepare for the visit of President Saleh to Moscow in the next few months. Besides, of course, negotiating a lot of agreements between the two



countries. Russia is still an important country to Yemen. We have long standing ties which go back to the 1920s and, we have to build on these. We should not consider Russia as a country without influence. Rather it has a tremendous impact and we hope it will continue its support for the Arab causes.

**Q:** How do you view the US position towards the current atrocities of Israel in the Palestinian territories?

**A:** Certainly, I think the present American administration is trying to keep away from the conflict. But, I am sure they will have to change their mind because it is not in the interests of the US to just watch. The Arabs have been very disappointed regarding the veto by the US against the resolution presented to the UN Security Council regarding the establishment of an international forum for protecting the Palestinians against Israeli atrocities. All Arab countries feel that the American administration should be involved in the peace process and take an active part in it. The longer the conflict goes, the more explosive the situation will be and it will be damaging to the Americans and American interests.

**Q:** Is President Saleh likely to fly to the US soon as he was invited by the US president George W. Bush?

**A:** Yes, I think the invitation has been extended to President Saleh. This is now being considered by him and certainly he will respond to the invitation.

**Q:** What is new on the USS Cole issue, and do you think it has affected Yemeni-American relations? To what extent is Yemen cooperating with the US and the UK in counter-terrorism?

**A:** Yemen's position has been strong as far as terrorism is concerned. It has always tried to coordinate its efforts with all Arab countries and international agencies to counter terrorism. The incident of the Cole did not really damage Yemen-US relations. On the contrary, it has strengthened it because it has become clear to the Americans that Yemen and President Saleh will not

hesitate to take firm action against terrorism in the country. The cooperation in this field has been at its best. There might have been some differing views on the process of the interrogation and so on. But, I think in the end everybody has worked together to reach the truth and to present those responsible for the incident in court, according to Yemeni law.

**Q:** Observers believe that the American presence in Aden might be followed by facilities to establish US military bases in Aden and Socatra in particular. Your comment?

**A:** I don't think there is any ground for such statements.

**Q:** How does Yemeni diplomacy work on cooperation with the World Bank (WB) and International Monetary Fund (IMF)?

**A:** Yemen will continue the process of economic and administrative reforms and it will continue cooperation with WB and IMF for the benefit of Yemen's economy. I believe Yemen has succeeded over the last five years in achieving the stability of the exchange rate of the Yemeni Riyal. There has also been economic growth in the country. We realize that more decisions will have to be taken, but whatever is negotiated with these two agencies will take into consideration the interests of Yemen and its people.

**Q:** Some argue that the Yemeni government is conducting secret contacts with Israel. Your comments on such allegations?

**A:** There are always those who make imaginary stories because they can not live without such phantasmal, groundless stories. The position of Yemen as far as Israel is concerned is that there will not be any possibility of having relations with Israel until the issues of the Palestinians, Syrians and Arabs as a whole are settled. There will be no

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**Q:** In your first cabinet meeting last week, all ministers were asked to present their own plans to be included in the overall program of the gov-

ernment. What is your ministry's plan in this respect?

**A:** I think you will be able to read it when it is presented to the parliament. However, it is based on how the Ministry of Foreign Affairs plays its part in foreign policy and how its system of decision-making is improved. We try to build the ministry's institutions in the hope that Yemen's diplomacy will serve the interest of the country, ensuring that Yemen becomes an important contributor to the stability and development of the region.

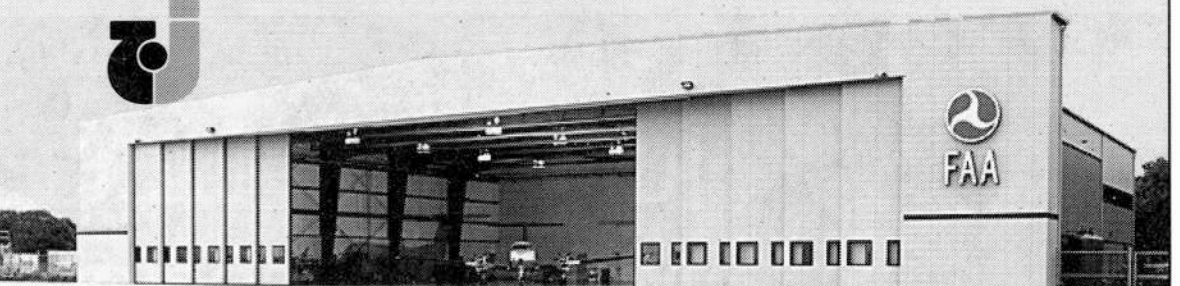


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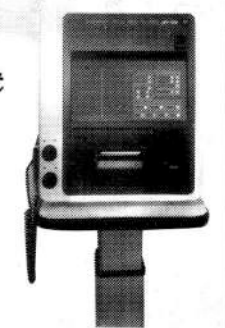
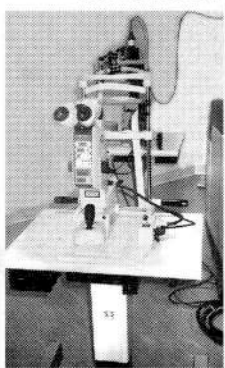
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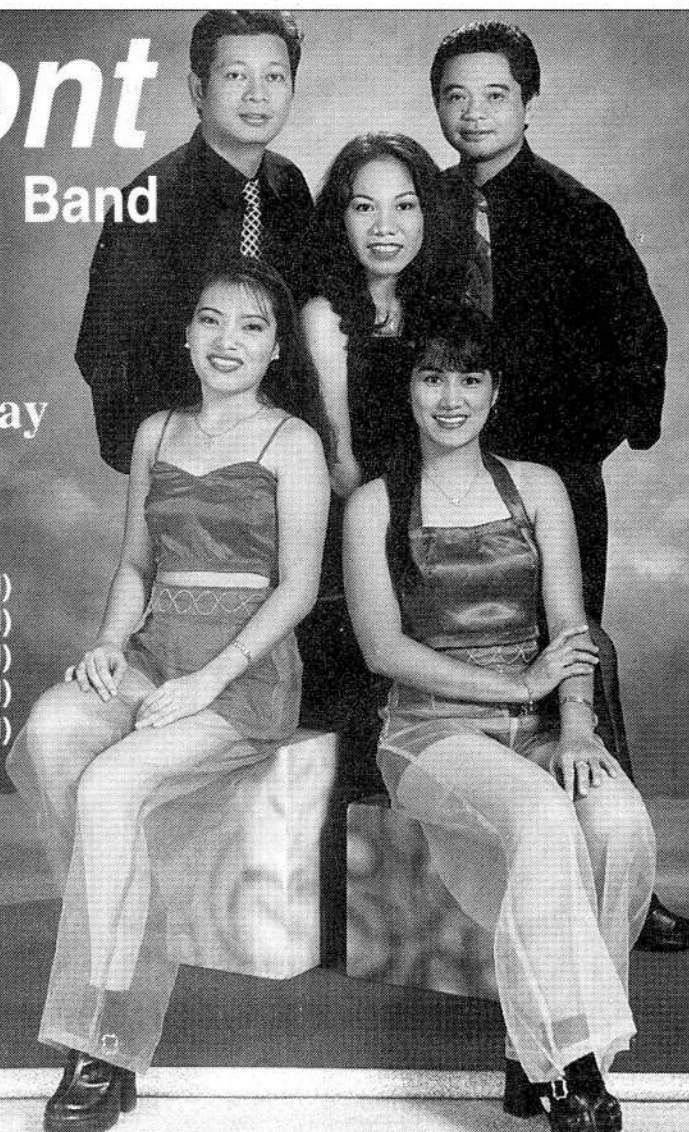
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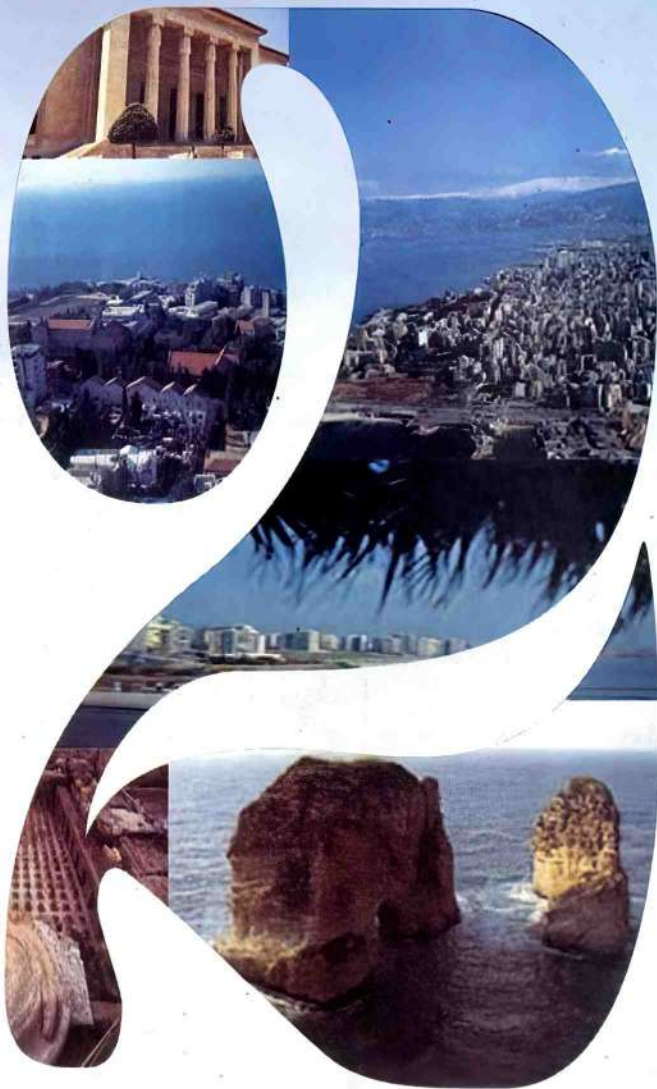
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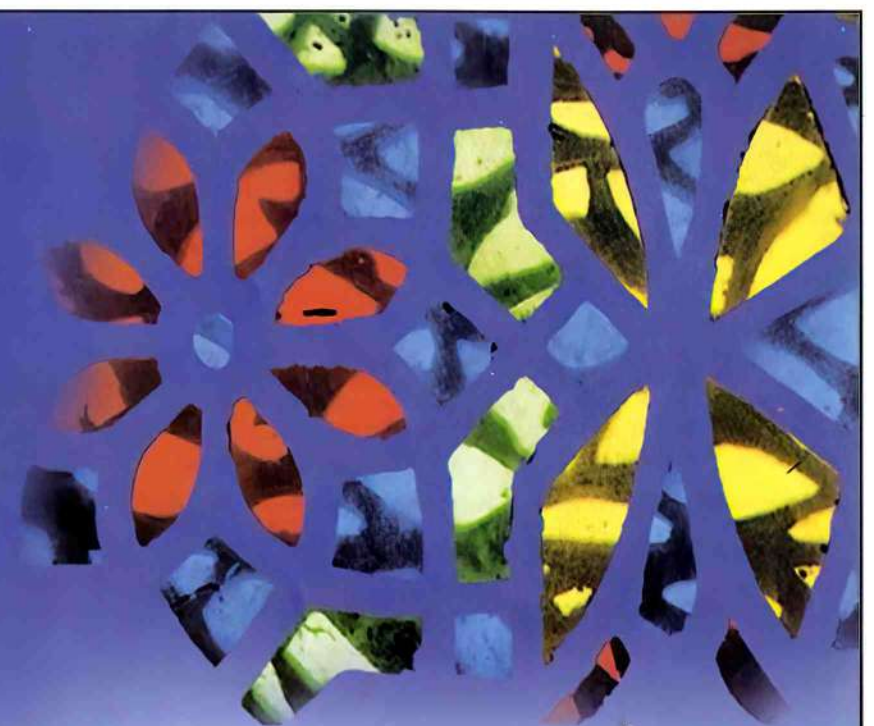
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# Views on the New Government

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*Yemen Times*

**T**he new government of Mr. Abdulqader Bajamal has created ripples in the minds of people in the street. It has included more new faces than at any time before. To know the reactions of several groups in the society about the political spectrum and their hopes in this new cabinet, Yemen Times talked to some people.

**Dr. Yassin al-Shaibany**  
**Prof. of International Law**  
**Sanaa University**



It was not a surprise when President Ali Abdullah Saleh asked Mr. Abdulqader Bajamal to form the new government. This is because he is qualified enough to take over such a position, particularly at this time in Yemen's history. The surprise lies in that for the first time 23 new ministers, most of whom are highly qualified young people, are included in the new cabinet. They are known as being honest and hardworking like Dr. Wahibah Far'e, the first woman minister in the history of Yemen. We do expect this new government, headed by an outstanding politician, to be more responsible, living up to the challenges. It has to face the already deteriorating economic condition. This is visible in the high rate of unemployment among youngsters, economic stagnation, low productivity plus the fall in the value of the YR. The new cabinet has to prioritize reform of the judiciary, education, health, security in addition to services like water, electricity, transportation, communication and others that urgently need the government's attention. In short, the government has to take the initiative for change and regain the trust of the public by improving their living conditions and live up to the highest expectations of the people and those of the president

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The new government of Mr. Abdulqader Bajamal is considered the second biggest government after Haider Al-Attas's of 1990 which had 39 ministers. The surprise in the current cabinet lies in the ministries

of foreign affairs, interior, and information, for they have new ministers, coming to such positions for the first time without much experience. Having a female minister was also surprising. This does not mean in any way that I am trying to belittle them. I have some comments for you to jot down about this government.

First of all, the regional representation of ministers is very clear despite the denial of official media which claims that this time, competence has been prioritized. However, reading between the lines, one could find out that all governorates of the country have been represented in this government to the extent that there are four ministers without portfolios.

Creating new ministries for human rights, environment and population and having a woman minister for human rights does not entail the recognition of the importance of such institutions in our life, and the role they will play. Rather, this aims at marketing the political regime outside and looking for new sources of loans and aids. It also aims at decorating the image of Yemen outside for being modern and civilized. And it does not matter if the nation is poor and backward, suffering from many other ordeals.

