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Former Ministers Call for Justice

A number of former ministers, intellectuals and social dignitaries declared, in a meeting, last week the foundation of a forum to defend rights of citizens of the southern and western governorates that used to form the former People's Democratic Republic of Yemen (PDRY).
The meeting was attended by Former Interior Minister Hussein Arab, Former Minister of Fish Wealth Ahmed Musaed Hussein, and Ali al-Qufaihs plus others.
The forum is meant to protest the aggression and injustice the citizens of southern part of Yemen have been undergoing since the Summer Civil War of 1994. A Well-informed source said 16,000 militaries and other 18,000 civil servants have been sacked and robbed of



Hussein Arab

their posts for political motives. Other people, also from this area, have been dismissed from their jobs at different ministries, particularly the Foreign Affairs and Interior.
Participants in the meeting agreed to set up three committees to follow up the demands of those governorates. Meanwhile, a letter is being prepared to be presented to president Ali Abdullah Saleh, later on. The letter will spell out the demands and development projects the people of this area need.

Previously, public committees in Aden and other southern governorates were established to defend the rights of their people to enjoy equal citizenship just like people belonging to tribal areas who are taking over key positions, either in the military or civil service. However, these committees were stalled and put down by the government which accused them of inciting regionalistic and sectarian sentiments in the community.

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The Penal Court entrusted with trying defendants accused of kidnapping the German engineer Karl Lienert, held on Tuesday its first session to try in presence one of the four defendants, Ahmed Nasser Ahmed al-Zaidi. The other three defendants, Hassan Ahmed al-Zaidi, Mohammed Nasser al-Zaidi and Saleh Naji Tuaiman were tried in absentia. The four were accused of leading an armed gang for kidnapping foreigners, in addition to resisting security authorities and asking for a ransom

amounting to more than YR 40 million. They were also charged of possessing unlicensed weapon and explosives. The first defendant was also charged with piercing an oil pipe-line in Marib 1994.
At the session, the main defendant confessed to all charges against him, including blasting the oil pipeline. In response to a question on the timing of the incident which took place while President Saleh was visiting Germany, al-Zaidi denied any



political motives for kidnapping the German engineer. He also confessed that his groups which stayed in a hotel in the capital had kidnapped a number of personalities that were later discovered to be Arabs, and who were then released.

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Qirbi Praises Islamic Conference (OIC) Results

Yemen's foreign minister Dr Abu Bakr Al-Qirbi described results of the emergency conference of the Organization of Islamic foreign ministers meeting in Doha, Qatar as good and positive, saying the meeting has achieved many political goals required by the Palestinian Authority. Dr al-Qirbi said that the OIC conference final statement included a number of recommendations confirming political support for the Palestinian Authority pertaining to reaching a peaceful solution leading to the establishment of the Palestinian state with making the U.S. incumbent upon meeting all its pledges on establishment of the Palestinian state. "And that in addition to the support that we wish the Palestinian Authority to gain from the Arab and Islamic states in a manner enabling it to resolutely stand up to the Israeli arrogance besides keenness on continuation of the Intifada, the instrument that resulted in the U.S. administration announcement of accepting the establishment of a Palestinian state," he added.



Responding to a question on Yemen's participation at the closed-door session of OIC emergency meeting the minister said Yemen had taken part in the committees that drafted the final statement in addition to offering its viewpoint concerning various topics. The minister praised the setting up of an Islamic follow-up committee regarding the implementation of resolutions contained in the statement, expressing his hope that the OIC resolutions would be mandatory for all governments.
On the reasons behind postponing the Arab foreign ministers emergency consultative meeting, Dr al-Qirbi said there was a call for holding a meeting by the follow-up committee set by the Arab summit but Syria asked to hold an Arab foreign ministers emergency meeting but the timing was rather difficult for Arab foreign ministers to take part in the Arab foreign ministers emergency meeting in Cairo on Sunday and attend the OIC meeting in Doha on Monday. As the Arabs are part of the Islamic world and the issue is the same it was proposed to postpone the Arab foreign ministers meeting and their participation to be in meetings of the OIC.

US Embassy Commemorates September 11 Terrorist Attacks

The US Embassy in Sana'a commemorated last Tuesday the third anniversary of September 11 terrorist attacks which victimized citizens of 90 countries.
The Remembrance Ceremony was attended by the US Ambassador, Edmund J. Hull American and Yemeni officials, diplomatic representatives of those countries which also lost citizens in the attacks, and the family of the Yemeni-American who was killed in the attack.
As a gesture of respect for the victims of the attack and their families, and as a symbol of the determination of Yemen and the United States to work together to fight international terrorism, the national anthems of Yemen and the United States were played at 4:46 p.m., the time when the first hijacked civilian airplane was flown into the North



Tower of the World Trade Center in New York City, killing almost 4,000 innocent people.
The US Ambassador to Sana'a, Edmund J. Hull delivered a speech paying tribute to the victims of the US September 11 terrorist acts. He highly appreciated the role of Yemen in supporting and protecting Embassies and foreign guests in Yemen. "We need to acknowledge the efforts of those who have responded to this crisis not just the police in Manhattan, but also the Yemeni security guards that have protected Embassies and foreign guests throughout Sana'a; not just the airport security in Paris or in London, but also the security services screening persons at Sana'a airport", he said.

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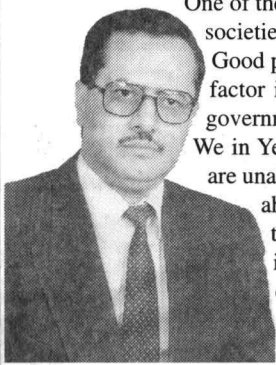
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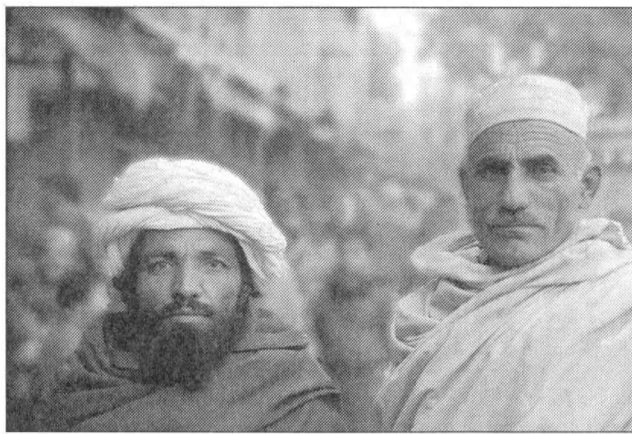
Words of Wisdom



One of the major problems of underdeveloped societies is their inability to look ahead. Good planning is probably the most crucial factor in success - whether in business, in government, or even in life itself. We in Yemen suffer enormously because we are unable to look ahead. The ability to look ahead comes with training and education, it is not an inherent part of the individual. It is something people can acquire.

Prof. Abdulaziz Al-Saqqaf,
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Three Yemeni-Afghan Families Arrested



Three Yemeni families were arrested upon arrival from Afghanistan to Yemen on Monday 9, and are still detained by the Yemeni authorities for questioning. Yemen authorities refused handing over the families to their relatives, a source told the Yemen Times. The source added that all returnees from Afghanistan, suspected to have links with al-Qaeda network, have been put under strict surveillance as requested by the USA. On the other hand, seven Yemenis have been reportedly killed in Konduz while fighting along side with the Taliban forces against the Northern Alliance and 15 more Yemenis were killed in Kandahar, a well-informed source told the Yemen Times.

Hodeidah Editor-in-Chief attacked

Journalists and social figures in Hodeidah strongly condemned assaulting Editor-in-Chief of the Hodeidah Newspaper, Mohammed Motahar Ibraheem, last Saturday.

They described the incident as a flagrant infringement to the freedom of expression and abuse to democracy. They demanded legal and strict measures to be taken immediately against the attackers. In a telephone conversation with Mohammed Motahar he said he attacked while leaving the Hodeidah Chamber of Commerce after meeting with its chairman. Mohammed pointed fingers at the chairman of the chamber of commerce who was summoned for interrogation.

The Hodeidah newspaper was established by a number of merchants in the city.

War Against Terror May Go Beyond Afghanistan

Some U.S. officials involved in countering terrorism are thinking of carrying out military operations against some sites run by al-Qaeda network in Indonesia, Somalia and Yemen, *Los Angeles Times* reported in its issue No. 10 of December 2001. A number of targets for these attacks have been partially specified in accordance with the intelligence collected in Afghanistan, the paper added.

The targets include the bombardment of a site located in the north of Sumatra island in Indonesia, a suspected site in the hometown of Osama bin Laden in Hadhramaut, as well as a training and warehousing camp in southern Somalia.

Controversial Law to Be Presented to the Parliament

The National Committee for Defending Human Rights & Freedoms (NCDHRF) denounced in a press statement the draft law pertaining to pleading and civic execution of laws to be submitted to the parliament for approval in the near future. The NCDHRF objected to some articles, which it said were inconsistent with Islamic Share'ah. It said article 371 and 372 of the proposed law concerning *bait al ta'ah*, principally related to authorizing the judge to force wives to go back to their husband's house, were non-Islamic and constituted a violation to human rights.

If the law is approved by the parliament, judges will have the right to force women to return to their husbands' houses in case they refused to do so.

Yemen Airways Adopts SITA's CUTE

Yemen Airways has selected SITA's Common Use Terminal Equipment (CUTE) to automate and improve check-in facilities at Sana'a and Aden airports.

Under the five-year contact, valued at nearly US\$ 1 million, SITA will host and manage the implementation and maintenance of its CUTE system, consolidating check-in and boarding systems for many airlines operating at Sana'a and Aden airports.

The System will enable airlines operating at these airports to share passengers terminal handling facilities, such as check-in, transfer and gate counters, on a common use basis. Airlines will also be able to use their own parties' host applications from the CUTE workstations for functions, including reservations, ticketing boarding bases and baggage tag issuance and departure control.

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Again, the government now believes this forum is a regionalistic one and aims at blackmailing the authorities which laid off some ministers and other high ranking officials belonging to this area. During the formation of the government, last April, president Saleh disagreed with Vice-president Abdu Raboo Mansur Haddi who opposed the removal of Hussein Arab from his post as a minister of interior. Reliable sources confirmed that the recent meeting focused on the issue of dismissed militaries from Abyan governorate, the homeland of the Vice-president, plus other issues pertaining to financial privileges these influential officials used to enjoy, but the government stopped them in light of the austere policy it is undertaking.

The move by former ministers might torpedo the relations between Saleh and Haddi, leading to a political infighting at the power centers.

International Day of Human Rights Marked

Under the auspices of the Ministry of Human Rights and in cooperation with the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRSC), the Arab Sisters Forum (ASF) and the Human Rights Information & Training Center (HRITC) celebrated on December 11 the International Day for Human Rights under the motto (War and Peace: Effects of Armed Conflicts on Women).

During the celebration many words were delivered for marking this event by many personalities, including Dr.

Wahiba Fare'a, State Minister of Human Rights, Amal al-Basha, Chairwomen of the ASF, Izzaddin al-Assbahi, Chairman of HRITC and Mr. Jorg Kuntz, Head of the Mission of the International Committee of the Red Cross in Sana'a.

The United Nations Higher Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) and the Yemeni Red Crescent Association also took part in the celebration. Some refugees from Sudan and Somalia presented some examples of the sufferings of refugees.



Our Opinion

Post-Eid Trouble Ahead

In a time we are celebrating Eid Al-Fitr, no one can deny that one of the unfortunate landmarks of these days in Yemen is extreme poverty. Beggars are everywhere asking for money to cover the Eid expenses. No matter how far you live from the city's center, you must have had beggars knocking at your door in the hope of collecting what is sufficient for survival.

There have been news reports during this year of several individuals who committed suicide because of extreme frustration of not being able to secure the basic needs for their families. One of those cases was of a Yemeni man in Taiz who could not bare the looks of his dying daughter because of an illness that could have been cured with a little more money and decided to leave without coming back.

The true dimensions of the problem will only be clear to the ones who investigate and look into the cases of extreme poverty.

However, in such a traumatic situation, news of a proposed increase in the price of car fuel have starting causing concern and panic among the poor sector of the population, which is a significant portion. "How can we celebrate the Eid while we know we will be facing an outrageously high increase in the price of fuel?" a taxi driver asked me during a debate I had with him about the joy of this Eid.

"The Eid of today has lost all its spirit and joy. People are eating potatoes instead of meat even in the first day of Eid. How can such condition permit us to enjoy the Eid as we did in the past?" he exclaimed.

The expected 50% increase in fuel's price from YR 700 to YR1050 will definitely lead to increase in prices of most commodities in Yemen.

One can imagine how such an increase could affect the poor. Not only will it be more difficult to make ends meet, but this may as well trigger instability and violence in the form of more thefts and robberies.

The number of people living below the poverty line is increasing by the year, and alarming numbers are starting to emerge. The latest human development report statistics say that the rate of Yemenis living below the poverty line is slowly but steadily approaching the 60% mark. However, economists believe that if no major steps are taken to rescue the situation, the rate could rise to more than 70% making Yemen among the few countries that have reached this extreme level of poverty.

Hence, it is only reasonable to imagine that the poor are getting closer and closer to the edge and beginning to feel the little difference between life and death.

The planned increase in fuel prices will constitute total devastation for the poor, who could barely survive in such harsh conditions. But has the government thought of what would happen to those? Has it drafted plans to help them get out of the imminent crisis?

Whether the answer is a "yes" or a "no", there is little doubt that there is a post-Eid trouble waiting for Yemenis, especially the poor.

May God help them all!



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Yemen's Ambassador to Tunisia Al-Arashi to YT

"We have reached an agreement with the Tunisian educational and vocational training authorities over bringing more Yemenis to study in Tunisia.."

Tunisia is a laudable country which has been able to make a lot of achievements in a relatively short time. It has made great strides by leaps and bounds.

More than 100 Yemen students currently study in this beautiful and developed country. Most of these students have been sent to Tunisia through a Hadhrami society in Saudi Arabia.

The Yemeni-Tunisian relations are more than warm and exemplary. Such strong relations should be a motive for Yemen to benefit from the Tunisian experience in development and progress. To see how much this is happening and to what extent relations between the two countries are strong, the YT's Correspondent in Tunisia, Abdulbaqi Shamsan, met with the Yemeni Ambassador, Mr. Yahya Al-Arashi, and filed the following interview.

Q: Could you brief us on the Yemeni community in Tunisia and the nature of its existence?

A: As a matter of fact, there is not a real community in the correct sense of the word. There are no Yemeni expatriates or immigrants here. There is what we call the historical community. About 35-40 percent of the population of Tunisia are descended from Yemeni origins. This can be attributed to the ancient Yemeni immigration, particularly to the south of Tunisia. This is a very important dimension with regard to the Yemeni-Tunisian relations. Yemeni immigrants arrived here in big numbers, especially during the Islamic

Q: Could you elaborate the situation of the Yemeni students here and their kinds of study?

A: We have done our best to provide Yemeni students with academic studies in Tunisia, in addition to other opportunities of training and rehabilitating. We have reached an agreement with the Tunisian educational and vocational training authorities over bringing more Yemeni Students to study in Tunisia.

Some students are preparing for their masters and doctorate degrees. There are also trainees in the field of oil and vocational training.

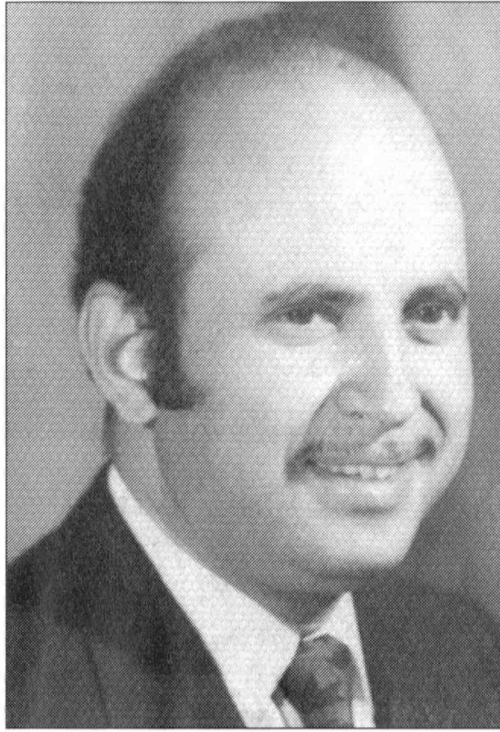
Q: Are there other future spheres of cooperation between the two countries?

A: Actually, the future vision is given a priority. The joint ministerial committee, chaired by the two ministers of foreign affairs meet annually in Tunisia and Yemen to discuss means and fields of cooperation between the two countries. So far, about 60 agreements of cooperation have been signed. These include different kinds of cooperation fields. For example, last month there was an agreement between the two ministries of transportation to cooperate in this field. To benefit from the Tunisian experience in this field, more than ten experts are leaving for Yemen

Presently some kinds of fish, leather, marble are imported from Yemen. At the same time, Tunisian products, especially clothes, are marketed in Yemen. These products come to Yemen through the Gulf countries. We have been trying to make direct trade exchange between the two countries.

Q: Do you have any plans or policies with regard to marketing the Yemeni products in Tunisia?

A: We have urged upon the bodies concerned to push the private sector to organize commercial exhibitions in the two countries. We have great hopes that such activities will come to being in the near future.



ing this visit. A number of important agreements, particularly in the field of security, investment and development, have been recently signed during the meeting of the joint ministerial committee in Sana'a.

Q: Yemen's Unity has gone through ups and downs before it was achieved. What are your memories of the long-drawn struggle to achieve it?

A: Yemen's Unity was faced by many challenges and problems. It was like giving birth to a new child; full of pain and suffering.

The talk about Unity needs volumes and this subject can not be given its due coverage in this short time.

I was always disturbed by people opposing to unity of the two sides of Yemen. I remember that before unity there were talks between the two sides to have a joint oil investment project in the Wadi Jennah. There were many attempts to blow up the intended projects. And there was heavy firing at the time of signing the agreement. But the two leadership were more determined to cooperate with each other. Many



A scene of the beach side of Tunisia

Conquest. They also helped spread Islam here. They came from different places like Egypt and settled in the south of Tunisia. It is interesting to know that Susa, one of the cities here, used to be called Hadhramout. About the Yemeni community at the present time, there are about 100 Yemeni students here. The 100 Yemeni students studying in Tunisia are true representatives of the Yemeni culture and values in Tunisia.

to make comprehensive studies on the needs of Yemen in this domain.

Q: What about investment?

A: Great efforts have been made to encourage and motivate businessmen and investors to make use of facilities granted by the two countries. An ad hoc Businessmen Council has been set up to study all opportunities of investments in both countries.

Q: President Saleh has visited Tunisia and a number of agreements were signed. Are you expecting a visit by President Zain Alabedeen of Tunisia to Yemen to further enhance the bilateral relations of the two countries?

A: President Saleh's visit to Tunisia has been very fruitful. A good number of official visits have been triggered off between the two countries follow-

positive steps followed. I was very delighted when the barrels erected in the Shurijah area as a sign of separation were removed.

Q: Do you think that the Summer War of 1994 was a result of internal and external elements that perceived Unity as a threat to their interests?

