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## “TIME” Reveals Shocking Information About The USS Cole: CULTURAL CHASM BEHIND FBI WITHDRAWAL



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The American Time Magazine published a report in its issue dated 8 July 2001 by Massimo Calabresi titled 'Missing Link'. The article dealt with complications and developments concerning investigations into the USS Cole destroyer bombing attack while refueling at Aden seaport on October 13, 2000. The report revealed striking details for the first time regarding the actual reasons behind the suspension of FBI operations in Aden. The author gives rather detailed account on differences in viewpoints and procedures of investigation between the Yemenis and the FBI agents sent to Yemen as investigators into the incident.

According to the article, the US State Department holds the FBI responsible for creating and deepening a rift with the Yemeni authorities with clumsy demands for access. The main reason behind the pulling out of the FBI units from Aden is as claimed by the author to be related to cultural differences. "The bureau and the Yemenis have tried and failed to bridge the cultural chasm between them, haggling over investigative methods and a security. The FBI and the U.S. State Department began a bitter feud over dealing with the Yemenis, leading to an open rupture between the agency's chief investigator and the U.S. ambassador there."

Apart from that, the article said that "there has also been a disagreement over other tactics." Disagreement between FBI investigators and Yemeni authorities and a "terrorist" threat to U.S. forces have ultimately led to pulling out of the last 13 FBI investigators from Yemen on June 17, 2001. In view of its importance we are re-publishing the Time article on this topic on page 15 of this issue for our readers to get acquainted with the magazine's viewpoint and its account on this subject that has great influence on Yemeni-U.S. relations.

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### Disappointment at the Arab Parliamentary Conference

The 39th two-day emergency round of the Arab Parliamentary Conference wound up successfully last Thursday July 11 in the capital, Sana'a. The meeting was held with the objective of discussing the Palestinian issue and means of supporting it. However, an atmosphere of disappointment ensued due to the low-level representation of some Arab governments, who could even be interpreted by others as taking the issue of the Intifada and the dangers jeopardizing it lightly. These countries are actually lagging behind in discharging their national responsibility to support the



defenseless Palestinians who are subject to extermination, war, aggression and sanctions. Whatever excuses these countries may offer, history shall be the best judge.

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### President's Visit to USA Postponed

SANAA, July 14, Xinhua & agencies—President Ali Abdullah Saleh's visit to the United States, scheduled for July, has been postponed until this Fall, said an informed Yemeni source on Saturday. The decision has been taken during a meeting between Yemeni Foreign Minister Abu Bakr Abdullah al-Qirbi and U.S. Assistant Secretary for Near Eastern Affairs William Burns, who visited Sanaa last week.

Both sides have also agreed to work together to complete the ongoing probe of the blast of a U.S. Navy destroyer last October in a Yemeni port, he added. They have also agreed to bring the suspects of the explosion to trial in accordance with Yemeni laws. Yemeni Interior Minister Rashid al-Alimi said last week that holding the suspects in custody for so a long time, without their trial at the request of the U.S. side is counter to the Yemeni law.

On conclusion of his visit to Yemen, Mr William Burns held a press conference at Sana'a airport in which he responded to questions on various topics particularly concerning Yemeni-U.S. relations and developments in the Palestinian cause. Mr Burns confirmed that his talks with Yemeni officials emphasized ways of maintaining the U.S. supportive stand towards Yemen with regard to Yemeni interests, economic development and democratic reform. On American aspects of cooperation with Yemen, Burns has said the U.S. ambassador to Yemen has recently signed 30-million dollars worth four agreements for building schools and infrastructure projects, saying that his country would continue offering help to Yemen on economic development.

Washington has expressed appreciation for Yemeni efforts to complete the investigation into the causes of the blast and to guarantee the security of the U.S. embassy in Sanaa.

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### In the UK Embassy Bombing Trial: VERDICT TODAY

The Penal Court of Sana'a holds its final session in the trial of the four suspects involved in the bombing attack against the UK Embassy in Sana'a last October. The Judge Mohsen Alwan is expected to pass his sentence against Abu Bakr Jayol, Ahmad Masood, Salem Salem Abu Jahel and Faris Saleh Taher.

These four suspects have been accused of carrying out the bombing of the UK Embassy and the explosions of Aden in the beginning of this year. Jayol and Masood are also accused of planting explosives near the residence of ex-

Minister of Interior, Hussein Arab. During the final hearing session held last Monday, the prosecutor confirmed the charges against the suspects. Jayol and Masood confessed their involvement in the UK Embassy and Aden explosions. Masood added that he planted explosives near the Interior Minister's house in connivance with one of the Minister's escorts named Hadi Masood.

The other two suspects denied their participation in the terrorist attacks. The first two suspects said they had nothing to add to their confessions before the court during 10 sessions and appealed for justice

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## Barrage of Media Criticism Between Islah & GPC

It seems that the relationship between the ruling party, General People's Congress (GPC), and Islah is dying out. The two parties are currently launching media barrage against each other, heralding collapse of their long-standing strategic coalition. They are now accusing each other of involvement in taking steps for normalization of relations with Israel.

Al-Sahwah weekly, Islah's mouthpiece, launched a ruthless and stubborn attack on the former PM Dr. Abdulkarim Al-Iryani and his liberal wing in the GPC that he favors establishing good relationship with Israel. The newspaper released a photo of a Yemeni origin rabbi Samah al-Qadhi posing with Mr Iryani. It accused Iryani of attacking the scholastic institutes, which alleged-

ly breed terrorists. It added that he wanted to get some big guys at the power center prosecuted for facilitating the USS Cole bombing. Al-Sahwah adds that in this way Iryani wanted to take revenge on the conventional members at the GPC who opposed his policy regarding Yemen's relation with the World Bank as well as his views to normalize relations with Israel.

On the other hand, Al-Mithaq, GPC's mouthpiece, counter attacked Islah and released a photo of Sheikh Abdullah bin Hussein Al-Ahmar with the same Jewish rabbi. It accused Al-Sahwah of having clandestine relationship with Israeli press institutions through which it could get that photo of Iryani and the rabbi. It also presented the story of the Jewish rabbi. It said he traveled from

Yemen to Israel in the 1940s and then moved to the USA where he kicked off his business. He came to Yemen by the end of the 1980s and wanted to establish a school for his Jewish community in Raidah, Amran.

Al-Mithaq said he met several officials including Iryani to facilitate his project but it confirmed that the project did not get through as the education bureau officer from Islah in Amran at that time stalled the project. He wanted all Yemeni Jews to immigrate to Israel. It also said that when al-Qadhi visited Yemen last April, he did not meet Iryani. Rather, he met Islah leaders including Abdulmajeed al-Zindani, Islah's Shura president.

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**Words of Wisdom**

As long as there is a ministry of information, which sees its main role as "guiding" the press and "reigning in" those who don't see things the way it does, there will always be a danger to our freedom of the press"  
Prof. Abdulaziz Al-Saqqaf, (1951-1999)  
Founder of Yemen Times

**Our Opinion**

**Oil is Simply Not Enough!**

**R**ecently, the Yemeni government okayed several new deals with oil exploring and producing companies to work in Yemen. At another level, companies currently operating in the country have raised revenues from oil. It is also undeniable that oil is the main source of revenue for the government. However, officials and decision-makers seem to forget that oil revenues are not stable. They are extremely volatile and could drop sharply at any time as in 1998. They need to realize, therefore, that complete dependence on oil revenues can be dangerous.

In view of this, the Gulf states are continuously trying to find alternative energy sources to oil in the long run. Although it is highly probable that oil reserves could last for tens of years to come, it is also probable that total dependence on oil may be catastrophic for those nations who have adopted this strategy. Unfortunately, Yemen itself is progressively becoming a nation over dependent on oil revenues.

If the government is not able to render services and provide sufficient funds for projects, salaries, and other necessary expenses from available revenues, how will it possibly cope when the country's oil reserves actually dry up? Today, countries throughout the world are seeking alternative fuels, while Yemen still hasn't even considered finding alternatives to oil as a national source of income.

The extensive efforts of the United Arab Emirates in the fields of both commerce and tourism should provide us with an invaluable insight into the importance of finding new energy resources, implementing ideas, and initiating new projects to provide additional income for Yemen. Yemen has great potential for development in both tourism and commerce. It is strategically well placed, has a generally comfortable climate, has important ancient sites, and much more.

The country is currently experiencing an economic crisis, reflected in an explosive population growth, water and electricity shortages, security problems, and many other issues. We need to look at new ways to improve the nation's standard of living by seeking financial resources other than oil. Even revenues from oil are unequally distributed. The government spends disproportionately more money on the armed forces than any other state sector; so, not only is the state's budget very small, but it is also not well spent. There are other vital state sectors which badly need a much larger share of the budget. These include education and health. Yet, due to an over-dependence on oil revenues, these two very important sectors are insufficiently provided for.

It is in the hands of Yemen's leaders to become far less dependent on oil revenues as well as to redistribute the country's current revenues in a way which meets the pertinent needs of the country. It is no longer appropriate or necessary to finance such a large military establishment to defend the country's borders. We now live in an age of widespread education, science and technology, and not one of rebels and armed forces.

Will the leadership ever get this message before it is too late?  
*Let's hope so!*

**Destruction of P&G Counterfeit Products**



Products which do not carry the genuine logo of P & G. Wednesday 11 July, a great deal of counterfeit products bearing the logo of Proctor & Gamble were burned.

This has come following a court ruling stipulating the destruction of all the counterfeit products bearing the logo of the company. According to the directives of the head of the court, the Environment

Department in cooperation with the representatives of the company has confiscated and destroyed all the counterfeit products. These products had entered Yemen through smuggling which are 1500 medium size and 1500 large size counterfeit products.

On the other hand, the Environment Department has warned the merchants not to deal with the exporters of such

**British Council & Ministry of Planning Honor Training Program Graduates**

The Ministry of Planning and Development, in collaboration with the British Council in Sana'a organized a ceremony to honor graduates of a short-term regional training program supported by the Netherlands Government. The graduates comprised 18 staff representing five government agencies dealing with the socio-economic, administrative and financial reforms initiated by the Yemeni government in 1995.

The trainees spent 8 weeks on in-country and outside training in Cairo with work attachments at Egyptian government agencies. The Director General for International Cooperation at the Ministry of Planning and Development

Mr. Nabil Shaiban says the trainees represent the first batch of a comprehensive training targeting government agencies relevant to the reform program.

A second batch of trainees is being finalized targeting other agencies dealing with the implementation of decentralization and local authority bill, said Mr. Shaiban. The Netherlands Government is providing around guilders 1 million for training in the region in the field of economic management and reforms. The program is supervised by the Ministry of Planning and Development and is implemented by the British Council through Team International in Cairo.

**Natural Resources Management Symposium Concludes in Taiz**

Last Thursday, the First Symposium on Traditional Management of Natural Resources and Environment concluded its symposium in Taiz. It was organized by the Ministry of Agriculture and the Ministry of Tourism and Environment in co-operation with Al-Saeed Cultural Corporation and under the supervision of the Forth Branch Program- Taiz Branch. More than (30) official parties and voluntarily organizations working in the natural resources and in the environment protection.

At the beginning of the symposium, the governor of Taiz, Al-hajri delivered a speech in which he placed a great stress on the importance of making use of the historical legacy in the agricultural betterment. The participants discussed the working papers concentrating on the traditional management of the natural resources. At the same time the Eng. Mohee Al-Deen Al-Aghbari presented a book in

which he dealt with the diverse traditional ways of agriculture in two main areas in "Al-Aghabera & Al-Arook" in Taiz governorate. Dr. Rafeek dealt with the proper ways of beekeeping in addition to the difficulties faced by the beekeepers such as the spreading of Uarrea Gacobsom diseases.

The two engineers Rashad & Ahmad Al-kholidi discussed the ways of getting rid of the plant epidemic in Al-Mowaset whereas Abdullah Morshed presented his working paper on the use of natural substances to eradicate the plant epidemic. The symposium also revolved around the considerable effects on consuming large quantities of water on Qat and the effects of insecticides to the soil and to the man. Entisar Alharith presented her working paper focusing on the important role of woman to make a wise use of water. She brought a light on the deteriorating status of woman in villages.

**YJS & Zubairi Hospital Sign Agreement**

Within the framework of improving the journalists' living conditions, an agreement have been signed between the Yemeni Journalists' Syndicate and al Zubairi Specialized Hospital in Sana'a.

The hospital will receive the members of the syndicate and their families for check-ups,

medication, surgery and in-patient cases against 50% discounts. The agreement will last for two years and is renewable. It was signed on behalf of the Syndicate by Mahub Ali Naqib, Chairman of the syndicate and by Dr. Abudrahman Salem al-Zubairi, Director-General of al-Zubairi Specialized Hospital.

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**Disappointment at the Arab Parliamentary Conference**

The meeting, in which 19 Arab states participated, resulted in the Sana'a Declaration whereby the Arab states expressed their wholehearted support for the Palestinians. The report hailed the Palestinians' stand against Israeli aggressive and terrorist measures. The report also indicated the Palestinians' indispensable right to liberate their lands, and allow the return home of Palestinian refugees. It also emphasized the right of the Palestinians to shape their own future by establishing an independent state in their home lands, with al-Quds (Jerusalem) as its capital.

Arab Parliamentary Union representatives stressed the point that these rights should be implemented in compliance with international resolutions, in particular those No. 181, 194, 242, 338 endorsed by the UNGA, SC and those resolutions endorsed by the International Parliaments' Union held in Amman and Jakarta in 2000. In their final report, Arab Parliamentary members renewed their stand and stated that al-Quds is part and parcel of the occupied Arab territories, as well as completely condemning attempts made by the Zionist entity to de-arabize the ethnic and religious demography of Palestinian lands. They also condemned Israeli actions which violate the holy sanctuaries in al-Quds and Israel's continued attempts to deport Palestinians from the city. Israeli settlements in the occupied Arab lands are (according to the Arab Parliamentarians) an outrageous violation of UN resolutions, and the principles of International Law, as well as being overtly aggressive against both the Palestinians and the Arab world.

Arab Parliamentary members called on the international community to force Israel to remove its settlements, and also agreed to offer all available means of supporting the Intifada and the Palestinians' struggle against them. They particularly called on countries sponsoring the peace process to adhere to the resolutions of both the Security Council and the emergency round of the UN General Assembly. Participating Parliamentary members also called on the international community to bring war criminals and violators of human rights among the Israeli occupying forces to trial, especially the terrorist Ariel

Sharon. The report also called on all types of unions, peoples' organizations and people in the Arab world to back the Palestinians and their national authorities, headed by the Palestinian Liberation Organization. It also called for the establishment of Peoples' committees in all Arab countries to raise funds so as to ensure that the Intifada against the Zionist occupying forces continues, and the cessation of all political, economic and cultural contacts with the Zionist entity, so long as it continues in its aggression and sanctions against the Palestinians.

The report also condemned Israeli attacks against Syria and Lebanon, and expressed complete support for Syria's objective of recovering the entire Golan Heights area, which is in accordance with UN resolutions Nos 242 and 338. It also condemned the partisan stance of the US in siding with the Zionist occupying forces, and especially its decision to transfer the US embassy from west to east Jerusalem. It called the EU and European Parliament to intensify their efforts to establish a fair and comprehensive peace in the Middle East, and to increase their pressure on Israel to stop its aggression against the Palestinians and implement the International resolutions.

The council agreed to hold the 10th conference of the Arab Parliamentary Union at Khartoum in February 2002 and assigned the union chairmanship and its general secretariat to pursue the issue and proceed with all preparations in collaboration with the Sudanese department.

Yasser M. Ahmad  
Yemen Times

**Government Postpones it Dialogue with Opposition on Elections Law**

The government of Mr. Abdulqadir Bajammal postponed its third meeting with the opposition parties scheduled for yesterday till next Wednesday. The dialogue the government is holding with those opposition is meant to discuss the amended draft law of elections. Yemen Times learned that the postponement is because Mr. Bajammal wants to reconcile the differences between the opposition suggestions to amend the electoral system at large and the government's proposed amendments on the elections law.

The source said that the government is likely to refuse most of the opposition's suggestions such as the one which stipulates the establishment to monitor the government's work as it doesn't cope with the constitution. The government will not look into the opposition's request to conduct national reconciliation and sweeping away the impacts of

the 1994 Civil War as well as finding solutions to the Yemeni Socialist Party's problems resulting from the civil war as this request is the focal point of the discussion and dialogue about draft amended law of elections.

The opposition parties along with Islah presented a paper to the government that included all their views on reforming the electoral system in Yemen. The opposition has refused the abolishing of the political parties' representation in the Supreme Elections Committee (SEC). They suggested that the SEC include 9 members instead of 7 nominated by their parties and approved by the parliament. It also refused the endorsement of the president's right to fire any of these SEC members. The ruling party, General People's Congress, will probably find no problem in getting the amendments endorsed by the parliament as it enjoys majority.

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and Dr. Satyarth Tripathy of the Department of English, Faculty of Arts, Sanaa University. At the outset, Mr. P.V. Ranganathan, Vice President of the Association welcomed all the to the function, which was the first get together after the new executive committee for the year 2001-2001 assumed office. The program was kicked off by popular Hindi film song numbers rendered by Mr. Shankar and Mr. Ambu Thakur and recitation of verses by Dr. Tripathy. Speakers recounted the rich contributions of the outgoing members for the orchestration of a vibrant cultural life of the Indian community in Sanaa. Prof. Dr. Thakur, President of the Association, in his valedictory address, recalled how each of the departing members played a vital role for enriching the Indian community and wished them all prosperity in their new stations.

**Farewell Function at the India Embassy Club**

A function was held on Thursday at the Indian Embassy School to bid farewell to Mr. K.K. Vijayan, Cultural Attaché of the Indian Embassy in Sanaa, Mr. Shankar Bhardwaj of Taj Sheba Hotel,

**Arab Universities Activate Scholarship Exchange Programs**

25 Yemeni male and female students left Sana'a July 11 to Egypt to pursue their studies, within the training exchange of Arab Universities students programs. The 25 Yemeni students will be distributed to Egyptian universities. Other 10 students left

Friday for Egypt and other 8 students for Sudan. On the other hand, and within the program, Araw University will host 20 students from Syria, Egypt and Sudan to be trained on management, accountancy, computer engineering, etc.

**Cultural Festivities at the Youth House in Sana'a**

The events of the speech and musical party organized in the occasion of the 15th youth festival to be held in Algeria the next month. These festivities came after the male

and female youth have completed their preparatory camp prior to their departure. Persons who won the President's prize are to take part at this festival.



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Al-Junaid to YT:

# "More than 10 Million Landmines were Planted in Dhale'a."

Talking about Dhale'a, which is 80 Km from the capital Sana'a, is a tale of a conflict between the past and the present. This Governorate incorporated all bordering districts in the pre-unification period.

From time to time we hear reports of conflicts and other incidents which have happened in this Governorate. So now Yemen Times is trying to learn more about the status of this Governorate from a variety of angles. Hassan al-Zaidi of Yemen Times paid a visit to the Governorate and conducted an interview with Mr. Saleh Qasim al-Junaid, Governor of Dhale'a. Since he is a son of this soil he has a very good understanding of the nature and people of the Dhale'a Governorate. He was elected in 1988 to the Shura Council as a representative of his district, although he was then the rapporteur of the parliament's financial committee. Mr. al-Junaid has a bachelor degree in administration from Sana'a University and a higher diploma in international politics, and also has a master's degree in political systems from the University of Khartoum.

The following are excerpts from the interview:

**Q: What are the reasons behind the creation of the Governorate of Dhale'a?**

A: First of all I'd like to thank Yemen Times for this interview. As far as the creation of this Governorate is concerned, the Governorate of Dhale'a was created in 27-7-1998. The governorate consists of nine districts, four of which used to be under the control of the former Arab Republic of Yemen: al-Husha, Demet and al-Juban and the other five districts used to be under the control of the former Yemen Democratic Republic. These are: Dhale'a, al-Hassen, al-Azaraq, al-Shu'aeb and al-Habileen. Regardless of its composition the Governorate, with its current structure, has been shaped by the various circumstances and essential social, tribal, cultural and economic relations between its people.

**Q: What about expatriates from this Governorate?**

A: We do have expatriates but their numbers are small compared with those of other governorates; some of them live in the US, UK, and the Gulf states.

**Q: This Governorate's past is full of conflict. What does its people think of the aftermath of those conflicts?**

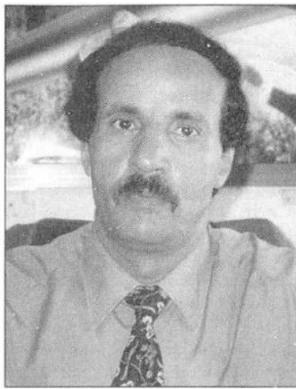
A: I can say that unification has been reflected in this Governorate insofar as the bordering areas between the former South and North Yemen were merged into a single Governorate. Actually, this area's past is replete with conflicts and natural disasters. It has experienced several wars and other conflicts, such as the so-called January wars of 1986 and the conflict which took place in the Middle-lands. The Socialist Party was trying to export socialism to the north through this area. Furthermore, it resorted to creating paramilitary groups and planting landmines. But after unification all wounds of the past have healed and a new leaf has been turned for this part of the country.

**Q: What about the clashes which occur between the army and the Governorate's inhabitants, and the news reports on the increase in military units which interfere in the daily life of its people?**

A: I'd like to note that we do not intend to create any more military installations. As far as new military installations are concerned, only one exists. Moreover, every state has military installations in its territories, but what is more important is that those states should not interfere in the daily lives of their citizens. Military units exist nationwide, while the camp stationed here is that of the 35 Armored Battalion, which replaced the A'boud battalion. In fact, right now there is no conflict between the army and the civilian population.

**Q: So how exactly are problems solved: through the army, police, tribal arbitration, or civil justice?**

A: There is no arbitration, since we



refer all cases to the civil courts.

**Q: What about the status of security in the Governorate?**

A: I want you to be the umpire of this situation, as you have stayed in the Governorate for three days and become acquainted with the situation here. The people of Dhale'a are peaceful and friendly, so we deal with them on this basis.

**Q: What about the situation of prisons in the Governorate?**

A: In fact, we have one prison which dates back to the pre-revolution period. This prison is not well-equipped, although at present we do have a reformatory whose cost is estimated at YR 150 million. It consists of one prison for men and another for women, in addition to other workshops and a health clinic. The Human Right Organization has supervised the planning and implementation of this reformatory, which should be completed at the end of the current year.

**Q: What about the situation of women in the Governorate?**

A: The situation of women here is not that good, so far as their social participation is concerned. It is practically non-existent and merely restricted to working in farms.

**Q: What kind of projects are implemented in the Governorate?**

A: One of the most important projects is that of linking the capital of the

Governorate with its surrounding districts. Many roads have been constructed at an estimated cost of YR 790 million, in addition to the establishment of the tech city at YR 350 million. A medical and a sport city were also established.

**Q: What about local councils in the Governorate? Can their revenues contribute to its development?**

A: I think that the revenues of the Governorate are not sufficient for its development. So it is in dire need of infrastructure projects, although its revenues do not exceed 40 YR million per year.

**Q: Any final comment you want to make?**

A: At the end of this meeting, I'd like to thank Yemen Times, represented by its Editor-in-Chief Mr. Waleed Abdulaziz al-Saqqaq and the rest of its staff, for this visit. And I invite again, through your newspaper, all organizations and authorities giving aid to Yemen to visit the Governorate of Dhale'a and to establish contact with us for the sake of developing it.

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## Child Labor: A Workshop

A workshop on child labor was organized last Saturday by the Ministry of Labor & Social Affairs, the Federation of Workers' Union and the Federation of the Chamber of Commerce & Industry in coordination with the international Program for the Elimination of Child Labor of the ILO. The workshop was a sort of introductory training workshop doing the ground work for future activities and workshops. The objective of this workshop is to define the role of these partners in the elimination of child labor. In the opening ceremony, Mr. Abdulkarim al-Arhabi, Labor & Social Affairs Minister, Mrs. Fule Caglar, desk officer for Arab States in Geneva and Mrs. Sameera Da'aer, program manager for IPC delivered speeches.

