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Hasn't disagreed with Saudi peace plan, but . . . Government stance unclear

BY YEMEN TIMES STAFF
 The Yemeni public is anxiously waiting for the formal response of the Yemeni government to the Saudi Arabian plan for peace in the Middle East, recently presented by Crown Prince Abdullah bin Abdulaziz Aal-Saud.

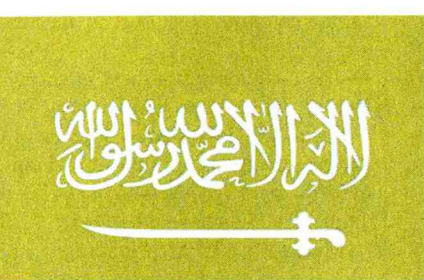
It's hoped the plan, still not fully released, will see peace made with Israel if it withdraws from Arab lands it occupied in 1967, and if it abides by all UN resolutions related to the occupation of the occupied lands.

At press time, the formal Yemeni stance towards the plan remained unclear, yet initial indications show the Yemeni government and leadership will not object to it.

Yemen is thus already being seen by observers as a supporter of the initiative.

An editorial published in the official daily newspaper Al-Thawra has praised the plan and hailed the Crown Prince for the initiative.

Some Yemeni opposition parties have objected to the plan, including the Nasserite party, whose mouthpiece, Al-Wahdawi, has



expressed reservations. Most of the media organs that represented other parties, including the ruling party, General People's Congress have not expressed any opinion.

It's expected the formal position of Yemen will be clearer in the times to come, especially as the plan will be presented to the upcoming Arab summit to be held at the end of this month in Beirut.

It is worth noting that most Islamic and Arab nations have formally and informally supported the plan, except Libya, whose leader Muammar Al-Qaddafi criticized it and considered recognizing and normalizing with Israel unacceptable under any circumstances.



In the meantime, the European Union urged Arab rulers on Friday to accept the Saudi plan offering Arab recognition of Israel in return for its withdrawal from Arab land seized in the 1967 Middle East war.

The appeal was made by European Union Middle East peace envoy Miguel Angel Moratinos in talks with Prime Minister Rafik al-Hariri of Lebanon, which is hosting the March 27-28 summit in Beirut.

The Yemeni government's stance concerning the plan will be of vital importance regarding Yemeni-Saudi relations, and also in terms of the future of the Middle East struggle.

US Department of State's 2001 Human Rights Report: "Government continued to harass, intimidate, and detain journalists"

BY YEMEN TIMES STAFF
 The US Department of State has released its 2001 human rights report on Yemen, which indicated little progress in Yemen's record of human rights abuses.

It noted deteriorating human rights specifically concerning freedom of the press during 2001.

The 52-page report consisted of six sections: Respect for the Integrity of the Person, Respect for Civil Liberties, Respect for Political Rights, Governmental Attitude Regarding International and Nongovernmental Investigation of Alleged Violations of Human Rights, Discrimination Based on Race, Sex, Religion, Disability, Language, or Social Status, Worker Rights.

Concerning the freedom of the press, the report said that in Yemen, the "law limited freedom of speech and of the press, and the government continued to harass, intimidate, and detain journalists. Journalists practiced self-censorship."

Yemen Times will publish the whole text of the report in a series starting next week.



Sheikh bin Shaji'a killed in a traffic accident

BY YEMEN TIMES STAFF
 Mohammed bin Shaji'a, a leading sheikh of the Wailla tribe, was killed in a traffic accident last Tuesday night.

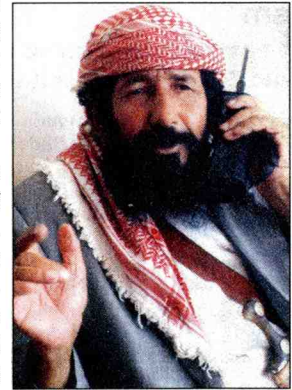
The accident took place when one of his tribesmen violently intercepted his car. He was subsequently rushed to King Khalid Hospital in Najran, a district in Saudi Arabia close to the accident scene, but he died later at hospital.

Saudi prince Nassir bin Khaled al-Suayeri accompanied the body of bin Shaji'a to his hometown in Wailla, where he was laid to rest.

The 65-year old sheikh had formerly attained the rank of prince from Saudi Arabia and he used to enjoyed a good relationship with it until 1987.

Bin Shaji'a tribe obstructed the advancement of the Saudi forces within the border area of Buqa inside the Yemeni lands, which led to disagreement with Saudi Arabia. Relations between bin Shaji'a and the Saudi officials also experienced another crisis because of the dispute over Jabal Thar area.

Many people have raised concern over the death of bin Shaji'a, and some think that it was premeditated, especially since he was very critical of the Jeddah border treaty signed between Saudi Arabia and Yemen in June 2000.



Possible release of Yemeni detainees in Guantanamo

BY YEMEN TIMES STAFF

US authorities, according to some press reports, have promised to release a number of detainees including some Yemenis, held at Guantanamo base in Cuba.

These detainees were in Afghanistan since the Soviet occupation in 1990.

The moves comes prior to a regional tour of Vice-President Dick Cheney's.

Thirty two Yemenis are currently detained at Guantanamo Bay, on charges of having links to al-Qaeda, led by the Saudi dissident Osama bin Laden.

Yemeni authorities sent two security officials, Abdulah al-Sirmi and Ali Mansur Rashid, late this month to the US to inspect the situation of the Yemeni detainees, however, US authorities denied them access to Guantanamo.

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Workshop on International Criminal Court

Under the auspices of HE Prime Minister, Mr. Abdulqadir Bajamal the International Committee for Humanitarian Law organized in cooperation with the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) a roundtable discussion on "International Criminal Court-Rome Statute" on March 5-6 2002 at Hadda Hotel in Sana'a.

Many speeches were delivered during the seminar which highlighted the development of the international court and the International Humanitarian Law.

Labus water project inaugurated

Prime Minister, Abdulqadir Bajamal, inaugurated the Labus water project on March 2.

The project which was implemented by the Consolidated Contractors Company (CCC) provides 100,000 inhabitants with water.

"Work at Labus Water Project began in 1992 when the CCC won the pre-qualification contract for the project at an overall cost of USD 63," said Hani Shahata, Regional Director of the Consolidated Contractors Company.

The project has generated 2000 job opportunities for the locals of the district.

CCC also trained its locally recruited staff according to the best international standards. The project has helped boost the economy in the area as CCC had purchased all its local needs from the area. Further, CCC supported and sponsored different social and sports activities in the district.

Aden Free Zone awarded

ADEN- The Board of Directors of the Worldwide Marketing Organization and Prestigious Marketing, Communication and Culture professionals from America and Europe have nominated Aden Free Zone Authority to receive the "Worldwide Quality Award XXI Century." This recognition is granted every year to those companies or Professionals that have achieved an outstanding performance due to the quality of their products and services.

The Award Ceremony was held last Saturday 9, 2002 at a Dinner Party at the Krystal Hotel in the city of Puerto Vallarta, Mexico. Distinguished personalities from America, Africa, Europe and Asia as well as the Board of Directors of the Worldwide Marketing Organization attended the event.

The International Recognition was created to stimulate the growth of Companies and Professionals that in spite of the difficulty of the World's Economic and financial processes, have maintained high levels of quality in the products and professionalism in their services.

Four killed and tens injured

TAIZ - Despite the government's efforts to settle clashes disputes, tribal clashes have been continuing in Yemen.

It has been reported that clashes between al-Twaiten and al-Bahm in Ibb governorate has culminated in killing four and injuring tens of people. Such tribal clashes erupted as a result of an old disputes or revenge. Last year, many people were killed and hundreds were injured in scattered districts of the republic, such as, Marib, Amran, al-Jawf, Sada'a and Sana'a.

World Women's Day marked

The Arab Sisters Forum and the Taiz-based Human Rights Information and Training Center (HRITC) organized, in cooperation with UK-based OXFAM humanitarian organization, a celebration on the occasion of the International Day of Women.

During the celebration, which was attended by the State Minister of Human Rights, Waheeba Fare'a, many speeches were given.

Dawah Saeed Ubad, a Yemeni woman who fought against the British occupation of formerly South Yemen, was honored during the celebration in recognition of her heretic struggle for the independence of Yemen.

French Consul's wife commits suicide

French Consul's wife to Yemen Curie Lagal, 44, committed suicide last week, according to press report, which noted that the reasons for not announcing the death on time was for not knowing the reasons behind the suicide.

The source pointed out that Curie Lagal was working as secretary for the French Ambassador to Yemen, and that she committed suicide by a pistol at her house located in the diplomatic area in Sana'a.

The French Embassy in Sana'a refused to give any information about the incident.

This is the second time a Western diplomat has committed suicide in Yemen. On April 2000 British Consul Assistant committed suicide after being convicted with a financial scandal.

Poverty alleviation strategy launched in Aden

Under the auspices of HE prime Minister Abdulqadir Bajamal, the work of the Poverty Alleviation Strategy was inaugurated in Aden.

The committee is linked to the Ministry of Planning & Development, Ministry of Finance and the Ministry of Labor & Social Affairs.

Many specialists from Yemeni universities and NGOs as well as MPs, representatives of local councils and donor countries took part in the discussions.

The conference was held in coordination with Aden University. The Poverty Alleviation Strategy is one of the components of the economic reform package Yemen has been implementing since mid 1995.

Minister of Planning & Development also inaugurated on March 6 the second phase of Poverty Alleviation Strategy (PAS).

He highlighted the strategy and disclosed that the families suffering from extreme poverty and shortage of food have risen to 27.3% of the total families. Families under poverty line also totaled 34.0%.

The strategy mentioned that the scope of healthcare service coverage from 1994 to 2000 rose from 42% to 50%.

The second Five-Year Plan and the Poverty Alleviation Strategy aim at reducing the rate of poverty and food shortage as well as providing the population with better healthcare services.

Yemeni-British Society pledges annual BP 30,000 to CAABU

In a move to consolidate and support Yemeni-British, Arab-British, and Arab-European relations, the Yemeni-British Society, along with the Chamber of Commerce, announced last week that they would start a campaign in support of Council for the Advancement of the Arab-British Understanding (CAABU), whose chairman Cyril Townsend paid a visit to the country last week.

Member of the Society, Dr. Mohamed Abdumajeed Qubaty told Yemen Times that he hoped that the move would encourage other Arab-British societies and chambers of commerce and trade to act similarly, and hence provide greater financial back-up to CAABU.

"We have to support the council, which has always been supportive to our causes, including the Middle East struggle for the past thirty five years," Dr. Qubaty said.

Since it was established 35 years ago, CAABU maintained a record of active programs in visiting British schools and lobbying parliamentarians and houses of law and government departments to help forward Arab-British relations.

It is expected that this initiative will trigger positive response from other societies and commerce chambers in the Arab world to financially support the council.

Japan supports different vital projects in Yemen

SANA'A- The government of Japan has decided to extend a grant aid amounting to USD 52,000 to the Challenge Association of Physically Disabled Women in Sana'a. An agreement was signed in Sana'a by Mrs. Jamala al-Baidani and Mr. Masamitsu Oki, the Ambassador of Japan to Yemen.

In the same context, Japan has also decided to extend a grant aid amounting up to USD 29,992 to al-Salkhana Maternal and Childhood Hospital in Hodiedah under the scheme called the "Grant Assistance for Grassroots Projects".

The agreement was signed in Sana'a by Director of the hospital Dr. Tawfiq Mohsen Thabet and Mr. Masamitsu Oki, the Japanese Ambassador.

At the same time, the government of Japan will be granting another aid amounting up to USD 36,339 to al-Qabaitah District Charitable Society to renovate and furnish al-Hajar School in Lahj Governorate under the scheme called the "Grant Assistance for Grassroots Projects."

An agreement to this effect was signed in Sana'a by the Chairman of the of al-Qabaitah Charitable Society Mr. Mohammed Abdulrab Nagi and the Japanese Ambassador.

The above-mentioned scheme of Japan's Grant Assistance aims at supporting small-based projects in basic human need fields, such as, primary health care, basic education, and public welfare in developing countries, in addition to other social development fields.

In Brief

- The Palestinian Ambassador to Yemen, along with the Embassy's staff, received condolences on the death of Ahmed Mufraj (Abu Hamid) chief of the southern district in Gaza Strip and commander of the Palestinian Revolution Forces in Yemen, from 1982 to 1994 at his house on Saturday and Sunday.
- Hussain al Ulifi, an education employee at Sana'a Education Office, was killed at his office while in duty. The murderer shot at Ulifi, in the head, then run away. This comes after al Ulifi refused to cooperate in signing contract with new Arab teachers whom the murderer wanted to hire.
- The Social Information Center for Refugees held on March 9 a party for marking International Women's Day. Many speeches were delivered during the celebration which highlighted the importance of empowering women and protecting them, especially female refugees.
- Yemeni Ambassador to the United Arab Emirates, Dhaifalah Shumailah met recently with Sheikh Hamid Zaid Al Nahian, member of the executive council and chairman of the economic division at the State of Abu Dhabi. Issues of bilateral relations and cooperation were discussed during the meeting.
- General Department of Forestry & Combating Dissertation held a training course on March 3 on institutional structure of women associations.
- Children Forum held on March 5 a seminar on child rights in cooperation with the Taiz-based al-Saeed Foundation for Science & Culture.
- Five tourist yachts arrived to Aden on March 3 carrying tourists from different nationalities.
- The Foundation for Women Culture & Inter-civilizations Dialogue organized on March 6 a celebration marking the international Women Day.
- The government of Yemen has donated USD 1.5 million to the Palestinian Authority (PA) on March 6. This came during the meeting of the al-Aqsa Mosque Fund held in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia.
- The second Palestinian children celebration was organized in Sana'a under the theme "Palestine on the eyes of children."
- Yemen, represented by the chairwomen of the Women's Forum for Research & Training, will take part at the regional workshop on gender issues and the democratic transition in the Arab world.
- Yemenia airways organized on March 9 the regional conference for the Gulf countries and the Middle East in Doha, Qatar.

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Bush tells US military to prepare nuclear weapons: paper

WASHINGTON (Reuters) - Citing a classified Pentagon report, the Los Angeles Times reported on Saturday that The Bush administration has told the Defense Department to prepare, on a contingency basis, plans to use nuclear weapons against at least seven countries.

The military was also directed to build smaller nuclear weapons for use in certain battlefield situations, the newspaper reported.

The countries named in the secret report — provided to Congress on Jan. 8 — were China, Russia, Iraq, North Korea, Iran, Libya and Syria, the Times reported.

The three contingencies listed for possible use of the weapons were "against targets able to withstand non-nuclear attack; in retaliation for attack with nuclear, biological or chemical weapons; or "in the event of surprising military developments," according to the newspaper.

"The report says the Pentagon should be prepared to use nuclear weapons in an Arab-Israeli conflict, in

a war between China and Taiwan, or in an attack from North Korea on the south. They might also become necessary in an attack by Iraq on Israel or another neighbor," The Times said.

"Officials have long acknowledged that they had detailed nuclear plans for an attack on Russia. However, this "Nuclear Posture Review" apparently marks the first time that an official list of potential target countries has come to light," analysts told the Times.

"This is dynamite," said Joseph Cirincione, a nuclear arms expert at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace in Washington. "I can imagine what these countries are going to be saying at the U.N.," he told the newspaper.

Arms control advocates told the Times "the report's directives on development of smaller nuclear weapons could signal that the Bush administration is more willing to overlook a long-standing taboo against the use of nuclear weapons except as a last resort.

However, conservative analysts said



that the Pentagon must prepare for all possibilities as other countries, and some terrorist groups, are engaged in weapons development programs. Their position was that smaller weapons have a deterrent role because rogue nations or terrorists might not believe that the United States would use more destructive multi-kiloton weapons, the Times reported.

The Pentagon refused to comment.

U.S. supports Annan's arms dialogue with Iraq

UNITED NATIONS (Reuters) - Despite some trepidation, the United States joined other U.N. Security Council members on Friday in supporting a second round of talks between the United Nations and Iraq on weapons inspections.

U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan, hoping to avert any military confrontation between Washington and Baghdad, met a delegation led by Iraqi Foreign Minister Najji Sabri on Thursday and agreed to another session in mid-April.

Emphasizing he had council support, Annan said it was significant that the inspectors, who left Iraq in December 1988, were discussed at the talks, an indication the Iraqis were taking the issue seriously.

"But I don't want us to run ahead of ourselves and declare success. We are at a very, very early beginning but it was a good start," he told reporters after briefing the council.

U.S. representative James Cunningham said the United States

backed another round of talks in April.

"We support the attempt by the secretary-general to get an answer from the Iraqis about whether they are willing" to allow inspections, Cunningham said. He noted Annan had not received a positive response from Sabri on Thursday, but said "I don't think anyone expected that."

Asked about an ongoing dialogue, he said Secretary of State Colin Powell believed the discussions ought to be "relatively brief and focused."

"Iraq should have complied a long time ago," Cunningham said. "Our interest is to get a clear answer on this as soon as possible."

The talks were held amid heightened tensions since President Bush called Iraq an "axis of evil" in his State of the Union address in January. U.S. officials have said they are considering



options for "regime change" in Iraq — a euphemism for overthrowing Iraqi President Saddam Hussein by force.

Separating U.N. and U.S. policies, Cunningham said: "We have made very clear we think the region would be better with a different regime in Baghdad."

