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Organized by the al-Khaleej and al-Jazeera Studies Center in association with the Yemen Times, a one-day seminar on the challenges of Yemen-US relations was kicked off last Wednesday under the auspices of Foreign Minister Dr. Abubakr al-Qirbi. In his speech, Dr. al-Qirbi said the Arab and Muslim countries support for the US-led war against terrorism may become less active if the US strikes continue to target innocent Afghan civilians. He also said the US administration should heed the

reaction of Arabs and Muslims against the use of 'smart' weapons in Afghanistan. "We must look for alternatives to crack down on terrorism, bringing countries that harbor terrorists back to the fold of the international community. He urged all countries to take their responsibilities in framing a safer and more peaceful world, warning against the negative impacts of the war against terrorism on democracy and human rights lest we should go back to totalitarianism. **Continued on page 2**



Minister Dr. Abubakr al-Qirbi (center) speaking at the seminar.

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1.5 Tons of Drugs Seized in Aden

People suspected of carrying out bombings during the President's participation in the 38th anniversary of the October Revolution in Aden have been arrested, official sources said. They added that the place where the explosives, "two pieces of T.N.T." were prepared, as well as the newsshop where

the explosives were kept before the operation had been identified. However, the sources have not disclosed names of the bombers and their motives. Some sources believe bombers are elements of the Aden-Abyan Islamic Army which the government claims to no longer exists.

At another level, official sources said that police in Aden have arrested a group of people charged with attempting to smuggle a shipment of 1.5 tons of drugs to Saudi Arabia via Yemeni borders. The sources added that six suspects were being interrogated. The shipment was brought in a container on a Singaporean vessel from

Pakistan to Dubai and then to Aden. They said the container was brought up under the name of a phantom company in Aden, adding that raw material was imported from Afghanistan at the cost of about \$ 1 billion. The shipment has been transferred to Sana'a, and among the arrests are owners of the company.

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Yemen's Economy Loses YR 9 Billion

It is certain that the terrorist attacks against Washington and New York on September 11 caused massive damage to the world economy. 411 countries have been hit by the infamy. Yemen is no exception; official sources in the Ministry of Tourism and Environment disclosed that the continuing effects of these attacks have strongly affected the tourist sector in the country. Reservations for around 60,000 tourists expected to visit Yemen during the period of September until December have been called off, making activities of tourist hotels go down to 10% only. Around 20,000 persons working in this area are now jobless. Around 2500 cars working in this sector have stopped. Over 200 handicrafts shops are not function-

ing. The flights of Yemenia decreased 50%. Sources at the Ministry of Tourism said they are now looking for alternatives, such as the opportunity to have tourists from Southeast Asian countries, as well as encouraging domestic tourism. The oil sector of Yemen was also affected because of the remarkable decrease in the oil price to \$19 per barrel. Yemen's revenue from oil constitutes 90% of the total national income. Economists put the total damage to the economy due to the recent events at YR 9 billion. President Saleh previously said Yemen had lost over YR 500 million. Therefore, economists believe the government should undertake a new policy to account for ongoing events.

Poland's Assistance to Yemen

Polish Counselor and UN representatives held a press conference at the Polish embassy building in Sana'a, Yemen on Saturday, November 3, 2001. A number of journalists and representatives of Arab and foreign news agencies and those interested in the Yemeni islands, specifically Socotra Island, attended the conference. The attendants discussed the environmental biodiversity of the island and the necessity of preserving this island, it being a strategic and wild life sanctuaries in the Republic of Yemen. The Coordinator of the United Nations, Eduardo Zandki, pointed out that the island was in dire need of infrastructure. He placed much stress on the strategic location of the island, considering it a rare area. He added that the island lacked the simplest and most basic essentials.



Polish Counselor and UN representatives at a press conference.

On July 23, 2001, an agreement was signed between the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Poland and the United Nations Development Program for the provision of generators to support the "Environment, Natural Resources and Poverty Alleviation for the Population of Socotra Island in Yemen." In accordance with this agreement, Poland will donate ten electrical generator sets to Socotra. The Polish government will also cover other expenses including supplementary equipment shipping to Socotra, on-site installation of generator rooms, training of local operators, and a one-year period of service and maintenance. The total cost of this project is reaches US \$130,000.

It needs to be emphasized that for the past ten years the Republic of Poland has itself been a major recipient of international financial assistance. However, with years of successful socio-political transformations and economic reforms, as well as noticeable progress in terms of Poland's integration with the biggest European and international institutions (i.e. the European Union and the Organization for Economic Co-operation & Development), the country was able to start implementing its own, independent assistance programs addressed towards developing countries such as Yemen.

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US Ambassador Tours Yemen Times

H.E. Mr. Edmund Hull, the US Ambassador to Yemen, paid a visit to the Yemen Times premises on Wednesday and toured the different departments of the newspaper. Accompanied by the Editor-in-Chief of Yemen Times, Mr. Hull expressed his delight to be at the Yemen Times and expressed his willingness for future cooperation. The Ambassador toured the Technical, Editorial, and Translation Departments. He was given a brief description of the foundation of the newspaper and the newspaper's future ambitions.



US Ambassador Mr. Edmund Hull with a representative of the Yemen Times.

More Than 17,000 Government Jobs Cancelled

Last week, the Yemeni government approved decisions adopted by the Supreme Yemeni Council for the Civil Service government in which 17 thousand government posts were cancelled within the framework of comprehensive administrative reforms. This reform of the facets of the administration has been carried out by

the civil service since 1990. The decisions are pertaining to 17,251 employees who receive salaries from different institutions which are against law. The government has executed its administrative reforms with regard to moonlighting. The International Bank and International Monetary Fund have supported this program since 1990.

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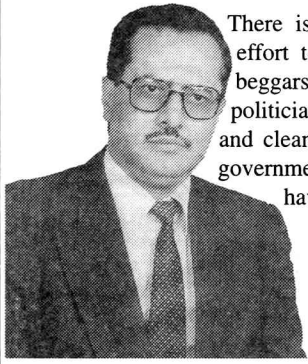
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Words of Wisdom



There is a deliberate and premeditated effort to reduce educated persons into beggars lining up in front of the doors of politicians. The talks of law and order, and cleaning up the political system and government become hollow words which have no meaning.

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



Our Opinion

The Answer

Our readers and I have been in continuous interaction through email lately. Many of them replied to my latest viewpoint in which I asked: "Can Americans answer these questions?"

Even though I received hundreds of responses to the editorial, I didn't receive as many answers, but rather more questions. However, because I promised to have answers published, I here fulfill my promise. Due to lack of space however, I only bring to you one answer that does reflect the opinions of so many readers. Question: If America is against terrorism, why is it supporting Israel, which is killing Palestinians by the hundreds every year? Here is an answer from one of the readers that seems to reflect a large segment of Americans. I dedicate the rest of this column to this answer, which comes from an American who lives overseas, and who is closest to put himself in the shoes of others. I believe his answer would be of great benefit in clarifying a lot of points that may have been dismissed.

Answer: "I hate to say this but it is because very few Americans understand what is really happening. I live overseas, I know the news in the US is soap bubble thin and biased towards Israel. It is my belief, unfortunately, that Jews in America, though only 2.4% of the population, have disproportionate power and they wield it to whatever advantage it will bring.

I want our government to be even handed. It is the only way. It is horrendous to me that the US has stood in the way of the UN mandate for Israel to leave the Occupied Territories. For what? To what end do we support this? It is an embarrassment, wrong, and should be an outrage to anyone.

We support unpopular Arab regimes (names omitted) that are not democratically elected. Again hypocrisy and for self interest.

As Americans, we are a good-natured people that want to enjoy our lives just like everyone else. We are not inherently biased or immoral. Given that I know Americans, I can only attribute our stance to lack of information about our government's activity.

I don't know why, the easy answer is again Jewish control at government levels. I don't know whether this is true. Democrats are obviously tight with them, Republicans less so. I believe things are currently changing. We are evaluating our position with respect to Israel and asking why. I sense most are looking at it from a cost/benefit approach and seeing it doesn't add up. Others, like me, are further along and see that a painfully clear double standard is in effect.

I love America. So do almost all Americans. I live overseas and know that basically the whole world finds Americans annoying in the least and evil at most. I was shocked to find the extent of this when I moved outside the US. Americans have no idea of this. They hear rumors but discount them immediately because they believe so strongly that the American way is the best.

We are brought up to believe in America. It's easy to believe in the ideals. They are so obviously what all would want: democracy and freedom. How can you argue? We have become successful economically, militarily, and politically. Again the system has worked. Most Americans would be hard pressed to find fault with America (I'm not kidding). They don't know what the rest of the world thinks and would be shocked that even Canadians have trouble with them.

Americans don't travel much. They have most of what they need in their own country. We have historically been separated from the rest of the world by a couple of oceans, and have thus have developed a culture in a vacuum.

They have great pride in the American system due to its successes. Due to the blinding nature of this pride, we discount other countries, which causes great resentment.

I find it sad that I would be concerned about going to Yemen or Pakistan or Iraq. I would love to get an understanding of the people. I know Yemen is a jewel of history, but I would likely get killed walking down the street. Maybe this is naive. Maybe not." That was the answer.

Elections Draft Law discussed

The Human Rights Information and Training Center (HRITC) and the Sisters Arab Forum (SAF) last Thursday jointly organized a seminar on the elections draft law currently discussed in Parliament. Chairman of HRITC, Izzaddin al-Asbahi, said the event followed an invitation by the Parliamentary Committee for Human Rights to involve NGOs in discussing the draft law. Participants came out with a number of demands which include supporting women in elections.

Chairwoman of SAF, Amal al-Basha, said NGOs had a chance to enrich discussions and to finalize a joint statement that would enhance democracy and women's participation in elections. Among the demands submitted by the participants were allocating constituencies as well as seats for women at the Elections Supreme Committee. The event was attended by feminists, academics, media representatives, etc.

Japan Awards Adhban

Haj Mohammed Mubarak Adhban, Chairman of Adhban Group of Companies and head of the Yemeni-Japanese Friendship Association, was granted last Saturday a medal (The Order of the Sacred Treasure, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon) by the government of Japan in appreciation for his contribution to the development of the friendship between the Republic of Yemen and Japan, as well as a realization of understanding between the two countries. Adhban has also been promoting trade

between the Republic of Yemen and Japan for a very long time, and arranged classes to teach the Japanese language to Yemeni people. The medal is granted by the government of Japan every spring and autumn; its receivers are individuals contributing to the development of friendship between Japan and their respective countries. Haj Adhban is the first Yemeni person to receive a medal from the government of Japan.

British Ambassador in Taiz

The British Ambassador, Francis Guy, visited the University of Taiz last week and met with the Vice Rector of Taiz University. During the meeting, the Ambassador got acquainted with the University sections and departments and discussed the scientific and cultural corporations between the University of Taiz and British universities and the possibilities of supporting some educational and cultural

aspects. The Ambassador, accompanied by the General Manager of the British Council, visited the Central Library of the University and was acquainted with different sections of the library. She also paid a visit to the Al-Thawrah Hospital and the different wards in the hospital. She expressed her eagerness to support the hospital.

Yemeni-British Friendship Association Meets

The Yemeni-British Friendship Association held a periodic meeting for the administrative board at its premises on Friday, November 2, 2001. The meeting was attended by Chairman of the Association Dr. Abdulwali Abdulwali Nashir, the administrative board, and the British Ambassador to Yemen, as well as the

members of the staff of the British embassy. During the meeting, several issues of mutual interest were discussed, particularly the preparations related to holding the Yemeni-British friendship symposium and supporting the demand of Yemen to join the Commonwealth.

French Cooperation Minister to Visit Yemen

News reports said that the French Cooperation Minister, Charles Josseline, will visit Yemen on November 5 to discuss aid to Yemen, including the delivery of up to 800 tons of flour. The French minister is scheduled to discuss with Prime Minister Abdulqadir Bajamal a French initiative for solving the Afghan problem and plans for a post-Taliban regime in Afghanistan as well.

Black-Yemeni Killed by Security Forces

An Akhdam citizen from the Akhdam residential area in Bab al-Yemen in Sana'a was Saturday shot dead by a policeman, an eyewitness told the Yemen Times. Security forces were besieging that area under orders by high-ranking officials for evacuating the area to be consequently used for building a headquarters of defense ministry. The past four days had been witnessing fierce confrontations between the Akhdam residents and security forces refusing to change their residence.

The said quarter houses more than 1000 Akhdams and situated close to the inter-cities bus terminal.

Gold & Silver in Socotra

A geological survey for Socotra archipelago confirmed that gold, silver, lead and copper formations exist at different sites in the island and that the primary results are economically promising. It is noteworthy that the island of Socotra, located in the Arab Sea, has a total area of 3650 km.

Capital of the Agricultural Credit Bank at YR 6 Billion

The capital of the Agricultural Credit Bank totaled YR 6 billion of which YR 4.2 billion is granted in the form of soft loans for farmers and fishers. Earlier, President Saleh inaugurated the headquarters of the bank in Sana'a at the cost of YR 198 million. The bank grants assistance to farmers for purchasing agricultural machinery, irrigation equipment, providing fishing boats and supporting agricultural marketing policies.

First Raffle for Foodstuff Exhibition Prizes

Within the framework of international exhibitions and household appliances (Forex 2001), the Apollo Exhibition has raffled off prizes for the winners of the competition. The exhibition was attended by the organizers of the exhibitions and competitors of the raffle. The second raffle will be on November 7, 2001.



Yemeni Blind Celebrate

Under the auspices of the Prime Minister, Mr. Abdulqader Bajammal, and under the motto "Enabling the Blind to Work: a Civilized Indicator at the Threshold of the Third Millennium," the ceremony of the tenth week of the Yemeni Blind was held from October 28 to November 1 in the Yemeni Research and Studies Center.

The ceremony was attended by Prime Minister Mr. Abdulqader Bajammal, Minister of Labor and Social Affairs Mr. Abdulkarim Alarhabi, the Minister of Technical Training and Vocational Application Mr. Mohammed Abdullah Alhutami, Minister of Education Dr. Fadhil Abughanem, and the State Minister of Human Rights Dr. Wahiba Fare'e.

Chairman of the Yemeni Society for the Blind, Hassan Ismaeel, welcomed the participants and invited them to discuss problems facing the handicapped in general, and the blind in particular. He called upon participants to work hard to integrate the blind into society and upon the government to demonstrate more cooperation, saying that the success of such activities depends upon the positive reaction of the government. "Blind people, as human beings, have the right to work and to earn their living by themselves," he said. He concluded by thanking the Social Fund for Development for its

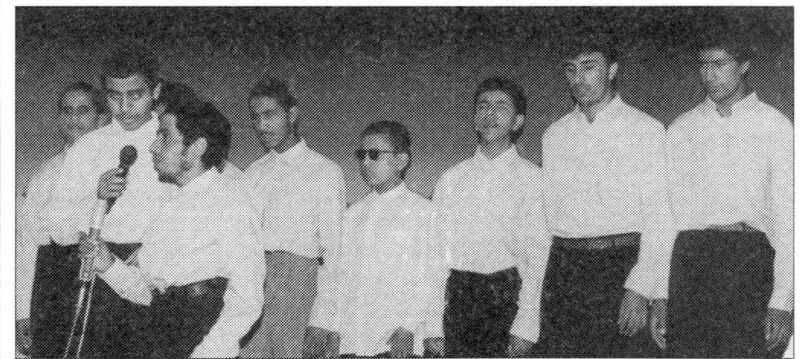
contribution to the development and improvement of the Center and blind.

Prime Minister Abdulqader Bajammal expressed his governmental commitment to help the blind find the jobs that suit them. He said a number of projects in favor of the blind were to be kicked off in the near future. One of these projects is adopting the Braille system.

The Chairman of the National Union of Yemeni Handicapped Societies emphasized the Union's commitment to helping the handicapped achieve their goals and dreams in life. He addressed President Saleh and Sheikh Abdullah b. Hussein Al-Ahmar expressing the blind's need for their utmost help and support.

The celebration shed light on the blind's abilities and qualifications. They have realized the need to be qualified to face life. Will they really be enabled to realize their dreams? Or will all promises to help them remain words repeated on such occasions?

Nada Mansour Al-Shamiri
Yemen Times



New Department at Aden University Inaugurated

Aden University introduced a new department for Social Services. The inaugural ceremony was attended by a number of officials at the university and from UNICEF. In a statement to Yemen Times, Dr. Salleh Basurah, Director of the University, said, "The aim of introducing this department is to institutionalize social work, which is totally nonexistent in scientific terms as well as to meet the government's demands for social workers.

Loan from Islamic Bank for Development

The Parliament has approved a loan agreement signed between the Yemeni government and the Islamic Bank for Development at the cost of US \$9,235,000 for the construction of a polytechnic institute. The Parliament has also discussed a loan of US \$45 million allocated for financing the Rural Roads Project signed between the government and the International Development Association (IDA).



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Al-Qirbi stressed the deep-rootedness of the Yemeni-US relationship, adding that it is based on transparency and understanding of each other's interests.

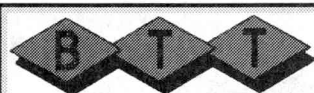
He said the USA is keen in the role Yemen can play for the security and stability of the region owing to its strategic location. He pointed out that by having a good relationship with the USA, Yemen ensures good support from donor countries and the World Bank, in addition to being close to the US decision makers. Al-Qirbi stressed the importance of sorting out the Palestinian issue, which represents a key element to relieving the tension in the Mideast, leaving no justification for terrorists who misuse the Palestinian issue to carry out their barbaric acts. He said the USA along with Russia and the EU can exercise pressure on Israel to implement international resolutions.

On his part, US ambassador to Yemen, Edmund J. Hull stressed that "Without security we cannot have development and vice versa." He said that the victims of the September 11 infamy were not merely Americans but also Yemenis, highlighting the negative impacts of the attacks on the world economy, including Yemen's. He also stressed the importance of US aid to Yemen in the field of development.

Mr. Walid al-Saqqaf, Yemen Times Editor-in-chief and Ahmad Abdulghani GM of the al-Khaleej and al-Jazeera Studies Center delivered speeches highlighting the importance of holding such a seminar.

The seminar discussed four research papers on the history of the Yemeni-US relationship, the regional dimension of this relation, what Yemen needs from US and vice versa, and the impact of the attacks on USA and Yemeni immigrants. These papers were highlighted by the participants in the seminar.

Mohammed Hatem al-Qadhi
Yemen Times



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Mr. James Moran, Head of the EU delegation to Yemen Times:

"We are extremely happy to see that Yemen is sending a full delegation to Doha next week for the very first time."

The European Union has become stronger than ever today. As a developing country, Yemen has been interested in strengthening its relationship with the European Union in all fields. As an important donor to Yemen, the EU has so far granted the country hundreds of millions of Euros for developmental purposes. Still, the EU is planning a three-year aid package of at least 130 million Euros in the form of financial and project assistance for Yemen. During his visit to Yemen, YT interviewed Mr. James Moran, the Head of the Amman-Based EU delegation to Jordan (and Yemen) to the Middle East who expressed his intentions to further concentrate on Yemen in the future as a country with huge potential.

Excerpts:

Q: What is the objective of your current visit to Yemen?

A: It has been some time since I have last been to Yemen, and it is important to come in this particular time. I wanted to get an impression on how the country is progressing in terms of its modernization, and of course, more generally the great changes that have been going on in the world in the last month.