A: Undoubtedly, Unity of Yemen surprised all who thought it was a dream that would never come true.

Some people whose interests were affected by Unity were waiting for a chance to destroy what had been achieved. Their thoughts met with similar ones from outside the country and all had great influence.

Any way, Yemen's unity was not an easy task that could happen without heavy losses. However, we feel proud that it was peacefully achieved in 1990.

Q: Some people say unity was based on a political decision rather than the public's well. What are your comments?

A: Of course, the decision was not politically issued. Fortunately, the condition of the two sides of Yemen at the time had many aspects in common. A kind of closeness was there. These helped facilitate the establishment of unity.

Q: The past conflicts in both sides of Yemen have weakened our economy. How do you think Yemen at its present stage can benefit from such experiences?

A: Segregation circumstances were the main impediment to the development. We had to be united to be able to develop. What we need is a sense of responsibility. The constitution should be respected and implemented and those on charge of the decisions making should be a match to the expectations of the country in order to develop and build our country. Countries, including Yemen, should always learn from their mistakes.

Q: Is there a call for a national reconciliation among Yemeni political powers?

A: There is no need to this term. Pluralism is there and it is governed by a constitution and a set of laws. But these need to be activated. The parliament should be a real monitoring and supervising body. The press should play the same role.

We should not run after our selfish interests. Fraudulent practices against law or constitution shouldn't be our main interest. The national reconciliation lies within the man himself; how he can do something good for his party or organization.

Q: What about reconciliation with the so-called secessionists who live abroad?

A: I think the General Amnesty is a good opportunity for all national powers to unite. Those who want to contribute to the development and progress of the country should return home.

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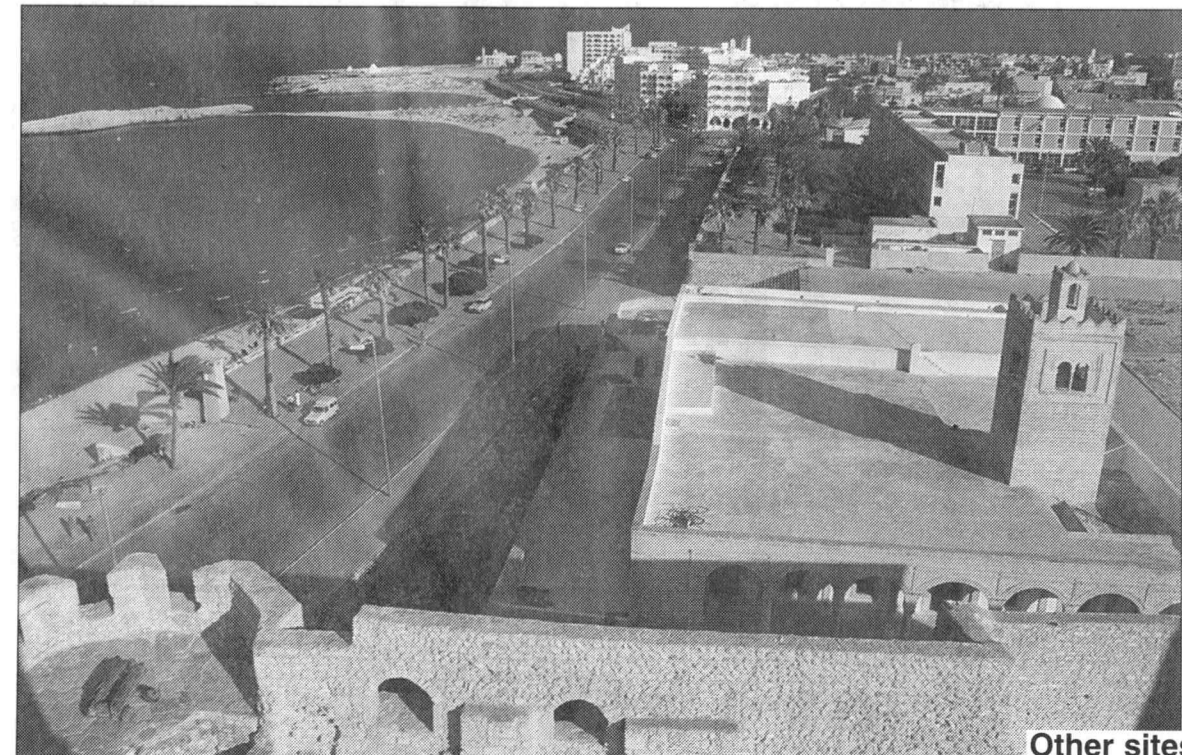
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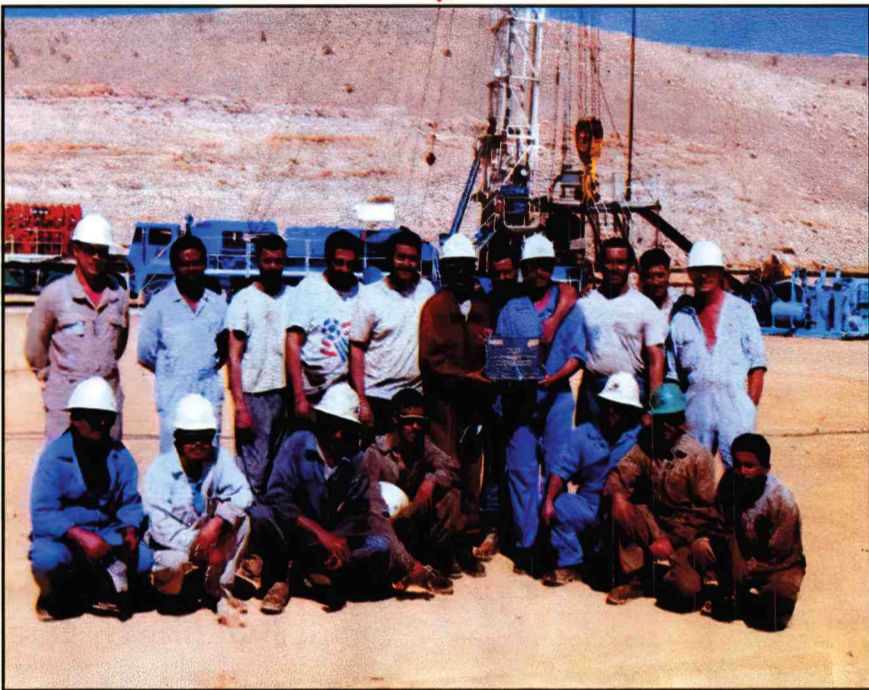


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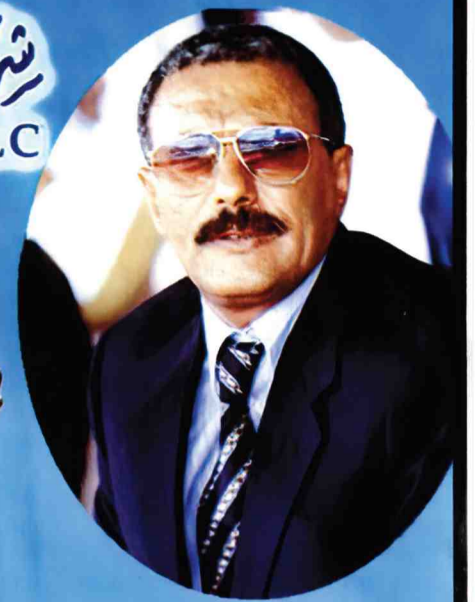
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'HOPE' is the Way to Peace



Professor Mohamed Yahia Al-Sharafi (MD)- Former MP

In our contemporary era, the twenty first century, and due to the great vast scientific advances and technological revolution achieved by mankind, our planet is becoming a village in space. These new relations exert new challenges that demand suitable solutions.

On top of these is the most vital demand of recognizing the other, respecting his views, values, practices... etc, and mutually living in peaceful co-existence with him. Then comes all set of basic values recognized and respected by the international human society. These values are the most precious fruits of a long history of human suffering, trials, errors, wars, slavery, crimes, justice and injustice, knowledge and ignorance...etc. They are very expensive. Every human being should know that, and regardless of

his opinions, religion or views, he should accept, respect and protect these basic human values. On top of these are: human rights, democracy, freedom and peaceful co-existence. A continuous reminder of that should always be the sacred task of all wise men from all religions, cultures, races, countries of the world. This reminder is an utmost must today, after the very sad events of 11Sept.2001 that shock all human societies. All efforts should be made to understand and study this strange phenomena of terrorism and to find the most effective curative means to eradicate it.

nature and role in the human psyche should also be studied. All of that should be done through a proper scientific methodology that adopts, as much as possible, the most recent advances in all disciplines of human epistemology. This is what we have theorized and called (The Human Optimum Psyche-HOPE) in an attempt to find solutions to problems of terrorism in the Muslim world and all humanity. We believe that HOPE is not the only means to combat terrorism, but it helps eradicate it. The only equation to remove violence and aggression out of the International Human Society and to protect every man and woman from its evil is by establishing tolerance and values of mutual co-existence among all people. This could be implemented only if the human society is capable of attaining three factorial equations.

emit peace to the external environment.

3rd: A prevailing environment that helps educate and guard this set of principles and values.

It is to be mentioned that Yemen is an important country and society in the region, the Arab and Islamic world and the International society. It is now due time for Yemeni scholars to participate positively in top issues concerning Islam and the whole world. There is nowadays no more serious and no more important issue than understanding the phenomena of terrorism and describing the best ways of combating and eradicating it.

Introducing HOPE theory

HOPE- Human Optimum Psyche is a modern personality theory- Founded by professor Mohammed Yahia Al-Sharafi, the known Yemeni Arab Islamic Scholar and neuropsychiatric lecturer and consultant.

It is based upon contemporary Islamic concepts deduced from modern new

understanding and pioneering interpretations of the holy Quranic verses, based upon recent scientific discoveries and different cultural epistemological sources. HOPE is a state of intrapsychic balance, harmony and peace that is emitting peace to the external environment with its all mankind and creatures.

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*Al-Sharafi Theory of Human Optimum Psyche (HOPE).

*HOPE is the state of highest integrity of psychobiochemical functions.

*HOPE leads to constructive peaceful feelings and behaviors.

*HOPE is the point of convergence of the three major Ibrahimite religions, Judaism, Christianity and Islam.

*HOPE is the intersection point of science and religion.

What does Islam Say about Terrorism?

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Islam, a religion of mercy, does not allow terrorism. In the Quran, God has said: "God does not forbid you from sharing kindness and dealing justly with those who have not fought you out of your homes."

The prophet Mohammed (peace be upon him) prohibited soldiers from killing women and children and advised them: "Do not betray, do not be excessive, do not kill a newly born child."

He said: "whoever has killed a person having a treaty with Muslims shall not smell the fragrance of paradise." He also forebode punishment with fire.

He once listed murder as the second of major sins and even warned that on the day of judgment the first cases to be adjudicated among people would be those of bloodshed.

Muslims are encouraged to be kind to animals. Once the Prophet Mohammed said a woman was pun-

ished because she imprisoned a cat until it died. On account of this, she was doomed to Hell because she did not feed it or free it. Additionally, while killing animals for food, Muslims are commanded to do so in a manner that is causing the minimum of fright and suffering. The prophet Mohammed ordered his followers to sharpen their knives in order to reduce the suffering of the animal.

In light of these and other Islamic texts, the act of inciting terror in the hearts of defenseless civilians, the destruction of buildings and properties, the bombing of innocent men, women and children are all forbidden and detestable acts according to Islam and Muslim belief.

Muslims follow a religion of peace, mercy and forgiveness, and the vast majority of them have nothing to do with the violent events that some have associated with Muslims. If an individual Muslim were to commit an act of terrorism, this person would be guilty of violating the laws of Islam. Our sympathy goes to the families of the innocent victims of this heinous acts and to the people of New York city and the United states.

Unfortunately, for the last decades, Islam has been accused of encouraging terrorism. This increases the burden upon wise Muslim scholars to understand to what extent this is true and to find genuine solutions to problems facing Muslim youths, especially those which, owing to misunderstanding, motivate them to carry out mal practices such as aggression and violence in the name of Islam.

Islam is a noble religion, because it is the religion chosen by Allah, the one God, for all of his creatures especially Human beings. "do they seek, perchance, a faith other than in God, although it is unto Him that what ever is in heavens and on earth surrender itself, willingly or unwillingly, since unto Him all must return" Aal-Imran-Surah (3).

So all practices of Muslims are originating from their understanding to the holy Quranic scriptures and the ideal Sunnah of Prophet Mohammed, peace be upon him. For this reason, the responsibility of any wrong practices lies on Muslims (Humans) and not Islam (Holy scriptures).

In order to understand the human behavior and its motivations we have to deal with human psychology. And, to understand the deviations from the normal ideal behaviors we ought to define the normal or optimum human psyche, its mechanism of action and all related subjects. Religion, its

1st: Identification of a set of moral theoretical principles, that recognizes the contemporary values adopted by the international human community, especially:

a) the human rights (including women rights),
b) democracy and the role of law.

c) freedom (personal, societal...etc), recognizing other human mates and their rights to exist, believe and practice all their convictions.

d) global or international relations, essentially demand peaceful mutual co-existence.

2nd: A healthy internally harmonized and balanced self (human machine) capable of understanding and adopting that set of moral theoretical principles and translating it into a behavior; i.e. the Optimum Human Psyche (HOPE), internal harmony and peace

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UNEMPLOYMENT: Time Bomb Blocking Way of Economic Reforms



Mahyoub Al-Kamali

For the last ten years, economic and social problems resulted from the increasing volume of unemployment, have been preoccupying authorities concerned with finding solutions to this issue.

The main important point has been how to tackle this problem properly, not only by the government but by the private sector, as well. The private sector should be urged upon to provide work opportunities for the unemployed.

Although several donor countries have been supporting the Economic

Reforms Program, as well as the implementation of huge enterprises, recent studies indicate the spread of unemployment among university and vocational training graduates. According to the same studies the rate of unemployment has reached 35 percent out of the total labor force, owing to shortage of work opportunities in both the public and private sectors.

The several stages that have been carried out by the government to implement the Economic, Administrative and Financial Reforms Program have greatly helped reduce Yemen's external debts. However, Yemen has been unable to increase its non-oil exports due to weakness of industrial and agricultural production. This has affected the general budget in the sense that decreasing its deficit has become bounded by the increase of oil prices in

the international markets.

Economists believe that the economic policies adopted by the government have had consequences owing to the rapid growth of population, resulting in an economic crisis and reduction of the general capacity of labor market. Similarly, the percentage of the female working force fell down to 20 percent of the overall working force.

The official statistics point out that the highest rate of the working force ranges between the age of 15-65 which constitutes 65 percent of the overall working force.

Although statistics give conflicting rates of unemployment, official sources confirm that it ranges between 25-35 percent and that employment is increasing by an annual average of 4.9 percent.

The crux of the problem does not lie in estimating the volume of unemployment, but rather in its spread among the graduates of local and foreign universities and vocational training institutes whose number is 75 percent more than the available work opportunities.

In a survey among youths, particularly those looking for job opportunities, they agreed that rationing government post and the government's negligence of university graduates had helped worsen the problem of unemployment. Economic studies attribute aggravation of unemployment to the following factors:

1- The fragile structure

of economy that does not improve income and production resources and does not allow a greater margin for labor force.

2- The government's carelessness about the agricultural sector which can be improved to provide jobs for a third of the jobless people.

Studies point out that the agricultural sector can cover 52.9 percent of the overall working force. The transportation, industrial, commercial, constructive, tourism and service sectors can cover about 47.1 percent.

3- Decreasing governmental investment in development projects.

4- Rapid population growth. The high increase in population has greatly affected the natural and industrial resources. Demographic studies indicate that population growth rate has reached 3.7 which is one of the highest rates in the world.

5- Increasing number of universities and their graduates. Economists believe that graduates specialization is not flexible to meet the demands of the labor market.

As to solve this problem, economists think the government has to conduct field surveys on the impacts of its Reform Program. Some solutions to unemployment are listed below:

1- Augmenting financial credits for developmental projects which should be implemented according to people's concentration.

2- Encouraging the agricultural sector and providing loans for farmers with the aim of diversifying their agricultural production and increasing agricultural exports

3- Motivating the private sector to contribute in investment.

4- Updating the system of the government posts and controlling education to meet the needs and demands of the labor market.

5- Increasing loans to poor productive families and budgets of social care funds.

Economists confirm that such procedures can help the government avoid

further aggravation of the problem which is considered to be a time bomb blocking the way of the Economic Reform Program.



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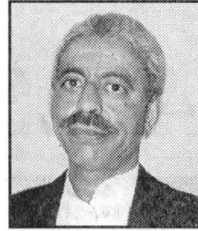
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COMMON SENSE

By: Hassan Al-Haifi



Amidst all this talk about Globalization:

Is the Ummah the Nation We Should Be?

O, you' who believe:
Beware of Allah,
The way He Should Be Heeded,
Be sure that you are Moslems
Before you die!

Together, you should hold steadfast to Allah's rope
You should not be divided, bearing in mind Allah's bounty onto you,
Since, amongst yourselves, you were once enemies, and
He reconciled your hearts,
Thus by his Grace you have become brothers...

Let from you be a Nation,
All calling for good to prevail,
Enjoining the duly acceptable,
Admonishing what is abominable;
These are the successful believers!

Do not be like those who differed
And became divided;
After the facts have come to them;
For these there is only great agony?...

The Holy Quran (3:102-105)

In view of the powerful message found in the above text, and considering that this seems to be an appropriate time to underscore the fact that, indeed the Moslem nation is in a very sad state. In fact, it is regrettable to state; we are far from having the making of any nation, worth citing.

With the Holy Month of Ramadhan

leaving us, one must feel regrets at not having any further time to share together with our fellow Moslems everywhere in the world, the beauty of the fast, and the recital of the Koran and the prayers at dawn in the mosque. Thank God for Ramadhan, for it draws us somewhat from the humdrum mundane concentrations, we tend to draw ourselves into, as we go about our day to day lives. In looking at the pitiful state of the Moslem World or Ummat Al-Islam, without a doubt, one finds it, extremely difficult to ascertain and confirm that we possess any of the attributes that truly attest to the Moslems' compliance with the Quranic command, as given in these very beautiful verses from Surah Al-Imran. For sure, there is just no way that we can categorically state, that we are even trying to achieve this most important fundamental principle of Islam. It really is unfortunate that the Moslems of the world have not awakened to the reality that we are indeed in disobedience of a very powerful command of the Lord Al-Mighty, which is repeated elsewhere in the Quran, on more than one occasion, and underlies the significance of the fact that all Moslems should really be under one unified regime throughout the world. It is just inconceivable that the nation that has given all its faith to the One God, cannot get its act together to form One Nation as ordained by the Lord

Al-Mighty. Notwithstanding the flagrant violation of the religious ordinances that command us to be united, our fragmentation, as we are now, has clearly caused us to be weak, helpless, relying on the breadcrumbs of others for the sustenance of our people, the periphery of the geographical domain of the Moslems of the world is slow being chopped up into tiny bits of Moslem communities here and there, that cannot defend themselves against flies, let alone advanced version B-52's, B-1's and other destructive weaponry. If that was not enough, our Western friends were kind enough to even plant a menacing cancer that has brought havoc and destruction to the area and rendered millions of our brother Arabs homeless, and millions more, living in destitute and under siege, in their own land! With an ugly hatred, this cancer continues to impose its will in the region, and we, either as an Arab or a Moslem nation, seem to be without feelings, without, pride and without self respect, watch helplessly, eating our hearts out, because of the way our leaders have led us to the pitiful state, we are in! All we could do is raise our hands up high to the sky, to send our

sincere prayers that the Lord guide us, as a nation out of this calamity, before the entire Ummah becomes one giant Afghanistan or hundreds of little Palestines, Cypruses, Bosnias, Chechnyas, etc. One would think that this is Ben Laden rhetoric. On the contrary, this is Islamic dogma in its genuine fundamental version. We are speaking here of dogma and not sensationalism, which is regrettably, what Bin Laden and his Taliban friends and their sponsors were pursuing, while forgetting many other principles and proper rules of conduct that Moslems should be guided by in dealing with all human beings, whether Moslems or followers of other faiths. When reading the Quran, it would serve the Moslem's interest, if the text is read carefully and with each word clearly embedded in our minds and in our hearts. By the way the Moslem World seems to be, we seem to be wasting our time reading. *The Quran is meant to be read, understood and applied properly and judiciously.*

¹ The second person is in plural form throughout these verses.
² Translated by the columnist himself.