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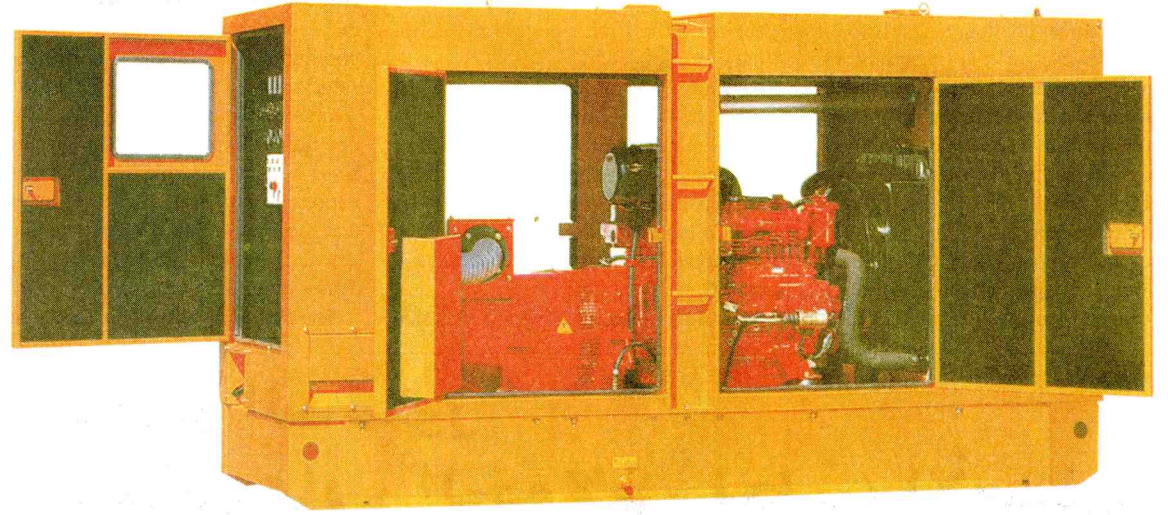
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More Israeli strikes as Sharon drops key demand

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JERUSALEM (Reuters) - Israeli aircraft struck at more Palestinian security targets and troops killed two gunmen on Saturday, hours after Prime Minister Ariel Sharon dropped a key condition for putting in motion a U.S.-brokered truce deal.

Soldiers killed two Palestinian gunmen who attacked an army position on the border with the Gaza Strip, both sides said.

Palestinian security sources said at least one Apache helicopter fired missiles at offices of Palestinian President Yasser Arafat's Force 17 guard and a police station in Gaza City, where two women were lightly hurt by flying debris.

Missiles also hit Palestinian government offices in the West Bank city of Nablus, causing extensive damage but no casualties.

The Israeli army said it had moved into the Khan Younis refugee camp in southern Gaza to destroy a building it alleged had been used by gunmen to fire on a nearby Jewish settlement. Palestinian witnesses said seven homes were destroyed.

The violence followed the bloodiest single day in the 17-month-old conflict on Friday, when Israeli forces killed at least 38 Palestinians in raids after a lone Palestinian attacker killed five people at the Atzmona Jewish settlement in Gaza. With U.S., Arab and international

pressure mounting for an end to the bloodletting, Sharon on Friday dumped his insistence on seven days of absolute calm before putting in motion a cease-fire deal brokered last year by CIA director George Tenet.

"Negotiations for a cease-fire will be under fire," Sharon told Israeli television.

He coupled the turnaround with a renewed pledge to hit the Palestinians "with all our might" if attacks on Israelis continued, but Palestinian officials and Israeli critics said the shift amounted to an admission of failure.

Sharon also again insisted that there could be no negotiations on a peace settlement until after violence stopped.

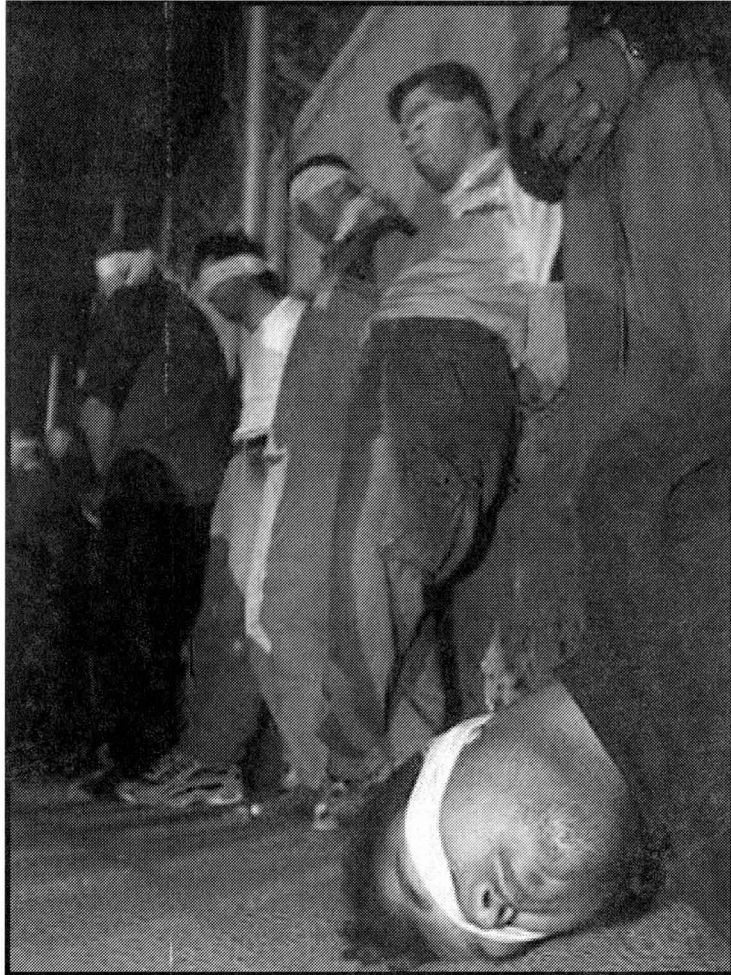
President Bush announced on Thursday that he was sending Middle East envoy Anthony Zinni back to the region next week to revive dormant U.S. peacemaking efforts.

The former Marine general's mission, his third, follows a ferocious upsurge in fighting after Sharon vowed on Monday to "beat" the Palestinians until they sued for peace.

U.S. SHIFT

The spiral of strike and counter-strike has alarmed Washington as Vice President Dick Cheney heads to the Middle East to seek Arab support for Bush's "war on terror."

The United States, having reluctantly endorsed Sharon's demand for seven days of calm last June, now wants the



A blindfolded Palestinian faints as several hundred people surrendered to the Israeli army outside a refugee camp in the West Bank city of Tulkarm March 8, 2002. After an agreement reached between Palestinian officials and the Israeli army, many males in the refugee camp surrendered to the Israeli Defense Force troops for questioning, and wanted suspects were detained. Photo by Nir Elias/Reuters

Tenet plan put into effect immediately and has openly questioned his strategy of inflicting as much pain as possible.

The Tenet plan includes provisions for a cease-fire and a disengagement of forces, leading to a return to positions held before the Palestinian uprising against Israeli occupation of the West Bank and Gaza Strip broke out in September 2000.

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New Arab media organization to launch

Will new media change the Arab world?

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"The New Media and Change in the

Arab World" conference, which wound up in Amman March 1, has called for the creation of a body uniting independent media organizations to protect freedom of expression in the region.

The three-day conference sponsored by Konrad Adenauer Foundation in Amman, brought together more than 120 high level Arab and western participants representing satellite stations, newspapers, and other media outlets. The purpose was to assess the impact of new media on social, economic and political change in the Arab world.

The proposed organization would help raise the standards of professionalism among journalists through workshops and training courses.

It would also work to protect freedom of speech and access to information for its members.

Participants stressed that Arab governments need to ensure more freedom and democracy for their people and end restrictive legislations seen as a violation of human rights. They also demanded the release of journalists detained for practicing their profession, and pledged support for journalists suffering professional hardships in Palestine and Iraq in particular. A follow-up committee has been formed to work on the implementation of the conference's vital recommendations.

Government monopoly challenged

Gregor Meiering, Konrad Adenauer Foundation Regional Representative, said through satellite television and the internet, new channels of communication have been established, and that these channels challenge the governments' monopoly over information and opinion.

He added that new media links people to information and opinion without government interception, and it links Arabs to each other plus the Arab world at large to the worldwide information network. In his opening speech at the conference, Mr. Gregor pointed out that state-run TV channels have been losing viewers and accordingly losing money from advertising industry that



turns to the popular channels.

He made clear the difference between tolerance that is given by governments who can pull it back, and freedom. He said freedom is based on basic rights guaranteed by constitutions and laws which can be enforced by referring to courts that are independent from government interference.

He questioned: "What can the New Media do in order to secure rights rather than to remain in the shadow of tolerance? Will media executives and journalists be ready to turn their existence into public lives and take up the fight for freedom?"

Most independent media at table

Mr. Ramzy Khoury, Conference Coordinator and Media Consultant said the event was important, as it is the first conference that truly represented the majority of independent media.

He said the government media in Arab countries meet on a continuous basis and through many forms, but their meetings are not of great value as they take their orders from governments at the end of the day. But private media do not have that opportunity and in this age where power should be in the hands of the private sector, the media should be private and independent in order to ensure that media is the monitor of government. The private media should sit together and find a format of work where all private companies are whole to understand the reality of where they are and try to have a vision for the future, he said.

Mr. Khoury stressed that state-run media don't allow the truth reach the citizens in the Arab World. But, now through the independent satellite television and the internet people can get access to any information.

The access to the truth is now available despite governments' control, so

we have to see how this availability of the information can create any change in the Arab world. The event tried to bring people from independent media to discuss such vital issues.

He also stressed that one of the important resolutions of the conference is to create an organization for independent media, and that private media representatives are taking this issue seriously.

Walid Chuqair, Head of Al-Hayat Regional Office in Beirut, said the significance of the event is tackling new issues like the new media in the Arab World. The participants were given the chance to spotlight the impact of this new media on the Arab world as well as the so-called "traditional" media like newspapers and non-satellite television stations.

It opened up the new challenges Arab media men will face owing to the advanced technology which, of course, affected work in this profession.

Growing so fast

In fact, this shortcoming is a part of the incapability of the Arab world to seize the technological development that is growing so fast, and affecting society in general.

The conference helped private media representatives lobby and discuss issues that concern independent media in the Arab countries, and the significance of lobbying together to fight for freedom and the rights of the Arab masses.

The participants stressed that such events should be expanded to highlight and debate future challenges of the new media that should play a very pivotal role in informing the public and voicing their aspirations. There was a proposal that the conference become an annual event, with the venue rotating among Arab capitals.



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Saudi Arabia's King Fahd(R) meets with U.S. Treasury Secretary Paul O'Neill(L) in Jeddah March 5, 2002. O'Neill told reporters on March 6, 2002 should be more active in identifying suspects who may be involved in terror financing. O'Neill is on a tour of four Gulf states, pressing a U.S.-led drive to clamp down on all sources of funding for militants like those who mounted the September 11 suicide attacks. Photo by Reuters

US demands that Saudi Arabia draw up its own terror lists

By Glenn Somerville

JEDDAH, Saudi Arabia (Reuters) - Saudi Arabia should be more active in identifying suspects who may be involved in terror financing because the issue is a global one, U.S. Treasury Secretary Paul O'Neill said on Wednesday.

O'Neill is on a tour of four Gulf states, pressing a U.S.-led drive to clamp down on all sources of funding for militants like those who mounted the September 11 suicide attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon.

He told reporters he was making the case to Saudi officials that "they needed to become an actor, not a responder" in efforts to identify and act against groups and individuals with a hand in financing Islamic militants by blocking their assets.

"Part of what I'm trying to do with this trip is establish a basis for them to understand that if we're all going to be successful it's not going to be because

they're responding in a better way to the U.S. but because they've taken the issue on themselves," O'Neill added.

The terror financing issue is a particularly sensitive one in Saudi Arabia, partly because 15 of the 19 perpetrators of the September attacks were Saudi nationals, putting the two countries' longstanding close ties under tough scrutiny.

O'Neill told a questioner he thought the United States had had strong cooperation from Saudi Arabia in trying to trace financing for militants. "I think it's been good but I think as a result of these meetings, or at least it's my hope, that there'll be more initiative taken and that there's a better understanding of what it is that we're trying to do."

STIRRING RESENTMENT

O'Neill has heard criticism during his trip, which has so far taken in Bahrain and Kuwait and winds up on Friday in the United Arab Emirates, that multiple suspect lists issued in the

United States, Europe and elsewhere sometimes unfairly or incorrectly labeled Arab nationals and stirred resentment.

He said it was "an old issue" that no longer posed a problem.

The U.S. Treasury chief said he wanted to demonstrate that Washington was seeking cooperation. "We really need the whole world to put its shoulder to the wheel because...it's not possible for us to understand the intricacies of how their society works," O'Neill added.

Clearly U.S. authorities needed to establish clear "points of contact" in Washington for aggrieved parties to make a case when they felt maligned by inclusion on suspect lists, he said. There should be systematic consultations on the whole issue. O'Neill cited progress by the Gulf states on one issue -- regulating Islamic charities more closely to ensure that donations they raise are not diverted to militants.

O'Neill lauds Bahrain help on anti-terror moves

By Glenn Somerville

MANAMA (Reuters) - U.S. Treasury Secretary Paul O'Neill Monday hailed the cooperation of the Gulf state of Bahrain in efforts to halt the flow of funds to groups that sponsor terrorism.

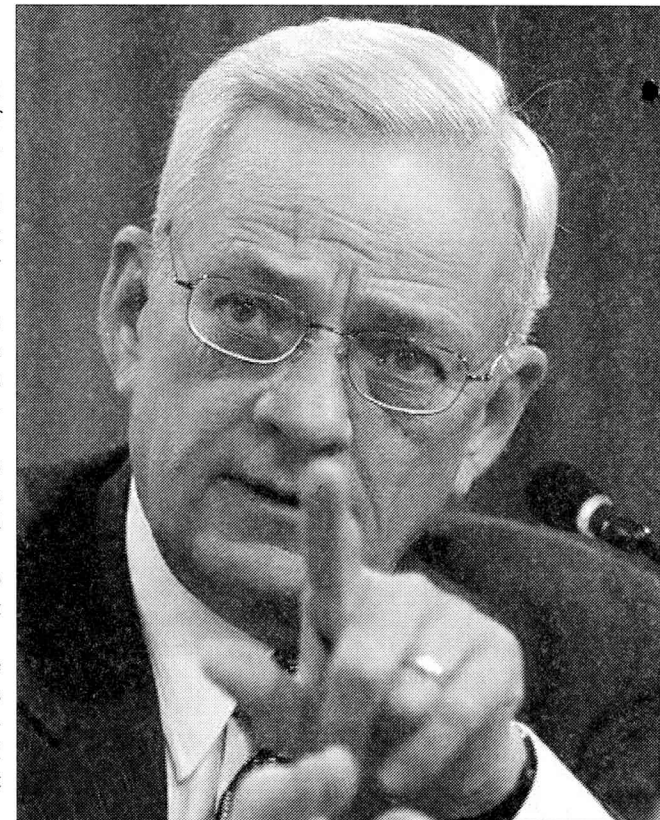
At the start of a five-day Middle East tour, O'Neill also said progress was being made in ensuring that Islamic charities were not used to channel money for illegal uses.

The U.S. Treasury chief heaped praise on Bahrain for its willingness to join in the U.S.-led campaign against terror financing and said its swift work in blocking the assets of suspected groups had been pivotal.

"As an important financial center of the world, it was critical that Bahrain respond in a good way and work in a cooperative way on this subject and no one could have asked for more," he told a news conference.

Bahrain is a Gulf banking and financial hub, home to more than 100 banks and Islamic financial houses that have combined assets topping \$100 billion.

In a joint statement, O'Neill and Bahrain's Finance Minister Abdulla Hassan Saif noted that Bahrain has passed new laws to combat money laundering in accordance with guidelines set by the Paris-based Financial Action Task Force and said charities were also subject to special scrutiny.



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Rafsanjani says U.S. attack on Iran is unlikely

TEHRAN (Reuters) - Iran's influential former president Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani said Friday that Tehran did not seek war with Washington and that a U.S. attack on Iran was unlikely.

"We do not want war with the Americans," Rafsanjani told thousands of worshippers gathered at the Tehran University campus, in a sermon broadcast on state radio.

"God willing, they will not be stupid enough to sully their hand in waging war. It is actually improbable that they will be so stupid," said Rafsanjani, who now heads a powerful state body.

Washington, which remains hostile to Iran and recently said it was part of an "axis of evil" threatening the United States, broke off relations with Tehran when Iranian militants seized its

embassy in Iran after the 1979 Islamic revolution.

President Bush has accused Iran of supporting terrorism and seeking nuclear arms and other weapons of mass destruction. Tehran denies the charges.

Iranian officials and media have speculated that the United States might launch attacks on Iran after its successful war in neighboring Afghanistan.

Some Iranian newspapers have said the U.S. accusations might encourage Israel to launch an attack against a nuclear power plant being built with Russian help in southern Iran.

Israel has denied having any such plans, though both it and Washington have voiced concerns that the plant could become part of an Iranian effort to develop nuclear weapons.



Intifada martyrs come alive in photo exhibit in UAE: Palestine

DUBAI, Mar. 8, 2002 (WAM via COMTEX) -- The haunting picture of 12-year-old Mohammed Al Durra, crouching helplessly to escape the merciless gunfire from his oppressors and finally succumbing to their brutality, will return once again to remind the world of the deprivation, frustration and servitude being imposed upon all Palestinians in their homeland.

"The agonizing death of Durra as well as the shuhada (martyrdom) of 99 other Palestinians will come alive in photographs to be exhibited at the Dubai Police Club, the United Arab Emirates (UAE), on Saturday," the 'Gulf Today' reported today.

Durra was shot dead by Israeli secu-

rity forces in the Gaza Strip while on his way home with his father. The heart-rending pictures of a terrified Durra crouching along with his father behind a cement wall in a desperate bid to escape the Israeli gunfire and finally lying dead in front of his father's eyes were captured by a television crew and beamed to millions of viewers all over the world.

The incident occurred on September 30, 2000, in the midst of the Al Aqsa Intifada, which was triggered by Israel's then-opposition leader Ariel Sharon's visit to Haram Al Sharif in Jerusalem. The exhibition titled "100 Shaheed (martyrs) - 100 Lives" is being brought to Dubai by the Cultural

and Scientific Association in cooperation with the Khalil Al Sakakini Cultural Center in Ramallah, Palestine.

The show was directed by Adila Laidi, director at the Sakakini center and designed by Samir Salameh, curator at the center. The exhibits are solely from Al Aqsa Intifada, the Palestinian resistance which continues to date since it erupted on September 28, 2001. The exhibition will feature, besides the picture of the shaheed, photographs of some of their personal belongings and short biographies in Arabic as well as English.

The objects and photographs will speak for themselves, on their own terms, going beyond death to recreate

life, without a clutter of text or complex display devices, Laidi said while addressing a press conference at the Cultural and Scientific Association along with Salameh and Bilal Al Budoor, general secretary of the association.