## Obstructing Justice in al-Qafar Primary Court

Alaw Legal Consultation Firm released a press statement concerning the ruling of al-Qafar Primary Court in Ibb Governorate in which it suspended its sessions dealing with the case of Faisal Qasim al-Demah, murdered at the People's General Congress office following his winning a seat at the local election conducted last year. Mr. Faisal al-Demah was a nominee of the Islah party and was murdered by Mohammed A. al-Hada, the nominee of the ruling party (PGC) and his gang. The suspension of the case is a protest against Ibb's Central Prison's administration not observing the rulings of the General Attorney and the court, as well as the absence of security measures which ensure the safety of the court panel and the



other related parties. The statement noted that "the administration of the Central Prison at Ibb Governorate deliberately summoned the persons accused of involvement in the murder of al-Demah, which contradicts the court's rulings. This situation has created an atmosphere of doubt, since some of the accused are already in

## Russian Minister Counselor Visits Yemen Times

Mr. Mir Pasha Zeinalor, Minister Plenipotentiary at the Russian Embassy in Sana'a paid a visit to the offices of Yemen Times last Tuesday July 10, after assuming his new post. He was accompanied by the Russian Orientalist and media secretary to the Russian Ambassador to Sana'a, Miss Diana Eloeva. Mr. Mir expressed happiness in visiting Yemen Times and was highly appreciative of its informative, media role. He said he had been a big admirer of Yemen Times since supervising the Russian Foreign Ministry's file on Yemen. In his meeting with the chief editor, he said "I



chose Yemen Times as my first place to visit after being appointed to the Russian Embassy in Sana'a. I do highly esteem the great job you are doing. So keep it up." Mr. Mir is one of Russia's most outstanding orientalist, and has published many publications on Arabic and Islamic history in general, and Yemeni history in particular.

prison and therefore easily recognized when they appear before the court in prison uniforms". The statement further added that "it had discovered that some influential people had secretly supported the suspects through obstructing the course of justice. The extrajudicial measures taken by the prison's administration encouraged the suspects to attend court accompanied by hundreds of people hired to threaten the victim's relatives, lawyers and the court panel. The press release added that the suspects come and go without any restrictions on their movement by the

prison guards, who received directives from the suspect's brother who is a director of a district. The latter used to attend the sessions accompanied by an armed group. The press statement of Alaw Legal Consultation Firm appealed to the Attorney General and the Minister of Interior to take the necessary legal measures to ensure that the prison's administration is questioned and brought to justice for refusing to implement the rulings of the court as well as taking disciplinary measures against its chief officials. It further called the court panel to give up the case if pressure is put on it to obstruct justice.

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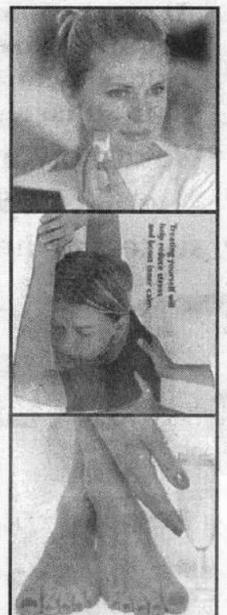
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In this occasion, Mr. Issa Abdulaziz Qasim, Principal of al-Hussien Private Schools and the owner of the Institute, delivered a speech in which he welcomed all the attendees. He further welcomed Mr. Waheeb Hassan Noman who has played a major role in the success achieved by the MBI. Mr. Issa noted that he is proud of this educational institution which has been established according to a sound educational basis regardless of profit-making. "A particular thank is also due to Mr. Nadim the assistant of Mr. Waheeb" Issa Qasim added.



"Those persons have run the institute according to the best educational standards and I, personally, can't find myself but in this institute since it is my first undertaking in Yemen irrespective of its financial returns" Mr. Issa Abdulaziz Qasim noted.

"We hope that all the staff will follow Mr. Waheeb in his dedication for his work and it is my great pleasure to honor him with a humble present and within the upcoming period he will be further rewarded since he deserves all the best. And here, I would like to add that our focus will be accorded more to the education process."



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### Barrage of Media Criticism Between Islah & GPC

Not only that. The two parties held each other responsible for the clash between the military and tribesmen from Obaidah in Marib which claimed the lives of 11 and injured soldiers.

GPC bureau in Marib released a statement accusing Islah terrorists of conducting criminal acts and piercing the oil pipeline as well as killing military men in an ambush. The statement said those acts aimed at sabotaging the implementation of the government's decision concerning the merging of religious institutes that were run by Islah. It also accused Islah members of standing against Yemeni Revolution and killing the revolutionary Ali Abdulmughni, adding that the people of Marib declared their support for the government and its measures to curb lawlessness.

However, Islah released a statement to refute GPC allegations related to Marib incident. Islah, along with opposition parties, held GPC responsible for the incident, pointing out Islah's courageous stands with the military in defense of Yemeni Unification. Islah confirmed that it was ready to release a list of the names of the attackers on the army.

The relationship of the two parties worsened during the last February local elections. Several people were killed in clashes between the two parties. The Islah then confirmed the nullification of the strategic coalition between the two parties.

But now the relationship is coming to an end and withering away, particularly because of the coalition between Islah and the opposition to undermine the GPC attempts to amend elections law. The opposition and Islah describe these proposed amendments as utilitarian and target democracy.

Political observers believe the relationship between Islah and GPC is facing rough weather and coming to an end despite the fact that President Saleh and Al-Ahmar want to maintain good relations. Their intimate relationship is based on tribal considerations rather than political affiliations. Islah also stressed several times that they will maintain their good relationship with Saleh, soothing what agitates the GPC anger.

y: Mohammed Hatem Al-Qadhi  
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The advocate of the fourth suspect defended his client and said that his client had nothing to do with the case. He also said that the other suspects denied his client's involvement in the bombing of the embassy and requested the judge to set him free.

The lawyer of the UK Embassy, Mr. Lebeed Ahmad said last Monday that a letter from the Embassy was submitted to the court concerning the demands of the embassy. The UK state department did not ask for compensation from any of the suspects in a hint that the Yemeni government is to pay for the damage caused to the Embassy.

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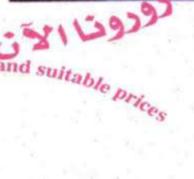
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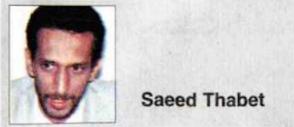
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# Yemeni-American Relations: Has US achieved its Goals?



Saeed Thabet

Many people wonder about what may have caused the US temporarily close its consular services to public and created a crisis in the Yemeni-American relations recently. In fact there are many cases and mutual interests that control the Yemeni-American relations. However, the US seems to be more determined to get strategic interests in Yemen that would serve strengthen its presence in the whole region. Such interests became more evident after the civil war in 1994. The following are the mutual cases that seem to govern relations between the two countries:

- \* the geographical and strategic location of Yemen,
- \* economy,
- \* military cooperation,
- \* normalization with the Zionists, and
- \* controlling the Islamic movements.

## Geographical and Strategic location of Yemen

The government of Yemen makes use of its important location and its population in the Arab Peninsula as a trump card to generate support to develop its economy. It has been using the same card to determine the volume of American interest in the location of Yemen. Such a location bestows great importance on Aden seaport in the field of international trade attracting international interest that are ambitious about playing political, economic, military roles in the area. These roles have been played by the US which has been demonstrating more interests in Yemen since the early problems that led to unity and its support of unity in return of military and economic interests in the area following the same steps of the British colonizers who controlled the southern part of the country for more than 128 years. Following the civil war in 1994, the US tended to get back the price for supporting unity among which have been military facilities in the country that allow

American aircraft to fly and get fueled freely.

Many newspapers published news about American negotiations to establish a military base in Socotra or Meyon of the strategic location on the Bab Al-Mandab Strait. But it was strongly denied by Yemeni officials.

The first experience to know Aden by the Americans was in 1991 as part of the Charity Operation used as a cover to intervene in the internal affairs of Somalia. However, the American presence in Yemen did not last for a long time owing to the explosion of the Aden Hotel where the American Marines were staying.

The American interests in Yemen increased after the establishment of the Free Zone in Aden which has been a suitable cover for a continued American interference in the area at low costs.

## Economy

The economic file and the reform programs related to it is one of the most important files used by America to deal with Yemen. Implementing the related programs determines the volume of the American political and economic aid to Yemen.

Yemen began to implement the economic reform program, prepared mostly by the World Bank, following the civil war. The program which is being implemented in phases aims at pushing Yemen into a globalized scale in accordance with the American ambitions. Consequently, Yemen has signed a number of international economic agreements, showed interest to join the GATT, Paris Treaty, Burn for Individual property as a prelude to join the WTO. Implementing a set of economic reforms has been the condition for continued American aids.

Yemeni officials have expressed their disappointment with the American promises to increase aids from US\$ 5-7 million to US\$ 50 million. So far there has been an agreement on an American aid totaling US\$ 31 million which was signed last month between the American ambassador to Sana'a and the Yemeni minister of planning last June. Many officials believe that the American aid is weak and do not raise to the American promises. They add that a great part of this aid go to the American experts.

## Freedoms and Democracy

The US deals with the issue of freedoms and democracy in the world as an unquestioned issue as far as it will serve its interests. It believes that democracy and human rights issues are good for Yemen as far as they help maintain stability in the country. Yemen has been working hard on freedoms and democracy in a way that suits its internal affairs, a matter which does not appeal to the US.

For its part the US has been always playing the role of the safeguard of democracy and advisor to all officials in this field.

## Military Cooperation

Military cooperation between Yemen and America has been clearly seen during the last four years. This includes a number of training programs, joint maneuvers and the Demining Program, based in Aden, which was launched in 1998. Although many countries such as the Netherlands, Japan, Canada, etc. and organizations such as the UNDP are contributing to this program, it is mostly dominated by the US.

The same period is marked by an increase in the US officials' visits to Yemen as well as the number of US ships arriving at Aden Seaport. US officials have on many occasions expressed ambition to have more facilities for their forces in the region. However, the Yemeni government has been denying any agreement on military facilities for America. "Yemen's position has been very clear that we can not accept any American Military Base here," a Yemeni military official told the 26 September Newspaper.

Presently, the US is holding talks with Yemeni officials to persuade the latter to implement a joint program to fight smuggling and protect water routes. Sana'a has postponed a military maneuver that was scheduled for the end of this month for undeclared reasons.

## Islamic Movements

The great American efforts have been successful to some extent in limiting the Islamic movement in Yemen. This in return, increased hatred for the Americans among members of these groups.

Yemen has succumbed to the American

pressures and drove out more than 20,000 Arab Islamists. In return, it was granted more technical aids such as training special police to fight terrorism. So far there have been 5 training course in this regards. The American pressures on Yemen to fight the Islamic movements affected the exemplary relations that existed between the government and the Islamists.

Recently, according to some economic resources, the World Bank suggested cancellation of the Religious Institutes managed by Islah under the pretext that they do not have any economic and development returns.

The US seemed more determined to crack down the Islamic movement in Yemen after hitting the US Cole at Aden Seaport. US hostile position towards all Islamic movements were also clear when pressure was exercised on Dr. Iryani to remove the Islamic elements from the General People's Congress (GPC) in the 5th and 6th GPC conferences in 1995 and 1998 and replacing a number of tribal elements by young people who were educated and trained in Washington, London and other western capitals.

The affected elements started to concentrate on the Iryani who had been claiming to be the pioneer of modernization in Yemen. He was trying to demonstrate that he holds the keys to please the White House, a matter that was rejected by President Saleh. Dr. Iryani invited a group of American Jews to Yemen to embrace President Saleh

who had been known for his strong nationalist attitude specially in issues related to the Arab-Israeli conflict. Visits were soon stopped after coming back of President Saleh from America. Now, it seems that America is resuming pressure on Saleh as to let a great margin for its supporters to have a room in the decision making.

## Yemeni Jews & Normalization with Israel

Whenever US officials visit Yemen they bring up the issue of Yemeni Jews and Yemeni-Israeli relations. Some American resources revealed last month that the Congress had formed a committee to study the condition of the Yemeni Jews. The Yemeni government treated it as an illegal interference in the Yemeni internal affairs. Yemeni Jews are concentrated in an area in Sadah to the North of Sana'a.

This information came in the wake of the death of Azar Ibaraham, a Yemeni Jew. Before his death Azar was nominated by the GPC to run for the local elections. However, he was rejected because of his religion. Many questions were arisen about the people who persuaded him to run for the election despite the fact that his rejection was apparent since the Yemeni law stipulates commitment to Islamic teachings. Some interpretations indicated that it aimed at embarrassing the political system and its real commitment to democracy. Others believed that it was some elements in the GPC which was close to

the US who made the plot. The US depends on its supporters in Yemen to pave the way for better Yemeni-American relations. Some Israeli and American media sources talked about secret communications between Yemeni and Israeli officials since 1997. They referred to meetings between Dr. Al-Iryani, the then Minister of Foreign Affairs and Israeli officials during the former visits to Romania and his meeting with the Head of the Office of Israeli Prime Minister in Warsaw during which they discussed the possibility of opening an Israeli office in Sana'a. The second half of 1999 witnessed intensified Israeli visits to Yemen. Israeli visitors met high ranking officials in the al-Iryani government. These visits were directly supervised by the US.

## Closures of Counselor Services

The aim of the temporary closure of the counselor services was in the view point of Yemeni analysts sending a message to the Yemeni government that it may be internationally isolated and imposed to economic sanctions. Such factors would lead Yemen to fall back on America and succumb to all its conditions. It also aimed at weakening the nationalist attitude of the Yemeni leadership, specially in regards to the Arab-Israeli conflict as well as pushing Yemen into the peace camp and opposing the attitude of Saudi Crown Prince whose attitude is similar to that of Saleh.

# Draft for a Common Arab Press and Publications Law



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Head of Administrative Affairs, Yemen Journalist Syndicate

The press freedom violations report for 2000 that was published on the pages of Yemen Times in a series of 6 articles during May has resulted in tremendous response from many readers in Yemen and abroad who have contributed their opinions and comments by email and mail letters.

Apart from that, the series sparked a strong response from local readers including Arab and foreign diplomats interested in the development of democracy and press freedom in Yemen. This response was mostly resembled by the tens of telephone calls to the headquarters of the Yemeni Journalists Syndicate (YJS) commenting on the series.

The reports issued by local and international press freedom supporting organizations such as Article 19, Committee to Protect Journalists, International Press Institute, Journalists Sans Frontiers, etc. are an indication that we need to enhance the press laws in Yemen.

The conditions in Yemen are not as extreme as one may think. However, that doesn't mean that things are going on the right path. The country is still suffering -as seen in the YSP report- of many press freedom violations.

Since the multi-party system was founded and press freedom took off in Yemen following unification in 1990, reasonable progress has been made. However, one needs to realize that freedom of press and expression only came as a result of unification as it was a vital and important condition for the forming of a new united country. In other words, it was the only way to have two formerly ruling parties share power.

In the last few years however, the conditions of press freedom have proven to deteriorate as could be witnessed from the reports issued by local and international organizations. The deterioration started specifically after the 1994 civil war between the Yemeni Socialist Party (YSP) led by Ali Saleh Al-Beidh and the partner ruling party the General People's Congress (GPC) along with Islah. The war was devastating as it resulted in the killing and injury of thousands from both sides and caused tremendous damage to the economy.

However, after the end of the war, the regime started holding stronger to power without competition. The balance that was available before the war

ended and now all the decisions for the future of the country lied in the hands of the GPC.

The suffering of press freedom rose sharply afterwards attributing that the monopolizing of power. This was proven by the many different reports on the conditions of press freedom since 1994 until today. The journalism community started panicking after witnessing a decline in the level of freedom of expression and an increase of verdicts and closures of newspapers despite the fact that the same laws that were formed in 1990 after unification (including law 25 of 1990) were still applicable.

One of the reasons for this deterioration observers say is the weakening of the judicial system in the country. This was quite evident in the incidents that involved actions by the Ministry of Information to motivate its own organs to file lawsuits against newspapers putting them in risk of being closed down or suspended.

Interestingly, the lawsuits were based on normal civil crimes that were actually not applicable to the press, but which the courts upheld leading to punishing newspapers and their editors with severe sentences that should not apply for the press.

One of the measures that had a significant affect in discouraging the freedom of press was criminal law 12 of 1994 which established the basis of criminalizing journalists and considering the right to express one's ideas as a crime. The article was subtitled "Crimes of publicity and publication." It had also categorized the different expressed ideas as crimes in different levels, some deserving severe punishments.

Despite all that, one could only agree with Mr. Salahhaddin Hafidh the General Secretary of the Cairo-based Arab Journalist Union (AJU) who said, "In 2000, no Arab journalist was assassinated for political and job-oriented reasons, except for the murder of Kuwaiti Journalist Ms. Hidaya Al-Salim. On the other hand, the world witnessed 32 assassinations of journalists in 2000, 36 in 1999, and 19 in 1998. However, the conditions of press freedom in the Arab world -Yemen being on top of the list- are still unsatisfactory and journalists suffer from several problems and increasing obstacles and challenges. This resulted in the condemnation of the policies of the Arab governments by international organizations supporting and defending human rights and press freedom."

AJU, which has 19 countries in its membership (all Arab countries except Saudi Arabia, Qatar, and Oman) continues to exert much effort to enhance the conditions of press freedom in the

Arab world. The union is trying to convince Arab countries to approve the common Arab press and publications law, which was approved by the union's 9th assembly held in October 2000 in Amman. In its last assembly held under the chairmanship of Mr. Ibrahim Nafi' in the beginning of 2001 in Cairo, the union decided to double its efforts to convince Arab governments to adjust the available laws that in fact hinder the progress of those respected nations in terms of press freedom.

It is not difficult to conclude that many of the violations committed against the free press are due to the misinterpretation of the vague articles and regulations in the press law of the Republic of Yemen and the Arab world. Hence, it only comes natural for efforts to be exerted to try to enhance this law. In this article, I provide the draft for the common Arab press and publications law to regulate all the affairs of the press in the Arab world. This new law will probably help in gradually improve the status of freedom of expression in the Arab world, which is known for its strict limitations and vicious violations of press freedom.

Regarding Yemen, AJU expressed its satisfaction with and welcomed the dialogue between the YJS and the Yemeni government to use the drafted law to enhance the currently used press law. The union requested called in the chairman and the general secretary of the union to follow up with this issue between the YJS and the government and perhaps travelling to Yemen as encouragement for the effort exerted by both sides. It is expected that the two figures will arrive to Yemen next month.

The law proposed by AJU consists of 32 legislative articles -contrary to Yemen's law which consists of 158 procedures and a series of articles accompanying them. The articles define and regulate journalism and the establishment and running of newspapers, present the obligations and rights of journalists, and openly and specifically describes the red lines and publishing crimes and how lawsuits should be filed.

It is worth mentioning that the project was a result of several proposed drafts including the Egyptian and Jordanian Journalist Syndicates.

The final draft was prepared by Mr. Hani Dahla, and was scripted by Mr. Mohamed Noor Farahat, a profession of law in the Egyptian University and a Legal Consultant of AJU. Below is the complete unofficial translation of the draft introduced for a truly free press in the Arab world.

**Draft Law to be published next week**



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## New Investment Opportunities in Clothing & Cement Industries



Mahyoub Al-Kamali

Private sector investment in the cement and clothing industries is of the most important fields in Yemen. Statistics show that 75% of the people's needs in clothes and 50% in cement are being imported from foreign markets, though there are three factories for cement, producing million and a half tons. Besides there are two textile and weaving factories which cover only 25% of the people's clothing needs.

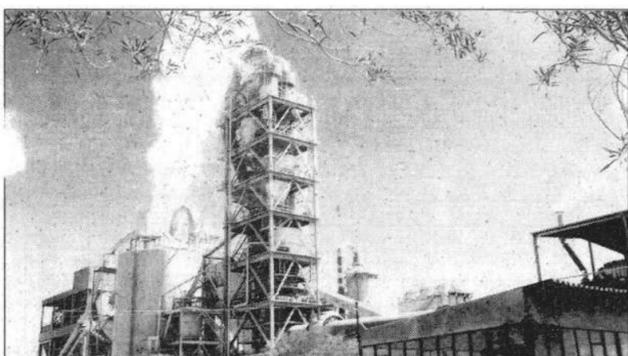
Economic feasibility studies indicate that the involvement of the Yemeni or foreign private sector in the clothing and cement industries will ensure handsome profits as the necessary raw materials are available including cotton. Besides, ores for cement is available in sufficient quantities in the Yemeni mountains.

### Collection of Imported Clothes in Yemeni Market

It is obvious that the Yemeni markets are full of imported ready-made clothes. This has made the people of Yemen enjoy a lot of choice in their clothes. The national costume seems to have taken a back seat among the wide range of clothes available in the market. Most of the expensive clothes are made in Europe, Pakistan, Japan or India. The Yemeni textile and weaving industry is still very traditional. Since a long time, the private sector has been investing in several fields including soap, plastic, paper industries, dairy, biscuits, cereal mills, tourism, trade complexes, and tobacco industry.

Yemen's negotiations with the WTO has facilitated businessmen and investment companies invest in other fields to compete in the local and foreign markets.

The private sector in Yemen faces a wide range of new challenges. It has to explore investment opportunities in new fields to cover the needs of the people and to promote export of the new local products to the foreign markets.



## Yemen & Iran:

### Wide Ranging Trade Relations

The 5th Round meetings of Yemen-Iran Joint Committee for the Economic Cooperation resulted in extending the current trade relations and following up mutual agreements signed between the two countries. This is actually a clear development in Sana'a-Tehran relations which are enhanced by exchange of visits by businessmen from the two countries and holding trade exhibitions.

Meetings of the Joint Committee were held in Tehran. These were attended by the Planning Minister of Yemen Mr. Ahmad Mohammed Sufan and Iranian Agricultural Minister Mr. Mahmood Hajati. There were agreements to facilitate banking and abolish duality of taxes. They also agreed on industrial and agricultural cooperation, and take necessary steps to ensure active participation of the private sector to establish joint ventures. The Iranian side expressed willingness to cooperate with Yemen in the field of exchanging expertise, scientific information and educational materials. For the past few

Private Sector Racing Against Time Private sector in Yemen is racing against time to invest in clothes and cement. Hayel Saeed Group of companies, considered to be the biggest investment company in the country, has come to realize that investment in these two sectors will certainly enhance production, cover local consumption and increase exports.

According to sources in HSG of companies the group plans to mobilize their capital in cement, ready-made clothes, and housing industries which are of prime importance and can provide employment to a great number of employees.

Sources also indicate that HSG of Companies have endorsed the establishment of two factories for ready-made clothes in Taiz and Aden. The company is conducting the feasibility study for establishing a cement factory. It seeks the participation of local and foreign partners. It also seeks the support of local and international institutions to make this project a success.

### Cement Industry Successful Investment

Industrial studies reveal that investment in the cement sector is of the most strategic importance as the raw materials necessary for cement are available in huge quantities in Yemen. Besides, 50% of the demand for cement in Yemen is covered by import from Jordan and other countries.

What proves the increasing involvement of the private sector in investment in cement sector is the government withdrawal of privatization of the three cement factories: Amran, Bajel and al-Barh mainly because of the high profits they make and the high production.

In accordance with a study conducted by the government in collaboration with the WB, the cement industry does not face any slump in marketing as evident from the fact that the three factories have increased production during the last year by 100% which has reached 1,5 million tons.

It may be concluded that there are good prospects for the private sector to invest in the clothing and cement industries for the twin benefits of meeting the needs of the consumer market as well as promoting exports in this field.

مشروع حوسبة النظام المالي والمحاسبي المرحلة الأولى AFMIS - اليمن

## قطاع تكنولوجيا المعلومات

تقديم أساس داعم لتكنولوجيا المعلومات متاح على كافة المستويات. نظام هندسي محوسب لتكنولوجيا المعلومات معزز ببرامج تطبيقية وأجهزة كمبيوترية وقادرة على دعم العديد من أكبر التطبيقات العملية ويقترح في هذا الشأن أن يتم إنشاء نظام AFMIS بنظام مفتوح كنظام أو راكل مثلاً.

أن يكون نظام AFMIS معدل وفقاً لخصوصية الوضع في اليمن.

القدرة على تركيب ودعم وصيانة نظام AFMIS والبنية الأساسية لتكنولوجيا المعلومات وإجراء التدريبات عليها باللغة العربية.

وجود أنظمة وإجراءات أمنية لحماية البيانات.

تقديم التدريبات الفنية والإدارية والمهنية لموظفي اليمن من حيث تطبيق واستخدام وصيانة النظام المحاسبي المالي المحوسب ونظام AFMIS.

سيلي ذلك مرحلتين من إجراءات تكون المناقصة على النحو التالي:

إجراء المناقصة الفنية فقط دون تطرق إلى الأسعار.

تقديم أي حلول بديلة يرغب المتقدمون في تقديمها مع تقديم التبريرات الفنية على أن لا تغير هذه الحلول البديلة من الهدف الأساسي للمشروع.