What Happened to Yemen?

Iqbal A. Al-Asnaj

Recently, I visited Yemen after an absence of almost five years. The landmarks have changed and buildings are now everywhere. Roads have been constructed and the cities, especially Sanaa and Aden have undergone remarkable changes. These two cities, I realized have been given a real facelift. I was thrilled to see all those developments. However, the happiness did not last long. I wished it did. Basic traffic rules did not exist. Everything is on the road - cars, persons, carts, bicycles, etc. No one seems to know anything about "traffic rules". I am a driver but guess what, I could not and did not even dream of driving in Yemen. I was possessed by a certain kind of phobia, let's call it road phobia. Any development, I always believed, should be accompanied by the basic needs. If such basic needs are not met, then it becomes a chaotic and jungle-like life. Unfortunately, that is exactly what I felt during my lovely stay at home. Another thing that really ripped my

heart is the huge gap between those who can afford and those who can not. It is tragic to see those alms seekers on the roads, at traffic lights and in the markets. Another concern was the amount of garbage on the roads and everywhere. Are we not civilized people? By simple analogy, don't we often become fanatics about our house cleanliness? Why can't we trash our garbage in the proper place rather than toss them on the roads and from windows and cars? Now this is not civilization, I bet you! Lastly, I was amazed to see people processing their "muamala" in government office to get the paperwork done, or rather to get their files from one employee to the other and at the end of the day they tend to pay for the "muamala", the employee and the charges of the real matter! Am I missing something here? What is the concerned person's role if not to follow his/her own file? I wish someone in the helm of affairs reads my queries and takes them into consideration. Yemen needs a better treatment. it's beautiful and serene. Please do not destroy it further. My heartfelt greetings to my people, friends and my people the Yemenis. God bless Yemen.



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Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

The Americans are demanding death for Arabs in Afghanistan but American Taliban fighter John Walker (AKA Abdul Hamid) is going to be entitled to the 'ole American double standard of "justice" because his daddy was a lawyer for the U.S. "Justice" Department? Americans especially want to kill Arabs on instructions from their Zionist and Jewish masters. The U.S. funded occupation forces commander Ariel Sharon told the Turkish prime minister a few days ago he wanted to be "rid of" Arab Arafat and this is translated by the lawyer run U.S. government, which takes orders from their Jewish masters, to give more help in the killing of Arabs which they do by furnishing war planes & tanks, etc. to Israel? Now is time for the Arab Nation to become united against the U.S. funded foreign occupation army on Arab lands, have an oil embargo or at least a drastic slow down in output of oil and to unite to carry out the predictions of the apostle Jesus "And when ye shall see Jerusalem compassed with armies, Know ye the desolation thereof is night." (Luke 21:20-22) -where Jesus has predicted the great upcoming Islamic victory to liberate Jerusalem)?

The lawyer run U.S. government seeks to create division within the Arab Nation but by their open double standards against Arabs they are helping bring all Arabs & Muslims together to defeat the U.S. funded foreign occupation army on Arab & Islamic lands. And now is the time for all Arabs concerned to give support to Arab Americans who are willing to counter the Zionist influence here in the United States by sending donations to us.

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Dear Editor,

I came to Yemen last month. I don't know Arabic and your paper has been a great relief to me. I wish if it is more frequent and not just once in a week. I have been observing the customs and traditions of people out here. I am in Mukalla and the feature that I admire the most of this place is the welcoming nature of the people at large. People here are very friendly and welcoming to even the strangers. Moreover I found in them a quest for knowledge.

However I feel sad to learn that

English has not been adopted by the larger section of the population. I sincerely feel that in order to progress in today's world, English is essential. I can not sincerely learn Quran by simply reading its translation or the commentary in any language other than Arabic. I should learn Arabic to do so. Likewise, to embrace the modern technology and master in it, we cannot keep on reading the translated versions in Arabic. We should strive to learn English as the entire wealth of knowledge of modern technology is in English. Even the developed nations like Japan and Germany have been forced to adopt English.

I pray for the success of Yemen and its people who are God fearing and loving.

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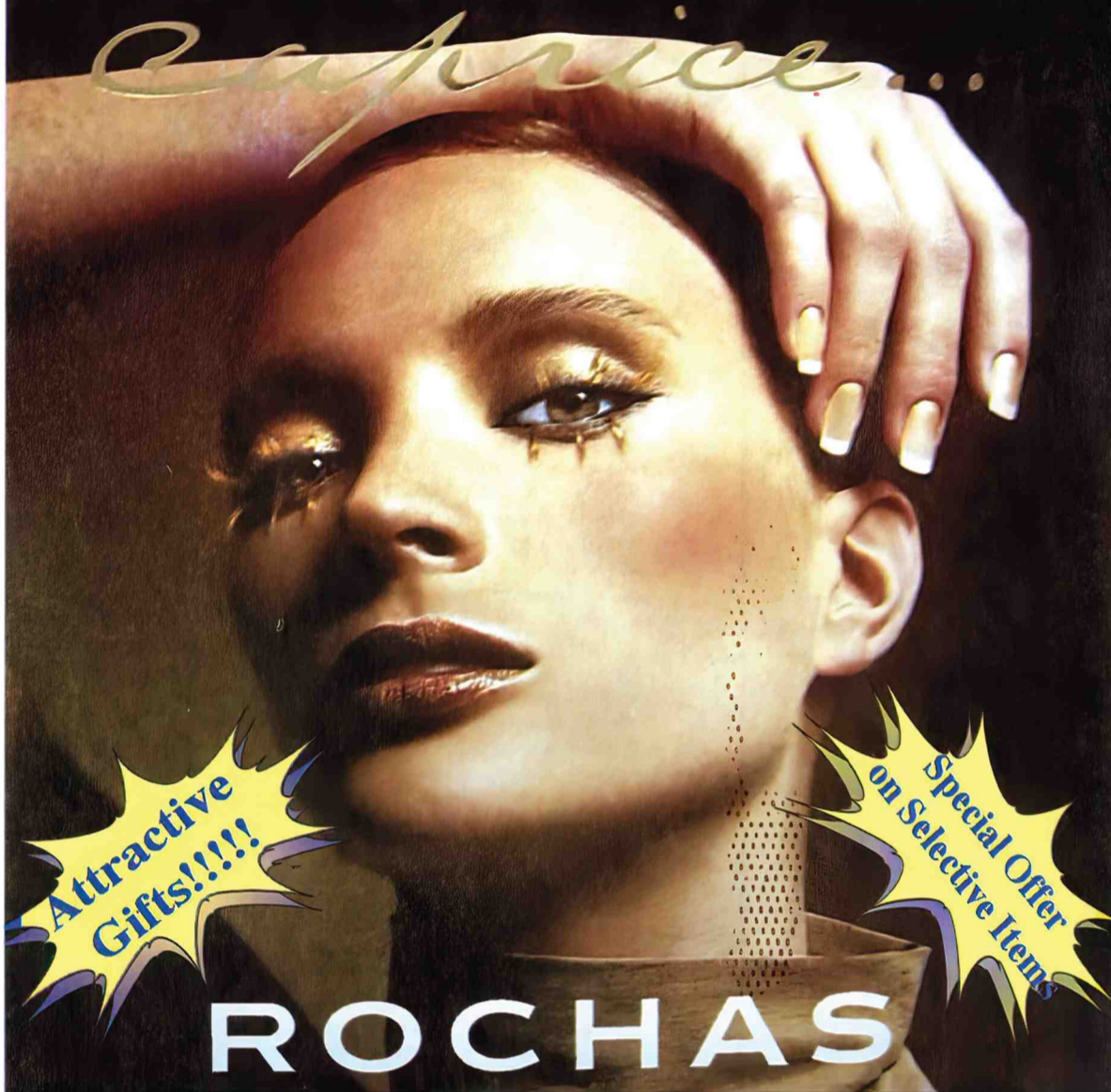
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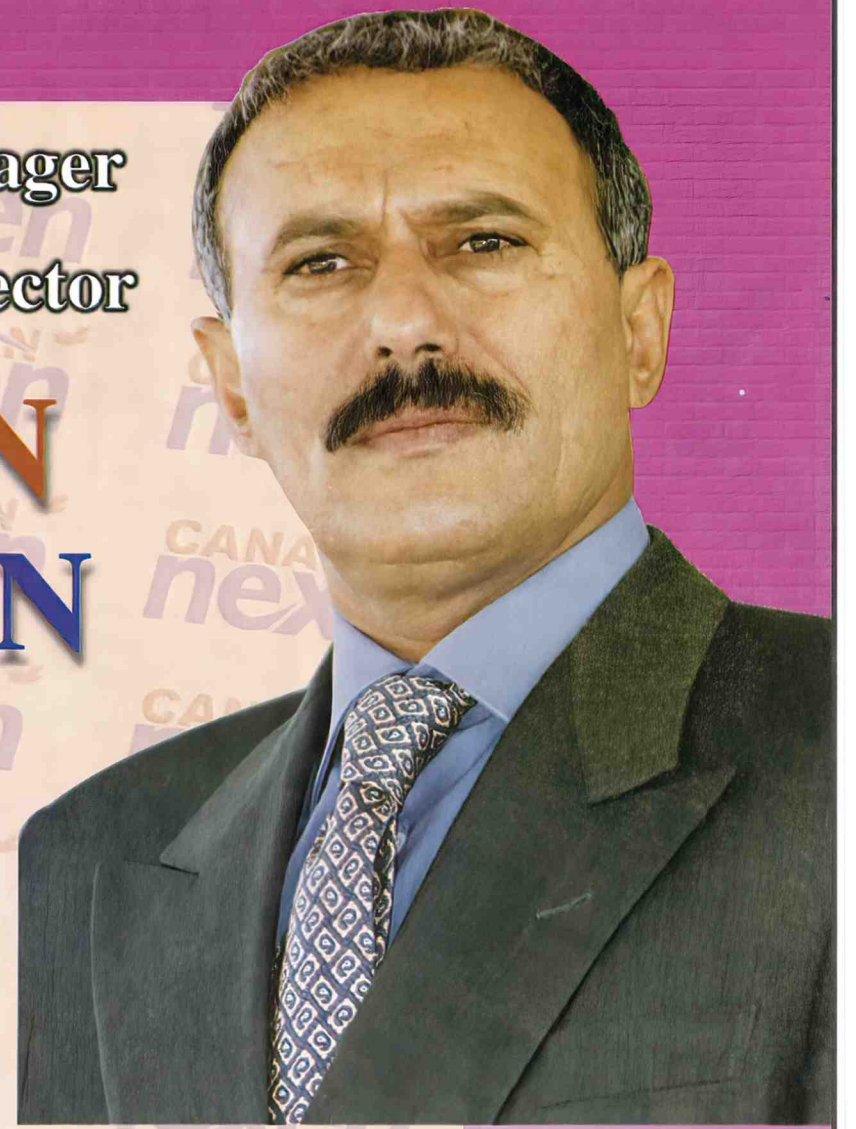
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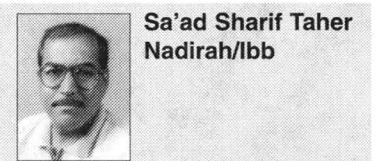


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Eid and Ramadhan, Complementing Each Other for the Joy of Yemeni Children



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No doubt that Eid is a pleasant time full of joy for Yemeni children, as well as all Muslim children all over the world. During this joyful event, children go to playgrounds, visit their relatives, and of course, are given lots of candy and money to buy the toys they like.

However, one should also recall that Ramadhan's joy for children is also fascinating. Children boys and girls, celebrate Ramadan in their own ways. They unconsciously share their parents' joy of Ramadan. Though they practice their own games and songs all round the year in this month they change their time to night instead of day as all people fast during day.

Songs:

During the last ten days of the month children focus their games chorally and in groups in beautiful way. Girls stand in facing groups or in one circle holding each other's hands and start singing. A girl goes to the center of the circle to sing a part of a song which the others complete after her. It lasts for unlimited time.

Women have their own long, rhythmic and better texts than men do. Therefore theirs are more affective. Boy's songs are less in number. The most famous boys' are "umssiyat" [Evening songs]. Those are sung while boys go from a house to another to say "Good evening" to the inhabitants to give them (the boys) money or sweet rings (gors). Money is called "umssiyah" [Evening wage].

In a folkloric tradition they clap and sing local songs led by a leader who sings traditional phrases and other boys repeat with or after him as if they were calling the inhabitant saying: "ya mesa feet amsi min yaim ya mesa bilgharareh wil shreim" [evening, I've come to spend night from Yarim to have anything in my bag

and sickle]. If the man or the house hold accepts them and enters to bring something, they repeat: "ya sa'adi ged dekhel yedi, yedi gries il bir ya sa'adi". [I am lucky, I've won a ring in hand. I am fortunate]. If they are rejected they repeat: "ya misa jeet amsi indukum ya misa ged kheshelul kelbukum" [Evening, I've come to spend night with you but your dog scratched me.] During the last two days of Ramadhan the fageeh "the pious" and the prayers recite sad religious songs over the loud speaker to say goodbye to Ramadan.

Games: Boys have many different games but let's focus on some: 1- "Al-Batta" which is playing cards. In some places it is called "Al-batta" [the duck]. Two teams play it. A team that wins 101 point will win.

2- "Habs Aman" [prison and safety.] Here boys are divided into two teams. One I called prison and the other is safety. A boy from safety advances to wander. If he is caught he will be sent to the second group "the prison". If one of the previous team comes and touches him without the other team catching him, "the arrested" will be free and join the first team. If all the safety team are caught they will be in the prison. The game will be played in the opposite. It will be repeated till they feel bored and stop it.

3- The game of "Fifteen": boys stand in a circle of fifteen members holding each other's hands. A boy starts counting his number as "one" the second says "two" till "fifteen". The last one starts chasing the others. He

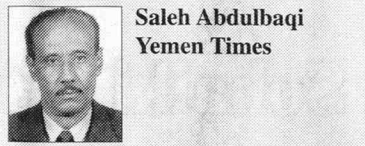
who is touched will go out of the game. The last one will be clapped. Then the game is repeated again and again.

4- "Goola wmagwel", goola is a piece of wood (1.5 cm width and 20cm length.) Magwel is a wooden cylindrical stick of 50-70 cm length, and 2-3 cm width. Two stones are needed. Boys are divided into two teams (3-4 players each). A player of the first team puts the goola on the stones and hits it with the magwel. If one the opposite team catches it, the team will get 10 'Djabs' (points). If not, the distance will be measured with the magwel length, which is considered as ten points. Another player from the opposite team throws the goola towards the magewel which should be put on the two stones. If the goola touches it or it falls nearer than a magewel length, he will win. The other team will start and so on. The team which gets many points is crowned as the winner.

5- Games of "bombs", it is played in towns and villages. Children (9-14) years old gather at nights after dinners and divide themselves into two teams. Each team goes to supply plastic bags or empty juice can to fill them with sand. They are called "bombs". If it is dark they may use torch lights. Then they hide in some hiding places as the game will start fifteen minutes later. After that the attack begins individually or in groups by throwing those false bombs at one another. Sometimes minor casualties happen. If the leader is caught, he will be beaten black and blue. The game continues for two hours and finishes at random. In each game a child should endure difficulties and injuries.

Al-Morshidi

Pioneer of the Yemeni Contemporary Song



Saleh Abdulbaqi Yemen Times

Mohammed Morshed Naji, (al-Morshidi), is no doubt the pioneer of the Contemporary Yemeni song. His popularity has exceeded the local borders to reach the Gulf and Arab countries. I met him two years ago in the house of his nephew, Fuad al-Yosofi, in Aden. I still remember a lot of what he said about his life and beginning as a singer. He was born in Aden, where he was also brought up and got educated. He worked for sometime for the Ministry of Education. Then he was appointed a secretary of the Sultan al-Fadhli in Abyan. After that he held a number of government posts.

His interest in signing was in him since he was young. He began singing in weddings and maqials. His sweet voice made his star shine quickly in the south of the country. Soon his popularity exceeded the borders to reach many of the Gulf and Arab countries.

Even when he got older, he went on singing when meeting with his friends in maqials in Sheikh Othman.

In fact, the start of the great Yemeni singers was similar to many people in Aden. The majority of people at the time had the typical oriental musical instrument, the Oud. They practiced singing because they liked it, but they never thought to become professional singers. The situation continued like this until the emergence of the Adani Forum which was chaired by Khalil

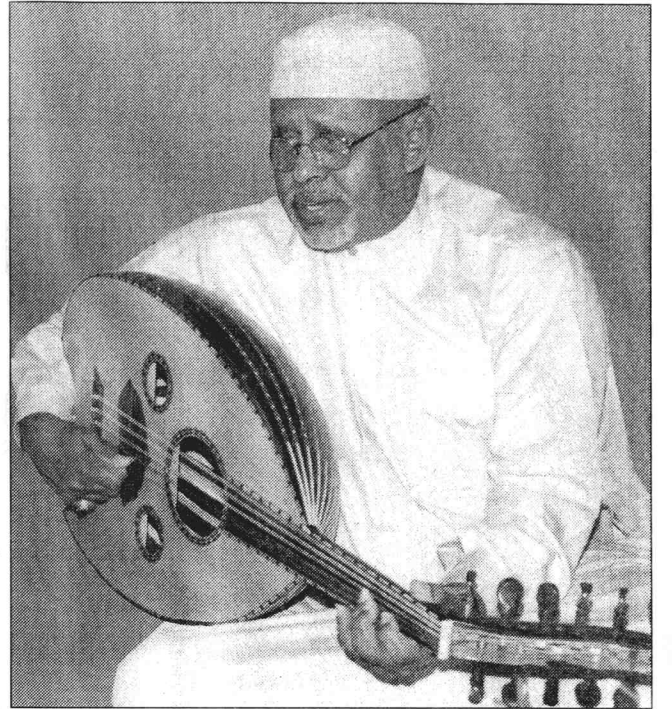
Mohammed Khalil. Many young artists joined the forum. Mohammed Morshed Naji was one of those who would go their so often to practice his favorite habit.