Laidi said the idea behind the exhibition was to shed light on the death surrounding Palestinian people, to break the anonymity of death counts, and honor families who live with the absence of loved ones. Though the exhibition portrays the loss of family, it calls the world's attention to a litany of deprivation, servitude, interrupted childhood, exiles, demolition, killings, crippling injuries and imprisonment.

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Weather holds up U.S. assault on Al Qaeda in caves

GARDEZ/BAGRAM AIR BASE, Afghanistan (Reuters) - The United States military said blizzards in east Afghanistan held back on Saturday a battle to rout al Qaeda fighters "hunkered down" in caves, frustrating Washington hopes of a swift end to fighting.

U.S. military spokesman Major Bryan Hilferty said fighting at the start of the second week of the battle in freezing mountains near the eastern city of Gardez had slackened off for both sides because of driving snow, rain and strong winds.

"The weather is extremely bad," Major Hilferty told a news conference at Bagram air base on the outskirts of Kabul which has become the U.S. control point for "Operation Anaconda."

The battle to destroy what the U.S. military calls a hardened core of Osama bin Laden's al Qaeda is taking place in the Gardez area, 95 miles south of Kabul.

"They (al Qaeda) appear to be pretty much hunkered down (in caves). The weather of course is affecting everyone's operations," Major Bryan Hilferty added.



Afghan fighters loyal to interim leader Hamid Karzai sit atop a Soviet Union-era tank outside of Logar, midway between Kabul and Gardez, March 8, 2002. A convoy of troops and armored vehicles made its way towards the area where the United States is leading an offensive against Taliban and al-Qaeda fighters in the Shahi Kot mountains. Photo by Jim Hollander/Reuters

Malaysia welcomes Saudi Arabia's peace initiative

KUALA LUMPUR, March 9 (Xinhua) -- Malaysia welcomes the West Asia peace initiative of Saudi Arabia's Crown Prince Abdullah Abdul Aziz, Foreign Minister Seri Syed Hamid Albar said Saturday.

He said the initiative should be seriously considered to solve the more than 50-year-old conflict which had caused much bloodshed.

"Prince Abdullah has made a move and Malaysia will support that type of move."

It is a window, a chance for peace in West Asia," he told reporters here.

Prince Abdullah's proposal which revealed earlier this month calls for full Israeli withdrawal from territories it occupied in the 1967 war and in return, Israel would be recognized by all the Arab League states.

Syed Hamid said the proposal provided an opportunity for lasting peace and settlement of the conflict which now seemed to get out of control.

The Saudi prince's proposal has been welcomed by many Arab countries which see it as a prospect to end the conflict which started with the creation of the state of Israel 54 years ago. In the six-day war of 1967, Israel occupied the Gaza Strip and the Sinai Peninsula of Egypt (Israel later

returned Sinai), Golan Heights of Syria and the West Bank and the Arab Sector of East Jerusalem.

Syed Hamid said the United States, the European Union (EU) and the United Nations must also give serious thought to Prince Abdullah's proposal. "Saudi Arabia has come up with a compromise solution."

Israel must come to the negotiating table and I think this is fair and reasonable," he said.

Syed Hamid also reiterated Malaysia's call earlier that a United Nations peacekeeping force be deployed in Palestine to separate the Arabs and the Israelis there, as more people were being killed everyday in the ongoing conflict.

At least 1,009 Palestinians and 319 Israelis have been killed since September 2000.

Asked about talks that certain Arab countries were not in favor of the Saudi proposal, Syed Hamid said, "The fact and reality is that Israel has been there and Israel cannot be wiped out from the face of the earth."

"It is a state born out of the support of all the big powers and endorsed by the U.N."

To say it does not exist is not being practical," he added.

Indian Hindu body softens stance on religious site

NEW DELHI (Reuters) - A powerful Hindu body called Friday to Muslims to reciprocate after saying it had made enough concessions on a disputed place of worship in northern India that is at heart of communal tensions.

The hard-line Vishwa Hindu Parishad (VHP) said it would honor a court verdict over whether the site in the northern town of Ayodhya belonged to Hindus or Muslims, backing off from its stand that courts could not decide such matters of faith.

"By toning down our stand we are showing we are all for a negotiated peaceful settlement of the issue. Now we hope we will get a positive response from the other side," VHP President Vishnu Hari Dalmiya told a news conference.

He said Hindu activists should now be allowed to hold a ritual ceremony planned for March 15 outside the disputed area where a Hindu mob tore

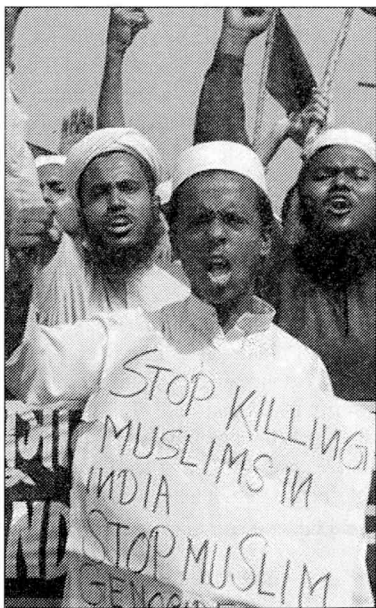
down a 16th century mosque a decade ago. It was an attack on a train packed with Hindu activists returning from Ayodhya last week in the western state of Gujarat which set off massive reprisals against the minority Muslim community by Hindu crowds.

Officials in Gujarat's main city Ahmedabad, which bore the brunt of the violence, said Friday that the death toll had risen to 676 as more charred bodies were pulled out from homes and fields across the countryside.

The toll included 58 people who were burned to death when their train was set on fire in Godhra on February 27.

A police official said there had been stray incidents of stabbing, looting and arson.

The sectarian violence in Gujarat, the country's worst in a decade, has prompted the Hindu nationalist-led federal coalition to speed up efforts to resolve the Ayodhya dispute.



Bangladeshi Muslims call on India to stop the killing of Muslims at a protest in Dhaka on March 8, 2002. Indian opposition parties piled on pressure on the ruling Hindu Bharatiya Janata Party to dismiss ministers over alleged mishandling of the worst Hindu-Muslim clashes in a decade. Photo by Reuters

Indian minister turns down Pakistan's invitation

NEW DELHI, March 9 (Xinhua) -- Indian Home Minister L.K. Advani on Saturday turned down Pakistan's invitation to him to visit Islamabad to defuse tension between the two countries, saying there was no need for talks, the Press Trust of India (PTI) reported.

"I am grateful to them (Pakistan) for the invitation. Experience in the past few years have shown that there is no need for talks," Advani was quoted as saying. Pakistan should first show

its commitment against terrorism by handing over the 20 "terrorists" wanted by India, Advani added. Advani said he was surprised by Pakistan's invitation which he came to know through the morning newspapers.

According to earlier media report, Pakistani Interior Minister Moinuddin Haider on Thursday extended the invitation to Advani through Indian Information and Broadcasting Minister Sushma Swaraj, who is attending the South Asian Association

for Regional Cooperation (SAARC) Ministerial Conference on information and communications in Islamabad.

In a separate report, the PTI said that Indian Defense Minister George Fernandes on Saturday dismissed reports of reduction of troops massed on the border with Pakistan as "rubbish".

Troops will be stationed till Pakistan meets all the conditions, Fernandes was quoted as saying.

Myanmar arrests Ne Win's family

YANGON (Reuters) - Myanmar's military authorities have arrested the son-in-law and two grandsons of former coup leader Ne Win, and restricted the movement of the rest of the family, diplomats and family friends said on Saturday.

Security around the residence of the retired general in central Yangon had been tightened after the arrests on Thursday, they said.

"Aye Zaw Win and his two sons were picked up by the authorities

Thursday evening," a source close to Ne Win's family told Reuters.

Aye Zaw Win, a prominent businessman, is the husband of Ne Win's daughter, Sandar Win.

Government officials were not immediately available for comment, but authorities were due to hold a news conference late on Saturday. The ex-president is thought to still command high respect from the ruling regime and it was unclear why the authorities had acted. One diplomat said their tar-

get might be the grandsons.

"The authorities seem to want to restrict the movement of the old man and his daughter while questioning the son in law and grandsons," a well-informed diplomat in Yangon told Reuters.

Diplomats and witnesses near Ne Win's house said army guards were replaced with police and barricades were placed at the gate of the lane leading to his lakeside home, where he lives with his daughter's family, in the elite residential area.

Ne Win led the military when they seized power in a coup on March 2, 1962; military rule ended on the same date in 1974, when a new constitution took effect and he became president.

China Opposed to U.S. Allowing Taiwan Presence at Military Meeting

BEIJING, March 7 (Xinhuanet)-- The Chinese government Thursday expressed strong opposition to the United States allowing Taiwan to send a representative to a military conference to be held in Florida this week-end.

Foreign Ministry Spokesman Kong Quan said at a regular press conference that China has lodged serious representations to the U.S., pointing out that the U.S. decision to allow the so-called "Taiwan Defense Minister" to go to U.S. to attend the conference is an open violation of the "One China" policy and the three joint Sino-U.S. communiqués.



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Two days of violent elections in Zimbabwe

HARARE (Reuters) - Zimbabweans voted in large numbers on the the two days of the crucial presidential elections, with long queues at many polling stations nationwide.

President Robert Mugabe faces the toughest challenge of his 22-year rule from former trade unionist Morgan Tsvangirai, who urged his supporters to flood the more than 4,500 polls across the country.

A high urban turnout is thought like-

ly to favor Tsvangirai.

Well before voting began around 7 a.m. on Saturday, voters wrapped in blankets against the cold formed long lines at polling stations in poor parts of Harare — strongholds of Tsvangirai's Movement for Democratic Change (MDC). "I could not wait to pass this vote. I came early to make sure I do," said Japhet Dongo, who cast his ballot at a school in Glenview suburb after waiting in a line since midnight.

Under gray skies and in a light drizzle, at least a thousand people were lined up at Glenview Number 2 primary school.

"This is what we have to say to the world — we are voting today for our new leader," one man said.

In Harare's Kambuzuma township, one line stretched for a mile and groups of boisterous youths gave the open-palm MDC sign to passing motorists.

VIOLENCE CONTINUES

The violence which has marred the campaign for the closest election in Zimbabwe's history continued right up to the poll.

The MDC reported on Friday night that 30 of its election monitors were assaulted by ruling ZANU-PF militants with clubs and broken bottles in Shamva, 75 miles northeast of Harare.

Police detained 12 white farmers overnight after a confrontation with ruling party militants who stopped them transporting MDC polling agents north-west of Harare. The farmers were released early on Saturday.

The head of Norway's election observer team said the signs of a high turnout were encouraging.

Kare Vollan told Reuters: "We are worried about the deployment of party polling agents. We had some reports of problems overnight, mainly from the MDC, but they are still to be confirmed."

Norway's 25 observers are the largest European team at the elections. The European Union withdrew scores of observers before the vote after the government banned those from Britain, Denmark, Germany, Finland, the Netherlands and Sweden on the grounds that their governments were pro-opposition.

In the second city of Bulawayo, long lines formed outside polling stations hours before the vote started.

"I have been here since 4 a.m. because I am very anxious to vote. I want somebody who will address my needs like the cost of living, which is now very high," said Gatshehi Khumalo, a 29-year old accountant.

unsuitable containers, said Alemayehu Wodageneh, a senior chemicals expert at the UN Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO).

"Guard dogs at the site have died, and some people are feeling very sick," Wodageneh told Reuters.

"The chemical is highly toxic to marine life," he added. "When it rains soon, the chemical could flow into the sea and have a very serious impact on fish stocks. This chemical is extremely dangerous to people."

Chromated copper arsenate is primarily used as a wood preservative for power and telegraph poles. The chemical is dangerous to the environment, according to the Rome-based FAO.



Zimbabwe President Robert Mugabe arrives at his last election rally in Chipadze stadium in Binduka, west of Harare, March 8, 2002. Mugabe ended his campaign for weekend elections with a confident prediction of victory and a stinging attack on former colonial power Britain. Photo by Juda Ngwenya/Reuters

Gang battles kill 20 in Nairobi

NAIROBI, Kenya (Reuters) - Twenty people were hacked and clubbed to death in eight hours of overnight clashes between rival gangs in a Nairobi slum, Kenyan police said Monday, March 4.

Eyewitnesses said the capital's worst violence in years erupted in the Kariobangi North slum after Mungiki, a banned religious sect, accused a gang calling itself the "Taliban" of killing three of its members Friday night.

Riot police fired teargas to disperse warring Mungiki and "Taliban" members armed with clubs, stones and large knives and arrested at least seven people in the settlement of almost half a

million people.

It was not immediately clear how many of the dead or the 28 injured were members of Mungiki, its rivals or simply residents of the area four miles northeast of the city center. The violence started at 10 p.m. and lasted until dawn.

"The two groups, the so-called Mungiki and another one calling itself 'Taliban' started clashes ... leaving 20 people dead and 28 hospitalized," a police statement said.

Residents said there had not been a bloodier night of violence in Nairobi in years. In December at least 10 people were killed when rent battles broke out

between tenants and landlords in Kibera, the city's largest slum with close to one million dwellers.

The shadowy Mungiki advocates a return to traditional African religion. Its leadership converted to Islam last year and its male members see themselves as sons of the Mau Mau movement, which fought a violent rebellion against British colonists in the 1950s.

Mungiki's leader, Ibrahim Ndura Waruinge, was arrested in November days after appearing on an independent television channel and declaring his group would take control of all minibus routes in Kenya. The case is still being heard.

Deadly meningitis outbreak hits Burkina Faso

OUAGADOUGOU (Reuters) - An outbreak of meningitis in the poor West African country of Burkina Faso killed 36 people in one week last month, the World Health Organisation (WHO) said on Friday.

The Geneva-based group said in a statement that between February 4 and 10 there were 201 cases, including 36 deaths, and in one district the disease reached epidemic proportions.

While the disease can occur anywhere in the world, the largest and most frequent epidemics occur in 18 sub-Saharan countries stretching from Ethiopia in the east to Senegal in the west, a region dubbed the "meningitis belt."



Djibouti Port chemical leak poses health risk: FAO

ROME (Reuters) - Hundreds of tons of a toxic chemical leaking from shipping containers at Djibouti port in East Africa pose a serious threat to human health and the environment, the United Nations world food body said last Monday, March 4.

Some 200 tons of chromated copper arsenate are leaking at the port because the chemical had been packed into

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إعلان لتقديم بيانات تأهيل

الجمهورية اليمنية
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المؤسسة المحلية للمياه والصرف الصحي لمحافظة عدن
ملحق رقم ١ لمشروع مجاري عدن

تدعو المؤسسة المحلية للمياه والصرف الصحي لمحافظة عدن المقاولين المهتمين ، من ذوي الخبرة الدولية ، لتقديم بيانات تأهيلهم للملحق رقم ١ لمشروع مجاري عدن .

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سيكون موقع أعمال المشروع في مدينة عدن ، الجمهورية اليمنية وتحديدأ في مناطق النصر ، العريش ، المنصورة ، جولد مور وخورمكسر . وسيشتمل نطاق العمل المقترح ، مع عدم حصره ، على ما يلي :

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'The population explosion exposed'

By: Abdullah Fawaz

In regards to an aging population is viewed as a disaster, and efforts are undertaken to revive healthy population growth.

Yemen as with all Muslim world and the so-called Third World is a disaster and it's not due to population growth. Rather it's due to the corrupt rulers appointed by the west to dictate over the population with a rotten colonialist system. e.g. Argentina and the IMF.

Also the structural agreement policies in Yemen guaranteeing the outflow of cash reserves to the West, resulting in the shrinking of the size of wealth, as opposed to distributing the wealth amongst the population in terms of badly needed services and investment in heavy industry.

Western countries driven by greed and selfishness, have been planning for a long time to deliver a fatal blow to what they call the 'Third World' populations which includes Muslims, in order to restrain their growing numbers which the West regards as a threat to their vital interests.

Reviving an old theory

Therefore, backed by the industrial and financial institution, such as the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund, a large number of intellectuals, politicians and economists have worked towards reviving the barbaric theory which Malts projected in his essay of 1798 entitled "The Principle of population."

He argued that the more the world population grows, the less world food output is able to meet peoples' needs. He also argued that the outbreak of wars and the spread of epidemics would be a natural solution to overpopulation. Since then the intellectuals in Britain, France and the USA have concentrated their efforts in finding a fertile ground for their plan within the Muslim world.

The former US secretary of State, Henry Kissinger was the first to address the issue of population politically, when he submitted a detailed report to the national Security Council about the demographic explosion, describing it as a strategic threat to the security of the USA. He also produced a list of countries targeted in his policy including, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Iran, Egypt, Indonesia

and others.

Massive wave

He referred the task of execution of this policy to the IMF and the UN agencies such as the World Health Organization, so that the Western countries could face the threat posed by this massive human wave of the 'Third World' countries who according to him have become unable to meet the needs of their citizens.

A comparison of the numbers of people living in the West and the 'Third World', and between the rates of consumption of consumer goods and energy, would shed light over the reality of the dirty scheme of the Western countries, and the reason behind their barbaric comparing, which is to achieve total hegemony over the world and to exploit its riches.

According to statistics, the world population totals 5.5 billion of which 25% live in the industrialized world and 75% in the Third World. The population of the industrialized world: Europe, America and Japan consume 80% of the energy, 85% of wood and 80% of foods. As for the undeveloped 'Third World', whose population numbers 4 billion, they only consume 17% of all the natural resources. Also the average income of a European is 20 times higher than that of a person living in the "Third World".

Despite this difference, the rich industrialized countries have laid a heavy burden of debts on the poor countries, which in total exceed US \$1,500 billion. Between 1982 and 1990, \$418 billion was transferred to the industrialized world.

High standards at expense of others

This brief account of demographic and economic situation of the world highlights the fact that the capitalist countries have exploited the world riches in order to provide their citizens with a high standard of living at the expense of others. This should not come as a surprise since the capitalist ideology embraced by the West is based on benefit and it's objective is always to achieve maximum physical pleasure.

The so-called Third World countries are rich in natural resources and farming lands, and they are capable to satisfy the basic needs and even the luxuries of billions of people.

A leading expert on natural science admitted that the existing resources are sufficient to

provide a standard of living, in fact, equal to that of the Swiss farmer, for more than 75 billion people, provided the distribution is carried out correctly.