يجب تقديم العطاءات الفنية قبل الساعة الثالثة مساءً من تاريخ 3 سبتمبر 2001م. وسيتم فتح المظاريف في نفس اليوم الساعة الرابعة مساءً في حضور مقدمي العطاءات أو من يمثلهم في العنوان المحدد أدناه.

بعد تقييم المرحلة الأولى من العطاءات، وسيتم دعوة المؤهلين والذين استوفوا للشروط والمعايير والذين قاموا بتقديم عطاءات مقبولة فنياً خلال الاجتماع التوضيحي وسيتم خلال ذلك مراجعة العطاءات وتدوين وتسجيل كافة التعديلات المطلوبة في محاضر اجتماعات أو في وثائق المناقصات المعدلة. وسيتم فقط دعوة العطاءات المستكملة والمقبولة فنياً في المرحلة الأولى لتقديم عطاءاتهم في المرحلة الثانية.

ستتكون المرحلة الثانية مما يلي:

بحث يسمح بتطويره وتوسيعه ليتواءم مع متطلبات النظام المحاسبي المالي في اليمن ويسمح له بالتفاعل مع الأنظمة الأخرى المستخدمة في وحدات الموازنة. إجمالي الفترة المطلوبة لتنفيذ المرحلة الأولى للنظام هي 36 شهراً.

يجب تنفيذ البرنامج التشغيلي لإعداد الموازنة في غضون اثني عشر شهراً الأولى بحلول منتصف 2003م.

المرحلة 2-1: يجب تنفيذ البرنامج التشغيلي لإعداد الموازنة في غضون سبعة عشر شهراً أي بحلول منتصف يونيو 2003م.

المرحلة 3-1: يجب تنفيذ البرنامج التشغيلي المحاسبي النهائي بعد 30 شهراً.

المرحلة 4-1: خلال الست أشهر الأخيرة سيتم اختبار نظام المرحلة الأولى بأكملها.

فعلى الراغبين بالدخول في المناقصة التقدم لمكتب AFMIS على العنوان أدناه للحصول على مزيد من المعلومات ومعاينة وثائق المناقصة.

يستطيع الراغبين في الدخول في المناقصة شراء وثائق المناقصة وذلك من خلال تقديم طلب خطي إلى العنوان أدناه ودفع مبلغ \$120 غير قابل للرد.

سيتم إجراء المناقصة من خلال استخدام إجراءات المناقصة الدولية على أساس تنافسي كما هي محددة في إرشادات البنك الدولي (المشتريات في إطار قروض البنك الدولي للإنشاء والتعمير وقروض هيئة التنمية الدولية) كما أنها متاحة لكافة الراغبين للدخول فيها على أن يستوفوا الحد الأدنى للمعايير التالية:

القدرة على توريد المعدات والخدمات بموجب المشتريات الممولة من البنك.

أن يكون المقاول من الباطن المسؤول عن توريد وإنشاء وتركيب ودعم الأنظمة المالية الخاصة بالنظام وأجهزة الكمبيوتر ذو خبرة لا تقل عن 3 سنوات في مجال تنفيذ نظام AFMIS على الأقل في دولة نامية أو في حكومة قومية.

تقديم الوثائق التي تثبت القدرة على تقديم ما يلي:

تنفيذ نظام قومي ذو مميزات عالية في الإدارة المالية والمحاسبية والموازنة العامة باللغة العربية.

الجمهورية اليمنية

وزارة المالية

### برنامج تحديث الخدمة المدنية

إصدار رقم: ٥٦٢ تاريخ الإصدار: ١٦ يوليو 2001م  
قرض رقم: ٣٣٥ رقم العقد/ المناقصة: /عقد/ مناقصة المرحلة الأولى  
آخر موعد: انظر الأسعار

تلقت الجمهورية اليمنية قرصاً من هيئة التنمية الدولية بعمالة متعددة لتغطية نفقات مشروع تحديث الخدمة المدنية وهي تونو استخدام جزء من القرض في تعظية نفقات حوسبة نظام معلومات الإدارة المالية والمحاسبية (المرحلة الأولى).

وعليه تعلن وزارة المالية عن إزلال المناقصة الخاصة بتوريد وإنشاء وتركيب ودعم حوسبة النظام المالي والمحاسبي (AFMIS 1).

حيث سيعلن هذا المشروع بعد استكماله على دعم بناء الإمكانات في مجال الإدارة المالية وإدارة الموازنة في وزارة المالية والوزارات الأخرى ووحدات الموازنة والمحافظات والمديريات.

سيكفل النظام إرساء الشفافية المالية من خلال توحيد إطار الموازنة متوسطة المدى مع إجراءات الالتزام المحاسبية ونشر التقارير الخاصة بتقديرات الموازنة واعتمادها وتقارير تنفيذها شهرياً وفصلياً وسنوياً في موقع وزارة المالية على الإنترنت.

سيتم تنفيذ النظام على مراحل بحسب الجهات وبحسب الموقع الجغرافي.

تتضمن المرحلة الأولى تطبيق النظام في صناعاء في المركز الرئيسي للحاسوب التابع لوزارة المالية وفي الدواوين العامة للوزارات التالية:

وزارة المالية - وزارة التربية - وزارة الصحة - وزارة الأشغال العامة والإسكان.

وسوف تتكفل المرحلة الأولى من النظام بتقديم البرامج التطبيقية الضرورية وأجهزة الكمبيوتر المطلوبة لإجراء الربط الإلكتروني بين وزارة المالية والبنك المركزي اليمني.

يجب أن يتضمن البرنامج التطبيقي الخاص بنظام (AFMIS 1) كافة المهام المحاسبية والمالية الأساسية الممكنة وأن يكون قابراً على إدارتها كما يجب أن يكون النظام مرناً

## Invitation for Bids (First Stage Bids)

### Ministry of Finance Computerized Financial Accounting and Financial management Information System - Stage 1 (AFMIS 1)

Date of issuance of IFB: May 6, 2001  
Loan No.: 33350

1. The Republic of Yemen has received a credit from the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development / International Development Association (the World Bank / IDA) in various currencies towards the cost of the Civil Service Modernization Project. It is intended that part of the proceeds of this loan will be applied to eligible payments under the contract for the Ministry of Finance Computerized Financial Accounting and Financial Management Information System - (AFMIS - Stage 1)

2. The Ministry of Finance (MOF) now invites sealed bids from eligible bidders for the supply, development, installation and support of a Computerized Financial Accounting and Financial Management Information System - Stage 1 (AFMIS 1). The AFMIS project will, when fully implemented, support capacity building in the area of budgeting and financial administration in the Ministry of Finance, Line Ministries, Budgetary Units, Governorates and Districts. The system will provide fiscal transparency by incorporating a medium term budgetary framework with commitment accounting procedures, and by posting approved budgets, allocations, monthly, quarterly and annual budget execution reports on the MOF web site.

The AFMIS will be phased-in by organization and geographic location. Stage 1 (AFMIS 1) will deploy the system in Sana'a at the Central Ministry of Finance Computer Division site and in the headquarters of: (i) Ministry of Finance (MOF), (ii) Ministry of Education (MOE). Stage 1 will also provide for the necessary software and hardware required to establish electronic communication between MOF and the Central bank of Yemen (CBY).

The AFMIS software must include and be able to manage all the possible core financial and accounting functions. It must also provide the flexibility to be developed and expanded to meet other special Yemen AFMIS requirements as well as interactions with other satellite systems used in the budgetary units.

The total execution period of the AMFIS - Stage 1 is 36 months.

- Phase 1.1 At the completion of the first 12 months, the budget preparation process software must be implemented in a pilot phase, i.e., estimated to be by July 2002.
- Phase 1.2 At the completion of the first 17 months, the budget execution process software must be implemented in a pilot phase, i.e. estimated to be by January 2003.
- Phase 1.3 At the completion of the first 30 months, the final accounts process software must be in use in a pilot phase.
- Phase 1.4 During the last 6 months the full AFMIS - Stage 1 system will be tested.

Interested eligible bidders may obtain further information from and inspect the Bidding Documents at the office of:

Mr. Mohammed Ateik  
Coordinator, AMFIS Project, Ministry of Finance,  
Round Road,  
P. O. Box 190, Sana'a,  
Republic of Yemen  
Tel: 00-1-967-1-500-707, Fax: 00-1-967-1-264-040

3. A complete set of Bidding Documents may be purchased by interested bidders by submission of a written application to the above and upon payment of a non-refundable fee of \$120 USD.

4. Bidding will be conducted using the International Competitive Bidding (ICB) procedures specified in the World Bank Guidelines: Procurement under IBRD Loans and IDA Credits and is open to all Bidders from eligible source countries as defined in the Guidelines, which meet the following minimum qualification criteria.

- Eligibility for the Provision of Products and Services in Bank-Financed Procurement.

- The partner or subcontractor responsible for the supply, development, installation and support of a Computerized Financial Accounting and Financial Management Information System - Phase 1 (AFMIS 1). Software and hardware must have 3 (three) years of experience in implementing and supporting an AFMIS system and equipment, in at least one national government computerized accounting and financial management applications, in a developing country situational context.
- The documented proof and reference contact information demonstrating the vendor's ability to provide:
  - A national and full featured budgeting, accounting and financial management system in Arabic;
  - A highly scalable and available, supporting IT infrastructure, at both the node and cluster levels;
  - An IT architecture and computing platform that is widely supported by the hardware and software industry and capable of supporting a variety of major business applications. It is suggested that the AFMIS be developed on an open platform such as ORACLE;
  - A customized AFMIS system tailored to the Yemen situational context;
  - The installation, training, support and maintenance of the AFMIS system and IT infrastructure in Arabic;
  - Physical and data security measures and systems;
  - Training to Yemen technical, professional, managerial and administrative staff in the application, use and maintenance of the Computerized Financial Accounting and Financial Management Information system.

- A two stage bidding procedure will be followed. The first stage bid will consist of:
  - a technical bid only, without any reference to prices;
  - any alternative solutions a Bidder wishes to offer and technical justification therefor, provided that such alternative solutions do not change the basic objective of the project.
- A margin of preference will be given to firms with, or prepared to provide a formal commitment to establish a permanent office in Yemen, in order to conduct on site development/customizing and continuing local support.
- First stage technical bids must be delivered on or before 1500 on Wednesday, September 3, 2001, and will be opened in the presence of bidders or their representatives who choose to attend at 1600 at the offices identified above.
- Following evaluation of the first stage bids, the Purchaser will invite each Bidder who meets the qualification criteria and who has submitted a technically acceptable first stage bid to a Clarification meeting, during which the Bidder's bid will be reviewed and all required changes will be noted and recorded in the Minutes of the meeting or in the amended stage two bidding documents. Only qualified Bidders submitting a complete and technically acceptable first stage bid will be invited to submit a second stage bid.

9. Second stage bids will consist of (a) updated technical bids incorporating all changes required by the Purchaser as recorded in the Minutes of the Clarification Meeting or necessary to reflect any amendment(s) to the Bidding Documents or revisions to the technical specifications issued subsequent to submission of first stage bids, and (b) the commercial bids containing complete Price Schedules.

10. Second stage bids must be delivered to the above office at the date and time to be announced when the second stage bids are invited and will be opened in public immediately thereafter in the presence of the representatives of Bidders who have been invited to submit second stage bids and who choose to attend.

11. All second stage bids must be accompanied by a security of two and one-half (2.5%) of the bid total price, in the form of (a) a cashier's or certified check, or (b) a bank guarantee or irrevocable Letter of Credit issued by a reputable bank selected by the Bidder.

# COMMON SENSE

By: Hassan Al-Haifi

## The Security Situation: Really Getting out of Hand

It goes without saying that the primary role of Government is to provide protection to its citizens as fairly and inexpensively as possible. This includes the Government of the Republic of Yemen, which has decided to make itself as ineffective as it possibly could be in just about every excusable and inexcusable area. What seems now so very clear is that the people of this country are now denied the essential right of the right to life, as the marauding bands of tribesmen roam the cities seeking their enemies in endless blood feuds that have accumulated over the years, for the simple reason that justice is not meted out properly as crimes of murder are carried out for reasons ranging from differences over marriages to land disputes to differences over the color of one's beard. Whatever the case, the obvious situation now is that the city of Sana'a, once considered a demilitarized zone, or "Hijra", where tribesmen are forbidden from moving their battles to, has now turned into the battleground for tribesmen to iron out their relentless blood feuds and take with it whatever innocent lives necessary just so the "honor" of the vengeful murderer can be proclaimed far and wide throughout the land, as if anybody really cared! Just last week alone, at least seven people lost their lives in the suburb of Rawdha alone in the kind of battles that make "How the West Was Won" seem like a Hanzel and Gretel tale. Seven people in one week in an area that was considered a quite summer resort amidst its plush vineyards and flowing brooks and streams that flowed all along its narrow alleyways and streets marked by twisting mud brick walls. At least two innocent people were killed or wounded, who had nothing to

do with the feuding adversaries, but fate has ordained that they fall as innocent victims of the Law of the Jungle, which our noble tribal sheikhs have failed to apply and enforce in a manner intended by the tribal chiefs of the past. On the contrary, our tribal chiefs have been spoiled by the generous Government budget allocations they are provided, supposedly to ensure the peace and stability of their domains, or find it lucrative to keep these endless tribal feuds going so they can also squeeze their constituencies of whatever leftover money they have after having spent all their funds waging their relentless war with their enemies to settle matters of blood or "honor" or land. Whatever the case, our honorable chiefs have become enmeshed in the accumulation of money anyway they can, even though some of them have amassed fortunes that make the Imams of the past seem like beggars next to these Sheikhs. They are the least concerned about the people of Sana'a enjoying any peace or safety from their marauding constituencies that are now chasing each other in the streets of Sana'a until they catch them unprepared, say in front of the Governorate Center in Rawdha and the Security Office, where they mow them down not caring about the fate of nearby unarmed citizens, who may not have anything to do with the feud. Even children now come home, after attending Summer Mosque Schools relating horrible tales of innocent people falling to the ground shaking and rattling as they struggle to hold on to life after being hit by cross-fire from feuding bands. Yes, this happened in fact and in live color right between the Governorate Capital of Sana'a and the Security offices for the District of Bani Al-Harith and the Governorate of Sana'a and near the

Military College and in the middle of three military bases within the proximity of one to two kilometers, including the elite Republican Guards and God knows whatever military establishments are set up on the hills that surround this little peaceful village, supposedly to protect the citizens, after having taken their land for these facilities without any compensation! This is not to mention, the exorbitant allocations appropriated for defense and security. As if that was not enough just a few days later some other feuding bands meet at the Airport Road, of all places, and exchange wobbles of bullets and light artillery to lay down four of their own and at least two innocent people on their way home, who have nothing to do with it. One of them is now lying in intensive care at the hospital after having lost his testicles in the wild exchange of gunfire he had nothing to do with, in the first place. I am sure these scenes are now commonplace throughout the capital city as marauding tribesmen take the law into their hands after their Government, with all its military and security apparatus and sophisticated "special" forces, and their prosperous tribal sheikhs have failed to insure the peace and tranquility of the land they purport to maintain at exorbitant cost and resources with not even the minimum returns expected of at least keeping the innocent protected from such wild lawlessness. If you add to all this law of the jungle crimes, that are now being perpetrated left and right in the country, all the crimes of armed robbery and other social crimes that

come with a dead economy, then it is easy to see that we have a very dangerous security situation that calls for serious Government action, starting by making all the huge security and military apparatus more effective in carrying out the mandates, under which they were set up, to protect the citizens from the internal enemies that are roaming the land armed to the teeth making a mockery of all these forces that seem to be shifted for other purposes than their original mandates, and to send the Sheikhs back home to bring order and adherence to law by their constituencies or else save the wasted public funds, in the treasury for more useful purposes. As for our security apparatus in all their manifestations, we are even unsure as to how we can have access to their services. On more than one occasion, this observer has heard of people calling their local police precinct and the Criminal Investigations Department to report a crime or to report that they have apprehended a thief (in one case who happened to be an officer in the latter), only to be told that the person making the report should bring the apprehended criminal himself to the respective office in the official working hours, on the following day! This is a mockery of Government that surely cannot be overlooked and neither serves the interests of the public or those who claim to be working night and day for the welfare of the public, when in fact the only apparent service we see is their pockets getting flooded with dough and their bellies bloated with fat.



## The Educational Battle Between Muslims and Jews

Fahmy Al-Mamary

I think when a nation is defeated militarily, it doesn't necessarily mean it is the end or the demise of that nation. It can really start again from the scratch, build itself industrially, militarily, economically etc. It can also make progress in all aspects of life. Actually, the history of wars is full of similar examples. For instance, during the crusade wars, the Christians invaded and seized a lot of Islamic areas including Jerusalem and others in Palestine, committed a lot of atrocities and massacres, butchered mercilessly a large number of Muslims, destroyed everything. In other words, it seems that Muslims have totally been exterminated from the map and no one can expect that Muslims will defeat Christians in the near future. Muslims had a great victory in a battle called "Hiteen" led by Salah Al-Deen Al-Aiyoubi against the Christians and they were successful to defeat them and make them go back to where they came from. Therefore, the military defeat sometimes makes a nation arise from its state of dormancy. That is not applicable only to Muslims. It is a general rule for Muslims or non-Moslems. To illustrate the point, there are two examples, one about a Muslim country and the second about non-Moslem countries. The first is about a war that took place in 1976 between Israel and Egypt supported by some Arab states, which resulted in a resounding victory for Israel. However, that defeat taught Egypt a very significant lesson which enabled Moslems to accomplish a tremendous victory against Israel in 1973. The second example is about Japan and Germany. In Japan, the two cities of Hiroshima and Nagasaki were hit by an atom bomb which caused a complete destruction in addition to killing and injuring hundreds of thousands of people. The picture was really terrible and dreadful and led to despair and hopelessness. It was a virtual death of Japan. That was in 1945 and now in 2001 Japan has become something else. It is more advanced in all aspects of life than its killers, America and the allies. In Germany, in 1945, Germany was defeated and its leader, Hitler committed suicide. Its towns and cities were completely destroyed, similar to the scene of destruction in Japan. Furthermore, it was divided into two states; West and East, separated by a wall called "Berlin Wall". The two states or parts of Germany became enemies, the west followed the NATO and the East followed Warsaw. Now you can find a united Germany as a military, political, economic, strategic power, like Japan. So if a military defeat or a military force doesn't cause destruction or death to a nation, what causes the death of a nation? In my point of view, "human beings" who are considered to be the most important factor behind either the eclipse or the development, success, victory and building of nations. I don't mean by human beings, their blood or flesh, but their hearts, souls, emotions, feelings. In fact, Islam urges, inspires and encourages Moslems to be morally and spiritually good. It also concentrates on teaching Moslems values, principles, morals so as to build an Islamic personality. I can say that our battle with the Jews does not only aim at being militarily stronger than them, but rather be ingospiritually, morally, religiously, doctrinally. To make my point clear, the human defeat is more dangerous than the military defeat. A militarily strong nation with weak, timid and cowardly human beings becomes senseless and without value. So, the Jews understood the value of 'the educational war' which mainly involves 'human beings'. They started thinking about it and made everything possible to achieve it. Furthermore, they called upon a lot of thinkers, writers, intellectuals, poets, psychologists, sociologists, publishers, announcers and others and told them to particularly concentrate their attention and efforts on the 'human being' and how they can change their minds to achieve a specific purpose. First, they concentrated on children because they know that children are like a white sheet in which they can write anything, apply any kind of decoration, and teach them their hostile, poisonous and devastating Zionism. They also know that the children are

their future and that they have to carry out their dirty plans. Besides, they teach their children to hate not only Arabs or Moslems but also all kind of races, nations and to convince them that they are the best race or nation and the rest of the races and nations are created only to be their servants. They really have implanted in the minds of their children all kinds of hatred, distaste, abhorrence, anger, hostility to all Arabs and Moslems and have painted the picture of Moslems and Arabs as weak, defeated, terrorists, extremists, criminals, thieves, backward, ignorant, crude, etc. etc. Second, when their children grow up and start going to schools, they study and learn the Jewish curricula which are designed to do the same thing, making them more hostile than ever to Arabs and Moslems. In the secondary stages they are prepared to be like their pigs and dogs teachers, such as Sharon, Kahana, Beriz, Shamir, etc. Then they move to the universities where they are taught racism, extremism, Zionism, etc. Third, their imaginative and destructive plans and activities are not only confined to defame and slander the image and personality of Moslems and Arabs or to teach and implant in their children's mind all kinds of hatred, hostility, anger etc towards Moslems, Arabs, but also to work day and night to spread all sorts of crimes, vices, depravity, all kinds of drugs, among Muslims and Arabs. In conclusion the Jews have fully understood and wholly recognized how important the 'educational war' is and they have been doing their best accordingly. One of their prominent figure says 'a prostitute singer and a glass of wine can damage and cause more destruction than a thousand of tanks and guns'. Regrettably, Muslims and Arabs are absolutely heedless and neglectful to such a dangerous war. Regarding what was written by Scott Gross criticizing Yemen Times for publishing my article 'The Jewish Influence over the Mass media and the International Institutions', describing Yemeni people as ignorant, backward, crudes saying that what was written by me was hateful, blasphemous and outrageous claims, and that our attitudes are bad towards culture different from ours, I can simply say that I wrote only facts about Jews. I didn't invent any word from my mind, nor did I fabricate a story about them. Facts have to be said and to be heard, whether you accept it or not. I can prove to Scott Gross and to the whole universe that Jews are killers, criminals, arrogant etc. by only writing some of their evil and offensive characters and properties mentioned in the Holy Quran. Their bad characters and properties have elaborately and clearly been described in the Holy Quran, some of which are as follows; Jews are the killers of prophets and Messengers (PBUT). They are most hostile towards Muslims and Islam. They are also violating the agreements and accords with Muslims and other nations. Moreover, they are notorious for cunningness, envy, cheating, treachery, deception, arrogance, etc. They falsified and distorted their religious books such as 'Torah'. They are the propagators of scandals, rumors among other nations. They are the most corrupt and crooked people in the world. They have been cursed and damned by Allah. It is worth mentioning that the Jews are being cursed and damned at least 17 times a day by every Muslim in the world during prayer and will be done so until the day of Judgement. In addition, they are even criticizing and blaspheming against Almighty, Allah saying that 'Allah is poor and we (Jews) are rich'. They are eaters of usury and they are unjustly exploiting people and stealing their money. They are the children of pigs and monkeys because Allah made some of them pigs and monkeys, etc. etc. Those are some of the references to Jews mentioned in the Holy Quran, I need books to write them all. What about Mr. Scott Gross, are you going to be shocked and appalled and are you going to say what has been mentioned in Holy Quran about Jews, are outrageous claims? In my opinion these are criminals, killers, and arrogant. They are the killers of children like Mohammed Al-Durah, they are the killers of infants, like the infant, Iman Hago.

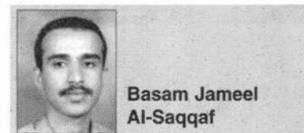
## Pessimism and Optimism in the political Arena



Mohammed Al-Massani

One may say that we have made great progress signalled by the existence of seven universities, thousands of schools, prevalence of political security, demarcation of the borders and achievement of press freedom which endorse this optimism. But, on the contrary the situation is deteriorating in all domains starting with the high rate of unemployment and poverty, increasing security disturbances and financial & administrative corruption. Another section of opinion may say that although the number of schools has increased, yet the rate of unem-

ployment has soared and the financial and administrative reform adopted by the government is undermining the capacity of the state owing to the high debts incurred from international agencies. When you read 62 September newspaper it gives the impression that you are in one of the third world countries and not in Yemen. You read again some of the opposition newspapers which give the impression that you are living in the middle ages along with cannibals. Amidst this pessimism and optimism we are getting confused. An issue of major concern is why the opposition parties do not adopt real and concrete actions in stead of opposing for the sake of opposing. Similarly, why doesn't the official newspaper stop retaliating against and, some times, accusing some people of high treason. This can build and better the status of Yemen in the present age.