The Forum helped marked the first stage of the Adani song in the 1940s. However, they were mere attempts away from creativeness.

It was Salem Ahmad Bamdadh, al-Morshidi recalled, that first turned into the creative production by his song 'azzen jeza mara.' Others then started to follow suit.

In one of his trips to Britain with the Sultan al-Fadhli, al-Morshidi presented his song 'Waqfa' in 1951 which shifted him to the stage of stardom. The song was written by Mohammed Saeed Jaradah.

The first time al-Morshidi appeared in a soiree was with Ahmad Qasem. At the time he was the Oud player at the request of Ahmad Qasem. The two went on singing achieving good reputation and popularity among the audience in the south. In the course of time, fans and supporters of each one started

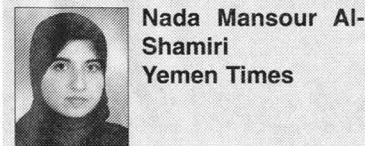


to increase day after day. In the long run, each one has to go to his own way making an artistic school by himself. Besides his love and passion songs, al-Morshidi has also sung for the country since the break-out of the July revolution of Egypt. He was also one of those who supported the national resistance against the British colonization. These songs still enjoy good popularity and reputation until now.

Al-Morshidi was honored in many local and Arab occasions. He was awarded many medals two of which he received in April and May 2001 in Bahrain and Oman.

Al-Morshidi is also a well-known author. He has made a number of researches and studies on Yemeni songs.

Views of Sana'a



Nada Mansour Al-Shamiri Yemen Times

"It is surprising!" said Mr. Hakeem al-Akel, an outstanding Yemeni artist, describing the "Views of Sana'a" exhibition by Hani Ahmad al-Massrafi, Fahmi Ali al-Hababi, and Abdulwase'e Mohammed al-Ulofi, that took place on December 3 at the French Culture Center (FCC).

Inauguration of the exhibition was followed by a welcoming speech by Mr. Arnaud Playsance, the General Secretary of the Center.

The exhibition combined realism, expressionism and designing. "Hani is talented and has creative fingers, said al-Akel. "He uses his imagination to reflect his surroundings. Abdulwase'e is courageous in using colors. Fahmi was succeeded in the idea he chose for the exhibition. Depicting the folklore dances, he tried to create a movement

inside the conflicting colors. I'm sure they will get brilliant artistic future," he added. Al-Taib al-Haj, a Sudanese artist spoke highly of the young artists saying their art is elegant and that they together form a beautiful symphony.

Jamal Abdullah al-Shami, Chairman of Monetary and Inspection at the Plastic Artists Syndicate (PAS), said the works show new styles that heralds good future for the participants. Thanking the role of the (FCC) in introducing artists to the society, he expressed hopes that the Ministry of Culture will be also considerate of this kind of art. "Unfortunately it seems as if the Ministry of Culture does not have a room for plastic arts on its agenda," he said.

"The three have their different styles," said Amani al-Baba, an artist, commenting on the paintings. "Abdulwase'e is a philosopher. He paints as if he is narrating philosophical stories. He shows the relations between man and God, oneself, world and one another. Man is his main idea that he tries show in all of his paintings, symbolizing different thoughts. Hani is more realistic. His interest in aestheticism, colors and light make him tender. In his works of doors he mixes symbolism with realism. Fahmi is more interested in tradition and heritage. His colors are optimistic and vivid," she added.

Coming close to the artists themselves, I found that they are still in their twenties. Abdulwase'e Mohammed al-Ulofi, 27 years old, a member of the Plastic Arts Syndicate, said his works are meant for all segments of people. "Art is our means to express ourselves. And it is

evaluated by the impression it leaves inside its spectators," he said.

Fahmi Ali al-Hababi, 24 years old, Faculty of Information, paints with happy light colors that should have made him optimistic, said: "I've chosen the folklore dance as the main idea in my works for this exhibition. It is something that people do not see much in paintings."

Hani Ahmed al-Massrafi, 22 years old, Faculty of languages, French Department said: "My works reflect the society I belong to, and I always search for new ideas."

What Do They Paint and for Whom?

Hani says he paints what he feels inside of him, Fahmi paints what he is affected by and for Abdulwase'e, art is a means to express his emotions and inner feelings.

A friendly chat with the three young artists, was a good chance for me to know how much of them are artists. "70% of me is an artist, and I wish that the realistic man in me could get bigger than 30%," said Fahmi. "We deal with people in a very simple and humble way. But of course, sometimes I am forced to be more realistic with people

whenever the situation requires me to be so," he added. Abdulwase'e said: "The human in me controls me with the help of the artist. The artist moves through different stages until he creates a human being of high values and sense of esthetics."

Finally, I asked them about their wishes in the near future they all expressed hopes that the Ministry of Culture will pay attention to and take care of young artists.



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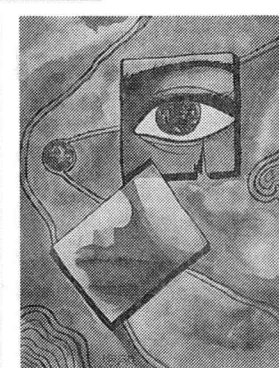
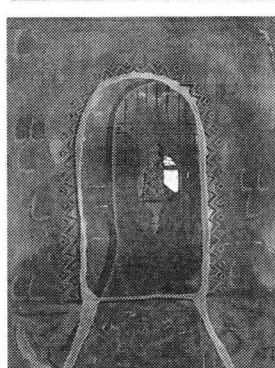
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I. What to Say

Coincidences
Yasin: Hello. Haven't I seen you somewhere before?
Ali: No. I don't think so. You might have seen someone like me. You're perhaps mistaken.
Yasin: But your face seems so familiar to me. I might have seen your photograph somewhere.
Ali: Well. That's quite possible. I sometimes write articles in Yemen Times. My photograph is published with my article.
Yasin: Correct. I recently read your article on 'Ramadhan in Taiz' and saw your photo.
Ali: I see. How was it?
Yasin: It was very informative. Wait a minute. I'm trying to recall whether we might have met before as well.
Ali: Quite possible. You know what they say - it's a small world.
Yasin: I was in Taiz not too long before. Could we have met somewhere there?
Ali: In what connection did you visit Taiz?
Yasin: I was invited to participate in a poetry workshop organized by the Ministry of Culture on occasion of the Unification Day.
Ali: We must have met there. I, too, participated in the same event.
Yasin: I'm sure we have met each other there and perhaps were introduced to each other through Mr. Sanabani, if my memory serves me well.
Ali: That's right. I can now remember. You recounted some humorous anecdotes and made us roll in laughter. Am I correct?
Yasin: O you remember that?
Ali: Yes, I do. What a coincidence to have met you in Sana'a. What brings you here?
Yasin: I have come to contact some publishers who may be willing to publish my anthology of poems.
Ali: Is it your first anthology?
Yasin: Yes. It's a selection of my poems which were published at different times.
Ali: How nice. I know a publisher in Sana'a who may be interested.
Yasin: Would you mind taking me to him?
Ali: Not at all. I'll be only too glad when your book sees light of day. Let's go, then.

II. How to say it correctly

Correct errors, if any, in the following sentences.
 1. I am beginning to accustom to the Yemeni way of life.
 2. He is interested in the way people act towards each other.
 3. The actions we do everyday are made easier by computers.
 4. My actual job involves a lot of administration.
 5. I never get bored by this city. Actually each time I return I find something new to interest me.

Answers to last week's questions

1. One man is **capable** of destroying the whole world. We use 'able' when someone can do something easily and there is nothing unusual or surprising about it. 'Capable of (doing) something' is used when something is not usually done but is possible to do.
 2. I am always delighted when I receive a letter from you.

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Our Tradition
 I can't see her, she can't see me.
 However, she loves me and so do I.
 I can't marry her, she can't marry me.
 However, our hearts are married already.
 In my dream, I found her on the beach.
 Her red gown reflected the moonlight.
 I tried to approach, but I could not.
 There was a burning barrier between us.
 I called her in a yearning voice.
 She came near the barrier, then she cried.
 When she cried I began to cry.
 Her dropping tears were falling rich pearls.
 I told her that I couldn't live without her.
 She told me that it was not my fault nor hers.
 It was the fault of time which made the barrier.
 Then she added, the families sealed our love.

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Do you remember that day

Do you remember that day
 When you and I ...
 Met as two wandering clouds in the sky
 With strange faces, hearts, and minds,
 You said to me 'Hi... friend'
 And I said the same,
 You smiled at me ...
 Your smile shone as a twinkling star
 That lights the earth,
 Love, hope, and friendship flowed
 I saw them all in your eyes.
 ... That day is gone by
 Now, we have the same hearts
 The same eyes ...
 You and I ...
 We depart silently, may be friendly...
 At the end
 Nothing is there...
 Except only the sweet memories Inside your heart ... and mine.

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With regard to the party on December 26th, I shall be very pleased to attend.
 'About' is rarely used to introduce a topic in informal style. Where **with regard to, regarding, as for, or as far as is concerned** is used in formal contexts.
 3. He likes reading, **especially** novels.
Above all means 'most importantly'.
 4. I would be grateful if you send it to the **above mentioned** address.
'above mentioned' has a qualifying function and has, therefore, to be placed before the noun.
 5. I cannot give you the **exact** date of my arrival yet. **Accurate** is used to describe something that has no errors

III. How to express it in one word.

1. Take possession of private property as punishment.
2. Great fire that destroys building or forests.
3. A place where two rivers meet.
4. Person with good judgement on matters in which taste is needed.
5. The consciousness with oneself of the judgement between right and wrong.

Answers to Last week's questions

1. General notion or idea underlying a class of things: **Concept**
 1. Agreement between persons or things: **Concord**
 1. Overlook or forgive an offense: **Condone**
 1. Person who collects fares on a bus: **Conductor**
 1. Person who is trusted with private affairs or secrets: **Confidant**

IV. Read the conversation given below carefully and fill in the missing parts:

- a) **Tawfeek:** When are you going to your village?
Hisham: I -----
Tawfeek: -----
Hisham: I go there by bus.
Tawfeek: Do you go to your village often?
Hisham: No, -----
- b) **Rearrange the jumbled words or sets of words to make meaningful sentences.**
 1. not / Socrates/ the rules of Athens / like / did
 2. the rulers/ by/ arrested/ was/ Socrates
 3. put/ was/ he/ prison/ the/ in
 4. calm and cheerful/ was/ in the prison/ he
 5. the poison/ water/ a glass of/ like/ drank/ he

- c) **Change into reported speech:**
Tawfeek: 'When are you going to village?'

Answers to last week's questions

1. **Subject:** Five young soldiers
Head noun: soldiers
2. I want to go to a place **where** I can see the zoo.
3. History is **no less important than** philosophy.
4. I must **call on** you tomorrow.
5. Come back **in** an hour's time.

V. Words of Wisdom

"The secret of success is constancy of purpose."
 —Disraeli

TIMES QUIZ - 10

Questions

1. Which law states that every mass in this universe attracts every other mass with a force which is directly proportional to the product of two masses and inversely proportional to the square of distance between them?
 a) Newton's Law of Motion
 b) Newton's Law of Gravitation
 c) Newton's Law of Cooling
2. Which Indian born scientist was awarded the Nobel prize in astrophysics?
 a) C. V. Raman
 b) Chandrasekhar
 c) Vikram Sarabhai
 d) H. J. Bhabha
3. Human beings can be classified as
 a) hermaphrodites
 b) dioecious
 c) monoecious
 d) intersexes
4. Main function of leaf is
 a) exchange of gas
 b) trapping of sunlight
 c) synthesis of food
 d) process of transpiration
5. Which planet is known as the 'red planet'?
 a) Jupiter b) Mars
 c) Neptune d) Earth

Answers to Times Quiz (9)

1. Kilowatt is a unit of **power**.
2. The soil near the surface is usually darker than the about one meter down. This is because the **top soil contains more organic matter**.
3. During rainy season, ground becomes slippery because of **green algae**.
4. The instrument **Sextant** would be used for navigation of a ship.
5. A camel's hump contains **fat**.

V.S. Naipaul: A Writer With An Excess Of Roots



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In a well-written profile (Issue No.45, 5 Nov.2001) of the winner of the Nobel Prize in literature 2001 P.A. Abraham describes V.S. Naipaul (Vidiadhar Surajprasad Naipaul) as a writer without roots. Naipaul is an ethnic Indian born in Trinidad and educated at Oxford. The author of 25 critically acclaimed books, innumerable articles and winner of numerous literary prizes for his works of fiction, travel writing and social commentary, he's also been called the finest living writer in the English language. He believes himself to be a stateless person, a man without a country. I venture to say that he is a writer with an excess of roots - a writer from nowhere and everywhere. Unlike the blacks in the West Indies who put their faith in the African past and sought to make history, Naipaul turned away from the Caribbean and the riches of his past. West Indian writers like George Lamming, Edward Braithwaite, George Nicholas and Derek Walcott (winner of the Nobel Prize in literature in 1992) looked ahead to local culture of the future while Naipaul didn't come to terms with the fractured culture of the decolonised land. He is loath to lodge himself in a postcolonial dispensation. But his sense of exile is an intellectual exercise and it has very little to do with any kind of specific historical uprooting. It is purposive rather than punishing. Its remedy doesn't lie in repatriation or any kind of 're-rooting'. To support his palpable skepticism Naipaul masquerades his 'rootlessness' as the preoccupation of his vision in fact, not to put too fine a point on it, it is predicated upon the imperatives of his writerly strategies. It offers him the dialectic of alterity to project a vision of the West on a series of caricatures of decolonised societies: the wretched earth illustrated with drab monochrome as against controlling bright lights. No doubt such a slant provides him with a pitiless mirror to render some aspects of the modern world sharply visible with bleak honesty and tough moral stance for which he is deserving of the Nobel, yet his questioning and directed negation need to be viewed with close and combative attention nonetheless. In his case the given space of his identity is expanded or rubbed out and refashioned for potential transgression. It allows him to vilify his homeland of Trinidad as one of the many "half-made societies". It is the sort of convenience which affords him the scope of indulging his unrestrained loathing for certain cultures in books like *An Area of Darkness* (1964), *India: A Wounded Civilisation* (1977), *Among Believers* (1981), and *Beyond Belief* (1998) etc. It is the sort of contrivance which allows him to cultivate the quiet air of a reclusive squire living down a quiet Wiltshire lane in England and still claim to be writing a non-Western kind of novel.

Although Naipaul has expressed a wish to consecrate his prize to England, his adopted home, he owes his literary debts to Trinidad and the Caribbean. During the winter of 1952, he wrote to his father, Seepersad Naipaul, from University College, Oxford, where he was studying for his degree in English literature and language on an island scholarship:

I feel nostalgic for home. Do you know what I long for? I long for the nights that fall blackly, suddenly, without warning. I long for a violent shower of rain at night. I long to hear the tinny tattoo of heavy rain-drops on a roof, or the drops of rain on the broad leaves of that wonderful plant, the wild tannia. But in short I long for home, or perhaps, the homely atmosphere. And I miss my bicycle rides, and the sea, and the pit at Rialto, and the sort of cigarettes I used to smoke, to everyone's scandal. (*Letters Between a Father and Son* by V.S. Naipaul)

Intimate touch with his roots stimulated Naipaul's literary imagination and gave him the subject and setting for his earlier books, namely *Mystic Masseur* (1957), *The Suffrage of Elvira* (1958), *Miguel Street* (1959) and *A House for Mr Biswas* (1961). But the books based on the Caribbean material including *A House for Mr Biswas*—in my view his finest book—were belittled by Naipaul. In 1981, he considered these books inconsequential: Of course, when you are starting, you really have to try to establish a world

and it's much easier if you can even pretend that the tribal culture is a world, that the life of the street puts you in touch with the wider world. The early comedies made this pretense, I think, and they include *Biswas*, a book I think I remember, though I haven't read the book since I wrote it, you know. Two years later, in his foreword to the paperback edition of *A House for Mr Biswas* Naipaul recounts how one evening, in Cyprus, in 1981, he was moved to hear a reading of the *Novel* on the BBC World service: "I listened. And in no time, though the instalment was comic, though the book had inevitably been much abridged, and the linking words were not mine, I was in tears, swamped by the emotions I had tried to shield myself from for twenty years."

What was the motivation for shielding himself from the emotions which sustained his early writings? The answer to this query probably explains his ostensible 'rootlessness'. Young Vidiadhar left his original country, Trinidad, as an 18 year old boy (he was born on August 13, 1932) for Oxford in 1950. In the course of writing his first four books he felt intimately drawn to the atmospheric and cultural intersections of Trinidad but he felt all along the paramount pull of high literary ambition. It was fuelled as much by his father's exhortations whose own ambition of becoming a writer was engulfed by pressing domestic obligations as by the younger Naipaul's precocious confidence in his calling. Before leaving for Oxford in a letter written to his elder sister, Kamala, studying at the Hindu University at Benares, India, he runs down Jane Austen:

Jane Austen appears to be essentially a writer for women; if she had lived in our own age she would undoubtedly have been a leading contributor to the women's papers. Her work really bored me. It is mere gossip. It could appeal to a female audience. The diction is fine, of course. But the work, besides being mere gossip, is slick and unprofessional.

At the end of the first term at Oxford, he affirms, brimming with brio: "I have got to show these people that I can beat them at their own language." About two months before he got the Nobel Prize he attacked the work and reputation of E.M. Forster, James Joyce, Charles Dickens, Wole Soyinka, and R.K. Narayan. Though his confidence borders on hauteur, his father's trust in his talent has been vindicated. Way back in the 50's Naipaul's father used to get vicarious thrill in his son's prodigious gifts. He wrote to him:

I feel so damned cocksure that I can produce a novel within six months if only I had nothing else to do. This is impossible. But I want to give you just this chance. When your university studies are over, if you get a good job, all and good, if you do not, you have not got to worry one little bit. You will come home—and do what I am longing to do now; just write; and read and do the things you like to do. This is where I want to be of use to you. I want you to have that chance which I never had; somebody to support me and mine while I write.

Seepersad Naipaul died in 1953 and the son staying in England chose to turn his back on Trinidad. Why did he disown his homeland and his roots which well served his creative imagination till 1960? Obviously, he wanted to stay close to the center of superior culture to tend his superior imagination. While he was in Trinidad on a visit funded by the Trinidad Government in September 1960, the Premier, Eric Williams, suggested that he write a non-fiction book about the Caribbean. The outcome of Williams' proposal was *The Middle Passage* (1962), Naipaul's first non-fictional narrative account of five colonial countries in the West Indies and South America. As an acid dismissal of Caribbean culture replete with caustic notes it was a precursor to Naipaul's books on India, particularly *An Area of Darkness* and *India: A Wounded Civilization*. While these books shocked West Indians and Indians readers, English and American readers received them enthusiastically. They brought Naipaul to public attention in the West and consequently he found a promising space from where he could lodge his self to function unfettered by limiting notions of any particularity or specific identity. From this vantage point supported by the ballast of Eurocentrism he has found his satiric, acerbic perspective on the non-West or

the Third World being lapped up by metropolitan readers. Inevitably, the rich texture of his Caribbean background faded away to make room for caricatures of the postcolonial societies which melt into each other with phantom contrast—not that he hasn't mined effectively a rich vein of experience. He has certainly sharpened our awareness of the postcolonial world including the Indian context caught in his luminous prose leavened with derisive tone. He can nail his colours to the mast. His writings have fascinating moments even when he is quite hurtful and his views and opinions are uncomfortably true or too frank but at other times his comments are supercilious, misanthropic and plainly ignorant. Here is an example of Naipaul's painfully inadequate assessment of Indian literature:

Indian attempts at the novel further reveal the Indian confusion. The novel is of the West. It is part of that Western concern with the condition of men, a response to the here and now. In India thoughtful have preferred to turn their backs on the here and now and to satisfy what President Radhakrishnan calls 'the basic hunger for the unseen'. It is not a good qualification for the writing and reading of novels. (*An Area of Darkness*)

The success of Indian English novel has proved Naipaul wrong. His penchant for massive generalization, his homogenizing, totalizing lens or, in other words, his essentializing obsession with negativity and bumptious self-assurance make his vision jaundiced and judgment untinged. Predictably, the projective vision of the West on 'half-made' insubstantial non-Western world made him immensely popular and he was "quickly canonized for his indictment of the Third World".

