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The Yemeni parliament on Sunday approved the Bajammal government's agenda, and voted in favor of a confidence motion. One hundred and ninety-five members voted in favor of the program, six against while two abstained. The Islah party members boycotted the voting session in protest against the program in general and restructuring of the educational systems which aims at sabotaging the religious Institutes which Islah has been patronizing for over 22

The MPs belonging to Islah, Nasserite Union, Baath and independents released a statement, disapproving of the program of the government and pointing out its shortcomings. The statement condemned the policy of the government which will lead to an increase in prices of several goods, foodstuffs, diesel fuel. They believe this could cause enormous suffering for the people, in view of the fact that half of the population lives

that the program did not include a mechanism with which it would tackle such problems as, raising salaries of employees in different sectors. It also criticized the policy of the government towards education and information. The statement said that the program did not ensure that the official media would adhere to the national norms, so as to preserve the Islamic identi-

Sheikh Abdullah bin Hussain Al-

below the poverty line. It said Ahmar, speaker of the parliament, and chairman of the Islah party also boycotted the deliberation from the very beginning expressing his protest against what he described as the governmental stand to undermine the religious institutes run under the supervision of the Islah party. Both administratively and academically. Sheikh Al-Ahmar sent a letter to the parliament expressing an apology for his inability to attend the sessions in which the government program

was to be discussed. He considered the said institutes as among the valuable outcomes of the revolution and glorified the republic.

The number of these religious institutes is about 400, covering different stages of education with more than 250,000 students studying in them under the tutelage of the educational cadre affiliated to the Islah party.

Commenting on the Parliament's

approval of the new government's program, Dr. Mohammed Abdulmajeed Al-Qubaty told Yemen Times that the parliament's endorsement of the government's agenda was the first step towards modernization and full institutionalization of the government. "This step is the starting point for the efforts of the government towards enforcing law and order in all aspects of life, all over the country".

SC to Sort out Tribal Vengeance

Last Saturday the 111 members of the Shura Council(SC) took an oath of office before President Ali Abdullah. The president pointed out that the main problem they should address is the question of tribal vengeance which caught society in a deep turmoil of violence and killings. He stressed that the SC will not do a routine job as anticipated. Rather it will have to tackle serious issues like that of retalia-

tion. He added that the presiwould dency give new responsibilities and grant special privileges to the SC in addition those mentioned the Constitution. that Yemen has settled all its border disputes with countries in a peaceful manner and now it should focus on development which is seriously hit by internal problems like retaliation." Security is the key element we have to achieve after restructuring the constitutional fabric of the country. There is no excuse now for the security mess", he



He confirmed **Tribesmen Attack Gas Tankers**

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Tribesmen's attacks on gas the area and said "Our tankers in the past few weeks requests to the authorities have halted gas tanker move- concerned are to employ ments from Safer to many Yemeni areas. Gas tankers are in the military forces; estimated to be 300 on a daily

basis. On the other hand, Al Ali bin Felah Tribe is still holding a gas tanker from two weeks ago. It is said that it belonged to a important man in the authority. The tribe is said to have taken it to a mountainous area called al-Daiq valley where groups of the tribe concentrate.

Sheikh Ahmad Saleh Huzaim heading these tribal groups made a statement to YT which visited

200 soldiers from the tribe employ those qualified tribesmen in oil and gas companies; treating sheikhs of the tribe as other sheikhs of Yemen; granting the area its share of oil revenues. We attack tankers and military camps to exercise pressure on the authorities concerned to comply to our demands. We have applied all peaceful and legal ways.

Continued on page 2 The hijacked tanker

New U.S. Ambassador to Yemen Announced

The White House formally announced last Thursday the appointment of Edmund James Hull to be ambassador Extraordinary

Plenipotentiary of the United Sates to Yemen. Mr. Hull succeeds Barbara Bodine whose term at office ended last April. Hull has been a Principal Deputy Coordinator for Counter-Terrorism since 1999 in addition to being a full participant in the interagency Counter-Terrorism Security group (CSG).

The United States set up a CSG center in Cairo in 1999 headed by Mr. Edmund. The American decision to nominate Edmund as head of the American mission in Sana'a seems to harmonize with the intention to establish a similar CSG center in Sana'a.

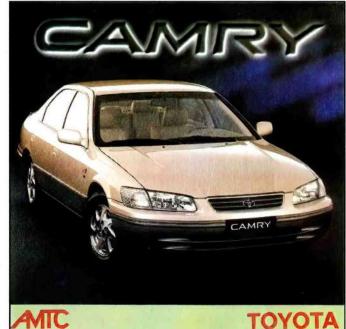
Besides Yemen and the Mideast, Edmund is responsible for the CSG affairs in Russia, Pakistan

Hull began his foreign service career as Political Officer at the

Consulate American Jerusalem (1975-1979). Since then he has held many key diplomatic posts including a Staff Assistant to Harold Saunders, the Assistant Secretary of State for Near East and South Asian Affairs, Political Counselor at the American Embassy in Tunis, Director for Northern Gulf Affairs (Iraq and Iran) in the Department of State, Deputy Chief of Mission (DCM) at the American Embassy in Cairo and most recently Director of the State Department Office of Peace keeping.

He was born in 1949 in Keokuk, Iowa, but grew up in Springfield. He speaks Arabic and French fluently, is married and has two daughters.

This nomination gives further credence to the American intention to restore its strategic station in the area as well as to the continuation of the Yemeni-American agreements to count-



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Saudi Crown Prince Attends Yemen's Unity Celebration

Informed sources have confirmed the participation of the Saudi Crown Prince, Mr. Abdullah Abdulaziz Aal Saoud in celebration of the anniversary of Unification scheduled to be Jeddah held in Aden on May 21, 2001. It is expected to be attended by a number s i g n e d of Arab leaders and high ranking dele-

During the visit, the Saudi Crown Prince is expected to meet with the President and the Joint Border

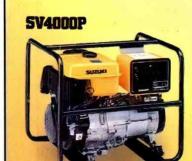
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Prof. Abdulaziz Al-Saqqaf, (1951-1999) Founder of Yemen Times

Our Opinion

May 3 - World Press Freedom Day Little to Celebrate

When asked about World Press Freedom Day observed on May 3 many newspapers in the world responded, "We have little to celebrate" The reason obviously is that most developing countries continue to restrict the press in many ways. Hundreds of journalists are harassed, prosecuted, tortured, and even killed. We indeed have little to celebrate, but much to worry about and work to achieve.

Here in Yemen, the situation is still not bright. At a time the press expects more freedom, more flexibility, more tolerance, and more understanding, all it gets is warnings and condemnation.

I was personally saddened with what H.E. President Ali Abdullah Saleh's statements on Saturday. He advised the press that "the press must respect itself!" and used other phrases that hurt the dignity and respectability of the press and others concerned

There may be some newspapers that have exceeded the the limits and have become a means for propaganda for specific groups. Yet, there are tens of other newspapers that have been judiciously objective in their approach, honest in their stands and work toward bringing out the facts. It is unfair to accuse all newspapers of a bias or a wrong perspective. The press might not be perfect. As a matter of fact, it may sometimes be totally wrong. Yet, generalizing the warnings or condemnations to target all newspapers is certainly disconcerting. This would in all likelihood cause more desperation and frustration to journalists, who expected encouragement and moral support on the occasion of World Press Freedom Day.

Journalism is truly the task full of hazards. Everywhere a journalist goes, and anything he does could be a source of political threat to his personal security and sometimes to his life. The task of delivering and reporting the events as they happen has never been easy job. Yet it becomes even more difficult when the authorities try to hinder, or demoralize the press.

"We have little to lose, we have low wages and are accustomed to being harassed by the authorities almost everywhere and everyday," said one of the journalists.

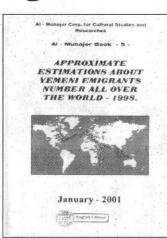
Despite the fact that the freedom of speech and expression have expanded noticeably in Yemen since the blessed unification, there is still much to do.

The misery and sufferings of journalists can never end. They are subjected to continual threat and discomfort. But if there is one thing that makes a journalist feel satisfied, then that is unravelling the truth in all aspects and hence rendering service to the community as a whole.

Mr. President, we need your support and encouragement. You have been the upholder of democracy and the freedom of the press, and we expect you to continue your mission. The press needs you more than ever before. Stand by them and support their cause of seeking and delivering the truth for the people of Yemen and the world. We are not all the same. So please don't prejudge us all in the same way. There are certainly honest, sincere, and frank journalists everywhere in the country, and they deserve your support!

Book on Yemeni Immigrants

The Al-Muhaier Cultural -Studies and Research Corporation(MCSRC) has brought out its fifth volume, which highlights the condition of a number of Yemeni immigrants all over the world. It says that the total number of the immigrants is 2,801,625 living in 75 countries. The book is really a valuable reference on Yemeni immigrants. It is published in Arabic as well as in English.





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Amnesty's Letters to the Prime Minister

Members of the German Amnesty International group in Berlin-Kreuzberg have sent a letter to the Prime Minister, Minister of Human Rights and Minister of Justice concerning the capital punishment awarded to Hammoud Murshid Hassan Ahmad, presently lodged in the Central Prison in Taiz.

"The 23 members of the Amnesty International group in Berlin-Kreuzberg were glad to read, that Mrs. Far'e stated in an interview with "Yemen Times", that she will work closely with NGOs to push the implementation of Human Rights," the letter reads. The group expressed concern that the trial and the review are falling short of international standards. "The principle of the right to a fair trial as laid down in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and spelled out in the International Convention for Political and Civil Rights seem not to have been applied to the case of Mr. Hammoud Murshid Hassan Ahmad," it said. It added that the denial of the right of being tried by an independent and impartial tribunal established by law as well as the right to examine the witnesses against him and to obtain the attendance and examination of witnesses against him seem to be among the infringed international standards. The letter concluded by urging the new government to "make all efforts to implement all major international human rights treaties that Yemen has signed and ratified.

On the other hand, Brigitta Kliem of Amnesty International sent a similar letter to the Prime Minister concerning the death penalty awarded to Saleh Nasser Ahmad Al-Assadi (50) who is awaiting imminent execution, after his death sentence was approved by the President. Al-Assadi was convicted of murder. Details of his trial are not known, but his lawyer claims that there were serious irregularities at the appeal proceedings, and that not all the evidence in support of his appeal was passed on to the Supreme Court. The letter also expresses concern about the provision of the death penalty in Yemen, particularly as death sentences are often passed after proceedings fall short of international standards for a fair trial. It urged upon the Minister to commute the penalty to a more human punishment. "May I remind the authorities that under international standards for a fair trial in capital cases, defendants have the right to legal assistance at all stages of the proceedings, the right to appeal and the right to seek pardon or commutation of the sentence," it concludes.

Three Boeings Joined Yemenia Fleet

Three B737-800 airplanes are to join Yemenia air fleet in April 2002, said captain Abdulkhalik Saleh al-Kadhi, Yemenia board of directors chairman, adding that this would enhance activities of the Yemenia airline. Starting this year, the company has expanded its international route network by adding a second journey to Beirut and a new route to Milan in Italy to attract more tourists. YT learned that Yemenia is taking final preparations to open a new aircraft maintenance hanger costing \$ 3 million and the new administration headquarters costing \$ 2 million within the next two months. It is expected that Yemenia would carry 1 million passengers during this year, with 15% increase than that of the previous year.

Two Children & Woman Killed in Tribal Conflicts

Tribal conflicts between Nahd and al-Kabess in Khawlan, 70 Km to the east of Sana'a, resulted last Friday in the death of two children and a woman from artillery as it fell on a house. The tribal conflict is still going on despite all the mediations to contain it. Conflicts erupted due to land dispute that had already claimed seven lives.

On the other hand, tribal confrontations started last Wednesday in Saba roundabout in the center of the capital, Sana'a. The confrontations set out as an armed tribal group set a trap for Sheikh Muhsen Abo Nashtan, Sheikh from Arhab. The gunmen fired at the car which is said to belong to him and killed three persons; two pedestrians.

Sources maintained that the President has directed the Shoura Council to form a committee within the council to study and devise solutions to the problems of revenge.

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However, nothing came through. We will exercise stronger means of pressure if our demands are neglected. We are not bandits. The real bandits are those who steal the wealth of a governorate while its citizens are starving."

Gas Tankers

Ten military vehicles under the leadership of the 25 Mec. Brigade stationed in the area attempted to break into the area. However, they exchanged fire with tribesmen and pulled back.

Efforts exerted by the Mareb governor in collaboration with some sheikhs to stop tribal groups from attacking tankers and recovering the seized tanker have all fell through. In 1977, tribesmen blocked the Mareb-Sana'a road which increased gas prices to YR 700 per bottle. It has also claimed 52 lives from the military forces while escorting tankers. Incidents have also claimed seven lives from the tribesmen.

On the other hand, confrontations triggered last Wednesday between al-Juda'an tribe, 70 km away from Mareb governorate and located on Sana'a-Mareb road, and security forces resulted in two injuries. Reasons for these confrontations are still unknown so far.

GPC Appoints Dr. Al-Qubaty as Chairman of Political & Foreign Affairs Department

Dr. Mohamed Abdulmajeed Al-Qubaty was appointed formally last week by H.E. President Ali Abdullah Saleh as the Chairman of the Political & Foreign Affaires Department of the General People's Congress (GPC).

Dr. Al-Qubaty is a renowned prominent individuals who has been an effective member of the GPC for the past years. Regarding this latest appointment, Dr. Al-Qubaty said, "As the GPC as a whole, we have many set goals in mind. First of all, the GPC is reorganizing its structure and methods of organization towards forming a true democratic party with proper institutions towards achieving its already set program. The restructuring involves the decentralization of the party in a democratic basis to give its branches all capabilities and readiness to participate in major decisions on the local platforms."

US\$ 13 Million Poland's Export Volume to Yemen

Deputy Speaker of the Polish parliament Jan Knol confirmed that the volume of his country's annual exports to Yemen amounted to \$13 million while in military cooperation the amount is estimated at US\$63 million.

Mr. Knol said in a press conference held in Sana'a Wednesday he had held talks with the Vice-President Abdorab Mansour Hadi on cooperation of the two countries in various fields.

Mr. Knol pointed out that Poland was considering the establishment of investment projects in the Free Zone of Aden and construction of a factory for assembling transport vehicles in addition to a food industry factory.

Mr.Knol and deputy speaker of Yemen's parliament Ja'afer Ba Saleh signed an agreement on parliamentary cooperation.

On the other hand, Vice Chairman of the Polish Chamber of Commerce Krzystof Czeszejko - Sochachi met officials of the Yemeni Chamber of Commerce and they signed a number of trade agreements.

Judicial Writ to Forcibly Cancel Cabinet Decision No. (105)

The West Secretariat Court passed a judicial writ to forcibly carry out the verdict of calling off the cabinet's decision No (105) pertaining to increasing the tuition fees for university study. The decision was taken in its public session headed by Abdullah Saleh al-Qaloos. On behalf of students Mr. Khalid Ali al-Mawri, representing Allawo Corp. for advocates, attended the session.

Min group size of 2 persons.

Tribal Vengeance Claims 5 lives

Five people were killed in Sana'a last Thursday in a vengeance clash between tribesmen from Abu Nashton and Al Al-Faqeh tribes. Eyewitness told Yemen Times that a group of armed tribesmen came in a four wheel drive car and sprayed bullets when it stopped at a traffic light at the Saba intersection. As a result five men were killed, one of them was a passerby who happened to be there. The eyewitness said the incident was a tribal retaliation of a similar act which occurred 10 years back. Police were not able to capture the assailants.

There was a public outrage over this heinous retaliation crime which the government failed to stop for so long a time and prohibit gun carriers. Observers believe the unrestricted ownership of weapons among people is the key factor behind such lawless acts that have very often been taking place in Sanaa, in particular. They add that the parliament should pass the law

that puts a ban on the carrying of weapons which was presented by the government in 1997. The law has been pushed under the carpet by some influential shiekhs in the parliament as it grants the Ministry of Interior the right to confiscate the illegal weapons.

According to statistics of the Interior Ministry, people in Yemen have over 60 million weapons i.e. every person has got about three. This has increased the rate of crime and violence committed daily in cities and the suburbs.

Incidentally, President Ali Abdullah Saleh met the members of the Shura Council and other senior officials in the government last Thursday. He told them to prioritize tackling the issue of vengeance and work hard to sort it out. For this, the Ministry of Interior is training 400 policemen to intensity security in the capital. These personnel will be working around the clock and will be given advanced training in field strategies for three months.

Teachers Honored

Vice president, Mr. Abdurabu Mansour Hadi attended the Teachers' Day celebration organized by the Ministry of Information at the Cultural Center last wedensday More than 500 Yemeni teachers were honored.

Mr. Mansour conveyed the president's compliments to the .25 million teachers all over the country. He said that

the Education budget has increased from 66 billion rials in 1999 and 80 billion rials in 2000 to 104 billion rials in the current financial year, which reflectes the government's sincerity and commitment to improve education in the country. "Everyday there are at least 6 new classrooms built and three others being renovated," he added.



In his message Dr. Fadhl Abu Ghanem, Minister of Education congratulated teachers and wished them success in their life. The celebration included the recitation of some poems, dramatic sketches and songs.

By the end of the event, the Annual Exhibition of Handicrafts was inaugurated.

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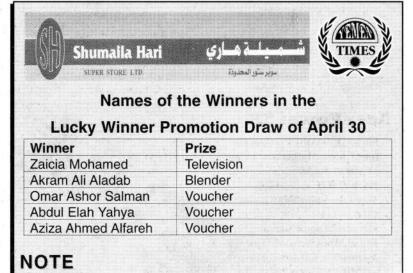
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Sven Erik Nordberg, Ambassador of Royal Denmark to Yemen:

mbassador of Royal Denmark to Yemen, since October 1998 Mr. Sven Nordberg, accompanied by the Minister Councilor Mr. Henrik Curtz. H.E. visited the Yemen Times and Nadia Al Saqqaf conducted the following inter-

Q: What are the Objectives of this visit? And do you have plans to establish a permanent embassy of Denmark here in Sana'a?

A: Royal Denmark and the Republic of Yemen have always maintained good relations. It is true that this is my first business visit to Yemen as the ambassador of Denmark, but the councilor, Mr. Ben Raul, of our embassy in Rivadh has been paying regular visits to Yemen. Also, there is an honorary consular Mr. Ahmed Hayel Saed in Taiz who is General Manger of Hayel Saed Company. He takes care of the consular matters between Denmark and Yemen, and some commercial matters. Therefore, for the time being there is no plan to establish an independent embassy in Yemen. We have the Danish Royal Embassy in Riyadh to attend to the Danish concerns on the Arabian peninsula.

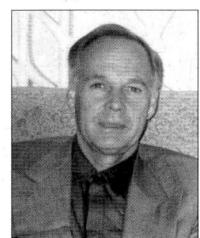
As for our objectives during this visit,

However, it is very clear to us that Yemen has a lot of problems to deal with

we have come to gather information about the policies of the new government. That Yemen has a female minister for human rights issues has made it among the forefront countries in the world.

We are here to promote the commercial opportunities between Denmark and Yemen, and to follow developments of the Democracy and Human Rights Program, which is the most important project of Denmark in Yemen. This is to support NGOs, human rights organizations, human rights of women, and women prisoners in Yemen. Last but not least, the objective of the visit was to obtain an over all assessment of the security system, so as to promote Danish tourism in Yemen.

Q: How successful can you say your visit is in accomplishing your plans? A: During our 5-day visit, we have been to Sana'a, Taiz and Aden. Regarding the political situation I think



ture because we have been in touch with so many people. Regarding the human rights program we are running, I can only assert that those NGOs we are working with have been doing a very serious job, and professional work. In terms of commercial prospects, I think our final assessment is that it is time that more Danish companies came here, and investigate the possible areas for investment. Regarding the last issue of tourism business. I think that if a group of tourists is accompanied by a professional guide who knows Yemen's conditions very well, and the tourists stay away from the sensitive areas where a number of incidents happened, they should be fine. I hope that the details we have been briefed about will lead us to the conclusion that we can safely recommend tourism in Yemen. But I have to say that a final decision will take time. Though we will try and make a decision very soon.

Q: In which aspects do you plan to expand your commercial interests?

A: Our role is to study the situation and recommend. However, it is very clear to us that Yemen has a lot of problems to deal with; there is unemployment and the investment situation and the infrastructure should be improved. But I think also that business companies might find better potential and possibilities in the years to come. Our job is to draw the attention of the Danish companies and they will make their own decisions. But we can point to special sectors and tell them that these particular sectors are. Yemen is a good

Regarding the Aden Free Zone, this is another possibility but it is quite evident that the avenues for investment in Sana'a are much more than just in Aden. Or for that matter other places in the country.

I have got a very good and broad pic- Q: What are the other interests of This is in the non governmental sector.

A: The purpose of this visit is an assessment of the present situation; where is Yemen now. Ministers and businessmen have told us and explained their views regarding the present political situation. And we will report that back to Denmark. As for cultural aspects if you consider the tourism aspect, then we can say there might be some interest in this particular field in future. But to be fair the promotion of the Democracy and Human Rights project is the most important official program we intend to go about in Yemen.

Q: How do you assess the democratic experience Yemen has gone through, especially in view of the fact that we have the first female minister of Human Rights?

A: Again and again I have heard the words "new plot" from the diplomats and trade people. Although this is an internal procedure and we cannot claim that we can judge, but we realize that the new government has very little time. It has to act fast; within two vears. But you have new ministers in many key ministries. So we hope, like all the people we talked to, that this will lead to a better situation in the country. We will be following it, and not only us, but many European countries as well. Yet, we say that nobody can make Yemen better than the Yemenis themselves. I would like to mention that there is huge Yemeni capital invested outside the country. If immigrants came back and invested in their homeland, it would radically change the investment scenario of the

Yemen is a wealthy country, and there is so much that could be done.

Q: What kind of aid is Royal Denmark providing to Yemen?