Basam Jameel Al-Saqqaf

I was never surprised at Sana'a being one of the seven world wonders. I actually wondered how come it did not get the first rank. I think Yemen as a whole deserves to be the first and at the top of the greatest wonders of the world. Should anybody see, hear or read about it, it is certain that he will vote for it. We are contradictory in our approach in all our affairs: in economy, education, politics, sports, health etc. We claim democracy, freedom of opinion, law and order. However, in reality, we are choking democracy, violating freedom and trampling human rights. Amending the Election Law recently, blocking the publication of al-Shura newspaper and trying al-Wahdawi, al-Umah and al-Sahwah newspapers are some examples. What is freakish is when the government strengthens the national interests such as the religious institutions and uses them as a means to pressurize the opposing party, Islah, in an unsurpassed political game of the Yemeni style. The ruling regime's muddled actions are even clearer through the appointment of ministers. Contrary to the practice in many countries of the world, nepotism and the degree of loyalty is the criterion for having anyone appointed in a responsible position. We never care for the qualifications and efficiency of cadre. The Information Minister becomes the Sports Minister, Agriculture Minister becomes the Education Minister and so on and so forth. The economy is spiraling downwards towards a major recession. Consequently the people's living and health conditions are becoming worse. The paradox is that some top people are persistently crowing about the great achievements, economic prosperity and the welfare of the society. The strange and funny thing is that despite all this, the people are still counting on the "horse" which has beaten them to hell. The foundations stones of projects that will never see light of day and projects re-inaugurated for tens of times are just illustrations in point of the misery. If these projects were real, our services would be better than those offered in

the USA or Europe. If electricity goes out for hours in the capital, I wonder what is the case in other towns, let alone remote villages which still live in the dark. In Yemen you always hear of the kidnapping incidents, bombing oil pipeline or confrontations even in the center of the capital. Kidnapping has become Yemen's major feature. The education field is also a wonder in itself. Flaws and shortcomings dominate along the educational hierarchy. Teachers have weak personalities, are less qualified, less cultured, less innovative, with bad handwriting, and are sometimes ill-mannered. Hence, what generation do you expect to be nurtured from this chaos? Universities are also in a mess. Curricula taught are memory-oriented and are far away from the practical application. Some professors view students as enemies and not as seekers of knowledge. What one of the professors does in the Faculty of Commerce, Sana'a University, is a sure signal of the corrupt educational system. Almost all the people involved in education know his presumptuousness, stupid and bad manners which are in clear contradiction with educational values. His offensive language to students and evil manners to exploit them are those that are far from expected from a university professor. The calamity is that the University of Sana'a is turning a blind eye and a deaf ear to this scare-crow. If you are unlucky to study in Media Faculty, you will see an antique building where holes and cracks are featuring the whole building. The library of the Media Faculty contains nothing but piles of old magazines and newspapers and some books. There are also two out-of-date and out of order PCs. You would not dare to ask about the TV and radio department or about the magazine or newspaper the Faculty published, lest you should be the laughing-stock. In sports, our national team has been playing with many other teams. However, all have come to no avail. How can we dream of competing and boosting sports at a time we have no clubs nor stadiums. Furthermore, players receive no support either from the club or the Ministry of Youths and Sports. If we venture to talk about all the wonders of Yemen, there won't be enough space nor will there be enough time. However, this is a drop of an ocean called the wonders of Yemen.

## Letters to the Editor

### Seeking Lost Men

We are a group of Swedish people who have for many years tried to find out what has happened to the six men who all "disappeared" during the civil wars of the 1970's and 1980's. They are: al-Kawni Hytham Naser Samqa, Driver for the Yemeni Socialist Party, Ja'abal Muhammad Ahmad al-'Askari, Captain in the army, Hussein Saleh Ahmad al-Fadhi, Second Lieutenant in the army, Hussein Muhammad 'Abd al-Habib, Soldier, employed in the Ministry of Defence, Hussein 'Abdullah Hussein Muhammadi, Captain in the Air Force, Hyadara Ahmad Hasel, Major in the State Security Forces. We are deeply concerned about their fate and the situation of their families and would appreciate any information about them.

Sir, I am a Yemeni citizen. My father is now in United States of America. He has been an American citizen since 1969. He wanted me to go to him in US to help him and to study there. When I received my legal papers from the US immigration in New York, I sent them all to the US embassy in Sana'a to get my passport. And after I gave them all the required papers, they interviewed me and asked me to do the genital blood check up. But I could not do that because that takes a long time and will delay my visa. Why do they ask that only from Yemenis and nor from any country in the whole world. They say they protect human rights, so where is my right in this regard. Please I want you to help me in this problem. Just tell them to give me my visa and allow me to go to my father.

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## Sana'a Capital of the Nine Gates One of the World's 7 Wonders

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The city of Sana'a, one of the sites of world civilization and a human heritage, ranked on top of the world opinion poll conducted by UNESCO on its web site. The poll was conducted to choose seven of the world's historic monuments to be new seven world wonders. The polling included 25 world's historic monuments competing to be named as one of the world's seven wonders. The city of Sana'a has ranked fourth in this poll which has been extended to the end of the current year.

### The Old City of Sana'a

It is one of the biggest cities of the ancient world which is still existing up to the very moment. It has been classified as one of the most distinguished capitals of the old world for its unique architecture which has made it one of the world attractions. In a book written by the famous Arab historian, Bada' al-Zaman al-Hamadani entitled 'Description of the Arab Peninsula' he mentioned that the city of Sana'a was established by Sam the son of Noah. While, Polo Costa the Italian scholar and orientalist mentioned in his papers is based on the engravings and some historical sources, that the city has been in existence for the past 2500 years. Some historical sources say that the city dates back to the 5th Century B.C. On the other hand, some Sabaian ruins and engravings have proved that the city underwent a period of prosperity during the first century B.C. The oldest reference to the old city of Sana'a is found in the old Yemeni engravings during the reign of Halak Amar Bin Karbael Water Yahnoum, the king of Sheba and Thu Redan who lived during the first century A.D. Sana'a was also mentioned in some engravings after the turn of the first century, especially in the 3rd century during the reign of two

Sabain kings, All Sharaeh Yahsub and Yazil Been during the mid of the said century. Irrespective of the differences regarding the date of origin of the city of Sana'a, there is a kind of consensus among the historians that the old city of Sana'a is the oldest city of Arabia.

### Unique architecture

The old city of Sana'a is distinguished by a series of interconnected and door-to-door houses and old monuments. It is estimated to have 14 thousand old houses on land estimated at 3700 sq. m. Looking to the city you will notice from the first sight the unique attractions of this city. These attractions are representative of the special architecture of this city distinguished by the harmonious angles and shapes of its buildings.

These buildings are a showcase of the Yemeni architecture. The attraction surrounding the city of Sana'a has made some orientalist think that it has been influenced by the architecture used in Ethiopia, Syria, Iran, and Turkey. But all the evidences mentioned in history about Ghamdan and Salheen Palace and in some Yemeni Temples in Mareb Barakesh and Shabouh refute these allegations. This approach has been supported by some orientalist such as Leu Cook and Sir Sargent who affirmed that the architecture in the Highlands is unique and a special product of Arabia.

Ibn Batutah the well-known Arab traveler said thus about the beauty of Sana'a "Sana'a is a big and beautiful city. It is built of Yajour 'red mud' and plaster and it is full of trees and fruits." "The streets of Sana'a are built of stones. So if rain falls, it cleans all the streets" he added.

### Historical Names

The old city of Sana'a has many names by which it used to be called. Some of these names are still used upto this moment such as the city of Sam refer-

ring to the Sam, the son of Noah. As some old accounts say Sam is the founder of the city. Another name for Sana'a is Azal, this name was used during the reign of Yaqtan bin A'ar. The stem of this name comes from the old Yemeni language meaning 'strength'. While the name of Sana'a is derived from the old stem 'sana' meaning castle which is similar to the meaning of Azal. In the Yemeni engravings the verb 'tasana'a' means to be fortified.

### The city of the nine 'babs' or gates

The old city of Sana'a has seven gates which are as follows: Bab al-Sabah, Bab al-Balaqah, Bab al-Alqa'a, Bab al-Satrat, Bab Khuzaemah Bab al-Roum Bab shu'ub Bab al-Shaqaeq and Bab al-Yemen which is the main gate and the most well-known. The current structure

of Bab al-Yemen was built by the Ottoman commander Ahmed Fedhi Basha. However it has undergone several renovations.

### The old wall of the city

The name of the old wall has been mentioned in many references concerned with the history of Yemen. The old wall is one of the most significant monuments of the city. It is built of mud but is still strong and attractive. Due to its strategic site the city of Sana'a was subject to many invasions carried out by tribesmen. This endorses the view that this wall was built to keep the city from these attacks.

### Center of civilization

The old city of Sana'a was a destination for the seekers of knowledge as it was famous for its well-reputed scholars such as Wabb bin Munbeh, Abdu al-Razaq al-Sana'ani, Bishir al-Balwi and Wathah al-Yemen.

### The first skyscrapers

The Palace of Ghamdan, one of the

most distinguished monuments of the city of Sana'a, has attracted the attention of so many poets and writers. Many narratives and legends surround this palace. The palace of Ghamdan has been said to be built of twenty storeys and that each of its facets is built with a different color of stones.

### Monuments of the city

One of the most well-known monuments of the old city of Sana'a is the Grand Mosque which dates back to the sixth year of hijra. It was built according to a directive of Prophet Mohammed (PBUH), while there are differences of opinion about the person who built it.

### Sana'a, Cathedral 'al-Qelis'

This monument is surrounded by many mysteries, but it was demolished during the mid 8th century, around 753-775 AD. This cathedral reminds us of the Ethiopian invasion of Yemen.

### A distinguished economic system

The markets of the old city of Sana'a

can be said to have a unique economic system. It is considered to be the first of its type in Arabia. The souks of the old city of Sana'a are multi-purposed one.

### Folkloric Heritage

In 1984 UNESCO launched an international campaign for preserving the old city of Sana'a and its unique architecture, especially after some indications showing that the old city of Sana'a is facing a real danger by the 'modernization' which came as a natural result of the people's attempts to change their mode of living. This trend is noticeable especially after the social openness Yemen has undergone in the beginning of the 70s. UNESCO formed along with the competent local authorities a working team which succeeded to a remarkable extent to restrict this phenomenon prior to its spread. The old city of Sana'a has been given special attention to prevent any further modernization which may affect the type and the model of architecture of the city.



## Tribe & Civil Society in Yemen



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It is believed that the civil society in Yemen, specifically in the north emerged through Al-Hikma Al-Yamanyia Magazine in 1939 and in the south through Fatat Al-Jspera. Undoubtedly, Aden has witnessed the first establishment of the organizations of the civil society

and it was the spot of modernization and progress in Yemen. The Yemeni Writers Union and the Yemen Students Union are the central core in forming the civil society in Yemen.

The civil organizations emerged in the 90s and began to practice its activities, but such activities remained restricted due to the dominance of the tribalism and the authority of Shiekh. Despite the spread of education and the increase of awareness among people, the traditions and norms of tribalism are still dominant and are more powerful than the law. Problems and discords

are tackled by tribal traditions away from the dominance of the law. The long history of the tribe is still dominant over the law, despite the difficulties to end tribalism or at least to minimize its role in everyday life. This can be attributed to a number of reasons. In the absence of the peoples' active role in helping to change the society of the tribe, the Shiekh represents the tribe who is to be obeyed willingly or unwillingly.

In this regard, Ahmad Al-Kaseer said "Firstly, I'd like to point out here in relation to the questions which I had

received including ideological orientation and indications portraying the position of the tribe. Such portraits somewhat describe the tribe as if it was an alternative to the society. Such an opinion is in complete contradiction with the reality. In my point of view, the problem here lies not only in the fact of the presence of the tribe or tribal affiliation in some of the places in Yemen, but in the exploitation of that presence to hinder the civil social development. Sometimes this exploitation can only be achieved through situations in which people don't submit to

the law and sometimes tribes are encouraged not to comply with the tribal norms.

Secondly, it is strange to see an increasing number of tribesmen practicing several forms of modern activity simultaneously, which are closely related to the civil society itself. Some of the activities began to become much larger. In addition to such activity, it is being closely related to the modern sector. The activity should make use of this trait of the tribesmen in the modern economic sphere without the adherence to rules of that sector. Some people use the tribal affiliation to get rid of the rules. The main aim of the tribal affiliation is to enjoy certain exemptions and privileges not guaranteed by the law. It should be mentioned here that exploiting the tribal affiliation to gain privileges is considered to be one of the forms of the social conflict.

Thirdly, in addition to what has been said earlier, the tribesmen constitute a main hindrance to the development of the civil society. To tackle such problems we have to 1) discard all the tribal affiliation. In the tribal society we find distinctions between classes, feeling of pride about their ancestors and of disdain about the black (Al-Akhdam). The women are deprived of the right to learning as well as to her heritage. Some Shiekh still possess special jails, guards, weapons, to silence the disobedient. Some of the phenomena, like revenge, carrying weapons and kidnappings are closely related to tribalism and Shiekh. How can we reach the prestigious and the modern society? 2) Taking great care in improving the tribal belts and supplying it with essential services such as drinking water, schools, and health centers.

Fourthly: The notion of citizenship is acknowledged by the society and the tribesmen have a chance to practice their rights as citizens. The hindrance to the progress of the civil society lies in the fact that the different social communities are living in the form of dualism which makes the civil society a fragile entity. Consequently we have seen that tribesmen want to enjoy their rights as guaranteed by the law and the constitution. They also want the people

to acknowledge their existence as tribesmen, enjoying all their rights freely. Regrettably, we see a number of educated people add fuel to the flames. They in most cases discard the norms of the civil society and adopt the culture of the traditional culture. That class lives a life of dualism in thought and behavior, unable to disseminate its culture which is considered one of the dangerous hindrances for development of the civil society.

In contrast, some regard Shiekh as the leaders of retardation and regression. The well-known journalist Abduh Al-Bari Taher thinks that the tribal structure is the major source of trials and tribulations. "The British colony didn't take care of the southern part of Yemen, but it restored Sultans and the clan leaders in the south depending on the tribal structural division of the southern and eastern provinces. But in the north, Imam didn't last for a long time and as all of us know about the 1948 movement when the tribes rushed madly upon Sana'a to suppress the pioneers of modernism and the war of the ten years in the aftermath of the 26th September, all of which constitute a major source of the primitive life of the Yemeni people. The government itself is powerless to control tribalism. Kidnapping, highway robbery, revenge and assassination attempts are related to the tribal acts." Taher continues, "The tribal structure in Yemen is the main obstacle to become a civilized society and development."

Although Yemen complains a lot about that class, it is undeniable that they didn't receive the basic amenities of life. It is certain that the tribe is a primitive structure which is not tractable. But the government has its own way in dealing with such kind of people through an effective integration in which the Shiekh together with his men becomes good citizens showing loyalty to the sovereignty of the State. With deep regret, we observe that this class is encouraged to violate the law, challenging its authorities, showing indifference to the laws made by the government. The secret lies in the government's stopping oppression of the tribes and making them good and loyal citizens.

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# Effects of Narcotics on Society



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Narcotics have been known to the human beings since a long period of time. Man discovered some wild herbs and plants and used them for medication purposes in addition to practicing religious rituals. Up to the end of the 19th century there had not been any problem as the prevalent belief was that administering such drugs is mainly for religious and social reasons. Drugs are extracted from ever-green plants which grow on the warm mountains in the South America and some Asian countries.

## The International Day of Population The population Policy

Have you seen the quick spreading of arbitrary construction in the Yemeni rural and urban areas. My dear reader, have you ever thought deeply, even for only one month or may be two months about the arbitrary and random construction of buildings in the main cities which has planning offices in the Ministry of Construction. The question here is what about the villages which are not attached to each other? We can therefore, call them not villages but cities lacking in the main facilities and services like streets, traffic lights, companies and commercial agencies. Unfortunately, there aren't any clean streets, fresh air is completely polluted, bad smells come out from the main streets and the narrow alleys, sewage flow to the foundations of the houses. As a result of the huge construction, we observe that the schools become fewer and fewer in number. Some schools gain some extra classes and public services, while in other regions nothing have been achieved yet. In front of all these transitions, the state finds itself in a sudden and confused situation which are not taken into consideration. This can be attributed to a number of reasons,

**Reasons behind the spread of drugs**  
There are many reasons for the spread of drugs which can be classified into two types despite being interconnected and identical. These are as follows:  
• **Weakness of the religious discipline**  
There are many reasons pertinent to this aspect as narcotics are prohibited from the religious viewpoint due to the harm they incur on addicts. Hence, many studies conducted on narcotics proved that the reasons behind addiction were the weakness of the religious discipline among users.  
• **Social reasons:**  
Several social reasons contribute to drug-addiction such as the social cultivation within the family that lead to practicing such bad habits. In addition to the family break-ups which adversely affect the members of the family and

the society.  
• **Economic reasons:**  
Some members of the society may encounter different financial problems and fail to overcome them. So they make of drug-addiction as an outlet for these problems. Poverty and unemployment are a great challenge to the society so the necessary measures have to be taken, in this respect, to stop the aggravation of these two headaches. On the other hand, extreme richness could be another reason for drug addiction as this section of people feels the desire to experience something new. Furthermore, the economic boom in some countries attract drug traffickers to operate in such countries. It is noteworthy that drug traffickers play a key role in entrapping the young people to this evil habit.  
• **Secondary reasons**  
There are several other reasons contributory to this problem some of which have to do with the physical and mental health. So some people take to drugs as a way to escape these ailments.  
On the other hand, lack of discipline within the administrative system may contribute to the spread of this problem since the weakness of the general policy of drug-fighting and the control over the illegal use of drugs in addition to the weak coordination between the different competent bodies plays a major role in aggravating this problem. Moreover, the use of medicaments which have not been prescribed or disbursed by a physician could lead to indeliberate addiction.  
Some other factors contributory to the spread of this problem is the migrant labor which spread its habits and culture in the host society, especially when there is no supervision for their activities which could be in some cases illegal. Furthermore, the absence of the role of media in this regard especially anti-drug programs and the other awareness programs give free reins to this phenomenon.

**Adverse effects of drug addiction**  
**Physical impairments:**  
Drug addiction adversely affects the overall health condition of the addicts such as underweight, overall weakness and loss of appetite. Addicts also suffer some disturbances in the respiratory track and liver func-

tions. Moreover, addicts undergo some symptoms of kidney failure and some disturbances in the blood circulation. These failures and disturbances could end with blindness, inflation of the nerves, and partial paralysis. In addition to that, administering drugs through injection is one of the means for transmitting AIDS and the other transmitted diseases due to the reuse of the same syringe for many persons.

**Psychological impairments**  
Drug addiction adversely affects the psychological and the mental health of addicts as it causes low level of concentration and mental deterioration, stress, unjustified panic and weakness of memory. In addition some studies indicated that drug addiction is so pertinent to the dominance of suicidal thoughts in the addicts.

**Social effects**  
Drug addiction leads to the social seclusion and moral degeneration of addicts. In addition addicts become totally detached from the society and its activities as they become totally occupied by getting drugs in whatever means so they restore to committing thefts, prostitution and crimes in order to get the necessary money for purchasing drugs.

**Economic effects**  
Drugs-related crimes have very negative economic effects on the individuals and the society as a whole. Some of these effects are as follows:  
• Low leveled personal and household income  
• Low level of productivity both in terms of quantity and quality  
• Short-fall in the balance of payments  
• Rise of the rates of inflation and foreign debts

Drug addicts become useless persons in the society and they even turn to be a very heavy burden on the shoulder of the society and economy. Furthermore, substantial funds have to be disbursed on their medication and rehabilitation which always take a long period of time and need high and specialized medical staff. Moreover, drug trafficking has a very destructive impact on economy as drug-fighting requires huge funds for controlling the activities pertaining to organized and border-crossing crimes, including tracking down criminals and bringing them to justice which is not that easy task.



## OPHTHALMIC EDUCATION VISION 2020 The Right to Sight - PART 7

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### National prevention of blindness Programs and Vision 2020

**Q: Are National programs relevant to VISION 2020?**

**A:** A key part of vision 2020 is devolving decision making and planning to district level – the idea of planning services for units of one million people. Generally when we have tried to plan for larger populations, we have not been successful. This has led some people to question whether national prevention of blindness programs have any role in VISION 2020. Well managed national programs can play a major part in implementing VISION 2020. However, ineffective programs risk becoming irrelevant as the focus of activity will inevitably shift to the districts.

**Q: What should National Programs focus on?**

**A:** The main task of a national prevention of blindness programs should be to provide a framework for vision 2020 at the district level. It was successful because it pooled experience and expertise from many sources, and we have all agreed to pursue some clearly defined goals rather than independently pursuing our own priorities. In the same way, at national level, a multitude of isolated, independent programs will not be the most efficient way to eliminate avoidable blindness. A national program can help by providing guidelines in response to a variety of questions – for example:

- How should we monitor cataract out comes?
- Which districts should have the highest priority for full implementation of SAFE?

**Q: What is the minimum standard of equipment and supplies for district eye clinics?**

**A:** All of these issues are best decided at national level.

Secondly, national programs are vital for human resource development. They must advise the government about the numbers and cadres of eye workers that are needed, how they should be trained, and what they should do. Again, this must be done at national level. It would be unacceptable if ophthalmic assistants were permitted to do cataract surgery in one district, not in another. The program should ensure that eye workers are not only trained, but also empowered – that is:

- They are suitably equipped and supplied.
- They have a realistic job description.
- They have authority to plan their work within the limits of the job description.
- They receive continuing medical education.

Finally, national programs should act as channels of communication. They should be constantly sharing good ideas, spreading the message that avoidable blindness can be defeated, encouraging the best programs, and helping the rest to improve. An effective national program will ensure that there is no such thing as an isolated eye worker.

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# The Yemeni Folk Heritage

## Marriage and Delivery Traditions in Yemen



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The social heritage presented by the Yemeni folk traditions and customs has formed the central and civilized prop of the Yemeni people. Each part of Yemen has its own distinguished folk rituals and traditions which is more or less similar in its casual way of performing such rituals. One of these rituals is marriage and delivery rituals in Sana'a. These rituals differ from city to another in Yemen according to inhabitants' traditions and attitudes. In Aden, for instance, marriage traditions different from those in the past. The eldest girl has her own right to choose the suitable husband and also she has the right to acceptance or refusal of suitors. But in the tribal communities, marriage ritual is still existent till today with its fixed traditions. When the suitors of the family engage marriage for their son, they have to pay the dowry for the girl, either an amount of money, camels or livestock. In rural areas, the woman who gets married has to be treated

with respect and kindness, but if the husband maltreats her, she must go back to her parents' house and it is impossible for the girl to go back to her husband's house. In this regard, the husband has to give her a present of satisfaction "Al-Radhwa". But in Sana'a it is different. First of all, the bridegrooms' family have to arrange marriage for their son. They start fixing the date. The bridegroom has to pay half of the dowry in advance and the postponed amount of money has to be paid later, that's to say, after marriage. In this case the husband has to provide the conjugal home with essential supplies. It is casual for the husband to be in readiness to receive his guests and to invite all his friends and relatives. On the first day the bride's family invite women of the husbands' relatives. This day is called "Yawm Al-Hamam" in which the bride has to go to have a shower with the woman whom she had invited. On the following day, the bride has to color herself and this known as "Yawm Ak-Naksh" in which the bride has to tint her hair and color her hands and legs. The bridegroom's female relative have to be invited to the wedding ceremony in the bride's house. On the third day, a lot of guests have to be invited also to

the bridegroom's house and this day is called the wedding night "Al-Dokhla". In this case the husband has to come to the bride's house. On the following day a lot of people are invited to the wedding ceremony to have lunch and on the same day the bridegroom has to go to his mother-in-law in order to call on her. On the seventh day the bridegroom invites his bride's relatives to have lunch and take part in the ceremony. It is customary for the bride not to go out at all. She is allowed to visit her relatives after twenty days or after forty days and this day is called the "Yawm Al-Shokma".

Concerning the traditions of the delivery in Sana'a, the well-known historian, Al-Wasae, said, If the woman delivers a boy baby or a girl and therefore, the woman's husband is extremely poor, he has to make a large room available for the guests and the walls have to be beautifully decorated. On the seventh day women have to be invited to the house. On the fourteenth day the woman has to have "Fattah", a famous Yemeni recipe mixed with pastries, local ghee and honey. In the evening the wife has to eat chicken. In this regard the husband has to bear the whole expenses.