As you know, the European Union has been quite active in disassociating completely the idea of terrorism from Arab and Muslim societies. We have also been keen to reach out even more than anytime in the past to other countries to the Middle East and throughout the Arab world. We need to deepen dialogue and deepen understanding between us because we are all in this together. We have said, as indeed you have said in Yemen and many other Arab countries have said, that the attack was not against the United States alone. It was rather against humanity, freedom, values, and civilization as a whole. It is important to emphasize this point.

The visit is important not only to follow through, as you know there is intense cooperation and activity, but also to get an impression of Yemen.

Q: How do you assess Yemen's reaction in this war against terror?

A: Yemen's response was very rapid and very positive in the sense that Yemen recognized that the attack was on all humanity, as this is something that no one could accept. From my stay here for the last couple of days I feel that this is being said by many people. However, people are deeply affected by the conditions of Afghanistan, and that is understandable.

Yemen, like most countries of the world, was affected by the terror attack against New York and Washington DC and it also has to deal with alleviating poverty and efforts for modernization. So, it is a challenging time for the society here. But it seems to me that both the levels of the government and people are very clear in their stance against terrorism, which is a positive thing.

Q: Even though the EU is not currently involved directly in the war against Afghanistan, how do you react to the latest demonstrations in Yemen against the US-led attack?

A: The reaction has been very limited. The EU has been very clear in its support and solidarity with the USA since the September attacks. People have been impressed by the measured response that has taken place. It is natural for people, such as those in Yemen, in times like these to worry about the future and where will this war will end. I do not want to exaggerate those protests, as I haven't seen very much of that. Still, the September attack was a clear atrocity and it requires a measured response. It is the hope of all Europeans that only a measured response would continue. Of course, as we look forward things may change, but for the time being that is still the case. At the level of the political leaderships, there has been quite strong consensus and that is in place. We are all committed in the coalition against terror.

We are also very concerned that the root of the problems are addressed. We know that there is a great deal of work to be done, whether it is a question of poverty in the Muslim and Arab worlds, or whether it is a question of a better dialogue between people of the world, or whether it is a question of security cooperation. Whatever it takes, we are extremely concerned to do all that we can.

Q: Is there an official stance towards the continuation of the war against Afghanistan in the month of Ramadan, despite the fact that Muslim and Arab countries, including Yemen, don't agree on this?

A: I don't think there is an official stance on that in the time being. But we are a couple of weeks away from the month of Ramadan and time is moving fairly quickly in conditions like this. There is no clear position at the moment of the EU. All that we know is that in whatever shape or form the campaign manifests itself, it is going to be a long campaign. This is not the military strikes alone, but also the legal, developmental, cultural, and economic battle against terrorism, which will take a lot of time, effort and resources to win.

Q: What are the new projects and development aid to Yemen by the EU?

A: We are close to signing a three-year program. As you may know, we have a 135 million Euro in the form of around 50 projects. Mr. Rainer Schierhorst, Head of Office in Yemen, could provide information about those projects. The new program is going to concentrate on alleviating poverty through food security projects and through the social fund and other actions. We are looking after the improvement of the demographic aspect in the country. As you know, the population rate is still at 3.5% which is a challenge for Yemen. Importantly, we are supporting Yemen's joining the World Trade Organization (WTO). We are extremely happy to see that Yemen is sending a full delegation to Doha next week for the very first time. This is a long-term process and will take probably four to five years. In the meantime, there are great challenges that Yemen needs to



Q: Any final comments you may have?

A: Well, it has been great coming to Yemen. I haven't been able to come as frequently as I used to due to the latest attack. This is my ninth time in Yemen, which I have seen some of and there is still much more to see. It is a bit frustrating not to be able to do that, but it has been important to be here on this visit. I had a positive experience in Yemen as usual. Traditional Yemeni hospitality is truly worth it. By the way, I do hope that the tourism industry recovers as quickly as possible after the setback that happened this year. Inshallah let's hope that next year will be more stable and calm for Europeans and people from all over the world to come and enjoy the beauty of this country.

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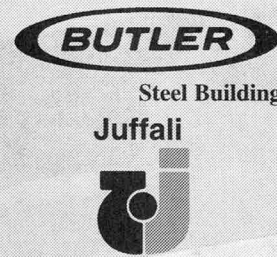
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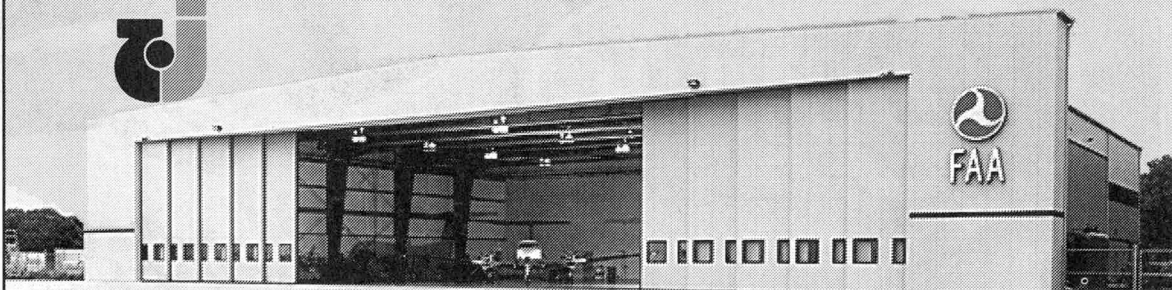
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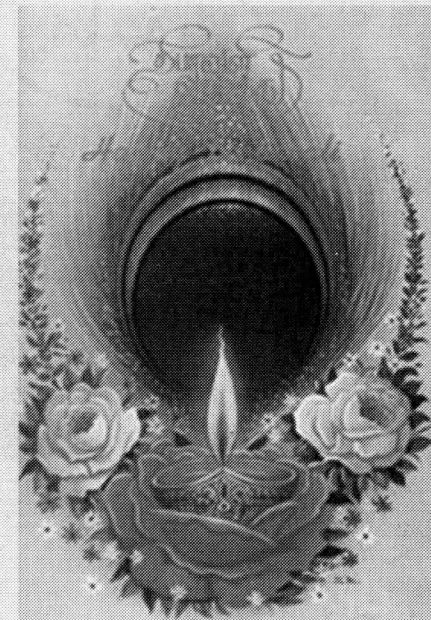
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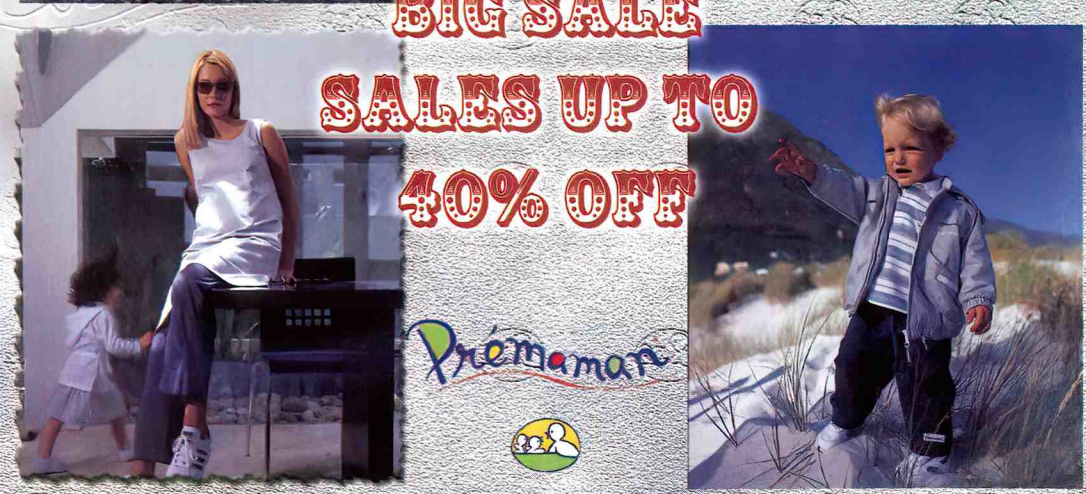
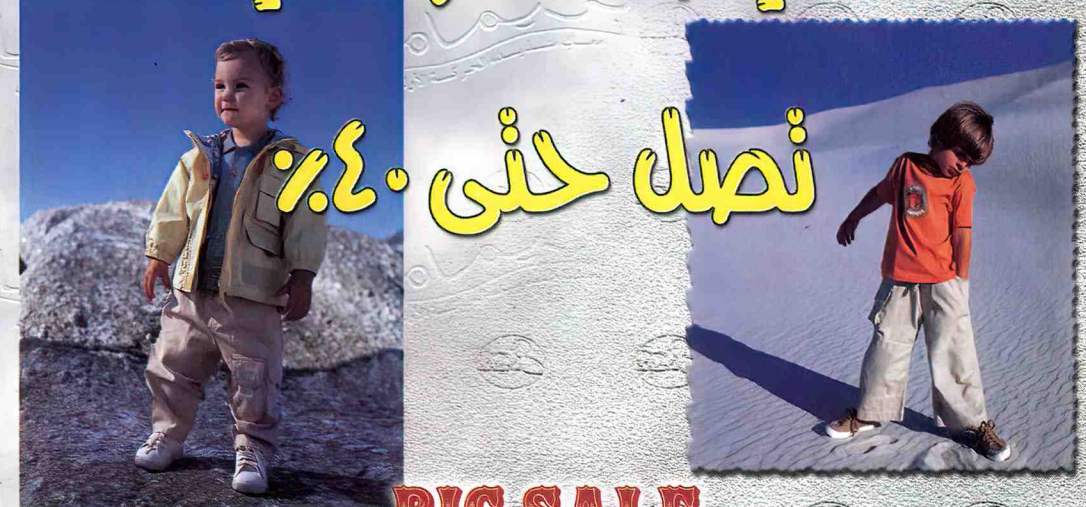
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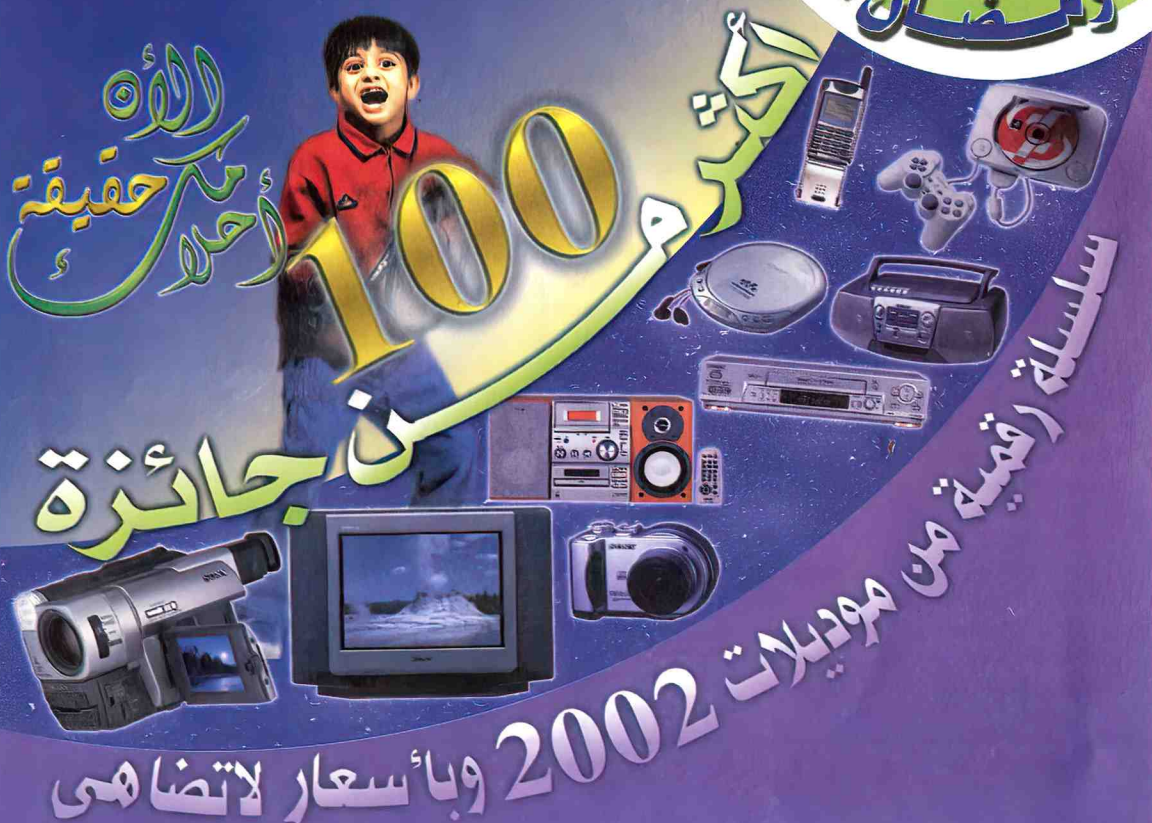
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Memorable Day: 30 November 1967

Mohammed bin Sallam
Yemen Times

The 30th of November was a memorable day in the history of Yemen. This history was full of subsequent revolutions, starting from the 26 September Revolution passing through the 14th Revolution, reaching the final independence day on November 30, 1967. This day has implications on all of Yemeni history. It represents the victory of the national will in liberating itself from the foreign colony, rushing to a life of democracy and freedom. This month is of great importance, accompanied by victorious deeds accomplished after a long struggle to reach a safer and more stable life. Yemenis have left no stones unturned to achieve a happier life. The four-year war was well coordinated against the existence of the British colony in the southern parts of Yemen. This was successfully achieved after the martyr's blood was given for this pure land. They were ingenious in their missions and honest in performing their duties; therefore we praise their unforgettable deeds on this day, the day of independence, in order to immortalize their resounding victory. Undoubtedly, they were successful and courageous to live a decent life free of tyranny, suppression and despotism. The struggling Yemenis did not think of gaining reputation or high ranks, but they fought for the dignity of this country. As a matter of fact, Yemenis did not submit whatsoever to oppression over the one hundred years. Rather, they resisted and struggled hard. They were involved in military and political conflicts and wars against tyrants and col-

onizers. Furthermore, the complex geographical nature of the tribal-armed Northern areas backed up the struggle against the invaders during the existence of the British colony. There were too many liberators, to the extent that Yemen was labeled as the graveyard of invaders. We can safely assume that the tyrants and invaders attempted to destroy all the progress and development that had been achieved when invading Yemen. They also tried to impede development in other countries. However, in Yemen there was nothing to destroy, for the reign of Imamate was the worst ever. During the reign of Imamate, lasting from the end of the third century Hijra to the 1960s, there was never anything to help move the country forward. Conflicts either with tribes or among themselves were witnessed throughout that reign. Social and political unrest and instability were what dominated the entire atmosphere during that time. It can safely be said that it was a levying authority, an authority that tried to ostracize Yemen from the outside world under the pretext of keeping the sovereignty of the state. It was a country characterized by rampant poverty, ignorance, and illiteracy, reflecting the worst of pictures. Then, the stages of struggle continued and paved the way for another revolution in the South, which was the 14 October Revolution. It was destined for the Yemeni people to struggle vigorously against the British colony. The dream of all Yemenis was achieved on the 14th of October, 1963, and continued until November 30, 1967 when South Yemen became independent and a new state was established. Consequently, Yemenis continued to struggle for the sake of freedom and equality.

The European Vision for the Middle East

Javier Solana,
European Union High
Representative for the
Common Foreign and Security
Policy

After more than a year of "intifada", successive condemnations of ever-more terrible acts of violence and appeals to re-establish dialogue in favor of the resolution of conflict have met with little success. Discouragement is precisely what those opposed to peace seek. During this time of great uncertainty, it might seem difficult to find reasons to try once again to relaunch dialogue and seek peace. Personally, I see three compelling reasons to do so: firstly, to show the continuity of our commitment; secondly, to express our understanding for public opinion at this critical juncture after the 11th of September; and thirdly, to bring back into focus a vision of peace that we have long held. Well before the terrorist attacks in the United States and the present situation in Afghanistan, the peace process was encountering difficulties. At the present time, although it appears totally blocked, there may a small opportunity for progress. To miss it would be a grave error. The European Union, myself and Special Representative Moratinos, have taken care to maintain permanent contact with all the main actors in the region. Our aim has been to break the cycle of violence and to limit conflict to the political arena where dialogue and negotiation prevail. Some will say that every effort at mediation has failed. On occasions we have appeared to be on the brink of a return to a necessary degree of calm, but each time a new drama has dashed our hopes. That was the case last week with the assassination of an Israeli Government Minister and the wave of violence that followed in its wake. Nevertheless, there is no question of giving up. Several European Ministers will join in the efforts to reinforce a message shared by our principal international partners. I am back in the region this week to talk once again to

Israeli, Palestinian, Jordanian and Egyptian leaders. I will explain during my meetings that we understand that their concerns are even greater than hitherto. The overwhelming majority of Arabs are opposed to terrorism. They wish simply that their identity be respected in a globalized world. The Middle East wants peace and stability, and its people seek security and prosperity. I understand very well the insistence on security among Israelis. This insistence is expressed also by Palestinians, who wish to be able to study, work and move freely. Finally, each people require reassurance as to their acceptance by the other. This is the condition for confidence in the future. European Union policy towards the region has always been clear. Since the Venice Summit 20 years ago, we have supported a resolution of the conflict based on an appeal for a negotiated solution, the implementation of Security Council resolutions 242 and 338 which establish the right of Palestinian self-determination - which is to say to a state - and the right of Israel to security within safe and recognized borders. EU leaders reiterated this basic position last Friday at their Summit in Ghent. President Bush, last week, also recognized the right of Palestinians to a viable state at the same time that the right of the existence of Israel be guaranteed. Moreover, Europe remains committed to the Madrid Conference, whose 10th anniversary will soon be marked. We continue to believe that the objective of the Oslo Agreements - an agreement on final status - remains. The immediate objective is to relaunch the peace process. A basis to do this exists which is accepted by the parties and supported by a broad international coalition for peace: the recommendations of the Mitchell Committee Report, of which I had the honor to be part. This report identifies a series of political, economic and security measures capable of bringing the parties back to the negotiating table. Efforts to reduce violence must be supported by a political perspective as well as by a relaxation of economic restrictions. How might this basis be transformed into an operational road map to peace?

The implementation of the Mitchell Report recommendations runs up against the question of the sequencing of the measures to be taken by each of the two parties. In other words, who starts and when? We need to transcend this problem. This will be possible if the parties recognize the seriousness of the situation and the consequences that will occur if it degenerates further. We Europeans are ready to help. We are ready, as we have often said, to contribute to an impartial surveillance mechanism that would allow the parties to overcome the various differences and obstacles. Such a mechanism has been proposed by the EU and also by the G8 leaders several months ago. The Barcelona Process, which is the most solid framework that we have and which contains the clearest objectives for the development of cooperation in

the Euro-Mediterranean region, including the Middle East, has greatly suffered from the Israeli-Arab crisis. The Euro-Med Ministerial meeting on 5-6 November next must be used as an opportunity to inject new dynamism, given the absolute necessity for the countries of the region to deepen cooperation among themselves and with the European Union. After the tragic events of September 11, we must all make an effort to emerge from this difficult period more, not less, united. This requires combining all the good intentions - and there are many from within and outside the region - and isolating the others. If we are able to unite our efforts against those who want to take hostage the future of people and governments, we must work for a coalition in favor of a just peace in the Middle East.

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“Partnership agreement in oil production has developed methods that reflect the long-term experiences gained by the oil sector since the beginning of oil exploration in the 1980s.”