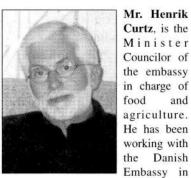
A: Like I mentioned before, The Democracy and Human Rights Project is our greatest concern in Yemen. It started 7 or 8 years ago, and the amount of money earmarked for this project is US \$100,000 per year. We give it to help people working in those particular sectors which promote human rights and democracy. That means that we try to select NGOs working on human rights and on women's issues. We have also helped women in prison so that they can get legal advice. We have sponsored seminars and the Yemen Times has also participated in seminars. And we will continue to support such projects in the

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In the governmental sector, we have provided Yemen's parliament with hardware and software, and we have given language lessons. Now, as a part of the program a delegation from the Danish parliament is going to pay a visit to Yemen's parliament to see how it works, and vice versa. Members from the Yemeni parliament are to go to Denmark and see how the Denmark parliament works and to study which particular fields they may help each other. This project may take place this

Q: Any last comment you would like

A: I should say on a personal level that it has been a tremendous experience to be in Yemen. The people are very kind and very hospitable. It's a beautiful country. And I am looking forward to coming to Yemen again.



Mr. Henrik Curtz is the Minister Councilor of the embassy in charge of food and agriculture. He has been working with the Danish

in Rome, Brussels, and Athens. At the end of this summer he will be posted in Q: Is there a particular message you

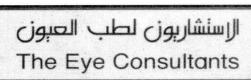
would like to convey?

A: Yes, actually the problems we have been facing have to do with the bans from the GCC countries, which are extended to Yemen, on European meat products. Danish products have been hit by these bans. This is not something new that Europe is facing. Especially after the Mad-Cow issue, the problems

Riyadh for the past 5 years. He served increased when poisonous material was found in some food products in Belgium. However, the problem now is that many countries are taking Europe as a whole regarding measures for food safety, which is not necessarily quite fair. Denmark was affected by these bans for few months last year. That time, the ban was also on dairy products, which was not a correct decision. Fortunately it got abolished after a short time due to the fact that the disease is not transmitted through milk products.

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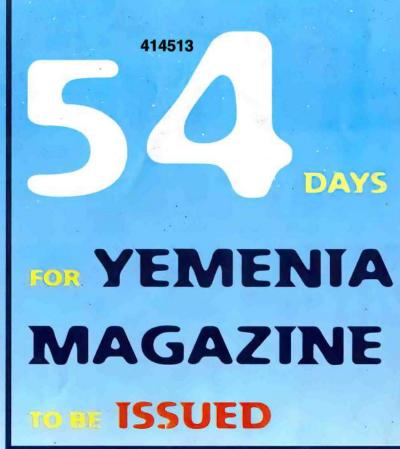
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An Escape From Reality

Abdul Bari Taher

n its issue No. 954 dated April 26, 2001, one of the headlines of the 26 September Newspaper read: "While The Search for a Background to Unify Curricula of the Ministry of Education and Those of the Scientific Institutes Continues, Advanced Steps to Unify Yemeni and Saudi Curricula Have Been Achieved." This happy news includes that during the visit of Dr. Mohammed b. Ahmad Al-Rasheed, Saudi Minister of Education to Yemen an agreement with Yemen's Ministry of Education was reached to unify textbooks including Chemistry, Physics, Biology, Maths and English. The paper added that the two sides exchanged curricula for more studies which will "lead to the removal of any mistaken piece of information about the other country and unify concepts about the common issues to ensure bringing up generations in an atmosphere of brotherhood, and neighborhood, love ..." "On the other hand, the search is still on to unify the textbooks of the Ministry of Education and Scientific Institutes according to the General Educational Law," it added.

According to this news, an agreement has been signed between Yemen and Saudi Arabia to unify their textbooks while the 'search for a mechanism to unify the Yemeni textbooks is still going on.' One wonders how our curricula are to be unified with those of the Saudi Arabia before being unified with those of the so-called Scientific Institutes in our country. And what is the relevance of the reference to the Public Educational Law?

The former Yemen Arab Republic (YAR) made use of the Scientific Institutes to oppose the curricula of the then People's Democratic Republic of Yemen. During the period that followed the Unity Declaration, institutes with their curricula were used against the political, ideological and even military conflict with the Yemeni Socialist Party (YSP). Ironically, the General People's Congress (GPC) convened a conferences to unify the two educational systems while the

General Authority of Scientific Institutes continued to get its budget from the state. Moreover, when a law was issued to enforce the unity attempts of 1992, it was rejected by the President himself. Since then, the issue has been raised occasionally due to a conflict with the Yemeni Congregation for Reform (Islah) and the supporters and supervisors of those institutes. Despite the fact that the GPC has already added the scientific institutes' budget to the general budget of the government educational institutes, the former still enjoys a relative independence and it has even increased in the same.

During two decades of their establishment, these institutes graduated thousands of people who are today holding good positions in educational fields. Is publicizing the agreement with the Saudi Ministry of Education a new tactic of the new Minister or is it a serious threat? Whatever the truth is, integrating the Yemeni and Saudi textbooks poses some questions.

The project is a further proof of the distinguished relations between the two countries and the sincere desire of their leadership to strengthen these relations. But we, Yemenis, know that more than 800,000 Yemeni laborers were forced out of Saudi Arabia during the Second Gulf War and the remaining Yemenis suffer rough and rude treatment. In addition, Yemen remains outside the GCC, despite the strong relations Saudi Arabia has with its Gulf neighbors. One should ask why Saudi Arabia is so generous in integrating its curricula with Yemen's and it forbids Yemen from sharing in economic interests?

Going back to the main issue, what kind of research, books, etc., will each side take from the other? The latest event of border-demarcation teaches us, that we will be passive receivers, especially when we take into account the fact that we are talking about integration of curricula before national

Yemen will integrate its text books with those of the Saudi Arabia before it solves the question of joining the GCC, in which it forms a part of the geography and regional community,

Generally speaking, the issue is not sent to study in the best universities of America and Europe.

Cultural Organization prepared a united national curricula a few years ago. So why should we and the Saudis not make use of it if we are really sincere in our talks about brotherhood, its meanings and dimensions.

and even before it restructures its own textbooks taught in schools and the socalled Scientific Institutes. What about the tribal conflicts between the leadership of Sana'a and Ryadh, a democratic system and a theocratic monarchic leadership? Will it be allowed in Saudi Arabia to teach Saudis the partisan and syndicalistic experiences? Or will Yemenis be forbidden from studying such old-fashioned idioms and terms? And will our children study about the Saudi citizenship, respect for judiciary as well as the infrastructure which Saudi Arabia has accomplished? The most serious question is: will Yemen build its institutions, achieve a national integration and impose the superiority of law and order before the expect-

ed unity?

that of a different and backward educational curricula, but rather an issue of escaping reality and the problems beforehand. I am not going to talk about how much Saudi Arabia spends on education because the matter is connected with huge resources that help cover cost of such services. However, since the 1980s, especially since the Gulf War and because of the sharp fall in oil price and the fabulous armament policies, education, just as many other services, started to decline. The situation is even worse in the case of Yemen where expenditure on the basic services can hardly be maintained if compared with that on the army and armament. Educational as well as health services in Yemen are just like the appendicitis. Since the 1970s, the Yemeni leadership tended to pollute education to serve its political interests and purposes. And it seems as if the government has become pathetic on the issue of education because their own children are

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Constraints on NGO's Work in Yemen

Mohammed Yahya Al-Sabri

he Post Beijing Follow-up Yemen is now entrusted with preparing an NGO's network to be funded by UNIFEM. The assignment is required to be finished in one year time. That is why the National Project Manager Nadwa Al-Dawsary and the project assistant Suha Bashirin are very busy, at this time to complete the project.

The idea of integrating efforts of more than one NGOs to work together on one issue in Yemen in particular is a very attractive one and could be a suitable outlet for breaking the chains presently restraining the civil action. It is worthwhile to mention that the late Dr Abdulaziz Al-Saqqaf was a pioneer in introducing the idea of founding such a network, but his death has deprived us of such an achievement. His tragic death has revealed what kind of difficulties the workers in this field

We think that considering these constraints and categorizing them according to their importance and seriousness is essential, without which any agency working for the development of civil social activities would be forced to stop its activity as it would be deemed to be

Restraints put on culture and society are the top issues that create confusion in some related matters. We may here cite an opinion in this regard made by Dr Saladin Adakak, professor at Taiz university, published in Ath-Thaqafiya newspaper on April 12, 2001, which helps us to clearly understand the essence of this important issue.

Dr Adakak reviewed in his article the

issue of foreign financing, especially from America, describing its function as that of the magic lamp that could Operation Project Phase solve problems with only one touch. II, National project in He likened those receiving foreign funding to those operating vivisection on the society using contaminated instruments provided by unidentified

Social constraints in Yemen and other Islamic countries are increasing in scope as they have extended to areas of religious activities and to other areas connected with social norms and traditions. Some research centers and organizations have faced closure, like to the center for Women's Studies at the Sana'a University last year. Those in charge of the center might have offered justifications for its closure. The coming years are bound to witness a heated controversy in Yemen relating to women's issues such as recruiting of women for police and security forces. The more important restraint is created by those responsible for disbursing the foreign funding. They are many in Yemen and other Arab countries and are always increasing. Out of 3000 officially permitted civil organizations to practice their work in Yemen, only two of them managed in the past period to prove their efficiency. Even stranger is the fact that some ministries and government institutions have been squandering foreign funds they receive for bogus projects. Many instances can be cited in this unhealthy situation but we will mention just one example. Two weeks ago the Higher Teachers Institute for training of the Ministry of Education organized a seminar on population and development. The items listed on the agenda were very impor-

tant but as far as the time for imple-

mentation was concerned, only two

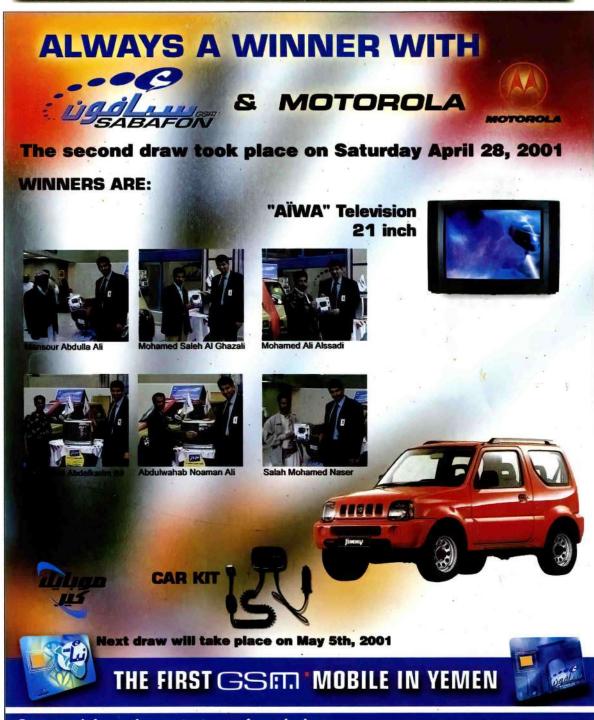
working papers included the needed information and facts and the other papers were vague.

Even the management of the seminar confirmed how the group responsible for the activity was so keen to misappropriate the funds. The group got involved in bargaining with researchers and participants and usually ended up sharing the amounts. Against these two situations and under such circumstances, it is beyond any doubt that those working in fields of developing the civil society or its activities, are in need of help. On our part we ask the parties concerned to take into consideration two significant factors.

The first one is drawing up a relevant policy to clarify the general objectives of any proposal financed by foreign parties. We are quite certain that holding a dialogue beforehand on the aims to be adopted would inevitably lead to a common understanding and then guarantee the protection of the interests of the organizers. The more important thing is how to decrease the volume of corruption accompanying activities having ambiguous objectives.

The second important matter is the adoption of executive means depending on collective work. This is a new and modern style currently being experienced by the British OXFAM organization after a long experiment involving a study of transparency of the receiving organization.

By reliance on experts and skilled people, and more significantly by pursuing principles of international transparency in spending and identifying areas on which to spend, the restraints of the civil works in Yemen would be eased. And as long as we guarantee continuance of the movement, we have to feel optimistic about its future.



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Nicholas Stern* & Mustapha K. Nabli**

n times like these, when a sputtering US economy has many investors worried, it is useful to put our worries into perspective by taking a long-term view of the global economy. A new World Bank report, which tracks changes in economic growth and scores of other indicators of human well being for nearly every nation on earth, gives us just such an opportunity for reflection. The picture that emerges from the World Development Indicators is daunting. Of the world's 6 billion people, 1.2 billion live on less than a dollar a day. About 10 million children die before reaching their fifth birthday, mostly from preventable diseases. More than 113 million children do not attend school - more of them girls than boys. In the developing countries of the Middle East and North Africa (MNA), youth illiteracy rates average 13 percent for boys and 24 percent for girls. Worldwide, half a million women die during pregnancy or childbirth every

year from complications that could have been easily treated or prevented. In Morocco and Egypt, only 45 percent and 53 percent of pregnant women receive prenatal care. In Lebanon, close to 20 percent of newborns have low birth weights. In Tunisia and Yemen, only about 50 percent of the population has access to essential drugs. The development challenges are further exacerbated in MNA by the serious scarcity of freshwater resources which amount to only 1,145 cubic meters of freshwater per capita, significantly less than in other regions which range from 2,850 cubic meters per capita in South Asia to over 27,000 cubic meters per capita in Latin

Barring a sudden improvement in current trends, many countries will fail to meet the international development goals endorsed at the UN Millennium Summit last September. The goals call for halving the proportion of the world's population living in extreme poverty between 1990 and 2015. Also included are targets for progress in school enrollment, gender equality, infant, child and maternal mortality, access to reproductive health services and environmental protection. In MNA, the challenge will be all the more because of the high population growth rate, which at 2.7 percent over the period 1980-99 was the second highest in the developing regions.

And yet, there has been progress. Since 1990, the number of people living in absolute poverty has fallen by 100 million, infant and child mortality rates have dropped by 9 percent, enrollment rates are higher and a larger number children attend school than ever before. In MNA, the under five mortality rate fell from a staggering 136 per 1,000 children in 1980 to only 56 per 1,000 children in 1999. And while youth illiteracy rates remain high, they have fallen 28 percent for boys and 35 percent for girls during the 1990s. India and China, which together account for a third of the world's population, are well on their way to achieving several of the international development goals. Moreover, progress appears to be quickening. Even before the US slowdown became apparent, per capita

income was growing more rapidly in developing countries than in the highincome countries. For example, in 1998/99 many countries in Sub Sahara Africa, which has long suffered from low growth, had growth rates above 6%. We may be entering a decade when more developing countries than ever before will achieve sustained high rates of poverty-reducing economic

Why the change? One reason is a growing recognition that two sets of conditions are needed to sustain high growth rates with maximum benefit for poor people: a healthy investment climate and empowering them to take part in economic growth.

A healthy investment climate is not just

about attracting multinationals and foreign direct investment - although this is a valuable by-product. It means creating conditions for ordinary people to enjoy the fruits of their won efforts. Keeping inflation low and opening the country up to trade help make this possible. Equally important, rooting out the fees, bribes and extortion of petty thugs and predatory local officials, allows small-scale entrepreneurs to flourish. A good investment climate is crucial for increasing poor people's investment in agriculture and other employment. Simply put, improving the investment climate means improving the link between sowing and reaping. In MNA, much remains to be done to improve the climate for private investment. For example, in those countries where information is available, we see only a small trend during the 1990s towards an increased role of the private sector. In Iran and Tunisia, nearly 50 percent of outlays on additions to fixed assets - improvements of land, construction of infrastructure and buildings, and purchases of plant, machinery and equipment - continue to be by the government. Foreign direct investment in the region is also low. Even countries that are doing relatively better at attracting FDI, such as Egypt and Tunisia where FDI accounts for 5.2 percent and 6.3 percent of gross capital formulation, are still well below the worldwide average of 10 percent. Only Jordan comes close to this world-

wide average at 9.4 percent. An attack on poverty is vastly more successful if it also empowers poor people to take part in the national economy, and to shape their own lives, through education, health care, and participation in the decisions that affect them and their families. Education is a prime example. In El Salvador communities elect parents who are responsible for hiring and firing teachers and equipping and maintaining schools. Teacher and student absences have Africa region of the W Bank.

dropped sharply. In India a similar program is improving education for 50 million children. New census data show a steep drop in illiteracy. In Yemen, enrollment of girls has increased when communities have been involved in identifying needs and selecting school sites.

As more countries adopt these conditions for broad-based growth, donor countries have noted these changes and are supporting modest increases in foreign aid and reduction in trade barriers. After falling for nearly decade, official development assistance has begun to recover. Europe had announced and "Everything but Arms" initiative, which promises to scrap tariffs on all imports from the world's poor nations except for weapons. The US is moving to further open its market to imports from Africa and Latin America.

MNA is also opening up as evidenced by agreements being made under the Euro-Mediterranean initiative and a free trade zone between Jordan and the United States. On the other hand, MNA still faces significant barriers to its exports, particularly on agricultural commodities to the European Union. These restrictions are costly to the region's export development and

Rich countries can do more to demonstrate their commitment to the international development goals. Most highincome countries have endorsed the goal of increasing aid to 0.70 percent of GDP, form the current average level of 0.24 percent. This would generate \$100 billion more each year to help the world's poorest people help themselves. Removing tariff and non-tariff barriers could provide another \$100 billion a year in benefits to developing countries. And high income countries can offer a fair proposal on secondgeneration trade issues such as intellectual property rights. Designating the next round of global trade talks, due to be held in Oatar in November, a "Development Round," dedicated to improving the well being of the world's poor, would provide a salutary jolt to address these complex issues. The first part of the 21st century offers a rare window of opportunity. If devel-

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ECONOMY NEWS

Investment & Free Zones Authorities to Merge

The government is presently working on a proposal to integrate the Investment Authority and the Free Zones Authority. The project aims at avoiding duality of authority.

According to the official statistics, the General Investment Authority has licensed more than 3661 different kinds of investment projects since 1992. These are worth of 658 of million rials and have provided more than 119 thousand job opportunities. On the other hand, the Free Zones Authority has allocated US\$ 41305 million to execute a number of investment projects. In total, there have so far been 783 projects totaling US\$ 1,239,000,000 in Aden.

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Yemen Loses US\$ 6 Million daily because of Qat

"Yemen loses about US\$ 6 million each day because of chewing qat," said Ahmad Jaber Afeef, Chairman of the Anti-Qat Organization in course of a lecture last Friday. He added that the amount spent can be better utilized to finance development projects.

Factory Restored after 30 Years of Nationalization

The Yemeni government has given back a factory of beverages in Aden to its Saudi-Yemeni owners Al-Isaie Group, Ali Abdullah and Omar Qasem after 30 years of nationalization by the left government in 1972. The factory produces about 48,000,000 bottles of alcoholic drinks per year and employs 500 technicians and workers.

Sharjah Delegation Visits Yemen A business delegation from the emirate of Sharjah arrived in Yemen last week headed by first vice chairman of the Sharjah Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Mr. Mohammed Sultan b. Hwaiden. The visit aims at enhancing channels of cooperation between Yemen and Emirates in the fields of economy, tourism and industry.

Immigrants' Capital Investment in Yemen



Mahyoub Al-Kamali

ttracting Yemeni immigrants' capitals to invest in the country has been taking precedence in the government's agenda, which aims at encouraging the investment process to achieve substantial changes in the national economy. This is very significant as the amount is estimated at more than \$48 billion invested in banks and foreign companies. 65% of this capital is invested in the gulf countries, 20% in the Southern East of Asia and 15% in other countries.

Statistics issued by the Central Organization for Statistics maintain that immigrants' transfers met a big share of demands on hard currency to cover imports of different goods. In 1992, transfers reached 52% in the payment balance, in 1993 they reached 47,4%, in 1994 68,6%, in 1995 58,3% and in 1997 50%. This slashed the deficit in the trade balance and payment balance for the above mentioned years.

grants' transfers ran to more than \$ 65 banks or cooperation establishments billion. Out of this \$30 billion were transferred from Saudi Arabia. A sizeable share of these transfers was utilized to improve the living conditions of the people, houses, schools, build roads and develop the countryside. Economic studies confirm that Yemeni immigrants' capital can play an instrumental role in the investment process if they were attracted to the country, especially as the government encourages the private sector to invest in the Free Industrial Zone in Aden and in other agricultural and tourist

The same studies, however, stress the need to facilitate procedures and ease social difficulties impeding the setting up of partnerships between immigrants' capital and the local ones.

There are positive indications that the Yemeni immigrants' capital will have a major role in the investment process of the country. Licenses issued by the Investment Public Authorities indicate that about 80% of the investments licensed were from Yemeni immi-

Economists, on the other hand, see that conditions necessary to attract Yemeni immigrants' capital must be ensured first. The government could During the past three decades, immialso gather small savers in companies, ment in the country.

that can be funded by immigrants' capitals.

Hence, the existence of a stock market will do a great deal to facilitate procedures including immigrants' transfers. This will also help augment the investment process in an organized way based on relations of trust between parties of the stock market and owners of immigrant capital.

Studies conducted to survey the investment environment reveal the vital needs of Yemen for a stock market to meet demands of the investment process. By the immigrants can have an active role in the economic and social development process of the

In conclusion, difficulties impeding immigrants' investment in the country should be eased and overcome, including land disputes. Establishing industrial areas, carrying on feasibility studies on investment projects especially in the productive fields should also be considered.

Though official statistics on Yemeni immigrant capital are not yet over, immigrants' transfers show that there is a big economic potential which can be made use of to speed up investment and accelerate the economic develop-

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COMMON SENSE

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To Joshua Hacohen: Two Wrongs Do Not Make A Right

o start with, I would like to make it clear that what this column contains is solely the effort and thinking of its author and is not guided by any instructions, from either the owners of this paper or the Government of the Republic of Yemen. Moreover, this paper is well recognized for its independence and maverick reporting, and the Pulitzer Prize was given to it in recognition of its democratic idealism and independent coverage of events, without submitting to any influence, whether official or

The YT also welcomes comments from its readers wherever they are and notwithstanding the informal official interest they have in "following comments on the political situations", which to me sounds like obvious undercover work of some kind directly or indirectly linked to the International Zionist Establishment. Surely Mr. Hacohen's response to the article "What Zionism is All About", is not driven by "interest" alone, but rather a deep sense that what was entailed in the article mentioned touches the soft spot of Zionist hearts, if we can assume that such soft spots do exist in the Zionist mentality, which is based on hatred, arrogance and a lack of respect of all ethical and moral standards ordained over time.