## Yemeni Proverbs for All Occasions



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Yemeni proverbs, are the vital facet of the Yemeni culture because they are the spoken tongue of their daily public activities. They are the mirror that reflects simple people's thinking by which their daily life, habits and customs are truly expressed. They are the live records of politics, agriculture and wisdom throughout history. One can grasp through them minute details of the simple Yemeni society and have an actual picture of whatever is in their mind. From the large number of such proverbs extant I've chosen some glittering gems:

### 1. (Jawib il dai'i walau bmultam) جواب الداعي ولو بملطام

**Meaning:** Answer who asks you even if he wants to slap you.

**Comment:** You have to answer anyone who calls you, whatever his call may be.

**Implication:** When urging to respect a caller.

### 2. (Dari mamura wala garya kharab) دار معسورة ولا قرية خراب

**Meaning:** It is better to have an inhabited house than a ruined village.

**Comment:** One should be satisfied with one's fortune or luck and never think of more.

**Implication:** When advising others to be satisfied with what they have.

### 3. (La hawla wala goowa min jelset il zoowa) لا حول ولا قوة من جلسة الزوة

**Meaning:** To be free even without work is better than sitting in a corner of the house.

**Comment:** When a man is workless e may sit at home and begin to quarrel with children.

**Implication:** When censuring idleness.

### 4. (Men kether hdarah gel mug-darah) من كثر هداره قل مقداره

**Meaning:** He who talks much (uselessly) is unrespectable.

**Comment:** People never respect talkative ones.

**Implication:** When blaming prattle.

### 5. (Men dawarah kullah fatuh kul-luh) من دوره كله فاتوه كله

**Meaning:** He who wants to possess everything gets nothing.

**Comment:** Some people try to work incredibly to get as much as possible but finally get nothing specially after death.

**Implication:** When blaming greediness.

### 6. (Men akel bil thintein ikhteneq) من اكل بالثنتين اختنق

**Meaning:** He who eats with both hands chokes.

**Comment:** Some people are greedy enough to get much, so they do two or more jobs at the same time.

**Implication:** When restraining greedy people not to do two jobs at the same time.

### 7. (Ala'gil zeena ya hassina) العقل زينة يا حسينة

**Meaning:** Behaving rationally is too good or it is too good to behave reasonably.

**Comment:** People blame unstable girls especially those who behave impolitely.

**Implication:**

(1) When urging others to behave quietly

(2) Those who intend to hurt others.

### 8. (Almhajjab la kharezj taa'jab) المحجب لا يخرج تعجب

**Meaning:** He who is kept at home for a long time, will be surprised with everything he sees.

**Comment:** If people isolate themselves from society, they will be shocked with every new thing because life develops.

**Implication:** When some people feel surprised at whatever they are not familiar with.

### 9. (Weld il weil la yurgid wala yraggid ahleh) ولد الويل لا يرقد ولا يرقد أهله

**Meaning:** A tiresome boy doesn't sleep and never lets his parents sleep.

**Comment:** Troublesome boys always bring trouble to their relatives because they cannot control themselves.

**Implication:** When describing impolite boys.

### 10. (Btool il weil ygharrid min awel tilim) بتول الويل يغرد من اول تلم

**Tilim:** a narrow small ditch created by ploughing

**Meaning:** A foolish ploughman sings at the first tilim.

**Comment:** It is known that farmers sing after feeling tired to reactivate each other; since the ploughman is foolish he sings at the beginning itself.

**Implication:**

(1) When restraining foolish farmers.

(2) When a fool joins every happy or dad occasion.

### 11. (Aldeek yzgi min weset il beid-hah) الديك يزقي من وسط البيضة

**Meaning:** A chick crows when it is inside the egg.

**Comment:** A good description of intelligence. As this chick, intelligent kids show their talents at the very early age.

**Implication:** When describing gifted children.

### 12. (Men beda' bil showma ysbir als magdhaha) من بدا بالشومة بصر على مقضاها

**Meaning:** He who begins with evil should bear its mischief.

**Comment:** Anyone who intends to commit evil behavior should expect evil results.

**Implication:**

(1) When warning evil people.

(2) When someone thinks of a risk in commerce, that is, an unguaranteed project.

### 13. (Yistahil il berd men d'heyaa' difah) يستاهل البرد من ضيع دفاه

**Meaning:** He who wastes his blanket deserves coldness.

## LET'S KNOW OURSELVES

### Are We Free?



Ali Kaheli

The spontaneous answer is 'Yes' but is it the right answer? Young men now act automatically without thinking. Are they free enough? They give up their right to choose which is the core of freedom's value. They, for example, join the college that their secondary school percentage allows them. Those whose percentage is 90% join Medicine faculty; who have 80% join Engineering college; lesser than that join commercial, Art or science colleges. This order enslaves the student who joins the allowable college, ignoring his right to think and then choose. Marriage is another issue that shows the slavery of our young men. Most of them consider marriage their first aim. Though marriage is essential to everyone but can it be the first aim? However, they think of marriage as a task for which they are responsible and their responsibilities are limited to managing money or sometimes getting children. Selection of a wife and other arrangements are left to the parents and relatives. Thus they automatically try to make money and then marry without using the right to thinking and choosing. (relinquishing their freedom again). Love-relations, which absolutely have nothing to do with their marriage projects, are times of enjoyment and fun. Here also he doesn't choose because he wants to have many possible relations. Are we free? We are free when we can select what we want to do and say, after thinking not automatically as a slave. The ability to choose is built by two factors: knowledge and the environment where we live. As our young men don't read and as reading is

mainly the source of knowledge, our ability of choice if we have it, depends on our environment.

The environment of rich young men is generally materialistic. They have most of what they want. The principles here are almost materialistic. Rich children are told that they are better than the poor who deserve suffering and are helpless. They believe that they must know how to double their wealth that bring people's respect and love. Thus materialism enslaves most of them in their youth and makes them act automatically to protect their material interests. This slaving deprives them of enjoying all the spiritual fields that manifest in their beneficial projects.

A large number of children suffer from poverty and social regulations. Their poverty prevents them from getting what they want and desire and gradually they feel disappointed and weak. Similarly social regulations make them afraid of doing things that may fulfill their desires and wishes. So they grow fearful, deprived, and hesitant. Though the normal man has these qualities in little quantities, he is fearful of dangers; deprived of luxuries and hesitant to do wrong things; they are different. They fear of tomorrow, are deprived of basic needs and are hesitant to do good things that bring no quick material benefits. Fearfulness, deprivation, and hesitation are not the qualities of a free life; indeed they are symptoms of enslavement.

#### Questions:

- What are the things from which we must be free?
- Who does enslave us?
- How can we be free?
- Share with me the answers. If you have any different view, send me your participation at Yemen Times Address.
- Answers in the coming issue.

**Comment:** Anyone who neglects what keeps him warm like a stove or blanket carelessly should bear coldness as punishment.

**Implication:** When urging to keep an eye on possessions. Also a piece of advice to behave wisely.

### 14. (Itha gaduk bein il mater la tgooll issee) اذا قدك بين المطر لاتقول اسي

**Issee:** sound of trembling during cold weather.

**Meaning:** If you are in rain (willingly or unwillingly) don't shiver loudly. Be patient.

**Comment:** When you put yourself in troubles you should face them bravely and never complain.

**Implication:** When warning intentional wrong doers.

### 15. (Ma hek jilduk illa dhifruk) ماحك جلدك مثل ظفرك

**Meaning:** Nothing can scratch your skin other than your nails.

**Comment:** It is fair to serve yourself.

**Implication:** Urging others to depend on themselves.

### 16. (Wallah ma agool lek in ebi bil dobli) والله ما اقول لك ان ابي بالدوبلي

**Meaning:** I swear by Allah I shan't tell you that my father is in dobli (the cave or his hiding place)

**Comment:** A foolish boy may show his father's hiding place to those who chase him as a result of his stupidity.

**Implication:** When warning others that stupid boys may spoil everything or reveal secrets and they have to be careful of such people.

## Cultural News

### Archaeological Discoveries

Antiquities have been discovered in an area located between Mareb and al-Beidah governorates including a big wall wide 50 km long and 20 km long. The circumference of this wall is estimated at 150 km at the height of 3 meters.

Nasser al-Awathi, Director of Saba News Agency in al-Beidah stated that this wall has two gates the first is on the northwest and the second is on the northwest. Antiquities of great historical value, including some palaces, engravings, temples, dams and wells have been also discovered. It is believed that these antiquities date back to the reign of the Sabain and Himyarite dynasties.

### Save Mohammed Sa'ed

Mohammed Sa'ed Abdullah the great Yemeni singer is suffering from diabetes and he is resting on bed nowadays. We hope that the competent authorities represented by the Minister of culture will promptly act to help this great singer.

### Cultural Publications

A book entitled 'The Modern Linguistic Treatments' has been published by al-Afif Cultural Foundation for Dr. Hamed al-Auathi. The book is a study dealing with the methodology used for a large scale of modern dictionaries. This book is a further contribution to the Yemeni library.

### World's Youth Festival

Six young Yemeni writers are to take part at the events of events of the World's Youth Festival to be held at the Algerian capital Algiers from 8 of August. Ibtisam al-Mutawakil, Muhee al-Din Germah and Muhammed al-Mahageri are to take part in the domain of poetry and Arwa Abdu Othman, Wajdi al-Ahdal and Huda al-Atass are to take part in short-story writing.

### Fourth Plastic Art Exhibition

Last Tuesday the fourth plastic art exhibition of the artist Amal Abdu al-Salam inaugurated at the Taiz-based al-Saeed Cultural and Scientific Foundation. Amal has taken part at several collective exhibitions and her first overseas participation will be in Algeria in August.

In a statement to Yemen Times, Amal said that the exhibition included 26 paintings, Yemeni faces and other surrealistic paintings. Speaking about the arts by whom she has been influenced she said that Salvador Dally the world renowned artist and the Yemeni artist Hisham Ali are the most important ones.

The fourth plastic art exhibition has scored a great success and most of the paintings have been sold. The exhibition was attended by a large number of people interested in this type of art.

## Invitation for Prequalification

The Republic of Yemen  
Ministry of Public Works and Urban Development - Rural Access Project,  
Central management Office (RAPCMO).

This invitation for prequalification follows the general procurement notice for this project that appeared in the UN Development Business No 552-556/01 of Feb. 16 and April 16, 2001. The Government of the Republic of Yemen intends to apply for a credit from the International Development Association (IDA) toward the cost of the Rural Access Project (RAP) and it intends to apply part of the proceeds of the credit to payments under the contract for the following pilot rural road projects as given below:

- A. Improvement of (5) Pilot Rural Rods totaling approximately 114 Kilometer, namely:
- |               |                                |          |
|---------------|--------------------------------|----------|
| Road No. (1): | Thulla - Amran                 | 25.6 Km. |
| Road No. (2): | Kuhlan Affar - Al-Maghrabah    | 15.8 Km  |
| Road No. (3): | At-Taffah - Awain              | 42.3 Km  |
| Road No. (4): | At-Turbah - Tor Al-Baha        | 8.8 Km   |
| Road No. (5): | Al-Mahweet - Khamis Bani Sa'ad | 21.3 Km  |

- B. Improvement of village access roads totaling approximately 50 Km.

The Ministry of Public Works and Urban Development, represented by The Rural Access Project-Central management Office, (RAPCMO) intends to prequalify interested contractors and/or firms for Improvement of (5) five Pilot Rural Roads totaling approximately 114 kilometers, and Improvement of village access roads totaling approximately 50 Km.

Pre-qualification will be conducted through pre-qualification procedures specified in the World Bank's Guidelines: Procurement under IBRD Loans and IDA Credits, January 1995 (revised January and August 1996 and September 1997), and is open to all bidders from eligible source countries, as defined in the guidelines. Application for pre-qualification may be made for one or all of the above contracts.

### The Minimum Prequalification Criteria are:

- As prime contractor, average annual turnover over the last five years equivalent to US\$ 10 million.
- Successful experience as prime contractor in the execution of at least three projects similar in nature and complexity to the works within the last five years.
- Should have qualified technical and managerial personnel of different fields with minimum experience of 10-15 years for the execution of similar projects.
- Should have key equipment, i.e., Bulldozers, Asphalt Plant, Stone Crusher plant, Pavers, Dump Trucks, Motor Graders, Front wheel loaders, Vehicles and Vibratory Compaction Rollers, ... etc.
- Should have liquid assets to meet the construction cash flow of US\$ 2.00 billion for each contract during the project period.

Interested eligible bidders may obtain further information from and inspect the pre-qualification documents at the Ministry of Public Works and urban Development, RAPCMO, (address blow) during regular business hours from 009-1400 hours.

A complete set of pre-qualification documents in English language may be purchased by interested bidders upon submission of a written application to the address below and upon payment of a nonrefundable fee of US\$ 120.00. The Method of payment will be cashier's check or direct deposit to RAPCMO. The document will be sent by airmail for overseas delivery and surface mail for local delivery.

Applications for pre-qualification should be submitted in sealed envelopes, delivered to the address below by 12:00 hour, September 15th 2001, and be clearly marked:

"Application to Prequalify for the Rural Access Project"  
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The Ministry of Public Works and Urban Development (MOPW&UD)  
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The Ministry of Public Works and Urban Development, represented by the RAPCMO reserves the right to accept or reject late applications.

Applicants will be advised, in due course, of the result of their applications. Only firms and joint ventures prequalified under this procedure will be invited to bid.

# Improve Your English (90)



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## I. What to Say

### Teaching Young Learners Self-reliance

**Samira:** Time has come to say 'ma salaama' to you all. I have to be there with my son at his study table.

**Fatima:** What do you mean by that? Will you study with him or what?

**Samira:** Not exactly to study, but to do his homeworks. Otherwise he would cut classes tomorrow.

**Aisha:** Do you complete his homeworks everyday as a matter of routine?

**Samira:** Yes. He feels so overburdened by the tasks given in so many subjects. How else can he cope with them?

**Fatima:** I'm afraid. You're an over-indulgent mother and are doing more harm to him than good, Samira.

**Aisha:** And indirectly forcing him to stand on crutches rather than on his legs.

**Samira:** How do you say that? I believe, I'm helping him to get along with his studies by sharing some of his burden.

**Aisha:** Well. Tell me one thing. What does he do when you are doing his lessons?

**Samira:** More often he relaxes. Watching TV or doing something else.

**Ahlam:** So how does he benefit from your doing the tasks? How would he learn unless he makes efforts himself? Aren't you making him lazy and ignorant of the lesson? Aren't you standing between him and his lessons?

**Samira:** I see your point.

**Fatima:** What's more, you prevent him from learning the coping strategies. Thus, in practical terms, you are being more of a hindrance than a help to your child. Rather, you should teach him how to manage time and give him tips on how to accomplish the task. Don't rush him help when he doesn't need it. Be there and let him make efforts on his own. If he fails encourage him to try again. If finally you find him desperate for your help, do offer it.

**Samira:** You're right. What a fool haven't I been? I virtually killed his initiative by my kindness.

**Sabah:** I think what Fatima and Aisha are telling is very true. We mothers sometimes become blind to our children's actual long term needs by satisfying their immediate requirements. We don't realize the impact it would have on them in the long run. Good that Samira realized her mistake. Better late than never.

**Aisha:** Self help is the best help. We should help our children learn to do their things themselves.

**Wafaa:** I entirely agree with you, Aisha. Our efforts should be to help them acquire problem-solving strategies, coping strategies, creativity as well as qualities of innovation. After all, mother is the first teacher for the child and home is his first school. Charity begins at home.

**Samira:** You all have opened my eyes. Now on I shall try to make him self reliant.

**Sumaiya:** Yes. But remember not to make any sudden change in your strategy. Let it be slow but gradual.

**Fatima:** Let her go now. Bye for now, Samira.

**Samira:** Bye. See you tomorrow.

## II. How to Say it Correctly

Correct errors, if any, in the following sentences

- All applicants should possess an university degree.
- It takes me about a hour to get to work.
- We had a breakfast in the hotel restaurant.
- I'm studying for M. A. in English.
- I don't like driving in a heavy traffic.

### Solutions to last week's questions.

- Neither his father nor his mother **is** alive.
- The teacher along with his students **was** present.
- The Principal and the Warden **are** coming.
- The price of all these articles **has** risen.
- He recited **a** poem in honor of **the** President.

## III. How to express it in one word.

- Public merrymaking with processions of persons in fancy dress.
- Flesh eating animal.
- Workmen who make the wooden furniture.
- Thick covering for floors or stairs.
- The drawing of maps and charts.

### Solutions to last week's questions:

- Person kept as a prisoner: **captive**
- Pilgrims or merchants making a journey together usually across deserts: **caravan**
- Dead body of an animal: **carcass**
- Imitation of a person's voice or behavior to cause amusement or ridicule: **caricature**
- Killing of many people: **carnage, massacre**

## IV. Do as directed:

- I have a dog. It always barks at strangers  
(Join the sentences, making one of them into a relative clause)
- My brother came here - May last year.  
(Fill in the blank with the correct proposition)
- Hisham said to me, "Are you coming with me for a walk?"  
(Rewrite in indirect speech)
- Fate rules our life. It is true.  
(Join the sentences, making one of them into a noun clause)
- If you (answer) all the questions, you would have passed with distinction.  
(Put the verb in bracket into the correct tense form)

### Solutions to last week's questions

- Milk is brought everyday (by the milkman)
- My brother was being taught by my father
- A book has been bought (by me)
- Some sugar will be bought from the market (by me)
- i) I was given a present (by my friend)  
ii) A present was given to me (by my friend)
- The room is being painted now (by Ali)  
**Note:** The phrases in brackets may be optionally dropped or omitted.

## V. Words of Wisdom

"Art is the gift of God, and must be used Unto His glory."

—Longfellow

# What Teachers Should Know And Be Able to Do



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organized, linked to other disciplines and applied to real-world settings.

## Proposition III Teacher are responsible for managing and monitoring students' learning

Accomplished teachers create, enrich, maintain, and alter instructional settings to capture and sustain the interest of their students and to make the most effective use of time.

## Proposition IV Teachers think systematically about their practice and learn from experience

Accomplished teachers are models of educated persons, exemplifying the virtues they seek to inspire in students: curiosity, tolerance, honesty, fairness, and respect for diversity, and the capacities that are prerequisite for intellectual growth: the ability to reason and takes multiple perspectives, to be creative and take risks and to adopt an experiment and problem-solving orientation.

## Proposition V Teachers are members of learning communities

Finally, accomplished teachers can contribute to the effectiveness of their schools by working collaboratively

with other professionals on instructional policy, curriculum development and other relevant matters. They can also find ways to work collaboratively and creatively with parents, engaging them productively in the work of the school.

## Language: The First Requirement

The foundation for a successful undergraduate experience is proficiency in the written and the spoken word. Students need language to grasp and express effectively feelings and ideas. In order to succeed in college, undergraduates should be able to write and speak with clarity, and to read and listen with comprehension. Language and thought are inextricably connected and, as undergraduates develop their linguistics skills, they hone the quality of their thinking and become intellectually and socially empowered.

In an increasingly interdependent world, the mastery of a second or even a third language is an important collegiate goal.

The reality is that students will not be adequately prepared for the 21st century if they cannot communicate effectively in English. The lack of this skill constitutes a formidable barrier that will severely limit a person's educational, social and vocational options.

# Remembering Walt Whitman, The Mystic Poet



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democrat who saw in true democracy possibilities of universal peace, toleration and brotherhood. In his *Democratic Vistas*, he pleaded for the regeneration of the common man. "Long enough have the people been listening to poems in which common humanity, deferential, bends low, humiliated, acknowledging superiors. But America listens to no such poems. Erect, inflated, and fully self-esteeming be the chant; and then America will listen with pleased ears". He believed that the important criterion of assessing a great work of art was how much has it contributed to the cause of humanity.

May 31, 2001 marked the 182nd birth anniversary of the great American poet Walt Whitman who is the author of the famous *Leaves of Grass*, which has baffled a whole generation of readers during his time. Never has a controversy raged more furiously than over the publication of *Leaves of Grass* in July 1855. No doubt, he was a poet ahead of his times. Had not Emerson come for his rescue, perhaps the voice of this great poet would have been completely submerged under the diatribes of the critics.

In a letter to Walt Whitman dated 21, 1855, Emerson described *Leaves of Grass* as "the wonderful gift ...the most extraordinary piece of wit and wisdom that America has yet contributed...I am happy in reading it, as a great power makes us happy...I find the courage of treatment which so delights us and which large perception only can inspire". D. H. Lawrence, who realized in him a kindred soul, placed him in the foremost rank amongst creative writers.

Born on May 31, 1819, in Long Island, New York, the second of nine children, Whitman found himself in the midst of struggles and frustrations from the very beginning. Although he never had any formal education, he trained himself into reading and writing at a very early age. At 12, he was a printer's apprentice but always-found time for reading and writing.

Whitman's subsequent life was varied and colorful. He was compositor, contributor, teacher, politician and editor. He lived a zestful life. His multifaceted experiences made him see life as an integral whole.

Mainly, Whitman shares three greatness- Love, Democracy and Religion- and he was possessed by a vision and feeling that made the words possible. It is this visionary aspect of Whitman's poetry that survives all the diverse current of interpretations that have flowed from more than a century of criticism. Whitman is often known as a poet of democracy. His idea of democracy was essentially pragmatic and down to earth. His vision was that of complete harmony between the individual and the society. He was indeed a spiritual

Whitman's concept of experience was that it should be truly cosmic in amplitude, "excluding nothing and denying nothing". He believed in the consumption of experience. According to him Truth is all-inclusive and it does not exclude anything as alien. "And hence I will go celebrating anything I see ...And sing and laugh and deny nothing".

He also considered the physical relationship between man and woman as blessed with divine grace. His affirmation of the legitimate place of sex in human life is to be found in his famous poem "A Woman Waits for me". Urged by a spontaneous upsurge, Whitman's articulation acquires a new lyrical intensity. He believed that the mere sensation of touch open new worlds of rich and profound experience.

While Whitman and Lawrence share the same vision of uninhibited love between man and woman, they also share a common dislike for rationalism and logic. "Innocent Intuitions" (to borrow an expression from Whitman) and not logic or reason, they would both say, will enable man to grasp the inscrutability of life. In this sense *Leaves of Grass* is a strong denunciation of all logical processes and a glorification of intuitive perceptions. The innovative, unrhymed, free-verse form of the book and its open celebration of sexuality, vibrant democratic sensibility, and extreme Romantic assertion altered the course of American poetry.

Whitman did not believe in any particular school of thoughts or sects that divided man from man. He wanted all his fellow beings to partake freely of the bounties of Nature. His love for animals has also emerged from the same distrust of artificial modes of living and thinking. Animals symbolized for him the innate goodness, simplicity and kindness of all creation.

To be concluded next week

# My Caged Soprano

**Anil K. Prasad,**  
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Eternal throbs of mutiny I hear  
In my heart against those muscles,  
The tender tendons of my rib-robed  
Highness!  
I hear the unseen chorus,  
The roar of bright  
White lions  
In a jungle dark, in the east  
Always, my dissenting watch-dogs,  
My lovely German shepherds  
watching -  
Out in my heart, for  
Those merchant muscles  
Who always try to hire-purchase my  
self  
Though transformed fall through  
My heart's emotional alchemy,  
Who always block the blood  
circulation of  
My emotional magic-box and chuckle  
at  
The rise of its irrational output.

O my asphyxiated sphinx!  
It is the pain of flesh, of flush, of the  
flow,  
Of gush, of warmth, of the worth of  
work,  
Of pulsation, of push, of perpetual  
percussions.  
Twinkling from head to toe, the  
clever  
Fingers of a tabla-maestro playing,  
and  
We hear the unseen sound  
The touch of its rhythmic rush  
The power of its musical tap  
Shall remain in rebellion  
As a crow is ever-alert and

Real as thorns sharp with protective  
pain,  
Mundane mud after the refreshing  
rain,  
Astonished ash after the cleansing  
flames of fire,  
Disillusioned debris after the  
upheavals of earth's desire,  
All-azure depth of sky's height.  
Gleaming blood-stains on  
The fighter's front after the fight for  
The flow of blood in the arteries and  
veins and  
The fighter heading  
Towards the healing heights  
To clean the slush of the swampy  
muscles  
That blocks the valves of the hearts  
and  
Seduces the soul for a second and  
Brings emotional alchemy to a halt.

But the unseen pulse is in concert  
At the membrane-bound, skin-  
ensnared  
Day-dark bone-house, rises  
To its rhythmic concerns  
Deconstructing its tissues  
To make out  
The difference of meaning  
In the conflicting texts  
Of life.