Future oil and gas efforts made in the Republic should be directed towards the sedimentary basins. The discovery of oil and gas in commercial quantities and encouraging results from geo-physical and geological surveys suggest that Yemen still has great potential and augurs well for future oil and gas discoveries in other parts of the sedimentary basins.

In July 1984, after many years of disappointing results, the first commercial oil discovery was finally made in Yemen by Hunt Oil Company in the Marib - Al-Jawf Basin. In 1987, another oil discovery was also made in the Ayad - Masilah Basin - Hadramout by Canadian Nexen Company (Canada) and other international companies. All these discoveries put Yemen on the world oil & gas map. Since this discovery, Yemen has become one of the most active regions for hydrocarbon exploration in the Arabian Peninsula, a result of promising hydrocarbon potential in this country which forced exploration teams to rethink their ideas about the region's petroleum geology. It has raised the question: Are there other oil-rich fields still to be discovered in Yemen? Mr. Hassan Al-Zaidi of Yemen Times met the Deputy Minister of Oil, Abdulmalik Mohammed Alama, and filed the following interview.

Q: What are the facilities granted by the Ministry of Oil and Minerals in the field of oil and gas exploration?
A: First, I would like to thank Yemen Times staff for their remarkable interest in displaying the activities and the achievements of the productive and

economical sectors in our country due to its great importance. This will of course show our natural potentials and capabilities objectively and accurately to the Arab and foreign investors and encourage them to invest their capitals in the available projects present in different economic sectors, especially in the field of gas and oil exploration. First, I would like to highlight the facilities provided currently by the Minister to Arab and foreign investors interested in oil and gas exploration. Furthermore, I would like to point out that the partnership agreement in oil production has developed efficient methods which reflect the long-term experiences gained by the oil sector since the beginning of oil exploration in the 1980s. As for the facilities provided by the Ministry of Oil and Minerals for the Arab and foreign investors in the field of oil and gas exploration, the oil sector remarkably improved as a result of the successful nature of activities performed by the operating companies in the authorized sectors of oil exploration or production. I would like to mention here the competitive incentives provided to oil exploration companies interested in this field:

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This kind of agreement is inapplicable in our country but is applicable in most of other oil producing countries. All these facilities are existing and have so far been applied as stipulated in the partnership agreements. I would like to stress out here that the grants in oil investment were offered more particularly in the field of oil and gas exploration. Oil exploration incentives are not restricted to exploration only but there are also additional facilities granted to the operating companies during the developing phase of to-be operated oil fields. Moreover, the political leadership headed by the President of the Republic of Yemen will give his full support and encouragement to the interested oil companies in the field of oil exploration, whether Arab or foreign companies.

Q: How do you assess Arab and foreign investment in Yemen particularly in the field of oil, mining, and gas industry?

A: We can say that the future of the Arab and foreign investment in the field of oil, gas, and mining exploration as well as the mineral resources in Yemen are promising. On this basis, we will rely on the following premises and conclusions:

- The success of our country's foreign policy with friendly and sisterly countries has led to the enhancement and strengthening of relations among countries.
- Stability and safety throughout the country, particularly in the remote places, and the political leadership's

permanent support chaired by the President of the Republic not only for the Arab and foreign investment but also in all issues in the economic sectors.

- The sedimentary basins located in our territorial waters in both the Red Sea and the Arabian Sea are promising.

- Coping with the world changes in all economic aspects in a drive to attract Arab and foreign interests as a way of flowing investment in the oil and gas sectors.

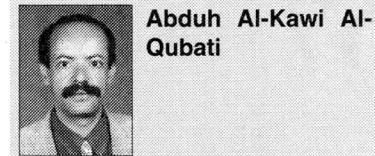
- The continuous development of oil and mineral map surveys has become one of the most important activities in the Republic of Yemen.

All these factors have led to positive and substantial results represented by the increase in the agreements and memoranda of understanding signed between oil companies and the Ministry of Oil and Mineral to explore oil and gas in the country. These companies have various investments and gained a lot of experience throughout the world, especially the American and Russian companies. In addition, the Ministry is still receiving offers from oil companies interested in oil exploration.

Q: Any last comment?

A: Using Yemen Times' channel, I call upon the oil entrepreneurs and investors to inject their capitals in an environment of healthy and fair competition where profit can be made, that is oil and gas explorations, by making use of the available facilities. I also call upon businessmen of the neighboring countries to invest in the field of mineral resources found in Yemen.

Yemen's Wonders: Administrative Blackmail in Government Posts



Abduh Al-Kawi Al-Qubati

It is truly saddening to realize that Yemen has turned into an a house full of greedy and crooked people who continue to waste the country's resources year after year, causing more devastating effects to the already distressed population.

Institutions or public utilities in our country represent the main pillar of the Yemeni economy. The beneficiaries who receive advantages and privileges are confined to a specific group of people known as cronies. These people behave as if they enjoy a high status, particularly these in the political security circles. Those in charge of the cronies are to provide them with privileges and various opportunities. This supervision will be at the expense either of qualified people or those stationed in their workplaces and therefore submitted to administrative strict punishments. The worse thing is that some institutions and government offices adopt double-standard policies to take great care of privileges entrusted to these cronies.

We are in need of real reforms in every aspect of life and every matter that connects the authority to the people. In turn, the country's wheel of development in the country would move faster and all malpractices of some individuals in the administrative system will be uprooted.

Consequently, the situation of the blue-collar workers has been greatly affected since 1990 as a result of the augmentation of prices and the current policies of economic reforms. In a contrast, those who use all means to gain money legally or illegally make unbelievable amounts of money exceeding by far their monthly salaries. This phenomenon has greatly affected the nature of work circumstances in most

institutions and public utilities. Therefore, some of the cronies dedicate themselves and perhaps exploit public properties for their own benefit. Such uncivilized behavior from corrupt people, or as it is called by administrators, unofficial groups, constitutes a huge problem in our society.

What shocks me a lot is that if the administrative management delays the progress of our country, the responsible officials are unable to differentiate a qualified worker for a specific post from an unqualified one and are also incapable of checking and re-checking who is the careless employee. What makes matters worse is that those who control everything belong to the illiterate segment and are only interested in humiliating others, especially the skilled people.

Administrative reform is of high importance and, if not carried out, no achievements could be accomplished. To fight corruption, bribery and complex routine, the concerned authorities must conduct administrative reforms by applying a transparent and fair system based on reward and punishment. Any corrupt official should be held accountable for their wrong actions. Otherwise, the reform program will show no value whatsoever. So far, we have not seen or heard of any corrupt individual brought to justice. This has actually intensified frustration on people's part and has led to their dashed hopes on the feasibility of these reforms.

We are in dire need of amending regulations and by-laws which could ensure an improvement in business administrations and administrative departments. In our country, some of the bureaucrats and cronies have been blocking the way, using legal and illegal avenues, to preserve their privileges. Therefore, I deeply appreciate the honest and sincere people who serve this country without any sense of hypocrisy or flattering. I hope this country will be prosperous and achieve continuous success.

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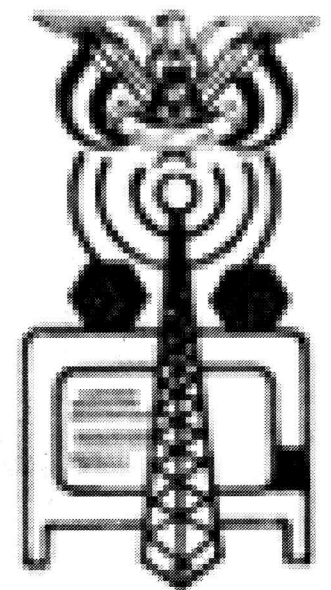
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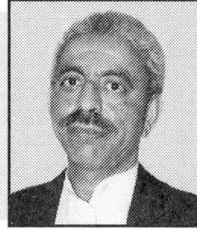
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- Deadline for submitting bids is one hour before opening the bids' envelopes (at 11:00 o'clock a.m. Tuesday, November 20, 2001)
- Approved agents representing foreign companies in Yemen shall enclose the following documents within their envelopes:
 - An approved copy for the contract authorizing the local company to operate on the name of the foreign company in the Republic of Yemen issued by the Ministry of Trade & Industry and approved by the issuing department
 - An approved copy of the tax card of the year 2001 approved by the issuing department as well as an approved copy of the card of operation approved by the issuing department



COMMON SENSE

By: Hassan Al-Haifi



Bordering on the Absurd

Since that dreadful September 11, 2001, it seems that everything that seems to be happening in the world has gone far beyond what the mind can conceive to be comprehensible and falling into a logical flow of events and consequences. That the attack on the World Trade Center itself is surely one of the most deplorable and inexcusable acts without saying, but surely the world superpower and the rest of the world could have come up with the right way to seek and "bring the perpetrators to justice or bring justice to the perpetrators of the crime", then all this endless fumbling that does not seem to get anybody closer to an end to the calamities that are arising as a consequence of the tragedy in New York. For one thing it seems that the reaction to the attack falls short of so many elements of sound logical good sense that one wonders if the United States was no more than letting off some anger without really knowing exactly how to go about achieving concrete results towards setting the proper legal and political groundwork required to really achieve the desired goal at the least cost to all concerned. This is out of consideration especially for the millions of Afghans who fate has destined to become the tragic victims of both the naive dogmatic regime that has been allowed to assume Government in their country, with its leaders really not having the faintest idea about the awesome responsibility involved, and of a giant superpower that has been dealt a severe blow to its pride and its grandeur by an invisible enemy that seems to maintain the initiative, especially of keeping the Americans on Emergency Hold, with ominous threats lurking in various forms. The fact is that the Americans are enti-

led to seek the people behind the ugly terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, but the fact is also obvious that somehow the steps taken so far have neither gotten them closer to their enemies or to a full understanding of how exactly such tragedy came into being, who is really behind it and what appropriate steps should be taken to bring them to justice or bring justice to them. The point to be made here is that one would think that before the bombs started falling on Afghanistan, an essential first step should have been to solidify the legal framework by which such attacks are to be dealt with. Surely, the international community would have been more than happy to help in anyway possible to reach the right legal foundations that will not give anyone a chance to doubt the justification for any attack on Afghanistan or any other place where the terrorists may have been based or set out from. But the anger that the attacks in New York and Washington was so great that assumptions prevailed as the only justification for the existing tragic suffering now being unleashed on the helpless Afghans. From the early days that followed September 11, the Americans declared that they will not give consideration to such matters as collateral damage or unfortunate innocent victims as they go after the enemy who did this mess in New York and elsewhere. While a considerable amount of investigative work was done, it was obvious that the assumptions will have to suffice for now, because it was also assumed that the American public wanted action and fast. One would think that the American public would rather have real adequate proof that the attacks did in fact emanate from Afghanistan and there is really no escape from this need for proof for a

number of reasons. Real adequate proof would have put the Taliban Government on the spot and could no longer insist on protecting an "innocent" hero. On the other hand, the international community would have no reason whatsoever to feel that they are being asked to join a coalition without a clear mandate and purpose as seems to be the case now. There may be reasons to believe that the American assumptions do have strong circumstantial support, but in all criminal acts, concrete proof is required to go after the criminals and bring them to trial or even to bring justice to them. Thus, because of the disregard for this important point, and the rush to do something, makes the coalition that America seeks to have with it, somewhat loose and purely born out of sympathy. Moreover, the death of so many people, who had nothing to do with Taliban or Bin Laden, has seriously damaged the credibility that the US is only after its enemies, who seem to be rather confident and in fact continuously dare their attackers to come down and fight them on the ground, obviously indicating that all these bombs seem to be doing nothing except digging craters or knocking down mud brick walls, which is another of the absurdities that make the Strike Against Terror seem like an ongoing cat and mouse fight without end or purpose. We think that the Americans really need to assess their handling of this war and start showing some real nitty gritty superpower sense, with a strong control on temper, lest they fall into the trap that the terrorists and whoever is behind them really wants them to get into. What seems to be apparent is that even if all of Afghanistan is bombed out of the map, the Americans will neither eliminate those they want to eliminate, and if they do, they still would

not have ended terrorism for good, because the kind of terrorism that was witnessed in New York is far beyond what Bin Laden, Al-Qaeda and the Taliban, alone or together could ever conceive of doing, let alone plan, coordinate and execute such a monstrous crime. The fact of the matter is that if they had anything to do with it, which could be possible, the chances are that they are doing nothing more than implementing the designs of a far more refined, dangerous and evil force, that has far greater sophistication than what either Bin Laden, Al-Qaeda or the Taliban have ever shown. Terrorism cannot be dealt with through assumptions and absurdities. Terrorism must be confronted with strong legal footwork, political sense and disciplined emotions, if the world is to be truly made safe against the evil that sophisticated enemies of world peace and stability conjure up, even if Bin Laden and the Taliban are involved, one would have to think that there is a much more sophisticated control center behind them, which could even be located closer to home, in the United States or elsewhere. If the Americans think that destroying Afghanistan will end terror in America or anywhere else for that matter, then we can easily assume that terrorism will stay a long time, even after Afghanistan is wiped out. In retrospect, one must give credit to the previous American Administration in their handling of the War Against Genocide, when another madman was controlling human life in the Balkans as though it was a sport. The campaign against Melosovitch showed a lot more finesse in all aspects than what is being displayed now in Afghanistan. No one then would think of even doubting the sincerity and the intentions of the United States.

Letters to the Editor
Dear Editor,
The author of "Learning from the September 11th Attack" belongs to a group accused of a belief in white supremacy and of fomenting hatred towards Jews. A search on the Internet can be revealing. Beware of groups poised to use your own legitimate anger against you. We should all work towards a peaceful assertion of our rights.
Sekara Koshian
Dear Sekara,
Thank you for your notice. We only publish articles once they are read

thoroughly and approved. We also welcome any suggestions and comments you may have in future.
—Editor
Dear Editor,
I hope this letter finds the people of Yemen in good health and Iman (Faith). In the early seventies, I visited Yemen several times for purposes of business connected to the oil industry. Although my travels were confined mainly to Sana'a and Hodaidah, I loved my time in your country and have always wanted to return. Before that time, in the sixties, I was in Aden and it was there that my interest in Islam developed (I later converted to

Islam in Singapore). Inshaallah, Allah has accepted me as a Muslim for many years now. Since my Hajj in 2000, my only ambition is to study Arabic in Yemen to enable me to study the source of my adopted religion, the Quran and Sunnah of the Prophet Muhammad SAW. I pray that Allah will send blessings upon the people of Afghanistan and all areas of conflict, and guide our leaders to make wise and just decisions to protect Muslims the world over. Finally, I would like to say that I do have plans to return to Yemen next month.
Martin Prior
martin_prior@yahoo.com

Dear Editor,
My wife and I twice made a visit to Yemen. We love your country and the people. We sincerely hope that the future brings all of us mutual understanding and peace. We hope that your country will not suffer by way of things happening this time in the world. I wish the staff of your newspaper wisdom in bringing the news to your readers. I was happy to read the story of the Yemeni pilot reporting from the USA.
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Response to Rod Barbo's "Evil" IGNORANCE

Sadaf Shah

Dear Editor

You printed a letter by Rod Barbo without comment in issue 42 dated 15th Oct 2001. This is the American gentleman who referred to your newspaper as "steadily downward-spiraling," and I, as a Canadian, have many comments in response to Mr. Barbo's ignorance.

Firstly, Mr. Barbo declares that there was "no open condemnation of both the hijackings/bombings and the calls by some Muslims for jihad" by the Arab world or news agencies. I am appalled at his observations, as most Arab channels were focused on the terrorist attacks for about a whole week starting immediately on September 11th when the first plane crashed into the World Trade Center. For example, on Al-Jazeera, Future Television, MBC, and LBC international, there was "open condemnation" by Yasser Arafat of the PLO, Husni Mubarak of Egypt, King Abdullah of Jordan, Col. Gaddafi of Libya, President Saleh of Yemen, and Gen. Musharraf of Pakistan. Moreover, the PM of Lebanon - Hariri - and Saudi Arabia also condemned the attacks. These are leaders representing eight Muslim countries that appeared on CNN. Others have appeared on Arab channels, mainly Al-Jazeera, so my question to Mr. Barbo stands:

What type of condemnation do you require, sir?

As for the call for jihad, if you, sir, have been watching the news closely, specifically CNN, you will have heard that the Taliban themselves have admitted that they are not receiving much response for "mujahideens" from the Muslim world.

Moreover, none of the leaders of the Muslim nations have supported the Taliban or Osama bin Laden by providing the U.S., which helped train Osama and his so-called followers during the Cold War when Russia occupied Afghanistan. The U.S left Afghanistan, hoping it would disappear and showing complete disregard for the nation when its purpose was served.

Saudi Arabia and the UAE withdrew diplomatic support for the Taliban. Pakistan, the Taliban's closest ally, is providing logistic and intelligence support, as well as the use of two army bases to the coalition. If this is not "open condemnation" of terrorism, when I do not know what is!

As for jihad, Muslims have not yet marched to Afghanistan to fight alongside the Taliban. Even if they do, they cannot be labeled as "evil" or "terrorists" for trying to restore some amount of dignity to the Afghan people. The Taliban has and continues to face opposition from among its own citizens. This opposition includes the Northern Alliance and RAWA, a revolutionary women's association which is secretly fighting to liberate Afghan women. If the Afghan people believed the Taliban to be representative of a truly Islamic government, they would not flee the country by the thousands, and millions have already fled seeking asylum elsewhere.

Secondly, Mr. Rod Barbo, if you, as a "white Christian American" want to adopt the citizenship of any Arab country, you do have the right, not all governments have distorted policies that are supported by your government. I will remind you that during the Prophet's lifetime, there were many Christians and Jews living in Arabia, and the Prophet never mistreated them or took away their citizenship. Even today, Syria, Lebanon, Tunisia, Algeria, and Egypt have a sizable Christian population. They may not be pure "white" like yourself, but they are, nevertheless, Christian

Arabs. There are even Jews living in Yemen today.

They may be poor, but at least the Yemeni government does not occupy their lands or kill them in retaliation for the situation in Palestine.

Thirdly, it is a shame that Mr. Barbo has been treated "unfairly or with prejudice here in Yemen on a regular basis" I, on the other hand, not a Yemeni nor an Arab, have been treated with respect and welcomed into the homes of the Yemeni people. As I made an appointment with a Yemeni manager of a Yemen commercial bank to open an ordinary account, I was taken to his private office and offered tea! This type of treatment is not available to the average Yemeni, which is a shame.

And it was not because of my finances that I was only depositing US \$100. It was because of my Canadian appeal. Moreover, I do not pay more for taxis or bus fares. However, every foreigner (to any country) does pay more for visas, airline tickets, and work permits than a citizen. A traveler to Canada has to pay more for dental or medical privileges. This does not account for prejudice, but rather benefits the citizens of that country. Even Palestinians and Iraqis have to pay more for some things like Mr. Barbo. Let us clarify another issue: foreigners in Yemen are paid much more than a year's salary compared to an average Yemeni. The average Yemeni cannot afford to eat at Pizza Hut in Sana'a or Aden while he/she is struggling to survive and raise a family on a measly salary, which is not even given to him on time every month. So, please do not blame the anguished Yemeni for thinking all white folks are rich, for to the Yemenis, even the Pakistanis, Lebanese, Indians, and Saudis are rich.

Finally, America's refusal to label Israel as racist was not a wise decision as implied by Mr. Barbo. If America was "to agree across the board to label Israel as racist," they would not have to apply the same standard "to at least twenty other Islamic countries, because Israel is the only one in the Middle East practicing ethnic cleansing to guarantee its existence," see "The Iron Wall." Hence, Israel was rightly labeled racist by the world community.