While much of what Hacohen says should be considered hogwash, when viewed in the context of what Common Sense had to say, which Hacohen could not find any way of repudiating, except by delving into nonsense that was out of context and surely irrelevant to the issue dealt with by the Common Sense

On the other hand, we have heard all about the "wonderful democracy" that Israel likes to project itself as being. When such a democracy could only find a butcher like Sharon to rule it and a bigamist like "Rabbi Yousef to lead one of its important political parties, then we wonder how the claim to democracy and high moral standards comes from? In any case, we understand that the Common Sense article cited by Mr. Hacohen, was surely bound to be disturbing to the Zionist establishment because such material is not the kind of stuff that this establishment wishes to see in anything that can be read by Westerners, because it goes against all the lies and misrepresentations that the Zionist Establishment has depended upon to mislead the West in its views on Israel and the hogwash myths which the Israeli founders and supporters thrive on for their cause

On the other hand, we wish to assure our friendly foe that we in the Yemen Times need no prodding to express our disgust at the mischievous Zionist machine, and if there is any prodding that we are subjected to, it really comes from the Israelis themselves, by their continuous inhumane - not so neighborly treatment - of our brethren in Palestine, to say the least, which is now witnessed daily over the satellite television channels, and by the demagoguery preached by the likes of Rabbi Yousef, not to mention their naïve belief that they can go on lying to the rest of the world forever about their

As for the situation in the Arab World. we can assure Hacohen that if he had been following Common Sense for some time, as well as the Yemen Times, he will find that we have no comfort as to where the Arab World stands politically and have been outspoken in this regard, without fear of repression or being silenced, even though such threats are ominous. We are professional journalists that are guided by principles and strongly advocate the cause of democracy and the establishment of democratic institutions to manage our country's affairs, and are not in any way connected with the institutions of existing Arab political regimes, whether in Yemen or elsewhere in the Arab World, which has earned the Yemen Times its distinctive character of true independent journalism that takes into consideration only the public interest and the public aspirations of the Yemeni and Arab people, wherever they are, while at the same time not forgetting also our important spiritual links to all the Moslem

As for Yemen being "far away" from the "conflict zone", that might be something you ought to be thankful for, for if Yemen and the Yemenis were near that conflict zone, I can assure you that the likes of Sharon and Rabbi Yousef will be having sleepless nights trying to figure out how to overcome the fighting spirit and stamina of the Yemenis and the inability of the Zionist machine to make any headway against a people who despise suppression and conquest, as history clearly showed, and who hold a strong sympathy for

the suffering that their brothers in Palestine are undergoing by the Zionist mob that has been allowed to enter our midst. You should also bear in mind port of the global superpower, Israel may not be where it is today, if not out of the map altogether. The American people are bound to question their position in the area, once the American people become aware that their government's policy in the Middle East is worthy of a serious review, as their interest would dictate accordingly and in view of the lies and misrepresentamention that American tax dollars are being spent to support a demagogic bigamist machine that thrives on the implications, which is surely not in line with the paramount fundamental basis for advocating democracy and human

If there is one thing that can be assured of, it is that in time the Arab World will not stay as it is and that the Arabs in the street have a whole different conception on how their affairs should be managed and how an enemy like the Zionist state should be dealt with than the perceptions of their rulers, wherever they are. In fact you might consider Israel lucky for the Arabs not yet being developed politically in keeping with the true aspirations of the Arabs at the grassroots level and it would not be far fetched to say that Israel and the Zionist lobby works diligently to insure that the status quo of the Arabs politically is maintained, for things would be quite different otherwise, both for Israel and the rest of the world. Mind you these are the sole comments of the author and are indeed the reflections of his beliefs and visualizations of the situation in Palestine and in the rest of the Arab World.

Please do maintain your interest in Common Sense and the YT, and you will be surprised at how much we can say and what we can write.

that had it not been for the blind suptions by which the creation and existence of Israel is being projected, not to blood of its victims and the arrogance of muscle, without any regard to moral

According to a report released by the World Association of Newspapers, many journalists have been murdered in several countries and many others are still behind bars in some countries. The third of May is observed as the World Press Freedom Day. This day is devoted to commemorate the sacrifices made in the struggle for the freedom of the press and to put pressure on governments that continues to deny this basic human right. The message of this day is that journalists must be given the right to report freely in all corners of the world and about all different walks of life. It also marks a worldwide condemnation of regressive and oppressive regimes which still deny free expression. They also deny the freedom of the press as a fundamental human goal and try to silence journalists as well. It reminds us that free ideas, opinion and information, openly debated and discussions have to be tolerated, since they are a part of the most basic of human rights and the cornerstone of a democracy. In other words, freedom of expression and its corollary, freedom of the press, have to become a basic element of democratic societies. However, freedom of the press is not merely a basic human right enjoyed by journalists. Rather it plays a very

I would like in this context to quote the US Secretary of State, Colin Powell, who said in his speech to the American Newspaper Association on March 25, 2001. "America's hometown papers, whether large or small, chronicle the daily life of our nation, of our people.... Put it all together, and

important role in the accelerating

social and economic development.

Free Media Promotes Free Society community newspapers do not just tell the story of American freedom, (they) are that story." I would like also to quote the president of the World Bank, James Wolfensohn, who said: "A free press is not a luxury. A free press is at the absolute core of equitable development because if you cannot enfranchise poor people, if they do not have a right to expression, if there is no searchlight on corruption and inequitable practices, you can not build the public consensus needed to bring about change. Most striking, what sets the poor apart from the rich is a lack of voice."

> We, in Yemen, should not let this occasion pass unnoticed. We should celebrate this not for the sake of celebration as we always do on other occasions. But we should caution the government of its oppression against journalists. We should remind the people in authority that censorship still exists only in the dictionary of despots and dictatorial regimes. They should know that the most important detriment to freedom is the absence of criticism and that criticism is one of the vital elements of a democracy. We on this day, should give a loud call to stop all kinds of harassment to journalists and to the suspension or closing down of newspapers. Governments of oppressive mentalities and censorship should know well that they can not, in this digital era, stop or deny the people the free flow of information in as much as free media is an essential source of information that is at the core of a free

Finally, brave guys all over the world will continue resisting the abuse of power and "struggle to provide a platform for opposition to arbitrary rule." And as long as the determined people are there, the fight for press freedom will never let up. Happy days for all journalists all over the globe.

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

I am writing this letter to inform you that the Yemeni government is not doing everything in their power to turn Yemen from a poor uneducated country to a well-respected and wealthy country. Yemeni citizens are leaving Yemen every day due to a lack of jobs. The most educated Yemenis are not working in Yemen. They are working in the United States and other countries worldwide. If the Yemeni government would like to help Yemen improve socially and economically it must provide its citizens with better job training in order to improve their working skills.

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Dear Editor

Since we are approaching the eleventh anniversary of our unity, I would like to send you the best regards and compliments from all third level undergraduate students at the Aden College of Education. Let me take this opportunity to ask you a few questions. Firstly, why you don't pay at least a minimum of attention to writing about local and international sporting news in line with the overall political-economic and religious issues we are familiar with. We would like to read

about this in your news paper, especially with the increasing readership it has nowadays among the majority of undergraduate students in the English Department?

good intents and upholding of demo-

Secondly, can we write to you a well organized essay in order to be published as the others do? Finally, when will the Yemen Times be published twice or thrice a week instead of being published only once a week?

> Yours faithfully Adeeb Abdul Gabbar Aden College of Education, Third Year - Aden

More ink on paper

Human rights is one of the main subjects that are discussed widely throughout the world. In fact, this matter deserves all the care because of the bad situations, poverty, fear and suffering, in which the whole world lives. All countries represented by UN, consequently, announced in New york in 1998, the Declaration of Human Rights. All people throughout the world received the news happily and felt that the end of wars, sufferings and poverty would come very soon. They felt happy because giving everyone his rights lead to a world full of productivity, creativity and happiness. Unfortunately, the happiness of those

Letters to the Editor

people did not last long. Their happiness went with the wind after an awful crime was committed not only against the innocent boy, Mohammed Al-Dorrah, but also against all children throughout the world. This crime destroyed all prospects. What a pity! People are accustomed to hearing about crimes like this a lot. Al-Dorrah was not the only child who was killed in this awful way. There are hundreds of ordinary people, innocent women and children being killed every day in an unkindly manner. Yet, blindness and deafness dominate the world. Children of those innocent people of white hearts cry and sigh desperately as if they say 'What's our fault to suffer like this?!!' They cry and sigh waiting for the answer to echo of their Dear Editor, sounds. The answer comes back and tells them sadly: "don't bother yourselves because kind hearted people passed away and Human Rights is mere ink on paper."

Mohammed Mohammed Al-Malahi Faculty of Languages - English Department Level 2

Dear Editor.

I hesitated a lot to write to you but at last I assured myself that you'll not regret my letter.

In response to the article written by Mr. Jalal Al-Shara'abi issue No. 17 about Issues before Minister of Information. I would be happy if you allow me to say that Mr. Alawadhy is the right person in the right place and I am sure that he will change to the better as he did in the Saba Agency. But I have one thing to say to Mr. Al-Awadhi which is: Every body was happy for your choice as Information Minister, but don't disappoint your lovers and bend to the common problems and difficulties and not to reform

Your very truly Abdul Rahman Al-Moallimi P. O. Box: 92

Why don't you send copies of Yemen Times to Yemeni immigrants in the Netherlands to be in touch with their homeland? You could also send copies of old issues of your prestigious newspaper. If you could, please send us copies of the last issues to the Rotterdam-based Yemeni Youth Organization.

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Driving or Bullfighting!!



Tawfeek Al-Shara'abi Yemen Times

've been wondering how things are run in our country. Everything seems to go the other way; nothing adheres to law and order. What I want to spotlight here is the traffic laws and the reckless and devil-may-care driv-

Walking in streets has become a great risk. You can never feel secure to have a walk in any street. You have to walk with your eyes wide open lest a car should bang into you and make you a thing of the past. I really sympathize with parents who have their kids at schools. How do they feel as their children go to and come back from school

Despite traffic signs put in streets, drivers do not seem aware of them. Driving has become like "bullfighting". Drivers do not adhere to any traffic laws or any manners at all. They knowingly make their way through streets, shrugging off all traffic signs and manners. Everyone overtakes the other and shout, scream, and swear as if in a jungle and not in a civilized city. Some drivers come at a break-neck speed and are not satisfied until they have a "pretty, nice" collision, jeopardizing innocent civilians and pedes-

The sight of cars in any roundabout is

an illustration of this point. It shows three-way street you will see more than four cars in a row. The traffic officer is standing helplessly on his platform. Before the green light appears they move like rockets. Order seems to be a matter of no con-

cern to all. Even those who travel abroad and come back to the country are not different. They seem to forget all the manners of driving the time they step into the country and immediately join in the fight. I've many times expressed my anguish at this Pandemonium, more than once I have come to hear "You are in Yemen!"

What does it mean? Can't we ever be civilized and respect order? There is no meaning to the bumps in streets. They were made for the purpose of curbing these crazy drivers.

Traffic authorities share part of the blame as they does not bother to enforce traffic laws and regulations. Heavy and severe penalties have to be imposed on whoever violates the law. If this is heeded, there might be some

I have noticed that bumps have been removed from all streets in the city of Sana'a. Despite the fact that this is a good step, it can have a negative impact. Bumps are not the problem. Drivers driving in a risky manner not adhering to traffic laws are the problem. Hence, if the traffic authority pays no heed to this, it is better it removes all the traffic signs and cancels all traffic regulations to give credence to the saying "You are in Yemen!!!"





The World Press Freedom Day:

The Yemeni Press **Between Censorship** & Elastic Regulations



Jalal Al-Sharaabi Yemen Times

emen celebrated with the world the World Press Freedom Day on the 3rd of May after more than a decade has passed since its unity. This time the celebration is more vivid for it comes at a time journalists are celebrating the revival and activation of the role of their syndicate, as well as the appointment of Mr. Jamal Al-Awadhi, a wellknown journalist famous for his love and respect for Journalists and journalism, as Minister of Information.

The number of cases filed against newspapers has remarkably fallen down this year. However, this does not mean that there has been no rude interference by security elements, especially political security officers against newspapers and journalists. There has also been a development in the journalistic career. Scholars and researchers can go back to the beginning of the experience in 1990 to compare.

The legislations related to press and journalism in Yemen provide a wide margin for press freedom, but some limits are being sometimes imposed by some authorities. Many calls have been risen to remove and cancel a number of ambiguous articles in the press law since the issuance of the law in 1990. Many lawyers and journalists deplore the misinterpretations of the law which show no role of the authorities concerned and consequently make adoption of verdicts of religious leaders against newspapers and journalists easier. In 2000, a verdict was passed to whip two journalists for assaulting Sheikh Abdul Majeed Al-Zindani and another journalist was banned from writing for a year in addition to fining

him. It is to be stressed here that violations occur not because of some shortcomings in the law but are rather made be Sheikhs and other influential personalities. It has happened when some tribes attacked some newspaper's offices because of publishing what they did not like.

Press VS Censorship and the Ruler

A number of cases have been filed against some of opposition and official newspapers. The previous year witnessed a heated argument between the GPC and its old ally, the Islah, over the Al-Thaqafiah newspaper which republished a story by Mohammed Abdulwali. Some leaders in the Islah party said that the story included what was described as anti-God statements. Similarly, Al-Hikmah magazine which is published by the Yemeni Authors Union was brought to court for publishing another story said to abuse God's identity. The Al-Osbu Independent newspaper was blocked by the PSO for more than 8 hours and the distributor as well as the representative of the paper were held captive. The Ministry of Information also blocked temporarily the issue No. zero of the Human Rights newspaper under the pretext of not being notified about the issuance. The Al-Shomu newspaper is still under trial procedures following a case filed by the Ministry of Information. Its Editor-in-Chief had spent two days in prison last April. A case has been also filed against Abdulkareem Al-Khiwani, chairman of the Political Office of the Al-Haq party and Editor-in-Chief of Al-Ommah newspaper for publishing an article about Adam, the anatomist at the Faculty of Medicine which was said to have assaulted a number of government officials. There are also other cases against the Al-Wahdawi, the Al-Thawri, etc., newspapers.

Local, Regional and International Calls for More Press Freedom

On the occasion of the World Press Freedom Day, many organizations concerned with press freedom called upon government to protect the press from any violations. A press release by the Arab Journalists Union urged upon government to protect journalists and to bring an end to the illegal arrest campaigns against them. A release by Journalists San Frontiers condemned a lot of activities and practices against journalists such as imprisonment. Another release in New York stated that more than 1000 journalists died last year.

The Yemeni Journalists Syndicate issued last year a report containing detailed information on the restrictions imposed on journalists, the cases filed against them and the violations of the Yemeni press. All previous releases urged for the creation of a suitable environment for journalistic activities as well as making information accessible to journalists.

Yemeni Press in the Reports of **Amnesty International**

The Amnesty International Report for 2000 mentions a number of violations and harassment as practiced against some journalists. It indicated arresting some journalists. In 1999 a number of newspapers were suspended. Similarly, the Report for 1999 listed a number of similar violations against the opposition and independent newspapers. However, such reports are not as accurate as they should be, for they usually contain violations by official organizations or personalities which are not as important as those ignored ones.

According to the Amnesty International Report for 1999, 2000, 2001 the organization has sent many letters to the Yemeni government in this regards to which it has not received any response.

Hodeidah: Picture of Beauty & Misery

Yaser M. Ahmad Yemen Times, Hodeidah

odeidah, 226km away from Sana'a, is located on the coast of the Red Sea. It is the biggest town in Tehamah. The name Hodeidah was coined after a lady's name "Hodeidah". She was a coffee owner, and prepared coffee and dinner for fishermen and whoever came to the village at the time.

In 1455 during the reign of Amer bin Abdulwahab al-Tahri, ships started to anchor in Hodeidah. Then, it was frequently attacked by the Egyptians and then by the Turks. The Turks made it the base to invade the whole country in 1872. In 1881, the first wharf was established by the Turks .

In 1911, Hodeidah was attacked by the Italian navy while during 1915 and 1919 it was bombarded by the British . In 1934, Saudi forces invaded the

Hodeidah: Strategic Location

Hodeidah has a strategic location on the Red Sea Coast. There are many forts and castles in the town and in the nearby villages which stand in testimony of the attacks the town was subjected to. There are more than 33 forts, the oldest of which being Kamaran which dates back to 620. Some of the biggest of these castles and forts are al-Lehiah, Zabid, Bait al-Fakih and al-Mahjam. From time immemorial, Hodeidah was an important trade center like the other ports of Aden, al-Makha and al-Shaher. It was also an important tourist center too. There are many tourist sites. The town is surrounded by forests the most important of which being the Bara'a forest occupying more than 200 km2. It is a resort of many rare birds, wild animals and strange plants.

al-Hassnabah town is considered one of the most fertile lands in Yemen. It is famous for Mango and cotton plantations. Bait al-Fakih and al-Mansoorah are famous for fruit production. Zabid is another agricultural and archeological area. Zabid is also known as the town of science and scholars.

Simple Way of Life:

People in Hodeidah have traditionally

lead a simple life. They are very friendly and kind. They are poor also. Difficulties of life have affected all the people in Hodeidah, especially those living on the coast. People living in agricultural areas including Zabid, Husainiah and Bait al-Fakih are in better living conditions.

Multi-Means Transportation:

People use many different modes for transportation including donkeys, motorcycles and cars. Motorcycles are the preferred

means of transportation. However, motorcyclists do not adhere to the traffic laws making a chaos of the whole thing. Accidents have increased remarkably due to devil-may care motorcyclists. Many visitors find it difficult to move swiftly inside the town. Motorcycles are also a source of disturbance for the residents of the town.

Miserable Zones:

Most of the returnees from the Gulf countries during the Gulf crisis have settled in small areas. Due to their hard economic conditions, they were ostracized in these areas. Al-Salakhana is one of these areas. Most of their houses are made of zinc and wood. Other areas are rampant with diseases. They are leading a miserable life as they had no means to earn a living. Even if they could find jobs, they were poorly paid. Hence a good number of them took to the streets.

Thursday Misery:

Many poor people take to streets as beggars. However, on Thursday their number swells. Hence, Thursday has become a real problem for shop own-

Markets in Hodeidah:

Sana'a Street is the first main road you see as you enter Hodeidah. It ends up at al-Sha'ab Park, a remarkable attrac-



tion to Hodeidah. There are some markets including al-Metrak and al-Hunood which consists of small shops selling necessities.

Bab Mushtarif is a popular crowded market. The most beautiful thing in it is the sellers of jasmine.

Hodeidah Coasts:

Hodeidah, otherwise known as the bride of the Red Sea, has magnificent coasts. However, it is a pity these coasts are neglected and not utilized properly. If they are properly utilized, living conditions of the people can be improved.

Coasts are filthy. They have become a shelter for dogs and other animals. Garbage is spread every where. The calamity is that these coasts are now used for diverting sewage water as pumps are pumping sewage water from some streets to these coasts. Cornish established in the coast is not completed yet, neither are there any public services.

Hodeidah is a beautiful tourist town. However, there are lots of problems agitating the people including the hard economic conditions, absence of strict traffic regulations curbing the evergrowing rate of accidents, high costs of electricity, etc. We do hope the authorities concerned will heed and take constructive steps to solve these

JOB VACANCY

The American Embassy announces for a job vacancy "Visa clerk" within the consular section.

Workweek schedule: (full time: 40 hours per week)

Grade/Salary: The minimum starting annual gross salary for the full-performance level for this position is YR 880,391 of which forty percent is paid in USD.

Who may apply: All Foreign Nationals, Eligible Family Members, or resident American citizens,

Major Duties and Responsibilities:

Prescreens diversity visa cases for the adjudicating officer's action, ensuring that all necessary documentation is present and properly arranged and that forms are properly completed.

Opens related mail for processing; pulls for processing; pulls files for appointments and forward them for appropriate action. Files cases in accordance with standard office filling procedures. Issues immigrant visas upon authorization, including printing the visa and collating the visa packet. Becomes familiar with standard documents of third country nationals applying for diversity immigrant and prepares specimen file of genuine documents. Reviews cases sent from the National Visa Center for duplication. completion and fraud indicators. Develops appropriate tests and questions to determine eligibility of third country nationals without documents.

Provides guidance to applicants in person and by phone as o required procedures; responds to routine inquiries concerning IV, especially DV, cases and procedures. Prepares correspondence and reports related to issuance of diversity immigrant visas. Translates and interprets as required by the officer.

Prepares materials and devises strategies for publicizing the DV program. Performs other duties as required by the supervisor of officer.

Qualifications:

Education: completion of secondary school is required.

Prior Work Experience: From two to two and one-half years of experience in office clerical work, preferably involving contact with the public is required.

Language Proficiency: Level III (good working knowledge) of both English and Arabic is

Ability: Ability to type. Level I (good skills in typing) is required. Basic computer skills; experience with databases and Microsoft Office is desirable.

How to apply: Interested applicants should complete Of-612 (Application Form for employing Foreign Nationals) or SF-171 (Application for Employment with the US Government) or a current C.V. attached with certificates and recommendation letters, and contact the Embassy Personnel Office, American Embassy, Dhahr Himyar Street, Sanaa. Tel. 303-155.