I should like to return to the question of roots and identity in his narratives. As richly textured islands of West Indies and cultural intersections of Trinidad formed the backdrop of his early books, India offered him the space to excavate new dimensions of experience in his narratives of non-fiction and fiction from 1960's onwards. His latest novel, *Half A Life* (2001), too, is substantially Indian in setting and thematic implications, although the fictional canvas extends to London and an unnamed African country, possibly Mozambique. In one of his well-known early novels, *In A Free State* (1971), which bagged the Booker prize, Naipaul engages with the discourse of Hinduism at considerable length. Further, in *India: A Million Mutinies Now* (1990), Naipaul's latest and longest book on India, he indulges his interaction with diverse particularities of India's complex cultural network, and the optimism of the book signifies a shift in his perspective on India. Unlike the Naipaul of *An Area of Darkness* and *India: A Wounded Civilization* we notice a writer coming to terms with his migrant ancestors' lost paradise:

People everywhere have ideas now of who they are and what they owe themselves. The process quickened with the economic development that came after independence; what was hidden in 1962, or not easy to see, what perhaps was only in a state of becoming, has become clearer. The liberation of spirit that has come to India could not come as release alone. In India, with its layer below layer of distress and cruelty, it had to come as disturbance. It had to come as rage and revolt. India was now a country of a million little mutinies.

He also writes:

What the mutinies were also helping to define was the strength of the general intellectual life, and the wholeness and humanism of the values to which all Indians now felt they could appeal. And—strange iron—the mutinies were not to be wished away. They were part of the beginning of a new way for many millions, part of India's growth, part of its restoration.

As Naipaul notes, the flavour of India's restorative resilience is all around. It seems he is struggling to make a reckoning with his roots but his grasp is still fragile because he is not yet reconciled to the position of an insider in a post-colonial situation. He finds anchor in writing whereby he can subvert the given space of his location and identity to inscribe his perception on the conscience of readers.

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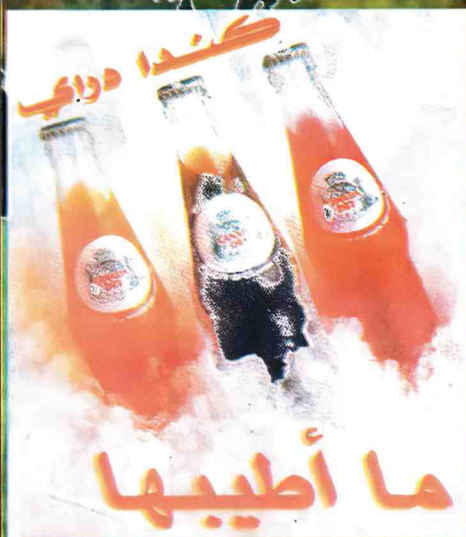
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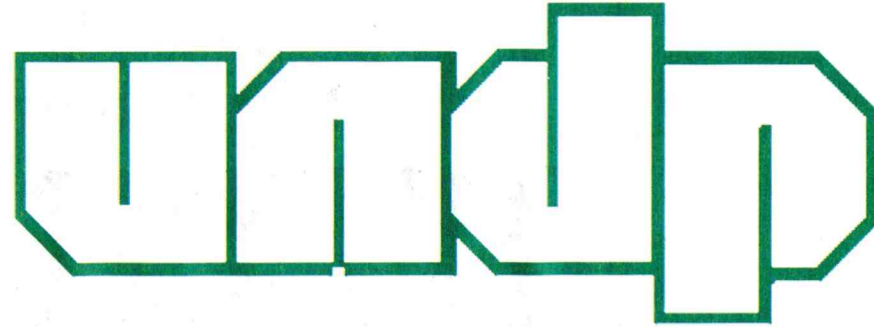


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United Nations Development Programme برنامج الأمم المتحدة الإنمائي

VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) invites Yemeni Nationals to apply for the following positions with its Sana'a office:

1) Assistant Resident Representative (Operations)

Responsibilities include:

- Contribute to the preparation of Country Office strategic orientations pertaining to human resources management, delivery of client-oriented services, re-engineering of business processes, resources management and cost reduction measures.
- Supervise the human resource, finance, procurement and general services units; develop, implement and monitor the translation of the Operations strategic orientations into concrete work plans for the units under his/her supervision; accountable for the application of UNDP rules and regulations and corporate policies relevant to the units under direct supervision.
- Ensure the coordinated, cost effective and client oriented delivery of services by the units under direct supervision; responsible for organizing effective coordination working mechanisms to ensure synergies and team work between the different units.
- Be responsible for the effective re-engineering of business processes including implementation of automated business processes.
- Act as the Learning Manager for the Country Office; establish, enhance and monitor implementation of internal systems for training and learning in the office.
- Contribute to and implement office strategic resource management including planning of available resources, tracking/utilization of financial resources, maintaining strategic reserve, proposing cost savings and administrative resource mobilization strategies including cost recovery initiative.
- Update National Execution (NEX) manual, and ensure training for staff and partners on NEX administrative and financial procedures.

Qualifications and skills required:

- Advanced University Degree in Business Administration or related field
- 5-10 years of practical experience in operational management, public administration including financial, human resources and physical resources management.
- Proficient in the use of computers and office software packages.
- Excellent command of English and Arabic (written and verbal).

2) Information & Communication Technology (ICT) Analyst

Responsibilities include:

- Develop, implement and monitor the country office information and communication technology (ICT) strategies and plans.
- Ensure compliance with corporate Information Manager (IM) standards, guidelines, and procedures for the office technology environment. Identify and implement IM practices that enhance the CO's effectiveness and ensure optimum use of information technology communications systems.
- Propose tools and methods for improving effectiveness. Collaborate with Regional Information Managers, Information Systems and Technology staff in the installation of commercial and in-house developed software and related upgrades.
- Manage construction of CO web page and intranet. Ensure that the information contained in the web page and intranet remains current.
- Arrange briefings and demonstrations of corporate systems and coordinate external training sessions. Keep abreast of current technology through self-study, trade publications, and professional activities.
- Represent the Country Office in IT relevant community meetings and discussions. Liaise with Information Systems and Technology staff for resolution of problems/questions that cannot be resolved by the local or regional technical-support teams.
- Provide technical advice on programme formulation and implementation to programme staff on IT related projects; Serve as a member of the office Information Management Task Force
- Formulate the in-house information guidelines and policies in collaboration with the IT Network, addressing important network and desktop security issues and office technology policies and carrying out necessary user training.
- Identify staff training needs and prepare an annual schedule of staff training on application & information topics.
- Supervise the roll-out, installation, configuration of emerging corporate softwares and formulate user training plan.

Qualifications and skills required:

- Advanced University Degree in Computer Sciences, IT or equivalent.
- Minimum of five years experience of progressively responsible work in the IT area.
- Excellent command of English & Arabic (written and verbal).

3) Programme Analyst (2 positions)

1 position related to environment and the other position in the area of poverty alleviation

Responsibilities include:

- Analyze and monitor the country's socio-economic conditions and trends, maintain relevant information and data, assess their impact on UNDP's work and identify opportunities and potential entry points for UNDP's support.
- In light of UNDP's mandate and programme focus areas, lead the programme/sub-programme development process in conformity with national and UN development frameworks and propose appropriate management arrangements based on thorough capacity assessments.
- Set realistic and monitorable targets for the team and lead monitoring and evaluation processes.
- Promote awareness and understanding of UNDP mandate and corporate policies, advise management on key emerging needs, policy and strategic issues that merit their attention and contribute to policy dialogue.
- Oversee the substantive management of the team's portfolio; provide the necessary guidance to ensure synergies with other teams and the incorporation of crosscutting issues and propose alternative course of action to address emerging problems and bottlenecks.
- Document lessons learned and best practices, access global practices, share them with the other local and international stakeholders and ensure their incorporation into the programme design system.
- Set and monitor financial targets for the Unit's portfolio.
- Promote strategic partnerships with donors, UN Agencies, private sector NGOs and INGOs and identify opportunities for resource mobilization, including the preparation of programme/project outlines.
- Promote and maintain a suitable environment for teamwork within the team, set performance parameters and learning objectives and assess competency performance.

Qualifications and skills required:

- Master degree in social, political science, international relations or development studies.
- At least 5-7 years experience in the field related tasks with a national or international organization, knowledge about the UN and UNDP would be an advantage.
- Extended experience in public relations, resource mobilization and development related work at the national or international level.
- Excellent knowledge of computer and internet use including mastery of word processing.
- Excellent drafting and communication skills.
- Excellent command of English and Arabic (written and verbal).

4) Human Resource Associate

Responsibilities include:

- Advise office management on Human Resource (HR) related issues and contribute to the development, implementation and monitoring of the office HR Strategy.
- Advise and monitor the appropriate use of various types of contracts. Determine and process the benefits and entitlements of UNDP staff and project personnel. Verify and certify the accuracy of all data.
- Propose new or revised procedures and practice. Interpret and assesses the impact of changes and make recommendation for follow up. Keep abreast of changes in administrative rules, regulations, and procedures, providing interpretation.
- Draft correspondence of a complex or sensitive nature. Write special reports, evaluations and justifications as required.
- Provide necessary support to the Office Learning Manager by determining staff training needs and proposing monitoring of individual and office training initiatives.
- Implement and monitor office compliance with corporate HR Policies.
- Provide training and guidance to NEX staff on UNDP recruitment procedures and Human Resource management.
- Maintain HR Reporting data and system and prepare aspects of office budget applicable to staff costs and training budget.

Qualifications and skills required:

- Minimum University Degree in Business Administration, Human Resources Management or equivalent.
- Minimum of seven years of progressively responsible work in administration/HR field.
- Excellent computer skills.
- Excellent command of English and Arabic (written and verbal).

5) Public Information Associate

Responsibilities include:

- Administer key elements of, and operationalize UNDP's communication and advocacy strategies, utilizing multimedia including internet, electronic and print media.
- Propose and implement activities, initiatives and programmes to promote public awareness of, and access to UNDP information and publicity materials. Effectively liaise with the Government, donors, local media, NGO's, civil society and other partners to this end.
- Provide technical advice to all units in the organization of advocacy and communication activities for the country programme; compile, monitor and implement agreed areas of communication and advocacy work plan.
- Plan, arrange and facilitate briefings and promotional opportunities, utilizing the national and international news media; identify appropriate projects and arrange field visits to UNDP activities in liaison with the programme units, accompany media teams, donors and other special interest groups, write related articles, coordinate and contribute to arrangements for special events.
- Compile and summarize background information, communication and other promotional and advocacy materials for use by the national media. Draft, edit articles, press releases and other information materials and reports.
- Produce periodic publications on UNDP in-country activities for distribution to partners.
- Contribute to the elaboration of the resource mobilization and advocacy strategies.

Qualifications and skills required:

- University Degree in Journalism and Communication/Public Relation, International Relations or equivalent.
- 7 years extended experience in public relations and advocacy in particular related to development issues at the national or international level.
- Excellent command of English and Arabic (written and verbal).

6) Procurement Associate

Responsibilities include:

- Plan and organize procurement of goods and services for UNDP and other UN Agencies/Government(NEX) as required. Ensure and verify UNDP regulations and procedures are applied in procuring goods or services.
- Provide training and support to NEX partners on UNDP procurement procedures and contribute to the development and updating of NEX manual in the area of travel and procurement.
- Develop and prepare purchase orders, contracts and agreements with suppliers, and follow-up with suppliers and expeditors to ensure timely delivery.
- Responsible for the creation of a suppliers' database. Conduct market research in order to evaluate potential new suppliers for inclusion in database. Coordinate and maintain appropriate business relation with suppliers.
- Maintain the corporate automated system for procurement. Supervise, upgrade, integrate and ensure smooth application of this system.
- Oversee travel services provided by travel agent to UNDP, UN Agencies and Government (NEX). Ensure and verify UNDP regulations and procedures are applied in determining travel entitlements.
- Obtain and maintain up-dated policies and regulations of UNDP and Government on procurement including travel services. Prepare the annual office procurement activities report.
- Responsible for and oversees prompt clearance and timely delivery of UN consignments, and shipments ensuring UNDP regulations and procedures are applied.

Qualifications and skills required:

- University degree in business administration.
- Minimum of 5 years progressively responsible work in administration/procurement field.
- Excellent computer skills.
- Excellent command of English and Arabic (written and verbal).

7) Programme Associate (3 positions)

1 position related to environment, 2 positions in the area of poverty alleviation field

Responsibilities include:

- Keep abreast of sectoral socio-economic conditions and changes, assess their impact on the programme portfolio; Collect and maintain relevant data and identify opportunities.
- Draft appropriate sections of project documents, maintain a pipeline of proposals, arrange for appraisal processes and ensure linkages with other country and regional initiatives.
- Secure, review and update work plans for the portfolio in accordance with programme objectives.
- Maintain close relationships with programme/project personnel and counterparts and monitor progress and highlight need for corrective actions and policy implications.
- Undertake periodic programme monitoring visits, secure the preparation required substantive reports and arrange for standard monitoring and evaluation exercises.
- Synthesize programme progress and lessons and keep abreast of global best practices and ensure their dissemination.
- Provide training to national counterpart project staff to facilitate and support project execution and ensure effective follow-up of financial reporting and audit recommendations, as appropriate.
- Process budgetary revision, verify data from various sources, and maintain records for the monitoring of project implementation.
- Prepare financial forecasts and reflect them in budgets.

Qualifications and skills required:

- University degree in international relations/development, communication and social science or secondary education with equivalent experience in areas directly related to poverty programmes.
- 3 -5 years extended experience in programme/project management related to poverty reduction and development issues at the national or international level.
- Excellent computer skills.
- Excellent command of English and Arabic (written and verbal).

8) Policy Analyst

Responsibilities include:

- Analyze the country's development assistance picture, including donor priorities, policies and programmes, closely follow national and global trends in development assistance.
- Develop, design and plan a resource mobilization and advocacy strategy for UNDP based on the substantive and strategic orientation identified by the Programme teams and be responsible for its implementation.
- Gather and disseminate information pertinent to the UNDP mandate as well as global best practices and ensure their incorporation into the country office strategy.
- Formulate a framework for close working relationships with UNDP/HQ thematic networks, as well as international and national research institutes, NGOs and private sector and proposes partnership arrangement with them with respect to the UNDP activities.
- Establish and consolidate donor profiles guidelines and provide advice on negotiations of programme/project funded by donors or other cost sharing arrangements and establishes and consolidate donor profiles/guidelines.
- Manage the process of Human Development Reports preparation and launching, facilitate discussions and debates and document lessons learned.
- Participate in the elaboration and appraisal of UNDP and UN programme and project documents.
- Research and prepare draft strategic policy papers and thematic documents relevant to UNDP corporate mandate, facilitate discussions.
- Identify catalytic areas for UNDP intervention and provide support and advice to programme staff accordingly.
- Assess and interpret the impact of changes in programming tools, regulations and practices.

Qualifications and skills required:

- Advanced University degree (Master's level) in international relations/development or communication and social sciences.
- Extended experience of 5-7 years in public relations, resource mobilization and development related work at the national or international level.
- Excellent command of English and Arabic (written and verbal).

9) Programme Assistant (Programme Finance Monitoring Unit -PFMU)

Responsibilities include:

- Maintain expenditure ledgers; updated approval levels by source of funds; process mandatory and other budget revisions; reconcile headquarters PFMS (Programme Finance Monitoring Unit) data with various programme finance ledgers.
- Verify, analyze and reconcile various programme expenditure reports from the country office headquarters and Government using a computerized financial information system.
- Monitor the Management Plan created by Programme Assistants and maintain a consolidated data reporting and follow up format on management actions.
- Process financial transactions, conduct and participate in the implementation of training plans.
- Draft correspondence relating to programme, clarify, follow up and respond to requests for information.
- Follow up and process the closure of financially completed projects.
- Maintain and update the automated filing folder for the Unit's documentation in the CO automated filing/documentation system.
- Draft presentations and other statistical charts for advocacy purposes.
- Participate in programme/project field visits to get physically acquainted with the nature of the projects' activities and their implementation processes.

Qualifications and skills required:

- Completion of secondary school with supplemental training in accounting and finance.
- 5 years extended specialized experience in financial information management, Programme Resource and Management.
- Excellent command of English & Arabic (written and verbal).

Candidates who have the necessary qualifications and background for any of the above positions may submit their curriculum vitae with a brief letter indicating the position(s) to which they are applying to the following address:

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Press Scanner

Prepared by Mohammed Khidhr

On 11 December 2001 Ath-Thawra daily devoted its editorial to discussing the final statement issued by the Organization of Islamic Conference's (OIC) foreign ministers emergency conference held in Doha, Qatar, Monday Dec. 10. The editorial says despite the importance of the decisions adopted in the emergency meeting of the OIC held in Doha Monday Dec. 10 and some positive elements towards developments of the situations in the occupied Arab territories in the light of the recent Israeli escalation, the positiveness of the resolutions would remain inactive and meant only for information purposes unless their texts are changed into measures and practical steps. They would remain futile without being embodied by a serious and responsible stand leading to decisive encountering of the unprecedented Israeli arrogance especially what is happening inside the occupied Arab territories at present. The editorial added that the situation clearly indicated that Israel was strongly wont to liquidation of the Palestinian cause and killing the will of the Palestinian people in line with schemes of Sharon's government intended for expanding suppressive acts, war of annihilation and the hyper use of force and terrorism. This policy intends to put the Palestinian people before only two options: either to give up their land, sovereignty and dignity and their right to self-determination and establishment of their independent state, or facing annihilation with the most sophisticated lethal weapons.