# YOUTH FORUM

## ...And Life Will Never Be The Same Again

A moment of happiness  
Gone in a stroke.  
A life without a mess,  
a sadness to provoke.  
A sign of peace,  
a place of silence,  
Where everything is at cease,  
and no resonance.  
Welcome to the world,  
the world that lies after the life,  
Where, in your hand you hold  
A lightless lamp to begin a new  
life.  
He remembered the day when he  
played,  
He remembered every other case.  
And then he went forever to bed,  
with a satisfying smile on his face.  
Not seeing a light dim,  
nor hearing a whisper,  
God had taken him  
To his own chamber.  
Death had him surrounded,  
he had nothing more to maintain,  
He tried to fight, but all in vain  
and for the last time he felt the

pain.  
He said at last  
"Life will never be the same  
again!"  
Death is nothing but a chance  
To begin a new life, to make more  
gain  
To achieve another beautiful new  
trance  
But this life will never be the same  
again!

**Sunaina Vijayan**  
Sana'a International School  
Sana'a

*Stopping by verses in a quiet  
Classroom*  
Whose verses these are, I think I  
know,  
His house is in the grave though;  
He will not see me stopping here,  
To enjoy his verses filled up with  
charm.

My classmate must think it queer,  
To stop without a purpose near  
Between the verses and magic words  
The quietest class of the latest year.  
He gave his minds bells a shake

To ask if there is some mistake  
The only other sounds' he sweep  
Of easy thoughts and gloomy break.

The verses are lovely, great and deep  
But I have promises to keep  
And verses to enjoy before I sleep  
And verses to enjoy before I sleep

**Hifa,  
Hajja**

## Message to the moon

I looked at the moon  
From my room.  
But he looked famished  
I asked pensively,  
Where is my friend?  
He was here beside me.  
But he disappeared.  
The mother replied,  
Oh my love,  
Tomorrow he will return  
To see you  
Wait for him, my love.  
He will return with the light of your  
life.  
To see you and smile with you.

**Kawther Al-Snhanie**  
Al-Mahweet College,

# Aden Hotel Honors its Esteemed Employees

In recognition of the great work they do in order to promote quality of services, the Aden Hotel held on June 6, the annual celebration in honor of its employees. More than 35 employees were honored and others received certificates on completion of training courses organized by the hotel management. The Aden Hotel has always been one of the top quality tourist hotels and resorts in

Yemen. Its excellent services that match guests' expectations make it one of the best hotels worldwide.

Mr. Mohammed Abdulqawi Al-Muflehi, representative of the shareholders of the hotel spoke highly of the high qualification of the hotel staff and their commitment to improvement of quality of services. He said that the hotel had received many certificates of appreciation from different organizations and guests. He

also expressed the hotel management's commitment to supporting and training staff of the hotel.

General Manager of the Aden Hotel, Mr. Fadhl Al-Hilali highlighted the hotel's future plans to further develop abilities and skills of the hotel staff as to improve quality of services.

Mr. Fadhel Saaid, Rooms Division Manager, praised talents and skills of the employees. He added that the Aden Hotel

can be a match to the best hotels in the world. He concluded his speech by congratulating the honored staff and wishing them the best in their future work.

The event was attended by Mr. Ali Al-Imad, Director of the Tourism office in Aden, Mr. Arsalan Abdulkhaleq, Relations Manager at Al-Yemenia Airways, Mr. Ahmad Wasfi, regional manager of Egypt Airlines, Mr. Mohammed Abdulqawi Al-Muflehi, representative of the shareholders of the Arab Company for Tourist Investment and a host of politicians and high ranking people.



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# NEWS UPDATE



## NEWS FLASH! BACK



### THE FRENCH FESTIVAL

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### DUTCH DINNER THEATRE

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### SOFT OPENING OF TAJ PALACE HOTEL IN DUBAI



Opened partially with 111 rooms one apartment block and one Indian restaurant. Taj Sheba bidding farewell to Yemeni staff posted to Taj Palace, Dubai.

### THE GRE WITH BIG SMILE



Leenu Vergese Front Office Executive, has been recently promoted as Guest Relations Executive.

### WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY JUNE 5, 2001



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## TRADITIONAL ITALIAN FESTIVAL BACK AT THE TAJ

- After a break of one year the Italian Embassy hosted the Italian week with Festival, Exhibition and their National Day.
- Mr Gian Carlo Commercial attache participating in the exhibition.
- The lucky draw for Yemen airways free ticket on the inaugural flight Sana'a Milan and back during the Italian festival at the hotel.



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# Press Scanner

Prepared by Mohammed Khidhr

**R**eview of the main headlines capturing the front pages of local newspapers this week.

- Yemen Possesses 10% of World's Light Weapons
- New Differences between Yemeni and American Investigators
- Arab Parliamentary Union Convened In Sana'a
- Algerian Ambassador to Yemen: No Israeli Participation in Algeria World Festival for Youth & Students
- A Ruling Party Leading Official Promises Retraction from Many Amendments
- Politicians: Amending Elections Law in Favor of the Regime
- British Embassy in Sana'a Refuses Granting Visas to Yemeni Journalists
- Aden Journalists Express Solidarity with their colleague Sadiq Nasher
- Government Preparations to Effect New "Doses"
- Opposition Parties Demand Equal Representation in Elections Supreme Committee
- Security Forces Shell Old City of Ibb With Heavy Weapons
- Yemen Shows Flexibility to Washington's Demands, No Return of Cole Investigators
- New Yemeni Ambassadors to Number of countries, Named
- Verdict on British Embassy Bomb Attack On Monday
- Intellectuals, Politicians from Sana'a Call for Maintaining work for Lifting Sanctions on Iraq
- Fire Devour Oil Tankers in Sana'a
- U.S. Embassy in Sana'a Resumes its Services
- Islah & GPC Exchange Charges on Mareb Events
- 30 Thousand Teachers in Taiz Demand Settlement
- Parties of Coordination Council, Islah & September Agree on Bases of Stabilization of Democracy
- President Saleh's Visit to Washington Postponed
- Training Programs for Local Councils Officials in Governorates

Excerpts from articles published in some local Yemeni newspapers.



**RAY weekly, organ of Sons of Yemen League Party, 10 July 2001.**

The newspaper's editorial says that the elections draft law proposed by the government is a kind of hurricane that plucked the fig leaf and disclosed the defects of that some who are greatly annoyed by atmosphere of institutional democracy. Those who would not tolerate the atmosphere of programmed competition and organized work, the atmosphere of social partnership in pushing forward the march of construction and development.

The editorial maintains that it is strange for the some to deal blows to democracy through democracy itself. Nowadays the political parties gather at a table put on it a draft law, the major axis of its presence is exclude the presence of the parties from the arena of democratic action through marginalization of their role in general elections and to render competition to a faint individual competition replacing the institutional one, the newspaper editorial added.



**Al-Ihya'a Al-Arabi weekly, organ of the Arab Baath Socialist party, Iraq organization, 10 July 2001.**

The newspaper's editorial says that since the beginning of this month, and because of the escalating Palestinian Intifada and the successive defeats of the US policies in the region, American direct and indirect statements began propagating for the UN resolutions 242 and 338. The actual aim behind that is not for putting them into effect but rather as a basis for a dialogue of the Palestinians with the Zionist entity.

The editorial maintains that while the Arab regimes involved in settlement projects have considered this American shift and promoted for it as success to their defeatist pursuit, the fact is that the US aims at jumping over those resolutions and drag the Arab parties to the arena of its projects. These projects are in harmony with the Zionist vision

targeting at stabilizing its absolute domination over tracks of the so-called Palestinian-Zionist negotiations. This state of affair should be an impetus for struggle of the nation's forces for continuation of the Intifada and strife for the liberation of entire Palestine.



**Al-Wahdawi weekly, organ of the Nasserite People's Unionist Party, 10 July 2001.**

This week's editorial of Al-Wahdawi newspaper is devoted to commenting on the extraordinary meeting in Sana'a of the Arab Parliamentary Union on discussing the Palestinian cause and the situation in the occupied territories. The editorial says the importance of the meeting stems from the need of the nation of embodiment of Arab people's will in resolutions and legislations sanctioned by Arab parliamentarians obliging Arab governments to implement. Arab parliamentarians have the power of directing their governments as well as the authority to translate the will of their people into mandatory stands having their effect in future.

The Wahdawi editorial has further asked the Arab parliamentarians, while discussing affairs of the Palestinian Intifada, adopt a courageous stand with the conscience expressed by masses of the Arab nation in their demonstrations in various Arab countries. Arab masses' ambition is that the meeting of Arab Parliamentary Union would adopt legislation activating the nation's energies in support of the Palestinian cause. Arab material and human capabilities and potentials are huge and can change the balances of power in case are utilized in a proper way.



**26 September weekly, organ of Yemen Armed Forces, 12 July 2001.**

26 September editorial has also discussed the emergency session meetings of the Arab Parliaments Union held recently in Sana'a. he meeting has been devoted to support the Palestinian uprising and offer more political and moral support to the Palestinian stand especially in the light of the dangerous step up of Sharon's government's policy of violence and aggression in a bid to suppress the uprising and abort its gains. The Palestinian uprising has managed to impose a new reality in the

march of the Palestinian struggle for getting freedom and independence and establishing the Palestinian state on the Palestinian land.

At the time when conspiracies and desperate attempts have increased for undermining the uprising under various justifications and slogans, the republic of Yemen has realized the importance of standing up to those conspiracies and preparing climates for maintaining the torch of the uprising. Hence came the call for holding the emergency session of the Arab Parliaments Union in Sana'a on 11-12 July 2001.

On the low-level representation of some Arab parties in the meeting, the editorial described it as a kind of expressing indifference towards the dangers the uprising is exposed to and that history alone would give its judgment on such stances and single them out according to the criterion of Arab interest and backing up of Arab nation issues.

The editorial calls for severing relations and stopping all forms of normalization with the Zionist entity. It also calls for investment of Arab relations and big economic interests with friendly countries for exercising more pressure on the Zionist entity to stop its aggression and abide by international legitimacy resolutions related to the Arab-Israeli conflict.



**As-Sahwa weekly, 12 July 2001.**

The political editor of the newspaper published a front page article discussing the 7 July anniversary confirming that the unitary victory achieved on the 7th of July 1994 was not merely a transitory event. It is the day marking the fall of illusions and the fact had been confirmed in practice. It is a day marking that the Yemeni people and the homeland had decided their option regarding the unity and omitted for good the history of partition.

The task of the people's pioneers is to always be inspired by the facts and their meanings so that the tragedy would not occur again. The events of an entire year of tension have proved that there are some who are keen to impose on others their options and individual ambitions as sublime national choices. They would utilize their potentials and illusions and financial power to spread fear and horror and instigate grinding crises. The homeland and the people would reap from these stances but more misery and suffering. All those bettings have failed because they were against the movement of history and against the people's expectations and hopes for unity, freedom and equality and justice.

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الإجابة: .....

Answer: .....

سؤال: ما هو الفندق الذي قام بتكريم موظفيه مؤخراً؟

Q2: what is the hotel which recently awarded (prizes) to its employees?

الإجابة: .....

Answer: .....

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## Letters to the Editor

### Can't YT Become a Daily?

I am a student in the USA and know very well that Yemen Times is a weekly newspaper. That is great. Why don't you think of making it as a daily publication? Actually, I am interested to read your quality newspaper on a daily basis. I hope I could see Yemen Times become a daily newspaper in the nearest future.

Khalil Bawtag  
bawtag@yahoo.com  
USA

Dear Khalil,

Thank you for your sincere feelings and suggestion. However, we would like to notify you that we have made a feasibility study and realized that Yemen Times in its current quality cannot be a daily in the near future. This is related to readership, printing facilities, financial constraints, etc. Yet it is also our dream to become a daily. It is only a matter of time

—Editor

Dear Editor,

I am a medical student at Ain Shams University in Cairo, Egypt. I read the interview with Dr. Shukri the neurosurgeon (in issue 27/2001). I was not shocked at what he had said. This reflects a truly ugly face and perverted humanity in the medical sector in Yemen. I love Yemen, but feel helpless to what I could do as a medicine student!

I myself have my own story to tell. Four years ago, I finished my secondary school with a percentage of 96.2%. I ranked 6th throughout the whole country, and I thought I would be rewarded generously. But unfortunately, all kinds of obstacles were put in my way.

I could not -at least by then- realize why that happened.

I felt that in Yemen, successful people -such as Dr. Shukri and I- are considered demons or at least insane. Hence, they should be put to frustration.

I finished the third year here in Egypt, achieving excellence grades in the three elapsed years, praise be to Allah. Interestingly, we here in Egypt face the same discouragement by Yemeni officials. Was it an evil curse that was cast on us from Yemen wherever we go?

I am confident that when I return to Yemen after graduation, I will be suffering from one of the following, if not all of them together:

- 1-No vacancies
- 2-Accusations of belonging to the X political party
- 3- Compulsory payment of thousands of dollars for a decent job
- 4- Killed by one of the armed tribesmen who feel he is better than me
- 6- Will be hired in a government sector with a pending salary of YR 10,000!

After all, nothing is impossible in Yemen. My future could either be bright or dark with no justifications. Even though I still believe in a better future, but I do not know for how long we will be waiting.

I am not depressed. But I am looking forward for the new morning in which I will find myself living a decent life and being treated as a human being in that vast but imprisoned home, Yemen. All my regards to Yemenis who are still waiting for the sunrise to come, the sun to shine, and brightness to prevail.

Marwan Ahmed Al-Ghafory  
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## Notice

Embassy of India, Sana'a has received a notice of intended marriage between Mr. SHAUQAT ALI KHAN son of late Shri, Daulat Nabit Khan, Adarsh Colony, Street No. 2, Bombay Kothi Nakatia, Shahjahanpur Road, Bareilly (U.P.) Miss. Sawsan Mohamed Hussain, Yemeni National and daughter of Mr. Mohamed Hussain Aljabali, Zinjibar Town, Abyan governorate, Republic of Yemen, under the Foreign Marriage Act, 1969. Both the parties are presently residing in Republic of Yemen.

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## Missing Link: How feuds and culture clashes have stymied the U.S.S. Cole investigation

BY MASSIMO CALABRESI

The investigation was troubled from the start. On Oct. 13, within hours of the suicide blast that killed 17 American sailors on the U.S.S. Cole in Yemen, FBI agents assigned to the case touched down in the port city of Aden—and started to wait. For several hours the agents sat on their plane while the Yemenis searched through their luggage, itemizing every piece of high-tech equipment the gumshoes were bringing in. It was downhill from there. When they finally arrived at the Hotel Movenpick [Aden Hotel], where they would bunk three or four sweaty bodies to a room, they realized nobody had enough cash. They had taken off so fast few had got to the bank; and with the closest ATM 700 miles across the desert in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia, the FBI had to figure out how to fly in cash for living expenses.

Nine months later, the investigation into the attack in Yemen has ground to a halt. The bureau and the Yemenis have tried and failed to bridge the cultural chasm between them, haggling over investigative methods and security. The FBI and the U.S. State Department began a bitter feud over dealing with the Yemenis, leading to an open rupture between the agency's chief investigator and the U.S. ambassador there. The upshot, U.S. officials say, is that the FBI still cannot prove what it believes: that the notorious Osama bin Laden and his al Qaeda terrorist network are behind the attack. At the same time, mounting indications of bin Laden's reach are coming to light. In a New York court earlier this month, a U.S. prosecutor suggested that Mokhtar Haouari, an Algerian citizen, was a bit player in a larger bin Laden plot. Not only were U.S. sites targeted to be bombed on Jan. 1, 2000, but there was a similar plot in Jordan and a planned attack against the U.S.S. The Sullivans while it was at port in Aden. "It is clear that the general guidance was given by al Qaeda network to pursue these three plots," says a U.S. counterterrorism official.

But the FBI has not established proof of bin Laden's involvement in the attack on the Cole, and it is unlikely to do so in the near future. On June 17, the last 13 FBI investigators in Yemen were pulled out because of a terrorist

threat to U.S. forces. "They talked about it," says a State Department official, "changed their minds three times, and finally, suddenly, they informed us, 'We've got an airplane on the way to pick our guys up.'"

Leaving in a hurry was just the latest chapter in a dispute between the FBI and the State Department over how to keep the investigation on track, one that has grown from a tiff into a "monster turf battle," according to an insider. State accuses the FBI of creating and deepening a rift with the Yemenis with clumsy demands for access. FBI officials counter that they want to make a case that will meet the rules of evidence of U.S. courts. "We are going to do it the same way we do it at home," says a U.S. official. "We're going to educate the host country." There has also been a disagreement over other tactics. For as long as the FBI has been investigating overseas, it has wanted to carry "long guns" like rifles or submachine guns. State has blocked that, saying the bigger weapons are intimidating and heighten tensions, and therefore increase the likelihood of trouble. After heated debate, FBI agents were finally permitted to carry long guns hidden in their vehicles.

The situation became so bad that some weeks before the FBI finally pulled out, U.S. Ambassador Barbara Bodine refused to let the head of the FBI's investigative team, John O'Neill, who matches her reputation for combativeness, back into Yemen. She continues to bar his entry. "O'Neill has been thrown out of better places than that," an FBI agent says. "They hate each other," says a U.S. official. "And that's obviously worked to the detriment of the case."

For a while there was some hope for progress. In the weeks before the FBI cleared out of Yemen, it got access to suspects the Yemenis had arrested earlier. "It looked as if we were going to get access to a group of people right before we pulled out," says a State Department official. But the U.S. was not entirely pleased with the results. "There is some reason to believe the prisoners have been coached," says a U.S. counterterrorism official. "We've still not received all the help we were assured," he says. In the latest attempt to secure such help, William Burns, the Assistant Secretary of State for the Near East, will raise the issue during

talks in Yemen this week. Setting the guidelines for cooperation with the Yemeni government had been difficult enough. It took nearly a month after the attack for the U.S. and Yemen to sign a protocol, the contents of which remain classified, delineating how the investigation would be carried out and what responsibilities would be shared. Even as the FBI was tackling forensics, the Yemenis were making quick progress in their specialty—arrests. "They arrested everybody they could find with a beard," says a Yemeni official. Now Yemeni sources have told TIME that the Yemeni Attorney General's office could soon bring the suspects it has in custody to trial and put a unilateral and formal halt to what was once a joint Yemeni-FBI investigation. Likely convictions would quickly result in death for the suspects.

It would be a small catastrophe. For all their brusqueness, the Yemeni tactics did lead to the arrest of suspects with potential links to bin Laden. One was Jamal al-Badawi, who Yemeni officials believe is the bombing operation's second in command. Al-Badawi allegedly told interrogators that some months before the attack, he spent time in a training camp in Afghanistan run by a well-known bin Laden associate. They also nabbed two document clerks in the government registry office in the town of Lahej who allegedly provided false documents for the conspiracy. Also in custody is a man who was allegedly assigned to videotape the bombing.

Al-Badawi's reported confessions were apparently not the result of torture, say surprised State Department officials. His testimony revealed that the brains of the operation was still at large. U.S. and Yemeni officials say the ringleader was Mohammed Omar al-Harazi, an experienced terrorist of many disguises and aliases. U.S. intelligence officials reportedly believe al-Harazi is an explosives expert for al Qaeda and has inspired or directed several terrorist attacks on American targets over nearly a decade.

That seems to be enough for the Yemenis. "Osama bin Laden prepared, financed and perpetrated the Cole attack," says Abd al-Karim al-Iryani, Yemen's Prime Minister at the time of the attack and now a senior adviser to Yemeni President Ali Abdallah Salih. But that is not quite enough for the Americans. The FBI and other U.S. officials say they still don't have the evidence to prove their case in a U.S. court, and that all goes back to not being able to conduct an American-style investigation. And even though the Yemenis have suspects, an FBI official says, "they don't have everybody. There are people in the wind."

In the beginning, the U.S.-Yemeni cultural chasm seemed comic. "Sometimes the Yemenis were completely baffled by our requests," says a U.S. official. Such as the one for mud. Last autumn the FBI said it would pay the Yemenis \$1 million for a bargeful of mud from beneath the explosion site. After some resistance and suspicion, the Yemenis smiled, pocketed the \$1 million and let the dredging begin. The FBI shipped the mud off to Dubai, and agents sifted through it for forensic evidence—pieces of the boat and the two bombers that could provide important clues. Now there are no longer any American agents left in Aden. And the U.S. search for Osama bin Laden is still stuck in the mud.

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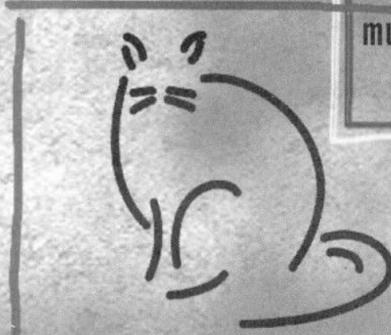
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staff, will unfortunately leave Sanaa shortly. We are surely lucky to be the last newspaper to bid him farewell, and definitely hope that he will always remember us and come for a visit in the future.

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**A:** It is five years since I started working in Sanaa, and I need a change.

**Q: We heard that you are moving back to the UAE? Is this true?**  
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**Q: Who will take your position here at the Taj?**  
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**Q: Any final message you have for the Yemeni people before you leave?**

**A:** Yemen is a great place for tourism and one should take advantage of this fact and develop this vital sector. Yemeni people have their charms and hospitality, and they should continue with it. I will hopefully come back to Yemen for future visits, as I have memories about my years in Yemen that will keep forever.