It seems, therefore, the government will propagate itself outside, neglecting its real challenge inside, which is mainly to curb the already bad economic situation. I believe it will continue lifting subsidies on basic foodstuffs and other materials. It is too early to evaluate the new cabinet, talking highly of the radical and decisive reforms it is going to take during its two-year term in office. It is also too early and unrealistic to predict its failure. We do not have a scientific method in Yemen by which we can measure how things go on.

The challenges Bajamal's cabinet will face are how to maintain the unity of decision, creating harmony among all portfolios and good implementation of its program. Its success will depend on its ability to go beyond all partisan considerations and affiliations and working for the overall interests of the nation rather than the party's. There is no doubt that Bajamal will pass the test unlike his predecessor who was ruthlessly assaulted even by the newspapers of his own party. Bajamal has to grasp this chance to do something good for the benefit of his political future while trying to get the country out of its ongoing crisis. I believe this government like any others will be run from behind the scenes by big guys at the power center.

**Mohammed Yahia al-Sabri**  
**writer**

No other government invited so much attention as the government of Bajamal. The reason is that there are some interesting things about the government. It has succeeded a government that many

were not happy with, even the president himself. The departure of Dr. Abdulkarim al-Iryani, former MP and GPC Secretary-General, was augmented by two main events like the constitutional amendment referendum and local elections, which reflected the miserable state of his cabinet and the surest indication things were going bad. The media barrage, supported by some politicians at the power center, that targeted Iryani and some of his ministers might have added fuel to the fire. Or, it might have had a contrary result, raising the people's demand for a new honest cabinet.

The second interesting thing is that the government media created a big fuss about the new government prematurely, raising the slogan of "government of the youth". Interestingly, the new young ministers were not selected on the basis of ability or competence to perform. Rather, some of the old faces known for their incompetence were inducted into this new government on the basis of their tribal as well as regional affiliations. This regional representation of the new cabinet might also be behind the controversy raised about the government.

The most interesting thing is the choice of Bajamal as a PM who is known for his dynamism. These things were an interesting topic for the opposition papers which will focus on Bajamal's statements more than any other minister.

Mr. Abdulaziz Abdulghani, known for his good experience and transparency, was the strongest challenger for this position. But he declined to take it for the third time since unification in 1990, which paved the way for Bajamal. The insistence of Iryani to leave the post to protect what remains of his tarnished reputation facilitated the nomination of Bajamal. Nowadays, the official media say the choice of Bajamal has something to do with his ability to attract more Hadhrami investors from abroad to Yemen because he comes from Hadhramaut. This is, of course, a groundless explanation and investment has nothing to do with Bajamal the person. He has the skill to swim with the current and adapt himself according to the situation. In the pre-unification days he was a strong defender of nationalization and now he is a defender of privatization.

At the regional and international level, Bajamal is welcomed by the neighboring countries for he signed the memorandum of understanding in 1995 and the border treaty in 1999 between Yemen and Saudi Arabia. Later, he coined a new term of "partnership" with other countries which is commonly used now without understanding what it really means.

The field of upcoming battles between the government and opposition parties, mainly Islah, will be education, endowments and elections.

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Yemen and Ethiopia are working to enhance their mutual economic and trade ties, and promote investment partnerships between business-men of both countries. A Yemeni delegation is expected to pay a visit mid April 2001, aiming at the expansion of trade and a progression in bilateral relations. The visit is a result of positive steps by the Joint Yemeni-Ethiopian Ministerial Committee during two meetings. The second of which an agreement to wider joint business works, and the signing various mutual agreements took place. Previously, in April 1999, Sana'a had observed the first meeting held by this joint committee. Here seven agreements and protocols were signed which included developing relationships in the fields of economics, agri-

culture, investment, finance, tourism, industry and the promotion of exports. Reflecting this cooperation, both countries agreed to arrange trade exhibitions in Yemen and Ethiopia. This comes in accordance to the agreement which was signed in Sana'a during 1992, where implementation of this agreement had been agreed upon to continue until the year 2002. Relationships between both countries are based on promoting exports through encouraging private-sector businessmen to workout trade data exchange in order to serve economic investment and trade activities. For Yemen, Ethiopia is a promising market for agricultural products, oil, liquefied-gas and other industrial products. In return, Ethiopia would obtain good Yemeni markets for its livestock, honey, tea, paper, saffron and other Ethiopian spices. During 1999, the two countries, signed a special agreement dealing with investment encouragement which is expected to functionalize the promotion for the joint investment projects. The agreement also stated the importance of increasing cooperation in

exchanging agriculture, data and experiences. It emphasized, vegetarian production data-exchange, nurseries production, research, analyzes, and agriculture protection. According to the agreement, Yemeni experiences in fruits and mango production, in addition to the exchange of experience in the field of production and protection of animal wealth will be beneficial. Yemeni businessmen hope that facilities in both countries will be present to assist in finding direct contacts with their Ethiopian counterparts. This will facilitate partnerships contracts related to opportunities available for the Ethiopians in the Aden Free Zone. According to statistics issued by the Central Statistics Board of Yemen, Yemeni exports which arrived in Ethiopian markets during 1998 had a

value of about YR392 million, which is a decrease of YR171 million from 1997. This was due to the Yemeni oil exported to Ethiopia in addition to a similar international decrease. Moreover, the statistics showed the Yemeni importations from Ethiopia to be estimated at about YR216 million. The source also mentions Ethiopia ranking number 25 among major countries importing from Yemen during 1997. Ethiopian importation for Yemen at that time was estimated to be YR572 million. In addition to oil-extracts, Yemen presently exports to Ethiopia, mainly macaroni, biscuits, cigarettes, soap, plastic and manufactured aluminum goods. In return, Yemen imports coffee, peanuts, sesame seeds, leather and spices.

Volume of trade exchange between Yemen and Ethiopia during 96 -98		
Year	Yemeni Exportation (in YR)	Ethiopian Exportation (in YR)
1996	149,209,000	235,721,000
1997	571,874,000	448,748,000
1998	391,927,000	215,734,000

The figures above show an indication of trade balance during 1997-98 in advantage of Yemen. However, the possibility of increased mutual trade exchange, raising trade balance of both, and the signing of a joint partnerships between businessmen of both, is high.

# The Stock Market Between Reality & Ambitions

**Sultan Al-Jarady  
Lawyer & consultant**

The past few years brought with them a controversy about the establishment of a stock market in Yemen. In preparation for this move, a law to organize such a market has been passed. So far, we have not heard about this project since the death of YCB consultant, Saif Ahmad Haider, who prepared the project. As a lawyer, I am more concerned about the economic, financial, and investment aspects of this law. I have always asked whether the present circumstances are fit for a stock market and, if so, what are the factors and conditions to make a stock market a success.

In my opinion, it is illogical to run after other countries in establishing organizations, authorities and stock markets just for the sake of imitation, thinking that this would convince the world that we are indeed developing. Stock market means a market in which securities are sold or offered for dealings for the first time. However, there are no specification about what kind of securities are going to be sold. Public and private organizations and companies issue shares and bonds for the companies and organizations, although this is forbidden by law, unless companies and organizations are legally allowed to do so. Usually, shares' period is the same as that of the company while bonds are either long-term or short-term. The government also issues securities in the form of government bonds to be offered in the stock market for the sake of implementing economic and industrial projects.

Offering securities in the stock market, in fact, requires a number of factors and conditions to be fulfilled. The stock market provides good opportunities for companies, organizations, government, individuals, etc., to carry on investment activities by providing them with the finances required. This necessitates availability of productive stock companies and organizations. Otherwise establishing a stock market would be a failure. Stock companies in Yemen are a few. This raises a question about how a stock market can be set up if there are no sufficient securities to be offered. And the securities the government issues will not be enough to back up the situation. The issue also needs full awareness about the importance of saving and investment. Such awareness cannot be there without a prosperous and strong economy. Yemen's economy suffers from inflation, high prices, low per capita income and lack of liquidity, all making an awareness about development of saving and investment a big hoax. In addition, the government's privatization program, as indicators show, envisages selling public organizations and companies to the private sector. If this is right, Yemen will face a big problem. The government is supposed to change the public organizations into stock companies that will offer their shares for subscription. This move is bound to encourage the establishment of many stock companies and to create a suitable atmosphere to make the stock market a success. If the government is serious about the stock market issue, it must change the public organizations into stock companies, encourage the emergence of other stock companies and spread awareness about the importance of saving and investment.

# Amran Cement Factory

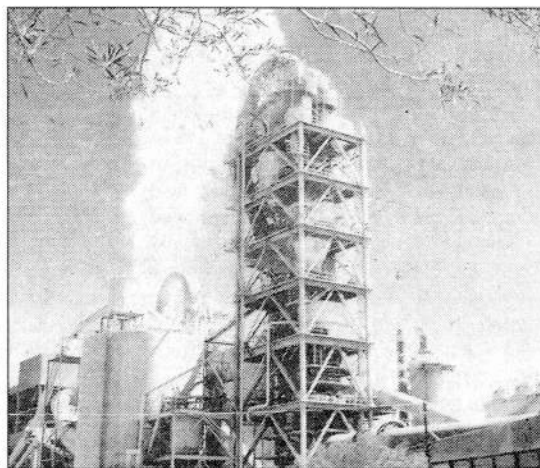
**Hassan Al-Zayidi  
Yemen Times**

Recent reports show that the raw material used in the production of cement in the Amran plant is enough for 85 years. The cement of Amran is considered among the best in the Mideast. Reports further show that the plant is starting a new production line with the capacity of more than one million tons of cement per year, which is equal to the total production of the other three cement plants together. Mr. Noman Ahmad Dwaïd, general manager of the plant criticized the government intention to privatize the plant. He said that an ad hoc committee



from the cabinet estimated the cost of the plant at 4.2 billion rials 5 years before in preparation for selling it, while it has provided the state budget with revenue worth YR17 billion since it was established in 1982. He also said that a new production line would be added with the capacity to double the current production. He added that privatization of big successful projects serves a few officials and traders and not the public. In the year 2000 the Amran Cement Plant achieved profits estimated at 4 billion rials. Salaries of workers have

also remarkably increased. The lowest salary a worker receives in the plant today is 45,000 thousand (US\$ 271) plus residence for him/her and his/her family and health security. Mr. Dwaïd said that this created problems with the government. However, they seem to ignore the amount of profits that comes when more attention is paid to the workers. He added that 65% of the surplus goes to the government which also levies a 35% tax for operating the plant and 5% tax for stone quarries.



# Features & Objectives of Second Five-Year Plan

The total governmental investments in the second five year plan 2001-2005 in Yemen estimated at about YR 1 trillion. This will be spent on infrastructure projects, mainly oil, roads, ports, airports, electricity, water and sanitation, telecommunication, education and technical training.

Sources in the Ministry of Planning and Development indicate that the second five year plan aims at creating a conducive atmosphere to attract Arab and foreign investment, re-arranging roles of establishments affiliated to the authority in the economy, extending activities of the private sector in operating, administering and maintaining some public institutions, and investing in the exporting industries.

**Objectives of the Plan:**  
The second five-year plan aims at

achieving major growth in the economic development rate, creating more job opportunities, developing the local resources through supporting agricultural production, making use of the marine wealth, and increasing production in the transferable industries to make available products for exports.

Estimations of the financial resources to fund investments in the five-year plan run to 817.8 billion. 100 billion by the private sector. 121 billion by the state and 207 billion as loans from Arab organizations and foreign countries.

**Desired Economic Development Rate:**  
Sources in the Ministry of Planning indicate that of the objectives of the upcoming five-year plan 2001-2005 is to achieve not less than 5% development rate annually in the gross domestic product (GDP). Also to curb poverty

and relieve its impact on poor sections of the society (up to 20% of the population). This can be achieved through temporary cash aids. The plan also aims at creating new job opportunities, while increasing the efficiency of production and operation rates. This will solve the problem of unemployment and slash it from 35% to less than 20% by the year 2005.

**Debts Cut off:**  
The second five-year plan is focusing on cutting off Yemen's foreign debt to less than 60% by the end of 2005. Especially as the government could, through the first five-year plan 1996-2000, reduce the size of foreign debt from 121% to 68% out off local products. Local debt was also reduced from 74% to less than 13%.

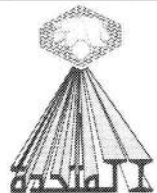
**Improving Investment Environment:**  
The second five-year plan is concentrating on the establishment of a modern Yemen through completing infrastructure projects which the private sector can not fund. Road to facilitate transportation, dams to supply water to agriculture, marine wealth development, and high voltage stations are all essentials for improving the investment environment.

**Activating Financial Policy:**  
Financial policies in the second-five year plan tend to rely on the active use of the financial and monetary policies and tools to re-store the economic and financial balance. This is made with the objective to address the disequilibrium pertaining to inflation, deficit of the state, trade balance in accordance with the market based economy liberating prices from any administrative restraints. The private sector has to play its role in terms of increasing production and investment.

The plan also focuses on tackling conditions of the public sector through implementing of a well-planned privatization program, aiming at increasing public revenues.

With the second five-year plan the government seeks to pave the way to increase investment in the private sector, facilitate the influx of Arab and foreign capital and mobilize them in the various economic fields in the country.

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- 7) indicate his status from military service.

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The American Embassy announces for a job vacancy "Clinical Nurse Specialist" within the Health Unit.

**Workweek schedule:** (part time: 5 half days per week, totaling 20 hours per week).

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**Who may apply:** All qualified professional nurse applicants.

## Major Duties:

Under the general supervision of the RMO, performs professional nursing duties required in the Health Unit. In the absence of the Health Unit Physician, takes responsibility in conjunction with half-time Laboratory Technician, for required health needs of the Embassy, related agencies, and authorized patients. Will become permanent staff to work not only summers, but also holidays, and also spend 1 full day per week (or 2 half days per week) assisting the Health Unit.

## Qualification:

**Education:** applicant must be a graduate of an accredited school of nursing or university and possess a valid registered nursing license or its equivalent.

**Prior Work Experience:** Three Years experience in nursing, with preference given to those that have experience in out-patient clinical services, emergency clinical services and/or in an intensive care clinical setting.

**Language Proficiency:** Level III English ability (good working knowledge), IV level Arabic (fluent) with Fluency in the use of professional medical terminology. Ability to work with patients who have medical problems. Ability to use or be trained in use of specialized medical equipment including, but not limited to ECG, spirometer, oxygen, defibrillator, and, knowledge of the local medical community.