However the greed of the Western capitalist countries, devoid of all the values and based on looting and robbery, would not rise to view the world from a humanitarian viewpoint. They will continue to pursue their policy of restraining population by using all methods available, in order to satisfy their luxuries.

French scientists say reduce population

The Western scientists' proposals about the restraint of population have been multiplying. The infamous French scientist Cousteau suggested that by killing 250,000 people a day, the Western world can ensure its survival. The Frenchman Levy Strauss suggested the reduction of the world population from 5.5 billion to 2 or 3 billion.

In a report submitted to the UN Co-ordinator on population in 1991, the former US president was argued to take a leading role in restraining overpopulation in the Third World. As for the Muslim countries, the US and other Western powers have managed to wage a vicious campaign against proliferation, especially in Bangladesh, Indonesia, Iran and Egypt, through pressure applied on the collaborating regimes of these countries by the World Bank and the IMF.

Some of the religious institutions have also played a conniving role in extolling this repugnant action and presenting it in a favorable light to the Muslims, to the point where Iran who claims to be an Islamic state, has become one of the leading countries who adopted the concept of family planning, followed closely by Bangladesh, Egypt and Indonesia. And whilst intensifying their population by offering generous financial assistance to encourage families to have large numbers of children they even grant citizenship to foreign residents in order to increase populations.

Where are the American Indians?

This is the reality of the conspiracy which the West has concocted against the Muslim Ummah and the rest of the world population, and which is leading to the destruction of mankind and the extermination of many people and nations, as happened before in the

American continent. Where are the American Indians?

The Cairo Conference held in 2000 serves as vivid evidence about what the enemies of Islam have in store for the Muslims. They are now trying to exterminate them after they had failed to destroy their Aqeeda.

Their claim that a reduced population and smaller families would guarantee a better life is only a new and deceptive scheme concocted by the capitalist West, which has offered the Muslims nothing but adorned rhetoric and empty promises, such as human rights, freedom and democracy, while in fact it is only after securing a better life for its own people at the expense of others.

Allah Ta'ala is the Creator and the Provider, and no soul shall die until it has exhausted all its prescribed provision and life. This is a basic concept that every Muslim carries, and which is not open to compromise.

Allah Ta'ala says:

"Kill not your children for fear of want: we shall provide sustenance for them as well as for you: verily the killing of them is a great sin" [TMQ 17:31]

"There is no moving creature on earth but its sustenance depends on Allah: he knows the time and place of its definite abode and its temporary deposit: All in a clear record" [TMQ 11:6]

"No knowledge have they of such a thing, nor has their fathers. It is the envoy of the Lord of the universe, Jibril, who has inspired into my heart that no soul would die until it exhausts its provisions"

Rely on Allah Ta'ala

Therefore working towards the propagation of the concept of family planning among the Muslims and imposing it upon them by the ruler contradicts the ideological concept which makes the Muslim fearless of poverty and need, and which makes him rely on Allah Ta'ala and count on him. The point at issue is not related to an individual action, performed by some individuals, which is Mubah (permitted) for them, as mentioned in the Hadith of 'Al-Azi' (premature withdrawal), but in

fact is a filthy scheme aimed at reducing the number of Muslims, once the partners of evil (to quote G. Bush) realized that the words "There is no God but Allah and Muhammad (saw) is the Messenger of Allah", shall soon mushroom all over the world. Muslims must remember that Islam is the only principle capable of solving the world's problems, and eradicating the disastrous legacies of the capitalist creed. It is Islam which will guarantee prosperity and permanent peace and tranquility for all mankind. Let us therefore work towards establishing the Khilafa which will bring Islam back to temporal life, to govern the individuals affairs as well as the nations. Let us proliferate and increase the number of Muslims so that the master of Messengers (saw) is proud of us, for he (saw) said "Marry the devoted and prolific one, for I shall be proud of you before other nations."

Exchange Rate for the Yemeni Rial

as of March 9

Curr.	Buying	Selling
USD	173.53	173.76
GBP	247.06	247.39
EUR	152.23	152.43
SAR	46.27	46.33
KWD	264.78	265.53
AED	47.24	47.31
EGP	37.41	37.46
BHD	460.28	460.89
QAR	47.66	47.72
JOD	244.75	245.08
OMR	450.72	451.32
DEM	77.82	77.92
CHF	104.50	104.63
FRF	23.20	23.23
ITL	.078606	.078710
NLG	69.07	69.16
SEK	16.83	16.85
BEF	3.77	3.78
JPY	1.334794	1.336563

Source: Central Bank of Yemen

Contribution of local banks rises to 61.7%: Central Bank

Ismael Al-Ghabiry
YT Staff

Yemeni and foreign commercial banks achieved a 20 per cent expansion in their banking activities in 2001, according to the Central Bank of Yemen.

Governor of the Central Bank of Yemen, Ahmed Abdulrahman as-Samawi told the London-based al-Hayat newspaper that bank budgets rose from YR 298.0 billion in (December 2000) to YR 258.33 billion (December 2001).

As-Samawi said that Yemeni banks achieved a growth rate of 24% against 14% for the foreign banks.

Thus, local banks accounted for 61.7% of the total banking activities, while foreign banks contributed with 38.3%.

Similarly, commercial banks achieved an increase in their resources totaling YR 76.9 billion, represented by the rise in deposits by YR 57.4 billion.

Banks also tended to invest heavily in treasury bills and increase their accounts at foreign banks and the Central Bank of Yemen.

According to the banking report, the amount of liability reserve of deposits in YR has soared to YR 15 billion at the end of the last year, an increase rate of 25%.

The liability reserve in foreign currencies has also surged to USD 82 million at a growth rate of 12.6%.

Roughly 14 commercial banks, including three Islamic banks, operate in Yemen.

Arab Bank, Rafidein Bank, Credit Agricole Indosuez and the United Bank limited are subsidiaries of foreign banks

In Brief

Developing Insurance business to be discussed in Muscat

Vice-Chairman of Yemeni Federation for Insurance and General-Manager of the United Insurance, Tareq Abdulwas'a Hail Saeed, left on March 9 for Oman to take part at the meetings of the Arab General Federation for Insurance, scheduled for March 11 to 13.

The meetings will discuss means of developing and marketing insurance services via banks, the Internet and the mass media.

The Federation Council is comprised of representatives from insurance companies operating at insurance markets at different markets.

First private sector refinery

President Ali Abdulah Saleh has laid the foundation for the first privately-owned oil refinery in Hadramaut at the cost of US 890 million, and reduction capacity of 100,000 barrel a day. This refinery is run by investors from Saudi Arabia and the UAE.

Yemen also has a refinery in Mareb with the capacity of 10,000 barrels and another one in Aden with the capacity of 100,000 barrels per day.

National conference on Qat

Cabinet approved holding a national conference on qat from April 3 to 4. The conference aims at evaluating all economic, social and health related aspects of qat-chewing and cultivation. In addition, it will outline new qat policies to be adopted by the government. The conference will discuss eight studies on several topics closely related to qat and its impact on environment, health, society and water resources.

Small enterprise promotion course comes to a close

A training course on ways to promote small enterprise was recently held in Aden.

The course was organized by the Chambers of Commerce & Industry, in cooperation with the German Technical Cooperation Agency (GTZ). Participants received lectures on ways and means of developing and running small enterprises in an efficient manner.

Yemen's natural resources: In good hands

BY: Mahyoob al-Kamali
Economic Editor

Yemen has been blessed with diverse topography and resources that, if utilized well, can greatly help this country's economy.

There is diversity of temperature, as coastal climate is affected by the Red Sea and the Gulf of Aden, while the desert climate in the east of the country has given Yemen valuable land resources. There is also the cool climate in the highlands and plains, which gives support to the national economy.

One of the results of Yemen's climatic diversity is the variety of plant life, which gives rise to agricultural programs, scientific studies and research aimed at improving production in agriculture.

This also helps industry, which in turn helps the country's economy.

Within this framework, the Agriculture Ministry has left no stone unturned to preserve and to protect such resources, and to continue with various research projects.

The National Committee for Hereditary Origins, established at the end of the 1990s, has been working hard to ensure science and research only improves.

The National Committee for Hereditary Origins

Roots of the committee date back to 1999, when its membership began to be developed by a number of specialized organizations, including Sana'a and Aden Universities.

This has definitely made agricultural researches of a great scientific impor-

tance.

The main tasks performed by the committee deal with mapping out strategies and national policies of the hereditary works, in accordance with priorities proposed by agricultural and developmental policies.

In addition to this, the committee supervises and assesses the national plan, and links it to the international plan for the hereditary resources, making use of others' experiences in this field.

This is successfully achieved through implementing international agreements on resources by collecting, preserving and maintaining these resources, and producing good agricultural varieties suitable for growing different agricultural products.

Various responsibilities

The committee also has done its best to raise awareness of the importance of hereditary resources. It's established a database and information center to collect information of hereditary resources and biological diversity in Yemen, so it's not lost.

In addition to this, the committee has been seeking to network with international organizations that also have expertise in this field.

Accordingly, the committee also looks for resources to continue research activity pertaining to the hereditary origins.

It's also concerned with public relations, and thus supervises media coverage, which includes periodicals, networks with organizations in West Asia and North Africa, which are affiliated to the International Institute for the Hereditary Origin.

Yemen benefits from the committees' work, and our country's resources garner more export value at the same time.



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MILESTONES 2002

Yemen Times throws 11th anniversary party at the Taj Sheba



Celebration time!

Walid Al-Saqqaf, editor-in-chief of the Yemen Times, is all smiles as he cuts the the giant cake at the newspapers 11th anniversary party last Monday.

By Yemen Times Staff

The newspaper you are reading, young as it is, has a storied history that was celebrated at the Taj Sheba Hotel on March 4.

Following is a brief overview of the people, events and accomplishments which have made The Yemen Times the most popular English newspaper in the country, and one that is continuing to become even better as we focus on the needs and desires of our readers.

The beginning

The Times was founded in 1990 by Prof. Abdulaziz Al-Saqqaf, but the first issue came out on February 28, 1991. It was the first English-language newspaper in the Republic of Yemen following the unification of 1990.

The beginning was humble and tough. Dr. Abdulaziz Al-Saqqaf started the newspaper with just two computers, a printer, and other essential peripherals. The staff was only four employees working all week long to get the paper published on time.

The difficulties were many and of different dimensions. It was basically a challenge that no one expected Dr. Saqqaf to overcome. First there was the

financial aspect. Then there was the marketing and publicity challenge. But most of all, human resources was the main obstacle that needed to be overcome.

But Dr. Saqqaf had a vision. He had a complete vision in front of him. That ideal was of a newspaper that stands up for what is right, reports facts with no alteration, and promotes democracy and freedom of the press in Yemen and in the Arab world.

Amid the different opposition, government, and party-oriented newspapers that flourished during the early nineties, the Times had a different objective: constructive and balanced reporting of the truth no matter what the consequences were.

But there was also another goal on mind of its founder, that is to produce a newspaper that could serve as an example in terms of institutionalization of the press.

Circulation Increase (1992)

The newspaper increased its circulation dramatically in 1992 and enhanced its marketing skills to attract more advertisers who would realize how beneficial it is to advertise in an English-language newspaper. With the increase of revenue from advertisements and subscriptions,

Dr. Saqqaf decided to add more equipment including more computers and software.

International presence, 1993

Subscribers to the newspaper more than doubled that year, and the paper by then had subscribers from more than 20 countries worldwide.

In March 1994, the Times became the first modern networked newspaper in the republic, putting it in the top position in terms of quality design and printing.

Awarded in 1995

The growth and good reputation continued and the paper became an internationally renowned newspaper reaching more than 45 countries. The paper was distinguished in the Arabian Peninsula for its strong and independent opinion, respected by all intellectuals in government, opposition, and others.

The editor had by then won the most prestigious award to be given to an Arab journalist. That was the 1995 National Press Club Award in the International Category. The award was given to Dr. Saqqaf for his courageous reporting and writings that reflected a strong stand that defends human rights and freedom of the press.

A reliable source, 1996

The most noticeable event of 1996 was the dramatic increase in the number of organizations that would use the Yemen Times as their source of information about various events and the situation in Yemen. They realized that it was a source to depend on and trust.

Yemen Times Online, 1997

The year 1997 was a whole new beginning. It ushered the birth of YemenTimes.Com, the online version of Yemen Times. The newspaper was a pioneer in being the first Yemeni newspaper to be published online.

Readers in any country of the world would now be able to read the news of Yemen from any spot on this planet. It was truly a step that revolutionized the newspaper.

In its own building, 1998

In this year, the Yemen Times purchased its three-storey building on Hadda Street, after years of staying in rented space. The new spacious building allowed the different departments to operate smoothly.

The paper by then had five major departments including the editorial department, technical department, advertising department, sales and subscription department, financial department, archive department, administrative department, and printing and distributing department.

All departments would work together in a well-organized manner, putting the newspaper ahead of the rest of others and making it a standard.

The demise of the founder, 1999

On June 2, 1999, Prof. Abdulaziz Al-Saqqaf left us for good after demonstrating the skills of guiding the newspaper to international status. He died in a tragic traffic accident a few hundred meters away from the newspaper that he founded and loved so very much.

However, the newspaper continued to be published every Monday following his sad demise. His elder son Walid took charge of everything, demonstrating a remarkable ability to lead the newspaper and have it continue to grow and develop.

Fresh blood, fresh ideas, 2000

During the year 2000, the new editor-in-chief had implemented dozens of enhancements and projects that resulted in assuring the Times had a strong future.

We might have lost its founder, but the Times is still there in the market and everywhere you go.

Despite his young age, Walid was able to bring new ideas and enhancements,

new pages and a new look to the paper. This attracted thousands of new readers of different ages, especially students who were able to benefit from the education page of the paper.

More work, 2001

The year 2001 could be seen as the most exhausting year for the whole staff, as several supplements of high quality were published and the Times was able to gain much wider reputation in the whole Arabian peninsula as it increased its distributed issues to the Gulf countries and beyond.

2002 A new beginning:

This is the theme of the new layout and design of the paper. On February 11 2002, the paper surprised its readers with an enhanced look and greater content. It jumped from 16 to 24 pages and included news items from the whole world.

This is because the need to adapt to globalization has sharpened our newspaper's team to think globally as well as locally.

Medals and awards

The Yemen Times received an large number of medals and awards from several public and private establishments in Yemen. However, the NPC Award was the most prestigious of all. Prof. Saqqaf flew to Washington DC to receive the award at the NPC headquarters. He was and remains the only Arab journalist who wins this prestigious award.

Why the Yemen Times is different; why it's successful

Many newspapers and media establishments ask this. Three elements can be considered the main factors behind its success: Honesty in reporting, good organization, and hard work.

There is another factor that is of great importance, and that is care and attention to its employees who are the men and women working hard behind the scenes. They are the ones who make it happen, and they deserve the greatest of attention.

The newspaper's top place in the Yemeni market is due to the dedication and devotion of the staff to produce quality reports and advertisements. We have a professional staff working on design of advertisements to

be appealing and attractive. This is what attracts advertisers.

Popularity and distribution

It is a fact that the Yemen Times is the most widely read and distributed newspaper in English language here in Yemen. It also stands as one of the leading newspapers in the country, despite being in English-language.

Surveys revealed that during early 2002, the Times was the best selling weekly newspaper in the country.

The newspaper reaches all governorates of the country, and has active branches in Taiz and Aden, plus representatives in Hodeidah, Ibb, and other governorates.

The newspaper distributes to all Gulf States, and has correspondents in India, the UK, and other countries.

Future ambitions

As the editor-in-chief says, "This is not enough!"

The paper is determined to continue to develop and become a newspaper with greater international recognition.

Let us keep the future, for now, as the unknown. With that said, we are certainly not satisfied with where we are. The staff has committed itself to not stop at a this point. For us, only the sky is the limit.



Mohammad Al-Masani (right), Public Relation Manager of YT congratulates Editor-in-chief warmly and receives certificate of merit



Nasri A. Al-Saqqaf (right), Administrative Manager of YT receives Certificate of Merit in recognition of his efforts

What they're saying about the new Yemen Times

Last Week, the Yemen Times moved into its 11th year. The first issue came out on February 27th, 1991, and it has since become an important factor in the transformation process of Yemen.

During the anniversary celebration last Monday, at the Taj Sheba Hotel, guests expressed their admiration for the status reached at the Times. Following are some of their comments.

Being read in England

The British Ambassador, Francis Guy highly appreciated the newspaper and noted "In terms of the international affairs, we have seen that the Times has been improving. It is the eye on Yemen that many of diplomats look at. As we have watched the video tape, it goes to 46 countries in the world and I know that many of my colleagues in London read YT online."

Like father, like son

T.V Announcer and the General Programs Manager at the Yemeni Space Channel, Ahmed al-Dhahbani said "I'm a contemporary of the late Dr. Abdulaziz al-Saqqaf. The most striking thing about him is that he could establish an English newspaper in a time in which Yemen is in dire need to be seen positively by foreigners.

With his great determination, he introduced state-of-the-art technological changes.

After Abdulaziz al-Saqqaf had passed away, a sense of ambiguity encompassed us. We were worried about the fate of the newspaper But things were completely changed again.

The new editor-in-chief, Waleed Abdulaziz al-Saqqaf followed his father's example and could create a distinguished English newspaper in Yemen."

al-Dhahbani concluded that Yemen Times is a newspaper to be proud of.

"I get 15 copies and send them to San Francisco, Los Angeles, and Washington where the Yemeni expatriates reside there," he said.

Popular in Egypt

Dr. Khaled M. El-Komy, the Ambassador of Egyptian to Yemen said the late Dr. Abdulaziz al-Saqqaf was loved and respected by everybody in the Arab world and particularly in Egypt.

"The newspaper started with this great man and this great man started with this newspaper. I regularly read YT and I think the newspaper has been progressing by leaps and bounds particularly among the English newspapers in the Arab World," he said.

Wishing the best

Abulaziz Thabit, a well-known businessman said "I regularly read the

Times and I wish more success and prosperity to the YT at both levels, local and international."

Paper helps tourism

The advertising manager at Yemeni Airlines, Mohammed Jobari said YT is the first English-speaking newspaper in Yemen and has a leading role in the field of tourist sector.