The newspaper's editorial maintains that against this open aggression any Arab and Islamic remissness would represent a violation of the nation's principles and denial of the minimum extent of her values in addition to squandering her rights and sanctities. The responsibility dictates on all to take this equation into consideration to occupy its place in Islamic countries political agenda. Thus it makes the results the OIC conference has come out with as a beginning to a unified Islamic attitude working on supporting the right of the Palestinian people who have accepted the option of just and comprehensive peace according to the real bases of this peace. It is not permissible to leave the Palestinian people alone facing the pressures pushing them to surrender to a kind of peace deducting from their national rights based on resolutions of the international legitimacy. Time has come for the Arab and Islamic countries to work together on adopting the unified address to answer to all the unbalanced and illogical stances taken by this international party or that with regard to development of the conflict in the Middle East. It is especially significant to note that those attitudes intentionally and illogically confuse between the aggression and the principle of self-defense and between the legitimate struggle in resisting occupation and terrorism that is rejected in all its forms. Against this specified situation the stand of the EU foreign ministers in their recent meeting in Brussels came as influenced by the policy based on double standard and not

naming things by their actual names. This discloses incapability of the European states of disentangling themselves from the complex of taking an open bias to the Israeli side. As Arabs it is difficult for us to accept that racial discrimination reflected by the European vision especially that rules of justice contradict concealment of aggression and taking a biased stand towards occupation. We wonder how the European conscience would sleep on those crimes while an entire people are destroyed with missiles and tanks and warplanes. We also wonder how the European stand has disregarded the crimes committed by the Israeli occupation forces and Zionist settlers against the innocent and defenseless scores of children, women and elderly people from the Palestinian people killed everyday. One does not know how the European foreign ministers have forgotten the consequences of violating the criteria and toppling the facts and confusion between legitimate resistance and the refused terror. What the many would fear is that such strategy based on siding with injustice and destroying the weaker could be the logic of the new age despite what this could herald of the strength of the state of mutiny against the ethical and humanitarian principles and values. The editorial concluded that this situation imposes on the Arab and Islamic countries to speed up in uniting their stand of facing this rush which lacks in reality and balance and the absence of the simplest rules of fairness that can preserve security and stability in the world.

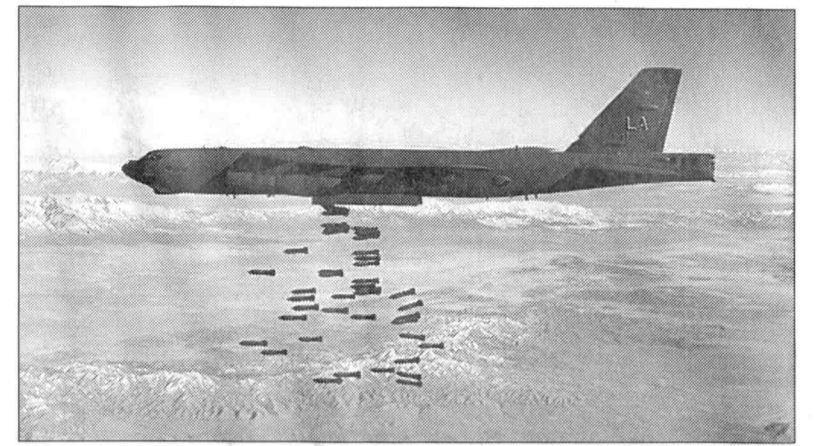
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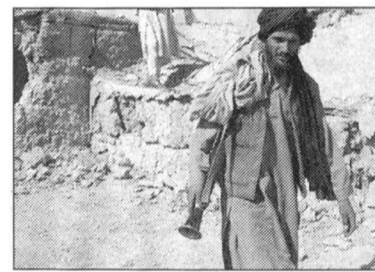
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Following the end of the World War II, the United States has proven that it is country number one in the world evidently owing to its military power. The victory achieved by the United States in that global war has made it confident that the rest of the 20th century should be American and that the US should lead the whole world. Indeed, United States has made progress in different aspects and on the same vigorously so as to achieve its utmost goal, which is to have the upper-hand in the world as a whole. At first, one of its policies mainly focused on downsizing the role of the USSR and the Socialist Pact, which had been the enemy number one for the United States, as well. Secondly, the United States has been so active to bring the European countries to its side and has also inherited their former colonies. Interestingly, the United States has successfully drawn up its goals to dominate the whole world. The USA has tried hard to dominate the whole world through having the upper-hand on the oil-rich regions and the U.N organizations. Further, the U.S. government has made of the oil-



rich regions as vital areas for it, and it has repeatedly expressed its readiness to defend them whatever the cost is. The United States also intended to convince its allies of its supremacy with the view of using their capacities and potentials for serving the supposedly common interests which aim at the end to merely serve the U.S. national interest. Similarly, the United States has been propagating all the time that its economy is the most powerful, therefore, all nations of earth should follow it. Of course, it has made great strides in the scientific field, but, this scientific progress has caused a brain-drain, particularly in the development countries as many scientists and experts have been attracted by the available freedom of movement that has never been made available in such manner in any other country. Moreover, it has significantly exploited the ideological differences and political conflicts through applying the doubled-containment policy. Again it has successfully dealt with the different developments and events in ways that make the other players in the international political arena pay the bills related to the accomplishment of the U.S. goals willy nilly. For the most part the cunning U.S. policy-makers have been able to duly arrange the

confrontation priorities in ways that impress both their friends and enemies. Similarly, it has attempted to create a distinguished domestic Americanized model that contains all developments and expertise of the European countries and even surpasses them in this domain. Another policy adopted by the U.S. government is represented by making power and hegemony as the most prevalent characteristics in the American-styled life. Furthermore, the U.S. governments have directed the media-related technologies in ways that convince the whole world that the American citizen is the ideal person to be followed and make all people try to copy this personality. Yet, the most significant policy adopted by the USA is represented by linking the interests of all the countries of the world with the U.S. ones. In fact, this has made the United States as the leader of the whole world in tackling the different events and crises. Thus, the USA has developed the capabilities of its army, which is very instrumental for achieving its global polices. Indeed, the USA has spared no effort to boost the capabilities of its army depending on all the available technologies so as to make it second to none.



Peace process gone wrong?

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“All hope for the peace process is lost”, stated a liberal Israeli newspaper on 4 December, as Israeli helicopter gunships fired missiles at Palestine Authority targets in the West Bank and Gaza, in retaliation for the Hamas suicide bombings in Jerusalem and Haifa that killed 26 people over the weekend. With Israeli prime minister Ariel Sharon describing the Palestine Authority as an ‘entity that supports terror’ while Israeli helicopters blow up PLO leader Yasser Arafat’s headquarters with Arafat still inside, one British newspaper reckons ‘the peace initiatives are in the past’ and the Middle East is now ‘on the brink of chaos’. But while the events of this weekend may seem to represent a new blow to the peace process in the Middle East, similar acts have been a recurrent feature of the ‘peace process years’ - and particularly of the past 18 months. On Friday 18 May 2001, Israeli warplanes launched attacks on the West Bank and Gaza in retaliation for a suicide bombing of an Israeli shopping mall. In the week after a ceasefire was declared on 13 June 2001, there were fierce gun battles in Gaza refugee camps, the killing of three Palestinian women by an Israeli tank, and continued attacks by Palestinians on Israeli settlers. Those who think current events in Israel represent a move into ‘dangerous new territory’ should remember that the peace process in the Middle East has always gone hand in hand with increasing levels of violence. What we are seeing now is the unravelling of the peace process - exposing the deep-seated problems and contradictions at the heart of the process itself. When it was kickstarted at the end of the 1980s and in the early 1990s, the distinctive feature of the Middle Eastern peace process was that it had very little to do with people on the ground in Israel and Palestine. It was a process implemented and managed by outside powers, in particular the USA. Like the other US-sponsored peace processes in the early 1990s, the Middle Eastern peace process was a result of a shift in the global political climate. With the collapse of the Soviet Union and the end of the Cold War in the late 1980s, Western powers had a freer hand to intervene in and impose solutions on conflicts around the world. The end of the Soviet Union and the isolation of the left-wing movements

internationally put national liberation movements on the defensive. So the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) recognized the state of Israel for the first time in 1988 - an open admission that its struggle was going nowhere fast. The ‘peace processes’ that resulted from the changing global order were less about resolving conflicts than about stabilizing them - with negotiations and peace deals agreed on the White House’s manicured lawns and in government buildings in Oslo, thousands of miles away from the people affected by the conflict in Israel and the occupied territories. Such cut-and-paste peace deals made in the West were never going to bring peace to war zones like the Middle East. Rather than resolving the conflict between Israel and Palestine, the peace process has reduced it to its most degraded form. At the same time as the West organized high-level diplomacy meetings in Washington and Oslo, the Palestinian conflict has become increasingly bloody, brutalized and nihilistic. What was once a war of national liberation between the anti-imperialists in the PLO and the US-backed Israelis has been reduced to a tit-for-tat clash where neither side seems to have much politics or principle. Palestinian suicide bombers blow themselves up on crowded buses and in shopping malls, while Israel responds by bulldozing Palestinian homes and blowing up Palestinian police stations. The new development, following the events of this weekend, is the extent to which both Israeli and Palestinian leaders have attempted to situate their conflict in the context of the West’s war on terrorism. Israel - which is feeling more isolated and on the defensive than it ever has before - has been selling its retaliatory measures as part of the ‘world’s struggle against terrorism’. In his address to the Israeli nation, Sharon said: ‘Just as the USA...has been acting in its war against world terrorism, using all its might against terror, so we will act.’ Sharon even used dubious mathematics to compare the numbers killed in the suicide bombings in Israel over the weekend with the number of Americans killed on 11 September. As The Times in London reported: ‘The killing of more than 25 Israelis this week, when taken in proportion to the US population, was similar to some 2000 Americans losing their lives, said [Sharon’s] travelling entourage.’ (It should be remembered that, behind the drama of 26 Israelis being killed over the weekend, almost 800 Palestinians have been killed so far this year, compared with about 200 Israelis.) Some have accused Sharon of cynical-

ly namechecking the war on terrorism to justify his assault on Palestinian targets - and no doubt there is an element of that. But it also points to Israel’s inability to justify defending itself on its own terms and in its own interests, instead feeling the need to get some legitimacy by joining the Western powers in their war against terror-in-general. Yasser Arafat immediately agreed to a ceasefire in the wake of 11 September, has given ‘absolute support’ to the hunt for Osama bin Laden, and even took part in a blood-donating publicity stunt to express his sympathy with the American victims of the terrorist attacks. Following the weekend’s suicide bombings, Arafat has been more than keen to show his commitment to combating terrorism. His immediate response was to declare a state of emergency in Palestinian territories, with his security forces arresting 110 radical Palestinian dissidents - described by the UK Guardian as ‘the first step to satisfying Washington’s demand for a crackdown on militants’. The events over the weekend and into this week are not the peace process gone wrong. They are a consequence of a peace process imposed by the West that is more about managing the conflict from afar than resolving it from within.

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The kidnapped German stayed in captivity for around 10 days after he was snatched from Baghdad street near the capital’s center. Sources revealed that the method in which the German engineer was freed was quite unique as government forces stormed into the hideout of the kidnappers in the afternoon hours of December 7 during their negotiations with tribal figures for the release of the hostage. According to eye tribal sources, the rescue operation was not perfect, but eventually the job of rescuing the hostage was achieved. After the forces stormed the hideout, all the four kidnappers were able to make their way through out of the hideout and into the open where they could not be arrested despite intense efforts by the security forces that chased them for some time. However, using a strategic tactic, the forces were evenly distributed around the area where the kidnappers ran to and were able to siege the areas in Dhana Valley south of

Blind Women in Yemen: A Journey of Suffering

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Blind women live a very miserable life in terms of education, health, as well as the attitude of the society towards them. This segment of the society deeply needs care and support so as to assume a role in society. Indeed, rehabilitating this segment and integrating them into the society need the support of both the society and government. If some one pays a visit to societies rendering care to this groups of the society he will find that despite the aspirations of

these associations to make progress in all aspects related to blind women, the non-care for this segment has bred frustration for them. The Ministry of Social Affairs & Labor is evidently the first official body responsible for the misery of blind women and the other handicapped-related associations. The officials of this Ministry have forgotten their role in supporting these associations and preoccupied themselves with interfering in the financial affairs of these associations. Indeed, blind women have been the victim of both the official authorities and their ignorant families. Can one imagine that a father denounces his blind young girl driving her out of home for the same reason. Another father forces his blind daughter to stay at home because he thinks that it is a dishonor to him to let people see his blind daughter. Fatima Ahmed al-Aqel, 40, chairwomen of the al-Aman Association for Blind Women, said: ‘I myself is blind and my sister is blind, as well. My father is a businessman and owns al-Aqel Group of Companies. I work all my time at the association since I have finished my studies at the Department of Philosophy at Cairo University. I worked for three years as at the Blind Center of the Ministry of Social Affairs.’ Fatima al-Aqel has also a diploma from al-Azhar University for Islamic Studies and a general diploma from the Collage of Education. Fatima said the association mainly depends on the donations of some commercial companies like Thabet Group, al-Kabous Group, Shehab Group, Mutareb Group, Mareb for Poultry, Bazzara’a Company and many other companies. She added that the association renders care to 85 people through providing them with all requirements needed in cooperation with some embassies and international organizations. Nabila al-Wade’y, 15, the official in charge of integrating the blind women in public schools, said there were certain

schools that cooperated with the blind and admitted some blind girls. In fact, so many blind girls have a good level of education and this may be one reason for being accepted. Regarding the obstacles facing the blind girls, Nabila said the lack of resources was one of the fundamental reasons hindering their work. ‘The available funds cannot even meet the salaries of the teaching staff. The means of transportation is also unavailable,’ she said. She added that blind women live in miserable condition even within their families. Moreover, the official bodies do not support them so as to live a decent life as the rest of the people. This is a pathetic picture for blind women in Yemen since they are totally forgotten by the government and its different authorities. The solutions proposed by the blind women themselves and their families can be summarized by a series of solutions. According to them, firstly, at the household level, families should build confidence within their blind sons and daughters. Similarly, families having blind girls should treat them equally as their normal brothers and sisters. At the official level, ‘special training programs’ should be adopted by the Ministry of Education through the creation of a specialized entity for that. This entity will be in charge of planning, implementing, monitoring and following-up these special training programs for the different handicapped people, including blind women. The different requirements needed for the education process targeting those segments of the society should be made available. Accordingly, curricula and different kind of books printed in Braille system should be also made available. Blind women should also be empowered so as to get jobs that match their capabilities as one way to ensure a decent life for them. Activation of the law and regulations in force will help blind women have fairer share in the society as well.

Are Palestinians Human?

Sam and Leila Bahour

As Israeli warplanes pounded Palestinian cities, Israel's media spin-doctor, Benjamin Netanyahu, was being interviewed on the Fox News Channel where he likened Arafat to Osama bin Laden and accused him of having "suicide kindergarten camps for kids to prepare the next generation of suicide bombers" (Dec. 3, 2001). It is exactly this type of hogwash that leads to innocent Palestinian and Israeli lives being lost to desperation. Netanyahu should be incarcerated for inciting ethnic violence and hatred.

Regarding the Palestinian children living in the Occupied Territories, if there is any hatred toward Israelis brewing in their eyes, it is not being taught to them by any parent, school, church or mosque. These feelings, if exist, come out of the incidents that occur daily in their lives (Israeli F-16 planes circling above their homes and dropping missiles which kill a parent, uncle, aunt, cousin, or school mate, their schools being closed, their inability to play in

their yards, etc.). What Israel has been creating is a generation of Palestinian children suffering from Post Traumatic Stress Disorder as a direct result of the Israeli occupation. Unfortunately, the world has turned a blind eye to the atrocities conducted by Israel and somehow has turned the Palestinian child into an aggressor only worthy of death.

Listening to the mini-army of Israeli media spin personalities, one is led to ask if Palestinians are really human. For 15 months now, Israel's well-defined whirlwind media effort has been preciously focused on promoting its insidious campaign to dehumanize the Palestinian people.

Assuming Palestinians are no different than any other people (they have two arms, two legs and all major organs), we then should take a step back from the nightly news and media spin and understand why any Palestinian would commit suicide, let alone take innocent Israeli lives with his own. Since Palestinians are human, the sciences apply to them just as it does to the rest of humanity.

Edwin Shneidman, a clinical psychologist who is a leading authority on suicide, and who is sometimes called the Father of modern Suicidology, has described the ten characteristics of suicide in his book "Definition of Suicide" (1985).

1. The common stimulus in suicide is "unendurable psychological pain."
2. The common stress in suicide is "frustrated psychological needs."
3. The common purpose of suicide is "to seek a solution."
4. The common goal of suicide is "cessation of consciousness."
5. The common emotion in suicide is "hopelessness-helplessness."
6. The common internal attitude toward suicide is "ambivalence."

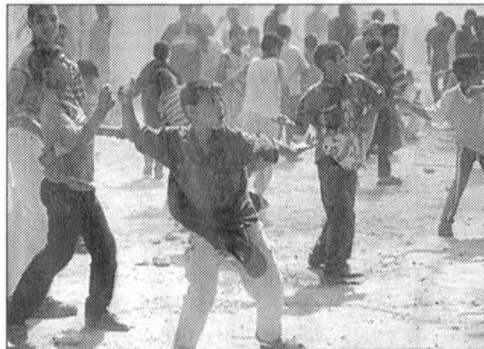
7. The common cognitive state in suicide is "constriction."

8. The common interpersonal act in suicide is "communication of intention."

9. The common action in suicide is "egression" (a way out.)

10. The common consistency in suicide is with "life-long coping patterns."

If these are the findings of science, then why is it that the investigative reporters of the world do not enter the lives of these bombers to see if they fit the profile of a suicidal person? Why



the immediate acceptance of the Israeli spin machine that Palestinians, in some twisted logic, take happiness in killing themselves and others. Worse yet, why do some try to understand the bombings in terms of being part of some orchestrated media campaign that can be turned on or off at will?

As we look at the research on suicide and try to understand the mind of the suicidal individual, the picture should become clearer as to how these characteristics apply to a Palestinian suicide attacker.

Dr. Shneidman states in his article "At The Point Of No Return" in Psychology Today (1987, p.56),

"Suicide, I have learned is not a bizarre and incomprehensible act of self destruction. Rather, suicidal people use a particular logic, style of thinking that brings them to the conclusion that death is the only solution to their problems. This style can be readily seen, and there are steps we can take to stop suicide, if we know where to look."

Although this research applies to suicidal individuals and not necessarily suicide bombers which take additional innocent lives with their act, through studying the ten characteristics of the suicidal individual, it certainly seems they apply even more so to the suicidal bomber. These individuals seek to escape overwhelming emotional pain. Shneidman terms this "metapain" (hurt and pain on top of hurt and pain.) So, from where does this hurt and pain come? If only the answer were as simple as the question. Living under Israeli occupation for years with basic human rights stripped away and collective punishment the norm would be the best one sentence answer that could be offered at this time.