Innocent people lost their lives on September 11th, but let us not be foolish enough to call the attacks and their perpetrators "evil." Who says the whole world must conform to our Western framework of morality? We cannot expect oppressed, dispossessed, and exploited people to keep quiet while their houses are destroyed, their lands confiscated, and their family members jailed, tortured, and killed for throwing stones. At some point, these people's anger and frustration will explode, and rightly so. Look how fast the U.S. has retaliated, and look again at how many years the Palestinians have been suffering. The American government promotes justice within its own borders, but fails to uphold justice around the world, and that is why America is hated so much. The airstrikes against Afghanistan have yielded no results except to increase the suffering of innocent people and their children. Poor Mr. Barbo is trying to live a righteous life in Yemen by responding that tongue lashing is first as evil. He has called your newspaper "steadily downward spiraling." You were not obligated to print his letter, but you chose to, and that shows courage. I commend you, Yemen Times, for making the right decision. You have shown that you do not hold a double standard. By practicing in deed what you preach, freedom of speech. My respect for you has increased.

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Canon Sole Agent in Yemen, Messrs Abdulwahed Mohammed Noman & Sons Estb. Ltd. (The Popular Stores) launched its new range of image runner (iR) networked digital copiers in Yemen. These products bring together the worlds of paper, fax and digital storage into one multifunctional digital system, allowing office workers to perform their jobs faster and more efficiently. Canon's new digital copier technology raises the bar on print quality, image clarity, speed, and offers numerous great finishing options to produce professional-looking documents and brochures in-house. The iR range of networked digital copiers is the latest addition to Canon's range of digitally enabled office products, bringing Canon's "Imaging Across Networks" strategy to the digital office environment. "The modern office environment is very different

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The versatile new range of iR digital copiers launched in Yemen come in five models: The Canon iR8500, iR2200, iR2800 and iR3300, iR5000, iR6000 series as well as the full colour, high speed iR C2100. All of these systems offer superior speed and image quality and their robust structure and compact space-saving design make them highly reliable. The new range of copiers can be connected to existing office networks, allowing users to perform a number of operations directly from their desktops, whether its managing jobs, specifying any of a host of finishing options, or storing documents or forms of electronic "mailboxes" on the machines for later printing.



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Canon iR 2200, iR2800, iR3300, iR5000, iR6000

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Other features of the iR2200, iR2800 & iR3300 include:

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Multi Image Server - a unique feature of the iR2200,

iR2800 and iR3300 is the ability to store scanned document and printing files directly onto the hard disk. Users can then customize their own "mailbox", with the ability to combine, edit and save documents for later reprinting, all direct from their browser at their desktops.

Compact, durable design - the innovative design of the iR system, with its built-in finisher and DADF (duplex Automatic Document Feeder) makes it far more compact than competitive machines. A full range of features include a zoom ration ranging from 25% right up to 800% as well as comprehensive and convenient editing functions.

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Caroline Lees: Portraying Yemen's Beauty in Oils and Water Colors

Karen Dabrowska

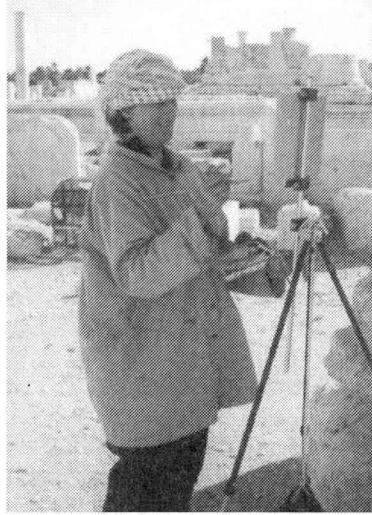
People who have never visited Yemen and are unlikely to do so are buying water and oil paintings from Hadramaut because they are fascinated by the region's unique charm and beautiful scenery. That is what Caroline Lees discovered during her recent exhibition at the Rafael Valls Gallery in London.

Yemen, especially Hadramaut, featured prominently in the exhibition "London and the Orient", in which approximately 100 paintings were on display. The gallery was positively surprised by painted scenes from Yemen and other Middle Eastern countries, including Oman, Jordan, Libya, Syria and Tunisia and has asked Lees to hold another exhibition at the venue in two years time.

Lees, 61 year old, first started visiting

Yemen in the 1970s where her husband, a defense attaché in the British Embassy in Jeddah, also covered North Yemen. Her first solo exhibition was held in Oman in 1986. She returned to Yemen in 1998, 1999 and last year, and was planning to take six British artists on a painting tour to both the North and the South in January 2002. But the trip, although postponed, will go ahead sometime in the future.

Last November she was one of the



organizers of an exhibition of Yemeni art held in London's Kufa Gallery.

"September 11 has definitely put a slight damper on things - what else can you say?" The 61-year-old grandmother of five is planning to make a trip to Morocco with another artist in early spring, while the Far East and Spain are also on the agenda.

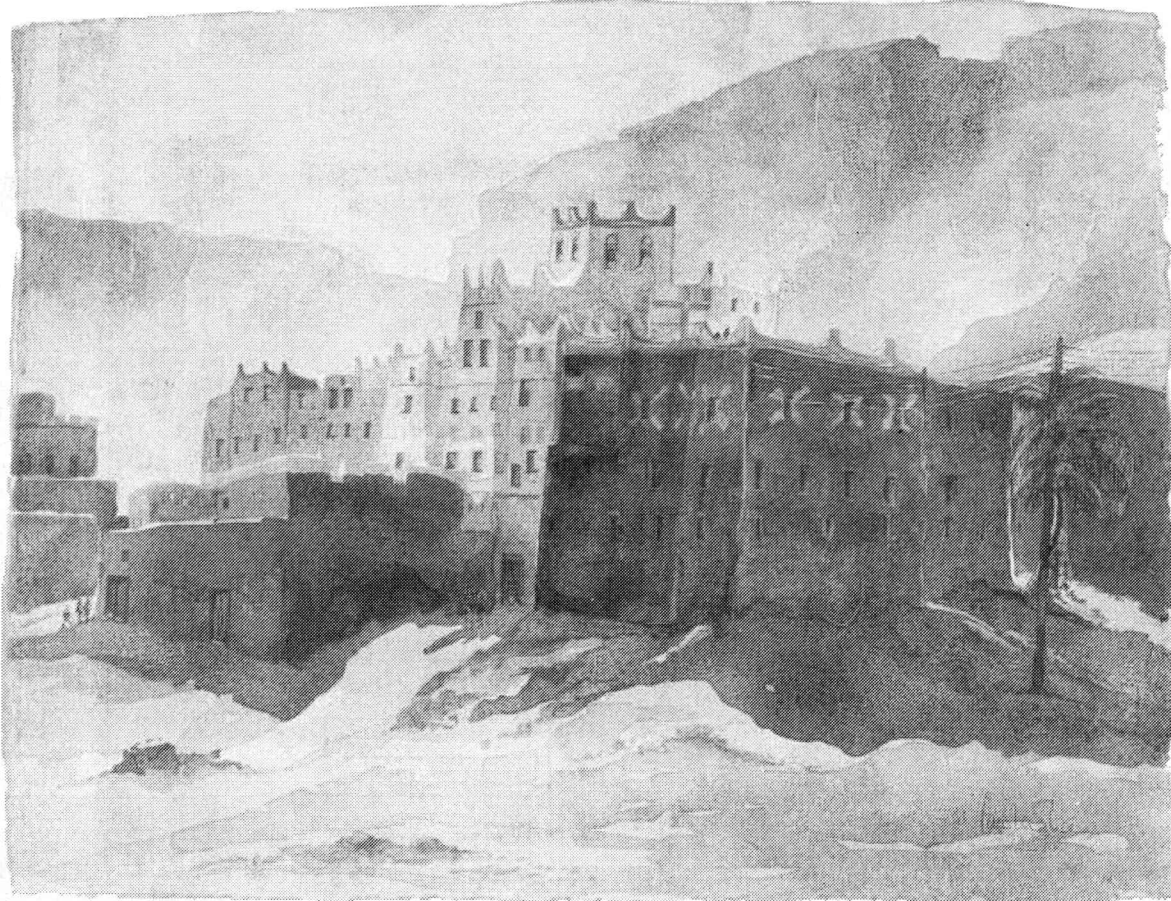
She only paints when she is attracted to something. "It has to catch my eye and spark something in me." Some paintings can be finished after two visits to the site while others are completed from sketches or with the aid of a photograph. But Lees insists on being there before picking up her paint brush. "A photo on its own is not sufficient." Painting in Yemen can be easier than painting in London where permission often has to be sought. "The locals watch fascinated and my smattering of Arabic is just enough to pass the time of day and exchange a few words with them."

Her works from Yemen, among them Shibam in Wadi Hadramaut, Sif in Wadi Do'ane, the Palace in Seiyun and the grand mosque in Sana'a are exquisitely framed. Lees talks of Yemen as "my big love" and has developed a fascination for the rich variation of light and landscape of the Middle East.

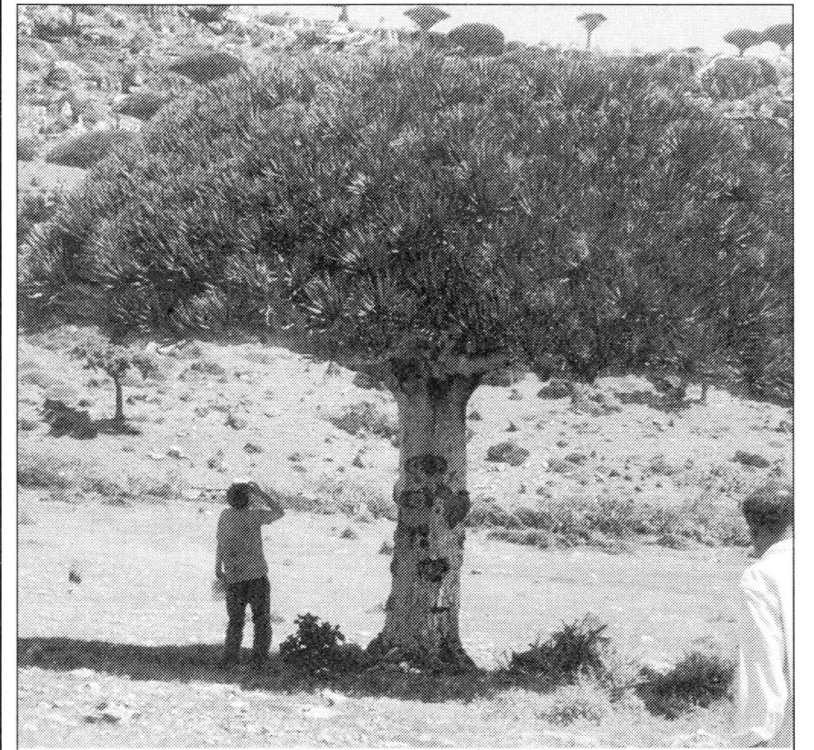
Born in Shropshire, Caroline Lees comes from a family of artists and her daughter has followed her footsteps. She studied at The Corcoran Gallery School of Art in Washington, DC and was selected for master classes in oils at The Slade School of Art, London. There have been several one-man shows and she has been on exhibits widely in the United States, the Middle East and the UK, including the Royal Academy Summer Exhibitions, the Mall Galleries, RSMA, and The Mathaf Gallery, London.

She has also had one book published: "Caroline Lees' Watercolors of Shropshire" and her work has appeared as prints, cards and illustrations. It can be found in many collections, including that of the National Trust. In 1986, she was commissioned to paint a watercolor for HRH Prince of Wales' visit to Oman.

Her latest exhibition was sponsored by a private bank, Adam & Company.



SOCOTRA The Island of Wonders



Saleh Abdulbaqi
Yemen Times

Socotra is the biggest island administratively belonging to Aden. It is a very fascinating and charming island that has attracted local as well as international interests. People call it an open natural museum.

The remains of some churches in Socotra Island make researchers believe that Christianity was known in the island. This issue still requires more studies. The great touristic and economic potentials of the island have throughout history lured great powers such as Greece, the Roman Empire, or Persia which all tried to control it.

Great importance has been attached to Socotra since the discovery of Cape of Hope. It was occupied by the Portuguese who were using it in their quest reach India. Despite the island's significant strategic location, it has been kept away for a long time from any direct attention. Yet, it remains the island of wonders capturing the hearts of the visitors.

The island and others like Abd al-Kuri, Darsah, or Samhah were no more than volcanic islands inhabited by wildlife. A few people were scattered here and there on the shores and in the mountains of Socotra. They were split into two groups, the fishermen and the shepherds, which rarely met. No people were living in the other islands but, in the course of time, fishermen started to shelter and rest on them using a very old Himiyari language to interact with each other. Social development began to be more apparent in the 19th century. The number of inhabitants in these

islands significantly increased with the arrival of people from neighboring areas along with increasing marriages among the native inhabitants. Socotra's population are families which came from different areas, such as Hadramaut, Maharah and other places in the Gulf countries and Africa. They mingled with the island's native people forming a new rich and diversified identity.

The island is culturally very rich. The semi-cosmopolitan environment has helped so far to enrich and color its culture. The colorful cultural dimension can be clearly seen through the island people's traditions. Despite the spread of education in the island, Socotri unique language is still the most used by its inhabitants.

The culture and folklore found in the island are not less unique and amazing than the nature of the island itself. No wonder that a Russian orientalist called Socotra the island of Spirits. An Italian traveler in the 13 century mentioned that the most powerful magicians lived there. He added that they could create winds to drive back hostile ships, or other natural phenomena. Even in the present time, people in the island still believe in supernatural powers and superstitions. Such creatures are believed to be capable of harming human beings. These beliefs are considered to be part of Socotra's culture. Interestingly, women are involved in these superstitions. People believe in cannibal women that follow men at night time for their dinner. They attach great abilities to women devils ("jinn") and think that they have the ability to cure sick people and to give new lives to the dead. 'Yethami' is a typical evil woman found in the superstitions of Socotra people. She is very tall, ugly and has long teeth and lives on men's fresh meat.

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Applications received after this date will be considered. Only those candidates who strictly meet the requirements could apply and acknowledgment will only be sent to shortlisted applicants meeting the requirements of the post.

Nassir Abdullah Forgotten Yemeni Poet

There are many obscure poets in the Yemeni cultural arena who enchanted the people with beautiful and expressive poems.

Thus, we shall commit ourselves to remember these creative people and honor them whenever possible in memory of what they have produced. The poems of Nassir Abdullah depicted the real life of the Yemeni society in all its aspects. Undoubtedly, the sensitive folklore poetry, which is one of the highly demanded genres of art in Yemen, plays a vital role in the life of the Yemenis. Nassir's poems are vigorous and diversified as they tackle different issues. Nassir Abdullah treated in his poems the issue of the British occupation of the South and criticized the despotism practiced against the people under this ruthless occupation. Nassir Abdullah was sent to prison due to his zealous poems instigating the people to rebel against the colonizers who accused him of inciting the population against the government of Her Royal Majesty Queen of England. Later on, the English authorities released him on the condition that he should not use

poetry that could encourage people to resist the British occupation in the former South Yemen. However, Nassir did not stop writing poetry against them as he became fiercer in condemning the British occupiers which caused him to be detained several times. Nassir Abdullah was so active in calling for the strike of the cotton workers because he was himself a farmer. The strike was made against the much too low prices demanded by the British for cotton production. Indeed, cotton cultivation was brought in to Yemen by the British colonizers in the wake of the World War II in an attempt to substitute its losses in the protectorates, particularly India, that had gained independence after the war. Nassir Abdullah expressed his indignation over the British manipulation of cotton in one of his poems and asked how the colonizers would make huge profits from buying cotton for so low prices.

It is clear that Nassir Abdullah was one of the prominent figures in the society, who contributed in the struggle of the nation through his poems and who tackled several issues pertinent to the people's active life in South Yemen.

Cultural News

Nabila Al-Zubeiry's Novel, 'It's My Body,' Published

On October 29 2001, the French Cultural Center organized a lecture focusing on the presentation of the new novel ("It is My Body") written by the novelist and poetess Nabila Al-Zubeiry. The discussion focused mainly on various aspects of the novel such as its main theme and its cohesiveness to Yemeni society. Some well-known women writers, like Ibtisam Al-Mutwakil, Arwa Abdud Othman, and Ameena Al-Nusairi, attended the discussion. The Deputy of the Researches and Studies Center, Mohammed Hussein Haitham, gave an outline of women's literature in Yemen along with an historical background. The novel, "It is My Body," is not only characterized by the artistic unity but expresses also the creative talent of women's wit in Yemeni society. The poetess, Ibtisam Al-Mutwakil, dealt with some literary aspects of the novel and its language.

Geographical Varieties and Popular Costume

Within the framework of the joint activities among the Yemeni Authors

Union, the Cultural Center organized last Sunday a symposium entitled "The Geographical Variety and its Influence on the Yemeni Popular Costume." The female Manager of the Sanani Life Center, Dr. Amat Al-Razak Gahaf, delivered a lecture on this regard and talked about various costumes and their traditional styles. It was attended by a number of writers, men of letters and people interested in the folkloric art.

Cultural Publication

The sixth edition of Al-Towasol Magazine was released by the High Studies and Scientific Researches Deanery, Aden University. It contains various literary texts, researches and scientific topics.

Al-Dhaheri Honored

The Chairwomen of the Arab Pioneers Festival, Sameeha Ayoob, recently informed its Director, Fared Al-Dhaheri, that he is to be honored in the upcoming festival. The festival will be held from October 27 to October 29. However, the festival delayed its second meeting as it coincides with the Arab League Day.

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I. What to say

"The best is yet to be"

Bassam: Hello, Hisham. I feel a tinge of envy to see you glued to the news paper thus. I, for one, have almost stopped reading a newspaper, in any detail these days.

Hisham: Is there any good reason behind your this abhorrence towards newspapers. To me they are such precious sources of information and entertainment.

Bassam: I don't deny the importance of newspapers per se. The scenario at local, national and international level is so murky, so dismal that carrying reports about them the newspapers seem to be equally cheerless. Looking at the sad and unfortunate turn of events at local and global levels, it seems to me that the world is fast sliding towards savagery, apparently relapsing into primitivism. In fact, I have lost hopes about the future of the humanity.

Hisham: I admit happenings around us are very natural to breed disappointment in a sensitive person. But I think there is no need to lose hopes on the future of the mankind. You know every dark cloud has a silver lining.

Bassam: I, too, used to harbor hopes in the world order to be redeemed and change for the better. But the more I observe the recent turn of events, the more disillusioned and pessimistic I am being forced to become.

Hisham: For one thing, historical forces are irreversible. More over we should bear in mind what the cardinal principles of Islam tell us in this regard: Allah has known all things and recorded them before bringing them into existence. There is nothing in the Universe that exists without a wise purpose. Allah doesn't enjoin mankind the commission of the abominable nor does He prevent these things to exist for a wise purpose known to Him. So we should have faith in His will and dispensation.

Bassam: Inshallah. This faith in Him alone sustains us in this strife-stricken world. Otherwise, at a time when man seems to be no more than what the political philosopher Hobbes described him as 'nasty, brutish, solitary, short and poor' and when the creative forces are lost in the quagmire of the destructive ones there is little cause for solace.