"The newspaper has reached the four corners of the Yemen and this can be clearly seen since the first winner of the grand million competition is from Hajjah," he said.

Likes tourism coverage

The vice general manager of Universal for Travel and Tourism, Mahmood al-Shaibani commented, "There is one thing I'd like to mention here. There are a lot of advertisements which in turn disturbs the layout of the newspaper. As a matter of fact, the

accumulated advertisements in the newspaper is a clear testimony of success and prosperity of the newspaper. but we hope that there will also be plenty of room for extensive reports," he said.

He proposed that there should be a fixed page for the tourist sector which in turn will promote and enrich the tourist sector in Yemen.

A large number of readers read YT on the internet and as an English newspaper, you have to attract many tourists through such a page in your paper."

Economic coverage valued

As an economist, the economic counselor at the Ethiopian Embassy, Marcus Getta, appreciated the newspaper and suggested that the economic page should be expanded a bit wider, to deal with regional economic issues as well as international.

Likes world focus

Saleem Salai, the General Manager of Hertz said "YT has covered the whole news. As an expatriate. We like the paper very much.

In the latest issue, the Times has covered international news better, and this is very much welcomed by the expatriate community. This is good for those who are visiting Yemen," Saleem said.

"Outstanding"

The Ambassador of the Sultanate of



British Ambassador talking about the YT Celebration



Mr. Al-Dahabani expressing his feelings about YT

Omani said that the Times is one of the most outstanding papers in the country, as it deals with all events, and enjoys a good relations with embassies and organizations.

Indeed, the Yemen Times has been able, within a short span of time, to achieve remarkable progress.

"It is now reporting different events from all over the world which is a step forward for the paper," he said.

Grand Millions Competition: Winners receiving their prizes



First Winner: YR1,000,000
Adnan Ghalib Al-Saadi



Second Winner: YR500,000
Amir Ahmad T. Al-Ariqi



Third Winner: YR250,000
Hayat Yahya Al-Qu'bi

Scenes from the celebration

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Czech Charge d'Affaires Vaclav Matouse



Sudanese, Palestinian and Iraqi Ambassadors



Egyptian Ambassador Dr. Khalid Mohammad Al-Koumi



Businessman Abdulwahab Thabet



Ethiopian Counselor Economy Markos Geta



Russian Ambassador Alexander Kalugil



Iranian Ambassador Asghar Qoraishi Kahngi



With Japanese Embassy Representatives

Please send us your comments and ideas

Happy Birthday to us!



Mohammed Khidhr
Yemen Times
Deputy Editor-in-Chief

On February 28, 2002 the Yemen Times English-language weekly had blown out its 11th candle.

That marked 11 years of steady progress in the domain of English-language journalism in Yemen, where the Times is the first and leading English publication.

To observe and celebrate this event, the newspaper gave a party at the Taj Sheba Hotel in Sana'a on March 4, inviting officials, diplomats, local and foreign journalists and representatives of various organizations and business establishments in Yemen to share in the joy of the occasion.

The Times seized this opportunity to thank our respected guests who shared the occasion with us.

This is the third time for me to take part in this yearly occasion of the newspaper since I joined its staff in late 1999. Each time I have seen something different, of course for the better.

I don't mean technical or program differences, but rather differences in the themes. Evidently, observing anniversaries has two significant objectives.

One is to evaluate what we have done in the period that has just elapsed taking into consideration all its aspects of success and failure and the reasons for them.

The second goal is to try to strengthen the elements of success, while at the same time study reasons of failure in order to find the best solutions.

In the light of such efforts, we draw up our next plans for more progress in our work.

The press is one of the most important pillars of society, but its job is not an easy one. It's job is a process of educating the public in culture, political, economic, and social trends, and offer the public its opinions.

It is quite a different industry whose tools and means of production are dependent on a special kind of raw material derived from not only the culture that surrounds it but also good knowledge and a clean con-

science.

The objective is not material profits, but the creation of intelligent and well-informed reports.

The press represents the most apparent and effective form of the freedom of expression and without it all other human liberties would be under a blackout.

Nobody would be aware of violations of human rights committed in any society. Therefore its role is very significant as it shows the reality of the condition of various societies.

Human rights defenders and the press have an interactive relationship and a common interest, and thus part of the job of human rights organizations is to in turn advocate the freedom of press and freedom of expression.

Going back to observing the Yemen Times founding anniversary, we dare say in this year it has acquired a special distinction. It has coincided with the already recent development the editorial board has effected regarding the form and content of the newspaper.

The newspaper is keen to satisfy as much as possible its readership's needs pertaining to local and world news coverage, opinions and news analyzes, local and world. Thus issue No. 7 on 11 Feb. 2002 represents the inauguration of the new development stage of the newspaper and a turning-point as new pages of various topics have been introduced to its readers. Of course we would not suffice ourselves with this but we will be always thinking of new ideas and plans for further development in our serving of our readers.

So we are now asking our readers to send us responses and opinions and ideas about what we have already achieved, and what proposals they think would be appropriate to lead to more progress.

Any and all written responses will be considered, and we look forward to your ideas.

Amid our celebration, we'd also like to remember the tremendous contribution made by this paper's founder, the late Dr Abdul al-Saqqaf.

It is our duty as staff members and readers to thank him for the legacy he has left, and the example he set for us to follow.

As staff, we make a pledge to the the late Dr. al-Saqqaf and our readers that we will continue to progress and be of service to our community.

Again I wish the newspaper and my honorable colleagues the best and say happy birthday to them all.



Palestinian Ambassador Yahya Rabah



Iraqi and Omani Ambassadors, Taha Al-Basri and Abdullah Bin Hamad Al-Badi



From left: Turkish and Egyptian Ambassadors with Editor-in-Chief of Yemen times



German Embassy representative Mrs. Gudrun Ispording



Italian Commercial Attache Giancarlo Culazzo



British Ambassador Francis Guy



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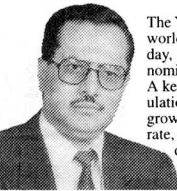


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Words of Wisdom



The Yemeni population today is among the poorest in the world. With a per capita income of less than US\$ 1 per day, it is indeed a wretched lot. That is why socio-economic development is a priority. A key issue in socio-economic development is the population growth rate. The reason is that the population growth rate eats away from the gross economic growth rate, and reduces the possibilities of savings, and subsequently investments.

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



OUR OPINION

“COWARD ARABS!”

Put the above title within quotations just as it came out from one of the Palestinian mothers whose son was killed by Israeli tank missiles last week. She desperately shouted “coward Arabs” at the TV camera expressing her disappointment at Arabs everywhere. Some may argue that she should not have generalized, but she probably used the famous proverb in the meaning that “what is seldom is unaccounted for”.

Well, let us analyze the justice in the above statement. The reaction of the woman came following the day in which more than 50 Palestinians were killed. In my opinion, the reaction is normal in a time Arabs are watching Palestinians killed by the most advanced weapons on this planet. The mother's son was killed and his corpse was turned into burnt pieces of flesh. What else should we expect?

Many Western countries did condemn those atrocities and call for a halt of the Israeli aggression. Demonstrations were there in the USA and in many European capitals and elsewhere. Yet, we, Arabs, are watching as if all of this doesn't concern us whatsoever.

Aren't the mother's words justifiable if we are on the verge of starting a summit that holds little hope of saving the situation? It is truly unbelievable how Arabs are going on in their own lives regardless of how many Palestinians are killed and even when prominent Palestinian leaders are assassinated.

Aren't her words justifiable if we see Arabs talking too much and expressing their “concern”, “anger”, “frustration”, “condemnation”, while doing nothing on the ground? Aren't her words justifiable if our Arab leaders could not be convinced to boycott Israel in even the simplest of ways to show that we can exert some pressure on the Jewish state?

Aren't her words justifiable if we see that she has nothing more to lose, nothing to worry about, and nothing to care for after her loved ones have passed away and she could do nothing about it, including waiting for Arabs to come to the rescue?

The situation reminds me with that when Arafat was put under house arrest in Ramallah. What was the Arab's response? I can hardly remember any condemnation that came out strongly out from our leaders. As if they want to say “What do we have to do with this?”

What has gone wrong with us? Where is the national pride and dignity that we used to have in the past? How can we expect to regain Palestinian land in a time we demonstrate the most extreme of crowdedness and selfishness?

Arabs and Arab leaders in particular could continue their silence and watch the battle between the Israeli crushing machine and the unarmed Palestinian civilians in front of them. But it wouldn't be an exaggeration if we say that in this way, those Arabs could as well be digging their own graves and putting themselves in the position of the next victim.

Only then will they realize how the Palestinians have suffered.

The Editor

Eid of whines

Mohammed Noman al-Hakimi

“Did you have a happy Eid, Mr. Bassam?” inquires his colleague as they were driving to work.

“Well, happiness has been off duty, my dear. It has departed from us since we were afflicted with such timid pretenders, such adrift leaders. Eid is developing into agonies and whimpers. I wonder, how can I enjoy myself while those massacres are being practiced against us all these days and years?”

How can I envisage glorious prospects to a meager and dispersed Ummah, proved to have ignominious and callous attitudes towards all its issues? Well, I

never, something ridiculous indeed my dear.” complained Bassam.

None can lose the sight of the fact that our destiny has backed out. Its reality makes no sense now: in Iraq or in Sana'a, in Egypt or Jerusalem, in Iran or in Lebanon; compunctions are evenly shared.

To enjoy Eid, the destination of many people was Aden, the most beautiful city in our country. However, its splendid beaches and striking landscapes didn't fully impress its lovers and visitors, and accordingly the way it expressed joy and welcome was off the beaten track.

In fact, it was dressed with gloominess and depression even more this year. It couldn't, along with all cities of the Arab world, ignore the bane that is gnawing into the Arab and Muslim's hearts. In

addition to from the very bad economic conditions and destitution experienced by the poor who are everywhere you turn, the loss and the outbreak of national retrogression seems more visible, and seen on the faces of the young.

Thus, the Eid on which we can achieve Arab unity, protect our religion and restore our invaded lands, would be the most cherished and memorable. Otherwise, we will keep fooling around, reaping nothing but fiasco.

Will those whines prick the consciences of our leaders?!

Shall we ever become a happy unified world? Let's still, somehow, aspire to this.

*The Has-been
Let me travel
In your sphere
Stiff the fragrance
And cruise before your image
On the remains of those
Who have set away.*

Response to Mr. Hurley's letter of 11 February

By Anees al-Najjar
College of Arts
Ibb university

Dear Mr. Hurley,

In this letter, hopefully, I can clarify what I meant in my article “Short Answers Are Always Doing”, and also react to your letter, “Give Women a Chance.”

I do assure you Mr. Hurley that a “chance” is already given and experienced also.

For your information, my dear Mr. Hurley, my article has not come out due to threats, self-righteousness, or jealousy of women as you claim, but rather from a heart filled with sympathy and affection towards women and their interests.

Believe me Mr. Hurley, I'm not against women and their right to work. I don't wish to take them out of society, nor take away their freedom to express themselves or make decisions for themselves. Rather, what I want is for women to have an identity through service to themselves and, if needed, to society.

The only thing I don't recommend is mixing men and women at work, as you are fully aware of the negative results of this.

I know Mr. Hurley that you are genuine in your various fields of study and work, and we may differ in our opinion, but our ideal is one which is to make women happy.

Therefore, let's make the choice open: let women choose themselves either the “straight and secure life” or the “life of challenge.”

By the way, you may want women to become happy just in this life by the way you talk in your letter, whereas I would like them to be happy in both this life and the second one in eternity.

Re: “Do I owe my country when it offers me nothing?”

Hisham K. Al-Omeisy
Canada
president@ygn.info

President John F. Kennedy once said, “Ask not what your country can do for you, but what can you do for your country.” And in that alone we find the spirit the emblems our national interests and patriotism. And yes you do owe your country Mr. Al-Jerhoom, for the sole reason of being a Yemeni, whether it offers you the delicacies and splendor of life or not.

From the open mindedness of your own constructive critique, as you may well call it, I shall rebut your argument of country indebtedness to the citizen. But I might as well say that I do totally agree with you on the mishandling of scholarship awards. Nevertheless, there are hundreds of qualified students whom get scholarships based exclusively on their academic merits. It is not hard to point out that there are those few whom get it undeservingly by virtue of their social standing. And those few stand out as discrepancies but do not dominate the system.

Let us not kid ourselves, how many of those would slice a piece out of thousands of scholarships offered annually nationwide. Would they even account for 10%? After all, we do not have over 5% VIP's within the nation representation. Don't look at the empty half cup. There are still those at least 80-90% whom deservedly are awarded scholarships.

And besides, who said the sons and daughters of officials are all but incompetent fools? They too represent some of our best cadres with a high standing within the academic merit system. Do we just point out that they pilfered away unrighteous funds?

The social structure is too complicated to view it in your stark black and white discrimination of societal layering. Again, even those who get it undeservingly represent an acute percentage almost unnoticeable, but we tend to exaggerate under the influence of social injustice. And again I do stand by the verity that even that little discrepancy should be eliminated.

Towards not finding a job, I could not avoid the undertone of your criticism, which directly points out that other countries provide better chances at jobs after graduation. For the sake of being on the same footing, you submit the whole argument upon the government requirement of experience and that in your discrete opinion this is far from reasonable.

First, I myself have witnessed several of my own friends being employed on the spot in governmental positions without the experience requirement. However, there are certain positions that do require experience and the government has all the right to ask as much. I know and I will acknowledge the factor of favor in being connected to officials and VIP's whom would throw a word in for you, but the Yemeni government is no exception. That is basically prevalent across every nation.

Do you know what the west does to support this issue, they have invented the Internship programs within universities and colleges in which case the student gets a 1) work experience 2) connections and references; during the 3rd and 4th year of his bachelor degree.

Now I have to admit we don't have this program in Yemen, but you see my point. We are no different in our own timid ways. A little tip to keep in mind is that things are looking up, the government initiated program, the Economic Reform Program has been increasing the coefficient of investment to 19% of GDP beginning in 1997, and it is rising. In addition to 790% of government revenues in the past five years, this would surely reflect upon an economic upsurge if the money is managed well, and would provide more employment opportunities.

So don't blame the government, don't blame the country, and look how can you yourself accommodate and find your own niche in the fabric of this nation. Try to remember and differentiate between the government and your own motherland. I know for a fact that you wouldn't hesitate to give your own life for the land that we all call home no matter how we are disgruntled with the government.

COMMON SENSE



Hassan Al-Haifi

Is Bush chasing the Jewish vote early?

The American policy in the Middle East is dictated for the most part by domestic American political factors. This policy was almost never drawn up with some thought to the feelings of the people who live in the region and on the basis of the underlying moral implications involved.

However, never has any American administration been so openly and obstinately pro-Zionist as the Bush administration has proven to be. This observer never really expected Mr. Bush to deviate from the standard US policy of support to the Zionist state. It has become common knowledge that anyone wishing to be elected to any meaningful office in the United States must wear a yarmulke on any stopover to any of the Jewish communities, and attend at least three Anti-Defamation League fund-raising (for Israel, of course) dinners a year, while proclaiming that Israel is more important to the United States than Alaska and Hawaii combined.

Safe to walk to school?

To this day, however, no president has appeared so openly biased in the defense of the Jewish State. Most likely, Mr. Bush is convinced, after the September 11 calamity of New York and Washington DC, of the Sharon philosophy that “the only good Arab is a dead Arab”. That's why Bush insists Israelis are “defending themselves”, when they are killing Palestinian children, intentionally or not, on their way to their homes, on the few days these kids feel it might be safe to walk to school.

That is why the US president believes that Israel is chasing “terrorists”, when it is target practicing at a visiting envoy from the European Union to the Palestinian Authority. It does not matter that this envoy was exploring for a peaceful way out of the bloodbath in the Holy Land.

The United States should not overlook the incontrovertible fact that this bloodbath and vicious cycle of violence in the Holy Land was, unequivocally, started by no other than Mr. Bush's “good friend”, Ariel Sharon.

Yes, Ariel Sharon, who even Mr. Bush's Secretary of State could not stomach any longer, notwithstanding his boss' poor taste in choosing his “friends”. But then, Colin Powell is not seeking an elected office in the foreseeable future.

American hardware

Did Mr. Bush's slim margin of victory for his first term of office get him to start soliciting the important vote and support of the American Jewish constituency early? Some observers also suggest this strong support of the Israelis by President Bush is linked to his pride in knowing that it is the state-of-the-art American hardware that is doing the killing of the Palestinians.

One must feel regret that the White House is occupied at present by a president with an obvious lack of concern when it comes to the killing of Arabs, in particular Muslims. The Arabs of the West Bank and Gaza are free from any responsibility for September 11 and absolutely condemn the crime, as is the case with almost all the Arabs and Muslims elsewhere.

Mr. Bush does not even weigh the fact that the Arab leaders have even forgotten themselves, and their nationalist and revolutionary platforms, by coming out openly, disrespecting the feelings of their constituencies, to declare their recognition of Israel, or erasing the name of “Palestine”. Many observers postulate that these Arab leaders, are thus hoping Uncle Sam does not turn his anger towards them.

Even if all the Arab leaders sign in blood, that they are now ready for a love affair with Israel, the majority of the Arab people will never recognize Israel unless justice is done first. There are still 200 million Arabs, backed by some 800 million Muslims, who value their dignity and honor as a nation, and who have a clear perception of justice, which is more than can be said for a lot of their leaders, and who also know that the latter have ignored them ... again.

Letters to the Editor Letters to the Editor

An impression on Yemen

I took the liberty of visiting Yemen for a three-week holiday but ended up staying for six months. I must say this, I have thoroughly loved this beautiful country, with its natural land and architecture, and I intend to keep coming every year, just try and stop me.

The People of Yemen are kind, lovely and always helpful, which is Yemens custom, may it continue.

However, an observation: It would be nice if the authority concerned of a particular location/governance have respect for people and treat itself as part of the people, not act against the people.

What I mean is, that when a visitor like me has problems / inquiries, it would be nice if the authority treat me like a human being rather than putting me through an integration process of whom am I, what am I doing in Yemen, what is the purpose of my stay, and how long do I intend to stay? All these questions have come from the authority because I

had a problem with my stay in a flat and came to some minor disagreement with the renter.

Also, the way foreigners like me get treated in the airport on arrival to Yemen, is unbelievable.