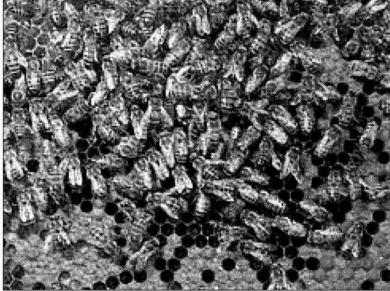
Honey Bee Culture in Wadi Hadramout

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oney bee keeping as an agricultural activity, and means of livelihood among rural agricultural communities in Yemen, has a deep root throughout the history, with a very old and rich tradition. Bees and honey in Yemen have figured in folklore and legends similar to those in other countries. The Arabs and European tourists are generally familiar with Hadramout honey as a distinctive, precious gift from Yemen. It is a part of our heritage. Bees in Wadi Hadramout are nurtured mainly for the production of honey; but on a narrow scale bees are regarded as pollinators among the seed growers as well.

The honey bee keeping in Hadramout is generally a full or part time profession, with holdings up to several hundred hives. Traditional methods of bee keeping are still maintained. But unfortunately, the pattern of crop protection in Hadramout is at an exploitation phase involving small scale mono cultures with an intensive pesticide control program on some commercial crops. The misuse of pesticide still poses hazard to the bee keeping industry, which presents evidence of chemical layers in pollen supply. The colonies are weakened to such an extent that they are no longer productive or effective pollinators. However, the continuous demand for logs, for mud house contraction from the natural habitat, urbanization, drought, desert encroachment, are the causes leading to this situation.

Such factors have reduced the extent of plants and trees needed to provide nectar and pollen through out the year. There have been numerous reports from bee keepers about the continuous recession of the honey bee industry attributed to the factors affecting the production level. Of late the honey bee centers in the neighboring gulf states have been complaining about the marketing of adulterated honey under Hadramout brand by some Asian peddlers. Based upon the complaints of farmers, Hadramout University of Science and Technology hosted the first symposium 2001 on honey bee Apis, sp., and forage zizyphus sp., under the patronage of the former Prime Minister Dr. Abdul Karim Al-Eryani, from 22 to 24 March 2001. At the beginning of the opening ceremony on the behalf of ex-prime minister, the minister of agriculture in his brief speech, indicated the importance of adopting environmentally safe methods in controlling pests as a crucial agricultural strategy for the coming decades. Symposium 2001 was the first of its kind at both the local and Arab world level. Papers and posters were presented by researchers in the presence of farmers, bee keepers, and scientists. The papers discussed topics relevant to the honeybee, pests and effective safe environmental methods of control devised by both Yemenresearchers and Arab participants from neighboring countries. Some papers discussed the problems existing in the



area and suggested ways of tackling them. At the end of the symposium some recommendations were made to overcome some of those adverse effects. These are summarized below:

To reduce the adverse effect of pollen and nectar shortages through out the year, trees and flowering plants must be planted around the boundaries of farms and on the embankment of irrigation canals and streets.

2. The farmers, the bee keepers, the pest control advisors and pesticide applicator should co-operate closely to minimize the harmful effects to those

Volatile oil extract of Thymus sp., Eucalyptus sp., and Rosmarinus as an alternative to a caricide, proved to be effective against varroa spp.

4. The local authorities in coopera-

tion with the agriculture research centers should encourage the farmers to adopt modern bee hives culture sys-

5. In cases, where the break out of insect population is reported, the use of pesticide is indispensable as the only practical control measure. The pesticide should be mixed with a strong honey bee repellent and the bee keeper must be notified prior to the applica-

6. Local authorities should increase the public awareness about the benefits of the honey bee.

7. The local authorities, in cooperation with environmental organizations, should frame laws and regulations to protect the bio diversity of flora and fauna of valuable species in their natural habitats.

OPHTHALMIC EDUCATION VISION 2020 The Right To Sight – PART 2

University of Science & Technology, Sana'a pamashmus@y.net.ye very 5 seconds one person in our world goes blind and a child

goes blind every minute. If national and international efforts to avert blindness are not intensified, the number of people with severe visual disability will double by the year 2020. Our mission is to eliminate the main causes of blindness in order to give all people in the world, particularly the millions of needlessly blind, the right

Leading causes of blindness

- 1. Cataract
- Trachoma
- Onchocerciasis
- Childhood Blindness

Ibn Al-Haitham Clinic

Nutritional Blindness Refractive Errors and Low Vision

An estimated 20 million people in the world today are blind from cataract and five times that number are already in need of a cataract operation to restore

Cataract, a clouding of the lens of the eye which obstructs the passage of light, Africa and Asia, cataract accounts for at least half of all blindness.

Cataract has different origins: occasionally some children can be born with the condition, and a cataract may develop after eye injuries. However, most cases are related to the ageing process.

As people in the world live longer, the number of people with cataract is growing. The treatment of cataract is an operation, which is very successful in restoring sight. Such operations are being performed in developing countries by international blindness agencies. Reducing the backlog of cataractblind requires training of ophthalmic personnel and the provision of surgical supplies, which Vision 2020 will make possible.

2. TRACHOMA

Trachoma is one of the oldest infectious diseases known to mankind. It is responsible, at present, for 15% of the world's blindness. Worldwide there are about 6 million people irreversibly blinded by trachoma and an estimated 146 million cases of active disease in need of treatment.

Today, trachoma is found mainly in poor rural areas of Africa, some countries in the Eastern Mediterranean and Asia, and certain parts of Central and South America. Trachoma is still present in China and India and continues to affect

Trachoma is caused by Chlamydia Trachomatis - a microorganism which spreads through contact with eye discharge from the infected person (on towels, handkerchiefs, fingers, etc.) and through transmission by eye-seeking flies. After years of repeated infection, the inside of the eyelid may be scarred so severely that the eyelid turns inward and the lashes rub on the eyeball, scarring the cornea. If untreated, the condition leads to blindness.

3. ONCHOCERCIASIS

It is a common sight in Africa to see children and adult family members blinded by onchocerciasis.

Onchocerciasis is often called "river blindness" because the black fly which transmits the disease abounds in fertile riverside areas, which frequently remain uninhabited for fear of infection. As a public health problem, the disease is most closely associated with West and Central Africa, and it is also prevalent in Yemen and 6 countries in Latin America.

Onchocerciasis has in the past greatly reduced the economic productivity in infected areas and left vast tracks of arable land abandoned. Much progress has been made in fighting the disease in several countries through control of the black-fly. The combined effort of the World Health Organization, nongovernmental organizations and Vision 2020, will be effective in eradicating

Vision 2020 aims to prevent an additional 100 million men, women and children from becoming blind by the year 2020.

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Drug Trade & the Absent of a Drug Fund

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rug trading is one of the most profitable activities, whose revenues exceed 200%. If drugs are legally imported or the percentage is even higher. Since we have accepted the policy of an open market, it has consequently led to the spread of the private sector activities in the importation of drugs. In this context we urge upon the Ministry of Health to exercise its authority to limit exploitation of patients by drug traders, especially those who suffer from chronic diseases which require continuous treatment. The Ministry or the Drug Company, in which the government is a shareholder can shoulder, the responsibility of importing drugs of chronic diseases and offer them at reasonable prices. Once I read about the

Drug Fund which is an organ of the Ministry of Health, which one of its responsibilities was to make available high quality drugs at reasonable prices. If this happens, it will do patients a great service. It is also necessary to stress the importance of the role of monitoring and inspection in this regard. Monitoring of the government laboratories entrusted with testing imported drugs to make sure of their quality in accordance with the measures and standards set by the WHO is extremely important. The great responsibility attached on the Drug Fund and Laboratories necessitates availability of a well qualified, honest cadre. At the same time the government must ensure a better job condition for them. Some drug traders tend to bribe people in charge of these sensitive units to overlook flaws in their imported goods. This can be avoided if the financial situation of the cadre is improved.

Immunization in Yemen



Ismael Al-Ghabiry Yemen Times

mmunization is one of the most cost-effective health interventions, and form an essential component of PHC.

The principal target group are newlyborn children who are protected against seven-vaccine-preventable diseases: diphtheria, whopping cough, tetanus, poliomyelitis, tuberculosis, measles, and hepatitis B. In 1987, the northern part of the country had one of the lowest immunization rates in the world with less than 25 percent of the children being immunized. The following year a country-wide immunization workshop was organized that aimed at preparing and implementing a child immunization program. The mechanism used to carry out the program focused on a decentralized and vertical approach at the governorate level. Planning and implementation were left to regional health directors while MOPH was responsible for supplies, social mobilization, monitoring and evaluation. A number of international agencies, notably UNICEF and WHO, and bilateral donors assisted the program by way of supplying hardware and software, including vehicles, vaccines, cold chain equipment and technical assistance.

For the success of any program of such dimensions, local support and community participation is most vital. This support was made available by the Governor of each governorate who mobilized political and community participation through meetings with tribal chiefs and local leaders. Efforts were focused on designated target groups with due regard to their specific needs, traditional attitudes and aspirations. Information on the program and its potential benefits were disseminated to the people in a language they could understand, using a variety of mass media and community channels, besides inter-personal communication. A national plan of action was prepared that included regional targets, social mobilization activities, training programs, reporting and monitoring systems, cold chains, logistics deployment. Immunization schedules were drawn up for the first, second and third round and implementation proceeded largely as planned. As a result, national immunization levels in the North rose dramatically to about 60 to 80 percent by 1990, more or less matching the standard that had already been achieved in the South. After the initial backlog had been cleared, the important issue was to sustain a high

level of coverage for children

follow-up either through repeated national programs as the one in 1989/90, or through a more continuous program of immunization through the existing PHC network (integrated approach). Unfortunately, the economand political problems during the first half of the 1990s prevented another national program while integrated programs through the PHC system remained weak. As a result, national immunization levels dropped to less than 30 percent by 1996-97. Through observation of National Immunization Day to eradicate polio which started in 1996 and concentrated hard work to improve immunization coverage, the MOPH managed to reach 72% nationwide coverage by the end of 1999. This was achieved by support given by WHO, UNICEF and other donors and partners. Policy makers may have to resume national programs while, at the same time, strengthening the immunization capability of the PHC system. Both approaches would need the support of an active health education program. Strengthening the immunization function of existing PHC facilities requires trained health workers, especially females, vaccines and refrigeration facilities as well as effective surveillance of pregnancies and births. Immunization of infants is an impor-

tant aspect of the broader issue of mother and child heath care (Reproductive Health). Mothers and infants are the most vulnerable population group and are facing severe health risks during delivery and in the pre and post-natal periods. In Yemen, these risks translate into high mortality rates; for mothers it is estimated to be 9 to 14 per thousand live births, and for infants about 80 per thousand live births. In addition, there is a high incidence of morbidity among mothers and young children.



The underlying causes are malnutrition, frequent pregnancies, exposure to endemic diseases, lack of proper pre and post-natal care, complications during pregnancy, and hazardous delivery conditions. Most births take place at home, almost all of them helped by traditional birth attendants or female family members. Only about one in eight women are delivered by qualified medical personnel. Most deliveries take places in an insanitary environment, causing fatal post-natal infections including tetanus.

To deal with these problems, more MCH facilities are needed and their quality would have to be upgraded. At this point, only about 20 percent of the PHC facilities are offering MCH services. Moreover, MCH care is often weak and suffers from inadequate training of health workers and shortage of supplies. Improving the situation requires a major effort to strengthen pre and post-natal care, reduce the risks of deliveries, and provide infants and small children with better health care. In addition, there is need for counseling on family planning to reduce fertility rates and prolong birth spacing.

Major components of prenatal care are physical examination of pregnant women, their immunization against tetanus, and advice on nutrition to expectant mothers. Deliveries should be conducted under aseptic conditions either at some or at a PHC facility in the presence of a trained birth attendant, (community midwives). Post natal care involves physical check-ups, advice on breast feeding and nutrition, lactation and weaning practices. Infants require immunization, monitoring of growth, detection of anemia and vitamin deficiency, and treatment of early childhood diseases of the digestive and respiratory system. Referral facilities and transport are needed for emergency cases.

VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) is inviting applications for

Sr. Prog. Assist. for UNCDF.

This position is open for Yemeni Nationals Only

Past activities of the United Nations Capital Development Fund (UNCDF) in the country have been focused on infrastructure for poverty alleviation. There are currently three UNCDF projects, which should be completed by the end of 2001. It is anticipated that the thrust of the UNCDF programme in Yemen will be "micro-finance" and "local

Duties & Responsibilities include:

- Contribute to the development of the UNCDF programme in the country through the organization of data/information collection and analysis, and the identification of the necessary national and international expertise;
- Monitor programme implementation through planning and close follow up of technical/substantive and financial programme matters;
- Undertake field visits and prepare status reports;
- Maintain accurate records of projects/programmes and important sectoral/thematic development;
- Liaise with national authorities, donors, NGOs and other stakeholders on matter pertaining to the UNCDF portfolio.

Oualifications:

The incumbent must have a university degree and at least five years experience in various aspects programme/project management with an international organization. She/he must have excellent English speaking and writing abilities and communication/inter-personal skills. She/he must be fully conversant with popular office software (Word, Excel in particular).

Interested candidates are requested to send their applications with detailed curriculum vitae (CV) to the UNDP office no later than 15 May 2001 in a sealed envelope marked (Sr. Prog. Assist. - UNCDF). Acknowledgement will only be sent to short listed applicants that meet the requirements of the post.



Folklore Band of Abyan



Saleh Abdulbaqi Yemen Times

he governorate of Abyan is very rich in folklore works. These include a verity of dances, songs, etc. In my recent visit to Abyan I met with Mr.. Salem Al-Moaqed, Director of the Folklore Band of Abyan who elaborated the different activities of the band. "Many artistic works have not been given their due attention," he said. In his speech about the Folklore Band of Abyan he said that it employed 20 members. It was established in 1980. The band performs more than 60 different dances and each dance has its own flavor. Most important among these dances are the following:

Al-Meehah Dance

This is one of the most popular dances in Abyan. It is also called 'Al-Zaqwah' or 'Al-Kilfasah' and is more common inside the women community, especially during the wedding nights as a way to express joys and happiness for the bride. The main musical tool accompanied this traditional dance is the drum or 'Al-Mirwas'. Al-Meehah is not restricted to this area for it is also as mush popular as here in Shaqrah at the east of Zinjubar which is also famous for 'Al-Dahif' dance which depends on a heavy nomadic scale.

Al-Dahif Dance

It is an open public dance which is initiated by the tone of Abyan's Dan as sung by a singer. The singer concludes his singing by a couple of verse then another singer or poet speaks another couple of verse in a way similar to the poetic contest. The dance is accompanied by the beating of two large drums placed in the middle of the dance ring. The dance begins with a couple of a man and a woman and then more couples are exchanged. As the dance ends, singers conclude it with the same tone of the Abyani tone. This dance is more popular in Shaqrah, Zinjubar, Al-Koud and Al-Musaimeer.

Nomadic Dance

This a dance performed by nomads in the rural areas and is usually accompanied by a drum and a pipe.

Al-Razhah

The same name is also their in Luhj but the style is different. In this dance an equal number of dancers from both







sex, usually 6x6 or 8x8. The difference with Luji dancers is that a dancer emerges from the raw of dancers and turns around himself.

This is a religious type of dance that is believed to be brought be the Abyssinians. It is performed by a female dancer who with the beats of a drum starts performing emotional poses. As the dance continues the dancer abandons herself to a devilish movements in a hysterical manner.

The band participated in a many local as well as foreign occasions. In 1989 and 1995 it performed in Moscow, in 1992 and 1997 it took part in the Babylon Festival and in 1998 was among the participants in the Ismailiah

Festival in Egypt. Tens of the band's artistic works have been recorded by the Yemen Space Channel while still there are more then 80 works unrecorded. Thanks to Ahmad Obadi who has been preserving these works since his youth and who is considered the only reference to such works in the city. We hope that the authorities concerned will cooperate with him to record what remains before they are lost. Certainly, the band needs to:

- record their work and show them to the public.
- pay more attention to its members who has been working in the band for more tan 17 years without being officially employed, and
- unified uniforms for the different

Sana'a Water and Sanitation **Local Corporation**

Project Management Unit (PMU) Sana'a Sanitation Networks Project

Invitation for the Pre-Qualification of Bidders for the Construction of Sana'a Sanitation Networks Project Phase I

- The Sana'a Water and Sanitation Local Corporation (SWSLC), Project management Unit (PMU), has received a loan from the Arab Fund to finance the implementation of Sana'a networks project. The SWSLC-PMU, performed a first round of pre-qualification of contractors for the construction of Urgent Areas in the project. The qualification of contractors who were found qualified for the construction of these areas will be considered qualified for the other parts of the project. To make it possible for other Contractors to enter the competition to implement the other parts of the project, the SWSLC-PMU decided to perform second and last round of pre-qualification. Therefore, SWSLC-PMU invites interested bidders experienced in the construction of sewerage networks, to apply for prequalification, which is open to local and international firms and voluntarily formed joint ventures between two firms or more.
- The project includes supply and construct uPVC sewerage networks with diameters ranging from 160 mm to 600 mm. The total length of the Sanitation networks is expected to be about 460 km.
- Eligible contractors of first class grade according to top classification in their countries with sound experience in sewerage networks construction may obtain the pre-qualification documents from SWSLC-PMU, Republic of Yemen – Sana'a, at the address noted below, starting the date of publishing this notice at newspapers. The documents will be available for a non-refundable fees of two hundred US Dollars (US\$200) in cash.
- The application must be submitted by hand in sealed envelopes, and clearly stated on the envelop "Application for Pre-Qualification for the Construction of Sana'a Sanitation Networks Project - Phase I", also the name of company and address including Tel. And Fax. No. should be stated clear. The application will not be accepted under any circumstances later than 12:00 noon Local time, 20th May 2001.

Sana'a Water and Sanitation Local Corporation Project Management Unit (PMU), Tel: 326188, Fax: 326204 Al-Jeraf, Airport Road, Opposite to Telecommunication Corporation. Sana'a, Republic of Yemen

Yemeni-French Cultural Activities Held in Taiz

Farook al-kamali Yemen Times

emeni-French cultural activities were held during 1-3 May at the Cultural Center Hall. activities are organized within the framework of the cultural season activities of the Faculty of Arts, Taiz university.

Activities included songs, Yemeni-French dances conducted by students of French in Taiz and Dhamar Universities. Activities included acts of plays demonstrating the role of women police in the society. The

Yemeni singer Jaber Ali Ahmad played the lute. Ebtesam al-Mutawakel, a poet, recited some of her poems while the couple maline, two French nationals, sang some French

Luon, the French band, and Mass, Yemeni band, presented some French and Yemeni songs.

In the winding up ceremony creative students from Taiz, Dhamar and Aden universities were honored. A plastic art, traditional Yemeni clothes and Yemeni-French meal exhibitions were also organized.

The two tourists, Oliver Ginay, German, and Loghabago, French, set out in their glider flying from al-

A'aroos, the highest peak in Saber Mountain, 320m in height.

Cultural activities will continue including scientific and literary seminars. A day is defined for students of the English department to hold their activities

On the other hand, an exhibition for art and heritage is held on the hall of al-Sha'ab school by Dia. Another exhibition for school activities and traditional clothes was held by Taiz schools in collaboration with some handicapped

The exhibition aims at developing talents in arts, drawing, decoration, handicrafts, and local industries, besides other Yemeni cultural activities.

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Human Resources Supervisor

A qualified Human Resources Supervisor is required in our Masila Block Operation Hadramout Govt. Yemen. This job will be based on rotational schedule (28 days on / 28 days off).

Work Performed:

- a. Supervise the activities of assigned personnel in the Human Resources Section
- Liaises with the company's union representatives on labor relations issues.
- Provides coaching and advice to line managers regarding human resources policies and procedures.
- d. Supervises the recruiting activities for Field positions.
- e. Coordinates Emergency medical Fund policy.
- Coordinates the service award program for Nationals.
- Participates in Human Resources policy development and interprets policy as it applies to national
- Participates in and implements Human Resources initiatives and projects as required.
- Develops and delivers presentations to managers regarding Human Resources initiatives and programs. Attends and participates in Human Resources meetings to review and discuss employee relations matters,
- progress in recruitment, and policy and procedure improvements pertaining to general Human Resources.
 - Advises management on Yemen's cultural.
 - Carries out other similar or related duties as required.

Minimum Requirements:

- Bachelors degree in Business Administration or equivalent.
- 5 years' Human Resources experience, including labor relations.
- Computer skills including Word and Excel.
- Very good knowledge of written & spoken English.

If you have the above requirements, please send your CV to the following address not later than may 18, 2001.

Canadian Nexen Petroleum Yemen **Human Resources** P. O. Box 15137 Sana'a, Republic of Yemen Fax No. 01-269899 Attention: Senior Supervisor, Human Resources

- Please provide a direct contact No. where you can be reached.
- Please don't call us. We will phone you if you are chosen for the test and interview.

Warm Reception to the Indian Soccer team

Dr Ramakanta Sahu

nder the aegis of the Indian Embassy Club, Sana'a, the touring Indian football team which played a match with Yemen in Sana'a on Friday, 4 May was given a rousing reception at Taj Sheba Hotel. His Excellency Mr. Mohinder Singh Suman, Ambassador of India to Yemen welcomed the team and presented each member with a memento as a token of goodwill. Prof. Damodar Thakur, President of the club

in his remarks lauded the brilliant teamwork and exemplary sportsman spirit of the Indian team. The fact that the match was a draw symbolized that the team avoided either obsessive elation at success or profound depression at loss, thereby presenting a friendly gesture of equality and brotherhood. On behalf of Mr. Kunshik, Chief of Arabian Group of Companies; Mr. Bhatia, Chief of the CocaCola group; Mr. Mehta, Manager of Taj Sheba Hotel and the Embassy Club, Prof. Thakur offered his thanks to the members of the team as well as of the audi-

ence for the dynamic togetherness. Mr. Mohammad Shamsuddin, Chief of the Delegation, profusely thanked the organizers of the memorable evening for their kind gesture of goodwill and warm sendoff to the team. Other prominent members of the delegation included Mr. Nasser Ali (Manager), Mr. Sukhvinder Singh (Chief Coach), Krishnaji Rao (Technical Director), Dr. Ramesh (Team Doctor), Mr. Brahmananda (Assistant Coach), and Mr. Taichung Bhutia (Captain). The team left for Bombay next morning enroute to Bahrain.