Hisham: Let's not lose hope. 'The best of life is yet to be' wrote Robert Browning to his wife Elizabeth Barrett. We certainly can't change the world. But let's believe that we can change a small part of it. Let's travel hopefully. It is better to light a candle than to curse darkness. I have a strong hope that good will be the ultimate goal of evil. Let's strive towards it. 'Say not the struggle nought availeth'. Nothing comes out of nothing. But if all of us try, something positive is bound to emerge. All is not lost. The best is yet to be. Look up and look ahead. Don't look back. Remember what the poet has said: "Hope springs eternal in human breast Man is never but ever to be blest"

Bassam: You are a die-hard optimist. May your words come out true. Inshallah.

I. How to say it correctly

Correct errors, if any, in the following sentences

1. I could find him nowhere.
2. Neither Mutaher nor his brother have gone to college.
3. No less than forty people lost their lives.
4. Mohsen as well as his brothers were present there.
5. Although he only earns YR15,000 a month, he manages to support his family.

Answers to last week's questions

1. You need not send this parcel to me.
2. When you pass the examination, I shall give you sweets.
3. Let you and I be friends once again.
4. The chairman has been confined to bed for the last three days.
5. No sooner did he see me than he ran away.

III. How to express it in one word

1. Keep or honor the memory of a person or an event.
2. Illness that can be communicated.
3. Official statement or announcement.
4. Instrument with a needle that points north.
5. One who introduces the performers, speakers, etc to a gathering.

Answers to last week's question

1. Secret agreement or understanding for a wrong purpose: **Collusion**
2. One who works in a coal mine: **Collier**
3. Education of boys and girls together: **Coeducation**
4. Silk covering made by Caterpillar to protect itself: **Cocoon**
5. Compartment in an aircraft for the pilot: **Cockpit**

IV. Rewrite the sentences according to the instruction given in brackets

1. What would happen if somebody (throw) and egg at you?
(Put the verb in brackets in the correct form)
2. The toy is broken. I bought it for my sister.
(Join the two sentences, making one of them a relative clause)
3. We are trying to find a solution --- your problems.
(Fill in the blank with an appropriate preposition)
4. My brother is fond of football. Father --- him to play it regularly.
(Fill in the blank choosing the right word: **encourages / instigates / prompts**)
5. Bakil left his handbag in the taxi. He should have been very ---.
(Fill in the blank with a word related to **care**)

Answers to last week's questions

1. It has been raining for the past five days. I wish it **stopped raining**.
2. 'How are you going to have your hair cut?' 'I'm going to **have it cut short**.'
3. I wonder why I always have trouble with my car whenever I **decide** to go to a cinema.
4. I **have been experiencing** trouble with my bicycle these days.
5. I **told** a lie if I ever said that I liked you.

V. Words of wisdom

"Courtesy begets courtesy"

A Writer Without Roots: V.S. Naipaul



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Vidiadhar Surajprasad Naipaul (pronounced Ny Paul), one of the most significant writers in the world today, is the winner of the Nobel Prize for Literature 2001. For the past few years his name was mentioned for this most coveted literary award. At last he received what he really deserved. Among Naipaul's several literary awards is the Booker Prize for his novel *In A Free State* (1971). He was knighted in 1989 and in 1993 he won the first David Cohen British Literature Prize for "lifetime achievements by a living British writer." Naipaul's manuscripts and extensive archives have been deposited in the University of Tulsa.

Naipaul is an Indian by descent, a Caribbean by birth, and a Briton by citizenship. He has lived in all three countries, and he has bitter feelings about them all: India "a wounded civilization," Trinidad is "unlearned," and England is "intellectually and culturally bankrupt." In spite of his cynicism, Naipaul is a master so far as the world of letters is concerned.

His father, Seepersad Naipaul was a correspondent for the Trinidad Guardian. He also published short stories. When Naipaul was six, his family moved to Port of Spain, the capital of Trinidad. Seepersad, who encouraged Naipaul in his talents for writing, died of a heart attack in 1953. While at Oxford, he met an English lady Patricia Hale and married her in 1955. When she died in 1966, Naipaul married Nadira Alvi, a divorced Pakistani journalist. On graduation Naipaul started his career as a freelance writer. During this time he felt himself rootless, but a found voice as a creative writer in the mid-1950s, when he began to examine his own Caribbean background.

He began writing at the age of 22. His detachment, emotional as well as geographic, made it possible for him to write about his childhood. According to him, "You've got to set some sort of distance between yourself and your experience---in order to use it well." It is an attitude that has followed him throughout his career. "I can only write about a place when I am away from it...the experience must be complete and I must be able to look back". Naipaul's writings are mostly about the cultural confusion of the Third World and the problems faced by an exile, the problem of "uprooting" and "re-rooting," a feature of his own experience as an Indian in the West Indies, a West Indian in England, and a wandering intellectual in a postcolonial world. Here is a writer who is split by his own contradictions. "My most difficult thing to overcome," he says, "was being born in Trinidad. That crazy resort place! How on earth can you have serious writing from a crazy resort place?" He has been an outsider wherever he has gone, and his alienation is, in fact, both his malaise and source of inspiration for his writings. When he visited India for the first time, he suddenly found himself for once in his life a member of the majority. He looked like them-and it frightened him. "One gets addicted to being different," he says.

This "difference" is obvious in his appearance and personality - he looks Indian, while his manner of dress and speech are like an English gentleman-and it extends deep into the man and his writings. According to Paul Theroux, an American novelist and one time friend of Naipaul, "Even though I have suggested that personally Naipaul is a sourpuss, a cheapskate and a blamer, I have the highest regard for his work. He is, like Conrad, a most serious and self-conscious writer; everything he writes is freighted with intention and every word deliberately chosen." For example, here is a short paragraph from his first book about India, *An Area of Darkness*: "The pilgrims, when they were on the march, could have formed a line 10 to 15 miles long. For hours, then the line must have moved, unbroken, from camp to camp. Even as the sun was going down over the gray, whistling plain where a pony had died, where ponies every year died, the pilgrims continued to come down the mountains and across the plain, a thin wriggling line of color rapidly merging into the darkness there, here in the lights of the camp revealed as a slow, silent march of Kashmiri pony men, skull-capped, with dusty feet in disintegrating straw sandals..." Though critics have compared Naipaul's works to those of Joseph Conrad, Graham Greene and E. M. Forster, he is the first of his kind. He is a colonialist who writes about the empire after its decline and fall. He is also, as Theroux says, "A complete man of letters - like Edmund Wilson or V.S.Pritchett - who has a vision of society and pursues it." As a colonialist, he condemns not only colonialism—for its burden of slavery that masquerades as patronage—but also the colonials, for idolizing the master, for being imitative "mimic men."

Naipaul's first three books (*The Mystic Masseur*, *The Suffrage of Elvira* and *Miguel Street*) were published in succession. In 1961, at the age of 29, appeared his masterpiece, *A House for Mr. Biswas*, which tells the tragicomic story of the search for independence and identity of a Brahmin Indian living in Trinidad. The central character, Mohun Biswas, was partly modeled after Naipaul's father. According to Naipaul, "My father was a profounder man in every way. And his wounds are deeper than the other man can say. It's based on him, but it couldn't be the real man." Biswas has been unlucky from his birth, but all he wants is a house of his own - it is the solid basis of his existence, a house represents freedom, "his own portion of the earth." The story, which fuses social comedy and pathos, follows his perennial struggle in a variety of jobs, from a sign painter to journalist, to his final triumph. His *Guerrillas* (1975) is yet another classic that deals with the barbarism among the so-called civilizations. Here, Naipaul sees suicide on all sides: man as the creator of his own destruction. Based in part on the case of Michael X, a black Trinidadian radical executed for murder in 1975, *Guerrillas* is uncompromising in its attack on all aspects of revolution. It is a criticism on the black radical; a now-passive white "activist" once tortured for his revolutionary activities in Africa; a shallow, liberal, do-good English white woman (the book's harshest description). The novel received the best American reviews and sold four times as many hardbound copies (about 15,000) as any of his pre-

vious books.

During his travels in the 1960s and early 1970s in India, South America, Africa, Iran, Pakistan, Malaysia and the USA, Naipaul wrote, among other books, *India: A Wounded Civilization* (1977), and *A Bend in the River* (1979), the latter, a pessimistic novel about Africa, proclaiming the corruptibility of humankind. One wonders how Naipaul speaks with such a sanguine voice about a people he, by his own submission, has never felt part of his life. The story is set in a country very much like Zaire or Uganda. Salim, the narrator, is a Muslim, whose family (Indian traders) has lived in Africa for many years. Salim sets up a shop in a town on the bend of the river and achieves success in life. But he has no future in a country ruled by the Big Man, president for life. Here again Naipaul's central figure is an exile, who realizes that his way of life is almost at its end and eventually he must give up almost everything. "The bush runs itself. But there is no place to go," says Salim's friend Ferdinand, when he rescues Salim from jail. "The bush" is used as a metaphor for the country and the Third World. "Africa has no culture," Naipaul says. In *India: A Wounded Civilization*, Naipaul insists, "Barbarism of human nature is very powerful in India because it has a religious side." He waves away the Third World as "half-made societies doomed to remain half-made." Naipaul's critics retorted that the book was populated by senseless assertions and exhibited a half-baked sense of Indian history, a charge levied in turn by Naipaul on some Indian writers.

The Enigma of Arrival (1987) is a semi-autobiographical novel where Naipaul delineates the life of a Caribbean writer who finds his happiness of homecoming in England after wandering many years, during which the world stopped being a colony for him. In the 1990s, Naipaul wrote mostly non-fiction. In 1994, he wrote *A Way in the World*, a fictional history of colonialism, writing stories from the times of Sir Walter Raleigh to the 19th century revolutionary Francisco Miranda. In *Half a Life* (2001) the central character is Willie Somerset Chandran, born in India in the 1930s. His second name is from the English writer Somerset Maugham, who has met his father. Willie moves to London, drifts in bohemian circles, publishes a book, marries Ana, a woman of mixed African descent, and moves with her to Africa, to her family estate. Willie faces problems as the son of a Brahmin, who has married an "untouchable." His father is a rebel who dies in a monastery. In the novel, Willie rebels against his own background and the wishes of his father. In his wife's home country, in which the colonial system is breaking down, Willie is also an outsider. After 18 years he decides to leave her, and finds his true identity. The novel is open-ended as Willie's existential search continues still.

For Naipaul, writing is the ultimate occupation, one that is totally involved and demanding. It has made him a "free man," which according to him is a "freedom from being employed by anyone else, freedom from relationships with people you don't like." He also believes that "the life of a writer is a perfect condition for living in a foreign country." Wherever he goes, Naipaul is an exile.

TIMES QUIZ - 5

Questions

1. Who coined the term 'science'?
a) Plato b) Socrates
c) Paul Muller d) A. Flemming
2. By 'Seri Culture' one refers to:
a) the culturing of animal tissues to determine diseases.
b) raising of Silkworm for the production of silk.
c) a sort of social forestry.
d) the microscopic study of amoeba.
3. Shining heavenly bodies with tails are known as
a) Nebula b) Nova
c) Comets d) Supernova
4. Removal of soil by action of wind and water is known as:

- a) Calcification
 - b) Fossilization
 - c) Erosion
 - d) Salvation
5. What are known as 'book scorpions'?
a) Silverfish b) Smell c) Taste d) Touch

Answers to Times Quiz (4)

1. The planet which given the chance can float on water is **Saturn**
2. The 'heliocentric theory' was postulated by **Galileo**
3. MAB is an abbreviated form of **Man and Biosphere**
4. Tuberculosis is the disease which is known as the '**white death**'
5. **Alpine Black Salamander** is the name of the animal that has the longest duration of pregnancy

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I am not alone, I am not upset,
You are wrong if you thought me lost,
I do need you more and more, but,
I had wanted you understand my sentiment,
May I ask you sincerely,
Are you content in your life,
Do you approve of what all you did,
I am like the sea, a picture of boundless patience
I am a person who loves his life,
Loves every kind of beauty on this

earth,
Wishes all the best for every one,
Are you one who likes to shun every thing?
Even kindness, affection and happiness?
You are vague and wily
I am recollecting,
You've been innocuous and sentimental with me,
You reached me again and again,
But forgot about my sentiments,
You didn't care about my heart,
Yet you and I

Have survived all the turbulent moments,
In your hearts and minds,
Don't forget that one day,
I presented you,
My heart and my love
Just rediscover me in your depth,
Just remember you are not only you,
But the sole anchor of my life,
The buoy of my survival,
Try to realize now, who are you.

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Dia Bids Farewell To Rami al-Ghazali

"I liked the nature of my job here. It gave me the chance to work with young people, exchange our views and experiences with one another, and meet with a lot of interesting people," he said. Some time before starting the photography workshop he launched

the www.yemenarts.org.ye which aims at presenting Yemeni artists and their works to the whole world. "This project is, unfortunately still without funding. The initial stage has been done and it is already on the net, and one can see what it



Capturing a moment



can bring to Yemeni arts. There have been some individuals and organizations which showed some interest in the project, but it is too early to talk about who will fund it," he commented. "Through this project all Yemeni artists can show their works to the whole world interested in Yemeni arts. It will also help give others an idea not only about Yemeni arts and artists, but also about the values of our society as well," he added. One of his projects was also a live connection that connected a num-

ber of Yemeni artists with some of their counterparts in France. Participants were given an opportunity to view one another's works. "It was a nice experience for me to do it and for the students here to have the chance to know more about different cultures and what is new in modern paintings," said Rami.

Beside being an IT manger, he is also a painter. His love for painting, oil colors and their smell have been deeply rooted in him since he was young and he would see his father painting. But his busy schedule did not give him the

chance to paint much, causing him to find another means to express himself, which lately manifested in photography. "I can express myself faster in photographing," he said.

Such a love for arts and great experiences might be attributed to the many countries to which he has been and the different kinds of cultures that he has come across in his long traveling. About his future plans, he said that participants in the photography workshop showed an interest in establishing the Yemeni Photographers Club. He also intends to travel to South Africa to explore more about the nation's arts and cultures.

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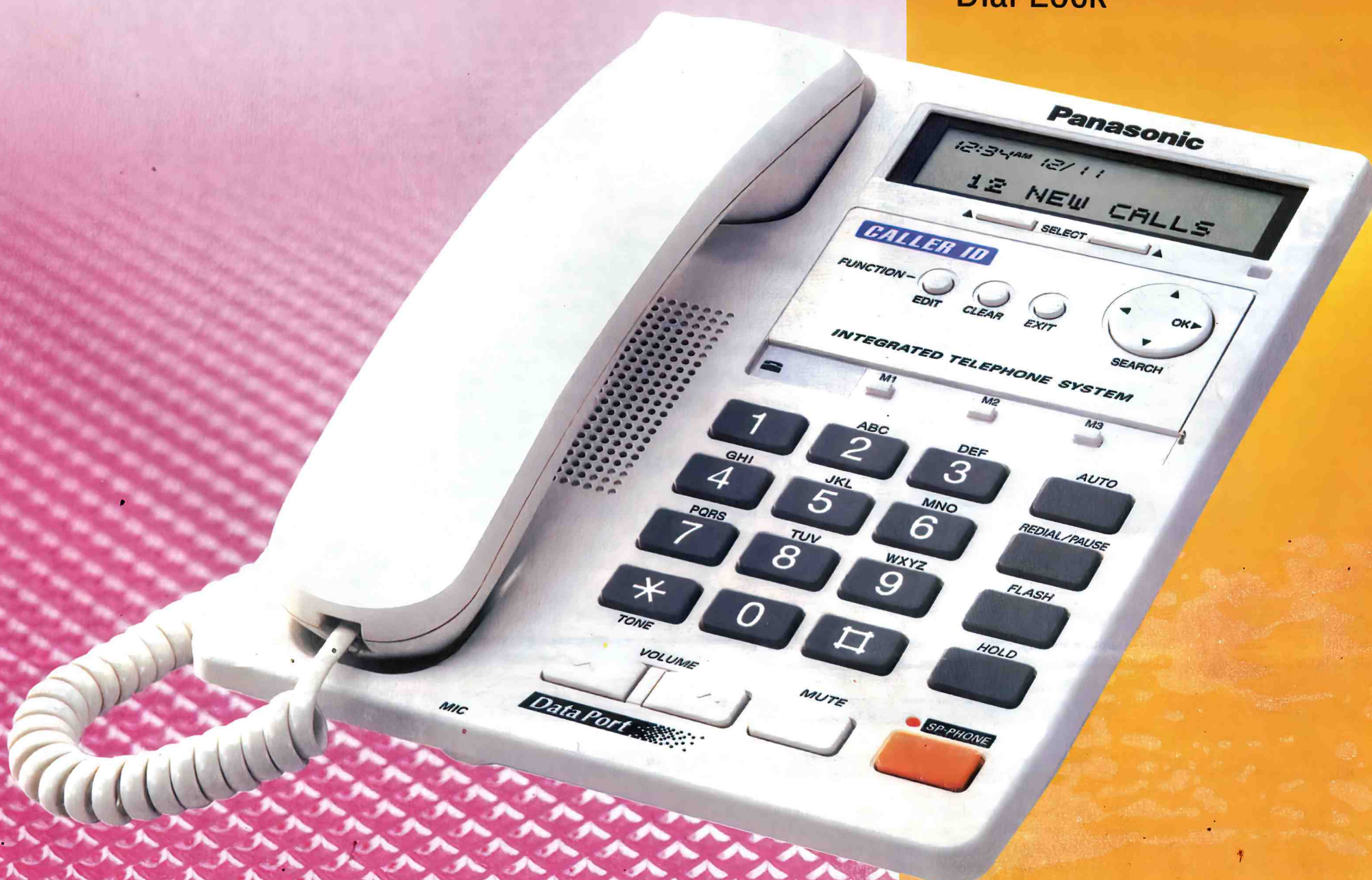
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Press Scanner

Prepared by Mohammed Khidhr

Al-Wahdawi weekly, organ of the Nasserite People's Unionist Organization, 30 Oct. 2001

Mr Abduraqib Fatih says in an article that all world nations, of all religions, have condemned the events of 11 September in the USA and offered condolences for the innocent who were killed in them. Those nations have also called upon the U.S. leaders and the people to behave reasonably and in accordance with values of civilization and modern age. Leaders of the U.S. have instead of that began unleashing accusations, lacking concrete evidence, against the Arabs and Muslims. They have also acquitted some and accused others without even offering evidences. Thus an entire nation has become accused and scores with her should be settled. Arab and Muslim rulers, according to this situation, are demanded to present statements on their citizens in line with the American form delivered to them.

The writer maintains that observers of behavior of the U.S. rulers following the event of 11 September would reach a conclusion which is that the most powerful state in the world has changed into a developing country. They have appointed an interior minister, passed laws allowing interference in personal freedoms, tapping telephone conversations, froze individuals' financial assets in addition to the military massing up to deal blows to individuals and groups merely for their religious affiliation, etc. All these aspects of behavior confirm that change of a state claiming to be master and leader of the world.

Al-Jamaheer weekly, organ of the Arab Baath Socialist party (Syrian organization) 28 Oct. 2001

Mr Abduraqib al- Ama'aqi wonders in an article who the real terrorist is. He says that the West, led by America, is launching a pitched campaign against the Arabs and Islam in general, accusing them with terror both regionally and locally. He elaborates saying that America itself has trained Osama bin Laden for fighting the Soviets in Afghanistan and America itself is now accusing him as a dangerous terrorist that should be rid of at any price. That means that the role assigned by America for him has come to an end. America has also accused Iraq as being a threat against world peace and as falsely it claims that Iraq's threat should be curbed. It has launched all its lethal weapons to destroy its economic infrastructure and the subsequent destruction of its civil installations, such as hospitals, bridges, power stations, water purification plants and child food industries.