My request to YT is to push for articles to help foreigners to be welcomed in Yemen, because once a foreign tourist taste the delights of Yemen, you won't stop them. Keep us informed of progress Yemen Times, you are the best.

*Roger Stranger
topman123456uk@yahoo.com*

Good work Hassan Al-Haifi!

I want to compliment Mr. Hassan Al-Haifi on his articles. He seems to have good, honest-to-goodness and straight forward views. He is not radical, anti or pro-west but rather objective, “level headed” you might say.

I say that because I have read articles by other writers of the Yemen Times staff, and other papers. They seem passionate about their views, yet, their views are one-sided and radical. They give no credit to the other side,

therefore loosing credibility for their arguments.

On the other hand, I want to say that I gave a suggestion to your newspaper to publish more photos from the Yemeni scene on your website. You seemed to acknowledge the suggestion but I have not seen any action.

*Farouk Al Samawi
fsamawi@mindspring.com*

Dear Farouk,

Hassan Al-Haifi has heard your comments and thanks you for them. Regarding photos, we did increase the number of photos in our hard copy edition of the paper. But for the website, there are technical limitations that prevent us from adding pictures as they consume a lot of space that we need to pay for. However, you know that reading the website is for free. But if you do wish to get the hard copy, you can subscribe by filling the form at

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—Editor

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In defence of sovereignty

By Jon Holbrook

International law may have its faults, but within it you can find a respect for national sovereignty.

The United Nations Charter prohibits states from intervening 'in matters which are essentially within the domestic jurisdiction of any state' (Article 2(7)) - and it enshrines formal equality between nations by proclaiming that the United Nations 'is based on the principle of the sovereign equality of all its members' (Article 2(1)).

Some lawyers have challenged the idea that sovereignty should be a cornerstone of international law and since the terrorist attacks on America on 11 September, calls for sovereignty to be curbed have become more widespread.

The International Criminal Court (ICC), for example - not yet established but likely to be up and running within a few years - would stand above nation states and decide who should be indicted for crimes against humanity. It would operate as a supra-national body acting in an area, criminal law, that until recently was always considered to be within the domestic jurisdiction of a state. Arguments in favour of using the ICC to try those responsible for the terrorist attacks on the World Trade Centre and the Pentagon also end up weakening the case for national sovereignty.

Indeed, in the wake of the terrorist attacks, much of the opposition to the Bush-Blair approach has coalesced around a vision of international law that seeks to undermine the sovereign equality of nations.

Lawyers often say that bad facts make bad laws. Surely the atrocities of 11 September were so gross that any laws designed specifically to deal with them will be bad ones? It is precisely at times like these that good legal principles need to be restated - and sovereignty is a good legal principle that

should remain central to international law, for three reasons.

Firstly, sovereignty is a bulwark against the abuse of international power, a power that the vast majority of states have no access to. As the response to 11 September shows, only the USA and a few states in Western Europe have the ability to shape world affairs. And a world system that is not built on the sovereign equality of nations is one that allows a few powerful states to abuse their power.

This can be seen in the current crisis, where in the space of a few days the US government moved from trying to ascertain who was responsible for the attacks to assembling troops in and around Afghanistan. No lawyer should claim an international system to be just when the most powerful state in the world can decide unilaterally to target one of the least powerful.

Secondly, sovereignty permits power to be exercised subject to a degree of accountability. When a regime acts oppressively towards its people, this can create some pressure against the regime's continued existence. Accountability is most clearly expressed in democratic states, where a popular mandate to govern is required. But even in autocratic states, the will of the people is a force that cannot be ignored indefinitely - as the demise of many autocratic regimes over the decades has shown. America is a democracy, but it is not accountable to the people of Afghanistan - it acts on the basis of the will of the American people, and the will of the Afghan people is not even known.

Thirdly, there is the question of legitimacy. Power that is exercised by a sovereign state is usually seen as legitimate, while power that is exercised from outside is usually seen as illegitimate. And it is this desire for self-determination that has led to the collapse of empires and colonies over the past hundred years. Nothing that has happened since then suggests that

people around the world are any more prepared to be dictated to by outside powers.

Indeed, if there is one feature of Afghan politics that has blighted the country over the past two decades it is meddling by outside forces - whether Russian, American or Pakistani. Such outside influences were seen as illegitimate and stirred the country to civil war and towards Islamic fundamentalism.

From a legal perspective, existing international law can deal with the terrorist attacks on America. Those responsible committed multiple acts of murder in America - and they should be tried and, if found guilty, sentenced in America in accordance with American law. In so far as they are currently residing outside of America they should be extradited. The Taliban has stated that it will not extradite bin Laden - but has also said it might if it were supplied with evidence of his guilt. This precondition is unexceptional: many states require the requesting state to establish a prima facie case of guilt before they will extradite a citizen or guest.

The Taliban's precondition may not be a genuine excuse, but this still doesn't mean that extradition is impossible - just that the process of securing bin Laden's extradition may be a lengthy one. But if bin Laden and his network did carry out the attacks on 11 September there is no reason why the sovereign equality of nations should be sacrificed in order to bring them to trial. The Lockerbie suspects, for example, were tried, in accordance with Scottish law, after many years, without any breaches of Libyan sovereignty.

Difficulties between nations are most often the result of one nation disregarding the sovereignty of another. In the wake of 11 September it is not less sovereignty that is required, but more.

SKETCHED OPINION



Israel's last chance for peace

By Khaled Al Maena
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The essence of Crown Prince Abdullah's message, delivered through his recent interview published in the New York Times, is clear and unambiguous: If Israel hopes to establish full diplomatic and economic relations with its Arab neighbors, it must withdraw to its pre-1967 borders and also sign a peace treaty with the Palestinians.

Much of the world applauds the message. First, because it comes from Saudi Arabia, the heart of Islam; and, second, because it is delivered by Abdullah bin Abdul Aziz, an Arab leader widely respected for his intellect and diplomatic acumen.

Praise for the crown prince's announcement has been enthusiastic, particularly so from Palestinians, and from Jordan, Egypt, and other Arab states. The White House characterizes the Saudi overture as a note of hope. Many foreign affairs experts in the Gulf see the crown prince's peace proposal as the most significant strategic thinking to come out of the Arab world since the 1991 Middle East Conference.

Sadly, Israel's leadership has responded to the initiative with indifference. Instead of pursuing peace, the Sharon-Peres government prefers to sustain its presence in the occupied territories and to continue the construction of illegal settlements. More Israelis have been killed during the brief and bloody tenure of the Sharon regime than during the combined terms of two previous prime ministers.

Moshe Katsav, Israel's president, officially greeted the news of Prince Abdullah's announcement by saying he was willing to discuss the proposal in Riyadh or even to meet with the crown prince in Jerusalem.

But Katsav is a political figurehead, and many in the Arab world see his overture as a ploy to merely test the political waters in Israel and measure the mood of the Israeli electorate.

Cynically, Sharon has recently expressed a readiness to meet with anybody from Saudi Arabia formally, informally, publicly, discreetly, whatever to get better information about this initiative. But the move, propelled by increased public discontent with the ineffectiveness of his leadership, is a transparent effort to not appear opposed to peace.

It is also clear that Sharon's change of heart is intended to marginalize Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat, whom he loathes and has sought to undermine during much of his professional career.

Many people, this writer included, believe that if Sharon sees an opportunity for true and lasting peace in the Saudi initiative, he would, with a single phone call, request Israelis to end all violence directed at Palestinians.

Sharon's contempt for the Saudi peace overture is somehow justified by media pundits in Israel and the United States who speculate that Riyadh is merely trying to improve its standing with the US government in the wake of the Sept. 11 attacks.

In a recent interview with National

Public Radio, an American network, I was asked whether Saudi Arabia's peace initiative was motivated by the Kingdom's desire to express its loyalty to the United States. My answer: Saudi Arabia is not a banana republic.

This month's summit meeting of the Arab League will focus much of its attention on building on Crown Prince Abdullah's initiative to create a comprehensive strategy for regional peace.

Their work will be exhaustive: Future peace talks will match Arab negotiators with shrewd Israeli strategists.

engaged in a global crusade, axis of evil, us against them, and so on, only serves to alienate the Arab community and encourage Sharon's bloody rampage.

Some so-called defense experts in Israel see the past months of violence as a war of attrition. Really? Do they realize that within Israel's traditional borders there is a large population of Israeli-Arabs, and that it is growing rapidly? And do they realize the population in the occupied territories despite the huge daily death toll is also increasing?



If these new peace talks are to be successful at all, the Bush administration which has tacitly endorsed Sharon's policy of repression and illegal occupation should take a more neutral stance. The United States should remember that normalization is crucial to Israel's overall security. Washington must gently nudge Sharon and discreetly inform him that his failed policies are detrimental to the interests of both Israel and the United States.

Additionally, President Bush must tone down his public rhetoric: His inflammatory language, we are

In the Arab world, young people are looking toward the future. Their focus is on education, technology and science. However, they are not willing to sit and watch Sharon's storm troopers pursue an anti-Arab holocaust.

In Israel, too, there are many who recognize that Crown Prince Abdullah's historic offer represents the last chance for peace in the region. A majority of Israelis want to forget the past and get on with their lives no matter how loudly fringe elements on the Israeli right call for Palestinian blood. This is probably their last chance.

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- Network of Aaround 300 dealers around the country.
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Major news items in leading international newspapers

USA - The Intl. Herald Tribune

NEWS ANALYSIS Zinni trip to Mideast: Mission impossible?

Following the bloodiest spell of Israeli-Palestinian fighting in 20 years - nearly 150 people killed in the first eight days of this month, including 36 Palestinians on Friday alone - Anthony Zinni is returning to the region Monday with his brief essentially unchanged and his prospects for success no rosier than before, and quite possibly dimmer.

Israeli troops and tanks invade biblical Bethlehem

With attack helicopters providing cover, Israeli tanks and troops rolled

into Bethlehem from two directions early Friday, witnesses said, targeting refugee camps the Israelis believe harbor Palestinian militants. Ibrahim Hazboun

34 killed in Israeli strikes

ON the bloodiest day of the bloodiest week in 17 months of conflict, the Israeli army killed 34 Palestinians, many of them armed, in an assault with tanks and helicopter gunships on villages and refugee camps.

Many fear violence after Zimbabwe vote

As Zimbabweans go to the polls this

weekend to re-elect or oust Robert Mugabe, the only leader the country has ever known, the question of who will win the election seems almost secondary to how the loser and his followers will respond.

Afghans trade sons for wheat

Afghanistan, cradle of tragedy, is now in its fourth year of drought, and with the drought has come its inevitable offspring, famine. The hungry, spiraling deathward, try to cope in pitiable ways, selling all, eating fodder, wandering away to beg. Yet a measure of solace accompanies the abundance of despair.

Britain

The following are major news items in leading British newspapers on Saturday:

The Daily Telegraph

• Overstretched police are being made to record millions of minor incidents in which they stop people, increasing their bureaucratic workload as they struggle against escalating street crime.

• PRESIDENT Thabo Mbeki of South Africa made a veiled but unprecedented racial attack on Tony Blair yesterday, inviting "white supremacists" to leave the Commonwealth if they disagreed with its decision to delay sanctions against Zimbabwe.

• OVERSTRETCHED police are being made to record millions of minor incidents in which they stop people, increasing their bureaucratic workload as they struggle against escalating street

crime.

The Financial Times:

-- Pensioners will be able to protect their capital when buying an annuity if the government moves ahead with plans to shake up controversial pension rules.

The Independent:

The British chancellor of the Exchequer, Gordon Brown, plans to close a loophole that allows millionaires living in Britain -- including the steel tycoon Lakshmi Mittal and other Labor Party donors - to pay little or no tax in this country.

The Guardian

Israel's military offensive aimed at pounding the Palestinians until they beg for surrender, produced the bloodiest day of the 18-month uprising on Friday, killing 40 Palestinians in an onslaught on the West Bank and Gaza.

Egypt

The following are major news items in leading Egyptian newspapers.

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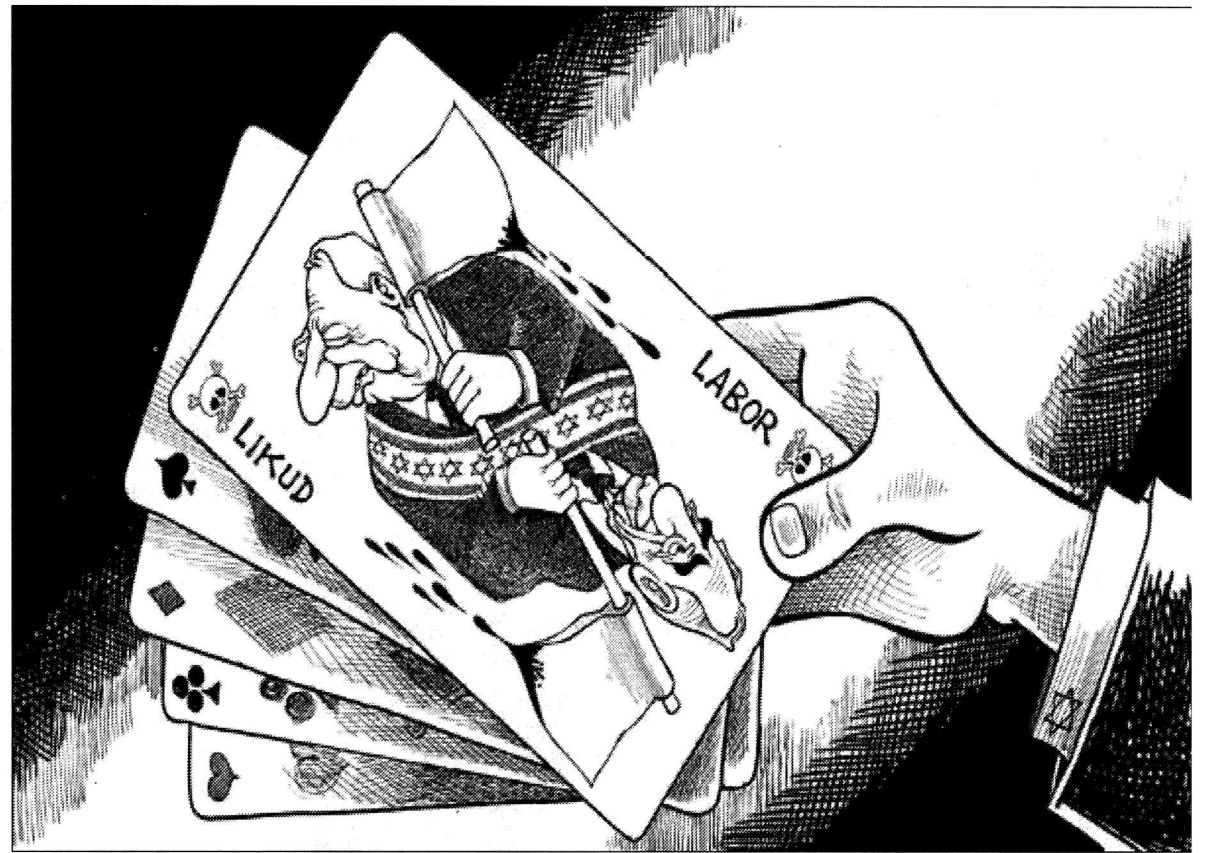
Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak's visit to the United States is one of the most successful visits as far as timing or content are concerned, said presidential advisor Osama El-Baz in an interview with Egyptian TV Friday night.

Al Akhbar

European Union foreign ministers will discuss on Saturday Mubarak's suggestion on hosting a summit meeting between Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat and Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon, as well as the Saudi Mideast peace initiative.

Egyptian Mail

Israeli troops on Friday swept through the West Bank city of Bethlehem as the U.S. prepared to follow a long trail of bloodshed with a new truce mission by its Mideast envoy.



Arab News - Khalil Cartoons

Philippines

The following are major news items in leading Philippine newspapers.

The Philippine Star:

The Philippines and the United States rejected Friday demands insinuated by Abu Sayyaf terrorists in video footage of American hostages they have held for nearly 10 months. The video clip showed Martin Burnham, the male American hostage, saying their captors are "targeting U.S., European and other Western nations" because of alleged Western indifference to persecuted Muslims and U.S. "support" for the Philippine government's alleged illegal occupation of Muslim lands.

Today

Filipino working overseas sent a total of 6.06 billion U.S. dollars back to the Philippines in 2001, barely changed from the 6.

05 billion dollars sent home in the previous year, central bank data show Friday.

Malaya

Short of saying the government can do more harm to him short of subjecting him to lethal injection, former President Joseph Estrada Friday openly accused the anti-graft court and the Supreme Court of conspiring with the Presidential Palace in persecuting him.

South Africa

The following are major news items in leading South African newspapers.

Saturday Star

Zimbabwean President Robert Mugabe and his main contender Movement for Democratic Change leader Morgan Tsvangirai closed their campaign trails on Friday, all South African observer mission teams left Harare for their designated constituencies to monitor the two-day presidential election.

The Citizen

The volatile rand gave up much of the year's hard-won gains on Friday, plunging against the dollar, pound and euro, and financial markets began to panic before this weekend's election in Zimbabwe.

India

The following are major news items in leading Indian newspapers:

The Hindu

In another move to break the current impasse, Islamabad has invited Indian Home Minister L K Advani to visit Pakistan to discuss all contentious issues.

The National Herald

Indian Minister of State for Home I D Swami said on Friday that rail and road routes to north India's Ayodhya town may be reopened by Sunday, which means the Indian government had decided to ease restrictions on the movement of Hindus to the temple town in the wake of the communal violence in west India's Gujarat state.

The Tribune

An all-party delegation of 25 members of the Indian parliament arrived in Gujarat to review the situation in the state, where communal violence had left over 600 people dead in the past week.

Nigeria

The following are major news items in leading Nigerian newspapers.

Weekend Vanguard

At least 14 worshippers died on Thursday in Nigeria's southern city of Enugu, following a stampede triggered by the invasion of the premises of the adoration grounds by people suspected to be hired killers.

The Guardian

Nigerian Economic Adviser to the president Magnus Kpakol has said Nigeria dumped the programs of the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund after the Bretton Woods financial institutions mounted "undue pressure" on Nigeria to set new economic targets for 2002.

This Day

Foreign bomb experts, comprising American and British military personnel, along with officers of the Nigerian army on Friday started detonation of the unexploded bombs at Lagos' Ikeja Military Cantonment and general clean-up of the area where ammunition store exploded into flame on January 27.