**How to apply:** Interested applicants should complete OF-612 (Application Form for employing Foreign Nationals) or a current C.V. Attached with certificates and recommendation letters, and contact the Embassy Personnel Office, American Embassy, Dhahr Himyar Street, Sana'a no later than April 27, 2001.



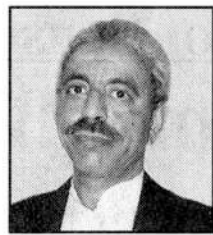
# COMMON SENSE

By: Hassan Al-Haifi

## What Zionism is Really All About "Kill'em Anyway You Can"

Perhaps, as Hassan Nasrullah, the indefatigable leader of Hizbullah (of Lebanon) said at the outset of the Sharon regime in Tel Aviv, the coming of Sharon to the Zionist throne should not be looked at apprehensively. As time proceeds on, there is a lot of wisdom in what Nasrullah said. What Sharon has done for the cause of Zionism may be looked on so scarily by most Arabs, but then it brings to the fore, what many Arabs with foresight have been saying for a long time. This Zionist machine in their midst is here for only one reason, which is to work as a cancer in their midst. Chewing away at all living things in its way and thriving on pseudo bigotry to energize its hate machine as it seeks to create a fact of life based on muscle and hatred on the land that has been quenched with the blood of the helpless Palestinians. Who are in no position to face up to this ugly bigoted machine that seeks to erase their total existence. Yet while the Palestinians stand helpless against this formidable hate machine, the likes of Sharon continue to be supported by the global superpower and the international Zionist establishment. It is as though Palestinian blood has been sanctioned by Heavenly Decree, as some rabbis have openly stated recently in a clear show of affirmation that Zionism can now be seen in its true colors. So what,

if the parades of Palestinian children lying on their deathbed, is a daily routine. Just look at them, with their faces uncovered, looking towards the sky pleading with the Al-Mighty to look after their brothers and sisters, for they are pleased with their lot, if their plight is the magic key to paradise. But the Palestinians are humans also and are entitled to all the human rights and civil liberties. The global superpower makes it appear that it is championing everywhere – that is everywhere, except in the Holy Land. What Sharon has shown us over the past month is, that as far as Zionism is concerned, there is no room for Palestinians in the land of Zion and that as far as Sharon and the millions of his like in Israel are concerned, they have no hesitation in spewing the blood of all the Arabs and not just the Palestinians. As one rabbi, openly declared, last week. This rabbi happens to be the leader of one of the so called extreme right wing parties of Israel – as though hate mongers can be given legitimacy by such political labels. Whatever comes out of them is viewed as no more than an expression of opinion which can be taken so lightly. But really, is it not good to be able to see the Zionist creed become displayed so openly. As no more than a chauvinistic, demagogic creed that regards the only way for it to survive is to kill, kill and kill?



The "spiritual leader" (God forbid if the Divine should ever consider anyone of this gender as being "spiritual") of Shas, the gung-ho Zionist political party that does not hide its hatred, not only of Palestinians, but of all Arabs, has recently declared that all Arabs should be killed everywhere. That they should be rained upon by rockets randomly fired at any Arab habitat. He declared this without hesitation and without regard to the ecclesiastical hat, robe and pious beard he wears. It is the kind of rhetoric that brings to memory the tragic massacre of Deir Yassin, the Palestinian village where close to 300 sleeping Palestinians, 53 years ago, were awakened to the rat-tat-tat of Israeli machine guns and the explosion of grenades. The indiscriminate downpour of bullets and small rockets fire in their midst, as part of the well planned ethnic cleansing scheme developed by the Zionist war lords to "purify" the Holy Land and turn it into a citadel of hatred and demagoguery. Such immorality is unrivaled by anything man has ever known, except by the Nazi machine of Adolph Hitler, except that the Nazi machine was at least more equitable, for it was directed against all non-Arian races. The Zionist hate machine, at least for now, has concentrated its hatred against the Arabs, and mercilessly so. But carry on Sharon, because now the colors of your hate machine is clearly on display, as your bulldozers follow your tanks to destroy, not just the homes of the Palestinians, but even the trees, which have become the only source of food for the besieged Palestinians. Who have now been barred from receiving the measly handouts that UNRAWA has been spoon feeding the aftermath victims of Deir Yassin and the many villages from which the Palestinians were uprooted over the last half century. Carry on and show the world that there is nothing to stop the hatred that you have unleashed so openly in the Blessed Earth, where so many prophets of the Al-Mighty tread while trying to instill civility and kindness in mankind. The likes

of Hitler and Sharon should have no place in human society. But alas, people forget so quickly and chauvinism prevails once again, even upon the blessed soil where Jesus, Moses Abraham and the many prophets in between said to the world, beware of Israel and the entrenched evil that is embedded in its heart. An evil that refuses the bounty of its Lord and the salvation that has come its way, and even ignores its own prophets and carries on in defiance of the will of God. As though they are immune from God's wrath, which they have tasted so often.

As for the United States, we thank those ignorant congressmen, who still have a blind view to all the hatred that the Zionist machine is unleashing in the Holy Land. The assumption that Israel is their gateway to political paradise, as they forget the immoral implications of their totally blind support of the Zionist machine, throwing away the American people's hard earned tax money to unleash this hatred against the people. The lifeline of their industrial and financial hegemony thrives, the Arab oil that feeds the military and industrial configuration by which it treads on the rest of the world.

Is there hope, then for the Palestinians and the other Arabs who are soon to become victims of this uniform hatred, against all these odds? It is God's will that the meek shall inherit the Earth and it is God's will that will make the likes of the Shas rabbis eat their own words of hatred. They will pay the price for the defiance of the Covenants they have been entrusted to uphold, and as usual, they have betrayed that trust with punitive contempt and disavowal of the power of Our Lord, *the Lord of all mankind*.

So carry on Sharon, but Deir Yassin and Sabra and Shatila (the magic workings of Sharon himself) are very much in our minds as well as in the Lord's mind.

As for the United States, it appears that the beginnings of decay and sloppiness are beginning to prove that no matter how powerful and seemingly untouchable you might be, there are still nations of the world that you will have to reckon with. These you will not so easily step on, because the Lord Al-Mighty has also given them some elements of power that make the United States compelled to forego some of its arrogance and submit to the fact of life that God is the only Supreme Being in the Universe.



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## Sweeping Away the President's Cronies

I do not have any doubt right now that President Ali Abdullah Saleh is serious about change and reform of the governmental fabric at this particular time in the history of Yemen. He got this zest a long time ago. But, the cronies around him and at the power center have been reluctant to any initiative made by the president. These people used to work hard to let the president be in isolation, giving him a very good and bright image of the status quo and the living conditions of his people. These cronies also created problems for him with all luminaries and supporters of change and power of law and order. In this way, they have been creating enemies for him. However, in the last few years, the president has not been dependent on his cronies to report to him what is happening in the street. The president has opened his own new channels of communication with all enlightened and illuminated people. He can speak with these people on the phone without any reluctance, sharing with them opinions and views. In other words, he listens wisely and with an open mind and peeled eyes to others' opinions and on this basis, he can make decisions. These people who

were at odds with the president have come to know him well. They could also realize that it is president's fellow men and cronies who make enemies for him, keeping him away from educated and vibrant young people who are full of life to help their society. In fact, the president has recently called for opening the way to young people to take over power and be at the decision-making core. This heralds a good omen. The real and influential change should start with these cronies in authority who are still obsessed with a tribal and medieval-age mentality. These crooked and corrupt guys should be swept away and replaced by good qualified people with honesty and zest to make Yemen a better place. These hidden rotten apples are of no use to the president. In this digital era, the president needs more qualified people who can help him run the country, leading it towards prosperity. However, I believe that the president can not get rid of them all at once. The process should go step by step. This is because they have become a heavy burden on the president and so it becomes very difficult to sweep them away. But, once he starts, he can do it, can't he?

## Thank You, Dr Iryani



Imad Al-Saqqaf  
Taiz Bureau

Optimism has in fact dwindled after the announcement of the new government that included a number of ministers from the preceding regime. Many have been expecting that the change would reflect 80% of new figures assuming portfolios in the new cabinet. They have been expecting that the formation would include many new young personalities capable of more contribution. Though some people are optimistic and have much confidence in the shrewdness, and intelligence of Mr Bajammal in carrying out a program for reforming the situation, are less optimistic. Most significant reason for this is that it is rather a short term government that would not exceed two years. The unusual thing about the new Yemeni government is the surprise elevation of Bajammal and the quiet departure of Mr Al-Iryani, who used to respond silently to all those who had assailed him and refused to accept his premiership. He has preferred to live his own life in tranquillity and to serve the state from outside the government as an advisor.

In the past few years of his premiership, Dr Iryani has been offended by some people and newspapers. Even his efficiency, long experience and the long years he has spent in serving the

homeland did not serve as a safeguard for him.

I am personally of the opinion that whoever offends Dr Al-Iryani is mistaken and anyone denying his great efforts in building the modern Yemeni state is ungrateful. Dr Iryani would remain, with his courageous decisions, firm stands and wide-range experience, one of the most prominent of the Yemeni politicians and one who played important roles in Yemen's political life for about thirty years. Throughout those years Mr Iryani has assumed many ministerial posts, and headed departments such as education, planning and development, foreign affairs and at last took responsibility as prime minister. The people of Yemen would not forget the wisdom and intelligence of Mr Iryani and his competence at negotiation when he was a foreign minister. His name was associated with Yemen at all international forums. He has played a big role in extending his country's relations with other countries and has raised high his country's name. The Yemeni people would never forget Iryani's courageous decision of banning import of fruits from abroad, a step that led to developing fruits agriculture and indigenous fruits flooding the Yemeni market. Dr Iryani deserves from us a word of gratitude for his efforts over the past years. Amidst optimism and pessimism towards the newly formed government, we thank Mr Iryani's efforts for Yemen and wish good luck and success for the prime minister Bajammal.

## Letters to the Editor

### Arab Summit Between Reality and Wishful Thinking

There is always a great gap between reality and wishes. We wish something but reality faces us with something else. This is what really happened in the recent Arab Summit held in Amman late last month. All of us in the Arab world were optimistic that the summit would at least end the Iraqi-Kuwaiti dispute. This is what we expected. We didn't expect the summit to put an end to the Palestinian-Israeli crisis because all the previous summits and meetings were in vain. A long-standing tension between two different nations needs a long time to be settled. The Arab Summit proved that the span of a decade was not enough to forget enmity and hatred, in spite of all the suffering of the Iraqi children and the issue of the Kuwaiti prisoners. The leaders at the Summit failed to reset the relations between the two neighboring people, which was the major failure of the Summit. However, we still consider it a success, that this file is opened publicly and that those who attempted reconciliation were not considered enemies or traitors from the Gulf people's point of view. I mean that all the participants were convinced that there should be no more tension, hatred and enmity, for both the Iraqis as well as the Kuwaitis have the right to live in peace and security. I support what our President Ali Abdullah Saleh said at the Summit that long and highly elegant speeches are not always fruitful. On the contrary they could sometimes cause losing the main issue amid exaggerations and the flourish of language. We can talk briefly and in a straight forward language, but do so many things. We could rather express ourselves in short

speeches if we are sincere to our objective. The real yardstick here is loyalty.

Finally, I hope that the coming Summit in Lebanon will be influential and fruitful. We hope we can overcome our shortcomings and differences that display our weakness in front of our enemy.

Arwa Mansour  
Taiz

Dear Editor,

First of all I wish to thank you about the Yemen Times. And I hope to have these words published because it is the first time I am writing. I love the newspaper "Yemen Times", because it publishes a lot of subjects about our life, I hope the Yemen Times will be the No. 1 newspaper in Yemen and Arab world in the future.

Yasser Ahmed Khamis  
Sana'a

Dear Editor,

My name is Tawfeeq Abdullah Abdulmanssari. I am a Yemeni national living in Yemen since I was child. I was born and raised in Shar'aab Al-Rawnah in the Taiz Province. I have been reading the Yemen Times for about three consecutive years, and I admire it much, for it is a distinguished English Yemeni newspaper. It is considered to be one of the best and most important English newspaper.

My dear Mr. Editor in Chief Dr. Waleed al-Saqqaf, I am writing this letter to you to say: keep going on the same path your father has showed. You are still going on strong despite the great loss of its founder Dr. Abdulaziz Al-Saqqaf (may his soul



Nadia Al-Saqqaf  
Yemen Times

How many times in your life, have you been in the process of some regulations, got stuck with one signature because the person concerned can not be found? That is a lack of order. How many times, have you been almost run down by a speedy Toyota trying to make it before the traffic light turns red? And how many times were you not able to take your car out of parking place because some body parked his car blocking your way and left? That is a lack of order. Again, how many times was your name dropped from a list because of miscommunication between the sending and receiving parties? That is also a lack of order. Now, how many times in your life, are you able to buy something even as the shop keeper just closed the door, but for you he reopens and gives you what you want? That is kindness. And how many times, you are able to find a place just because someone devoted some of his time to go all the way with you in order you find the place. That is kindness. Still, how many times, someone does something for you, out of the way, just because you needed it. Someone whose job is not to tell you, do for you or show you and still he does it? That is also kindness. The answer, I am sure, vary from several times to many. The examples above are instances of a lack of order, and of kindness found evident in our Yemen. In fact, it's something common among Arabs in general. In the developed world, we won't find

disorders such as the ones we encounter here. However, it is also true that we would hardly find any display of generosity as the ones we find here. If you lived in the western world, you would have seen this and even if the man in charge was there, he would have told you to come tomorrow, because it's after his working hour. That is called order. Rules are strictly followed. It's good because it makes life more organized and systematic. But what happens if you are a little late? Or if you desperately need to reach somewhere and you don't have the time to figure out how to go on your own? Order does not help you there as much as kindness does. I am not saying that lets forget about organizing our lives and following rules. Mind you, I am saying that such displays of generosity, and having the time for you are characteristics of our Yemeni society we must appreciate. We keep criticizing and saying that we are an under developed country, there are so many things missing in the regime, the system is imbalanced, and in all that chaos we forget the simple, small, beautiful things that people do. These make life easier and happier. Dr. Mohammed Al Shuaibi of the X-Ray section at Al Sabeen hospital reminded me of this. When it wasn't his duty at all, he helped me find my way through the corridors and get an injection done. Salute to Dr. Mohammed and to all the nice people who make our lives easier in spite of all this mess we live in.