America alone has used its pressure on the UN to impose economic blockade on Iraq since 1990 and that led to the death of more than three million civilians, including more than a million children and the tragedy is still going on. America has also allotted \$ 100 in its attempts to topple the Iraqi government. All these measures are a violation of the simplest rules of international laws that stipulate non-permission of interference in other countries' internal affairs. America has moreover funded tens of military coups in Latin America, Asia and Africa and their bloody consequences. It is the main supporter for Israel for occupation of Palestine and killing Palestinians with the most lethal weapons. At present it is waging it war of terror on the defenseless Afghans, killing the innocent and children and claims that it wants to fight terror, whereas it is the very terror.

Annas weekly 29 Oct. 2001

Dr Haasan Al-Jawsh'ie says it is clear that the way America has been following in its fight on terror, is the completely the wrong one. The annihilation war against the sick and hungry Afghan people flaring up since 7 October looks as if stemming from a severe rancor. It looks as a retaliatory war against Islam and Muslims under pretext of combating terrorism. A sim-

ple calculation shows that very few soldiers from Taliban were already killed in this war. The fact on the other hand reveals that more than a thousand of Afghan civilians have so far been killed. Will millions of Afghan Muslims be exterminated in the process of trying to capture bin Laden? The present American policy in this regard is unjustifiable. It is an unbelievable to destroy an entire Muslim people just because of the events in New York and Washington though there is not so far any evidence on bin Laden's involvement in these attacks. This policy would generate more terrorist movements and organizations. Violence would only breed violence and America's violence against Afghanistan would engender more terror against the American people. The situation would be worse if America insisted on pursuing this devastating policy. It would be worse not for America alone but rather for the whole world.

Al-Mithaq weekly, organ of the People's General Congress party, 29 Oct. 2001

Dr Abdulaziz al-Maqalih says in his article that it has been obvious since the beginning of the American-Afghan war that the Zionist entity would not miss the available opportunity to use it (for implementing its goals and atrocities against the Palestinian people.) The American administration was heedful of what might happen in occupied Palestine therefore it mildly pronounced a number of floating statements. Some of them calling the attention of the enemy rather than warning it.

The Zionist entity has exploited the ongoing war in Afghanistan through embarking on assassinating Palestinian leaders and hunting down what it describes as activists. The undeclared war reached its apex by re-occupying the Palestinian cities, besieging some of them, demolishing people's houses and killing innocent people. The American administration seems to be unconcerned with what is happening in Palestine not because of its preoccupation in a war of power demonstration in Afghanistan but rather it knows well that the Arab and Islamic public opinion is convinced that the U.S. attitude towards events in Palestine is characterized by motivating the Zionist entity's acts rather than warning it, and a call for taking advantage of these circumstances.

Saut-Ashoura weekly, organ of Yemeni People's Forces Union, 28 Oct. 2001

Columnist Mohammed Saleh A-Hadhri says the poor of Afghanistan are coming under shelling with the most sophisticated weapons at the hand of the U.S. under the international community nose that is dissembling Washington. The world is currently leading circumstances confirming absence of humanitarian leadership of the kind the world was enjoying during the nineties of the last century. Leaderships were representing the centrist current calling for peace and the establishment of the new economic world order. Now there is also a recession in the humanitarian activity as a whole, proving that poverty has become spiritual in addition to its being material.

The writer says "I am against all forms of terrorism and against dictatorship which is a trait of the ruling systems of the countries damaged militarily due to their contradictions with the new international arrangements." The American military strike at Afghanistan has exceeded all logical justifications as it targets the civilians and destroy dignity of a people where there is no more any indication of human dignity in their life. All social and cultural peculiarity of this country is obliged to migrate towards refuge with bitterness no less than that stemming from their stay that threatens the Afghan man's right to live.

ATTARIQ weekly, 30 Oct. 2001

Columnist Khalid Ali Tuaiman says in an article that unipolar system in the world of today is no longer reliant on realistic bases. The concept of power

of this international party or that is no longer confined to the military force but includes other elements of power, mainly the economic, technological and extent of availability and possession of information network. The supposition that the present international stage depends on a unipole represented by the United States could be considered a colonialist stage conflicting with the idea of the new world order which has begun to be crystallized in the wake of the end of the cold war at the end of the eighties of the last century.



RAY weekly, organ of Sons of Yemen League party, 30 Oct. 2001

Mr Abdulwasie Al-Nakhilani discusses in his article what is going on in two hot regions in the world generating great problems threatening and undermining peace and stability of the world. The theme and essence of the crisis is terrorism. The first image is that of what is happening in Palestine and the second image is depicting the events in Afghanistan. Regarding the first image the writer says that the Israeli war criminal Ariel Sharon and his Zionist government are practicing the killing annihilation of the Palestinian people in a way the least description of it is that of a terrorist act. The writer maintains that America is presently leading a ferocious war under the pretext of fighting terror. It refuses that terror undermines peace and security of the international community and embarks on doing all that for the sake of freedom and protection of peoples' dignity against terror.

All this diversified terror causing concern for the American and the world is confined to Afghanistan for "harbouring" Al-Qaeda organization and its leader Osama bin Laden. American mirror thus reflects terror and there is emphasis on the Middle East. One wonders why America does not see terror but with the Arabs and Muslims? Why does America turn a blind eye on the most savage occupation and terrorism perpetrated by Zionism against the Arabs in Palestine.



As-Sahwa weekly, 1 Nov. 2001

Abdul Malik Ash-Shaibani says in an article published in this week's edition of the newspaper that Afghanistan is a graveyard for invaders, starting from Al-Iskandar al-Maqdoni through Britain and Russia, would it be true that the same fate to be faced by America today?

The author maintains that he fears that the U.S. would destroy the Afghan people "mistakenly" because of the many mistakes it is committing everyday in its iniquitous war against the Afghan people, let alone those that it does not admit. It is a unilateral war because there is nothing in Afghanistan that deserves to be pounded by American raiding warplanes. If the United States and Britain have declared that they would fight terrorism, so far more than 26 days have elapsed and the two countries are killing the Afghan people who have nothing to do with 11 September attacks in America, the events denounced by all religions, mainly Islam.



Ath-Thawri weekly, organ of YSP, 1 Nov. 2001

In its editorial the newspaper says that while air raids and missile shelling continue in Afghanistan under the slogan of uprooting terrorism, there other no less ferocious confrontations going on at more than one front between parties different in formation and interests. These confrontations focus on defining terror that implies destruction, killing of the innocent and destabilization of international stability and the right of peoples to follow all legitimate ways and means for resisting occupation.

This confusion which is being marketed nowadays by some countries would weaken the international and human coalition against what has become described today as terrorism. Such ambiguity could be used as a pretext for violating human rights and freedoms of people.

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

It must be asked, why did bin Laden attack the WTC? Many say 'because of US policies.' If this is the case why are people not protesting for bin Laden and the Taliban to adopt peaceful and diplomatic means to protest US policies? Could it be possible that bin Laden is inciting a response from the US from which he claims Muslims are being targeted, just to engage other Muslims in his campaign?

Many are saying the 'US are just retaliating against Afghanistan.' If the US just wanted revenge, why are they using the laser guided missiles to minimize civilian casualties? If the US just wanted revenge all they would need is one B52 to bomb a populated area. While bin Laden's mistake was when 43000 people managed to flee the WTC before it fell, the US's mistake is when a missile targeted on a helicopter misses and kills innocent Afghans.

Afghanistan has a life expectancy of 45. Infant mortality is high, malnutrition is up to 18%, and millions of Afghan people are still in refugee camps after six years of Taliban rule. Why have Muslims not helped the Afghan people, and why has it been left to the US to supply aid? Why has the Taliban been growing opium for the drug trade, of which little goes to the people, instead of growing food for the starving Afghan people? Why have the Taliban been blocking the gas pipeline across Afghanistan, which would provide a source of revenue to feed the starving Afghans? While 'bagging America' may be the national sport of Arab countries, and a game I have played myself at times, what good is being achieved with mindless 'Death to America' chants (even before Sept 11)? While focusing on a common hatred can unite a populace, would Muslims and Islam be enhanced by propagating 'Peace' and not 'Hatred'?

I would like all peoples to freely choose their religion and government and to be able to live and worship in peace.

It seems to me greater peace would be achieved if Muslims would take actions against those who bring their religion into disrepute, rather than leaving this to the infidels. I pray this is read with the good intentions with which it was written.

Ed Herweyn
Australia

Dear Editor,

I read your editorial on Yemen security with interest. A question: where were the weapons manufactured? How do Yemen citizens purchase these weapons? In Canada, we have strict gun control laws. It is a criminal offense to possess an unregistered firearm, and if a gun were used against a citizen, it would be a serious offense. Self-defense would not likely stand up in a court of law.

John Beder
Canada

Dear John,

Weapons in Yemen are mainly Chinese and Russian made kalashnikovs. They are purchased in many traditional illegal markets in rural areas like Jehana near Sanaa City. However, unlike Canada, carrying and selling weapons is not well regulated, resulting in potential dangers in the form of tribal and military clashes.

—Editor

Canada's Gangsters

A year ago a Canadian/Yemeni young man was killed in gang war. The teen was a member of gang, and lost his life due to the effects of gangster lifestyle. It is a very sad and heart breaking story, to lose a child. The violence of US ghetto culture is creeping through-out Canada.

Is Canada becoming another copy of the slums of New York or LA? I hope and pray not. Parents try hard to educate their kids, and all their efforts are lost when there is no connection between two worlds. Kids feel they belong to the pack of gangsters. Parents need to seek help and advice on how to raise and cope with disasters like these. There is always preventive methods. Parents should be vigilant and smart, otherwise they will lose their kids to the gang. The kids are lost to gangs and the drug culture. There many telling signs. Is it the parents fault? I think so!

Hussain Ali

Dear Editor,

I think that your web site and newspaper were great but I would like more information on the government and the people's living conditions.

What are some of the customs? How do citizens earn a living? What is the role of women in society? Are there any famous people who have come from Yemen? If you could please send some of this information by Oct. 16. I would be very grateful.

Zaq Bynre

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Dear Zaq,

Your questions can better be understood by reading books about Yemen. I suggest you visit amazon.com where you can find fascinating and realistic books on Yemen. You can also try to find answers to your question by searching our archive at yementimes.com/search.htm. Good luck.

—Editor

Dear Editor,

I was very pleased upon reading the Yemen Times. I have finally found a mirror perspective on the issues of Yemen. Please continue to do what you are doing. May Allah bless you for all you have done. I was born here in America, but I am of Yemeni decent. I am very saddened at the state of my very large Yemeni community in America. It seems that a large number of people who come to America from Yemen fall into the hands of Satan's doings. For example, I would say that 20% of my Yemeni community have problems with alcohol. A large number of men are committing adultery, gambling, selling drugs, are imprisoned, or have children out of wedlock. It has become a norm in my community. I feel the source of this is their lack of true Iman (faith). You may consider writing an article about the changes that occur, when coming to a society where everything that is not Islamic is ok.

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Dear Editor,

I just want to comment on the article: "Message to Yemen." In fact, the writer has put forth a very important issue. Lots of nations throughout history are victims of the policy of their leaders. Their only crime is that they did (and do) affiliate to the country governed by those hasty leaders. They are the innocents who pay the price of the criminals, but I do think they are to blame because it was on their hand to change some thing before hell opened its doors. Do they not pity the Iraqi people who suffer all the time, and then and what about the Palestinians and their long-standing suffering plus so many other examples? Their country as the superpower of the world was obligated to do something. It is reported that the Prophet Mohammed (pbuh) once said: leader is the same in nature as the led.

We youth, have held several sessions trying to analyze this recent attack on the US. Some, or to be more specific, many, were in favor of the attack and few were against it. When the first group was to justify their position, they said they deserve it. It is true that they are innocent but it was the only way to exert pressure on the US government. When the Americans suffer they will impose their will on their leaders forcing them to revise their policy. The coming days will mean a lot to us. We will just wait and see.

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Response to letter to Editor

Dear Jamal Abdulla Saleh,

I was very saddened to read your letter to the editor published recently in Yemen Times.

It seems you feel both the USA and the UN are neglecting Iraq and Palestine. I have to admit, that I do not think your criticisms are completely without cause. I cannot condone inaction to such terrible situations.

However, decisions made at high levels regarding international policies do not reflect a lack of compassion felt by individuals for the fate of people who suffer.

I lived in Cuba where I saw the impacts US sanctions have on the lives of people I have great respect for. I do not now, nor have I ever supported sanctions or any actions that cause people to suffer. I created lesson plans in a Japanese school for which I

worked. These plans discussed the situation in Palestine and how much the current situation there causes suffering.

This is part of who I am. I am an American, but I am critical of many of the USA's policies. However I must tell you who else I am. Today, one month after the tragedies in New York, Washington, and Pennsylvania I am also someone who is trying to recover. My younger sister, who was 20 years old, was a passenger on flight 93. I believe the men who were responsible for her death just saw her as one more American, one more enemy. I am writing to say that she was so much more than that. She was not anyone's enemy. She was just a girl we loved very much.

I do not celebrate the deaths of those killed in any country. Whether people are killed in the name of Allah, God, revenge or justice, those who mourn them cry. Wounds are so easily inflicted, and it is so much more difficult to heal them.

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Dear Editor,

I just came across your paper in today's Wall Street Journal article (Tues., 10-9). I found it very interesting. Needless to say, I disagree with several very "uninformed" opinions. Should I choose to write a responding letter to your editor, what assurances do I have that my identity will be protected? I don't particularly want my computer assaulted with 50,000 emails.

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Dear Editor,

I was really pleased to find your website. I live in Canada and have been reading and listening to North American news only. Since your newspaper is on the internet, it allows me to gain a different perspective on things and hear about activities and opinions I would have never otherwise heard of. Keep up the good work and thanks for making this available.

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Dear Editor,

Its quite funny to read about security and that this matter should be brought up now and be openly discussed. I've been living once in Yemen, working as a teacher at the University of Sana'a, and to keep it short - you should talk more about racism in the first place. One of the sources to the security problem in Yemen is racism. I experience it quite often. For instance, somebody attacked me in the middle of the street, late evening, at night, just because my skin is not white enough, but rather brown. I have the looks of a Somali - you know of course what that means in Yemen.

Another problem in your society is the problem of facing up to the truth - you should educate the people to say the truth more often and maybe to go praying less - but, the latter, not necessarily.

I've left Yemen because I felt insecure: some students behaved rather awkwardly toward me - because I was trying to give them the degrees (marks) they deserved. Believe me, they made such a fuss, even going to the German embassy talking foul nonsense and to the big boss of university, so that in the end I had to give them "reasonable" marks.

Yemen could be a nice place, but the people are too racist - like east Germany! Sorry, they are so proud of themselves, so it seems, so that they are not to carry their garbage to the next waste bin - fortunately not all of them. Nevertheless, this is another striking impression in which, most likely, the above mentioned characteristics find some kind of an outlet.

The solution in my view is to forbid weaponry immediately and the abusive use of qat and to build kindergartens for everybody, which means at the expense of the state!

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Dear Editor,

I'd like to introduce my thanks to you and to the Yemen Times staff for the efforts exerted in preparing this newspaper. I also want to be one of Yemen Times' friends.

All that I want to say is thank you very much for covering most of our country issues. Finally God bless you and move on forward.

Mohammed Saeed Gahlan

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Hassan Mohammed Al-Kabous is the Chairman of the Al-Kabous for Trade, Industry and Investment. At this moment, He is the member of the Commerce Chamber Administration Council in the General Secretariat. The Manager Advertisement, Waleed Abdullah Al-Saqaf met up with him and filed the following interview.

Q: Would you give us a brief account of Al-Kabous Group?

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agent among the international companies and rewarded the ISO prize in Paris in 1998.

Q: How do you assess the recent election conducted recently for the Commerce Chamber and what facilities does the chamber it may introduce in the future?

A: The election that has been conducted recently considered one of the significant achievements according to the programs and plans which have been prepared for the sake of the success of the election without any impediments. It has prepared the way for the democratic and brotherly atmosphere in order to compete with the candidates. It has sought to serve the permanent development in our country. The election has been achieved successfully starting from the moment of preparation and concluding to the moment of counting votes. I hope that these elections to be added to the previous election record in order to be rightly typified. In this respect, I highly appreciate those who supervise the progress and supervision of the election. We honest-

ly hold in high regards the hands that work under the same roof.

Q: In your point of view, what are hindrances that encounter the local investors in Yemen?

A: Despite the facilities and privileges provided by the investment law, we have some hindrances blocking the way and allow the foreign investors to abandon their investment files from Yemen. These hindrances can be briefly summed as follows:

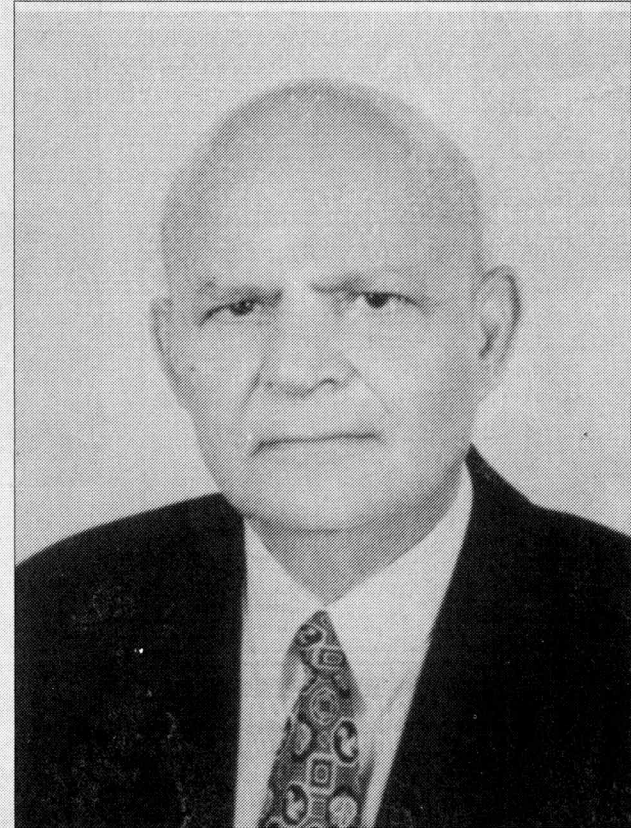
1- Instability and ruin of the judicial system in Yemen.
2- Temperamental differences to tackle problem wisely and the comparison between investors to grant them the available facilities and privileges.

3- What lacks the local investor in Yemen is the unavailability of a comprehensive study when handling any projects and this of course leads to the failure of the project.

4- The former Commerce Chamber in Yemen has done to do its best in standing in front of tribal and tribulations and no one can deny that. These efforts and success is attributed to Abdullah Al-Sunaidar, after he was appointed as the Chairman of the General Union of Industry and Commerce Chambers. Hopefully, we will in future activate the role of the commerce chamber for the better.

5- The investment process is excellent under the wise leadership represented by the president of the republic, Ali Abdullah Saleh. This will in turn give better opportunities and facilities with regard to the investment process in Yemen whether the local or international companies. The investment law in Yemen has provided excellent facilities and this undoubtedly will facilitate investment processes in our country.