Another quote that seems to apply from Shneidman (1985) is, "There are many pointless deaths but never a needless suicide." Every suicide seems logical to the individual who commits it. In a suicidal individual's mind, suicide is the only way out of an unbearable situation. A person can only cry so long with nobody listening before his options become constricted and suicide seems to him the only answer. In working with the "typical" suicidal individual, the first step is listening and trying to understand the pain, frustration and hopelessness/helplessness that he is feeling. "Hopelessness" and "helplessness" exactly describe the feelings of the Palestinian people living under occupation. It seems nobody wants to hear the reality of the situation but at the same time everyone seems so willing to label and then be in astonish-

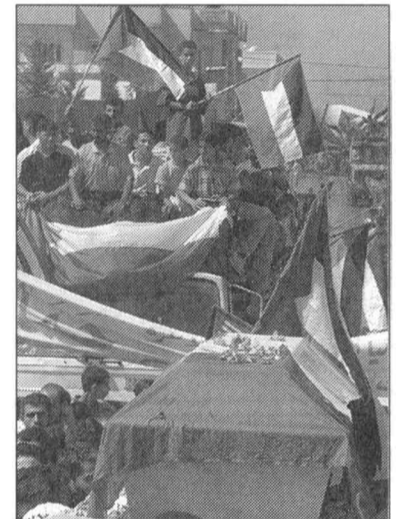
ment when one of these horrendous acts is committed. It is past time to look at the reality and begin to provide other viable options to the Palestinian people. A simple start to begin with would be giving them their dignity and right to existence without occupation. Suicide bombers are never ever justified in their actions but those who want to try to understand may understand their motivation. To reach a logical conclusion of why these horrific events take place, one must scratch below the surface that the sustained Israeli occupation has made thicker and thicker with every passing year since 1967. Further complicating matters, Israel has been successful in allowing the passive observer to the conflict equate the actions and mindset of the occupied with those of the occupier. This equality is unfair, illogical and unscientific. We must separate between those who carry out deplorable suicide attacks, those innocent victims of the attacks and those that politically plan, fund, and recruit for the attacks. The overwhelming majority of those who carry out the attacks are no more than normal young men, either born into Israeli occupation or still imprisoned by many years of it. They are victims of Israeli policies of dehumanization and continued military occupation. They lack any means of military resistance while facing a world-class military machine. As one of my readers of a past article stated, "[If only the media would cover] who they were, what their lives were like, who and what were left behind—it would be a whole different story about public perception of the problem in Israel and Occupied Territories." The innocent Israeli lives, especially those of the children, which such attacks so abruptly end, are only to be mourned by Israelis and Palestinians alike. Their memories should serve as an eternal burden to all sides that without an end to the occupation there are no winners or losers, only more mourners on both sides.

As for those political entities that breed in the desperation that occupation has created, they take innocent Israeli lives by exploiting Palestinians in despair while simultaneously stripping their own people of any political agenda, or even legitimate armed resistance agenda, for ending occupation. They thrive on disruption and chaos with a clear political goal of complicating any chance for a negotiated solution.

These entities perfectly fit Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon's strategy of ending the potential for a negotiated peace. Sharon continues to give them, non-stop, since his election to office, ripe grounds to operate from—economic despair, closures, assassinations, etc. Those that facilitate such attacks could not have asked for a better Israeli leader, one that has given them a never ending seven day grace period to kill more Israelis.

The US has joined the Israeli media chorus in demanding Arafat to do more to stop the suicide bombings. Arafat only wishes he had the power to stop the suicide attacks. He does not, for he cannot end occupation. Israel, and only Israel, can stop the suicide attacks by giving back Palestinians their freedom, dignity and a reason to live by ending 34 years of their brutal military occupation and 54 years of suffering. To the person who thinks in absolute terms, this may seem like Israel would be giving in to a suicide bomber. On the contrary, to the rational, intelligent human being who knows that the world does not operate on historical or religious slogans, but rather "reality", this would be looking at the underlying problem rather than adopting a simplistic "Band-Aid" approach defined by Israel.

If Israel refuses to accept its historic responsibility to end its terrorizing of the Palestinians, then, sadly, it should not question why science applies to the Palestinian people. As Palestinians and Israelis continue to bury and weep for their innocent victims, Palestinians and Israelis alike, the world would be well advised to remove its head from the sand.



A Diary of a Palestinian Girl

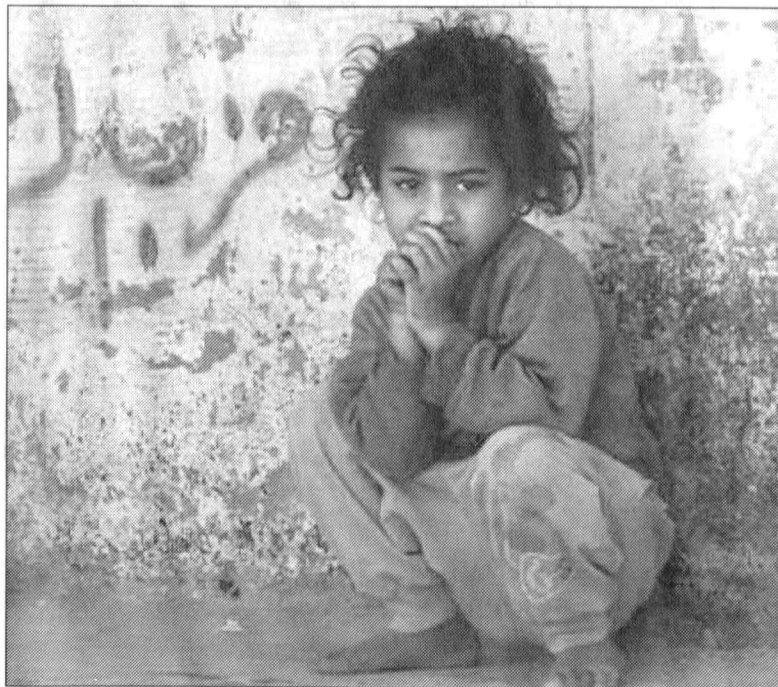
* Below is the text of a diary of a Palestinian girl, whose family's house was demolished by Israeli tanks. It shows the hardships that Palestinians are facing, and to contribute to bringing this reality to our readers, we republish the diary in full.

"My name is Huda. I am 8 years old. I am sitting near the rubble of my family's house after it was demolished by an Israeli bulldozer in Deir Al Balah, located in southern Gaza.

Terror Night

My "once upon a time" home overlooked the illegal Jewish settlement of Kfar Darom on confiscated land that belonged to my forefathers for more than 2,000 years. I woke at 2 a.m. to the sight of machine-guns pointing in my face and the faces of my family. Israeli soldiers barked orders at us in Arabic to get out of our house immediately. We were pushed outside at gun-point, unable to retrieve anything at all before our only home was ripped apart right before our eyes.

I stood shuddering from the cold and fear next to my 11-year-old sister, Bader. The lights of the bulldozers and the army tanks that came to protect them in their destruction of our lives cast an eerie glow through the chunks of building torn out from the heart of our home. I felt as if my own heart was being wrenched out of me. I looked up at my sister. Her tears rolled down her



face as she stood motionless. Her face was white with fear. The salt of my own tears stung my cheeks in the freezing night air and I could not stop shaking. Israeli soldiers kept their machine-guns aimed at us in case we made any attempt to try to stop their violation of our lives.

As dawn broke, my family and I stood on the remains of our home that my grandfather built with his own hands to shelter us from evil and the forces of nature. I picked up a piece of the blue marble tile that only yesterday had covered our kitchen floor.

My grandfather, Sulaiman, 64, was slumped over next to the twisted iron rods that had reinforced the beams that

supported our home. I looked over to where olive and fruit trees had once provided us with fruit and shade from the summer sun. Only ugly stumps and uprooted tree trunks remained.

My grandfather tried to choke back his tears. He cried out to photographers to come to tape the smoking remains of our home, "I want Mr. Bush to come and see who the real terrorists are."

But I felt certain that Mr. Bush cares little for the fate of people like us, thrown out in the middle of winter to watch our home pulled apart. I think Mr. Bush is too busy killing Afghan people and wondering which Arab or Muslim country he should next destroy.

Only a few days ago, five Palestinian children from the same family were blown to pieces when they stepped on a mine planted near the school they attended. The mine was planted there by our oppressors and the people who occupy our land and country. I am now wondering if death is not better after all than such an existence that we are forced to live.

Yesterday, a 13-year-old boy, Kefah Obeid, was shot in the chest and killed by Israeli snipers because he threw stones at Israeli soldiers in protest of the murder of the 5 children the day before. Every day Palestinian children are wounded or killed simply because they are Palestinian and live on the land that the Israelis want to take from them and their people.

My parents and grandmother are now sifting through the buried parts of our home in search of blankets and other basic essentials. My sister Bader stopped looking for her school-books and announced that she would not go to school today because her clothes and school-books were buried inside chunks of our house.

I shall not attend school either. But I am even more concerned about where my family and I will spend this next night and if my grandfather will be able to survive the loss of everything he worked all his life to build.

Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon claims he wants peace. But he says that, in order for negotiations to take place, the Palestinian people must first stop the violence. I cannot understand how my people are attacked with Israeli shells, machine-guns, tanks, helicopters, bulldozers and armored vehicles and yet we are asked to stop the violence when we are not even able to defend ourselves.

The real terror is being waged against us every day of our lives by our Israeli occupiers. We are left without shelter, a means of existence, and any hope for tomorrow. What have we done to deserve such treatment?

Where is True Democracy?

Marjetka Urbanc

Why did the two airplanes crash into WTC in New York and the third crash into Pentagon? Doesn't this signal something? What about the war between Israel and Palestine? What about the war between different clans in the Central Africa? What about Pakistan and India over Kashmir? What about the millions of starving people in many parts of the world? What about the many so-called underdeveloped countries on this planet? What about price of oil and gas? What about the economic, strategic and political interests of the USA? Osama bin Laden didn't attack poor slums in New York City (by the way, they are many such slums in the USA.) He attacked the World Trade Center, where business is made.

McDonalds, Spar, etc. and other mammoth companies are all over the world. When I am in Europe and USA, I honestly miss the consumer goods that come from other less developed countries like Saudi Arabia, Yemen, Iran, etc. Our way of life is to consume (this is, what Bush tries to protect.) A common consumer needs more and more. We do not know how to live spending money, without luxury, without splendor and glamour. Money makes everything possible. Through money and wealth, we can purchase new cars, a new house, a new TV, a new dress, but as time passes, the new turns old, and we cannot stop purchasing what is new all over again. When we have all of this, what do we lack? Yet we feel that we did not have what is enough, although we have all what we need to live with total luxury. But we often give away money for things that we do not need for our lives. We spend so much money! In a time, we at the West, have everything, people in

other countries have nothing. Why are there so many poor countries in this world? Think about where all this money and wealth goes.

Who is guilty? Is Osama bin Laden the only culprit because he attacked the superpower country in the world? No. We are also guilty! We, the ones who are never satisfied with what we have share the guilt. All capitalist businessmen and politicians in the world are guilty. But who cares?

We can see that money, markets, cruel business, greediness, ignorance, and arrogance have caused and continue to result in wars and hatred, and it is not religion that does that.

The global financial market plays the game. Who will win and who will lose is eventually not of concern for those people who are living in total poverty and hunger. They continue to starve till death while others are playing.

Where is honor and dignity? Where is true democracy, which is not only freedom, but also responsibility? Nobody is really free, neither in the rich countries, nor in the poor. Freedom has become associated with money. You are only free if you have enough money to lead an independent and honorable life. Otherwise, you will need to be enslaved. But after all is this democracy?

Every reader of this column should think about this before he or she charges Osama bin Laden for the September 11. Unlike what has been said, the US way of life is not threatened, but it is not a good example of a democracy after all. The 11th September was a terrible day, but have you thought of how many terrible days are lived in other less developed countries?

Osama bin Laden's attack on the WTC and Pentagon should remind us of the miseries of other countries as well. It was a strong message, and it was delivered sharp and clear.

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Another Joyful Eid Celebrated SPIRIT OF EID AL-FITR

We are celebrating Eid Al-Fitr this week. This time culminates a month of fasting

wherein the faithful spent their time praying and beseeching God for forgiveness and mercy. For many, Ramadan was not just an abstinence from food and drink. Rather, it was an exercise in patience and discipline.

Eid is the celebration for those who fasted and obeyed God's rules and teachings. It is for those who spent the month of Ramadan in complete devotion to Allah. Eid is a time when all get together to celebrate. It is preceded by people shopping and looking around for gifts for their near and dear ones. It is a time when the bright lights from shops seem to beckon us to enter, look and purchase, and very rightly so. Eid should be celebrated in a bright manner, we should see that this day

and the following days are used to spread happiness by visiting our friends and relatives.

Gifts are exchanged during Eid by the young and old alike. We also visit the elderly and the sick. Eid is a time where all kinds of festivities prevail.

Many of us gormandize to make up for "lost food" during the month of Ramadan. However, with all the going around we some time forget our lesser privileged brethren. We forget that there are many out there who have nothing to celebrate. There are those among our brothers and sisters for whom Eid day is just another ordinary day. There are those who open their cupboards on Eid day and find them empty. There are those in hospitals who go through a bleak and lonely day with no one visiting them. Friendless and deprived of company, they have no one to offer solace or comfort to them. Let us, therefore, see our deprived brethren welcome the day of Eid with warmth and hope.

As we buy gifts and clothes for our children, let us set apart a small sum for those who cannot afford to buy them. Also we should instill in our children a sense of compassion so that when they buy something they will also think of their unfortunate brethren. Let us teach them the art of giving. We should let them know that there are millions of children in Africa, Asia, Kosovo and elsewhere who don't have the basic necessities to make Eid a day different from any other.

We cannot insulate ourselves from the misery of others. We cannot shrug it off saying that it does not concern us. Many people tend to be inward looking. They may, at times, donate money to charity and feel rightly that they are doing their duty. However, the fact is that if one is seen with these people, the perception of charity changes. There is a feeling of belonging when the recipient and the giver meet.

In the west, people donate money and time to be with the under privileged. Those who cannot offer material things give their time. We should also do this. We don't have to emulate the west because our own Islamic ideology teaches us to be kind and compassionate. Holy Prophet Mohammed (peace be upon him) said: "I and the provider of the orphan will be together."

And what grater reward is there for anyone of us than to be around our beloved Prophet? All we need for that is compassion, sincerity and a feeling of brotherhood and understanding. And that will decide the quality of our life on Earth and the Hereafter.

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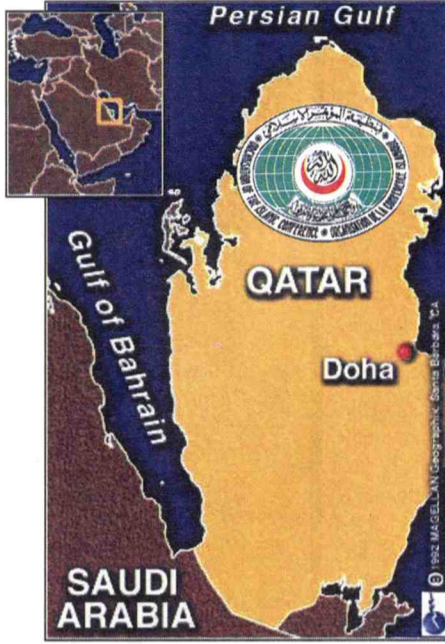
KUWAIT CITY_ Foreign ministers of Islamic countries Monday called on the United Nations Security Council to live up to its responsibilities to stop the systematic Israeli assaults against the Palestinian people, Kuwait's official KUNA news agency reported.

The appeal was made in a final communique released after the conclusion of an emergency meeting of the 57-member Organization of Islamic Conference (OIC) in Qatar's capital of Doha.

The ministers called for swift dispatch of international monitors to the occupied Palestinian territories to protect the Palestinian people from Israeli attacks and bring about security and stability in the region.

The diplomats also urged the United States, Russia and the European Union to immediately intervene to stop the Israeli aggression.

The U.S. should "translate words into deeds" and activate "the positive elements in its special vision to solve the Arab-Israeli conflict," they noted.



In addition, the diplomats condemned the Israeli shelling of the Palestinian towns, refugees camps and buildings belonging to the Palestinian National Authority, describing Israel's move as "a blatant violation to human rights and international agreements."

The emergency meeting was convened at the request of Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat to examine the latest developments in the wake of Israeli attacks against the Palestinian targets, in retaliation to Palestinian suicide bombings in the past week.

However, Arafat has cancelled the trip to Doha because the Palestinians "are afraid that Israel will prevent him from returning to the Palestinian self-rule areas from Qatar." The last extraordinary OIC meeting was held in Doha on October 10, in which the foreign ministers of the member states discussed ways of strengthening their practical support for the Palestinian people against the Israeli atrocities.

Xinhua

Asia-Pacific to Form Belt of IT Cities

NEW DELHI_ In a bid to harness the technological capabilities of the Asia-Pacific region and to promote common interests in information technology, the Asian Oceanian Computing Industry Organization (Asocio) has proposed a network of IT cities in the region.

A resolution to this effect was passed here at the Asocio 2001 General Assembly and Symposium, hosted by National Association of Software and Services Companies (Nasscom), which concluded Saturday.

A task force including Australia, Singapore, India, New Zealand and Taiwan was formed to take the initiative forward. Other members of Asocio include Japan, Korea, Thailand, Indonesia, Malaysia and Mongolia. The Asian Belt is envisioned as an informal grouping to link major IT cities across Asia. It would focus on five main thrust areas -- e-infrastructure, e-markets, e-capital, e-talent and e-ideas. Singapore would spearhead the initiative for Asocio. Nasscom Chairman Phiroz Vandrevalla said, "It is intended to increase connectivity and harmonization of IT standards and regulations across the borders. Besides attracting global investment, we hope it would also attract ideas and talent. In the long run, the scope will later expand, with IT as the key enabler, to stimulate the growth of other related sectors such as manufacturing and finance." The ICT (Information, Telecommunication Technology) markets of individual Asian cities and countries are currently low on technological know-how and expertise, according to Asocio Chairman and Malaysian representative Harres Tan. The Asian Belt aims to pull together cities to find synergies and forge a complete and robust global presence for the industry, he said.

"In many nations in the Asia-Oceanic region, governments are the most significant buyers of IT products and services. By adopting efficient means of procurement, governments can benefit from significant cost-savings, improved cost predictability and productivity gains," said Australia Information Industry Association Chairman John Gwyther.

India is the first country to be approached by the Singapore government for creation of a forum in IT and telecom. Vandrevalla said, "Bangalore and Hyderabad have already shown great interest to be a part of this project and we are hopeful that more Indian cities will be a part of this initiative." "This is a great opportunity for India to share its expertise in software and services and also learn from its counterparts such as South Korea on broadband, Japan on the wireless expertise and Singapore on building a strong communications infrastructure," he added.

At present, India government departments and public sector companies are expected to spend between one to three percent of their budget towards IT implementation. Nasscom would recommend to the government to list specific areas for IT spending in the forthcoming Budget.

Experts hoped that the Asian Belt will create a regional IT grouping similar to the Silicon Valley in the United States and e-Europe and ensure that Asia remains a credible player in the global Internet revolution.

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Iraq Gives Priority to Arab Countries in Trade Dealings: Minister

BAGHDAD_ Iraq has given and will continue to grant priority to Arab countries in its trade dealings, Iraqi Trade Minister Mohammad Mehdi Salah said on Monday.

In a statement to the official Iraqi News Agency (INA), Salah said since the United Nations oil-for-food program was put into effect in December 1996, Iraq has dealt half of its foreign trade, or 14.5 billion U.S. dollars, with Arab countries.

Under the U.N. oil-for-food deal, Egypt has been Iraq's largest Arab trade partner with a volume of 3.5 billion dollars, Jordan ranks the second with 2.8 billion dollars, followed by the United Arab Emirates and Syria with trade volumes standing at 2.6 billion and 1.5 billion dollars respectively, Salah said. Overall, Russia remains Iraq's top trade partner with bilateral trade exchange boasting 5.5 billion dollars, he added.