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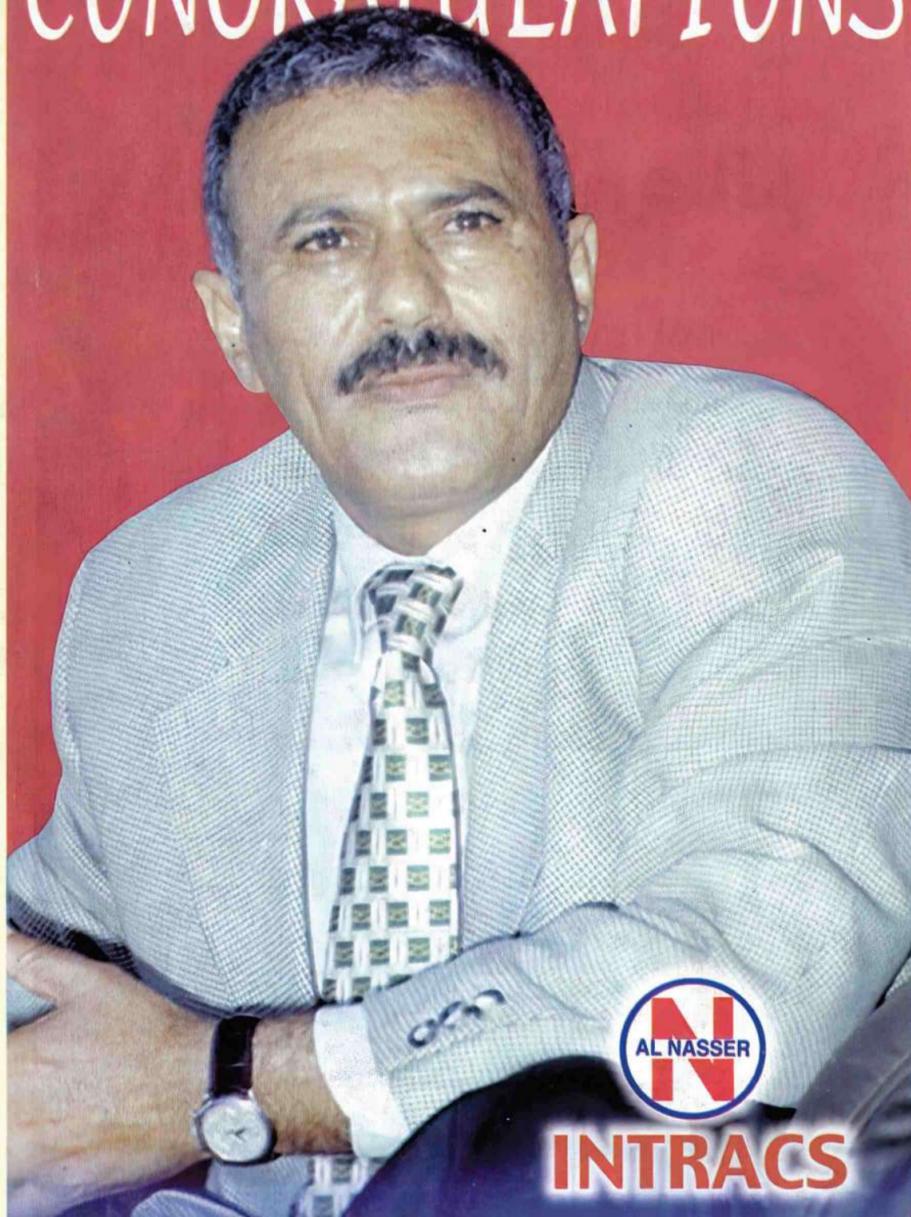
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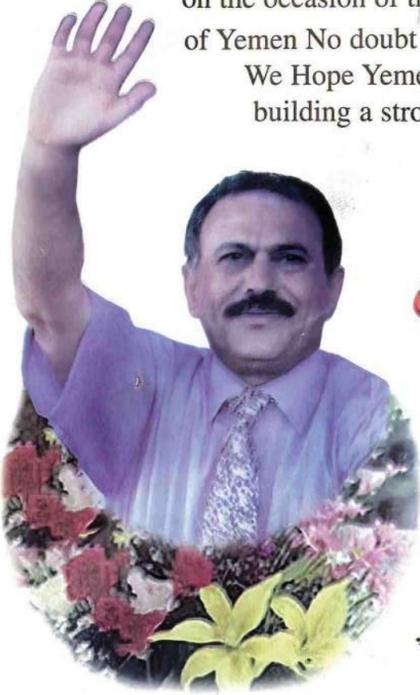
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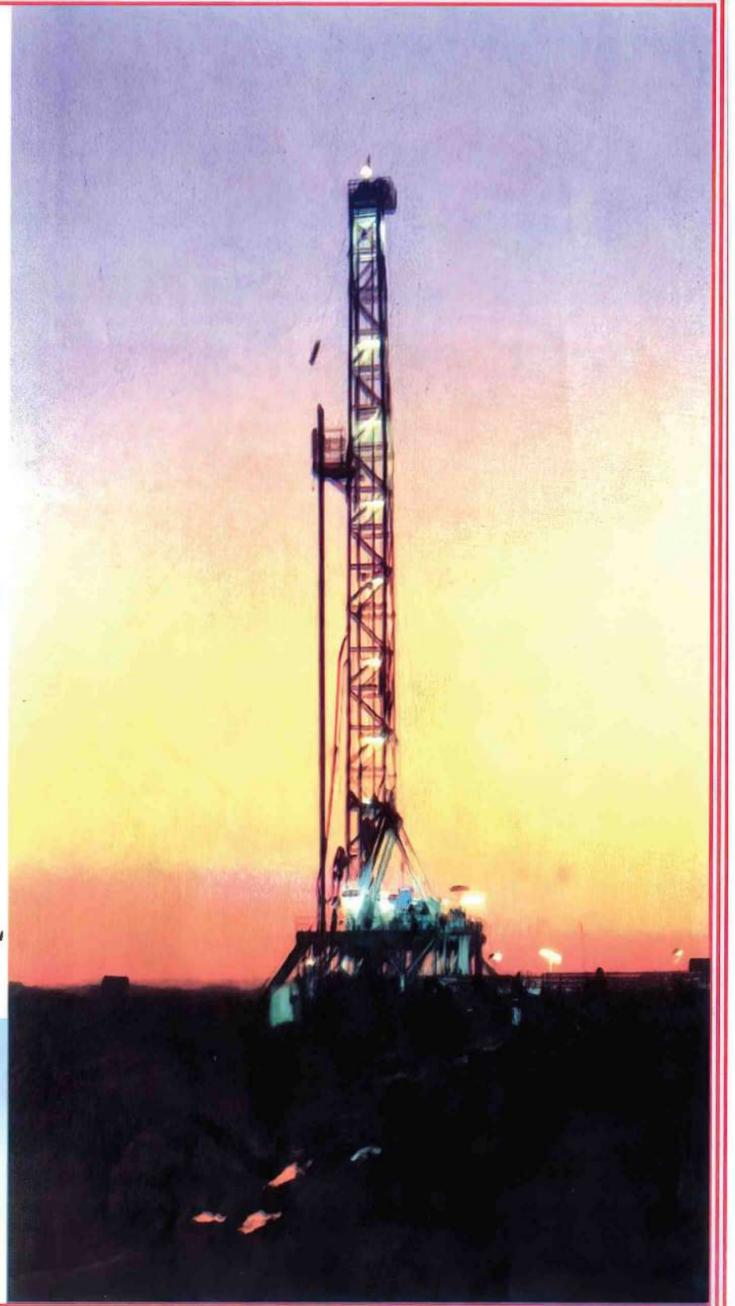
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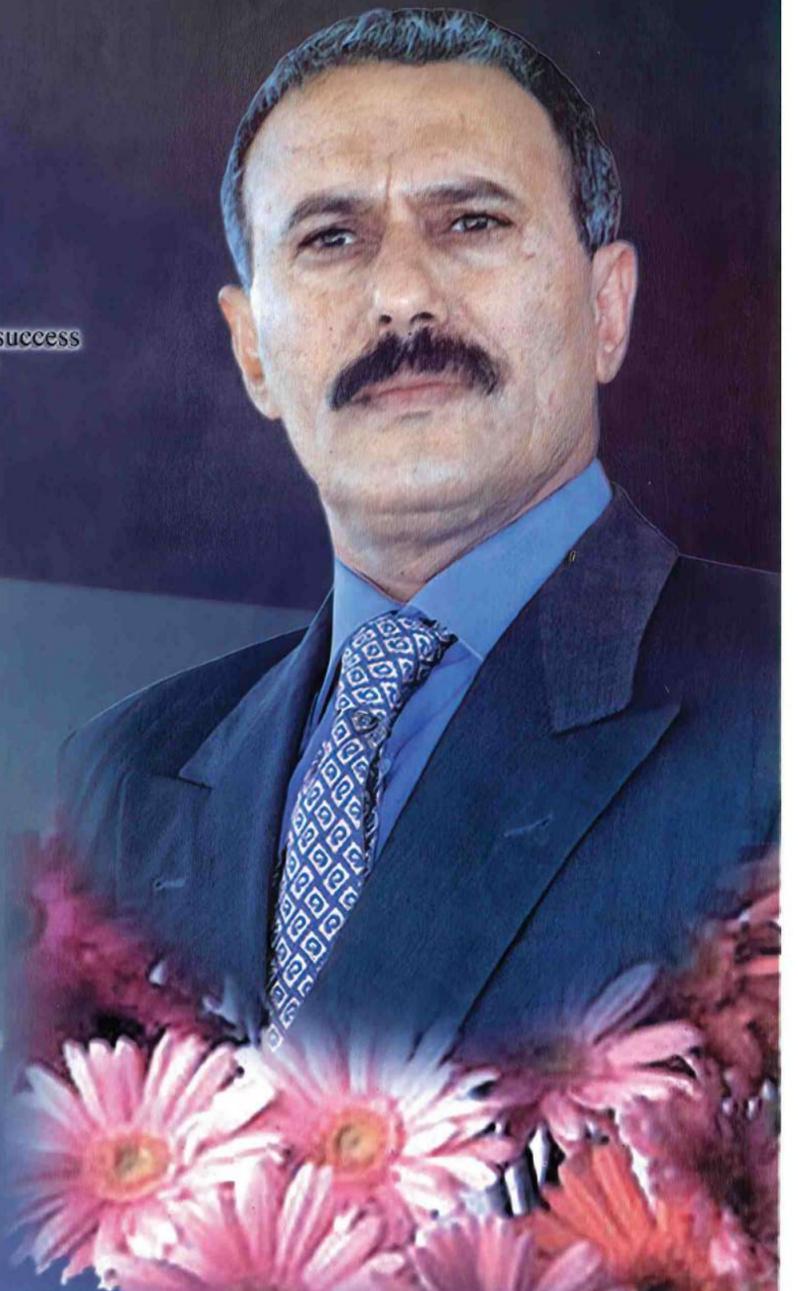
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In one of the messages received by Yemen Times, it was said that "Riaz Ahmed Gohar Shahi

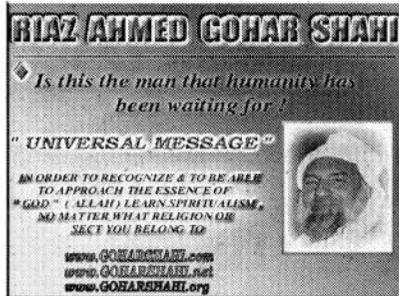
(RAGS) spent most of his youth searching for God. He took initiations and practiced traditional Sufi paths but his frustration grew every day. At the age of 34, he on the guidance of a divine spirit, quit world and spent three years on a spiritual retreat in the mountains of Sehwan Sharif (Holy town of the Great Saint Lal Shabaz Qalander, Sindh, Pakistan) and in Laal Bagh (nearby jungle famous for spiritual retreat). He went through intensive retreat, several life and death experiences, revelations and enlightenment."

It was also mentioned that RAGS's father said that his son "used to disappear from the age of five or six years, only to be found sitting next to the tomb of the Saint Nizam-Uddin Auliya (in Delhi) on searching for him." His father believed that he will one day become a great man.

Interestingly enough, RAGS claims to be the awaited Mahdi "Al-Mahdi Al-Muntadhar" who teaches people how to love Allah and has spiritually healed countless incurable patients. People, healed from drug abuses, crimes, emotional disorders and past abuses, turned to God.

Furthermore, he also claims to have his image resembled in "Al-Hajar Al-Aswad" at the Holy Kaaba site Mecca City in Saudi Arabia. He also claims that the moon also resembles his image proving that he is the awaited Mahdi. Adding to all that he told so many different and incredible stories of meeting prophet Jesus plus other amazingly interesting claims.

However, muslims are to be warned that all what RAGS claims is false and that he is actually coming against Islam. In an article issued by the



Islamic well-known Jamiat Al-Ulama organization, he has even been considered a "Kafir" (unbeliever in Allah) because

he claims that he is able to directly implant the Isme Zaat (name of Allah) into the heart, making Salaat, Sawm, etc. unnecessary. In his book

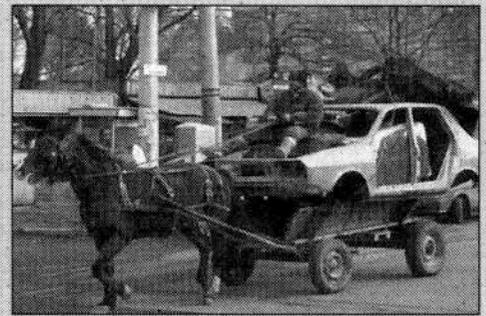
"Roshnaas" page three, he writes that Salaat, Sawm, Haj and Zakaat are just temporary injunctions of Islaam. The Salaat which we perform is only the outer appearance. Actual Salaat emanates from the heart. On page 24, he claims that two Rakaats a day of this 'Salaat of the heart' is sufficient for ones salvation, whereas one may perform Salaat (as we presently perform it in the manner shown by Rasulullah (Sallallahu Alayhi Wasallam) day and night, but will never gain forgiveness.

He even claims that his image is implanted on the moon. A conference was held on October 17 at Nashar Pak (Pakistan) under the banner of being an 'Isme Zaat Allah' conference. One of the guest speakers from London made the following statement: 'When I go into Sajda in Salaat, then the image of Gohar Shahi comes in front of me. Even Allah has Ishq (love and devotion) for Gohar Shahi. Qiyaamat cannot occur until the masses do not develop 'Ishq' for Gohar Shahi'.

Darul Uloom Amjadiyya has written in their Fatwa: 'Gohar Shahi is a Faasiq and Faajir because of his friendship and association with those who do not make Salaat, who take intoxicants and flirt with immoral women After studying his Kitaab we know that the author Riyaz Gohar Shahi is a Jaahil and greatly deviated. He wants to create a new group to deviate Muslims. Muslims should stay far From him and abstain from sitting in his company.'

As Yemen Times, we also advise our readers to stay away from this interestingly fake movement that could only damage the faith of Muslims worldwide.

## Photo of the Week



Past & Present Technologies Demonstrated

## NOW THAT IS BIZARRE!

(A weekly column for bizarre stories and news)

### Missouri Man Bakes Fireworks, Blows Up Kitchen

KANSAS CITY, Missouri - Fireworks hidden in a Kansas City man's oven turned out to be a recipe for disaster when the man blew up his oven during dinner preparations. According to Kansas City Assistant Fire Marshall Jim Duddy, the explosion occurred early on the morning of the Fourth of July at the home of a 28-year-old man who had spent the night celebrating with friends. The group, "who had been drinking heavily," were shooting fireworks off for several hours on Tuesday night at the Northland area home. Neighbors became annoyed with the noise and called the police. When they arrived someone in the group stashed the fireworks in the oven, but neglected to inform the homeowner that they were there. Later, when he turned on the oven to bake lasagna at 3 a.m., the kitchen was blown to smithereens. Duddy concluded that flying glass had caused some injuries, but otherwise no one was hurt.

### No Mustard or Relish Please

NEW YORK, NY - For a long time the record in Nathan's annual frankfurter eating contest stood at 25 weenies in just 5 minutes, 13 seconds. But this year the old record was broken, no, shattered by Takeru Kobayashi of Japan who, in his first-ever attempt at the contest, swallowed an incredible 50 hot dogs in just 12 minutes. That's complete with buns, folks. Eyewitnesses said it was by far the most amazing performance since the annual Fourth of July contest began way back in 1916. By the end of the 12-minute event, the rest of the 19-member field had stopped eating to watch. Kobayashi measures a modest 5-foot-7, 131-pounds.

### Bizarre Criminals

In September 1992, robbers in Las Vegas held up a van thought to contain gambling chips, only to find that it was carrying potato chips instead. In 1998, a guard was caught smuggling a wad of money in his underpants out of a bank in Atlanta when a tiny dye capsule exploded, blowing a hole in his trousers.

In 1998, a would be Texas grocery store robber tried to disguise his face with a balaclava, however, he failed to remove a laminated badge which bore his name, place of employment and position from his breast pocket. Police had no difficulty catching a man who stole a barge on the River Thames in 1972. There was a dock strike on that day and his was the only craft moving. The defense attorney for Tyrone Jerrols of Houston, Texas, who was facing charges of murder, filed a motion to prevent the use of Jerrol's nickname, claiming it would prejudice the jury. Jerrol's nickname is "Hitman."

### Inventor Puts Menstruating Women in the Hot Seat

STOCKHOLM, Sweden - How do you spell relief? Swedish inventor Per Wallin hopes menstruating women all over the world will use heated underpants to spell relief. According to Wallin, these garments use chemical pads, which generate their own heat and stay warm for up to an hour before they need to be replaced. This warmth provides pain relief as an alternative to painkillers. The hot pants recently won a local innovation prize in southern Sweden, making the invention a candidate for a \$37,000 Swedish crown national scholarship. Wallin says he is now looking for an investor to manufacture these underpants on a large scale.

## Bon Appétit

### In Thailand: Cockroach Soup for Dinner

Reports about the increasing popularity of cockroach and fly soups in Thailand have started finding their way in the press. According to Al-Thawrah, there is an increasing demand in Thailand for fly and cockroach soups to be presented as starters and apatiters. Amazingly enough, the demand for those strange dishes is coming from Europe and other modern countries. Those dishes were first introduced by a Thai farmer who stated that he decided to transform his pig farm to a cockroach farm as they are easier to handle, more profitable and grow quicker. Interestingly, it was proven that vitamins and nutritious material in cockroaches are more concentrated in cockroaches than in any animal or fruit.



## A Baby with Two Heads and No Eyes in Baidha

According to the Yemeni official news agency Saba, a woman gave birth on Wednesday 11 July in the city of Baidha a baby with two heads and no eyes.

The woman who is 28 years old had undergone a Caesarean operation in one of Al-Baidha Hospitals.

Medical sources told Saba that the child was with two heads in his eight month and still alive using artificially pumped oxygen. The mother on the other hand is in good conditions.

Even though the reason for the deformation of the bany is not known, the husband, 45, provided some hints into the possible factors behind it by revealing that his wife used to have pregnancy pills before pregnancy took place, and possibly during pregnancy itself.

# What Young Men and Women Say about Responsibility



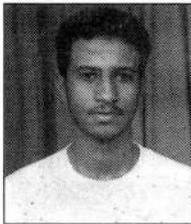
**Nada Al-Shamiri**  
Yemen Times

**H**ow many times have you stayed all night long without sleep thinking of your burdens and responsibilities?

How many times have you felt happy and obtained peace of mind after you have successfully fulfilled a commitment and responsibility that you had for a long time? How many times have you felt that there are a lot of things that need to be done, and can only be done by you?

If you answered "yes" to any of the above questions, then that means that you feel you are responsible for something. However, it is important to ask yourself this one more question, "how do you deal with responsibility and what does it mean to you?"

Yemen Times asked some questions to shed light on this responsibility.



**Amer Al-Ariqi,**  
Faculty of Languages, Sanaa University (SU):

I am responsible for many things, which form a heavy burden on my shoulders. Although the things

I am responsible for are few, I consider handling them effectively a great obligation on me. Those include fulfilling my religious obligations, my duties to nation, my obligations to family and to my conscience. All my family members could indeed depend on me to the extent of my abilities. I have never thought of escaping from the responsibility because I am confident in myself.

Sometimes I'd rather do the things that I am sure I could fulfill, but it is still not enough. It is necessary to think seriously of new things that I tender to. Personally, I prefer to share my worries and thoughts with others when I need to. But I don't feel responsible for others because I may not be enough to fulfill their duties.



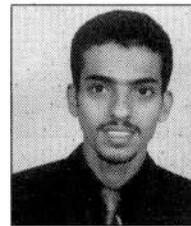
**Sama'a Mansour,**  
High School Student

Responsibility has to be honored because it gives the real meaning of life. Frankly, there are not many things that I

am responsible for. It is interesting to see that there are some people who blame me for not being obligated to do things. This makes me feel down and say that I am not useful for others.

Regarding myself, I never mangle when I feel that I am not able to do what I have to. On contrary, I say that I cannot be responsible for those things but no one believes me and that upsets me a lot. Usually, I live the moment as it is. I am not used to think a lot or to consult others but at the same time I don't feel sorry for bad results.

The base I follow in my life, first joy then job. And my aim in this life is to live with whom I love and who appreciates me.



**Mazen Abdurraheem Al-Hamzy,**  
High School Student

Responsibility is how much we are able to do the things we are obliged to. I am confident of my ability of doing things right and fulfilling my commitments. I'm not used to escape from responsibility. I'd rather face it bravely than to give it up. I don't let down who trusts me at the same time. I don't feel disappointed when someone makes me feel down because it is a way to force me to do things as they should be done. I'm certainly responsible for all assignments I receive and somehow I prefer to study all my behaviors carefully. I can find myself responsible for keeping a secret, but I can't keep it no more.

In addition, I am sometimes interested in locking doors, windows, bags and electric lamps. But I don't spend a long time in arranging papers despite my joy in doing that. As for my financial responsibility, I usually keep a list to register how much I spent whereas I can't stand the idea of assurance as I feel it takes me away from responsibility.

**Ghada Hamoud Al-Aubaly,** High School Student

"Responsibility is everything to me. I am responsible for myself and others who can always depend on me. I see that I am controlled by new ideas but I am used to think a lot of obstacles that hinder my accomplishments. I am not a complex person, even though I don't leave any details. I plan for everything and I like surprises and figure out how to deal with them.

Sometimes I start with enjoying myself before doing my duties.

**Arwa Ahmed Al-Ghorbani,** an English teacher

My responsibility lies in taking care of my family, my children and my husband as well as the students whom I teach at school. All of them make me feel really dependable. I used to organize everything whether in the long or short term.

Fortunately, I have a strong will that helps me achieve all I look for in life.

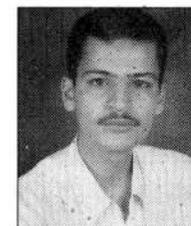
Furthermore, I appreciate my husband's cooperation. Personally, I don't rely on anyone in doing my job. I like to do my job all by myself. Although I feel responsible and dependable, I become quite forgetful sometimes. Moreover, I sometimes take hasty decisions, making me regret them later on.



**Haifa Al-Weshaly,**  
Faculty of Languages, SU

Responsibility is the strict account of everything assigned to me whether by God, by society or by the people whom I deal with. I am responsible currently responsible for my future that is full of decisions to make and routes to take.

Although I do take seriously and fulfill all obligations and duties assigned to me, I am most of the time accused of carelessness. Frankly, when I'm forced to do things that I don't have the right to, I express my refusal. If no one understands me, I'll think seriously of becoming mangle. I agree a bit with who says that planning makes us lose joy of life. But definitely it is not a loss of time. I do my best to be satisfied of what I do whether with myself or with others. I deal honestly with everyone, hoping they appreciate that.

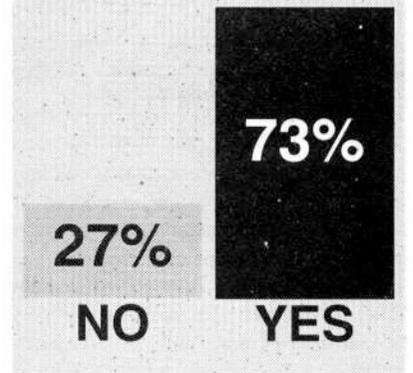


**Moustafa Ameen Nouman,** Faculty of Medicine, SU

It is the honesty in accomplishing and fulfilling ones obligations that we have to respect. In particular, my

responsibilities and how they will be carried out have to be planned and organized before hand. I am responsible for saving my future from problems, obstacles and bad results thinking always of possibilities in life. I have a lot of ambitions that can't be achieved in Yemen, and one of my responsibilities is to find a way to achieve them, or at least exert my utmost efforts so as not to feel sorry if I fail. In general, I am responsible of all who surround me, my mother, family, religion and society. Regarding my friends and other members of the society, I feel that my responsibility is to help them with ideas whenever needed. I keep their secrets and never turn them down, especially that they trusted in me. I never promise something that I may not be able to do. I thank God that many depend on me and I do not care about whom makes me feel down as long as I have confi-

Do you feel that you have too many responsibilities?



dence in myself.

**Najat Al-Wahab,** a Saleswoman

Responsibility resembles all what we need to fulfill. I am a part-time worker part-time student. As a student I am responsible for my studies and need to be successful. As I am a saleswoman, my responsibility is to work hard and with honesty. I receive a salary every month that I have to share at home with my family. I am dependable but sometimes I try to escape the feeling that some try to make me feel that I am useless. I am responsible for doing what I want that way I feel that I am the decision-maker in my life. I am very confident of myself and I am satisfied with what I do and what I say. It is not of my characters to backoff or surrender. I'd rather face challenges in reality. I have to go through many experiences in life, and I am willing to try them all. I don't think a lot of what I do. For example I neither keep a strict list for all money I spend nor I believe in the need for insurance.



**Ahmed Hassan Al-habbany,** Faculty of Commerce, SU

It is to feel that I have to find the suitable solutions for all problems I face according to my abilities. I am currently responsible for my mother, my nation, my society, my family and definitely my job. I can not deny that I care a lot for people and I treat them kindly and thoughtfully. That is why they depend on me a lot. Usually, I give things what they deserve and I do not plan for every single thing because I believe in fate. It doesn't mean that I don't think about what I need to do, but I do think of my next step and I do think twice before taking decision not to regret them later on. I am not attracted by new idea especially those that effect the morals of society.

I always try to advice and check up their faults but I don't feel that I should be responsible for others. Everyone is capable of doing what he needs to. Life has a lot of difficulties that made us give up hopes and wishes. But as a youth I still do my best to achieve most of them.

# Will Computers Replace Books?

By Carl Tashian

Computers have already taken a major role as an information resource today. Computer technologies such as hypertext and the Internet remove the geographical constraints of print media and allow for a new method of distributing and reading documents. Books will always be affordable, concrete sources of information, but the next ten years will bring computers that are faster to access, as convenient to use, and that hold more information than books.

One of the most important advantages of the computer over print media is hypertext. Hypertext binds related documents together on a computer or network. With hypertext, highlighted text in a document represents a reference to another document. When the reader selects highlighted words with his mouse, the computer displays the referenced document. These "hot links" add an interactive dimension to the text. They work much like the "Choose Your Own Adventure" book series, in which the reader makes decisions throughout the book, turning to a certain page based on his choice of action. Catering to America's short attention span, an extensive hypertext document allows the reader to read in a stream-of-consciousness style, with complete control over the topic.

When the concept of hypertext is applied to the Internet, the reader is still following his interests, but on a global computer network. The geographical location of a document is no longer relevant: the reader may browse documents archived in Canada, Switzerland, or Australia that are themati-



cally linked together with hypertext. Networked hypertext also has an intrinsic ability to weed out noise through natural selection: the author of a document chooses which references are desirable for their reader.

Researchers will benefit from networked hypertext, as they must often travel to distant libraries for information. With the Internet, one piece of information is accessible from millions of computers around the world. A researcher may need to travel no further than her computer to find a document in a virtual library 3,000 miles away. As the Internet continues to grow, those doing research will have a greater advantage by acquiring Internet connectivity than by searching far and wide for books.