We may be a society lacking order miserably, but we are by all means kind. And it is this kindness in us that makes us the special people we are, who are loved and remembered by any foreigner who visits this country, even if just a passer by.

Dear Editor,

To the lost peoples in the Yemen Republic: How many years do we need to wait till we get to the top of the world? My families are in the 4th generations and we are still lost. We really need help from people who have ideas about how to help Yemen. We really need to work more than we do now for the people of Yemen. If I had the power, I would employ new people in offices to do the right things for the country. From the police to the president, we are all lost.

MOHAMED A. Ahmed

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Congratulations on the occasion of your wedding on April 1, 2001  
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## Arbitrary Planning & Lack of Sense of Responsibility

# This is Why Sanaa is Suffering from a Backward Sewerage System



Jalal Al-Shar'abi  
Yemen Times

Many streets in many Yemeni towns and cities lack any proper sewerage system planning, which poses great health and environmental hazards. Sana'a, the capital, was a telling example of such a situation. The problem of water and sanitation has been an aching headache agitating the residents for many years. The old backward and random sewerage network has not only intensified suffering of the people. It has also made companies winning ten-

ders of fixing this system fall in the trap as the infrastructure of the sewerage system is completely ruined. A direct correlative result is the sewage swamps in streets and alleys. This is the case throughout the year, except for occasions of national festivals or visits of high foreign delegations when the authorities concerned assign some companies to conduct temporary repairs to portray a rosy picture of a real misery. No sooner had the delegation left or the occasion is over than the situation is as bad as ever. This has, furthermore, created new hurdles and obstacles in this regard.

So far, officials concerned have never come up with the goods for real efforts to put an end to this problem. Except for al-Rehab Engineering and

Construction Company sewerage project in the Western al-Akmah. It is an exemplary model worth all praise and appreciation.

Sewage overflowing in various areas of the capital is actually the challenge of the newly appointed officials in the Environment, Water and Sanitation Ministries in the newly formed government.

Companies winning tenders to conduct reforms in the sewerage system project worried about different drawbacks which obstruct the launching the reforms. The most serious being the overflowing sewage in streets and alleys, great number of cesspools, a random and backward network, low cables of electricity and telephone, and people's use of cesspools to get rid of stagnant rain water, etc.

Moreover, improper and



arbitrary planning of houses has impeded access of tools and machines to these streets and alleys. Some houses are very old and could hardly withstand the impact of machines. This, more often than not, leads to problems with house-owners. Sewage pipes were also sometimes found mixed with drinking water pipes constituting a health disaster.

Eng. Essam Maki, sewage system project manager, Sana'a, Taiz, Aden and Mukalla governorates, told YT "The Arab Fund presented \$ 60 million to conduct reforms in the sewerage system in various areas in the capital of Sana'a including Sawad Hanash, the Eastern al-Safiah, the main street from Saba roundabout to the Finance Ministry, etc."

He viewed what has been achieved in the western al-Akmah a remarkable progress and that the project was an astounding success in that area despite all the difficulties faced.

The question that remains hanging is "Which companies are going to conduct the reforms in the remaining areas and will they be as responsible as the al-Rehab Company?"

Now, there is no plausible excuse on the part of authorities concerned. The loan is too big and is enough to conduct all the reforms if it is used in a proper, transparent and responsible way.

### Swamped Sewage Poses Health Hazards:

Various health studies point out various health hazards resulting from the lack of a sewage system, indicating that many diseases including Malaria and Anemia are caused mainly by stagnant sewage.

Dr. Mohammed al-Kamali, pediatrician in Hayel Street, said "Tests on many children, leads us to the conclusion that these diseases are mainly caused due to sewage spread in streets and alleys. Many cases took a long period of time to recover due to unhealthy surroundings.

Malaria is the most rampant disease due to these swamps of sewage, besides, children suffered from colic complaints due to polluted water. Results of tests confirmed that drinking water is mixed with sewage water."

A health official in the capital said that sewage overflowing in streets is posing tremendous environmental and health hazards. Good and clean environments make strong and clean bodies, consequently enabling active participation in all the activities of life.

### Economics of Sewage Hazards:

A healthy environment including clean and well-paved streets are a crucial requirement for trade in any country. It is clear that swamped sewage has had a considerable impact on the trade in many areas of the capital. An illustration in point is the case of Hayel street which used to be full of hustle and bustle some years ago. However, sewage flooding this street has given a defeating blow to trade. Most of the merchants and shop-owners have suffered heavy losses, especially restaurant owners.

Mr. No'man al-Asbahi, al-Bawraji shops, in Hayel street, said "Our sales have improved a little recently after many years of heavy losses due to the sewage which made the street impassable. I do not know how officials concerned shrugged off and did not care about this suffering. When al-Rehab company started drawing out designs we expected that it was doomed to failure. However, the company managed to overcome all the difficulties and allowed us to smell fresh air again. We highly appreciate this."

Moreover, more than once the state

has already borne heavy financial burdens due to the building of roads without heeding the infrastructure of the sewage network. This resulted in superficial reforms which soon failed.

### Challenges Before the Water & Sanitation Reform:

It seems pretty clear that capital secretary, is going to be sacked from his current post. Change is sure to befall him as he recklessly disregarded this vital issue. He also fully realizes that there are many streets in Sana'a which are no longer fit for driving or walking and that stagnant sewage has become an inescapable sight, especially for those coming from Sana'a airport along al-Rawdah street. What an achievement he has made while in office!!

Now completion of the sewerage network in the capital is a top priority. We propose to officials concerned, especially as a national company proved that they can rise to the expectations. The al-Akmah project is an example to be followed.

Difficulties facing the sewage system are too many, including the large number of cesspools and their thick covers reaching 1m, overflowing sewage, traffic jams, a ruined old sewage network and densely populated areas.

Moreover, many engineering companies carrying out projects suffer due to the missing of tools and materials from the working sites, said the Western al-Akmah project manager. He added "At places, digging is quite difficult due to rocks. Stagnant sewage is quite a big problem as it impedes the digging processes. The people are also part of the problem, as they open, either knowingly or in reckless disregard, the cesspools' covers for the stagnant rain water. This damages and sometimes ruins the sewage network. Lack of sub paved roads is also another problem for this work that pressures the company to do the work quickly as it creates traffic problems.

### Proposals to Put an end to Sewage Network Problem:

Many proposals have been submitted by the authorities concerned, to solve the problem of water and sanitation. One of these is to conduct the overall designing of the sewage network in the capital and ask for bids which are to be tested transparently and objectively.

This shows the importance of making use of all fields survey conducted in the capital which should be given to the Yemeni engineers' cadre. This will allow them to have a hand in it since they have proven to be competent.

Foreign as well as local companies working in this direction are to be monitored and observed by the authorities concerned to see that work



is carried out according to the standard specifications and designs. National interest and sense of responsibility is to be stressed here to put an end to this major headache.

No doubt there are lots of major issues before the new government, and the question is will it be able to overcome these obstacles?

Finally, we send a token of appreciation to all those who have done something to solve this problem. One is the al-Rehab company for the constructions. We do hope that the officials concerned will heed these remarks and be up to the expectations to make the capital clean and beautiful. This can never be achieved unless there is a real, sincere and determined attitude, on the part of those in charge to solve the situation before it is too late. Other authorities including electricity, telecommunication, water, and environment have to coordinate with the water and sanitation authority to make this a success. After finishing the fixing of the sewage network, roads have to be paved and cleaned to reflect a lovely picture of our city.

The new government is now put to the test and the people will soon come to see if it is a government of change or a copy of the former one.



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## Book Exhibition in Hodeidah

## A Move Towards Reviving Culture &amp; Science

As part of its activities and efforts in boosting the commercial aspects of the press and information, Yemen Times sponsored the International Book Exhibition being held in Hodeidah at the Exhibition Hall of the Yemeni Economic Establishment 10-30 April 2001. The exhibition, organized by MASS Advertising Agency, was inaugurated last Tuesday by the Governor of Hodeidah, General Mohamed Saleh Shamlan along with the General Manager of MASS, Abdulrahman Bishr.

The exhibition included the participation of more than 1,000 publishing houses, printing units, newspapers, publications, and media establishments. Among the participants were Yemen Times, Al-Jumhuriya, and Al-Thawra newspapers, along with several establishments including the Universities of Hodeidah, Aden, Sanaa and the National University. The exhibition was a combination of several exhibitions in the fields of information technology, printing, communications, and press.

In a statement to Yemen Times, General Shamlan said, "This is the first-ever book exhibition held in Hodeidah with the participation of several publishing houses, universities, and cultural and media establishments. The exhibition resembles an excellent step in an effort to



Hodeidah Governor Inaugurating the book fair



Hodeidah Governor shakes hands with Imad Al-Saqqaf, YT Taiz Bureau office Manager

spread awareness and culture to the community, and to give students and interested intellectuals the opportunity to browse

Advertising Agency for its tremendous efforts in organizing the event." Mr. Abdulrahman Bishr, the General Manager of MASS Advertising Agency told Yemen Times that, "The objective of the exhibition is to serve in providing more resources in culture, science, arts, and general knowledge for students and all Yemenis in the governorate of Hodeidah." He added, "One of the factors of success of the exhibition is that it was held at the Exhibition Hall of Hodeidah, which is the most modern and specialized hall in the city. The positive response of the leading press establishments such as the Yemen Times and Al-Thawra has also played a significant role in its



Hodeidah Governor visits YT stand in the book fair



Mr. Ahmad Abu alkeir



success. I would also like to point out that several universities are also participating in the exhibition, including universities and many companies from the private sector, so as to exhibit and show off their products and services to the public. Besides all of that, the literature and poetry seminars and activities added to the interactivity of the exhibition and, hence, became another factor behind the success of the exhibition.



This is a pioneer initiative in the governorate of Hodeidah and we hope that it will become an annual event."

At this same event, Mr. Ahmed Abulkhair, the Manager of the Cultural Office of Hodeidah said that, "The cultural movement in Yemen is almost paralyzed because concerned authorities are absent and are not fulfilling their duties. Hence, we hope that such exhibitions will

help revive the community's interest in culture and related literature. I believe that we should be proud and grateful for the efforts of the organizers of the event and all the sponsors and participants in this exhibition. They have indeed proven to be quite responsible in providing material and services that will strengthen the scientific and cultural backgrounds of Yemenis in the governorate of Hodeidah."


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## Shammakh to YT:

## “Trade in Hodeidah halted despite tremendous investment potential”

**M**r. Abu Bakr Saleh Al-Shammakh is one of the most distinguished economist and prominent businessman in Yemen. He has been the Chairman of the Chamber and Commerce of Hodeidah since 1985. He is currently also the head of the Red Crescent Organization of Hodeidah. He is a founding member of the Kidney Failure Disease Treatment Association and was a founding member of the Ahli Football club in 1950. Mr. Shammakh is a modest man with extensive experience in economics and trade within Yemen. He started working in trade since his early childhood with his father until the Shammakh Establishment became one of the most influential and respected trade establishments in helping the developmental process of Yemen. In brief he describes himself as “a regular Yemeni citi-

zen who lives the happy and sad moments of the nation and respects law and order.” Part of Yemen Times coverage of Hodeidah governorate in general and the Book Exhibition currently being held in particular, Imad Al-Saqqaf, Bureau Chief of YT Taiz Office met with Mr. Shammakh and filed an exciting and comprehensive interview.

**Shammakh:** First off, I would like to thank Yemen Times through its Taiz Bureau Chief Imad Al-Saqqaf for giving importance to this interview and his questions that reflect your sincere commitment to focus on Hodeidah and give it the importance it deserves. At the same time,

we appreciate the sponsorship of Yemen Times in the International Book Exhibition currently taking place. This exhibition is obviously a great step in introducing various cultural resources to the Yemeni community and introducing them to various local, regional, Arab, and inter-

national titles. We hope that this exhibition will be held annually. The Chamber of Industry and Commerce will surely exert all efforts to promote such exhibitions whenever possible.

**YT: What are the opportunities available in Hodeidah, what are the obstacles facing investors and how could they be removed?**

**Shammakh:** Investment opportunities in Hodeidah are limited due to the lack of infrastructure including electricity, sanitation, water, transportation, communications, land ready for building upon, plus the bureaucracy. All of these factors discourage any long-term investments. There are fields however for potential invest-

ment in Hodeidah such as tourism, fishing, agriculture, and the potential of salt and gyps production. H.E. President Saleh also pointed out the existence of oil and natural gas beneath the seawater. All of the mentioned investment fields will one day be taken advantage of. However, among of the obstacles against investors are the hastily taken economic regulations and laws, without appropriate and careful studies of the situation of the country. Perhaps economic laws and regulations are among the most influential laws, which require extensive research and consultation before drafting them. Taken without appropriate studies results in damage that cannot be recovered, even after canceling these laws, unless tremendous efforts are exerted.

It is also essential for the private sector to participate in projects that include a large number of investors. This will facilitate participation in large projects -by buying stocks, etc.. We advise the concerned authorities to work on providing international offices capable of doing economic feasibility studies for proposed projects, and help organize businesses manage investments. Especially since most of the private sector in Yemen is still inexperienced in this regard.

**YT: What is your assessment of the trade activities in Hodeidah and what are the obstacles preventing such activities?**

**Shammakh:** My assessment of the current situation in Hodeidah is that it is currently suffering from a decline in trade and business due to the neglect of the authorities to deal with its problems. Here I could give you a simple example to prove this. After the Gulf War of 1990, around 1 million Yemeni came back from the Gulf, and around 300,000 of them came back to Hodeidah in 1991. This number is in fact double the population of Hodeidah at that time. They were forced to live in scattered places in the city, in Al-Salakhana and Sudam Street, in unhealthy conditions as if they were refugees. The government didn't support the city by providing any means of financial assistance to overcome this situation and assist them in making a living. They resulted in severe burden on electricity, water, sanitation, schools, roads, and other services. The whole city with all its citizens had to suffer from these consequences. Unfortunately the resources for solving these problems are still too little compared to the dimensions of the problems.