Pakistan

The following are major news items in leading Pakistani English newspapers.

The Nation

Information Minister Nisar A. Memon on Friday said it was high time to build an atmosphere of peace and tranquility for a better future of the entire region.

The Frontier Post

An official spokesman Friday categorically stated that there is no proposal to replace Abdul Sattar as the foreign minister.

Dawn

India has reduced the number of troops massed on the border with Pakistan, a high-ranking Pakistani intelligence source told newsmen on Friday.

Germany

The following are major news items in leading German newspapers.

Die Welt (The World)

Fears grow in the Social Democratic Party (SPD) over the effects of the funding scandal on the general election this autumn.

The SPD branches in the city of Cologne and Wuppertal were both involved in possible illegal donations.

Sueddeutsche Zeitung (South German Daily)

German elite soldiers of the Special Force Detachment (KSK) have been deployed in the difficult battles in the front in eastern Afghanistan. But the German government declined to disclose in which way the KSK has participated in the fight against Taliban and Al-Qaida members. The German soldiers are under the leadership of Americans.

Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung

Wiretap records collected by East Germany's secret police on former Chancellor Helmut Kohl will remain sealed, the Federal Administrative Court ruled on Friday.

In a ruling that cannot be appealed, the Berlin court said Germany's chancellor from 1982 to 1998 should be protected from publication of details contained in espionage reports compiled by the police force, or Stasi.

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As-Sahwa weekly 7 March 2002

Main headlines:

- U.S. State Department's report on human rights in Yemen: Ambiguity of constitution, judiciary weakness, executive authorities practices, obstacles against the change
- Yemen and America, a race towards the unknown
- Libya issues death & life sentences against university professors.

In an article this week Saeed Thabit Saeed writes that political sources expect that the imminent visit to Yemen by the U.S. vice president would coincide with arrival to Yemen of the first group of around 100 U.S. military advisors to train Yemeni forces on fighting terrorist acts. Sources also mention about growing security and military coordination between Sana'a and Washington since president Ali Abdulla Saleh's visit to the United States last November. The U.S. has on more than an occasion expressed satisfaction over the Yemeni big response in the field of fighting terror, as termed by American official institutions. The latest of this stance is President Bush's letter to President Saleh conveyed by the American ambassador to Yemen in which Bush highly expressed Yemen's stands supporting the United States and world efforts for fighting terror, confirming they are greatly appreciated stands. Observers see that Sana'a and Washington have lately headed toward intensifying security cooperation and coordination away from accustomed protocols and bilateral agreements and memoranda through continued visits by American investigators to Yemen to follow up the issue of USS Cole explosion incident.

Observers of the cooperation scenario expect two probabilities: either the Yemeni government backs up from its former stands of not violating the constitution and the law in the question of dealing with foreign issues in a manner complying with the American demands, or the latter (America) would respect what it deems as red lines. Here the features of the scenario would rely on the American response.



RAY weekly, organ of the Sons of Yemen League party 5 March 2002

Main headlines:

- Murder incident in Sa'ada still nuclear
- Five persons killed in renewed battles in Yareem
- Twelve Malaysian Students released
- Zinni in Sana'a soon.

Mr Abdula'lem Bagash says in an article that since the eruption of the war in Afghanistan, all have surprisingly noticed how the majority of Yemeni political parties have appeared without expressing clear and frank attitudes, that looked like a kind of political flirtation. The hope is that the said stand would be evaluated later if there appears in future an American need for settling accounts based on stands or a direction towards distributing political gains.

Possibly the apparent prevalence of some numbered persons constitute the axis of many prominent parties and that may make the formation of a coalition government something strongly probable even if that matter was confined to entrusting coming ministerial roles to representatives of only major parties. Supposedly that within the frame of "balanced interests" the United States is serious in its intentions concerning Yemen "Stronger government, stronger security" for encouraging investment and tourism, what is intensively going on of meetings between the American ambassador to Yemen and tribe chiefs is not merely for practicing an acquaintance hobby. It would come out to be an organized and designed perhaps preparing those for a future role regarding tourist security. Granting a large number of tribe sheikhs official authorities even though nominal within the boundaries of their governorates may provide a security climate encouraging tourism and consequently becomes a factor of a stronger government holding all the reins. This may also make kidnapping incidents as part of history.



Al-Ihya'a al-Arabi weekly, organ of the Arab Baath Socialist party, 5 March 2002

Main headlines:

- AL-Farouk Centre Students in Zaidiya appeal to the education minister
- Taliban & al-Qaeda reorganize their

ranks, confront American forces
- Parties of Coordination Council in Lahj: Shelling America shelter the worst American aggression against civilians
- More than 30 Palestinian Martyrs, 100 wounded since invasion of Balata & Jenin refugee camps

Saeed Mohammed Hameed says in his article this week that Inspection body is one of the main pillars working on implementing and following up administrative laws and measures leading to improvement of school administration role. Upon this inspection means field work examining the measures and laws and extent of their implementation.

The role played by the inspection body in the education department in capital secretariat has reached a stage of inaction and changed into merely offices crowded with employees.

The process of financial and administrative reform should necessarily start from activation of the role of laws and regulations of each administration according to its specialization set for it legally and there must not be any overlooking of any legal and administrative links. This is so if we want actually to bring to success the educational process and realization of its goals and reform of its course.

ATTARIQ weekly 5 March 2002

Main headlines:

- American military advisors to train 2000 Yemeni soldiers at a training centre in Aden
- Yemeni Saudi negotiations to open Ramah-Kharakhir crossing
- Yemen to be supplied with advanced American-made military boats
- 3 citizens killed, 15 injured in Sa'da
- Yemen considers settling citizens in desert regions in Hadramaut
- Basic infrastructure of industrial zone at the Free Zone, finished
- Aden hosts Symposium on easing poverty

Columnist Mohammed Abduwadoud says there has been much talk and writing on smuggling that has become with sabotage the other face of the same coin, the cancer eating up our national economy. Under the age of globalization doors will be wide open before all kinds of products flowing into developing countries markets, including Yemeni markets and this event would undoubtedly be in favor of the industrialized countries. Perhaps some countries have been preparing themselves to face this kind of invasion. But unfortunately in our country we receive what is more dangerous than aspects of globalization, i.e. smuggling. Smuggled products are flooding our markets with expired goods lacking conditions of specifications through exploiting ignorance of consumers.

As a developing state we have to get prepared to encounter the winds of globalization by activating the law of investment and finding convenient climate for it along with developing methods and ways of education and requirements for facing the new changeables and completing building infrastructures that help upgrade development without neglecting agriculture and investment in fish wealth. I find it a must and a necessity to point to the role of the society in rejecting consumption of smuggled goods and here also comes the role of the concerned departments of the state. All civil societies should also play their role in educating the citizens about the dangers smuggling poses to our national economy and deterioration of our currency.

Al-Wahdawi weekly, organ of the Nasserite People's Unionist organization, 5 March 2002

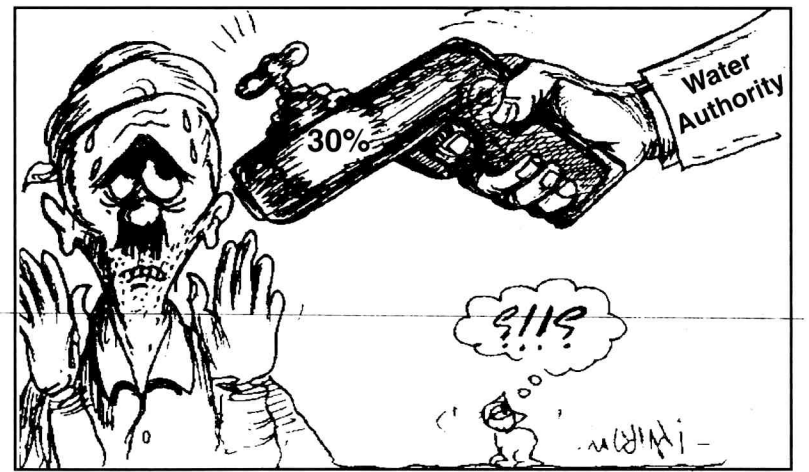
Main headlines:

- Washington considers transferring spying planes from Afghanistan to Yemen
- Committee of resisting normalization: Saudi Crown Prince Initiative, conspiracy on Intifadha
- Arab People's forces conference to be held in Baghdad next week
- Washington seeks to launch a surprise offensive on Iraq, Iraq threatens of a new Vietnam.

Columnist Abdulla al-Dahshami says in an article the Arab attitude concerning the Palestinian issue has remained impregnable to reaching agreement among the Arab countries on what option and at what level. Madrid conference in late 1991 came to impose in principle and reality a semi Arab unanimity on the peaceful solution of the Palestinian problem and the Arab-Zionist conflict. The peaceful process

during the period dividing between Madrid conference and al-Aqsa intifadha has failed to produce the minimum extent of the project of the peaceful solution and peaceful settlement on its various tracks. Results of that period hold the Zionist entity for as fully responsible for torpedoing the peaceful process and calls on the Arab stand to not get lost in tracks of partial and unilateral solutions especially on the Palestinian track. As it is impracticable for the Arab citizen to demand the coming Beirut summit conference to respond to the Zionist in a similar way, he has the right to ask the Arab leaders and their conference on the Palestinian issue to defend their peaceful option against the outrageous military aggression their peaceful option is coming under.

The waving of bartering the Zionist occupation withdrawal to the borders of 4 June 1967 for complete normalization with the Zionist entity is not something new for the Arab policy that committed itself to the peaceful solution base on the principle of land in return for peace based on resolutions of the international legitimacy. The reason behind what is going on in the West Bank and Gaza Strip is that the Israeli left and right are unanimous on refusing the withdrawal of the Zionist occupation army and dismantling of the Zionist settlements. It is also because of the Zionist entity's retraction from Oslo deal and the agreements that followed it. The Arab stand we want from the Arab summit in Beirut is a clear final statement stipulating a united Arab resolu-



Attariq Newspaper

tion on the strategic peace option enclosed with an Arab working plan to be achieved regionally and at a pan-Arab level to be implemented on the ground. The writer concluded that if the Arab leaders would not agree on an obligato-

ry resolution on the working plan it would be better for them to announce their resignation from their responsibilities towards the issue of Palestine, leaving the problem's responsibility and the solution to the Arab masses.

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Situations and Expressions (7): Expressing Grief and Condolences

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- I'm distressed to hear about the sudden and untimely demise of your father.
- I was stunned to get the news about your father's passing way.
- I can't believe this incredible news.
- I was terribly shocked to learn about the loss of your father.
- It's such a heart-rending news. I can't believe that he is not among us. May the Almighty bestow on you and your family members patience and strength of mind to bear this great loss.
- Words fail to express my grief at the tragedy. May I appeal to you to be patient yourself and be a source of strength to the bereaved family.
- I'm shocked to know that you had to suffer a bereavement at such a young age. Please trust in God's dispensation. I fervently pray to the Almighty to bestow on you patience and strength of mind to tide over the tragic moment.
- I'm, indeed, broke to know about the distressing news.
- I'm filled with grief to hear about the shocking news. It was so sudden and unexpected.
- I'm terribly shocked to know that the cruel hands of destiny has snatched him from us prematurely.

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- My sincerest condolences to you and your bereaved family.
- I know words can't heal your wound. But, my dear, let's resign ourselves to His will.
- My heart goes out to you at the saddest moment.
- My deepest sympathies are with you and other members of your family.
- The icy hands of cruel destiny may have snatched him from us, but he lives and would continue to live in our hearts.
- The good die young. Let's resolve to follow his ideals and work hard to fulfill his unfinished mission.
- My dear. No body can understand the mind of the Almighty. Let's accept His commandment with calm resignation.
- Please be bold in this moment of extraordinary misfortune. Past is past. Let's learn to live with it.
- Though gone, he can't be forgotten. He's ever with us. His spirit will guide us.
- Those God loves die young. May God give you the courage to face this calamity.
- Please, don't lose heart. You have a family to care for.
- You are a solace to others. Don't breakdown yourself.
- At this critical moment, try and be a pillar of strength to others.
- Death and life are in His hands. Let's accept His wish with folded hands. He had given and He has taken away. Blessed be His name.

II. How to say it correctly

Correct errors, if any, in the following sentences.

1. Efforts should be made at once to

stem the crisis of inflation.

2. We must take some steps to clear this statement
3. My refrigerator is spoilt - I'll have to buy a new one.
4. He gave a fine speech at the last conference.
5. I would never speak a lie on a matter as important as this.

Answers to last week's questions:

1. What a task she was **imposing** on this poor man!
2. We have **reached** our target with several weeks to spare.
3. Other crops to be **developed (grown)** in the area are cotton and ground nut.
4. The incident occurred when the party **organized** a demonstration.
5. His little daughter asked him to **tell** a story before she went to bed.

III. How to express it in one word

1. Conference of members of society, political party, etc. devoted to a particular purpose.
2. Of lines coming towards each other and meeting at a point.
3. With the surface covered like the outside of a ball.
4. Make somebody feel certain of something.
5. Art and practice of cooking.

Answers to last week's questions

1. Inventing or designing a way of causing something to happen: **Contrive (vt & i)**
2. Prolonged and inconclusive argument over social, moral or political matters: **Controversy (n)**
3. Regain health and strength after an illness: **Convalesce (v)**
4. Call persons to come together for a meeting: **Convene (vt & i)**
5. Freedom from difficulty or worry: **Convenience (n)**

IV. Grammar and Composition

(a) Composition

Under which heading 'Agree, 'Disagree' or 'Don't know' would you put each of the following expressions?

1. I'm sorry, I can't accept Mr. X's point of view.
2. I think the speaker is right in what he says.
3. I'm afraid I'm not convinced.
4. I'm afraid I didn't quite get the speaker's last point. Could he go over it again, please?
5. All right. I take your point.
6. May I suggest another explanation?
7. Could I ask the speaker for his views on ...
8. By and large, I would accept the speaker's views (but ...)
9. I'm not sure that I entirely agree with Mr. X.
10. Could I ask Mr. X what he means by.

b) Idioms and phrases

Use the following phrases in sentences of your own.
Accountable to, accustomed to, acquisition of, acquit of, act upon, act upto.

c) Words commonly confounded

Bring out differences in between the following pairs of words:

1. attraction, altercation, iteration
2. attitude, altitude,
3. always, usually
4. amateur, professional

Answers to last week's questions:

a) **Composition**
To: The Manager
P. O. Box 14533
Sana'a

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to apply for the post of Sales/Store person in response to the advertisement published in the Yemen Times dated 26 January,

2002.

I have worked as a Sales Person in Al-Basha Super store for three years to the entire satisfaction of the management.

I am 26 years old and possess sound physical and mental health. I have a valid driving license. I satisfy all the requirements of the job and therefore, consider myself a most suitable applicant for the job.

I have enclosed a brief Curriculum Vitae (CV) of mine and testimonials from my previous employers for your reference.

Please contact me at my residential address for a personal interview.
Yours Sincerely,

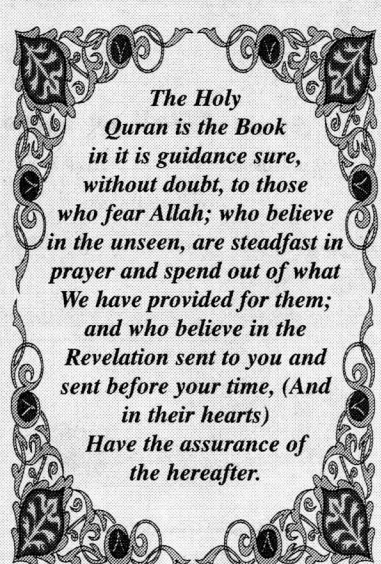
b) Idioms and Phrases

1. **give a good account of oneself** (justify oneself)
You should try hard to **give a good account of yourself** as a diligent student.
2. **accuse of**
He was **accused of** having committed murder.
3. **accustomed to** (used to)
I am **accustomed to** doing hard work
4. **be acquainted with** (familiar with)
I am intimately **acquainted with** his conduct and character.
5. **to have a nodding acquaintance with** (to have a slight familiarity)
We only have a nodding acquaintance with each other.

c) Words commonly confounded

1. **acquire v.t.** (gain a skill or ability by one's efforts)
He has **acquired** a sound knowledge of English
- require v.t.** (need)
The situation in my family **requires** my personal presence there.
2. **adapt v.t.** (make adjustment to a new situation)
One should **adapt** oneself to the changing circumstances
- adopt v.t.** (take somebody into the family as a son or a daughter)
As they had no children of their own they **adopted** an orphan
- adept adj.** (skilled or expert)
He is an **adept** in painting.
3. **affect v.t.** (have an influence or effect on)
The climate **affected** his health.
- effect n.** (result, outcome)
The medicine has a very quick **effect** on the patient.
4. **affection** (kindly feeling, love)
I'm touched by your **affection** for me.
- affectation** (kind of behavior that is not natural or genuine, pretension)
Beware of his **affectation**.
5. **allusion** (indirect reference)
Poets use many personal **allusions**
- illusion** (something that doesn't exist, false idea or believe)
He has an **illusion** that everybody admires him.

V. Pearls form the Holy Quran



VI. Words of wisdom

The hour which gives us life begins to take it away."

—Seneca

Your "Mother Tongue" and "The Other Tongue" A Closer Look - II

The Articles, the verbs and the Adjectives



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Articles

English

English has two sets of articles, the definite "the" and the indefinite, "a" or "an"

Arabic

Arabic has only "al" there is no indefinite article comparable to "a" and "an"

Differences in use

1. The tall man: al rajol attaweel

English has the article before the adjective "tall" but in Arabic it is "al" added before the noun "rajol".

2. I have three pens: endy al thalathah aqlam

In English "the" is not used before number in general context, but in Arabic "al" is used before the numerals.

3. Akrem is the tallest boy in the class: akram atwal taleb fi al fasl

In English "the" is used before the adjective in the superlative degree of comparison. In Arabic "al" is not used there.