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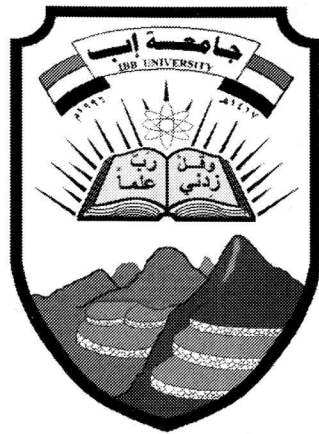
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Dia Bids Farewell To Rami al-Ghazali

As the Dia concluded its workshop on photography and painting on pottery last week, it also bade farewell to one of its most active personnel. IT manger



of the organization, Rami al-Ghazali, is, in fact, more than a webmaster. He is a painter and a professional photographer as well. The workshop, which was his idea, included some of his fas-

inating works, which were exhibited along with other enchanting works of other young photographers and artists of promising future. Al-Ghazali was born in Yugoslavia in 1966. He studied arts, besides being interested in computers, which motivated him to establish a computer consulting company in Belgrade. When war broke out, the company he ran was closed and he moved to Italy, where he was involved in freelance photographing for almost a year before coming to Yemen one year and a half ago. In Yemen he joined the Dia organization, which was at the time looking for an IT manager. *Continued on page 12*

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They banned TV, music, and arts, forbid girls from education, and claim to be implementers of Islamic Sharia

UNDERSTANDING THE TALIBAN

Many of our readers, Yemeni and foreign wanted to get an insight to the lives and rule of the Taliban. In this issue, we present a summarized and brief look into the Taliban by bringing views of prominent media establishments and politicians.

The BBC

The Taliban's aim was to set up the world's most pure Islamic state, banning frivolities like television, music and cinema. Their attempts to eradicate crime have been reinforced by the introduction of Islamic law including public executions and amputations. A flurry of regulations forbidding girls from going to school and women from working quickly brought them into conflict with the international community. Such issues, along with restrictions on women's access to health care, have also caused some resentment among ordinary Afghans.

Mohartma Benazir Bhutto, Former Pakistani Prime Minister:

The Taliban in Afghanistan do a great disservice to women and Islam when they ban women from working. Their ban has nothing to do with Islam. Their ban has much to do with ancient tribal customs and patriarchal values.

The women of Afghanistan, and women in other parts of the Muslim world expect moral support from the rest of the world community in their struggle to work and to free choice.

The Afghan clerics and clerics elsewhere tell us that women must be locked behind four walls. But the prophet Mohammed, peace be upon him, set the example by marrying a working woman. His wife was a successful businesswoman.

Clerics tell us that a man can take four wives. They ignore the example of the prophet Mohammed who took but one wife until wife Khadija died.

They ignore the example set by Hazrat Ali, who whilst wife Fatima lived, never took a second wife. The Taliban are wrong when they drape women from head to foot forcing them to wear the purdah. Those who force women into purdah forget that

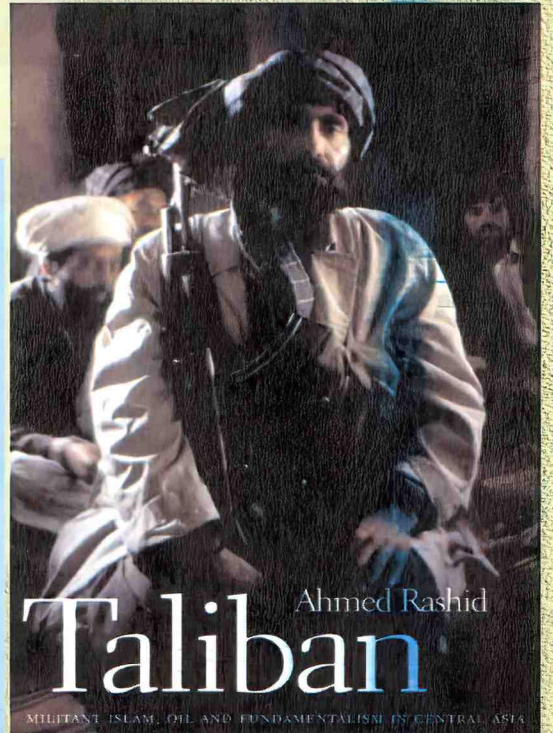
the holy prophet said that the best is the veil in the eyes.

Review for Ahmed Rashid's Book "Taliban" (see cover):

There is more than ample evidence from the hundreds of thousands who have fled the country to justify the claims made in the book. I give credit to the Taliban for trying to bring to an end a civil war that was crippling Afghanistan, but I strongly refute any claim that theirs is a 'good system'. It is a criminally insane system. Law and order should not be based on some form of 'divine guidance'. One man's god is another man's devil, so which divinity should we follow? Law and order should be based on the sort of independence of choice and expression that exist in the 'free' world, without coercion and without doing harm to others. Personal morality, too, is not something to be dictated by society, it is up to the individual to determine what is right and what is wrong (always within the premise of doing harm to no-one else).

A list of some items & activities the Taliban declare to be against Islamic "Sharia" (CBC):

- the Internet
- computer discs
- non-religious music
- musical instruments
- cassettes
- dancing
- kite-flying
- playing cards
- chessboards
- neckties
- lipstick
- nail polish
- fireworks
- fashion catalogues
- poppy crops
- pig-fat products
- anything made with human hair
- plus much more..



Ahmed Rashid
Taliban
MILITANT ISLAM, OIL AND FUNDAMENTALISM IN CENTRAL ASIA

NOW THAT IS BIZARRE!

A weekly column for bizarre stories & news

Who Doesn't Need Alien and Ghost Insurance?

UNITED KINGDOM - Insurance companies prey on common fears all the time, but a new UK policy takes this a little too far. Under a new Spooksafe policy, the company Ultraviolet will pay out for any death, injury or damage to personal items determined to be caused by a ghost or poltergeist. The policy officially covers the cost of a ghost attack, an encounter with a space alien, and consequences from becoming a werewolf or vampire. Over 500 policies have been drafted thus far this year, and the company paid out on a case where a woman died after being thrown over banisters. A special team of investigators had determined the woman was thrown by a ghost. The werewolf and vampire policies have been especially popular. Just in time for Halloween.

Would-Be Robber Gets Burned By Frozen Chicken

TOKOROA, New Zealand - "What a Gas!" could be the phrase used to describe a 19-year-old's robbery attempt. Raymond Thomas Jacobson reportedly broke into a stranger's house looking for food. He found a frozen chicken in a basement freezer, and having no other way to prepare his meal, doused it in gasoline and set it on fire. The blaze quickly got out of control which in turn woke the home owners, who were too late to put it out. The fire caused more than \$160,000 worth of damage. Jacobson, who apparently pleaded guilty to arson, five charges of burglary and one of theft earlier, was jailed for two years by Judge Phillip Cooper.

A New Way To Fight Price Wars

When the station down the street started offering gas for 16 cents a gallon cheaper than his, gas station owner Ed Trudeau decided the deal was too good to pass up. He and his son-in-law jumped in their 8,500-gallon tanker and headed to the competitor to fill up. The clerk told Trudeau to stop, but he continued pumping until workers shut off the gas. He paid \$427.53 for 342.58 gallons of gas and left just as station employees raised the price. "I can buy gas from him cheaper than from my oil suppliers," Trudeau commented.

Short-Sighted Greyhound Makes Eye Contact With Success

MANCHESTER, England - With a blink of an eye, a short-sighted greyhound is now winning races after being fitted with contact lenses. The dog had been diagnosed as being blind as a bat by leading British animal eye specialist, Pip Boydell, at the Animal Medical Referral Centre in Manchester. According to Boydell, "The greyhound was severely short-sighted and always came second because it followed the dog in front." Now with these special contact lenses, the dog can see the hare and has begun to win. "The dog loved running and didn't suffer at all," Boydell concluded.

Ships Detention at Aden Port: A SYMPOSIUM

The Port of Aden has witnessed within the last few years newly-made vessels to enter the port and to prohibit detaining ships at the port. The Governor of Aden concluded his word stressing that he is categorically against the detention of vessels at the port whatsoever the reasons are.



On his part, Abduljabar Thabit, Chairman of the Navigation Chamber, said, "The reasons behind the detention of ships are mainly pertinent to the injuries among the port's workers or problems related to goods." Mr. Abduljabar Thabit stressed that the problem of goods is not a new thing as the same problem had existed before at the port of Hudaidda, adding that every merchant having problem with companies used to ask the detention of the ship through a court ruling with the view of demanding damages.

On the other hand, the Judge Fahim Chairman of Aden Commercial Court said that since his appointment at the court, he has been suffering from this problem, stressing that Yemen has a marine law that should be applied when tackling these issues and if amending this law is necessary, then it should be referred to the Parliament. The Chairman of Aden Commercial Court further added that the agents of the shipping companies wrongly understand the procedures taken by the court regarding the detention of some ships that have pending problem with the workers of the port.

saying that he will not accept any leniency in the rights of workers for pleasing shipping companies. Judge Fahim, Chairman of the Commercial Court made it clear that applying the Yemeni marine law has to do with the state's sovereignty, adding that the foreign shipping companies you are advocating had themselves commended the efforts Aden Commercial court. "The shipping companies disregard the safety means of their workers as they don't abide by the safety precautionary measures, thus contributing to endangering the lives of the port's workers," Judge Fahim maintained.

Captain Abdullah Ibrahim, Director-General of the Port of Aden, said, despite the recommendations and decrees issued by the Parliament, prohibiting the detention of ships at Yemeni ports, unfortunately the problem of detaining ships still exists. Captain Abdullah Ibrahim maintained that the reasons behind the detention of ships at ports are for demanding damages or for other indirect reasons pertaining to the shipping agents.

Similarly, Mr. Neal Proctor, Director-General of P&I, said that the aim of his visit this time is for attending the symposium dedicated for finding solutions for the problem of detaining ships at Yemeni ports, which harms the reputation of Yemeni ports and the shipping companies as well. Mr. Neal Proctor noted that this problem requires coordination among all the related authorities within the Yemeni government, which will help in promptly solving this problem.

The symposium eventually arrived to the following decisions, which will contribute to solving this problem at the port as follows:

- Stopping shipping companies that do not abide by laws;
- Setting up a medical committee to be entrusted with issuing medical reports concerning injuries among the port's workers;
- Training the workers and supervisors of the port ;
- Providing workers with a uniform garment along with other safety measures.

By Ridwan Al-Saqqaq
Aden Bureau Chief, YT

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American Marines Study Poetry in Preparation for Afghanistan Ground Battle

According to Claudia Parsons of Reuters, U.S. marines poised for battle are taking time off between keeping fit and cleaning their guns to study anger management and World War One poetry.

According to the report: "The war poetry gives them an outlet to maybe express what they're going through right now," said Captain Chris Picado, who teaches an English class to 18 marines on board the USS Peleliu warship in the Arabian Sea.

"If anything it'll make them better writers to their wives," said Picado, keen to be a high school teacher after she leaves the marines where she works in intelligence.



Photo of the Week



Don't mind him. He didn't know that he parked on a small tree 5 years ago.

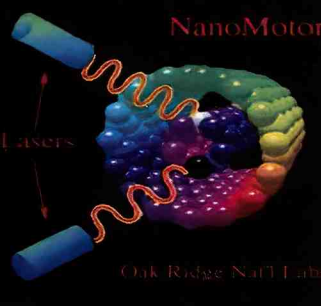
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SMART MATERIALS & NANOTECHNOLOGY



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The shotgun marriage of chemistry and engineering called "Nanotechnology" is ushering in the era of self-replicating machinery and self-assembling consumer goods made from cheap raw atoms.

Manufactured products are made from atoms. The properties of those products depend on how those atoms are arranged. If we rearrange the atoms in coal we can make diamond. If we rearrange the atoms in sand (and add a few other trace elements) we can make computer chips. If we rearrange the atoms in dirt, water and air we can make potatoes.

About Nanotechnology

Nanotechnology is molecular manufacturing or, more simply, building things one atom or molecule at a time with programmed nanoscopic robot arms. A nanometer is one billionth of a meter (3 - 4 atoms wide). Utilizing the well-understood chemical properties of atoms and molecules (how they "stick" together), Nanotechnology proposes the construction of novel molecular devices possessing extraordinary properties. The trick is to manipulate atoms individually and place them exactly where needed to produce the desired structure. This ability is almost in our grasp.

In a world of information, digital technologies have made copying fast, cheap, and perfect, quite independent of cost or complexity of the content. What if the same were to happen in the world of matter? The production cost of a ton of terabyte RAM chips would be about the same as the production cost of steel. Design costs would matter whereas production wouldn't cost that much.

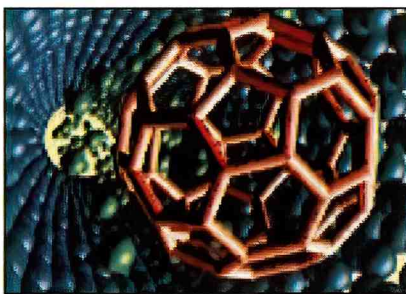
By treating atoms as discrete, bit-like objects, molecular manufacturing will bring a digital revolution to the production of material objects. Working at the resolution limit of matter, it will enable the ultimate in miniaturization and performance. By starting with cheap, abundant components (molecules

and processing them with small, high frequency, high-productivity machines, it will make products inexpensive. Design computers that each executes more instructions per second than the entire semiconductor CPUs in the world combined.

Smart Materials

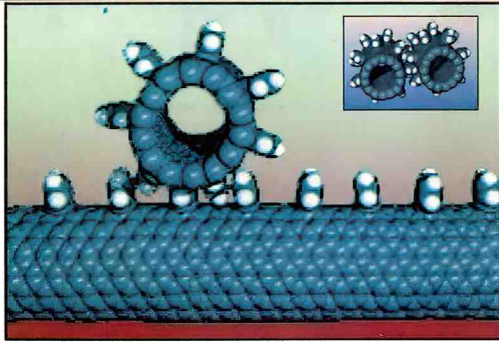
Smart Materials are solids or fluids that can alter their properties to suit their environment by rearranging surface atoms in appropriate patterns; smart materials will utilize the same light diffraction technique as butterfly wings to produce color.

Cosmetics are one of many multi-billion dollar industries that will benefit from a new class of coating called "Smart Materials". This smart coating will certainly cross genders because of some utilitarian properties unrelated to fashion. The proposed class of smart coatings, though extremely thin, contains a grab bag of nano-structural composites. Laced with nano-computers, their extraordinary powers offer usages yet to be imagined. Like with all smart materials, conversion of the polish to a flat screen color monitor or videophone is a snap. A fingernail may be a desirable place to locate your personal computer interface. An environmental monitor could be included to warn of high carbon dioxide concentration or radiation.



One's physiological status could be constantly monitored. All of these functions could run on solar power generated in normal lighting conditions. Smart Materials will undoubtedly be popular and find their way into many amazing applications in the future.

Micro Electro Mechanical Systems



(MEMS)

MEMS are devices / chip-controlled motors that are often smaller than a pinhead; a few micron to a few millimeters in size, that integrate mechanical elements, sensors, actuators, etc..

These devices are being embedded in common materials to turn them into smart materials that can respond and react to external stimuli.

The first generation of MEMS and Nanotechnology products are already out of the labs and in the prototype stage, at a recent show, a Paris-based fashion house featured a shirt that can change its color with the changes in light. A US clothes retailer is planning to make a jacket that can sense a drop in temperature to release more heat. And Levi's has experimented with a jacket with an embedded cell phone and a MP3 player.

Many companies around the world are investing more in the Nanotechnology research & development, for example in Japan Mitsubishi Corporation is setting up a \$100 million venture capital fund for Nanotechnology start-up, also in the US the National Science Foundation predicts that the market for Nanotechnology products and services will be worth \$1 trillion by 1015.

Grand Challenges

Materials & Manufacturing

Nanotechnology is fundamentally changing the way materials and devices will be produced in the future. Nanostructures, ceramics, polymers, metals, and other materials will have greatly improved mechanical prop-

erties. In fact, with the ability to build things atom-by-atom and molecule-by-molecule there will be new classes of structural materials. Nanotechnology will enable products to be lighter, stronger, smarter, cheaper, cleaner, and more precise.

Medicine & Health

Nanotechnology will provide new tools for medicine. It could radically change the way surgery is done. It will make it

possible to do molecular-scale surgery to repair and rearrange cells. Since disease is the result of physical disorder, misarranged molecules and cells, medicine at this level should be able to cure most diseases. Mutations in DNA could be repaired and cancer cells, toxic chemicals, and viruses could be destroyed through use of medical Nanodevices.

Intelligent materials could help in making health-giving fabrics; these smart fabrics can contain pro vitamins that turn into vitamins on contact with skin, in addition on that there are smart shirts, which could roll up its sleeves when it's too hot & transmit your health status to the doctor 24/7

Tomorrow's Military

With Nanotechnology, future soldiers will move through battlefields wearing networked uniforms with built-in sensors, which will make monitoring soldiers vital signs on a real-time basis and even send back images to commanders possible. Also soldiers will have a range of equipment such as: a communication system, lightweight bulletproof clothing & smart views of enemy positions.

Environment & Energy

Nanotechnology has the potential to significantly impact energy efficiency, storage, and production. Nanotechnology can change the economics of energy production. For instance, nanometer-sized solar cells could be developed to provide much of the energy needed around the world. We already know how to make solar cells. Nanotechnology would cut their costs, finally making solar power economical. In fact, it could supply

huge orders of more energy than people now use, and it would be cleaner and safer than any of our current methods for making power.

Transport

As smart materials can be aware of their surroundings, this can help in building intelligent aircraft health monitoring systems, & will help in checking vibrations, which will help in making flights smoother & cope with sudden air changes, also smart materials help reduce the number of moving parts in a vehicle, which will reduce weight and improve efficiency.

Nanoelectronics & Computer Technology

Nanotechnology will enable the construction of nanoscale circuits and computers. Smaller circuits run faster and this enables far greater computing speeds. Nanomaterials can help by providing nanocrystalline materials of ultra-high purity and with better thermal conductivity and longer life. With this, a laptop computer could have its computing efficiency increased by millions.

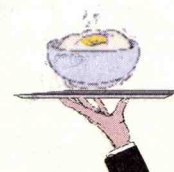
Aeronautics & Space Exploration

The stringent fuel constraints of lifting payloads into earth orbit and beyond, and the desire to send spacecraft away from the sun (diminishing solar power) for extended missions, compel continued reduction in size, weight, and power consumption of payloads. Nanostructured materials and devices promise solutions to these challenges. Nanostructuring is also critical to the design and manufacture of lightweight, high-strength, thermally stable materials for aircraft, rockets, space stations, and planetary/solar exploratory platforms. Moreover, the low gravity, high vacuum space environment may aid development of nanostructures and nanoscale systems that cannot be created on Earth.

Conclusion

Humanity will be faced with a powerful, accelerated social revolutions a result of Nanotechnology. In the near future, scientists will succeed in constructing the first nano-sized robot capable of self-replication. Within a few years, virtually all present industrial processes will be obsolete as well assure contemporary concept of labor. Consumer goods will become plentiful, inexpensive, smart, and durable. Medicine will take a quantum leap forward. Space travel and colonization will become safe and affordable. For these and other reasons, global life styles will change radically and human behavior drastically impacted. To reach there the whole world has a strong position in the basic technologies. I seriously think it is time we pay more attention to this revolutionary technology.