**YT: Our national industry is of light industry and the manufacturing of simple products. What are the obstacles that prevent you, as the chairman of the chamber of industry of Hodeidah, from the promotion industries that help enhance the development of the country?**

**Shammakh:** National industries, no matter how many, are still dealing with light and simple products that exist everywhere in the world. But national strategic and heavy industries do not exist in the Republic of Yemen. Such industrial projects require a strong state and huge capital, more than the nation can afford. No investor or private sector can, for example, start a mining project to develop metals from their natural substances. Such projects require flexibility and certain facilities offered by the state, such as reasonable tax and custom fees to encourage investors to participate with the government. This should be taken care of in a well-prepared study to see the potential.

Even the national light industry is involved in an unbalanced competition by similar products imported from China, Indonesia, India, and

other counties. The products that come from foreign countries are cheaper due to encouraging factors such as lower taxes, customs, etc. Is it possible for a national industry to flourish if it is paying custom fees for the imported raw material used for manufacturing certain products more than the custom fees for the final product as a whole? There are several other examples as this one all confirming that the state's bureaucracy and inflexibility are the main reasons for not being able to start such projects.

**YT: Why do you believe Yemenis lost confidence in locally produced goods? And how can this confidence be regained?**

**Shammakh:** I do not agree with you on this point. The customer does not have the mentality that ‘foreign goods are better.’ National industries are doing their best, but the reason for not buying local goods is the fact that the purchasing power of the citizen has become extremely weak. This resulted from the extra unnecessary taxes which have to be paid along with the inflation. It is true that national industries were in their golden age for approximately thirty years, when they enjoyed the security granted by the government. Today, these industries need to depend on themselves. However, the role of the government is still needed to support and protect these industries. For example, we see that some neighboring countries impose the purchase of locally produced goods over imported goods, even if they are more expensive. Councils in every governorate take into consideration all obstacles and problems faced by industries and factories in the respected governorate, while supporting them in all forms against competitors who come from foreign factories.

**YT: How do you evaluate the danger of smuggling on locally produced goods and how could smuggling be prevented?**

**Shammakh:** No doubt smuggling has affected the trade activity and the income of the state. Unfortunately, until this very moment, no serious plans have been proposed to stop smuggling. Perhaps because of the influence of those who smuggle those goods or because of the corruption within the concerned authorities. No matter how big the problem is, there still exist many possible solutions if there are sincere intentions to solve this devastating problem. The government needs to hit hard at all those who benefit from smuggling no matter how powerful they are. The true question is ‘Is this true or imagination?’ Only God and the ones concerned truly know the answer.

**YT: What is the role to be played by the private sector to promote culture and science in Hodeidah, and how committed and prepared are you to play a role?**

**Shammakh:** Al-Saeed and Al-Afif Cultural Establishments are two pioneering establishments worthy of respect and encouragement for their role in promoting cultural and scientific activities. Every citizen including me hopes that we could make them our model and follow in their foot steps. Everyone has his own way, talents, and means to promote culture and science. We are in dire need of the support from the private sector to the different establishments of the community including welfare associations, education centers, schools, sports and art clubs. The governorate of Hodeidah requires a modern well-organized and maintained library. I along with many others are ready to help such a project if the honest and frank individuals willing to start such a project emerge.



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## Future of Tourism in Hodeidah



By Farouq Al-Kamali  
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**H**odeidah City is among the most beautiful cities on the western coast of Yemen. It is famous for the beauty of its beaches and generosity of its people. Roughly half of the men in Hodeidah make ends meet from fishing. The Red Sea is famous for its rich natural habitat and variety of sea creatures.

Hodeidah is more qualified than many other cities in Yemen to be a business and tourism-oriented city. Many private sector companies and most of Yemeni businessmen have some sort of activity in Hodeidah. The marine resources in Hodeidah are so huge that it could indeed play a role in developing the economy of the city. There must be more efficient strategies to stop random fishing and foreign boats entering Yemeni marine borders. The commercial port of Hodeidah continues to deteriorate as the buildings and services of the port are suffering from the consequences of outdated equipment and tools. The private sector, the marine resources, along with the commercial port may indeed play a significant role in bringing life to Hodeidah. This will definitely be of great significance for the development of Yemen in general.

Apart from all that, there can be no true development if tourism is not encouraged. It is a source of income for many countries. Hodeidah enjoys several historic and natural sites which attract foreign tourists, such as the ancient city of Zabid. It is suffering from neglect and requires a lot of effort to save its architecture and scriptures. The beautiful shores of Hodeidah can be beneficial if tourist villages can be located near them. There should always be 5-star hotels and reasonably comfortable transportation for tourists to enjoy their time.

According to Mr. Abdullah Al-Kuli, the Manager of the tourism



office in Hodeidah, "There is huge potential for different types of tourism including, cultural and historic in Zabid, Hais, Beyt Al-Faqih. Diving tourism in Kamaran and the Abu Ali islands, desert tourism. There are thousands of camels that could be used for tourist journeys such as the one from Zabid to the Al-Faza beach. There also is the environmental tourism at Jabal Bara' and many Yemeni islands. Concerning the tourist attractions and tourism sites, they could be identified as the ancient sites, which need attention by the concerned authorities. The beaches could serve as fantastic locations to build tourist villages for tourists to stay for weeks. The traditional festivals may also be an excellent tourist attraction. For example, Al-Hussainia festival, which is an event that we hope will be held annually, is among the most attractive festivals for tourists. Apart from all of that, there is also cruising tourism, as there are many ships that could transport tourists to distant areas such as Haraz, which is an ancient site as well."

About the future of tourism in Hodeidah, Mr. Al-Kuli says, "There is great potential in the tourism sector in Hodeidah, but it will require tremendous effort in building tourist sites, hotels, and other investments. Hence, we call upon the private sector and businessmen everywhere to start investing in this vital sector. They could start by constructing tourist villages, restaurants, and other establishments. On behalf of Hodeidah's tourism office, we will definitely provide all the assistance to support such efforts to develop tourism in the city."



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# Yemeni Theaters Send SOS



Farouk Al-Kamali  
Yemen Times  
Taiz

On 27 March of every year, International Theater Day is celebrated. In Yemen, however, there are no such celebrations, simply because there is no theater. Our Ministry of Culture has engaged itself in other issues such as opening tourist restaurants and hotels. There are many Yemeni actors and producers. But they are languishing due to the lack of concern and attention paid to the promotion of the theater.

## History of Theater in Yemen:

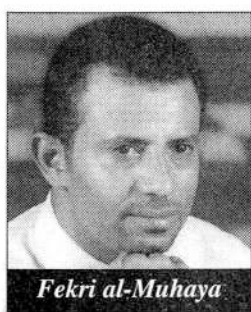
Many regard the year 1847 as the birth of the theater in the Arab homeland. Maroon al-Nakash's play "The Miser" is considered to be the first Arab play to be performed. Other pioneer playwrights were Ahmad abo Khaleel al-Kabani and Ya'akoob Sanoo.

In Yemen, theater was related to festive occasions, especially the holy festivals. Mr. Ahmad Jubarah, producer, who lectured in al-Saeed Foundation in Taiz last week and said "The first time Yemen came to know about the theater was in 1910 in the then southern part of the country during the British colonization". Prior to that there had been some artistic troupes coming to Yemen. They used to present some artistic shows for the British soldiers who were stationed in Aden.

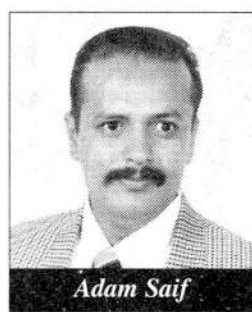
The first theatrical show was Julius Caesar by Shakespeare. It was acted by an acting troupe from schools. In 1933, al-Islah Club in Tuwahi acted the play "The Leader Infatuated with the Cave's Girl". In 1937, the escorts troupe introduced the "Hatem al-Tae" play in Sheikh Othman.

In 1940 the Students' Theater in Ghail Ba Wazeer in Hadramout presented the plays "Granada Downfall" and "The Injured" inspired by the Algeria revolution in 1957.

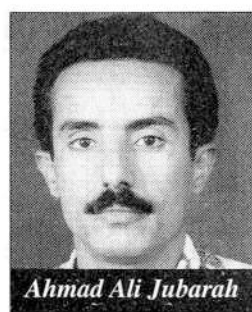
In Taiz some shows were presented in



Fekri al-Muhaya



Adam Saif



Ahmad Ali Jubarah

the al-Huriah school in al-Aaboos. Another troupe consisting of some factory workers in Sana'a presented some works reflecting their worries and concerns.

The Orphanage students have also presented some scenes pertaining to their sufferings. Of the distinguished theatrical troupes before the 26 September and 14 October revolutions were the Massafi troupe in Aden in the 1950s which continued to stage plays for a short period after the declaring of unity in 1990.

After unity there have been many theatrical troupes in Sana'a, Aden, Taiz, Hodeidah, and Ibb. Despite their great

number they could do nothing for the theater due to weak, fragile support and encouragement by the institutions concerned or by the society as a whole.

## Absence of the Yemeni Theater, Reasons:

In this age of ever-increasing TV channels, Yemeni viewers and cinemagoers have decreased dramatically. Another reason is the conventions including Qat sessions, which sometimes last from two in the afternoon to eight in the evening. Above all, it is the lack of concern and attention by the Cultural Ministry to this issue.

Fekri Kasem al-Muhaya, journalist & actor, talked about reasons behind the weak visibility of theater in Yemen and said "A critic says that due to the absence of democracy theater is the most ignored means of expression. Ironically, there was a vibrant theatrical activity during the autocratic regimes. Unfortunately after the unity, this activity has waned remarkably.

Personally speaking, I think this deterioration is ascribable to many reasons, including the war of 1994. After the war there has been a remarkable waning in the cultural movement in general and in the theater in particular. Other reasons are attributed to the lack of qualified officials, non-existence of halls, lack of patronization given to actors and producers, and the apathy of the Cultural Ministry in this regard. The Ministry has to reconsider this otherwise our democracy will be a mockery and a cosmetic luxury to impress others, nothing more, nothing less."

Mr. Adam Saif, who has become

famous after presenting some comic plays, said "The theatrical movement in Yemen suffers from many drawbacks, including lack of talented and qualified officials. The present group of officials are not aware of the importance of theater. They are only motivated by personal gains.

Though Mr. Abdulmalek Mansoor, Cultural Minister is providing a good support and encouragement to revive the theatrical movement, there are dishonest persons in some cultural offices misappropriating these amounts allocated for theater development. Actors and producers have become frustrated as a result. Cultural office managers in governorates are the very ones behind the deterioration of the theater. The Cultural Ministry has to choose qualified managers suitable for these places and thereby support the improvement and development of the theater. Another reason is the absence of the Yemeni scripts and actresses. Moreover, the cultural offices have been rigid and inflexible and don't allow national troupes to present their plays in the poorly furnished halls."

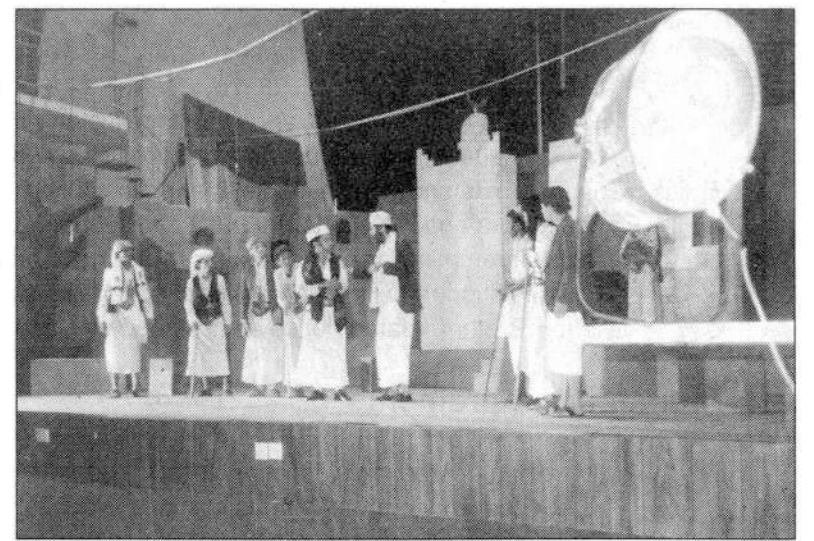
## Development of Theater in Yemen:

Mr. Ahmad Jubarah emphasized that there are some conditions to be fulfilled to revive the theatrical movement

in the country. They are as follows:

- 1) Encouragement of women participation in the theater.
- 2) Setting up theaters, and encouragement to national troupes for participating in the local, regional and foreign festivals.
- 3) Legislation to encourage and protect actors and producers.
- 4) Encouraging schools, clubs and universities to participate in theatrical performances.
- 5) Re-opening the Aesthetic arts Institute in Aden which was closed after the war of 1994.
- 6) Defining the art cadre and improving their living conditions. Activating the artistic teams affiliated to the Ministry and its offices in governorates.
- 7) Encouraging creative actors and producers while presenting their works on TVs and radio series."

To conclude we can say that we can not have a real theater unless we move from the theatrical occasions to establish theaters in all the governorates and start producing permanent and regular plays. Support and encouragement from the authorities concerned is also of vital importance. If these are not achieved a dark and dim future for the theater is ahead.



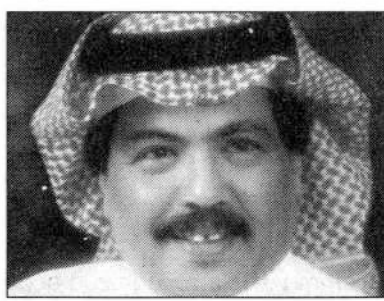
## Historic Roots of the Yemeni Songs



Saleh Abdulbaqi  
Yemen Times

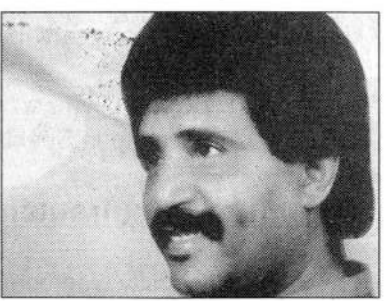
I am intrigued by the deteriorating condition of our national artistic heritage and can't help but to recall how glorious the traditional Yemeni arts were. The Yemeni arts are among the oldest to appear in Southern Arabia. That is what Arab and foreign researchers and orientalists agree upon. The earlier form of arts were public songs and dances performed on many occasions. Rhythms and musical tones first developed in Zamels (songs performed without music on social occasions) during weddings, etc. Such performance used to reflect the joys and happiness of both performers and the audience.