The external trade of Iraq, under stringent U.N. sanctions since its 1990 invasion of

Kuwait, has been limited within the framework of the U.N. oil-for-food program. The program allows sanctions-hit Iraq to sell oil in return for U.N.-monitored imports of food, medicine and other essentials to offset the impact of the sanctions.

The minister said that the program has been turned into a program paying for the U.N. expenses, war compensations, and balancing oil prices at the international market, rather than easing the hardship of the Iraqi people. Salah told the INA that since December 1996, a total of 18 billion dollars have been deducted by the U.N. to cover its activities and pay war compensations, while only 15 billion dollars worth of humanitarian goods arrived in Iraq, in sharp comparison with Iraq's oil export totalled at 50 billion dollars.

To make the situation worse, humanitarian contracts valued at 6.36 billion dollars has been put on hold by the U.N. Sanctions Committee, in which the U.S. and Britain are key members,

Salah said. The contracts Iraq signed with other countries under the U.N. oil-for-food deal must be vetted and approved by the U.N. Sanctions Committee.

Monday marked the fifth anniversary of Iraq's resumption of oil outflow after a halt for more than six years. On December 10, 1996, Iraq's oil export via the Turkish Mediterranean port of Ceyhan was resumed following the long interruption since August 6, 1990 when the U.N. Security Council imposed sanctions on the country.

Iraq has often chastised the oil-for-food program for failing to meet the humanitarian needs of its 22 million people.

Nevertheless, Iraq on December 1 accepted the rollover of the program, of which its 11th phase was extended by the U.N. Security Council for another six months to May 30, 2002.
 Xinhua

Amnesty International Delegates Conclude Mission in Lebanon

Amnesty International's delegation conclude its visit to Lebanon on 11 Dec. the delegation was led by the Secretary General, Irene Zubaida Khan. Other delegates were Ray, Director of the Middle East Program, Abdel Mital Gershab, Middle East Development Coordinator, and Abdel Salam Sidahmed, Researcher in the Middle East Program. An Amnesty International public statement said: "during the visit the delegation was received by President Emile Lahoud. Amnesty International expressed appreciation of the positive human rights developments in Lebanon and the cooperation of the Lebanese Government and raised outstanding human rights concerns. These included continuing arbitrary arrests and trials before military courts, the setting up of machinery to investigate allegations of torture or ill-treatment and the use of the death penalty. The Secretary General said the organization was following closely developments regarding the Commission investigation the cases of the "disappeared" and kidnapped during the years of civil war, as well as the inquiry into the cases of torture of ill-treatment of women highlighted in Amnesty International's report issued in August this year. Both investigations are due to be completed later this month. President Lahoud emphasized the importance he placed

on the judiciary was also of paramount importance. The President added that Amnesty International was always welcome in Lebanon and that Amnesty International's finding would be taken seriously and investigated. The Secretary General and accompanying delegation met with victims of human rights violations as well as many Lebanese NGOs working in the field of human rights, including women's rights and paid tribute to their work, stressing the value of working in the field of human rights, including women's rights and paid tribute to their work, stressing the value of working together for greater protection and promotion of human rights. This, she said, was all the more important at a time when, following the events of 11 September, fundamental human rights are at risk worldwide, whether in Europe and the USA, where "anti-terrorism" legislation threatens the rights of minorities such as asylum seekers and migrant workers, or Afghanistan where Amnesty International has been calling for the protection of civilians and refugees and an investigation into the killings of prisoners at Qala-I-Jhangi in Mazar-I-Sharif, as well as in the Israeli Occupied Territories, where human rights continue to be sacrificed in the name of security. The Secretary General visited Amnesty International's Regional Office which opened in Beirut last year and

met Amnesty International members in Beirut and Sidon, where she opened a week of human rights awareness activities leading up to human rights day on 10 December. She also gave a presentation on the death penalty at the University of St. Joseph. This was the first visit to the Middle East by the Secretary General, who assumed her post in August this year. Irene Khan left Lebanon to join a delegation investigating the situation of Afghan civilians and refugees and to mobile support for human rights agenda for Afghanistan.
 Xinhua

Syrian Cabinet Resigns

DAMASCUS - Syrian president Bashar al-Assad Monday accepted the resignation of the Syrian cabinet submitted by Prime Minister Mohammed Mustafa Miro, the Syrian Arab News Agency reported.

Bashar also authorized Miro to form a new cabinet, while ordering the outgoing cabinet, which was formed in March, last year, to keep running the state affairs until the new ministers take over.

Diplomatic sources in Damascus said there could be a partial reshuffle in Miro's cabinet, adding that Finance Minister Mohammed Khaled Mahayne might not be included into the new cabinet since he has been formally nominated for a post with the Islamic Development Bank.

Mahayne has been named for the post as Syria's governor with the Islamic Development Bank by Syrian Economy and Foreign Trade Minister Mohammed Al Imadi.
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Celery	- few stalks
Carrot	- 1 No.
Garlic	- few gloves
Minced beef	- 800 Gms.
Canned tomatoes	- 400 Gms.
Tomato puree	- 30 Gms.
Bay leaves	- 2 Nos.
Basil	- few leaves
Oregano	- 2 Tsp
Salt	- to taste
Pepper	- to taste
Beef stock cubes	- 4 Nos.
Grated Parmesan cheese	- 120 Gms.
White sauce	- 1000 ml.
Lasagna sheet	- 1 Pkt.
Water	- 1 liter

Method

- Heat oil in a saucepan and add chopped garlic and cook to slightly brown. Add chopped onion, carrot, celery and sauté for few minutes.
- Now add bay leaves, tomato paste and fry for a few minutes then add minced beef. Fry till the meat the brown.
- Add canned tomatoes, stock cubes seasoning and herbs and cook gently till the mixture thickens. Keep aside.
- To assemble the lasagna pour some white sauce on the dish and arrange the sheet, cover with 1/3rd of the filling and sprinkle with grated Parmesan cheese.
- Repeat the process till the entire filling is used up and cover the top layer with white sauce grated Parmesan cheese.
- Cover with a foil and bake for 20 minutes at 190°C. Uncover and cook for another ten minutes so that nice brown crust is formed.
- Garnish and serve hot.

Computer viruses: myth or mischief?

Dave Morris

The FBI attracted criticism recently for not alerting the world's computer users to the threat of 'Code Red', a virus that wreaked havoc with an estimated one million network servers in July and August. Apparently the FBI had been aware as early as April of the impending attack but had, for reasons that are not yet clear, remained silent. The emergence of 'Code Red' reminds us that hackers have not gone away (or grown up) yet. It's timely therefore to reacquaint ourselves as to what a virus is and what it does. When most people talk about a computer virus they generally mean any form of malicious software, whereas there are various types of program written to deliberately harm other users' computers. A Logic Bomb just like a real bomb lies dormant until triggered by some event specified by the writer, such as a date, a number chosen randomly, or some specified event such as a deletion of a record of some sort. A Trojan will act as a way of delivering some destructive code such as a virus onto a computer. Worms are self-reproducing programs which do not infect existing programs as a virus would but creates copies of itself which again reproduce and so on thereby clogging the network. A virus is a program that, without the knowledge or permission of the user, reproduces its own code by attaching itself to other programs so that the virus code is executed when the infected program is run. Only a small number of viruses account for most of the infections that affect the majority of computer users. Confusion arises because of the extreme claims that have been made about the number of viruses and their efficacy. About 50 of the 300 viruses currently at large account for 90 per cent of all infections, most of the other viruses are so poorly written that they will not spread in the real world. The other reason there is widespread mis-

understanding is the number of hoax viruses, and warning of viruses that are themselves hoaxes, that are around.

The only way any virus can infect your PC is by executing an infected program or by shooting from a diskette containing an infected boot sector. This sounds fairly simple but so much myth has arisen concerning the whole subject that things often appear to be less straightforward. One of the most widespread of these is that your PC can become infected from data, this is untrue and impossible, as data is not executed. The same is true of email; a virus cannot exist in an email text message.

The biggest scare of recent years was the Michelangelo fiasco of 1992. Named after the artist, this virus was meant to destroy data on disk drives all over the world on March 6, the 517th anniversary of his birth. In the event after countless scare stories there were scattered outbreaks of the virus throughout the world but not the meltdown that had been widely predicted especially by the manufacturers of anti-virus software.

Viruses have names as varied and colourful as the people who write them ranging from Aircop (an infector of floppy DOS boot sectors) through Maltese Amoeba (an infector of MS Word documents/templates). Who are the people who write viruses and why? Sarah Gordon a leading authority who works for IBM's virus lab in New York found that there was no typical virus writer beyond the fact that they were almost all male. They felt they were in a battle against authority and did not feel they were doing anything especially wrong.

Viruses can be very harmful but they are not nearly as widespread and not as damaging as the media scare stories would have us believe and the myths that have grown up surrounding them do nearly as much harm as the infections themselves. More responsible reporting will go a long way towards reassuring the public and ensuring that there is less panic the next time a serious threat is discovered.

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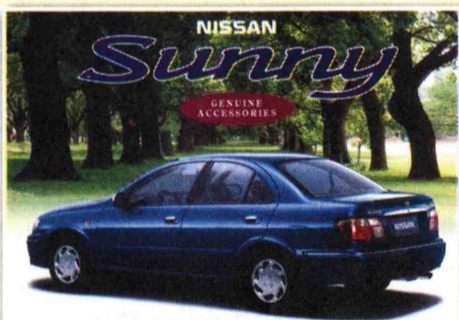
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equipped with an enormous engine with the capacity of 3.3 liters. It is a luxurious and spacious car and it has no rival with regard to both price and specifications. The new Patrol car of Nissan comes to replace the old model with a new much powerful engine with a capacity of 4.8 liters. This model has been specially manufactured to suit rocky roads and only priced at US\$ 36,000. Mazin Daood Salman also unveiled that a new car from Nissan will be marketed soon in the Yemeni markets. It is the luxurious Maxima of the Limousine category with an engine capacity of 3 liters. Interestingly the Tehama Trading Company intends to introduce this car to compete with Lxus cars, especially after setting an unbelievable price for this model which does not exceed US\$ 21,000. The Tehama Trading company, the sole agent of Nissan and Peugeot companies in the Republic of Yemen has sent for an expatriate team of engineers to run its maintenance workshop in Yemen. Furthermore, the company has made all the spare parts available in an unprecedented manner and introduced low-priced new cars, that also retain the super quality of their basic components.



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ثم في شريط البحث، قم بكتابة الكلمة أو الجملة التي تقوم بوصف ما تبحث عنه. وعندما تظهر نتائج البحث، يمكنك عرض صفحات web الفردية دون فقدان قائمة نتائج البحث.

* الإستعراض عبر قائمة صفحات web التي قمت بزيارتها مؤخراً بواسطة النقر فوق زر المحفوظات على شريط الأدوات.

(EXPLORER) قابل للتخصيص:

قم بوضع اختصارات لصفحات web الأكثر استخداماً على شريط الارتباطات من أجل وصول سريع.

* قم بإضافة صفحات web التي تتم زيارتها بشكل متكرر إلى قائمة المفضلة من أجل الوصول بسهولة. وقم بتنظيم عناصرك المفضلة بواسطة المجلدات، ثم قم بفرز المجلدات بالترتيب الذي تريدها به.

* اختر من خدمات بحث المفضلة واجعلها سهلة الاستخدام لكل عمليات البحث لديك.

* إنقل صفحات web المفضلة لديك إلى جهاز الكمبيوتر أو مستعرض آخر، أو للمشاركة مع الأصدقاء. ويمكنك استيراد إشارات مرجعية من Netscape Navigator.

أفضل خيار للأجهزة الصغيرة المحمولة (TOP-LAP):

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• تبديل سهل بين الأنواع المختلفة من اتصالات إنترنت دون إعادة تكوين إعداداتك.

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إن الجميع متفائلين يتطلعون - وكلهم أمل - من أن الأخ الرئيس القائد الأعلى للقوات المسلحة سيولي هذه المسألة جل اهتمامه .. فينصف من هم أسوأ حالا .. بمنحهم السكن الذي يؤويهم، ويتحسين أوضاعهم المعيشية عن طريق استمرار صرف بعض المواد العينية والغذائية لهم، ويضمان الخدمات الضرورية الأخرى رحمة بهم وبأطفالهم.

محمد بن سلام

المقبلة، عيشة معززة مكرمة ومحترمة هم وافراد أسرهم؟

كما أننا لم نسمع أن الوزارة المعنية أو القيادة العليا قد كرمت الكوكبة الأولى من القيادات العسكرية الذين أحيوا إلى المعاش - فرادا - في السنوات الماضية بمنحهم الأوسمة أو الشهادات التقديرية أو بأي شيء آخر يشعر فيه المتقاعدون أن الدولة تقدر ما قدموه من تضحيات خدمة لبلدهم وشعبهم في أدق الظروف وأقساها، التي عاشتها اليمن - خلال وبعد قيام الثورة -.

في اليابان وخصوصاً في مدينة (كاكوجاد) أنشئت جامعة تسمى جامعة المتقاعدين، وأول شروط الالتحاق بها أن يكون الطالب قد تجاوز الستين من عمره، وأن يكون متقاعداً.

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هنا في اليمن تتعامل الدولة مع المتقاعدين من أبنائها بشكل مختلف تماماً فهي تقذف بهم - إن صح التعبير - إلى حياة جديدة ليسوا مستعدين لها لانهم معدومون بكل مافي هذه الكلمة من معنى.

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- 1- أين أقيم مؤتمر القمة الاسلامي في الاسبوع الماضي?
□ مسقط □ الرياض □ الدوحة
 - 2- ابتكرت سبيستل شخصية يعبر عنها باسمه.
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 - 3- متى تم الاعلان عن الاستكشاف التجاري للنشط الخام في قطاع المسيلة رقم 14 في الجمهورية اليمنية?
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 - 4- في اي عام تأسست الشركة اليمنية لصناعة المنظفات والصابون (أحدى مجموعة شركات الحثرة الصناعية)?
□ 1976 □ 1984 □ 1982 م
 - 5- البنك الذي يقدم لك عبر خدمات البنك الناطق خدمة الاستفسار عن أرصدة حساباتك وآخر عملياتك المصرفية حتى لحظة الاتصال.
□ بنك اليمن والخليج □ البنك المركزي □ البيوتقدي بنك
 - 6- ماركة شهيرة للأجهزة المنزلية والكهربائية وكيلها في الجمهورية اليمنية محمد ابراهيم الوجيه.
□ فيديكون □ سوني □ بلاسنيك
 - 7- مؤسسة الكبوس هي الوكيل الوحيد لمكان التثقيب بيسيل، فما هو بلد الصنع للمنظفات بيسيل?
□ امريكيا □ ألمانيا □ ايطاليا
 - 8- في يوم الإثنين من كل اسبوع تطير اليمنية الى.
□ باريس □ لندن □ روما
 - 9- ما هو الحدث الجاري في شميلة هاري حالياً?
□ توفير الاحتياجات المنزلية □ تسريحات
 - 10- من هو الوكيل المعتمد لشركة البقرة الشاحكة?
□ شركة كيات الاستشارات □ الشركة اليمنية لتصنيع الألبان والأغذية □ شركة المسان اليمنية للشواكه
 - 11- تميز الموديلات الحديثة في طباخات جليم غاز بالمواصفات التالية.
□ 100×100 أمان كامل □ الطبخ والشوي معاً وريب القرن مفلق □ اللاتنين معاً
 - 12- دشنت شركة أندا في الاسبوع الماضي مهرجانها السنوي. بماذا يمتاز هذا المهرجان?
□ عرض منتجات جديدة □ تقديم تسريحات جديدة □ كلا الخيارات
 - 13- التسجيل القدام لدرجة البكالوريوس في تقنية المعلومات (Bsc.I.T.) من جامعة سيكيم مانيبال العالمية عن طريق مركز أبتك لتعليم الكمبيوتر سوف يكون في:
□ يناير 2002 □ مارس 2002 □ مايو 2002
 - 14- كم عدد الجوائز المقدمة في مهرجان سوني?
□ 20 جائزة □ 50 جائزة □ أكثر من مائة جائزة
 - 15- تقع المتحدة للتأمين في:
□ شارع الزهيري □ شارع حدة □ شارع مجاهد
 - 16- ما هي العلامة التجارية التي من إحدى منتجاتها زيت الطبخ?
□ صافي □ وافر □ نظيف
 - 17- ما هي جنسية شركة بريمانا المتخصصة بملاص الاطفال?
□ بلجيكية □ صينية □ تايلندية
 - 18- شركة اليمنية لتصنيع الألبان والأغذية أنتجت حديثاً شراب اسمه (مرحبا) هل هو:
□ شراب مركز بالموز □ شراب مركز بالزواولة □ شراب مركز بنكهة الشواكه المشككة

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- 1- Where the Islamic summit meeting was held?
□ Mascat □ Riyadh □ Doha
- 2- Spacetel invented a character to associate with its advertisements. Name this character.
□ SpacyMan □ GoodMan □ HelpMan
- 3- When crude oil was discovered to exist with commercial amounts in Massyla block No. 14?
□ December 1990 □ December 1991 □ December 1992
- 4- When was the company for Detergents & Soap Industry (member of Al-Hathra Industrial Group of Companies) founded?
□ 1982 □ 1984 □ 1976
- 5- Which bank that provides its customers with the voiced bank service to inquire about accounts up till the moment of calling?
□ Yemen-Gulf Bank □ Central Bank of Yemen □ United Bank
- 6- Mohammed Ibrahim Al-Wajeh is an agent for a well-known electrical manufacturer. What is the name of that company?
□ Videocon □ Sony □ Panasonic
- 7- What is the country of origin of S Bissel vacuum cleaners whose sole agent in Yemen is al-Kabous Establishment?
□ USA □ Germany □ Italy
- 8- On every Monday, Yemenia flies to:
□ Paris □ London □ Rome
- 9- What's the event that Shumaila Hari has?
□ home fair □ lucky draw □ big sale
- 10- Who is the sole agent of (la vache que rit) in Yemen?:
□ Thabet Company for Investments □ Al-Makhazin Co for Fruits
□ The Yemeni Company for Dairy and Beverages manufacturing
- 11- Modern Glem-Gas Cookers Models are distinguished by:
□ Being 100% Safe □ Cooking and Grilling at once while oven is closed □ Both feature prizes
- 12- What distinguishes ALFA Company in its annual festival:
□ New products □ Big sales □ More than 100 prizes
- 13- The forthcoming for the Bachelor of science degree in I. T. from international SIKKIM MANIPAL will be held in "APTECH" ON:
□ January 2002 □ March □ May 2002
- 14- How many prizes does sony present?
□ 20 □ 50 □ More than 100
- 15- The United Insurance Company is located in:
□ Zubairi St □ Hadda St □ Mujahid St
- 16- What is the trade mark in which Al-Tabbakh Ghee is one of its products?
□ Pure □ Abundant □ clean
- 17- The country of origin of Premaman company for children garments is from:
□ Belgium □ China □ Thailand
- 17- A national company recently produced a drink called (Marhaba). What is this drink? :
□ Bannan juice □ Strawberry juice □ Coctail juice



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