Improve Your English



Dr. Ramakanta Sahu Associate Professor College of Education, Mahweet

I. What to say

Working Conditions

Hassan: Hi, Nabil. You look so cheerful after you joined your new job. It must be wonderful.

Nabil: Yes. Hassan. You have guessed it right. I have a lot more professional satisfaction in this new

job than the previous one. Tell me about your working conditions. Hassan:

I work from 9 in the morning to 5 in the evening, Monday through Friday, with an hour for lunch from 1 pm to 2 pm. But work in my job can change a lot. Sometimes I may start around breakfast time and finish late in the

Hassan: That's quite long. Isn't it?

Yes. Sometimes I have to work long hours. But 5. the salary is very good. That compensates for the hard work.

Hassan: What abut perks?

Well. We have fringe benefits like free medical checkups, free transport to and from office, one month's salary as gratuity for every completed year of service, and round trip travel 5. A soft, gentle wind.

Hassan: Oh, pretty attractive terms. How is your boss and how are the colleagues?

Nabil: My boss is an excellent human being, although a hard task master. He is a well organized person himself and appreciates creativity. It's, indeed, a pleasure and privilege to serve him. In fact, it's an invaluable learning experience for me to work with him. He is a model of precision and professionalism. My colleagues are all warm, friendly, understanding and cooperative.

Hassan: I should consider you lucky to have such an enviable environment and work culture.

Indeed. Well. Now tell me about your work. Hassan: You know I joined a private company as a manager only recently. My job as a manager is very hard. I work hard all day. I'm always very

busy. I start work at 7 in the morning. That's very early. When does the work finish? Hassan: At 7 in the evening

That's very late. What about pay? Must be high commensurate with your qualifications,

experience and long hours of work. Hassan: Yes. It's quite attractive. Nabil:

Holidays? Do you have any free time or not? Hassan: Yes, of course. We, too, have a five day week. Besides, we enjoy three weeks paid holidays in

Nabil: Not bad. Hassan:

This is the take-off phase for the concern. We are working as a team to take it to a height of

Excellent. Wherever one is, one should work with passion and professionalism and contribute to the sustained growth of the firm. Let's strive for the very best in our fields of

Hassan: Insha Allah.

II. How to say it correctly

Correct errors, if any, in the following sentences.

- He ran fastly so that he could catch the bus. My dear, you must not have spoken that.
- I can not accept your challenge, you are too strong.
- A doctor should do everything possible to save a
- 5. Had he worked hard, he might have passed.

Solutions to last week's questions

- You needn't go there personally, just send someone.
- Would you care for a glass of milk?
- You need not go to college today. The teachers are on
- I went to him so that I might warn him of the danger.
- We eat so that we may live.

III. How to express it in one word

- Small shop selling women's clothes, cosmetics, etc.
- Refuse to have anything to do with.
- System of writing and reading for blind people.
- First meal of the day.

Answers to last week's questions

- Lowest part of anything, inside or outside: bottom
- Large piece of rock that has been rounded by water or weather: boulder
- Line that marks a limit: boundary
- Bunch of flowers carried in the hand: bouquet
- Persons of the middle class of the society: bourgeois

IV. Rewrite according to the instructions given in brackets

- Can anything take the place of a mother's love and care? (write a single word for the italicized part)
- More than a hundred thousand people died of -Ethiopia. (Fill in the blank with a word related to
- A society cannot really progress if there are too many people in it. (Fill in the blank with a word opposite in meaning to *honest*)
- her that she didn't suffer from any disease. (Fill in the bland with a word which means to remove fear or doubts)
- is used to measure temperature. (Fill in the blank with the correct word)

Answers to last week's questions

A chemist sells medicines

A nurse looks after sick people

A mechanic repairs machines

An engineer designs machines

An author writes books

grows crops A farmer

A librarian takes care of books

A pilot flies airplanes

V. Words of wisdom

'It's vain to quarrel with our destiny'

-Thomas Middleton



Nabil:

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YOUTH FORUM



Time's Clarion Calls

We live for our goals Not for fun.. For completing our run And all desired changes Will always be done

Time is flying The clock can't be put back And we must strive To reach the stars.

Starting a new life With the spirit of angels Will erase all spites. Will light all darks And make things right.

Time cannot. Make us satisfied... Or to live alone In our own

It's like the bird that flies With no goal to guide.

I'll keep searching for that single Which will guide me far. Far away... In that far sky. Until I find

The place of the final rest.

And then I'll say: Goodbye

No flowers in winter... There is only cold ice.. That freezes and hurts... Make gardens turn deserts

We do believe in hope Which will give us the strength To rebuild and gain To restart again.

And that warm sun will come To melt away that ice... And instead of despair We all will say: Let's make a fresh start.

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A Soldier

The soldier was once a child Carrying a gun made him wild Carrying a gun made him hide

Beautiful things of old days Using his arms in hardest ways He did not know what he professes Soldier, you seem so strong But for your mother's lap you long To sleep with her sweet song

When will you throw this gun And forget what you have done To live and be with us one?

> Fahmia Taha Ahmed Level 4 Faculty of Education Sana'a University

I Hate Her

I hater her, yet I long to court her In fact, I love hating her I love the cunningness of her eyes And her shrewd lies Her eyes are sly and fox like She is an epitome of vanity She professes false claims of love And has pretensions in her looks When rage overwhelms her mind I feel skeptical about her womanli-Sometimes she comes close to me But if I sit close to her

She just turns proud and giggles

I hater her yet I long to court her. Nabil Abd. M. Al-Kumaim Faculty of Language Level 1 Nabilism@yahoo.com

Let's Learn Computer (8)



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File System –

n the last lesson, we had an introduction to Hard Disk. And we understood that it is the Hard Disk where we can store data permanently. In this lesson we will have a look at the way data is stored in the disk (i.e. Hard Disk) because it is more important to have an idea about storing data before going to details about the functioning of the Hard Disk. By function of the hard disk, we mean how it stores and retrieves the data physically, how fast the palette moves and so on. Of course this is the job of Hard Disk manufacturer to define all these technicalities. However, it is important that we should have a through knowledge of how our data is logically stored in the Hard Disk.

Before discussing that let's see what is logical storage, and how it is different from physical storage. To have a clear understanding of all these, let's take a small example. Let us consider our diary. We record our daily activities and important facts in one page of the diary every day. And each page in the diary is meant for one specific day of the calendar year (ignoring those informative pages at the beginning). The note what we put in the page includes both personal and professional/official facts/information. We mark

them accordingly i.e. personal or official. When we need some information on a specific official matter, we go through all the pages, which have some contents/records of previous days, and while going through all those pages, we concentrate only on official information. Similarly when one is interested to know when he had party with his friends last, he simply ignores that office or job related information though that also appears alongside the personal information on the same page(s). Because now his concern is to plan a party! Not to know or analyze what was the response of the client he met on that day.

Through this example, what I am trying to highlight is the fact that in addition to physical storage of the information, the Logical arrangement of the information we store is also equally important. In the example above we saw that though both official and personal information is available on the same page (physically), we use one of them as per our necessity. It never happens that the official information available on the same page affects retrieval of personal information for the page. What prevents them from getting mixed is the nature of the information. They remain different from each other though physically they are present on the same sheet of paper (i.e. same page of the diary).

And this difference is known as logical difference

The same concept applies in case of Hard Disk as well. It contains all the information in one place i.e. Hard Disk (of course in different sectors/tracks as per our previous discussion). But it is still capable of maintaining the difference between them. To understand this let us have look at the way the information is stored in the Hard Disk. It is similar to the way we record our information in our diary. Whenever we store any information in the Hard Disk, it keeps them together as a single group. Next time when we store information, it keeps them as a separate group assuming that this information has nothing to do with previously stored information. And for that it always expects a name from the user whenever he tries to store something in the Hard Disk. This name given by the user is used to name the collection of information he is storing in the Hard Disk. This name user can use later to retrieve the information whenever he requires. And this name is known as file name and that collection of information, which gets stored against this name, is known as a file. For all these, one specific procedure is followed which is known as file system. We will be discussing about that in the next issue, insallah.

Campus

German Department Organizes A Study Tour

sored by German embassy in Sana'a. The toward passage money fares. It is worth men-

Students of level 4 (18 boys & 4 girls) left for tioning that the German embassy will grant Germany last Friday to spend 21 days in dif- annually three scholarships for German ferent cities of Germany. This visit is spon- Department In the summer they will send 5 students from level 3 to take part in a seminar Sana'a university paid by 1,300,000 YR on German Languages and literature in Germany.

Second Inter-University **Literary Competitions** in English

We are happy to announce the 2nd Inter University Literary Competitions in English for the session 2000-2001 under the sponsorship of Yemen Times. The items of competition are:

1. Poems 2. Short story 3. Essay

The competition will be organized in two categories Junior Group: Level 1 and 2

Senior Group: Level 3 and 4

The topic of the Essay:

Junior Group: 'Cultural Heritage of Yemen' (Within 1000 words)

Senior Group: 'Revitalizing University Education in Yemen' (Within 1500 words)

- Poems and short stories may be written on any theme. There is no prescribed word limit for either of these.
- A competitor is free to submit one or more entries in one or more items. All entries should be neatly typed on one side of the paper. The entries need to be certified as original creations of the writer by the Head of English department concerned. • The name and full postal address of the competitor should be mentioned on a separate sheet
- accompanying the entry and should, in no case, be mentioned on the body of the entry.
- · The entries will be judged by a committee of experts. Certificates of merit will be awarded to the winners. All other participants will be awarded Certificates of Participation.
- Last date for receipt of entries: 31 May 2001.
- Mailing address:

Dr. R. K. Sahu Coordinator Inter-University Literary Competitions in English P. O Box 2579 Yemen.

Certificates of the 1st inter-University literary competitions held last year are being dispatched soon.

Sana'a University Students of 2001

Ambitions & Reality



Nabil A.Al-Kumaim Sananía university correspondent,

he following is a report about our student's ambiabout future prospects and realistic expectations. All of the following students and staff spoke to YT openly and frankly about what they feel on these subjects.

Hanan Awass Level 4 Fatma'a Al-Ghaban **Faculty of Mass Communication**

A good press concerns humanitarian service. So we should develop the ability to communicate with others. But in our society girls are not allowed to go out in afternoons and evenings to practice this skill.



Ayman Bahassan Khaled Ailan Faculty of science Level 1

We enrolled in this department to study computer skills, but we are surprised that our textbooks have not changed since the 50s, Now we think seriously about going abroad to find a better environment to improve our tal-





Faisal Farhan Ibrahim Al-Khateeb

During our studies, we face many problems. For instance, when we go to the TV media to apply our studies, they do not give us adequate information. The sources of references are very limited. The mediations deprive the the best students from entering this department. Instead they accept individuals who have mediations from high ranking officials.

R. Saleh, level 1 Sawsan al-Hamza, level 3 **Faculty of Languages**

We are interested in practicing democracy. Some of our professors give us the freedom to speak openly about our opinion, others try to ignore us.

Occasionally some of our lectures are cancelled because of a lack of class-



Dorra Al-Mansoor Faculty of Communication Tv& Radio Dep

There is a sharp contrast between professor's speeches and reality. There is corruption and a monopoly in the Information Ministry. If I become the

all to determine who deserves to be in high ranking position, and who deserve to be fired.

Zaid Dirhm Moh'd Al-Samae'e **Faculty of Arts** History Dep.

We graduated in 2000. But so far we have not been able to get our provi-

We want to enter a M.A program but they charge us 90,000 YR which we can not afford.





Level 4 Faculty of Languages

As we know, democracy is our legitimate right. But when we find something wrong in any aspect we can't criticize it because the teachers have the key to our future. They can punish us by giving us poor marks

Nassreen Al-Sharmany Asma'a Oqba **Faculty of Art** English Dep.

We joined this department because we love English. Our relations with our professors depend on their mood. We

minister, I will make placement test for try to develop our skills by listening to cassettes, foreign channels, and reading newspapers.



Moh'd Al-Malahi Moh'd Al-Salahi **Faculty of Languages**

As a matter of fact, we as students of English Dep. need to practice communication skills in English. Unfortunately we have no native speakers of English. Students are sensitive about making mistakes.

Basheer Al-Khawlani Wafaa Al-Adashi and Hiam A. Psychology Dep.

In Our group we have 100 girls and 9 boys. We are feel hopeless because there is no suitable occupations after graduation. We graduate to become teachers, but we want to promote our career like people in other countries.



Eman M. Haidar **Faculty of Languages**

I have been studying here to obtain a good job in future, because English nowadays is a

universal language. I prefer public university rather private ones, because here you pass by your own merit. There they can pass through





Farouq Jahlan Majid Salman Faculty of Agriculture

I have an ambition to be a prominent citizen in future. We are interested in studying here, although there are no good labs, premises, and essential serv-

Yasmin Al- Hmdany **Faculty of Languages** Level 1

I would like to thank our honorable professors who exert great efforts to develop our wish to be fluent in spoken English as well as be proficient in writing and reading. I have strong desire to be a prominent person in the near future after I graduate from college.



Ahmed Al-Jubari Amin Zuhair **Faculty of Arts** English dep.

The point is we have no extracurricular activities to encourage us to participate and compete. We don't feel a university lifestyle. We are merely in a high school setting while listening to lectures and taking writing exams.

N.Al-Salami Nadaa N.

Faculty of Languages

We want to be Translators/Interpreters in more than one language. We have to learn French, as a requirement course, but they don't care about it, We desire to change French from level 1 and 2 to level 3 and 4, so as to graduate with two languages.





Faculty of Information

Our shifting to this new campus is just like moving from kindergarten to secondary school. We need more attention and monthly evaluations. We are hoping for a good academy and a promis-



ing future.



Wassem Jahaf Hani Al-Kuhlani Faculty of languages

Abubakr

Abbad

There is a decline, in the democratic sense, among teachers and students. We should be granted the right of freedom of expressing viewpoints, thoughts and ideas.



Antar Hiba Fadhel Mekhlafi Language Faculty Level 2

We want to go to England, but I am sure it is impossible because they do not have the resources to prepare us for such an experience.



Bassam Jamil Level 2 Mass Communication College

"Our campus is not fit to accommodate faculties such as the Communication College. Nowadays, there is a keen competition in the information field. It is a pity that we are still studying without computers.



Dr. Ahmad Al-Shaeer Basarda Dean of Communication college

The youth are the pillars of our future. We must look after them and present all facilities for them. For instance, in Mass Communications Department, here students need to practice and apply what they study. Last year UNESCO promised to grant us an integral studio, but so far there are no indicators to show they will implement it. In the information arena we have cadre and potential. They must hire well qualified specialists to train them in an ideal work culture.



Professor Dr. Ali Y. Mansoor Phd in German. German Dep. Faculty of Languages

Personally, I find students in Yemen, in harmony with me as a teacher. I receive respect and appreciation when I talk with them. They are eager to learn. My dream here is to have a perfect German Dep., and our efforts so far has been successful.



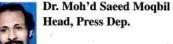
Dr. Ahmad Aqbat Vice dean of students affairs Faculty of Mass Communication

The educational standard of our students is good. We have signed an agreement and protocols with all authorities in the Information Ministry to allow our students greater professionalism. The problem is there are not monthly evaluations.



Dr. Moh'd Abduljabar Salam Chief editor of Al-Hikmmah Magazine

I look forward to the spread private media in Yemen to ensure vacancies for our new graduates in the information field. Nowadays TV, Radio, press..etc have vital importance. There was a serious endeavor by the late Dr. Abdullaziz Al-Saqaaf to found a private FM broadcasting station, with a 50 Km range to start with. He invite d press and communication people to discuss this point two years ago. All of us appreciated his ideas and decided to support him. Unfortunately his early death nipped in the bud as a distinct enterprise.



We benefited a lot from the experience colleges of Arab

colleges to draw up our curriculum. The key problems are the practice of giving handouts and the want of reference materials. We need our own press to publish our student's creative potential and provide them with training.



Dr. Mahmoud Jamal Moh'd Vice dean of Academic affairs Information college

Several of our students work in the press by their own initiative because of a lack of cooperation between us and the press. They must train themselves when they are undergraduates to be efficient in the future. We have several issues to present to the Administration Board of Sana'a University. We hope to solve these problems as quickly as

I would like to offer my sincere apology to Miss/ Bushra Al-Ashmory, of the Faculty of Languages, English Dep., level 4, regarding misinterpretation of her statement published in issue No.(15), entitled "Faculty of Languages Arena of Boundless Suffering", (dated Monday 9th of April 2001). The use of the word "flirting" was not an appropriate translation and does not reflect the opinion of Miss Bushra Al-Ashmory. I would also like to clarify that the misinterpretation occurred before delivering the material to the Yemen Times.

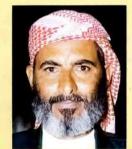
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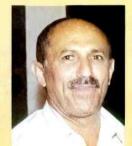
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Department Manager and Local Press. During the luncheon, YHOC and JHOC recognized 38 employees for their outstanding performance and achievement during the previous year.

Mark Griffin, Garry Mitchel, General Manager of JHOC,

The award was presented in four different categories, Outstanding Achievement Award, Special Achievement Award, JHOC's General Manager's Special Recognition Award and YHOC's General Manager's Special Recognition Award. All four Awards were open to all YHOC/JHOC Yemeni employees. Employees were nominated for the Outstanding Achievement Award by their respective department managers and finally selected by the General

performance considerations:

- Contributions to the overall success of YHOC/JHOC.
- Leadership Ability
- Initiative/Creativity
- Dependability/Reliability

A total of 35 Outstanding Achievement Awards were presented, with each recipient receiving a cash bonus and a citation in recognition of her/his meritorious services. In addition to the recipients of the Outstanding Achievement Award, two other employees were chosen by YHOC's Vice President General Manager Mark Griffin to receive the Special Achievement Award. These Employees are:

- Captain Abdullah Ezzi Al-Sanhani, **Industrial Relations Department**
- Engineer/ Ali Abdullah Al-Badaji, Reservoir Engineering Department

One employee was chosen by JHOC's General Manager, Gary Mitchel, to receive the JHOC's General Manager's Special Recognition Award. This award included a citation and cash prize as well.

n Saturday, 5th of May, 2001 Yemen Hunt Oil Manager and an awards committee based on the following The recipient of General Manager's Special Recognition Award 2001 is:

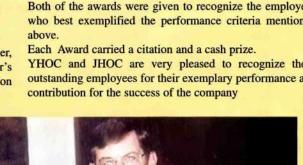
Mr. Saleh Abdullah Obad, **JHOC**

One employee was chosen by YHOC's Vice President and General Manager, Mark Griffin, to receive the YHOC's General Manager's Special Recognition Award. The recipient of the General Manager's Special Recognition Award 2001 is:

Engineer/ Jamal Mohsein Al-Akwa'a, **Maintenance Department**

Both of the awards were given to recognize the employees who best exemplified the performance criteria mentioned

YHOC and JHOC are very pleased to recognize these outstanding employees for their exemplary performance and

















Mohsein Al-Akwa'a for the General Manager Recognition Award



Mr. Gary Mitchel, General Manager of JHOC congratulates Engineer Saleh Abdullah **Obad for the General Manager Recognition Award**



Mr. Mark Griffin with Captain Abdullah Al-Sanhani



Mr. Mark Griffin with Engine

OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT AWARD NOMINEES YEAR 2001 Ahmed Ali Ali Al-Kadi

Production Operations Raafat Abdulkader said Mohamed Ali Ali Farea Al Ashmori Ali Mousad Kaid Al Mujahid Abdul Baki Mohamed Abdulla Ahmed Nasser Ahmed Al Ansi Mufareg Ali Nagi Khrayan Hussein Mahyoub Ali Nooman Nasser Musad Nasser Al-Salhi Fadhl Saleh Mohsen Askar Ali Ahmed Hussein Zuhairan Abdul Qader Sultan Ali Ghaleb Hassan Mohamed Saleh Al-Saeed

Abdullah Ahmed Abdullah Al-Ahwal

Drilling:

Safia Nasher Mohamed Othman

Farook Abdullah Abubakar Al-Zubaidi Faisal Ahmed SAlem Al-Matary

Pipeline

Naif Ali Hussein Babakr Saad Saleh Saleh Bahsous Ali Hussein Mohamed Al-Haddad

Administration Khalid Mohamed Al-Jabri

Human Resources

Ahmed Mohamed Abdullah Khurisan Yesheharog Tadessa Abera

Industrial Relation

Ali Kassim Ghaleb Shamlan

Hassan Ali Sharaf Al-Kohlani

Accounting Ahmed Nasser Massoud Salim

Treasury Khalid Abdulla Hamood Serai

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Hassan Abdo Hassan Al-Nuzaili Abdul Rahman Ahmed Al-Massoudi

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Press Scanner

Prepared by Mohammed Khidhr

ocal newspapers this week have given prominence to the formation of the Shoura Council, the government program, preparations for marking the 11th anniversary of the Unification Day and activities celebrating the Teacher Day. Other local and Arab topics have also captured large-scale interest in newspapers' front pages.

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

- President Ali Abdulla Saleh Chairs Meeting of the Newly Formed Shoura Council
- The President Receives Written Message from Saudi Crown Prince
- President calls on Shoura Council to work for putting an end to Vengeance
- Grand Celebrations in Aden on the Unification's 11th Anniversary
- Vice-President Patronizes Teacher Day Celebrations
- Receiving Polish Parliamentary Vice-President Delegation, Reiterates Call for Polish Companies to Investigate Yemen
- Prime Minister Decree Forms Higher Commission on Budget for
- Head of GPC Parliamentary Bloc: Existence of Scientific (Religious) Institutes, No Longer Justifiable
- Refusing Border Demarcation, Nahm Al-Hamra'a Tribes Confirm Clinging to their Land & Rightful Rights
- Yemeni-Saudi Businessmen Joint Council
- Drivers Strike Cripples Transport Movement in Aden
- While on a visit to Yemen, Iranian Foreign Minister Lectured in Sanaa Faculty of Trade & Economy.