The varied climate and customs of Yemen has helped every place to have its own distinctive folklore. Such folklores have greatly influenced the neighboring areas. The Yemen folklore itself has been influenced by that of Andalusia and Persia. This is clearly witnessed in the old Sana'ani songs known as 'Mwashahat', composed by pioneering poets like Mohammed



Abdullah b. Sharafaddin, Ali b. Mohammed Al-Ansi, Abdulrahman b. Yahia Al-Aanisi and others. Poetry of these great poets have been known as Humainy and Hakami poetry. Humeini means dialectical while the Hakami means standard Arabic. The former has gained tremendous popularity because most of it is extremely lyrical. The Sana'ani songs also gained popularity when it started to be sung by great singers at that time, such as Sheikh Qassem Al-Akhfash, Sheikh Ali Abu Bakr, Al-Antari and others. Songs were recorded on *discs* which were circulated in the neighboring areas.

The Sana'ani songs, which go back to 500 years, are characterized by easy and sweet diction and tones derived from eastern scales such as the al-Iraq and al-Hodham. They are also distinguished for different scales: Addas'ah,



al-Wasat, Assara, etc. which all indicate different dances. All this make the Sana'ani songs the most popular in the country. Another contributor to the wide popularity of these kind of songs is the Adani signers who were fond of the Sana'ani poetry and music.

Like in other cities, songs in Hadramaut were practiced by people during their daily activities until the appearance of Sultan b. Ali B. Harharah, born in 1286 Hijrah. This talented singer was able to develop the Hadrami songs by introducing new scales. Harharah is the first singer to use al-Qanios in his songs. The popularity he gained in Hadramaut and the neighboring areas gradually disappeared following his death. The Hadrami song was revived again after some time by Mohammed Jomah Khan who died in 1963. After his death, from 1965 onwards the Hadrami songs entered a new era of popularity and flourished in the hands of Yemen's great poet Hussein Abu Bakr al-Medhdar and the distinguished singer Abu Bakr Salim Balfaqih. These two were able to popularize the Yemeni songs in general, and Hadrami songs in particular in Arab countries.

As far as Luhj is concerned, other than a number of dances, there was a period when nothing about the Luhji songs was known. Luhj is famous for its basateen (fruit fields) as well as for a number of dances that are known and danced all over the country. These dances include Arrazhah, Azzafah, Raqsat al-Hinna, etc. During this period there appeared in Luhj Hadi Sobait who used to sing in weddings. After his death a host of artist including Saleh al-Dhaheri, Saleh Ba Issa, Sad Abdullah, Omar Ghabah, Awadh Salim al-Tanbari, Ibraheem Al-Mass, contributed to the popularity of the Luhji songs and dances. However, Luhji arts were more widely known since the 1980s in the hands of Ahmad al-Qumindan who laid a strong foundations for the Luhji poetry and songs. Presently, there is Faisal Alawi, the most prominent Luhji singer who has been performing the Luhji songs in concerts many countries.

The Sana'ani, Hadrami and Luhji poetry and songs have, since their inception, been presenting a fascinating picture of the original Yemeni songs and the Yemeni arts in the Arab world.

## Violence Among Women on the Increase

Mohammed Hatem Al-Qadhi  
Yemen Times

A recent social study on the situation of women in prisons has pointed out the rise of crime among women. It said that the crime statistics soared up dramatically to 2877 cases in 1999. The study confirms that there is a number of social and economic factors embedded in the traditional fabric of the society which are behind incidence of violence among Women in Yemen during the last few years. Poverty and impoverishment of people comes at the top. The number of people below the poverty line has increased dramatically. It has soared up now to 35% in comparison with 19% in 1999. The European Commission report pointed out that there were 3 million people in 1996 without food security. This number is bound to accelerate to 8 million in 2010. Unemployment growth rate is put at 35% of the total labor force, while women constitute 18% of them. The population growth rate, the fastest in the world, stands at 3.7%. The role of women in the economic drive of Yemen is conspicuously absent.

There are, of course, other reasons behind the rise of violence among women. The study shows that the rise of new values, alien to Yemen's conservative social structure, contribute to aggravation of the problem. These new values spread like a fire due to considerable economic, social, political, and cultural changes Yemeni society has been going through during recent years.

This new trend has shocked the existing edifice of values, strongly permeating the social fabric.

The media, spread of weapons in the society, internal immigration from the countryside to the cities, accompanied with a cultural shock to conservative

families, and the expansion of influence of their cultures - all have escalated the crime in the society, particularly among women.

The study targeted 6 governorates in which there are women prisoners and 14 other in which there are not. The results of the study displayed the categories of crimes like adultery, harassment, fraud, drinking, manufacturing wine, murder attempts and others.

The study touched upon the agony of women prisoners. It said that some of these prisoners were victims of their families and their fossilized traditions. They are also deprived of their legal rights and don't enjoy the protection of relevant laws.

They are put in prisons without trial. If sometimes the trial takes place, women are forced to stay in prison despite the completion of their term in prison. This is because these women are thought of as bringing shame to their families. Such women are even put into prison by their own relatives and they have no option but to spend their lifetime there. The study concluded that the government must take care of this section of the society and give them a good education, as well as provide a place to live so they can be brought back into the mainstream of the society. This will allow them to be active and contributing members of society.

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## I. What to say

### Vegetarian and non-vegetarian food

**Bassam:** Let's today take a holiday from cooking at home and have lunch in the restaurant.

**Jalal:** What a lovely idea! My mouth salivates to hear the name of restaurants and to think of spicy meat and brost.

**Bassam:** For me going to restaurant is just for a change. I love vegetarian food at home or in the restaurant.

**Jalal:** Is it so on health grounds or is there any other consideration?

**Bassam:** No, purely on grounds of health. You perhaps know that red meat has considerable amount of fat deposits. It helps to enhance cholesterol in our body. Over and above, the oil used to make it delicious for our palate does definite harm to our physiology. So it's a strange irony that instead of getting nourishment for our physique, we end up harming it.

**Jalal:** But the temptation of fish, meat and chicken is so irresistible!

**Bassam:** That's true. Previously I was very fond of the non-vegetarian food stuff. But after I read an article about their harmful effects and the benefits of vegetarian food, I became a convert to vegetarian food.

**Jalal:** What's so special about vegetarian food?

**Bassam:** Well, green vegetables give us natural vitamins and minerals so essential for our growth. Moreover, fibrous fruit and food materials helps us reduce the fat and sugar content in our body making our system immune to disease. They build our natural immunity and contribute to keep us free from disease.

**Jalal:** Are you going to say, one should not take non vegetarian food at all?

**Bassam:** Not at all. One should, however, restrict the intake of non veg food as much as possible. After all, whichever food agrees with our system and gives us the optimal amount of calories for the smooth functioning of our body, preventing any harmful pollutants enter our physiological system is ideal for us.

**Jalal:** Quite right. That's why it's said food is source of nourishment. At the same time it is a potential cause of decay and disease.

**Bassam:** The point is that balanced diet in the right proportion is the key to the treasure house of good health. And it's well known that 'health is wealth'.

## II. How to say it correctly

Correct errors, if any, in the following sentences

1. He lain the book on the table.
2. The soldier laid dead on the battle ground.
3. He has laid awake on bed for an hour.
4. Has the bell rang?
5. I rung him on the phone.

### Answer to last week's questions

1. Honesty and hardwork certainly **bring** happiness.
2. The boys **have been making** a noise since morning.
3. If you **meet** him now, he may advice you.
4. His sufferings were all **borne** with great patience.
5. He was **born** on April 22, 1986.

## III. How to express it in one word

1. Agreement made between two sides.

2. Speaking two languages.
3. Instrument with lenses, making distant objects seem nearer.
4. Chemistry of living matter.
5. Person's life history written by another.

### Answer to last week's questions.

1. List of books and writings: **bibliography**
2. A system of government having two chambers in the legislature: **bicameral**
3. Celebration of 200th anniversary of an event: **bicentenary**
4. Lasting for two years: **biennial**
5. Lenses in spectacles designed for both distant and near vision: **bi focal**

### IV. Do as directed

1. This computer is as valuable as the one in the other room. (Rewrite the sentence using **no less... than**)
2. In our childhood we visited the zoo every Sunday (Rewrite the sentence with **used to**)
3. The doctor asked the patient to take exercise everyday (change into the passive)
4. You should not be agitated without \_\_\_\_\_ (Fill in the blank with a word related to **provoke**)
5. All these houses have been destroyed by a cyclone. (Begin the sentence with **A cyclone...**)

### Answer to last week's question

#### The Role of the States

1. The great political debate of the twentieth century has essentially been about the role of the state.
  2. One school of thought would like to see the functions of the state reduced to a minimum.
  3. They see the role of the state as providing a framework within which economic and cultural enterprise may flourish.
  4. A state of this kind, history shows, can have disastrous consequences.
  5. The defenders of a strong, centralized state, on the other hand, stress its power for good.
  6. The 'statists' claim that, in the complex situation of an advanced society, centralized control is essential for human justice.
  7. On one side, the slogans we hear are freedom for the individual, private enterprise and human rights.
  8. It may be that, in an ideal society, the best features of both schools or thought would be combined.
- E. Should the state play a central, dominant part in society or should its activity be limited to a small number of well-defined functions?
- B. If the state does more than that, it becomes an enemy of social and individual development.
- H. They maintain that uncontrolled individual enterprise has led in the past to great inequality of wealth.
- A. The totalitarian regimes of the twentieth century are often cited in evidence.
- F. Its adherents believe that any extension of state activity leads inevitably to a loss in individual freedom.
- G. The difficulty is reaching agreement as to the meaning of the word 'best' in this context.

### V. Words of Wisdom

"We are all born for love; it is the principle of existence and its only end"

—Benjamin Disraeli

## A Precious Disaster

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Lying in the debris  
Are dumb figures; limbs, trunks  
And all;  
The convex figure of a  
Female shape; a womb-tomb  
Dark, dark, dark and dumb at once!  
Before the cries of creation,  
Before the desirous dawn,  
In a cradle rocked to death.  
With tons of mounds of earth  
On a million mortal pressing  
Amidst the frantic jerks and jolts  
Nature's see-saw!  
With furious rise and fall  
The essence of life is withdrawn  
Into the caves of chaos.

Side by side the others  
Unmindful of their neighbors or  
Close relations or even a better half  
Lying emotionless, no kinship, no  
friendship  
Within the earth's crust.  
After the sudden waves of

Fluid movement  
In the earth's sphere  
Sympathetic  
With the sudden fury of the Furies.  
Houses fall into  
The earth's vacant streams,  
Cattle and all;  
Nature's tall green-guards  
Fall unguarded – all devoured in a wink.  
Sick, giddy Earth  
It seems suffering from  
Severe salmonella poisoning  
A mother's agony  
Manifested in the failure  
Of the various agencies  
At the time of a national emergency.  
We call it a calamity.  
What they call it  
Below the earth's surface  
We have failed to interpret  
With the aid of our human language  
And to control with the aid of our  
Modern seismological gadgetry,  
The seismic spasms of  
The mother Earth.

A precious reminder  
When we watch the orphans  
Bewailing the loss of

The sky above and  
The earth beneath.  
When we meet the staggering shadows  
In the streets  
Without their props of living  
Demolished and dumped down  
Below the gaping grounds,  
The monstrous yawn  
With all the burden of living-  
Trunks and all!  
When we see a mother's figure  
Turned into an epitaph-  
A precious reminder-  
Her tattered rags are words  
Written by Time's indifferent hand.  
Her dried tears of  
Vacant eyes  
Oblivious of the basic needs  
Of human habitat:  
Food, shelter and habilement.  
Obsessed with the loss  
Of her sanity of flesh and bones  
Her future roots,  
Blasted, of none more used to her  
Now for she has the sky above  
And the earth beneath!  
To sustain her  
Failure to adjust to  
The sudden shocks that  
Shook our Motherland and  
Of late, in the land of the final destina-  
tion of Yeats' paltry thing  
And the land of Kazuo Ishiguro always

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## Virtual Memory

**W**e understand that all I/O (Input/Output) operations take place through RAM. And it is the RAM that feeds the data to the Processor following the hierarchy we discussed last week. So whenever we enter data and Instructions (Program(s)), first of all it goes to RAM has to store all these inputs. But in doing so, RAM sometimes faces difficulties in accommodating all those, because, the capacity of RAM is not sufficient in comparison to the space required by the data and instructions (Program).

In that case Computer looks for some additional memory space to store the input. For that purpose it uses some storage space in the permanent storage (i.e. Hard Disk – we will discuss it in detail later). That means it occupies some space in the Hard disk to store the input. This space in the Hard disk is known as Virtual Memory. 'Virtual' in the sense that although it is not the RAM itself, yet it contains the data, which was supposed to be stored in the RAM. We have seen that the Processor always expects input in the RAM. But in fact when the processor requires that portion of the input, which is stored in the Hard Disk due to lack of space in the RAM, it retrieves that from Hard Disk treating it as a part of RAM. Though it is not supposed to approach Hard Disk. Clearly, some portion of the Hard disk space is used as an extension of RAM is known as Virtual Memory.

Now let us see how does it happen technically. When there is a shortage of space in the main memory (RAM), data automatically moves to Virtual Memory. The user cannot notice that transfer. But that operation brings down the performance of the computer significantly. Because it takes more time to get it from Hard disk and to store there. To get rid of this drop in the performance, we need to have sufficient RAM, or we should avoid doing multiple tasks simultaneously as much as possible. Like, if you can, avoid playing music while your computer is busy processing your data.

We can specify the size of Virtual Memory. But while doing so it is advisable that the ratio of RAM and Virtual memory should be 2:1. But generally the size of that is defined by Operating

System (to be discussed later) automatically. And the latter one is advisable.

If your computer is having Windows Operating System, you can change the size of Virtual memory by means of the following steps.

Click/Select the button/menu option or icon in the following order.

Start -> Settings -> Control Panel -> System -> Performance -> Virtual Memory

Next step(s) is self-explanatory.