Information on the Internet is easily accessible, but it is extremely transient. A document on the Internet can be copied, changed, or deleted forever very easily, while a book cannot be revised without reprinting and rebinding a new copy. On the Internet, one person's document can be altered and republished by another, and older revisions of documents are rarely saved. This brings up questions of copyright law, which is a great deal harder to enforce on the global Internet than with print media.

In twenty years, print media may not be

able to keep up with the exponential growth of information. Because the density of information on a computer is far greater than that of a book, the Internet already holds more data than any physical library. A typical computer hard drive can hold around 2,000 novels—and a survey by Network Wizards (<http://www.nw.com>) estimates that there are over 3,000,000 computers housing information on the Internet today. In addition to their seemingly unlimited storage capacity, computers also provide much faster access to information. For example, looking up words in a dictionary might take a few minutes while computers can give the definition for any word, and pronounce it for you, immediately. The computer's speed and space will make it a necessity technology as we move into a new millennium. The future will bring even greater advantages to the computer over the book. Soon, computers will have screens that are crisper and more comfortable to view than a printed book. Currently, a computer screen has around 72 dots per square inch (dpi), while a laser-printed piece of paper is around 500 to 600 dpi. Future technology by companies such as Sony and Xerox will produce 600 dpi computer screens. With this technology, computer screens will no longer strain the eyes, and it will become feasible—even desirable—to read an entire novel on a computer screen. Technology

will soon produce a computer that is as compact, durable, and comfortable to read as a book but that could contain thousands of books in electronic form.

Today, however, there are still some disadvantages to using the computer in place of the book. A good computer costs five thousand dollars, while a good paperback costs only five dollars. Many people cannot afford a computer and do not even have access to one. The Internet is an expensive service in most areas of the world, and there are monthly charges for it beyond the price of the computer. Though computers will be less expensive in the future, they will always cost considerably more than a book. A book has much greater authority than information conveyed by a computer. By the time a book goes to press, it has been through the hands of the author, publisher, designer, and the editor. Information on the computer does not necessarily go through such a rigorous selection process. With very little effort, anyone can publish a document on the Internet; anyone can be an author. As a result, there tends to be a lower signal-to-noise ratio on the Internet.

Computers will never completely supplant books, but we may soon rely on them more than print media. Computers will meet our needs for information storage and distribution, and will be a convenient way to hold more information in less space than today's book.

## Computer Simulation between Theory & Application

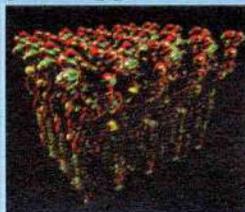


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In general, a classical system can be described in terms of the positions and velocities of the particles of which it is composed. Unfortunately, the vast number of particles contained in quite simple situations often makes such a detailed description useless both for understanding the system and for computer simulation.

The secret of success in computer experiments is to get a model, which is sufficiently detailed to reproduce faithfully the important effects, and yet not so detailed as to make the calculations impracticable. Among the most successful models for computer simulation are particle models. In these models, one emulates nature by following the motion of a large number of

charged particles. Although this method seems simple and straightforward, practical computa-



tional limitations require the use of complicated techniques. This need primarily arises from the limited number of particles whose motion can be followed.

Even the most advanced computer cannot follow the motion of more than a few million particles for any appreciable length of time. For this reason, one views each particle in a simulation as representing many particles of a real system.

To study the behavior of any system using computer simulation, the algorithms for advancing the system one time step forward and divided into two parts. The calculation of the fields and calculation of the particle force are then carried out.

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# Beijing to Host 2008 Olympics



MOSCOW, July 13 (Xinhuanet) — The International Olympic Committee (IOC) awarded the 2008 Olympic Games to Beijing in Friday's vote during Juan Antonio Samaranch's last IOC session as president. The attraction of staging the Games in a country which has the world's largest population, as well as huge economic potential, won the IOC's heart. Out of 122 IOC members, 105 voted in Friday's secret ballot that ended after second round when Beijing collected a winning majority of 56 votes. Toronto finished a distant second with 22 votes, followed by Paris on 18 and Istanbul on 9. Osaka was eliminated on 6 votes in the first round, in which Beijing garnered 44 votes, Toronto 22, Istanbul 17

and Paris 15. Thirteen IOC members from the countries of candidate cities were not allowed to vote. Samaranch couldn't vote either. Judge Keba Mbaye from Senegal, the chief tally of the 1993 ballot in which Beijing lost to Sydney by two votes, scrutinized Friday's vote along with IOC vice president Thomas Bach of Germany and Francisco Elizalde of the Philippines. After sitting out the contest for the 2004 Games, which were awarded to Athens, Greece, Beijing came back this time with a new and improved bid. With the motto "New Beijing, Great Olympics", Beijing promises to host a "Green Olympics, a "Hi-tech Olympics" and a "People's Olympics". The 3,000-year-old city is ready to become a truly

international city and showing a new, vigorous image through its ongoing economic reforms. To many Olympic observers, Beijing's case for the Games is simple: China is home to a fifth of the world's population but never has hosted the Olympics. It is also an international sports giant, finishing third in medals at last year's Sydney Games. And it is a largely untapped market for the products of corporate sponsors. Beijing enjoys the most popular support among the five bidding cities. An independent Gallup opinion poll showed 94.9 percent of the public in favor of it. The IOC's own surveys found support even higher. By comparison, only



about two-thirds of the public in France backed the Paris bid; Canadians expressed about the same amount of support for Toronto's bid. The Beijing bid has been endorsed by world known athletes like Kenya's five-time world cross-country champion, Paul Tergat, Australia's most prominent Aboriginal sports figure, Cathy Freeman, one of the table tennis all-time greats, Jan-Ove Waldner from Sweden. The Chinese government has pledged to spend 20 billion

U.S. dollars building sports complexes and refurbishing the Beijing infrastructure. There are plans for a new exhibition center with twin skyscrapers that could be taller than any in the world. About 3.7 billion U.S. dollars will go to ease traffic, tripling the length of the city's highways and quadrupling the capacity of its subway system. In addition, about 400 million U.S. dollars has been earmarked to upgrade the health care system, and city officials want to pour another 400 million U.S. dollars into communications and technology infrastructure.

## Ivanisevic Wins Historic Wimbledon Championship in UK

WIMBLEDON, July 9 (Xinhua) - Three-time beaten finalist Goran Ivanisevic of Croatia claimed the title of the Wimbledon tennis championships by beating last year's runners-up Patrick Rafter of Australia in his fourth final here on Monday. Ivanisevic, 30, edged out the third-seeded Rafter 6-3, 3-6, 6-3, 2-6, 9-7 in over three hours, becoming the first wildcard to win a Grand Slam champion in history. This is also Ivanisevic's first title in 86 tournaments. His

last title success came on home soil at Split in February 1988, when he defeated Greg Rusedski of Britain in the final. The Croatian entered the final here for the first time in 1992, when he lost to the American Andrei Agassi. He also lost the finals in 1996 and 1998, both to seven-time Wimbledon champion Pete Sampras. He struggled with left shoulder problems for most of 2000 and has slipped to No. 129 in the world rankings, his lowest level since 1988.



Ivanisevic, Champion at Wimbledon Championships-London, July 10, 2001(Xinhua)—Croatia's Goran Ivanisevic strikes the ball from Pat Rafter of Australia to win the men's final at the Wimbledon Championships in London July 10, 2001. Ivanisevic beat Rafter 6-3, 3-6, 6-3, 2-6, 9-7. Xinhua photo by Hou Shaohua (lhn)

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## Local Sports News

**Naseem Hamed Cup Final Match Tomorrow**  
The playoffs for the regularly organized football cup of Naseem Hamed continued successfully and resulted in the qualification of Ahli Sanaa and Shaab Ibb for the final. The final match will take place in Sanaa tomorrow, Tuesday 17 July.

**Women's Chess Championship**  
The Yemeni Women's Chess Championship will be starting in the coming few days. The event, which is the first of its kind held under the auspices of the Ministry of Youth and Sports, will take place in Sanaa and will include competitors from all over the country.

**President's Marathon Starts in Hodeidah**  
The committee organizing the Second President's Marathon in Hodeidah to start on June 17 2001 has indicated that the marathon will start from "Ras Kateeb" until the final point near Al-Ulufi stadium. This event is held in the time the presi-

dent celebrates 23 years since he was elected president.

**Ranking of Teams in Premier League**  
First with 41 points Ahli of Sanaa  
Second with 33 points Tilal of Aden  
Third with 32 points Shaab of Ibb  
Fourth with 30 points Shaab of Sanaa  
Fifth with 28 points Saqr

**Next Week's Premier League Matches**  
The premier league matches for next week are as follows:  
Wednesday: Shaab vs Hilal in Sanaa  
Thursday: Zahra vs Ahli Hodeidah in Sanaa  
Friday: Wahda Aden vs Saqr in Aden  
Ahli Sanaa vs Tilal in Sanaa  
Shabab Al-Jeel vs Shaab Ibb in Ibb  
Hadhrumout vs Hassan in Mukalla  
Taliah vs Shula in Taiz  
Wahdat Sanaa vs Al-Ittihad in Sanaa

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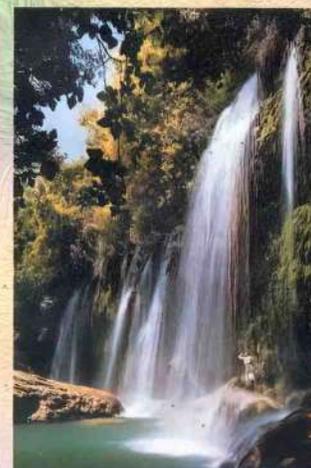


**I**STANBUL embraces 2 continents with 1 arm reaching out to Asia and the other to Europe. Through the city's heart, the Bosphorus, course the waters of the Black Sea, the Sea of Marmara and the Golden Horn. The former capital of 3 successive empires, Roman, Byzantine and Ottoman, Istanbul today honours and preserves the legacy of its past while looking forward to a modern future. It is Istanbul's endless variety that fascinates its visitors. The museums, churches, palaces, grand mosques, bazaars, and sights of natural beauty seem

innumerable. Reclining on the western shore of the Bosphorus at sunset contemplating the red evening light reflected in the windows of the opposite shore you may suddenly and profoundly understand why so many centuries ago settlers chose to build on this remarkable site. At such times you can see why Istanbul is truly one of the most glorious cities in the world.

**PALACES.** On a finger of land at the confluence of the Bosphorus, the Golden Horn and the Sea of Marmara stands the **Topkapi Palace**, that maze of buildings that was the focal point of the Ottoman Empire between the 15th and 19th centuries. In these opulent surroundings, the sultans and their court lived and governed. A magnificent wooded garden fills the outer, or 1st Court. In the 2nd Court, on the right, shaded by cypress and plane trees, stand the palace kitchens, which now serve as galleries exhibiting the imperial collections of crystal, silver and Chinese porcelain. To the

left is the Harem, the secluded quarters of the wives, concubines, and children of the sultan, charming visitors with echoes of centuries of intrigue. Today the 3rd Court holds the Hall of Audience, the Library of Ahmet III, an exhibition of imperial costumes worn by sultans and their families, the famous jewels of the treasury and a priceless collection of miniatures from medieval manuscripts. In the center of this innermost sanctuary, the Pavilion of the Holy Mantle enshrines the relics of Prophet Mohammed brought to Istanbul when the Ottomans assumed the caliphate of Islam. The facade of the **Dolmabahçe Palace**, built in the mid-19th century by Sultan Abdulmecit I, stretches for 600m along the European shore of the Bosphorus. The vast reception salon, with its 56 columns and 5 tons of chandeliers with 750 lights, never fail to astonish visitors. At one time, birds from all over the world were kept in the Bird Pavilion for the delight of the palace's privileged residents. In the 19th century, Sultan Abdulaziz built the **Beylerbeyi Palace**, a fantasy in white marble set amid magnolia filled gardens, on the Asian shore of the Bosphorus. Used as the Sultan's summer residence, it was offered to the most distinguished foreign dignitaries for their visits. In addition to the State Pavilions at the **Yildiz Palace** complex, the compound includes a series of pavilions and a mosque. It was completed by Abdulhamit II at the end of the 19th century. The **Sale**, the largest and most exquisite of the buildings, reveals the luxury in which the sultans lived and entertained. Set in a huge park of flowers, shrubs



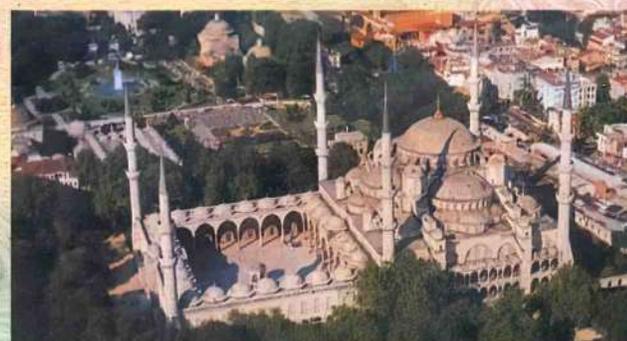
and trees gathered from every part of the world, the palace grounds offer one of the most beautiful panoramic views of the Bosphorus.

**MOSQUES.** Across from the Hagia Sophia stands the supremely elegant **Sultanahmet Mosque** with 6 minarets. Built between 1609 and 1616 by the architect Mehmet, the building is more familiarly known as the **Blue Mosque** because of its magnificent interior paneling of blue and white Iznik tiles. During the summer months an evening 'Sound & Light' show entertains and informs visitors. The cascading domes and 4 slender minarets of the **Suleymaniye Mosque** dominate the skyline on the Golden Horn's west bank. Considered the most beautiful of all mosques in Istanbul, it was built between 1550 and 1557 by Sinan, the renowned architect of the Ottoman Empire's golden age. Erected on the crest of a hill, the building is conspicuous for its great size, emphasized by medreses, or theological schools, a school of medicine, a caravanserai, a Turkish bath, a kitchen and a hospice for the poor. The **Rustem Pasha Mosque**, another skillful accomplishment of the architect Sinan, was built in 1561 by order of Rustem Pasha, Grand Vizier and son-in-law of Suleyman the Magnificent. Exquisite Iznik tiles panel the small and superbly proportioned interior. The **Fatih Mosque**, constructed between 1463 and 1470, bears the name of the Ottoman conqueror of Istanbul, Fatih Sultan Mehmet, and is the site of his mausoleum. Standing atop another of Istanbul's hills, its vast size



the 4 minarets that rise from each corner of the courtyard. Inside are the mihrab (prayer niche showing the direction of Mecca) and the mimber (pulpit) made of finely carved white marble and exquisite stained glass windows colouring the incoming streams of light. It was in the gardens of this complex that Suleymaniye and his wife, Hurrem Sultan (Roxelane), had their mausoleum built, and near here also Sinan built his own tomb. The mosque complex also 4

and great complex of religious buildings – medresses, hospices, baths, a hospital, a caravanserai and a library – make it well worth a visit. The great **Mosque of Eyup** lies outside the city walls, near the Golden Horn, at the traditional site where Eyup, the standard bearer of the Prophet Mohammed, died in the Islamic assault on Constantinople in AD670. The 1st mosque built after the Ottoman conquest of the city, this greatly venerated shrine attracts many pilgrims. was



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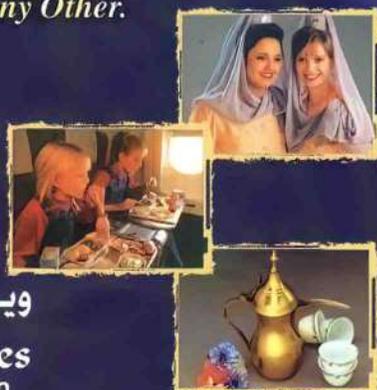


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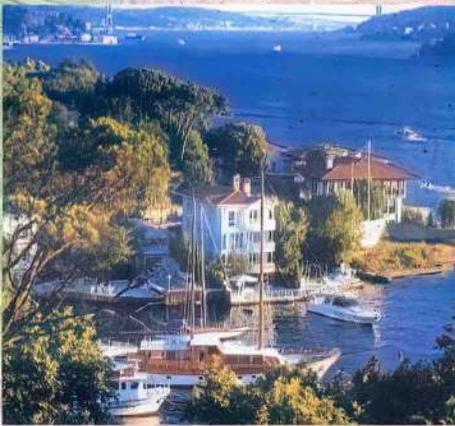


once the sultan's balcony.  
**THE BOSPHORUS.** A stay in Istanbul is not complete without a traditional and unforgettable boat excursion up on the Bosphorus, the winding strait that separates Europe and Asia. Its shores offer a delightful mixture of past and present, grand splendour and simple beauty. Modern hotels stand next to the yali (shorefront wooden villas), marble palaces abut rustic stone fortresses, and elegant compound neighbour small fishing villages. The best way to see the Bosphorus is to board one of the passenger boats that regularly zigzag along the shores. You embark at Eminonu and stop alternately on the Asian and European sides of the strait. The roundtrip excursion,

very reasonably priced, takes about 6 hours.

**SHOPPING.**

One could visit Istanbul for the shopping alone. The **Kapali Carsi**, or **Covered Bazaar**, in the old city is the logical place to start. This labyrinth of streets and passages houses more than 4,000 shops. The names recall the days when each trade had its own quarter: the goldsmiths' street, the carpet sellers' street, the street of the skullcap makers. Still the commercial center of the old city, the bazaar is the original shopping mall with something to suit every taste and pocket. Charming souvenirs and gifts



can be selected from amongst Turkish crafts, the world-renowned carpets, brilliant hand painted ceramics, copperware, brassware and meerschau pipes. The gold jewelry in brilliantly lit cases dazzles passersby. Leather and suede goods of excellent quality make a relatively inexpensive purchase. In the heart of the bazaar, the **Old Bedesten** offers a curious assortment of antiques. It is worth poking through the clutter of decades in the hope of finding a treasure. The **Misir Carsisi** or

**Spice Bazaar,**

next to the Yeni Mosque at Eminonu, transports you to fantasies from the mystical East. The enticing aromas of cinnamon, caraway, saffron, mint, thyme, and every other conceivable herb and spice fill the air. Sultanahmet has become another shopping mecca in the old city. The **Istanbul Sanatlari Carsisi** (Bazaar of Istanbul Arts) in the 18th century **Mehmet**

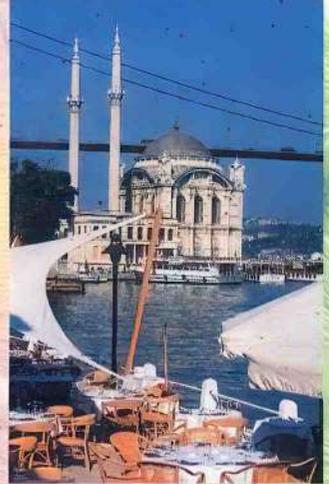
**Efendi Medresesi**, and the nearby 16th century **Caferaga Medrese**, built by Sinan, offer you a chance to see craftsmen at work and to purchase their wares. In the **Arasta** (old bazaar) of the Sultanahmet Mosque, a thriving shopping arcade makes both shopping and sightseeing very convenient. The sophisticated shops of **Taksim-Nisantasi-Sisli** districts contrast with the chaos of the bazaars. On **Istiklal Avenue**, **Cumhuriyet Avenue** and **Rumeli Avenue**, you can browse peacefully in the most fashionable shops selling elegant fashions made from Turkey's high quality textiles. Exquisite jewelry as well as finely designed handbags and shoes can also be found. The **Atakoy Galleria Mall** in Atakoy and the **Akmerkez Mall** in Etiler have branches of Istanbul's most elegant shops. In **Bakirkoy**, the **Carousel Mall** is worth a visit, as is the Atlas passage in **Beyoglu**.

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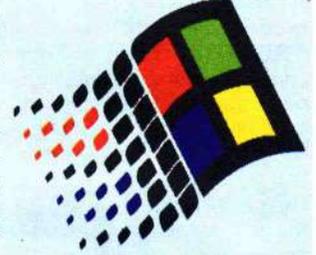
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ويختار "سوبر نبا" يمكن تأمين الإتصالات بعيداً عن هموم الفواتير والعقود وكفالة التأمين ويمكن الحصول على خدمة سهلة بأسعار مغرية تناسب ميزانية كافة الفئات الإجتماعية من موظفين، رجال أعمال، طلاب، وربات منازل، إضافة إلى وجود فترة سماح وصلاحية تصل إلى اربعة أشهر. وتبلغ قيمة شريحة "سوبر نبا" ٩,٠٠٠ ريال يمني فقط تشمل ٣٠٠ وحدة إتصال صالحة لمدة ٩٠ يوماً.

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أخرى (الكاشف، المجيب الصوتي، وضع المكالمات بالإنتظار، خدمة اتبعني، الرسائل القصيرة). إن خدمة "سوبر نبا" أصبحت متوفرة في السوق اليمني ويمكن الحصول عليها من شركة سبأفون مباشرة أو من خلال أحد موزعي سبأفون المعتمدين في كافة مناطق الجمهورية اليمنية. وللمزيد من التفاصيل سواء عن خدمة "سوبر نبا" أن عن أي معلومات أخرى يرجى الإتصال بخدمة العملاء في سبأفون على الرقم ٧١١١٢١١.



**إيش منتظر؟**

٣٠٠ وحدة صالحة لمدة ٩٠ يوماً.

- بدون اشتراك شهري
- بدون كفالة تأمين
- بدون فواتير
- تناسب ميزانيتك
- بدون عقود
- خدمة التخابر الدولي



سوبر نبا اسهك كارت نقال مدفوع سلفاً بمتناول الجميع.

الاتصال	التعرفة
من سبأفون إلى سبأفون	٢ وحدات في الدقيقة
من سبأفون إلى الشبكات الأخرى	٤ وحدات في الدقيقة

كروت الخدش	قيمة الشراء	الوحدات	الصلاحية أيام	السماح أيام	إجمالي الأيام
فضي	ري ٣,٠٠٠	٣٠٠	٣٠	٣٠	٦٠
ذهبي	ري ٥,٠٠٠	٦٠٠	٦٠	٣٠	٩٠
بلاتيني	ري ١٢,٠٠٠	١,٦٠٠	٩٠	٣٠	١٢٠

مع العلم أن عدد الدقائق الموجودة ضمن كروت الخدش قد تضاعف، مما يسمح للمشارك بالإستفادة من مكالمات أطول بمرتين من السابق. يذكر أن خدمة "سوبر نبا" تؤمن خدمة التخابر الدولي إضافة إلى خدمات

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الشركة التضامنية اليمنية للمشروبات الغازية

«يبكو»

نجاح بلا توقف

تشهد الشركة تطورات كبيرة فقد تم توسيع مصنع البركة للمياه التي يتم تعبئتها وفقاً لشروط تحفظ سلامة المستهلك الصحية إذ يتم تعبئة المياه المعدنية في قناني مصنوعة من مواد لا تضر بالمستهلك إلى جانب الشكل الجذاب للمنتج وتصنيع المنتج بأحجام مختلفة ومراعاة لمتطلبات وإحتياجات المستهلك فقد عملت الشركة على توسيع مصنع البركة للعصائر

إن شركتنا تركز بدرجة أولى على جودة المنتج وهي تطمح لمستقبل مليء بالنجاح والتطور إلى أن تصل إلى قمة النجاح المتكامل.

مع فصل الصيف تزداد حاجتك للمشروبات وتزداد حاجتك للشركة التضامنية للمشروبات الغازية التي حققت نجاحاً كبيراً في مجال المشروبات من حيث الجودة والإنتشار وأصبحت كنداراي الحديدية، البركة، بركاني ومشروبات مفضلة لدى الجميع. يمن تايمز التقت الأستاذ/خالد درهم، وسألته عن أسباب النجاح والخطط المستقبلية، فقال: استطاعت الشركة التضامنية للمشروبات الغازية أن تحقق نجاحاً كبيراً وهي جديرة بكل ما توصلت إليه من نجاح بسبب جودة منتجاتها التي تلبى متطلبات السوق والإقبال الكبير على منتجاتها مؤشر على ما أحرزته من تقدم والآن

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1	3	7	8	10
2	5	6	9	
	4			

1-nice. 2-really. 3-not safety. 4-Necessary. 5- receive. 6- Close. 7-High price.  
 8-Establishment for learning. 9- arrive. 10-Doing some thing with dangerous.  
 Send the correct answer to:-

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