RAY weekly, organ of the Sons of Yemen League party, May 1, 2001.

In an article by Taha al-A'meri the paper says that it seems that the Arab order, had in the last decade ridden a wave of international variables, has begun to reconsider its calculations. Especially, regarding press freedom and civil society institutions. These two are currently facing a semi-organized campaign aimed at curbing their role and influence on convictions of Arab public opinion.

The article continues; that without any doubt press freedom and civil society institutions are among the phenomena that constituted a source of annoyance for the Arab order during the last decade. The latest stand means the Arab order has begun to regain its continousness and started considering the worthiness of press freedom and civil society establishments. This is after it failed to impose its control over them or steer their activities in the direction it intended, especially with regard to political democracy and multi-purpose elections

Press freedom for instance is now subject to plots aimed at restricting its role in society and there is an ongoing battle about corruption of the press and journalists covering the entire Arab world. Promoting corruption of the press and civil society organizations has become an official desire managed according to well-designed plans in order to diminish their roles and their external impact and credibility at international forums.

ATTARIQ weekly May 1, 2001.

Abdul Rahman Khabara has written an article on the draft program of the new Yemeni government put before the parliament. He expressed his hope that it was to be more realistic and specific. Specification of what could be actually implemented is required, taking into account the material and technical potentials in addition to human capabilities. The author says we have been used to seeing the previous government programs as being characterized by desires and ambitions that could be described as information propaganda and optimistic slogans.

We hope parliament's discussions on the program will be deeper and more practical. He also wishes the government and the parliament to take into consideration the remarks and discussions from the press, businessmen and intellectuals. If the program has included most of the aspects of life, i.e. the economic, social and judiciary areas, it will be important for there to be a definite program listing priorities of what is most urgent and basic. These should include issues of water, electricity and infrastructure as they are the foundation in the process of talking about investment and investors. Without them it would be very difficult to accomplish any real investment in the country.



The weekly's main story dealt with the formation of the Shoura

Council, saying that the Yemeni street has received, with much interest, the announcement of the new formation of the shoura council. The members, as was expected, included a group of personalities (60%-70%) which formed the body of the previous consultation council. The remainder of the members included former ministers, ambassadors and social personalities in addition to two women.

Although the official media has confirmed that the 111-member council includes effective personalities with good efficiency, expertise, and representatives of political parties and civil society institutions, some indications do not express such optimism and hope. Further, some experts and leaderships from opposition parties have belittled the importance of this council and its awaited role.



Al-Mithaq weekly, organ of the PGS, April 30, 2001.

Columnist Dr Abdulaziz al-Maqlih this week wrote an article tackling the so-called neutral American stand towards the bloody conflict between the Palestinian people and the Zionist

Dr Al-Maqalih says that the new US Administration tries to escape from playing a real and effective role for ending the injustice befalling the Palestinian people ever since their country fell to Zionist colonialism. The new American administration does not hesitate in deceiving both the world and Arab public opinion by saying it takes an impartial stand towards what is going on. This includes the bloody invasion and continued killing of innocent Palestinian children, women and elderly people. It is a false neutrality disclosed by the declared attitudes and statements made in person by the US president and his government officials. They call on the Palestinians to stop the violence whereas all the violence is committed by the Zionist entity. If hurling stones at tanks by Palestinian children is termed as violence, what is then to be said about using tanks, and missiles, demolishing houses, destroying trees and razing all forms of life? The US neutrality was urgently wanted since the 40's. Had it not been for interrelationship of the Zionist and the American interests, the tragedy would not have happened and 5 million Palestinians would not be homeless. The region would not be in a situation like this one embodied in a catastrophe heralding a more painful situation for all people of the region.

Dr Al-Magalih maintains that the arbitrary solutions the US administration is trying to impose on the Palestinian side were always with the Zionist side. It is for this reason all such solutions have failed leaving behind more victims and hatred towards America. The writer concluded by saying that it seems America has lost all its wise men in the last 50 years. And its official institutions have fallen under pressure of the business and information Mafia.



Al-Balagh weekly, May 1, 2001.

The weekly's chief editor wrote an article on the new government and its program. He said that the government program was expected to be approved by the parliament, saying that it is thought that the program would be assailed by some opposition parties.

The writer says that the two year period of time is not enough for anybody to be able to offer tangible results felt by the citizens. He also expresses his hope that Bajammal's government would rather concentrate on building the essential foundation for science, that is, providing the infrastructures for any plan or program. This is the correct basis for any program meant to be successful, the writer says.

The article maintains that more optimism would lead to hope that the government would work for founding proper and sound bases for the relationship between the central government and the local councils in the governorates. It should also work for creating a mechanism to be implemented inside the ministries and institutions in a way undermining the seminaries of corruption and management failure.

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Ambassador of Royal Denmark to the Yemen Times...

It was kind of a commercial shock: because the volume of diary products to the region is quite high. Still, the band on meat products is there. We have tried all these years to build an image as a country recognized every where for producing safe food products. And we have, of course, intensified work in this regard. What we have done is held a number of seminars last year and this year in the GCC countries. All these seminars were attended by Danish experts who have come to get a clear picture regarding the products in the GCC countries. Many businessmen and investors of the region have attended these conferences and asked many questions. It was an interactive forum where information on subjects of mutual interest was exchanged. The exporters themselves financed these seminars. And we are very interested in continuing this kind of work in other countries including Yemen of course. It all depends on the funds that we can manage.

One very important point here is that through such activities we get close to the local administrations, so that when there is a problem we know whom to contact and whom to approach. We would very much like that the right people approach us. We are very willing to give information because there is a lot of experience we would like to share in these matters.

Q: What is the impression that you will carry back about the three main cities of Yemen which you have been

A: In my field of work, which is food and Agriculture, my chief concern is in viewing the potential of Yemen as a consumer country, the demands of the consumer here and whether they are getting broad. Also, whether people have more money than before and so on. And also we look at the infrastructure of trade. Is it possible for a given product to be distributed to a wide range of consumers or is it limited? These are the factors, which we consider. And we can see that the average income has not gone up. It has probably been declining. This poses a problem perhaps to Danish experts because we are interested in markets, which give a higher price than the Yemeni market. This does not overshadow the fact that we are doing very well in terms of milk products, and fertilizes,

it is time that more Danish companies need to come here, and investigate the possible areas for investment.

which constitute something like 95% of all our exports to Yemen worth about US \$14-15 million. But there is no doubt that this figure will increase with the increase in the population of Yemen. We can see that there is excellent infrastructure for trade. The companies are able to distribute the products extensively. It is when we look at the possibility of products being circulated a wider range with higher prices that I become a bit pessimistic.

I can say that I have a better impression about the companies dealing with Danish products. The Yemeni companies are extremely capable. I think the Danish companies have found the right partners. I am happy to see the way the products have been marketed. This shows that there could be no limit to the cooperation that could take place.

World Bank Organizes A Workshop on Urban Sector Strategy in the Context of Decentralization

The World Bank in cooperation with the Yemeni Government organized last Wednesday at the Haddah Hotel a workshop on urban development in a decentralized context. The workshop was kicked off by an opening speech by Mr. Sadeq Amin Abu Ras, Minister of Local Administration followed by an introductory speech by Mr. Gianni Brizzi Manager of the World bank, Sana'a Office, in which he highlighted the twofold purpose of the workshop. "The first objective is to present the findings and recommendations of a recent study by the staff of the World Bank on the key challenges engendered by urban development in Yemen and the possible strategies to manage it effectively. The second is to promote a discussion that will help clarify some of the most critical aspects of urban development, such as the transition to decentralized administrative structures, the mobilization of local financial resources, and hopefully help from the government to define a comprehensive urban development strategy associated with appropriate urban development programs," said Brizzi. He referred to a combination of factors that seem to influence the urban development in Yemen in the near and more distant future. Such factors include the facts that Yemen is a predominantly rural country with very high fertility rates, a prevalently rural economy dependent on oil exports, a highly centralized country in the process of decentraliza-

Among the challenges and opportunities resulting from the urbanization process he mentioned:

the need for creating jobs for an increasing urban population that tends to be more demanding economically and more active politi-

the complexities and risks associated with the need for reforming national civil service while developing a local civil service. The development of local administrations may result in inflating the already inflated national civil service with devastating effects on the country's macro-economic stability; and

the need for managing urban growth in a way that is environmentally sound. This not only includes the issues of congestion and pollution but also the issue of access to water

and easier communication and transport systems. Eventually this

calls for a different spatial distribution of the country's population and economic activities to the advantage of the coastal areas. The existing North to South urban development axis from Sana'a to Aden via Damar, Ibb and Taiz should be completed with

a transversal urban development axis from Aden to Hodeidah through Lahj, Taiz and Zabid.

Then Mr. Omar Razzaz, Lead Urban Specialist, World Bank shed light on the main elements of urban sector strat-

The discussion that followed dealt with such issues as: Providing Public Services, Building Capacity at the Local Level, Financing Local Authorities, The View from the

Most contributions from the Yemeni participants stressed the fact that decentralization is a long process spanning 10 to 15 years. The reasons for such a long duration are the following: the decision-makers disbelieve in the ability of the public to manage their own affairs and problems. They suggest that the beginning should be by educating the decision makers and raising their awareness about the people's abilities and capabilities so as to convince them of the need to give some authority to the local councils.

The workshop was attended by representatives of the donor countries and a few Yemeni representatives of governmental institutions and ministries. Ambassador of Holland expressed his disappointment at the absence of min-Governorates and the Role of the isters and governors in the workshop.

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Egypt to Remove Mines for Development of Northwestern Areas

CAIRO-Egypt will begin to eliminate mines and other explosive objects left over during the World War II near its northwestern coast in a bid to develop the areas, the official Middle East News Agency reported Saturday. Addressing a meeting on removing the landmines, Egyptian Prime Minister Atef Obeid said that his government will earmark a sum to complete the project which will begin in an experimental area to gain experi-

More than 22 million mines are estimated to be buried in Egypt, with 17 million left over in the Western Desert by the belligerent parties during World War II and 5.1 million planted in Sinai peninsula during wars with Israel. A total of 15,000 Egyptians have been killed or injured by the landmines, according to Egyptian officials.

The remaining mines have become obstacles to cultivating about 1.5 million feddans (630,000 hectares) in Alamein in northwestern Egypt, a main battlefield between the warring parties in North Africa during the World War II.

Egypt has called on parties concerned, especially Britain, Germany and Italy, to help remove the mines by offering financial and technical assistance.

Obeid said that friendly countries should support the project and show their willingness to cooperate, adding that Egypt also needs maps indicating the location of the mines as well as advanced mine-clearing technology. "The door will be open for friendly

countries to take part in different stages of the project," he noted.

It is estimated that eliminating all the landmines needs about 250 million U.S. dollars. But the international community has so far contributed only about 0.5 percent of the required amount.

Egypt has refused to sign the Ottawa treaty on banning anti-personnel mines on the grounds that it "ignored the responsibility of the states which planted mines on foreign territories."

The treaty, which calls for banning use, stockpile, production and transfer of anti-personnel landmines, was signed by 132 countries in the Canadian capital in 1997 and came into effect on March 1, 1999.

-Xinhua

Tourism in Britain Still Suffering Foot-and-mouth Epidemic

LONDON-Tourism in Britain is still suffering from the influence of the foot-and-mouth disease, especially in the rural areas in northern England and Scotland where most walking paths are still shut.

Only 20 percent of paths were open nationwide and in some areas all paths remain closed, although Prime Minister Tony Blair said this week that Britain's battle against the virus is in the "home straight" and ministers urged local councils to let walkers back to the country this weekend.

The British government urged local authorities to reopen the paths in order to protect some of the 250,000 jobs the English Tourism Council estimates

could be lost as a result of the epidemic. But some counties free of foot-andmouth said that it would be months before they could reopen all paths without fear of spreading the disease to more farms.

"The government is desperate to say we're back to normal...I'm not prepared to take risks with farmers' livelihood in Wiltshire,"

Peter Chalk, leader of Wiltshire County Council, in southern England, told BBC Radio.

Tourism industry brings in close to seven percent of Britain's gross domestic product (GDP) while agriculture provides about one percent of it.

—Xinhua

Iran Rejects U.S. Accusation

TEHRAN-Iran on Tuesday rejected the U.S. accusation that it is sponsoring terrorism and condemned the U.S. report on global patterns of terrorism as "baseless."

Foreign Ministry Spokesman Hamid Reza Asefi said the U.S. report lacks credibility and cannot be accepted as long as the international community and Iran are concerned, the state-run IRNA news agency reported.

Washington released the annual report on Monday, accusing Iran of supporting "Palestinian rejectionist efforts to disrupt the Middle East peace process" and putting it on top of a list of what it called "state sponsors of terrorism."

The U.S. understanding of terrorism

is not accepted by the world public opinion. Asefi said, it is necessary that the U.S. should try to rectify its behavior in international relations

He said that "the U.S. government, which itself is one of the supporters of Israeli state terrorism, is not in any position to judge others and should abandon its unconditional support for the Zionist regime.

Iran's moral and political support for the Palestinian people and their aspirations stems from its sense of justice because a lasting peace in the region has to be based on incorporating the legitimate interest of the Palestinian people, the spokesman stressed.

UAE President Congratulates Khatami on Seeking Re-election

ABU HDABI-President of the United Arab Emirates Sheikh Zaved bin Sultan Al-Nahyan Saturday night made a telephone call to his Iranian counterpart Mohammad Khatami congratulating him on his decision to run for a second term.

According to the official WAM news agency, the 82-year-old UAE president "wished Khatami success in his leadership for the Iranian people and further prosperity, progress and stability for the peoples of the region."

He also underlined the need for the region's countries to work together to "bolster the pillars of security, stability and good neighborly relations in order to better serve the interests of the

peoples of the Arabian Gulf region and contribute to strengthening co-operation and solidarity of the region.'

Khatami, Iran's reformist president, Friday registered as a candidate to run in the June 8 presidential race, just two days before the deadline for nomination. This is Iran's eighth presidential election since the 1979-Islamic

The incumbent president swept to office in 1997 with nearly 70 percent of the popular vote and has suffered myriads of setbacks as conservatives have made things difficult for his administration.

The UAE president's phone call was made against the backdrop that Saudi

Arabia, UAE's most important ally, inked last month a bilateral security agreement with Iran, which has a long-term dispute with the UAE over three islands of Greater and Lesser Tunbs and Abu Musa in the Persian With the support from the other Arab

countries in the region, especially Saudi Arabia, the UAE repeatedly calls on Iran to solve the border dispute through multilateral negotiations or through the International Court of However, Iran seldomly responded to the appeals and only agreed to conduct direct talks with UAE over the disputed islands.

—Xinhua

Turkish Train Makes Debut Arrival in Baghdad after 19 Years

BAGHDAD-A five-carriage Turkish train arrived in Iraq's northern city of Mosul on Saturday, the first ever for a Turkish train to enter the U.N.-sanctioned country in 19 years, the official Iraqi News Agency (INA) reported.

The train, carrying 26 Turkish businessmen, engineers and journalists, entered Iraq via Syria, INA added. Jahid Swilar, Turkish general director of railways, expressed his delight at his arrival in Iraq by train, and hoped that the trip would mark the resumption of train services between the two neighboring countries.

He said that during the visit, he would discuss with the Iraqi side ways to improve Turkish-Iraqi railway lines. Iraq resumed train service with Syria last August after a break of nearly 20 years, making possible Iraqi-Turkish train service which must go through

Syria. In 1982, Baghdad severed diplomatic relations with Damascus for its support for Iran during the eight-year Iran-Iraq war (1980-1988), and brought the Iraq-Syria and Iraq-Turkey train services to

Iraq also often criticized Turkey for its incursions into the Kurdish-held north of Iraq to hunt Turkish Kurd rebels, and for allowing Western warplanes to use a base in southern Turkey to patrol

northern Iraq.

The U.S. and British warplanes have taken off from Turkey to monitor the northern no-fly zone imposed on Iraq after the Gulf War to allegedly protect the region's Kurdish population from the persecution of the Iraqi govern-

Baghdad does not recognize the air exclusion zone, nor a similar one in southern Iraq, which was aimed at protecting the Shiite Muslims.

In January, Turkey sent its ambassador to Iraq to improve bilateral relations, the first time since the 1991 Gulf War.

U.S. Remains Engaged in Efforts to End Middle East Conflict: Powell

of Terrorism

WASHINGTON-U.S. Secretary of State Colin Powell said here Saturday that the United States remained "deeply involved" in efforts to end the Middle East conflict.

Addressing a gathering hosted by the Arab American Institute Foundation, Powell said the Bush administration was "deeply engaged on a daily basis in trying to lower the level of violence, to restore a measure of trust between the two sides."

Powell said that he talked "every few days" with Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat and Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon to keep in close touch with leaders in the region.

"We are working with both parties, with the Egyptians, the Jordanians, on a proposal for future negotiations," he

"President (George W.) Bush will not turn away, nor will I," the secretary said. "We will not rest, because the stakes are too high.

As to Iraq, Powell said the U.S. government was seeking "to revise the sanctions policy so that it is directed exclusively at preventing Iraq from a military buildup and developing weapons of mass destruction, and to do it in a way that does not hurt the people of Iraq, but just the regime in Baghdad.'

Jordanian Minister in Baghdad to Enhance Trade Ties

ing an official delegation, arrived in U.S. dollars. relations between the two countries. Azir said in a statement that his visit would focus on enhancing bilateral cooperation to serve the interests of both countries.

Iraqi Minister of Trade Mohammad Mehdi Salah praised the friendly ties between the two Arab countries and said that the bilateral trade exchange

BAGHDAD-Jordanian Minister of under the United Nations oil-for-food Trade and Industry Wasif Azir, head- program had reached over 2 billion

Baghdad Saturday to promote trade The humanitarian program allows sanctions-stricken Iraq to export oil and use part of the proceeds to buy food, medicine and other basic needs to offset the impacts of the U.N. sanctions imposed on Baghdad following its invasion of Kuwait in 1990.

> The Jordanian minister visited Baghdad in February and agreed with his Iraqi counterpart on a draft free

trade agreement between the two coun-

Iraq has called on all Arab countries to sign free trade agreements with it after it signed such agreements with Egypt, Syria and Tunisia. The deals called for an end to all customs and export or import licenses to establish a common Arab market.

The move has been regarded as another step by the Iraqi government to challenge the sanctions regime.

((ويتر الصابرين النزين المؤار أصابتهم مصية قالول: إنا لله وإنا إليه راجعوة)) بقلوبُ مؤمنة بقضاء الله وقدره، تلقينا نبأ وفاة المغفور له -بإذن الله - الأخ/ صلاح عبد الله صالح وبهذا المصاب الجلل نتقدم بأحر التعازي والمواساة الحارة للأستاذالقدير/ مدير مدرسة الشهيد/ عبد الرحمن الغافقي- بالأصابح سائلين المولى عزوجل أن يسكن الفقيد فسيح جناته ويلهم أهله وذويه الصبر والسلوان. وإنا لله وإنا إليه راجعون الأستاذ/عماد أحمد السقاف، الأستاذ/ أكرم عبد الرحمن السقاف، بسام احمد السقاف، بسام جميل السقاف.

Red Cross Repatriates 1,229 **Ethiopians From** Eritrea

ADDIS ABABA-A total of 1,229 Ethiopians left Eritrea Saturday for home under the auspices of the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), the ICRC said here in a

The operation took place between the Eritrean town of Adi Quala and the Ethiopian town of Rama via the Mereb river, added the ICRC.

Ahead of the repatriation, the ICRC delegates in Eritrea held private interviews with the Ethiopian nationals to check their wishes to return to their motherland.

The ICRC since last December has repatriated more than 13,100 Ethiopians from Eritrea, and it would continue to assist future repatriations of all remaining Prisoners of War as well as other persons affected by the war between the two countries.

Loss of Seat Reflects Dissatisfaction With U.S.: Albanian Paper

TIRANA, May 6 (Xinhua) - The Washington. The article also said it Albanian paper Koha Jone (Our was clear that some countries which Times) ran a signed article Saturday, used to be friendly to the U.S. supportsaying the fact that the U.S. was voted off the U.N. Commission on Human Rights (CHR) reflects various countries' growing dissatisfaction with the U.S. attitude toward international organizations and relations.

The article, credited to Keida Ko Streci, said it was the first time for the United States to see itself excluded from the CHR since the founding of the commission in 1946, which had been dominated by the U.S. government since the first day of its establishment, said the article.

The article said that this move could lead to further deterioration in the relabetween the U.N. and ed the sudden move against it.

This shows that Europe and other friends of the U.S. are no longer patient with the most powerful country in the world, and thus became disappointed and fretful with Washington's The United States acts, it said. Thursday failed to get itself elected into the CHR at a meeting of the U.N. Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC). The United States won only 29 votes while France obtained 52 votes, Austria 41 votes and Sweden 32 to take the three seats for Western countries that went up for election.

10-Year Media Death Toll Tops 1,000: **IFJ**

BRUSSELS- The International Federation of Journalists (IFJ) on Thursday warned that the death toll for working journalists over the past decade had topped 1,000.

The IFJ celebrated the United Nationsdesignated World Press Freedom Day on Thursday by issuing a strong warning to national governments and media organizations about the two threats against working journalists. One is violence against media staff while the other is the insidious agenda of global media corporations. The two combine topose threat to press freedom as well as personal safety of the media staff, the federation said.

"In the 10 years since the United Nations declared May 3 as the World Press Freedom Day more than 1,000 journalists and media workers have been killed or suffered violent deaths in the exercise of their profession," said the federation in a special statement marking the U.N. press day.

The Brussels-based federation has planned to publish a 10-year account of killings of journalists and media staff for its congress to be held next month.

The IFJ also warned that the media concentration, globalization and a culture of greed within the media pose a range of new threats to freedom of expression. "Today a handful of media conglomerates control much of the information across the globe," the fed--Xinhua eration said.