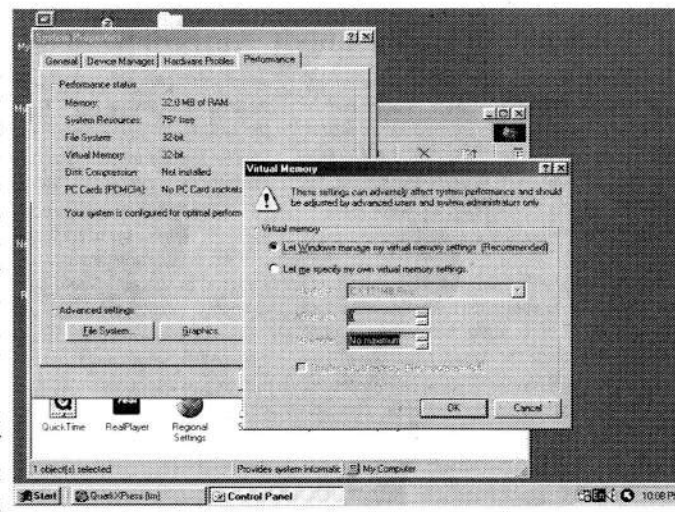
I would suggest that the computer is let to manage that.

### Advantages

The computer will feel like having unlimited RAM.

### Disadvantages

Performance will come down drastically if the Processor uses that more often. How often the Processor will refer to that depends to a large extent on what the user is doing. The modern computer user has the liberty to go for more than one task simultaneously. But we should avoid that if we don't have sufficient RAM.



## Problems of the Communicative Approach in TEFL in Yemen

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**I**n dealing with this topic, the following points have to be taken into account.

The main target of TEFL in Yemen is supposed to be communication, i.e., to build up 'communicative competence' rather than 'linguistic competence' as Chomsky states.

In other words, learning a language is not to master grammar or to speak the language correctly, but to use language appropriately, knowing who is speaking? To whom? When? Where? etc. Therefore, we should focus on the four skills in TEFL and concentrate on conversations and dialogues. Unfortunately, this approach is not always adopted by teachers of English in Yemen. Some teachers are still fond of Grammar – Translation method. Eclectic approach is needed to overcome the obstacles faced in TEFL. A method leading to the acquisition of communicative competence, i.e., how to use the language in an appropriate way depending on the setting and the

addressee is the need of the hour.

### Syllabus

The syllabus should be based on authentic data collected from realistic situations since the approach aims to build up communicative competence. Good textbooks should be available. These should be properly graded, be reasonable in size and price, etc. Moreover, the authors are supposed to be Yemeni because they are familiar with the culture of the Yemeni learners of English. As a matter of fact, language reflects the interests, ideas customs, and other cultural aspects of a community. The vocabulary of a language usually manifests the culturally important areas. So the textbooks should try to reinforce the acquisition of the right vocabulary by the learners.

### Students

Textbook designers should take age, sex, educational background, social class, urban/rural and motivation of the students into consideration. The approach should be student-centered rather than teacher-centered. Students have to participate actively in classrooms through pair-work and group-work techniques. Unfortunately, some teachers are forced to adopt teacher-centered tech-

niques. Due to a large number of students in the classroom, it is a difficult task to give chance to all students to take part in classroom interaction. The teacher-learners ratio in most classrooms is 1/40, 50, 60 while the ideal ratio is 1/5, 10, 15. One of the solutions to the problem is to decrease the number of learners so as to have smaller groups.

In order to adopt the communicative approach, students are supposed to be more active than teachers. Learners and teachers have to use English all the time in the class because they are the model for the students.

Switching or shifting to the mother tongues, i.e. Arabic, however, is necessary sometimes to save time and effort in explanations, e.g., in explaining ambiguous and vague language items when the use of English is fruitless.

### Setting

All necessary facilities should be available in the classroom including computer, TV, video, etc. Concerning the facilities, unfortunately, almost all classroom in Yemen lack such useful up-to-date facilities, such as cassettes, discs, floppy, CD and video camera to record and display the recorded activities.

A crowd of  
Lingering lava spreading  
Over the mind's horizon and coming out  
In streams of tiny globes of sorrow  
Fall and all are splinters of  
Burden and bliss of life stored for years  
Bit by bit into bits and pieces  
Gleaned from a demolished home or  
An area completely doomed,  
A staggering figure I meet again  
Wrapped in a shroud,  
Wrapped by the clouds of  
Cold commotion

We all suffer though far away  
Or near the epicenter  
We feel still the devilish  
Intensity of tremors  
In our heart's innermost muscles.  
They rend us like reeds  
When we read about you  
Or hear condolences offered by  
Our colleagues from different  
Nationalities – a precious reminder-  
We feel the pain slow, sudden and  
Long –  
And in a vision I saw

And yesterday El Salvador  
And tomorrow some new territories  
Would be doomed  
Demolished, crushed,  
Built, rebuilt and  
Man's powerlessness  
Before the mystery of the continental  
drift  
Shall be solved  
When we pray to Him  
To His magnificent generosity  
To build and bless  
Out of the chaos of  
Nature's callousness.



بعد أن منحت خدمة تحويل المكالمات وخدمة حجب الرقم

## سبأفون تستعد لإطلاق خدمة التجول الدولي



عدد الزبائن المحتملين إلى مليون ونصف المليون مشترك في اليمن . وشركة سبافون تقوم بتجهيز الشبكة لاستيعاب هذا العدد من المشتركين . وتضع نصب أعينها إيصال الهاتف النقال إلى الأرياف والمناطق التي لم تشهد الهاتف الثابت . نحن نرى أن من حق كل مواطن الاستفادة من خدمات **G.S.M** لما يؤمن له من تسهيل في الحياة اليومية والتواصل أينما وجد.

### ■ ما هو جديد سبافون ؟

بعد الخدمات التي أطلقتها سبافون : ( الكاشف ، تحويل المكالمات ، خدمة حجب الرقم ) تستعد الشركة إلى إطلاق خدمة التجول الدولي التي تتيح المشترك على اتصال مع أكثر من ١٤٠ شبكة للاتصالات النقالة حول العالم . ومع هذه الخدمة سيتمكن فامكان المشترك أثناء السفر التحدث مع من يريد في أي وقت ومن أي مكان وعلى الرقم ذاته وسيتم هذه الخطوة لإطلاق خدمات المجيب الصوتي والرسائل القصيرة .

وفقاً لا يمكن تحمله .  
الثاني : إيجاد حل سريع من خلال إدخال نظام الـ **G.S.M** إلى اليمن وتأمين خدمة الهاتف النقال وبالفعل وقع الخيار على الحل الثاني كمرحلة أولى ، لذا لجأت إلى القطاع الخاص المتخصص في هذا المجال معتمدة على مناقصة دولية تنافس فيها خمس مجموعات .

وقد تم تقييم المجموعات من قبل لجنة تضم اختصاصيين دوليين في مجال الـ **G.S.M** اعتمدت في قرارها وتقييمها للعروض على حجم الاستثمار ، سعة الشبكة ، التعرفة المقدمة والخدمات المطروحة ، وبناءً على هذه النقاط حصلت سبافون على المرتبة الأولى في عملية التقييم لاستثمار المشروع .

### ■ كيف تقيمون الإقبال على الخدمة ؟

تقييم الإقبال على خدمة سبافون : إن الإقبال على خدمة سبافون يتم بصورة متتالية وكان حسب التوقعات لكننا في الواقع لا ندفع باتجاه زيادة الإقبال كثيراً قبل استكمال التجهيزات في الشبكة . المواطنون متحمسون لاستخدام الهاتف النقال مما جعل الإقبال على طلب الخدمة شديد واثبت مدى الثقة التي يعطيها المواطن اليمني لخدمات سبافون وهذا ما يجعل المسؤولية أكبر أمامنا من أجل البقاء ، محل ثقة الجميع .

### ■ القدرة الاستيعابية للشبكة :

تمر القدرة الاستيعابية لشبكات التغطية في عدة مراحل :

**المرحلة الأولى :** وهي المرحلة الموضوعية حيث التنفيذ خلال العام ٢٠٠١ تتسع لـ ٦٠ ألف خط .

**المرحلة الثانية :** فتحدد حسب حركة السوق ، ولكن إذا أردنا بناء التوقعات بالنسبة للدول الأخرى التي تعتمد نظام الـ **G.S.M** نجد أن الحد الأدنى من مستخدمي الهاتف النقال في هذه الدول يتراوح بين ٥٠٪ من مجموع السكان لذا من المتوقع أن يصل

حوار مع مدير شركة سبافون حسان قباني الشركة التي تقدم خدمة **G.S.M** الرقمية .  
دار الحوار حول كثير من المواضيع المتعلقة بخدمة **G.S.M** وما يهيم المشتركين بالخدمة . ولم يتردد في الرد على أي سؤال مما يدل على ثقته بإمكانيات شركته . فكان هذا الحوار :

### ■ ما هو مميزات نظام **G.S.M** ؟

يتميز نظام الـ **G.S.M** عن غيره بأنه مبني على الترددات الرقمية (Digital System) مما يسمح بتأمين عدة مميزات نذكر منها :  
- استعمال الهاتف النقال لإرسال واستقبال المكالمات الصوتية وكذلك لتبادل المعطيات أو المعلومات (DATA) والفاكس (FAX) .

### ■ يؤمن الحماية لمستخدميه (IDNUMBER.PUK, AIN)

يفضل الرمز السري .  
جودة وثقة عالية في الصوت والاداء . بفضل البث الرقمي .

### ■ يؤمن خدمات إضافية كثيرة مثل :

( المجيب الصوتي ، والرسائل القصيرة ، الكاشف ، الاتصال الدولي ... )  
- يمكن استخدامه في أي بلد .  
يستخدم النظام نفسه بفضل خدمة التجوال الدولي .

### ■ ماذا أضافت شبكة **G.S.M** ؟

فكرة إنشاء شبكة الـ **G.S.M** في اليمن يبلغ عدد سكان اليمن ١٨ مليون نسمة في الوقت الذي تتوفر فيه خدمة الهاتف الثابت ٤٠٠ ألف خط فقط أي ما يعادل أقل من ٢٪ من عدد السكان .  
من هنا كانت الحكومة اليمنية أمام خيارين :  
الأول : زيادة الاستثمارات والتوسع في الشبكة الثابتة ، الأمر الذي يتطلب رصد ميزانيات مرتفعة

everywhere in the Republic through the project, which will, indeed, take the communication's infrastructure to greater heights just like in other countries in the world.

### WHAT IS GSM

The Digital Mobile Telephony resembled by GSM is a European system for telecommunication that started operation in 1992. It and is currently operational on 900 and 1800 M Hertz frequencies. It is built upon the digital system frequencies, which secures an extremely high quality voice connection along with many extra features such as the answering machine and short-messages plus the ability to know the caller's identity and carry out international calls. GSM also enjoys international mobility, which enables the subscriber to move from one country to another without the need to change his number and without losing any of the services offered by SabaFon to its subscribers.

International statistics show that the GSM communication service has become available in more than 150 countries worldwide and has more than 250 million users, which indicate the success of the experiment worldwide; The system in Yemen is using the 900 M Hertz frequency with the most advanced communication technologies.

The plan of SabaFon for the current year 2001 includes an investment of USD 60 million. It is supposed to secure service for 70,000 subscribers through more than 100 stations and 7 service centers in Sanaa and main cities along with 10 distribution agents and more than 300 sales sites. The company has also started signing international mobility contracts with many of the GSM operators in more than 75 countries worldwide.

Mr. Qabbani also mentioned that SabaFon would be approving the latest worldwide technologies in the field of communications to be applied in the GSM service in Yemen. "This will secure to our subscribers and customers a clearer voice and a stable conversation, especially that everyone has been asking about this magical service, what it is, and how they could benefit from it. Today, the dream has become a reality as SabaFon provides to everyone a distinguished technology in an effort to support the Yemeni economy and bring Yemen to the era of technology and world of digital modern telecommunications. SabaFon was the first in Yemen to provide GSM services, and it will work its best to be the first in quality and customer service. It will continue to seek and find the best of means to satisfy our customers and meet their demand from the extensive experience of the partners that formed SabaFon. Hence, SabaFon proved that it is capable of providing distinguished service with credibility and frankness in dealing with its subscribers and customers and has proven that it is worth the confidence and trust of all evident from the fact that it has accomplished a lot in such a short period. The extremely high number of applications from the various social sectors including businessmen, diplomats, journalists, companies, etc. bear this out. This is not a source of happiness for the company alone, but it also is a source of motivation for all our employees to intensify our efforts because the trust and confidence of the people is the basis and for us to build upon through hard work to achieve better and higher quality services.

Mr. Hassan Qabbani, the Executive GM of SabaFon expressed his deepest appreciation to H.E. President Ali Abdullah Saleh for his unreserved support for national and foreign investments in the country. He pointed out that the President's sincere commitment to this issue is considered an honor for all the employees of SabaFon which increases the responsibilities and challenges that they will have to shoulder to stand up to this confidence. Mr. Qabbani expected that the subscribers will increase from 5% to 10% of the population during the forthcoming 10 years so as to reach between 1.5 and 2 million. Hence, the service will be available on a wide scale

## لماذا تكنولوجيا (يمن تايمز) ؟؟؟

المعرفة. حتى توقف الهوة المعلوماتية بين الذي يعرف والذي لا يعرف، وإستدراك عدم ظهور طبقة معرفية. ونتيجة لقلة المصادر المعرفية في المجالات العربية؛ رأت الصحيفة أن تؤدي دورها الحضاري وذلك بتحرير صفحات متخصصة باللغتين العربية والإنجليزية تتناول من خلالها المواضيع المتعلقة بتكنولوجيا المعلومات.

محرر الصفحة

## مستقبل اللغة العربية على الإنترنت

على هامش معرض جيتكس القاهرة

عدد من الشبان العرب في مدينة نيويورك يتشرفون في كاليفورنيا (مركز بحث يتيح كتابة أسماء المواقع الأجنبية باللغة العربية) وغيره من اللغات بما يجنب المستخدمين العرب الوقوع في أخطاء هجائية عند كتابة أسماء المواقع بلغتها الأجنبية.