DISH OF THE WEEK



By:
Chef Vihay Kumar
Executive Chef



Courtesy:
Taj Sheba Hotel,
Sanaa

Slimmer's Salad

Serves - 4

Ingredients

Carrots	300 GMS
Courgettes	300 GMS
Oranges	02 nos.
Walnuts	100 GMS
Olive oil	45 ml
Salt	to taste
Crushed pepper	to taste
Lettuce	few bunches

Method:

Peel and shred carrots, place in a large bowl. Coarsely crush walnuts and keep aside.

Cut top and bottom of the courgettes and cut it into two, remove the seeds and shred, add to the bowl.

To make dressing add grated rind and juice of orange, olive oil, salt and pepper and mix thoroughly.

Add the dressing to the vegetables and toss gently and serve immediately on a bed of lettuce, garnish with crushed walnuts.

Impressions about Yemen



On our transfer from Germany to Yemen we were surprisingly delighted to see the most unique and distinguished architecture of buildings particularly the Bab-al-Yemen and old city of Sana'a which is not doubt one of the living wonders of the world. Besides good weather of sana'a its people are brotherly, warm simple and loving. We feel ourselves at home. Most precisely I would say that you must visit Yemen before you die.

By Mrs. Fauzia Khan
Secretary
Heads of Missions Spouses Association (HOMSA)
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We have been in the Republic of Yemen for over 5 years now. So far it has been an interesting experience. Yemen is so unique, it is almost impossible to compare it to any other country in which we had the pleasure of being posted before. I realize that for the Yemeni people we Europeans must look different, behave different, but please believe me - we mean well and we truly respect your ways of life, your tradition and habits. The kindness and hospitality of Yemenis is exceptional - they are ready to share whatever they have even if they don't have much. In our today's consumption-oriented society it is a rare value.

I am sure that when I leave Yemen, I shall cherish the memories of the beautiful sunny blue skies, the mild weather, the wonderful warm waters of the Gulf of Aden and picturesque scenery of Yemen's countryside.

Mrs. Nina Suprowicz -
wife of the Ambassador of Poland to Yemen

بسكويت زينة أبووك

أطيب منه؟... مستحيل!

الف مبروك يا عمر



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استفتاءات الرأي ترى أن الحرب الأمريكية قد تكون خاسرة



واضحاً أن العجز الاستخباراتي في الحكومة الأمريكية للكشف عن مصدر تهديد هذه التكنولوجيا قد أدى إلى سطح شعبي واسع معتبرين ذلك تصغيراً واضحاً من حكومتهم التي عجزت عن الحصول على أبسط الآلة على المواطن.

وعلى مستوى عالمي، فإن المزيد من الانتقادات للحكومات المؤيدة للحرب قد بدأت في الازدياد حتى في المملكة المتحدة البريطانية حيث بينت صحيفة الـ Guardian البيعية أن دعم الشارع البريطاني للحرب قد تضائل إلى ٦٢٪ من ٧٤٪ في خلال أسبوعين فقط. وإذا استمر الحال على ما هو عليه، فمن المتوقع أن تهبط النسبة إلى ما دون الأغلبية لتضع الحكومة البريطانية في موقف صعب في مواجهة الرأي العام الذي بدأ ينظر لرئيس الوزراء توني بلير ككاتب وبليني لريجات القوى العظمى الولايات المتحدة دون أن يكون ذلك أي فائدة تذكر ليلاهم.

ويجدر بالإشارة إلى أن الإحصائيات المتعلقة بالرأي العالمي بالنسبة للحرب الجارية ضد ما يسمى بالإرهاب أصبحت الشغل الشاغل لصحف عالمية عديدة. وقد نشر مركز دراسات جالوب (Gallup) نتائج الاستفتاءات العالمية بشأن الإرهاب والتي بينت أن شرق أوروبا وأمريكا اللاتينية وأفريقيا وبعض دول آسيا متعاطفة مع أفغانستان ومعارضين للحرب الأمريكية بينما كانت أكثر الدول تشجيعاً لقتل المدنيين في إسرائيل حيث كانت نسبة الإسرائيليين الذين وافقوا على أن تكون الأهداف المدنية بالإضافة إلى الأهداف العسكرية من بين أهداف الضربات الأمريكية كانت أكبر نسبة من بين جميع دول العالم. وأكثر الدول الداعمة للحملة الأمريكية بينت أنها كانت إسرائيل، الهند ودول أوروبا الغربية. هذا بالرغم من أن معظم النتائج في الاستفتاءات تبين أن شعوب العالم تعارض سياسة الولايات المتحدة الخارجية خاصة فيما يخص التسلسل العسكري والسياسي. كما أنهم يؤمنون هذه السياسة ويعتبرونها إحدى أسباب انتشار الإرهاب في العالم. ومرة أخرى إسرائيل ترى أن سياسة أمريكا مثالية لتكون في الحالة الوحيدة التي تساند هذه السياسة الخارجية بسليتها ولجبايتها.

وفي استفتاء أخير، كشفت الأرقام أن الشارع الأمريكي ما زال متمسكاً بسياسة جورج بوش الابن في الشرق الأوسط بما يكفل عدم تدخل الولايات المتحدة قدر الإمكان.

ورأى النتائج لاستفتاء أجرى على آلاف الأمريكيين من قبل صحيفة «نيويورك تايمز» أكدت أن الأمريكيين متعاطفين مع إسرائيل ويعتبرونها ضحية الإرهاب الفلسطيني كما يعتبرون رئيس منظمة التحرير الفلسطيني وراه الإرهاب وعارضون سياسته جملة وتفصيلاً. وهذا يدل على مدى تأثير الإعلام الصهيوني على الشارع الأمريكي الذي يرى العالم من خلال وسائل الإعلام المحلية. وقد بينت الإحصائية أيضاً نظرة الأمريكي البسيط إلى أن دعم أمريكا لإسرائيل

في حرب ضد أفغانستان سيؤدي من أخطار الإرهاب ضدكم وأن يقلها إلا حين تنتهي الحرب. والأغلبية الساحقة ترى أن سقوط ضحايا أمريكيين في الحرب سيؤدي إلى تغيير رأيهم في الاستقرار في خوضها بالشكل التي هي عليه.

ويجدر الإشارة للتناقض الواضح في النسب المذكورة لدليل واضح على عدم إدراك الشارع الأمريكي للمخاطر التي قد تحيط القوات الأمريكية في حالة الإنزال البري والحرب البرية. وهذا فإن الخسارة في الحرب أمر وارد حتى للشارع الأمريكي.

وفي الأخير، إن الإحصائيات التي تناهتها الصحف بوسائل الإعلام الأمريكية بالنسبة للسياسة الخارجية أقل بكثير جداً وأكثر تناقضاً من الإحصائيات المتعلقة بالأمن الداخلي وما في ذلك المعركة الداخلية مع بكتريا الجعرة الخبيثة والتي يراها الأمريكيون كخطر الحقيقي المتعلق بحياتهم اليومية وهم يعيرون أدنى اهتمام بما يتم في السياسة الأمريكية في الخارج. وهذا يعود سبب إهمال الأمريكيين للعالم الخارجي لسنوات طوال من استراتيجية أمريكية تعليمية وثقافية جعلت المواطن الأمريكي في معزل كامل عما يدور في العالم.

بدأ الكثير من الأمريكيين يشكون بمقدرة بلدهم الولايات المتحدة من الانتصار الساحق الذي يتوقعونه وذلك بقلب نظام الحكم والقبض على أسامة بن لادن أو قتله. وبعد مرور قرابة الشهر منذ بدأ الهجوم، لا يبدو أن التحالف العالمي ضد الإرهاب أقرب من الانتصار. هذا بالرغم من الضرب المتواصل بأحد ما توصلت إليه التكنولوجيا الأمريكية.

ويمكن الخطأ حسب ما يريه المحللون الأمريكيين هو عدم خبرة الولايات المتحدة بمنهج الحرب في أفغانستان وعدم دراستها للقرارات الحقيقية لحركة طالبان في المعارك البرية. وقد بدأ الاستياء الأمريكي من الحكومة الأمريكية أكثر جلاء بعد ربط الأمن الداخلي بالحرب الخارجية إذ رأى الأمريكيون أن الحكومة لم تستطع الانتصار في حربها الداخلية ضد تهديدات الإرهاب ويكتريا الجعرة الخبيثة.

ويصعب اقتراءات الرأي الأخيرة والتي نشرت في عدد من الصحف الأمريكية، فإن ٢٧٪ فقط من الأمريكيين يرون أن الولايات المتحدة تبدو منتصرة في الحرب بينما ٢٥٪ يرون أن الحرب غير محددة المعالم أو أنهم سيخسرونها. ولكن ٤٢٪ يرون أن الوقت لم يحن بعد لتسديد ما إذا كانت الولايات المتحدة مستتصراً أم لا في هذه الحرب.

ولكن من الواضح أن الوضع الحالي ليس مطمئناً بالنسبة للأمن الداخلي حيث يرى ٢٧٪ من الأمريكيين أنهم يشعرون الحكومة خاسرة أمام التهديدات الداخلية بينما يرى ٤٥٪ أن الحكومة تحتاج لمزيد من الوقت لإثبات نجاحها. ٦٦٪ فقط منهم يرى أن الولايات المتحدة في طريقها للنصر.

والنظر إلى أن الأمريكيين الذين من عاصمتهم عدم الاهتمام بالأحداث العالمية بدوا يتشجعون لمعرفة ما يدور في العالم من حولهم. وكشفت الإحصائيات أن أكثر من ٩٠٪ من الأمريكيين لا يعرفون أين موقع أفغانستان على الخارطة بينما جميعهم تقريباً لم يسمعوها عن حركة طالبان من قبل إلا بعد تحطيم الحركة لعدد من التماثيل اليونانية قبل بضعة أشهر.

وما يهدد المزيد للمعارضة لسياسة الحرب في أفغانستان إمكانية سقوط ضحايا في معارك برية في الجبل الأفغاني الذي حذر منه عدد من القادة العسكريين الرئيس والألماني وغيرهم. ورغم محاولات الحكومة الأمريكية كسب المزيد من التأييد من الشارع الأمريكي في حربها ضد الإرهاب، فإن الصور التي بثت على شبكة CNN لجثث الأطفال الأفغان تقلاً عن قناة الجزيرة قد سببت ضربة لدى الشارع الأمريكي الذي كان يتلقى أخبار انتصارات كاسحة في المعارك ويشير لقوى طالبان وإسقاط المونuments للعائلات الأفغانية. وقد زادت تلك الصور نسبياً من معارضة الشارع الأمريكي للحرب.

هذا يأتي في وقت يتزايد الضغط على حكومة الولايات الأمريكية في انتصاراتها في الحرب الداخلية ضد تهديدات الجعرة الخبيثة. وقد بدأ

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- 3- كم يبلغ عدد المنح الدراسية التي قدمتها شركة كندية تسمى بتروليم يمن، للطلاب اليمنيين للدراسة في كندا؟
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 باريس لندن روما
- 7- ما هو الحدث الجاري في شميلة هاري حالياً؟
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- 8- منتجات جليم غاز الشهيرة والتي وكيلها في اليمن شركة ارتكس، هي عبارة عن،
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- 9- ما هي الماركة اليابانية الشهيرة التي وكيلها في اليمن شركة أنفا المحدودة؟
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- 11- في أي عام حازت مياه حدة على جائزة الجودة الأوروبية للمرة الثالثة؟
 1989 1999 2000
- 12- تنفرد المتحدة للتأمين بتقديم خدمة تأمينية هي،
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- 13- ما هو منتج الشركة اليمنية لصناعة السمن والصابون الذي تركيبته جديدة وشكله فريد؟
 صابون كريستال زيت شيف سمن القمرية
- 14- شركة المخازن اليمنية للفواكه واللحوم والتجارة، إحدى شركات مجموعة اخوان ثابت، ومن إحدى منتجاتها التي تستخدم للتنظيف،
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- 15- حصلت مجموعة الكبوس للتجارة والصناعة والاستثمار على جائزة الجودة الأوروبية الكبرى، ففي أي عام حصلت على هذه الجائزة؟
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- 2- What is the mobile serves unique to Spacetel Yemen?
 Voice email Short messages Fax service
- 3- How many scholarships does Canadian Nexen provide to Yemeni students to study in Canada?
 Forty Thirty Fifty
- 4- : Yemen Gulf Bank introduces three kind of services, what are these services?
 Home banking Talking bank Both choices
- 5- Has Mohamed Ibrahim Al-Wajeeh as its Agent:
 Videocon Sony Samsung
- 6- On every Monday, Yemenia flies to:
 Paris London Rome
- 7- What's the event that Shumaila Hari has?
 home fair lucky draw big sale
- 8- Italian Glem Gas Company, whose agent in Yemen is Artex Co. produces:
 Fridges Washing Machines Cookers
- 9- What is the prominent Japanese brand, whose agent in Yemen is Alfa Co. Ltd.?
 Panasonic Sony Toyota
- 10- How many prizes does sony present?
 20 50 more than 100
- 11- Which year has Hadda waters awarded the european prize for the third time?
 1989 1999 2000
- 12- United Insurance provides a unique service not provided by other companies. What is this service?
 Health Insurance Engineering Insurance Insurance for Machines Malfunction
- 13- What is the product produced by Yemen Company for Ghee and Soap Industry that is with a new composition and new look?
 Crystal Washing Soap Chef Cooking Oil Al-Qamariya Ghee
- 14- Which of the following products by the Yemen Stores for Fruit, Meat, and Trading, SYC. which is a Thabet Bros. Company, is used for cleaning:
 Colgate Yamani La vache quirit (laughing cow)
- 15- When was Al-Kabous Trade Group awarded the grand European prize?
 Paris 1998 Paris 1996 Paris 1999

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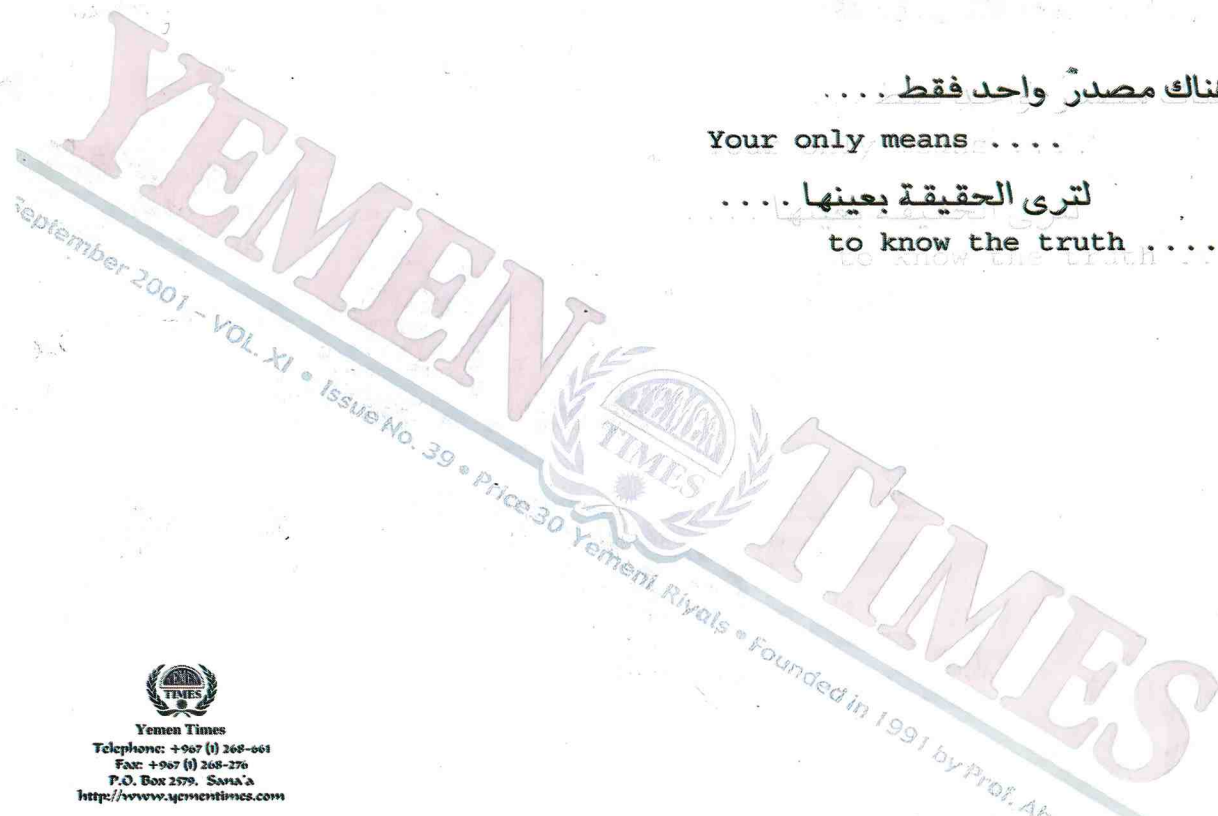
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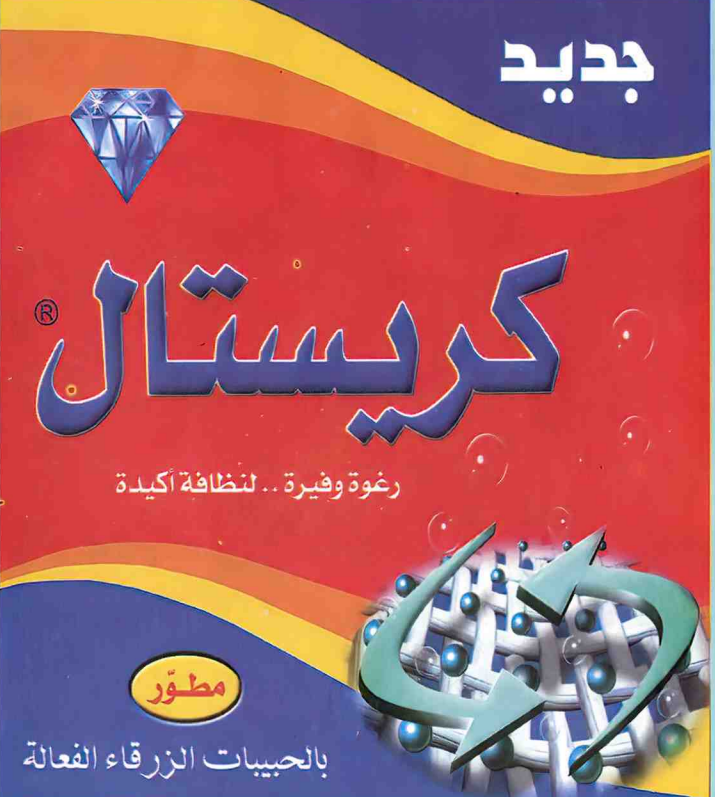


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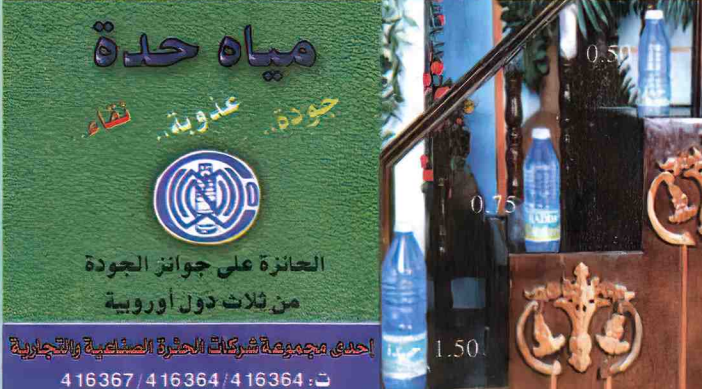


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