Mine Explosion Kills Seven in East Ukraine

KIEV-Seven miners were killed Saturday night in a explosion in eastern Ukraine, the Interfax-Ukraine news agency reported Sunday.

The blast took place at 20:30 local time (1730 GMT) at the Kirov mine in the Donetsk region, about 800 kilometers southeast of Kiev, when 21 people were working there, the report said.

11 miners were lifted to the surface safe and sound, seven were found dead, and three remained missing, according to the report.

Ukrainian mines are considered among the world's most dangerous because of declining state subsidies, aging equipment and a lack of safety standards. Before this tragedy, a total of 78 miners had been killed this year in Ukraine. -Xinhua

Cuban President Visits Algeria

HAVANA-Cuban President Fidel Castro departed Saturday for Algeria for a visit to improve bilateral relations, a Cuban official source said Saturday.

Algeria is the first leg of a three-nation tour by Castro, who is expected to visit Iran and Malaysia from May 8 to 13. During his stay in Algiers, capital of Algeria, Castro will meet his Algerian counterpart, Abdelazis Bouteflika, to discuss issues on bilateral relations.

The two leaders met here last month at the end of the Summit of the Group of 77 (G-77), when they agreed to strengthen bilateral ties.

Cuba and the Arab nation established diplomatic relations in October 1962. They have been interested in increasing cooperation in different production sectors ever since. -Xinhua

Sudanese **President Postpones Visit to** Egypt

CAIRO-Sudanese President Omar el-Bashir has put off his visit to Egypt from Monday until mid-May, Egypt's official Middle East News Agency reported.

The postponement came on the heels of consultations held between

Cairo and Khartoum, said the news agency, without disclosing the reasons for the delay.

Bashir would meet Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak to discuss ways of reviving an Egyptian-Libyan peace initiative to end the 18-year civil war in Sudan, as well as enhancing trade and economic cooperation between the two countries.

The Sudanese Islamic government forces have been fighting with southern rebel Sudan People's Liberation Army (SPLA), which has been struggling for greater autonomy for the predominantly Christian and animist south since 1983.

The civil war has been intensified as northern opposition groups took up arms in 1995.

Egypt and Libya have made efforts to reconcile all opposition and rebel groups in Sudan. In August, 1999, the two countries put forward an initiative calling for holding a conference on national reconciliation of Sudan.

The SPLA supported the initiative but pressed for its integration with another initiative put forward by the East African Intergovernmental Authority for Development (IGAD) based in Nairobi.

The Arab package provides for peace negotiations with all opposition factions under the umbrella National Democratic Alliance (NDA) while the African proposal focuses on a settlement between Khartoum and the

But the negotiations sponsored by the IGAD have been fruitless since they began in 1993.

As a major power in the Arab and African countries, Egypt is making efforts to realize peace and stability in

-Xinhua





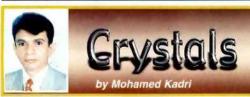
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uring the early sixties, I saw elders writing to the great Arab leader, Gamal Abdul Nasser. To their letters, Nasser had always respond!

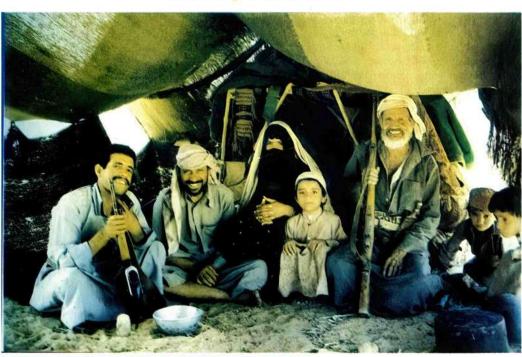
I was almost eleven when I decided to do the same. Replying to my letter, Nasser wrote to me, in his private office executive's pen, whose name I don't remember now. The letter had been typed on a small paper and there were not more than five lines. Nasser's photograph was there also. Full of joy, I got the letter and the photograph framed and hung it on a wall of the Dara (opened sunny hall) in our house in Aden. I, also, remember inviting my friends and neighbors to visit me just for the sake of seeing the 'hung frame'.

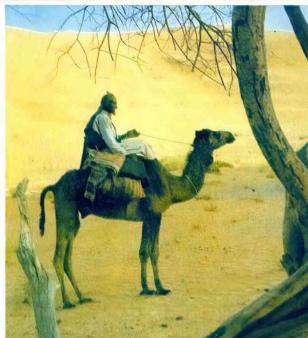
Discovering the disappearance of this frame, later, I came to know that my grand-mother (Peace upon her soul) had broken the frame and torn out both the letter and the photograph. She had to do so, lest groups of the British soldiers, who were often combing places harass me. My anger and sadness exceeded any happiness I felt in receiving the let-

However, the letter with its few lines, had a very deep effect on a child of my age! Nasser's letter had helped me understand his speeches and objectives better. I understood that I belong to a great nation that, unfortunately was oppressed. It was high time steps were taken to liberate us from the bondage. I was convinced of mighty men existing among us, ready to lead and triumph. I knew that one such man, President Nasser, was holding a torch to enlighten the nation's dark ways! I loved Nasser who had not ignored me and emerged as a man who would stand against all despotism and shameful existences.

And...Nasser passed away leaving me to despair our Arabs' actual plight. Today our leaders ignore, not only a child's letter, but the desperate cries of the hungry masses, pains of the suffering and the destitute. I have come to understand that great people don't ignore the humblest.

Simplicity and Hospitality of Bedouins





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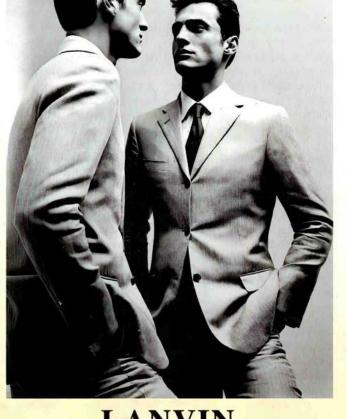
section of the people in Mareb are still holding fast to their conventional customs and traditions which go back three thousand years. They have their special and unique houses which are taken when they go camping in the desert or valleys in search of water and grass.

Houses are built according to the old customs. They are made of coarse cloth. The place is divided into two parts; one for men and the other for women. These tents differ from modern imported tents. They can bear the heat of the sun and the ravage of rains. They are beautified by some decorations. Most of the people who go out camping in the desert and valleys use these

In "al-Kaar" meaning the male place poetry is recited and pipe is played. They also perform a special dance called "al-baal". Fire is lit in front of the place to prepare Arab coffee, and roast meat.

Mareb is located in the North East of Yemen, next to al-Jawf in the North and Shabwah in the South. When you move out of the city to an area called Ramlat al-Saba'ateen, Rayan mountains, Shokah al-Kawra'a, Reyam, Areen, Qanaw and al-Lawth etc., you will find many Bedouins living in these traditional tents. They depend mainly on camels and cattle as their main source of living. They lead a simple and happy life.

It is true they are the Bedouins of today. However, they were the harbingers of civilization in the old times. Belqis temple, Awam, etc., located in Mareb bear testimony to this. Historians indicate that Mareb was built in the second milenia B.C. It was ruled by many rulers from Saba who contributed a lot to build the historical castles, forts and the great dam of Mareb which date back to the eighth century B.C. This is Mareb and these are the people of Mareb with their simplicity, and hospitality making any visitor deeply admire their way of life and wish to spend more time in their company.



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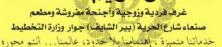
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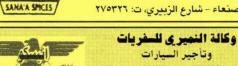
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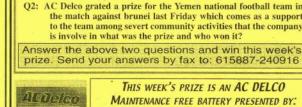
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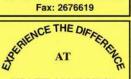
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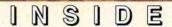




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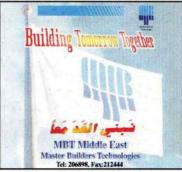


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HIV Needles and Stickers Cause Panic Worldwide

Several reports have been mentioning that several young men and women in a few countries worldwide have been infected with the HIV virus in an astonishingly bizarre matter. The victim gets infected when accidentally sitting on an HIV infected pin or needle that was placed on a chair on purpose with a sign saying, "you are now infected with the HIV virus." Let alone needles, there were reports of stickers that have small tiny needles, all infected with HIV blood, and they are usually stuck on youngsters in disco clubs and have "Welcome to our World" printed on them.

Yemen Times last week received yet another email supposedly from an anonymous person seeking to provide advice and warnings in this regard. His email goes like this:

"A few weeks ago, in a movie theatre, a person sat on something on one of the seats. When she got up to see what it was, she found a needle sticking out of the seat with a note attached saying : "You have just been infected by HIV". The Disease Control Center (in Paris) reports many similar events in many other cities recently. All tested needles are HIV Positive. The Center also reports that needles have been found in the cash dispensers at public Banking Machines (ATMs). We ask everyone to use extreme caution when faced with this kind of situation. All public chairs/seats should be inspected with vigilance and caution before use. A careful visual inspection should be enough. In addition, they ask

that each of you pass this message along to all members of your family and your friends of the potential danger. Thank you. The information mentioned above has been sent by the Ville Moulineaux d'Issv Les Municipal Police and to all departments of Ile de France who have transmitted this news to all its' cities. We have been asked to pass this message along to the greatest number of people as possible. This is very important! Just think: you could save a life just by forwarding this message."

Some claim that such letters and emails are no more than a hoax, and that no substantial threat exists regarding those alleged HIV needles and stickers. Yet, the issue of having such ideas developing in the world in itself has the potential of driving some crazy HIV carriers to transport their disease to others!

Outrageous Photo of the Week



HAS THE PLUMBER COME YET?

If you have a photo that you think might qualify to be placed here, deliver it to Yemen Times premises in Haddah Street or send it at our address (P.O. Box 2579 - Sana'a) and win great publicity!

NOW THAT IS BIZARRE!

(A weekly column for bizarre stories and news)

Zip Your Lips!

HANOI, Vietnam - Giving new meaning to the time-honored command "zip your lips,". A couple was recently sent to jail in Vietnam for mistreating a 10-year-boy. When the boy stole the equivalent of 1.3 cents last month, his stepmother, Phan Thi Hien, 31, made him sew his lips together with a needle and thread. She has been sentenced to 30 months in jail, but her husband received a shorter sentence of 12 months.

Controversial Fashion Has Womens' Groups Up In Arms

DALLAS, USA - The innocuous tank top has earned a bad reputation through such labels as dago-T, muscle shirt and wife beater. But it is this last misnomer that has caused a recent controversy. A Web site that sells sleeveless shirts embroidered with the words "Wife Beater" has come under attack by domestic abuse agencies who say the retailer encourages violence against women. The creator of the Web site said he's just using humor to sell the shirts and accuses women's rights groups of overreacting. James Doolin told The Dallas Morning News, "I can't do nothing for them...but convicted wife beaters get a discount with proof of conviction."

Hit-man Hired To Kill Dog

IA, USA - After being struck repeatedly with a sharp object, probably an axe, the Connett family's dog is recovering at home, and a neighbor is accused of hiring a canine killer. Louie, a cocker spaniel mix, returned home Tuesday, two days after being hacked in the face, shoulders, hip and legs, police say. Roberta Ficek, Louie's neighbor, was arrested Tuesday night in an alleged plot to pay 29 year-old Denny Brown to hurt the dog. She has been charged with solicitation to commit animal abuse.



An old woman feeds the pigeons in Trafalgar Square in London May 4, 2001. London Mayor Ken Livingstone's plans to rid Trafalgar Square of its pigeons came under renewed attack as residents defied the feeding ban.

Now that is Truly Monkey Business!

An outrageous attempt to smuggle 6 live baboons in two suitcases failed on Thursday 3, 2001 during the Yemenia flight from Sanaa to Damascus. One of the monkeys that seemed to have awakened from its trance escaped the case and triggered fear and panic among the passengers.

According to the AFP, "Women and children screamed while crew members struggled to catch the escaped baboon."

The pilot of the plane decided to discontinue the trip and head

back to Yemen after 90 minutes from depar-

The smuggler, Atma'an Badia was arrested by the security forces upon arrival back to

Sanaa Airport where he admitted his intention to sell the monkeys in Damascus for US\$ 3,000. The monkeys were then taken to the Sana'a Zoo.

Concerned authorities did not deny that this may not have been the first time that monkeys were transported to be sold in another country, especially that this flourishing 'monkey business' has been used by many animal traders in Yemen in the past. This becomes clear when learning that small adult monkeys, which weigh no more than 3 kilograms can be sold for at least US\$ 500 in Syria while being bought with roughly US\$50 in Yemen.

Study Finds Italians Older, But Also Healthier

Italy's medical report card shows that Italians are getting healthier and the number of cancer-linked deaths is falling even though the population is ageing.

A study presented today by Health Minister Umberto Veronesi showed that the lifespan of Italians jumped by a year between 1995 and 1999. The average lifespan for women in Italy is now 82 and for men nearly 76.7. The

A parrot performs for visitors at the Bird Park of Hefei Wild Animal Zoo, capital city of China's central Anhui Province, May 3, 2001. Some 10,000 tourists from around the country had visited this "bird's paradise" since the beginning of the week-long May Day holiday, where people enjoy friendship with birds of hundreds species.



mortality rate fell 3 percent during that period.

Another major improvement was a 2 percent fall in the number of fatal cancer cases, thanks to better medical attention. But cancer remains the number two killer in Italy, topped only by heart disease.

The study also warned that men are three times more likely to die before their time than women, attributing higher rates to motor accidents, suicides, drug addiction and AIDS.

Veronesi touched on one of his biggest health campaigns during the presentation - discouraging smoking in Italy.

He urged cigarette companies to sell small packages with lighter tobacco content to help encourage Italians to cut back on the habit.

According to Veronesi, a "satisfying sex life is a fundamental element of good health." He noted the recent studies have proven that good, safe sex helps wash away "psychological and other disturbances."

Although it may seem like re-inventing the wheel and an obvious discovery, Veronesi said, "after all it's good news." He also stressed the importance of using condoms to prevent transmission of disease.

Cheated Auto Engine Oil:

Abuse of the Environment, People, and Engines

By: Abdulhakim J-Hilal Ihab Al-Saqqaf

The recent incidents resulting from using doctored automobile engine oil have raised the attention of automobile owners, oil producing companies, and normal individuals alike. Knowing that automobiles have become the most dominant transportation means in the world, and knowing that the number of cars is approaching the number of people on this lonely planet, then this issue must receive the attention due.

The problem's dimensions in Yemen has reached peak levels lately. The different gases emitted from cars have become poisonous because of those doctored oils. Today, the number of people suffering from cancer has reached a critical level. Even though those doctored oils may not be the main factor behind this increase, but they truly contribute to the health crisis in this country.

We gave this issue the attention it deserves and filed a small survey to get the response from the public and the ones concerned regarding this important issue.

Adeeb Hussein Al-Wahshi, civil engineer said, "Most of the auto

workshop owners in Sanaa suffer from the problem of changing engine oils. This problem makes us alert when purchasing oil for our engines as we wait in front of the automobile during the change of oil so as not to let the person changing the oil cheat us by mixing different oils with each other. This is important because otherwise the car engine will be damaged and the workshop owners have nothing in mind except profit. Hence, they sometimes mix high quality with less quality oil and used with new oil."

Ahmed Amin, said, "I'd rather wait for hours in front of the person who changes the engine oil rather than having him destroy my engine. I also prefer using high quality oil because some workshop owners deceive people by mixing quality with poor oil to gain more profit, As for why I prefer quality oil over the rest is because I believe in the proverb that says, "prevention is better than cure." If I pay a little more for higher quality oil it is much better than paying less money for lower quality oil and having the engine malfunction because of it.

Mohamed Huwaidi, Iraqi MA

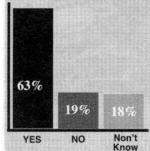
Student, "Of course there are high quality oils while there are pathetic oils as well. There also is a difference in price. This may be a reason for some people to buy the cheaper without consideration of the setbacks. It is worth noting that internationally renowned engines oils stay glutinous until 3,000 km while the low quality oils lose their glutinuity after 1,000 km. This forces the vehicle owner to change the oil more often than needed and also damages the engine."

Mohamed Ahmed Hamoud Talib, "We used to leave our cars unattended at the engine oil change workshops and come back after the owner changed the oil. We did not give this issue much importance and used to blindly trust those workshop owners. This continued to be the case until one day, my car's engine stopped working. The engineer who tried to fix the car said that the reason was because the vehicle's oil was not changed on time. The truth is that I changed the oil just a short period ago and did not need to change it by then. However, the engineer later explained to us the dirty games that some workshop owners play. They replace the used oils with other used oils to gain more profit from the car owner. Since then, we do not trust the workers at the workshops and supervise every move they carry out during the process of changing the engine's oil."

We also tried to interview a number of workshop owners who actually change the oil for customers' vehicles, yet we discovered that they were two groups. The main group refused to talk to us, and this particular group was divided to several groups. Some of them refused to talk to us and seemed to be in worry and panic. Others refused with the excuse that they have no time to talk about this subject, while the rest refused to talk at all. The second group agreed to talk but denied all that has been said about the cheating in changing engine oil. This gave an impression that indeed, there seems to be cheating in most if not all vehicle workshops in the

Walid Abdulhamid Bishr, Expert in Commerce, "When using poor quality engine oil, you will be spending a fair amount of money to have the car operate smoothly for 1 km, but you will spend more money in replacing damaged spare parts of the engine, and will have to spend money to maintain your engine." Independent of the above interviews, Yemen Times launched a

Is there a positive relationship between your direct supervision during the change of engine oil and engine's performance?



mini-survey with a number of citizens with vehicles to ask them if they witnessed better performance of their cars when they supervise the process of changing engine oil or not. In other words, was there any relation between the performance of the engine and the direct supervision of the workshop owners who change the engine oil. Surprisingly, many replied positively indicating that they witness a reliable performance of their engines when they monitor the person changing oil, bringing into question the honesty of those who change oil for customers. This enables us to draw the conclusion that there needs to be a wider and more intense campaign to focus on this problem and find an effective solution.

الزيوت المفشوشة للسيارات.. عبث بالبيئة والإنسان والآلة

أنقسم هؤلاء إلى عدة أقسام: فمنهم من رفض مبدئيا وعليه علامات الاستغراب والتعجب، ومنهم من رفض وعليه علامات الخوف والقلق، ومنهم من رفض محتجاً بانشغاله، ومنهم من لم يتحدث نهائياً (تجاهل) ومنهم من ..

القسم الثاني: نفى التهم المنسوبة جملة وتفصيلاً. وقد فضلنا الاكتفاء بهذا التقسيم دون كتابة

التفاصيل، لأنها بهذا الشكل تكون أكثر جدوى من الدخول في التفاصيل. و هنا أدركنا أن هناك فعلا مشكلة حقيقية.

الجانب الاقتصادي

ولأن أى إشكالية عامة ترتبط بالمجتمع، يجب أن تدرسها من الجانب الاقتصادي، فقد التقينا بالأخ/ وليد عبد الحميد بشر (ماجستير تجارة)، ووضعنا بين يديه المشكلة ونتائجها، طالبين منه تحليلها اقتصادياً من الناحية السلبية للوطن أو المواطن.

عند أستخدام الزيوت الرديئة على السيارة ينتج عنه تكاليف مباشرة:

- تنفق النقود كي تمشىي ١٠٠٠ كيلو فقط - تنفق النقود لقطع غيار مكينتك. - تنفق النقود للصيانة مكينتك.

وفي الختام

كانت هذه هي ألإشكاليات القائمة كما عرفناها في هذا التحقيق، والمطلوب الأن هو محاولة إيجاد حلول مناسبة لها من المختصين. وإلى أن يتم ذلك بإذن الله تعالى، نقول: أنه لا يختلف اثنان في أن الأمانة (من أصحاب الورشات)، والوعي (من المستهلك) هما الضابط والرقيب، للتخفيف من آثار هذه المشكلة الحساسة. والحقيقة أننا كنا قد غيرنا الزيت قبل فترة بسيطة جداً، مما لا يدعونا إلى تغييره بهذه السرعة، إلا أن المهندس شرح لنا هذه اللعبة القذرة التي يقوم بها بعض أصحاب ورشات تغيير الزيوت، حيث يضعون الزيوت الرديئة بدلاً من الزيوت الجيدة حتى يستفيدوا من فارق السعر ومن حينها اضطررنا إلى ترك الثقة المطلّقة، (العسكرة) أمام عُمال تغيير الزيوت، حتى ينتهوا من عملهم.

أصحاب ورش تغيير الزيوت

وحتى يكتمل ملف المشكلة، توجهنا إلى بعض أصحاب ورشات تغيير الزيوت لنضع بين أيديهم المشكلة. إلا أننا فوجئناً بانقسامهم إلى قسمين:

القسم الكبير منهم، رفض التحدث! وقد

وربما هذا يدعوا بعض أصحاب السيارات بالنظر إلى السعر دون الفاعلية، مع العلم أن الزيوت الجيدة ذات مواصفات عالمية تظل تحتفظ بلزوجة عالية إلى (٣٠٠٠km) بينما الرديئة تفقد اللزوجة بعد (١٠٠٠km) فنضطر لشراء الزيوت الرديئة مرات أخرى بالإضافة إلى أنه تؤثر على ماكينة السيارة.