وللاستفادة من هذه الخدمة يجب تنزيل برنامج حجمه ٢٧ كيلوبايت من موقع الشركة على الإنترنت.

وقال محكم باحكم مدير جناح الشركة في معرض جيتكس القاهرة إن عدد من يقومون بتنزيل البرنامج يومياً يتراوح بين ١٥٠٠ و ٤٥٠٠ مستخدم وأنه في تزايد.

وتشارك أكثر من ٣٠٠ شركة محلية وعالمية هذا العام في معرض جيتكس القاهرة الذي بدأ مركز دبي التجاري تنظيمه في إبريل نيسان ١٩٩٩م بعد نحو ١٧ عاماً من بدء تنظيم جيتكس دبي. وبدأ المركز أيضاً تنظيم معرض تريميوم / جيتكس بيروت في سبتمبر عام ٢٠٠٠م.

في ظل إنتقال العالم إلى عصر الاتصالات، وما ترتب عليها من تغيير في أنماط الحياة التقليدية في كثير من الجوانب لا سيما الإقتصاد والتعليم والإجتماع، وإنتشار كثير من المصطلحات المتعلقة بالمعلومات مثل الحكومة الإلكترونية، والمجتمع الإلكتروني، والتجارة الإلكترونية ودخول اليمن عالم الاتصالات الرقمية رغم عدم الاستفادة من تطبيقاتها إلى وقتنا هذا .

لذا برزت حاجة مجتمعنا إلى معرفة الكثير في مجال المعلوماتية، لا سيما في ظل غياب الوسيلة الإعلامية التي تؤدي دورها في نشر

القاهرة (رويترز) - يبدو أنه لن يمر وقت طويل قبل أن يتمكن العرب الذين لا يجيدون لغات أجنبية من تصفح شبكة الإنترنت مع طرح عدة شركات حلول لتعريب مضمون شبكة المعلومات العالمية. وانتشرت هذه الشركات فرصة عقد معرض جيتكس القاهرة ٢٠٠١م للإعلان عما تقدمه من حلول لتعريب الشبكة وإن كان البعض يحذرون من أن هذا المجال مقبل على معارك قانونية على أسماء الاعلام المشهورة.

وأعلنت شركة نيتف نيمز التي أسسها مستثمرون عرب وأميريكيون في لوس أنجلوس عام ١٩٩٩م عن قيامها بحجز أسماء نطاقات باللغة العربية لمواقع على الإنترنت. ومن أسماء هذه النطاقات (شخص) و (إعلام) و (شركة) و (شبكة) . وتعد هذه النطاقات جزءاً من عنوان الموقع وتوضع طبيعته مثل دوت كوم ودوت أورج . وأبرمت الشركة اتفاقاً مع شركة إيجيبت اون لاين المصرية يتيح لمستخدمي الإنترنت في مصر حجز أسماء مواقع بالعربية على هذه

## طبيب على الإنترنت (مواقع طبية بالعربية)

### طبيب على الإنترنت

(www.doctorinternet.co.uk)

يقدم هذا الموقع الاستشارات الطبية وخدمات العلاج في بريطانيا ، وكذلك الدواء المتوفر مباشرة من لندن لكافة أنحاء العالم . الموقع ثنائي اللغة يتكون من عدة أقسام . نشاطات طبية ، وهو عبارة عن المؤتمرات الصحية التي تعقد ، وما تتناوله على جدول أعمالها . ثم قسم قضايا ساخنة ، وهو يتناول عدة مشاكل صحية قد يتعرض لها البعض وراي الطب فيها . وهناك قسم مهم وهو قسم المستشفيات ، حيث يحتوي على المستشفيات البريطانية التي يتعامل معها الموقع ( طبيب على الإنترنت ) .

### الدليل الطبي العربي

(www.medicindex.org.)

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### المجلة الطبية

(www.asea.com/updates/issues.htm)

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(http://fly.to/arfire)

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### NABA CARDS

SabaFon started providing the first services of prepaid GSM service through its digital mobile network in Yemen so as to provide more freedom to its users and provide the different sectors of the community the suitable payment method based on their income and budgets. Qabbani said, "The card known by 'Naba' has four levels: Bronze, Silver, Gold, and Platinum ranging from YR 2,000 to YR 12,000 and does not require any monthly sub-

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Regarding the new services offered by SabaFon, Hassan Qabbani replied, "Our users will continuously feel that there is always something new as they will say to themselves "now it is clear!" from time to time. We will give the subscribers, who have trusted in our services the most modern after-sales services, as we are currently preparing to enhance customer services, distribution networks, and billing systems based on the most modern and simplest means and systems which we attained from the most prestigious international companies in their fields. We are also preparing ourselves to install several new services such as the answering machine, short message service, international mobility, and other services. The technologies used in the project are all being developed by Siemens, which is the leading company famous for manufacturing telephone networks and installing services of extremely high quality and stable service."

### A VITAL PROJECT

On the importance of the project Sheikh Hameed Al-Ahmar, Chairman of the SabaFon Company said, "The GSM project is considered among the most vital economic and developmental projects in the Republic of Yemen as it will help raise the level of telecommunication service and link the geographically distant areas together." He asserted that the local and foreign partners in the project are planning to invest around USD 170 million to enhance the services and expand the communication network in Yemen. He further affirmed that the Yemeni market is promising and that the country is indeed in need of such a vital project, which is considered a revolution in the most modern communication technologies worldwide because the normal telephone networks only cover 3% of the population of Yemen, while the international percentages is between 10 to 70%.

Mr. Hassan Qabbani, the Executive GM of SabaFon expressed his deepest appreciation to H.E. President Ali Abdullah Saleh for his unreserved support for national and foreign investments in the country. He pointed out that the President's sincere commitment to this issue is considered an honor for all the employees of SabaFon which increases the responsibilities and challenges that they will have to shoulder to stand up to this confidence. Mr. Qabbani expected that the subscribers will increase from 5% to 10% of the population during the forthcoming 10 years so as to reach between 1.5 and 2 million. Hence, the service will be available on a wide scale

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# Press Scanner

Prepared by Mohammed Khidhr

**F**ormation of the new government and the tasks awaiting it is still one of the main news stories prominent in this week's Yemen's press. This week's newspapers have also focused on various local incidents and questions preoccupying the public, in addition to news

on some Arab and world developments.

Formation of the new government headed by prime minister Abdulqader Bajamal has also captured the themes of most of the articles and analyzes published in this week's newspapers of Yemen.



As-Sahwa weekly, April 12, 2001.

An article by Mr Zaid bin Ali Ash-Shami on the

new government in Yemen says the new government is facing a practical touchstone. It has to prove itself as a government for the people, not against them. It has to prove also that what is said is not merely an illusion but reality. It has to prove that it is not a government intent on effecting privatization, neither a government for normalization or for bringing about new doses. It is for the government to assure its not being a one of globalization or a totalitarianism captured by a narrow partisan vision.

The author maintains his view by saying "we are not dreaming of improving the living standard of the people but we do hope that there would not be new or additional burdens on the citizen. We hope that the government will keep successful institutions and support them as well as tackle their problems. We are looking forward to witnessing stands by the government compatible with the political leadership approach of ceasing all steps of normalization which have been already begun with the Zionist enemy are everyday proving to be more arrogant and reckless.



RAY weekly, Organ of the Sons of Yemen League party, April 10, 2001.

The newspaper editorial has discussed the prospects of change following the formation of the new government headed by Mr Bajammal.

The editorial says as RAY party "Since we are having the innate characteristic of clinging to any ray of hope of setting foot on the road of renaissance and development, we look with optimism to this new government depending on its indications.

It is of special significance to presume that the first steps of change are in the offing. That is why we are at present yearning for a future based on comprehensive reform, bringing potentials and placing us upon the thresholds of a new course. A course where politics are

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

- Government Program Concentrates on the President's Directives
- Al-Islah Distinguishes Between Authority and the Ruling Party
- Journalists Conditions on Journalists Syndicate's Table
- Council of Ministers Approves Draft of Government Program
- Palestine Ambassador: America Supports Israel's Aggression
- Law on Consumer Protection Prepared
- Committee Set Up to Work Out Final Touches of the Government Program
- Teachers Stage Open Strike in Haja & Lahj
- No Improvement in Human Rights Conditions in Yemen
- Seven Persons Arrested as Suspected to be Involved in USS Cole Blast
- Yemen Tops the List of Arab Countries in Unemployment
- Armed Engagement between Two Tribes in Abyan
- Conflicting Responses towards Bajamal's Government
- Taiz Suffers from Water Shortages, Scarcity of Foreign Investments
- Media Circles Express Skepticism VS UN's Grants & Prizes
- Saudi Side at Borders Committee Arrives in Aden
- A Drowned Child Body Found in Mukala
- Local Councils Request President's Intervention for Assuming their Authorities
- Verdict on Case of A British National Disguised As A Woman, Next Week

- Peaceful Demonstrations in Dhale Suppresses with Gunfire
- Gunmen Storm Sanaa University Campus, Attack on a Student
- Former Health Minister Describes Attack on His House as Cowardice Act
- Arab Economic Summit Next November
- Solving Expatriates Issues, Facilitating their Dealing with State Apparatus, the Major Task of Expatriates Affairs Ministry
- Number of Tourists to Yemen Increased in the 1st Quarter of 2001.



Al-Naqid Al-Arabi Independent Weekly, April 12, 2001.

The newspaper's editorial has defined the main tasks facing the government of prime minister Bajamal. The editorial says that national tasks before the new government are big and heavy and require hard work to achieve the aspirations.

Reform is an inevitable national demand beginning from economic development to administrative and financial reform through placing the proper individual in the proper place. There is also the need for educational reform in our path towards the future. There should be a continued effort for reforming the health sector, particularly liquidating markets from smuggled drugs. As for the industrial sector the editorial demands providing protection for the national industries. It is not necessary to prevent or stop importation but to regulate it and combat smuggling as a protective measure to the national economy and industry.

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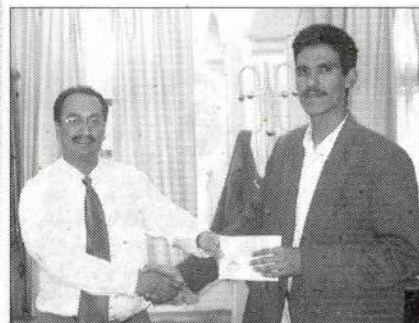
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- قص الكوبون وأرسله إلى عنوان الصحيفة الرئيسي: صنعاء (ص.ب. ٢٥٧٩)، ويمكنك إيصال الكوبون بنفسك إلى الصندوق البريدي عند بوابة الصحيفة، أو أحد فرعي الصحيفة في عدن أو تعز. (لا داعي لأن يكون الكوبون داخل ظرف إذا أوصله إلى بريد الصحيفة)
- الإجابات التي تصلنا بالفاكس غير مقبولة، وكذلك التي تصلنا بدون كوبون المسابقة.
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- سيُنشر اسم الفائز واسم المكتبة الفائزة في العدد بعد القادم.
- نرجوا كتابة رقم عدد الصحيفة على مطروف الرسالة.

ملاحظات:

### الإجابات الصحيحة لمسابقة العدد قبل الماضي (١٤)

- ١- وزير الإعلام السعودي الذي زار اليمن هو السيد/ فؤاد الفارسي.
  - ٢- في إعلان مكرونة المائدة.
- بعد فرز الكوبونات الصحيحة للمشاركة بمسابقة العدد (١٤) تم إجراء القرعة وكانت من نصيب الأخ:
- جمال محمد السقاف - صنعاء**
- المكتبة الفائزة: مكتبة الهدوء (محمد صائل، صنعاء - شارع هائل سعيد)
- فألف هبهوك للأخ جمال وحظاً أوفر لبقية المتسابقين..



الفائز في العدد (١٣) (إبراهيم الدحان) يستلم جائزته

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- سؤال ١: من هي أول امرأة يمنية تدخل ضمن التشكيل الوزاري (وزيرة الدولة لحقوق الإنسان)؟
- الإجابة: \_\_\_\_\_
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- الإجابة: \_\_\_\_\_
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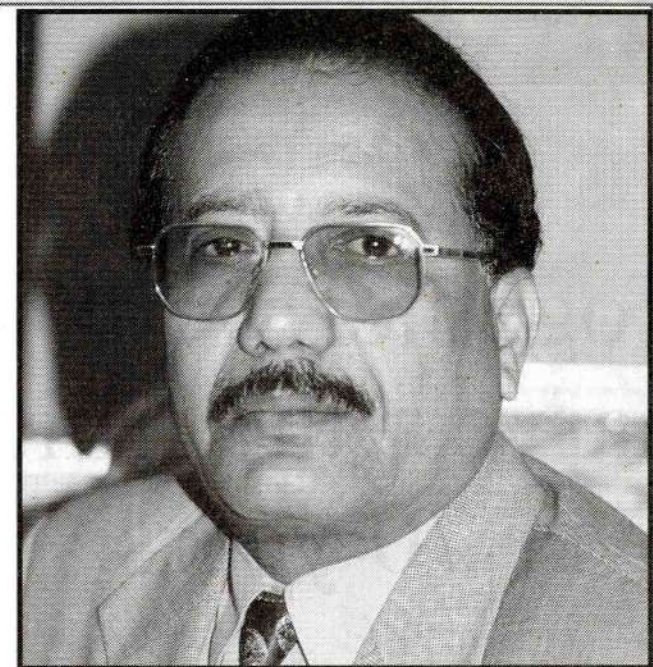
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What has happened here to make the situation turn up-side-down? What sort of human rights have been developed to make it sufficient enough for, the US government to change their reports factual contents? Is it a matter of mood or interests? Is it an issue that international politics has to do with, or mutual political manipulation between Yemen and the USA, the country which, I have no doubt, is putting pressure on all of the world-wide organizations?

Let's remind the US that prisons in Yemen still use middle aged systems. Let's mention that Yemen remains a country where law is nothing but lines drawn on papers while 'money' is the real judge and citizens are crying daily for their lost humanity and rights only to live in the least satisfactory and humiliating living conditions. Let's make clear to the US that a wide sector of citizens in the southern and eastern governorates remain helpless. Unable to restore their rights represented in their nationalized, or rather stripped states. Let's not forget that Yemeni police-stations are places of horror to ordinary citizens, rather that departments of justice and fairness!

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