لا للثقة المطلقة

محمد أحمد حمود (طالب): غالباً ما كنا نترك سيارتنا في ورشة تغيير الزيوت، ونعود اليها بعد زمن معين، فيكون صاحب الورشة أو العامل قد غير الزيت، ولم نكن نعير الموضوع أي اهتمام، وظللنا على ذلك فترة من الزمن، إلى أن حدث ذات مرة أن (لصصت) المكينة، فقال المهندس أن السبب من عدم تغيير الزيت في وقته،

السيارة أثناء أجراء عملية التغيير للزيت، وذلك حتى لا نتكبد الخسارة فيما بعد، لأن بعض أصحاب الورش كما قلنا لا يهمهم إلا الربح وبالتالي فهم يخلطون الجيد بالرديء واحيانأ المستهلك بالجديد

الوقاية خيرمن العلاج

• أحمد أمين: أفضل الانتظار أمام المهندس أثناء تغيير زيت السيارة، كما أفضل استخدام الزيوت الجيدة فذلك: لأن بعض أصحاب الورش ليس لديهم أمانة فيقومون بخلط الزيوت (رخيصة السعر) الرديئة مع الزيوت الجيدة ويستفيدون من فارق السعر. أما تفضيلي للزيوت ذات الخامة الجيدة دون أن أضع أي اعتبار للسعر، فذلك لأنى أَوْمِنَ بِالمثلُّ القَائِلُ * هَرِطُمُ وَقَايِةٌ خَيْرُ مِنْ قنطار علل "فلأن أدفع زيادة بسيطة للزيت الجيد أفضل من الحسارة الكبيرة التي تُجني من اي عطل قد يحدث للمكينة بسبب ألزيوت الرديئة.

الفارق في السعر لها علاقة عكسية في التوفير

• محمد هويدي (طالب ماجستير عراقي): بالطبع هناك زيوت ذات تركيبة جيده وزيوت · ذات تركيبة رديئة، وبينهما فارق سعري،

عدد السيارات في العالم إلى النقطة الحرجة التي يكون مقاربة جداً مع عدد السكان. وهناك في اليمن نسبة كبيرة من السيارات التي تسرب أدخنة بإستمرار. ولأن عوادم السيارات لها أثر على صحة الإنسان والبيئة قمنا بهذا التحقيق. تحقيق:

السيارة وسيلة النقل الأولى من حيث كونها الأكثر استخداماً على مستوى العالم قد يصل

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بحديث جانبي مع زميلك. وبِعضهم تترك له السيارة، وتعود إليه وقد غير الزيت، فلا تدري أي زيت في جوف ماكينتك. ويعضهم. ويعضهم.

طرحنا بعض الأسئلة على ذوي الشأن لمعرفة المشكلة وأسبابها:

المشكلة الأساسية في الأمانة:

• أديب حسين الوحيشي (مهندس مدني) نعم هناك مشكلة في الأمانة لدى معضّم أصحاب ورش تغيير الزيوت. وهذه المشكلة تجعلنا على درجة من الحيطة إذ علينا شراء الزيت الجيد بأنفسنا والانتظار أمام









The Audio Revolution

people even realize that it is happening now. There will be a revolu-

tion that will be both good news and bad news for audiophiles. This revolution is called MP3. This technology is a COM-PRESSION of audio files in computers to smaller file sizes (measured in kilobytes - kb). MP3 permits audio files to occupy less disc space on hard drives, and allows music files faster transmisspinoff of MPEG video compression, but now applied to audio.

MP3 may change the entire socioeco-

the extent that bricks and mortar music stores may soon be history. The new music format will be distributed in a way, which displaces the traditional way of distributing music via music stores. Audio compression, according to experts, is completely different than digital sampling as found in CDs. To understand audio compression technology, let's first

review digital recording and playback. MP3 music files can be listened to via an MP3 player (fixed software in your computer, or a portable MP3 player). MP3 files can be downloaded for free from various internet sites, loaded onto your computer hard drive for storage, and played back through your sound card, and through any one of many portable MP3 players (the MP3 files are transferred from the hard drive to the portable player). All this without use of a CD! What do MP3 audio files actually sound like? Proponents of MP3 claim this format to have CD like quality. The sound of MP3 is quite good for the average listener. It is NOT audiophile quality however. It is not quite as good as CD, but it is close to CD on casual listening. There are many variables involved in evaluat- music web sites will provide huge num- By Harvey A. Kader ing MP3 sound quality. They are 1) file ber of selections of songs, either as com-

size, 2) sound card quality, 3) speaker plete downloadable MP3 music to fill an quality, 4) portable MP3 player quality, entire 650 MB CD. Or alternately, users and 5) sound source quality. So in eval- may be able to mix and match music uating MP3 sound quality, several variables have to be considered.

The recording industry feels threatened by MP3, and just very recently won a lawsuit against MP3 for violation of music copyright. Songs could be downloaded from various web sites without payment to the recording artist and the recording company - in other words no royalty payment was exchanged. This sion times over the internet. MP3 is a could threaten the very heart of the music industry because if users could download songs for free, CDs would no reinvented! longer have to be purchased thereby nomic system of music distribution to eliminating the music stores, and stores, as we know them today, may van-

selections to create their own unique CDs. Where does all this leave the dedicated audiophile? If the demise of the mass distributed pre-recorded CD comes true, then it is very likely that the recording industry will produce in very limited

quantities true 16 bit (or to come, 20 bit) CDs just like are now present, but only marketed to the audiophile - and at inflated audiophile prices (due to the low quantity produced). Ah, the wheel is

To summarize, brick and mortar music

ish. In their place, virtual web based music stores and recording companies themselves will provide MP3 downloadable music for the average listener (some songs for free, and some for a set charge). Most people will listen to music on their computer, or on a portable MP3 player, or on a CD-Write generated in their own home computer and played in their stereo system. For the audio-

phile, 16 bit (as currently available) or 20 bit prerecorded CDs will still be available through the web based music stores and directly from the recording companies themselves, but at an audiophile price (read : higher price). In effect, their will be two classes of music listeners. The average person will use MP3 generated music (player or CD-Write generated).

The audiophile will have still access to the same CDs as currently available, but in much smaller quantity. This will drive the price of current CDs up because they will have the superior sound quality.

Fact or fiction? Only time will tell, but all the signs point towards the revolution described here. CDs make way for MP3!

http://www.tnt-audio.com



artists. Lawsuits not withstanding, MP3

is here to stay. What will most likely

happen in the not too distant future is

that music stores may completely van-

ish. Users will download music selec-

tions (some for free AND some for a

royalty fee), and store the selection in

their computer. The music selection will

be able to be played either on a MP3

portable player (as is available now),

and on a CD which will be immediately

generated in the user's computer on a

CD-Write unit. This CD could then be

played on a home stereo system. In

effect, end users will be burning in their

very own CDs on their computer. This

will eliminate the manufacture and dis-

tribution of CDs to music stores. Instead



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كاهدا رقمدة تتصل بالموبابل

المتحرك الى جهاز تصوير فورى لا يتطلب ذلك إلا تعليق الكاميرا في أعلى الهاتف المستخدم ورفعه الى مستوى العين ومن ثم التقاط الصورة ويمكن استخدام هذه التقنية مع أي كاميرا من نوع أر يكسون بشرط أن يكون مزوداً بـ (مودم) ويمكن بعد ذلك إرسال الصور على شكل بريد إلكتروني. وإضافتها الى (وب البوم) الشخصى بواسطة الإنترنت على الهاتف المتحرك لتخزينها أو لمحوها.

كشفت شركة (أر يكسون) النقاب عن أول ألة تصوير متحركة في العالم تستخدم مع نظام شبكات (G.S.M) وتعتبر هذه الكاميرا أول منتج من أر يكسون في مجال تقنيات التصوير، وهي تقدم طريقة بسيطة لإرسال الصور الفورية من الهاتف المتحرك الى عناوين البريد الإلكتروني أو تخزينها في (البوم) صور افتراضي. وجاءت هذه التقنية لتضيف بعداً جديد على نظام الرسائل الشخصية القصيرة عبر

سيطر على جهازك. ١-٢

البحث بدون مسافات ثم موافق ، سيتم التأشير (التظليل) على الموقع -ram files prog قم بالضغط على هذا.

وضع ملفك الخاص فيه مثل (D....E.F...) ثم كتابة اسم الملف ر الخاص بك مثلاً DUNA وهذا سيصبح الاسم الجديد للمسار مثلاً DUNA /:D ثم الضغط على موافق أو إدخال (Enter) في هذه الحالة عند تثبيت أي برنامج على سيقوم مباشرة بوضع هذا البرنامج بصورة ملف أو مجلد (Folder) وبهذا سيصبح مصدر البرنامج (اسم البرنامج DUNA) | الهاتف المتحرك. ولتحويل الهاتف ولكن منا تبرز سيطرتنا باختيار المسار المطلوب في المكان المرغوب أي بإمكاننا اختيار مسار آخر لوضع البرامج بداخله، الذي يتم بإنشاء ملف من قبلك في المكان الذي تريده وذلك بإتباع الآتى :

قم بالضغط على قائمة(ابدأ) واختيار أمر (Run) (ثم كتابة (regedit) في سطر أمر التشغيل، والضغط على موافق (OK) بعدها سيتم نقلك الى واجهة (Registry Editor) من هناك قم باختيار تحرير (Edit) والضغط على بحث (Find) وكتابة السطر (Dir fils program) في سطر





عندما تقوم بتثبيت أي برنامج على جهازك فإنك ستقوم بتحميله وتخضع لأوامره المفروضة من قبله المتمثلة في قيام الجهاز بوضع أى برنامج تم تثبيته في ملف files Program الموجود ضمن ملفات القرص (C) ويصبح مصدر وهدف كل برنامج تم تحميله في المسار التالي: اسم الملف files Program/:C/

ولِلْكُ إلى:

ملدق الإتصالات الرقمية

الشركات المقدمة للخدمة G.S.M

التقنية الرقمية G.S.M

تطبيقات G.S.M

ملحق الاتصالات الرقمية

ازدادت حاجتنا الى وسيلة اتصالات عصرية لا سيما في ظل النقص الكبير في التلفونات الثابتة. وبدخول الشركات المقدمة لخدمة التلفون الرقمى G.S.M بتطبيقاتها انتهت المشكلة نسبيأ نتيجة إقبال الجماهير على هذه الخدمة.

وتأتى أهمية نظام G.S.M الرقمي إضافة الى ثبات صوته، من تطبيقاته الكثيرة والهامة مثل (الواب) وإرسال واستقبال الرسائل القصيرة وإمكانية حفظ المكالمات وكثير من التطبيقات المهمة.

ومعروف أن هذه التطبيقات تخدم مجالات كثيرة وهامة مثل الاقتصاد. في عصر أصبح فيه السيار من أهم

وسائل الاتصال وسوف يحتل الصدارة بعد اندماجه بالإنترنت. ولهذه الأهمية البالغة لتطبيقات G.S.M ولحاجة الجمهور للوسائل المعرفية التي تمكنه من التعامل مع هذه التطبيقات. ارتأت شركة (سبأفون) التدرج في تقديم هذه التطبيقات مع تقديم وسائل المعرفة ونشر الوعى التكنولوجي للجمهور. لهذا رأت اعداد هذا الملحق الذي يقدم المعلومات الهامة عن:

 ١- التقنية الرقمية علمياً. Y- معلومات عن تطبيقات G.S.M. ٣- انعكاسات هذه التطبيقات على

أهم مميزات G.S.M

وعن مميزات هذه التقنية يقول السيد (حسان قباني) مدير شركة سبأفون. في حوار سابق مع الصحيفة.

هذا النظام مبني على الترددات الرقمية (digital)، مما يؤمن عدة مميزات: ١- إرسال واستقبال المكالمات بجودة عالية في الصوت وثباتها.

٢- يؤمن الحماية لمستخدميه بفضل الرمز السري.

٣- وهناك الكثير من الخدمات الهامة، مثل (المجيب الصوتي، والرسائل القصيرة، والكاشف، والاتصال الدولي، الواب).

هذه بعض مميزات G.S.M التي ستقدمها الشركة وستعمل هذه التقنية الرقمية على دخول اليمن عصر المعلومات وستنعكس إيجابيا على كثير من المجالات العلمية والاقتصادية ...الخ.

هذه الارقام الدقيقة لتكون صورة

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واحدة أي بالطريقة التقليدية تتأثر

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مفهوم الرقمية

واضحة المعالم (متكاملة).





MAM

التقنية الرقمية هي تقنية المستقبل

وليد عبدالعزيز السقاف *

في عصر أصبحت الحاجة الى وسيلة تقينة أسرع و بمميزات تحمل الدقة القريبة من الواقع .أصبحت حاجة ملحة

وقد سعى العلماء إلى تحقيق هذه الوسيلة في بداية السبعينات. حيث كانت التقنية في نقل الصوت والصورة تسير بطريقة تقليدية افتراضية (analog) وكانت الامور تسير الى الخمسينات من القرن العشرين بهذه الطريقة.

ولكن وفي بداية السبعينات بدأت فكرة الأنظمة الرقمية بالتطبيق وبدأت في أجهزة الكمبيوترات. فلكي تُحفظ المعلومات بشكل دقيق ومتكامل كانت تحفظ على شكل أرقام من (١) و (صفر) حتى تحافظ على الدقة والثبات وتصل الصورة او الصوت بشكل يشبه الحقيقة. وهذا التقنية تحول المعلومات والأحرف والأرقام الى أرقام مثلا الحرف (a) يتمثل

برقم (١،صفر،١،١) وهكذا تحول كل المعلومات الى ارقام (لهذا سميت تقينة رقمية) وتكون كل الرسائل الصوتية والصور محكومة بدقة عالية. ولا مجال للتقريب. وكون عملية التحويل الى

الرقمية مكلفة. بدأت فقط بالكمبيوترات وتطورت في التسعينات نتيجة لزيادة الكمبيوترات سرعة

وبرامجها ووسائل نقل المعلومات. لذا أصبح بالإمكان ترجمه الأرقام الى بيانات الارقام الى بيد. شكلية وصوتية، كما هو حاصل

القنوات الفضائية للصورة وتقنية

G.S.M في الصوت. مما أدى الى تحسين الدقة في المرئيات والمسموعات. وأصبح هناك عصر جديد بعد التقنية الرقمية وما قبلها. ولو أردنا مقارنة التقنية الرقمية بالتقنية التقليدية

(الافتراضية) من حيث الوضوح وثبات الصورة والصوت فسوف تلاحظ الفرق. فتخيل إرسال بث (صورة) بشكل موجات تقريبية (كصورة متكاملة) قطعة

وأن ترسل الصورة على شكل نقاط متناهية الصغر مجزأة إلى ألاف من النقاط الدقيقة وبأرقام معينة معلومة.

في حالة إرسال (الصورة) بشكل موجات بالطريقة الافتراضية ستصل الصورة أو الصوت بأقل دقة وأقل وضوح وتتاثر

أما في حالة إرسال البث بتقنية رقمية ستكون النتيجة عالية الدقة. وفي حالة نقصان أي رقم لأسباب فنية فإن النتيجة ستكون إنقطاع الارسال تماماً. وهذا ما يحدث لبرامج الكمبيوتر عندما تصاب أي نقطة أو رقم بتلف فني فإن البرنامج لا يعمل تماماً.

لذا ستكون الصورة تتالف من مجموعة

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Modernization Project at Aden Port

Aden Refinery Company inaugurated on 29 April, a modernization project at Aden port for supplying ships calling at the port. The whole implementation of the project was entirely carried out by Yemeni experts from Aden Refinery Company, said Mr. Ibrahim Khalaf Hassan Ali, Director of Public Relations.

Mr. Ali indicated that Aden Refinery Company is one of the important economic installations in Yemen and provides the local market with oil products, liquefied gas, aircraft fuel and asphalt. He mentioned that one of the projects financed by the Refinery is related to increasing storage capacity of oil products. It comprises building 6 new storages, and is known as the Russian Storage Project whose materials were brought from the former USSR.

Though the project is implemented by Yemeni experts only, Rumanian expertise was also used so the refinery's storage capacity could amount to one million tons of oil products. The

wise administration of the executive manager Fathi Salem played a big role in modernizing the Refinery in order to be one of the most modern refineries in the world. The care rendered by President Ali Abdullah Saleh in this regard contributed to its development as 16 new storages were built with a storage capacity of 100 thousand tons of crude oil coming from Mareb and Masilah. There are 14 storages, two of which have a capacity of 250 thousand metric tons.

In May two storages were inaugurated with storage capacity of 29 thousand tons each. He also said that production capacity of the Refinery is 150 thousand barrels a day. The refinery is always seeking modernization, indicting that there are many future projects, mainly the building of a 35-40 megawatt power station, in addition to building units for refining crude oil. There is also another for producing automobile fuel and one for treating other products.

50 Trainees graduate from Abenezer training center

The Ethiopian Food Preparation Training Center has recently held a graduation ceremony at the Sana'a Sheraton hotel for 50 Ethiopian trainees who completed a course in tourism and food preparation.

In his opening speech, the head of the center first welcomed all of the guests. Especially Dr. Teketel Forsido The Ambassador of Ethiopia to Yemen, the general manager of Sheraton-Sana'a hotel and the members of the Ethiopian community. He said:" I would like to express my pleasure and appreciation for your presence with us on this occasion. Hotel and tourism, at this moment, is one of the industries that generates large revenue around the world. As it comprises many professional realms, it absorbs a significant amount of manpower and is as important as ever." He added:

"The industry is in advanced stages and developing countries are making great efforts in expanding the industry. This will help the developing countries open job opportunities more than ever before"

About the center he said: "Abenezer training center founder likes the industry and in cooperation with the Ethiopian community has trained 50 youths. The past months have culminated with the graduation of these young people for work in the food service industry."

In conclusion the center manager said:

"I hereby declare and confirm in my name and on behalf of the training center that the above mentioned graduates have successfully completed their study in international standards in hotel, restaurant, guesthouse and have knowledge of catering. They also know how to prepare food for food production enterprises and supermarkets, which need high professional



standards and the graduates will render the satisfactory service.

Using this opportunity, I would like to express my pleasure that the training center offers service in catering. At this time I would like to extend my appreciation to those who availed their invaluable corporation to the training center and for the success of the activities" he once again thanked: The Venerable Embassy of Ethiopia and the Ethiopian Community, Sheraton Sana'a Hotel, Taj Sheba Hotel, Hadda Hotel, Shahran Hotel and the Yemeni

Award Ceremony for Open Tennis Tournament held

Open Tennis Tournament launched Friday 20 April in Sheraton Hotel was over last week. The tournament was organized for the fourth time. Participants, about 40, from diplomats, diplomatic corps, UN, club members, employees from embassies all competed in this tournament. The hotel arranged an award ceremony last Saturday 5 May at Nour Al-Negoum

- Levon Aslanien (runner up)

Mixed Double: Libour Janous/Clara (winner) - Philip/Sandrine Penel (runner up)

Men's Double: Libour

follows:

(winners)

2 watches: Mixed Double

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(runner-up)

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Supper Club. Winners are as follows: Men's Single: Libour Janous (winner)

Janous/Ali Haidani (winner) - Lutf Hassan/Moh'd Janhoub (runner up)

Prizes distributed are as

2 tickets: Men's double

(winners)

Men's Single (winners)

1 watch: Men's Single

إعلان

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وقد حظيت هذه الدورة لهذه اليمن بمشاركة واسعة من مختلف بلدان العالم.

الدولية، خلال الفترة من ٢٠-٢٦ والأخشاب والمنتجات الخشبية، والطباعة الثالث والذي يتزامن مع إحتفالات والكيماويات ومنتجاتها ومنتجات الخامات التعدينية، والآلات، المعدات، اللوازم الكهربائية، المعدات العلمية والمهنية، وتشارك في فعاليات المعرض، الصناعات الخزفية، المنسوجات، التظاهرة الإقتصادية الهامة في العديد من كبريات الشركات الجلود، منتجاتها، الورق العربية والعالمية، التي ستعرص ومنتجاته، والمنتجات النفطية، المطاطية، البلاستيكية، المعدنية

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SYNONYMS:

- * amiable
- * cordial
- * genial
- * obliging
- * pleasant
- * polite

ANTONYM:

- * discourteous
- * ungracious
- * rude
- * unmannerly
- * impolite

EXAMPLE SENTENCES:

- On the first day of school, the affable kindergarten teacher made it easier for the nervous children by gently coaxing them into the room and waving to their parents with them.
- The nurse had such an inviting, affable smile that Joey almost forgot he was there to receive a shot.

OBSCURE AND

UNUSUAL WORDS

1) perichareia \per" i ko re' a\ (noun)

: excessive and violent rejoicing 2) saprophilous \sap rof' il es\ (adjec-

tive) : thriving in a decaying matter 3) aristology \ar is tol' e jee\ (noun) : the art of dining

WORD:

quisling \kwiz' ling\ (noun) : a traitor, especially somebody who collaborates with an occupying force

SYNONYMS:

- * collaborator
- * Benedict Arnold
- * betrayer
- * conspirator

ANTONYM:

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- * loyalist * faithfulness
- * allegiance * incorruptable

EXAMPLE SENTENCES:

- The young boy remembered hearing his grandfather use the word "quisling," but did not understand its meaning until later in history class.
- The soldier's father always told him that treason was the highest offense against one's country and to never be a quisling and shame him.

Music Rocks

"Stuck In a Moment You Can't Get Out Of" Artist: U2 Album: All That You Can't Leave Behind

I'm not afraid of anything in this world There's nothing you can throw at me that I haven't already heard I'm just trying to find a decent melody A song that I can sing in my own company I never thought you were a fool

But darling, look at you

You gotta stand up straight, carry your own weight

These tears are going nowhere, baby

You've got to get yourself together

You've got stuck in a moment and now you can't get out of it

Don't say that later will be better now you're stuck in a moment

And you can't get out of it

I will not forsake, the colors that you bring

But the nights you filled with fireworks

They left you with nothing

I am still enchanted by the light you brought to me

I listen through your ears, and through your eyes I can see

And you are such a fool

To worry like you do

I know it's tough, and you can never get enough

Of what you don't really need now ... my oh my

You've got to get yourself together

You've got stuck in a moment and you can't get out of it

Oh love look at you now

You've got yourself stuck in a moment and you can't get out of it

I was unconscious, half asleep

The water is warm till you discover how deep

I wasn't jumping for me it was a fall

It's a long way down to nothing at all

You've got to get yourself together

You've got stuck in a moment and you can't get out of it

Don't say that later will be better now

You're stuck in a moment and you can't get out of it

And if the night runs over

And if the day won't last

And if our way should falter

Along the stony pass

It's just a moment

This time will pass