4. English does not permit the use of "the" before any proper name. But in Arabic "al" is added before certain place names:

Al Naderah, Al Seddah

The verb

English

Finite verb: a finite verb shows tense. 'shows' - finite verb.
Non finite verb: Does not show tense verb + ing, verb + en, to + verb

Arabic

Yakun, ka'na show present and past tense
Non finite verbs are not found in Arabic

Broken chair, "broken" past participle (no tense)

Moving car, "moving" present participle (no tense)

To go - "to go" to infinitive (no tense)

These expressions have no equivalence in Arabic

Usage

Though the finite verbs *yakun, kana* are available in Arabic, sentences are often constructed without them.

Ahmed is a doctor: *Ahmed tabeeb*

Where is Abdu?: *Eina Abdu?*

In English the sentence without a finite verbs is grammatically unacceptable. But in Arabic it is accepted.

Ali wrote the lesson: *kataba Ali al darassa.*

Ahmed eats fish: *yeakolo Ahmed alsamak*

Ali speaks English: *yetakelam Ali alen-jiliziah*

In all the above examples we find that the Arabic sentences begin with the verbs.

This feature is not grammatically acceptable in English.

Other differences

- a. Arabic does not have phrasal verbs such as *blow up, bring about, come across*
 - b. Arabic has no auxiliary verbs unlike in English
 - c. Arabic has no use for present perfect tense as in English
- As a result, these areas remain "problem-areas" for Arab learners of English and teachers have to take extra care to teach these grammatical features.

Adjectives

The main difference lies in the syntactic position of an adjective. In English, generally, the adjectives are placed before the nouns. But in Arabic they are always placed after the nouns. *The beautiful girl: al bint al jameelah*
The tall man: al rajol al taweel

In Arabic the adjective agrees with the number (singular, dual, plural) of the nouns and the gender of the nouns while in English the adjectives do not change according to number and gender.

Examples:

Two good students: *taliba'n jeida'n*
Many beautiful scenes: *mashahid kathira jameelah*
Ahmed is clever: *ahmed thaky*
Arwa is clever: *arwa thakya*

LEARNING STYLES AND STRATEGIES (8)

Using a Dictionary



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A dictionary is one of the most basic and important tools in learning English as a foreign language. It not only lists the different meanings of a word, it gives us the pronunciation of the word, and the part of speech like noun, verb, adjective, adverb, pronoun. It also gives examples of how to use the word in sentences.

In order to use the dictionary efficiently, you should carefully go through the notes on the use of the dictionary given at its beginning. Most good dictionaries give you information about the following areas:

a) Head words and derivatives: examine examinerexamination

b) Parts of speech

This is printed in bold italic type *v.t. & i.* (verb transitive and intransitive)

c) The tilde (~)

You will find ~ in the explanation of meanings and uses of a word. This is called the tilde. When a head word, that is, a word which is printed in bold

roman type and whose meaning and uses are being explained, if more than three of its letters are repeated, it is usually represented by a tilde to save space.

For example, in the word 'adopt' the derivatives 'adoption' and 'adoptive' are expressed in examples through a tilde in this manner: (~ion) and (~tive)

d) Pronunciation

The pronunciation of each head word is printed immediately after the main entry in square brackets []

e) Definitions

The meanings(s) of the headword or paraphrase of any example or usage appears in ordinary (roman) type.

f) Illustrative Phrases and Sentences

These are usually printed in ordinary italic type

g) Idiomatic word groups, or collocations

These are printed in bold italic types. Some times parentheses or brackets are used to indicate an alternative usage. For example, the word group **once (and) for all** has two uses: 'once for all' and 'once and for all'.

Although different dictionaries may use different conventions, these are some common features.

Besides, dictionaries also provide some very useful grammatical information such as verb patterns.

There are different kinds of dictionaries which you may use according to your purpose. For example, **etymological dictionaries** give you the etymology, or history, of the word and the date of word first appeared in English. **A dictionary of synonyms and antonyms** will give you words having the same meaning or words with opposite meanings. **A dictionary of collocations** gives you how the words collocate or combine with other words to convey special meanings. Similarly a **dictionary of idioms and phrases** lists all the idiomatic expressions which express a meaning other than literal or ordinary meaning and whose meaning must be learned as a whole. Some times you may find the abbreviation *arch.* which indicates a meaning or usage that is no longer current. Along with dictionaries, you must also learn how to use a thesaurus which do not list the meanings of the words but the different contexts of their use. There are so many aids to learning a foreign language. It requires motivation or interest on your part as well as awareness about how to use these valuable resources such as a dictionary.

TIMES QUIZ (21)

Questions

1. Why is earthing necessary in electric fittings?

- a) so that in case of any short circuit, current will pass to the earth without doing any harm
- b) so that there is no current leakage
- c) so that current passes smoothly
- d) None of these

2. What is meant by soft water?

- a) It is sweet to taste
- b) It produces lather with soap
- c) It is easily digestible
- d) None of these

3. Why does blotting paper absorb ink? Because

- a) It increases the evaporation rate
- b) It has fine capillaries which absorb the ink
- c) It covers large surface so the ink dries up quickly
- d) None of these

4. Why is the bottom of a utensil blackened?

- a) To improve the looks
- b) To avoid damage due to heat
- c) The blackened surface absorbs more heat
- d) Not of these

5. Why does a cyclist have to apply more force to start with than when the cycle is in motion?

- a) To overcome frictional forces
- b) To overcome inertia
- c) To bring the jammed wheels to motion
- d) None of these

Solutions of Times Quiz (20)

1. The sun consists of hydrogen that is being converted into a central core of Helium by the process known as **Atomic fusion**
2. The planet **Venus** is also called the **morning star**.
3. A 'dedicated' computer is **dedicated to perform specific functions**.
4. **Yeast** is an important source of **Riboflavin**
5. Hair originates from **dermis**



Sun Set

What a trouble this sun set!
How strange this sun set!
'What else after you?
Is it peace or suspense and suffering?
When sun rose disappeared with sunshine.
It is announcing
A new day, new aims, new dreams and also new problems.

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Sun and moon

I am that bright sun
And fine beautiful moon
Of truth and beauty
O man and guy
On my sky and horizon
Of birth and life
You sail and flow
From east down to west
Of sun-rise and set
Only to add and beautify

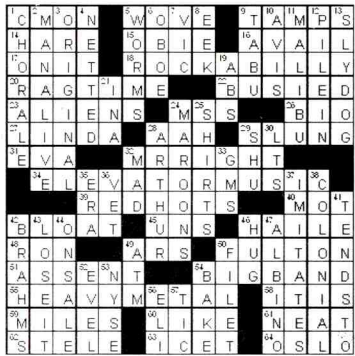
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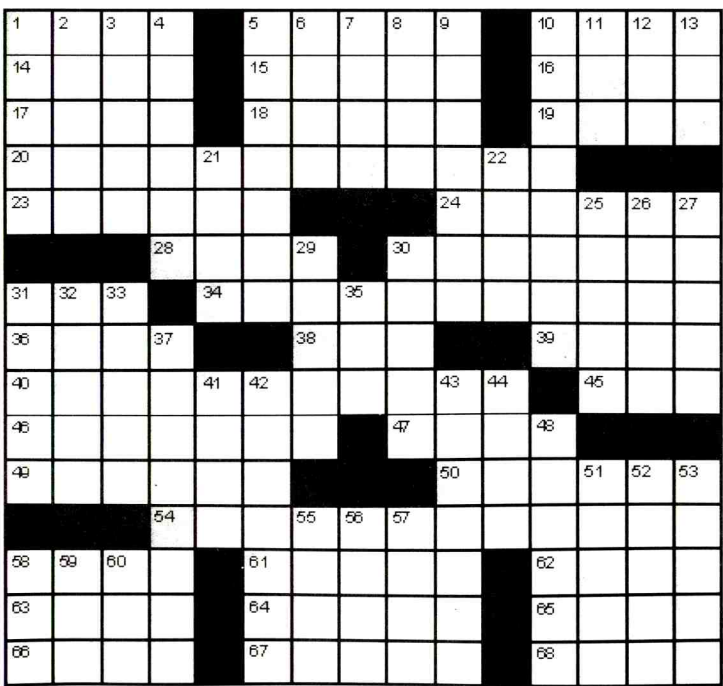
- ACROSS
- 1 1958 Pulitzer novelist
- 5 Stockholm tower's city
- 10 Famous tower's city
- 14 Bellyacher's utterance
- 15 Title of the essay
- 16 Sign of foreboding
- 17 Greek I
- 18 "Like that would ever happen!"
- 19 Unguarded, in football
- 20 Where to get back on course?
- 23 Some are bum
- 24 Odyssey destination
- 28 Sing the praises of
- 30 Makes one's blood boil
- 31 1860s govt.
- 34 Start sleeping
- 36 "... and to goodnight!"
- 38 Accomplished
- 39 Give the slip to
- 40 Come to naught
- 45 Word with spoon, force or well
- 46 Look causing bad luck, supposedly
- 47 Do the honors at teatime
- 49 Lady of Spain
- 50 Precipitates icily
- 54 Romanov residence
- 58 CD player ancestor
- 61 "It's the truth"
- 62 Far from land
- 63 All in the family
- 64 Words before directions or likelihood
- 65 Early Irishman
- 66 Safecracker, in slang
- 67 Palindromic tennis pro
- 68 Old measures equal to 45 inches
- DOWN
- 1 Out of proper order
- 2 Leave the premises
- 3 Words on a cake in Wonderland
- 4 Wall or tooth covering
- 5 Arouses, as a mob
- 6 Knocks the socks off
- 7 Larger than life
- 8 China item
- 9 Bouncing off the Grand Canyon walls
- 10 Hustler's hang-out
- 11 Mischievous child
- 12 Poker option
- 13 Abby's twin
- 21 They're history
- 22 It's something else, in Madrid
- 25 "... the Aquarius ..."
- 26 Type of fire
- 27 Was inquisitive
- 29 Rap
- 30 Words on a crate (with "This")
- 31 Cabaret relatives
- 32 Master's minion
- 33 Poker term
- 35 ...-Meter (Hurdles (Olympic event))
- 37 Giving the go-ahead
- 41 "Tootsie" co-star Garr
- 42 Massachusetts port on Nantucket Sound
- 43 Biblical quartet
- 44 Shake in the grass?
- 46 Tie up again, as shoes
- 51 Rembrandt's workstation
- 52 It's in your blood
- 53 Plane or train reservations
- 55 Sound quality
- 56 Way to the Holy Land
- 57 Tee off
- 58 Manger contents
- 59 34th president's nickname
- 60 Sculptor's leaf, perhaps

PREVIOUS PUZZLE ANSWER



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WONDERWORD by DAVID OUELLET

HOW TO PLAY: First read the list of words, then look at the puzzle. The words are in all directions — vertically, horizontally, diagonally, backward. Circle each letter of a word found and strike it off the list. The letters are often used more than once, so do not cross them out. It is best to find the big words first. When you find all the words listed in the clues, you'll have a number of letters left over that spell the Wonderword.

CLUES

- Acquire
- Adventure
- Arena
- Argue
- Arsenal
- Attack
- Auto
- Bait
- Battle
- Beat
- Boat
- Brains
- Brave
- Camp
- Character
- Chase
- Clear
- Click
- Clue
- City
- Command
- Computer
- Crisis
- Dares
- Darkness
- Deceit
- Drive
- Dungeon
- Equip
- Feel
- Field
- Forest
- Ghost
- Giant
- Gimmick
- Goblin
- Graphics
- Greed
- Grow
- Guard
- Guess
- Guts
- Help
- Hero
- High
- Hint
- Human
- Imagination
- Joystick
- Karate
- Lexicon
- Lost
- Manual
- Maps
- Message
- Model
- Mountains
- Music
- Ocean
- Online
- Phase
- Queen
- Quest
- Rage
- Real
- Rider
- Saga
- Screen
- Search
- Secret
- Sequel
- Shield
- Skate
- Speak
- Sound
- Spaces
- Speed
- Spell
- Stage
- Steal
- Story
- Swift
- Symbol
- Talent
- Tasks
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- Traps
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- Treasure
- Trick
- Twist
- Underground
- Warrior
- Wars

FANTASY VIDEO GAMES

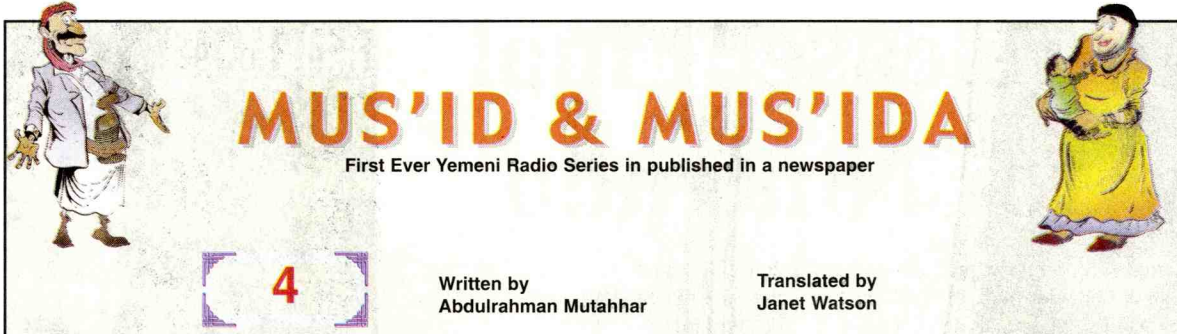
Solution: 6 letters



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ANSWER NEXT WEEK

Last Week's Answer: Score



MUS'ID & MUS'IDA

First Ever Yemeni Radio Series in published in a newspaper

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Written by Abdulrahman Mutahhar

Translated by Janet Watson

He who marries [his daughter] off, gives her away

Ma – Have you seen what you've done to me and what sort of misfortune you've got your daughter into? I told you at the time, "Don't marry the girl off without insisting that the husband gets his own house independent of his family and everyone else." But you just don't seem to care less, do you, Mus'id.

M – As long as you've got your own house you don't need to worry about anyone else; God's creatures are God's concern.

Ma – It's just as well that God's creatures are God's concern. If they were yours, you'd get them into the same sort of mess you got your daughter into.

M – There you are saying, 'You've gone and got your daughter into a mess!'

Ma – You've made a complete mess of her life. And if you don't believe it, just go and take a look at her husband's house. Then you'll see!

M – Just stop all your interfering! Once you marry your daughter off, you've given her away!

Ma – And just exactly where have you married her off to and given her away to! Into a house or into a doss camp!

M – As long as her husband doesn't have any real faults, I could have married her off to someone in the Empty Quarter.

Ma – And if you had married her off to someone in the Empty Quarter, she could have made herself a bedouin tent. Then she would have at least had her independence. Peace and quiet is at least half of life.

M – What's making you so obsessed with the girl today! Has she put a spell on you?

Ma – Go and see how she is, then you'll see.

M – And what would I see? What are you hiding from me? Come on, speak up!

Ma – To be frank, my daughter is totally spent. If a wind blew up, she would sail into the air like a feather. Before she got married, she was fit and round as a peach, and as

happy as Larry.

M – So she's sick and no one has looked after her. What is this illness she's got?

Ma – She's not ill, she hasn't got an illness, and she doesn't need a doctor, but living on top of everyone else together with all the goings on in her husband's house and the hard work she has to do have sickened her physically and emotionally and left her exhausted. I've totally lost my appetite worrying about her.

M – She's in the same position as everyone else in her husband's family. Her husband takes priority and she comes after him.

Ma – I know that she comes after her husband, but I told you you should have insisted that she had a separate house before marrying her off, while we were still in a position to make conditions.

M – Mus'ida, she isn't living in a tent in the middle of the street. She's there in a house with three floors and six satellite dishes on the roof!

Ma – Okay, now you just work out how many people are in the house under each satellite dish!

M – If I was responsible for them and had to support them, I would work out how many they are.

Ma – You son of a jinn. Can't you just listen while I tell you what the problem is, or are you going to sit there saying stupid things.

M – Go on, tell me what the problem is then, if you have to.

Ma – Okay, here goes. On the first floor there are two brothers. Together with their wives and children that makes twenty people. On the second floor there are two brothers, and with their wives and children that comes to nineteen. Two brothers on the third floor with their wives and children come to twenty, or twenty-one, people. Each family eat on their own with their children. Sometimes they fight

over the bathroom, and sometimes they shout over the kitchen. Then sometimes they have to go to the local quarter official because they can't agree over the water and electricity bills. Then if the children fall out and start hitting each other over something trivial, the adults start fighting amongst themselves because of the children's disagreement. And my daughter is stuck there in the middle of all this drama. I've got no idea how this family got into such a state, or how you could still describe them as human beings.

M – People are all different in the way they think and act, Mus'ida, and in the way they view life's responsibilities. Especially the responsibilities of married life. You know how the Yemeni proverb goes: everyone has his own specialist knowledge, even in selling oil.

Ma – Quite.

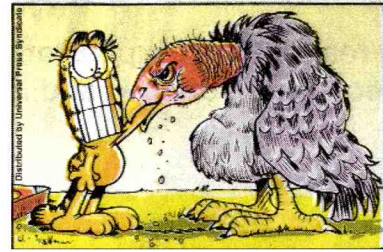
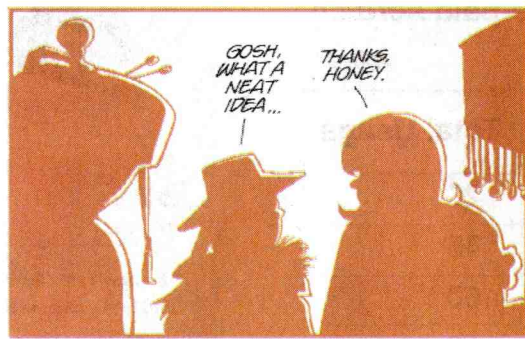
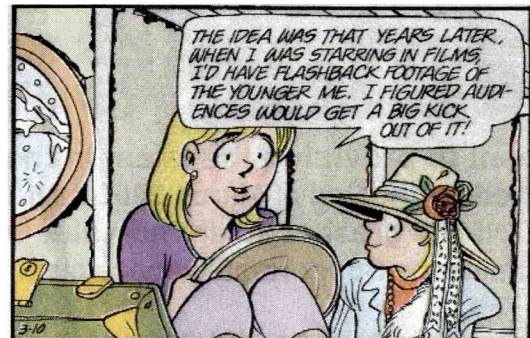
M – The six brothers didn't get as much education as they should have done. If they had had any proper ambition, they would have either got higher education certificates or pursued a craft like carpentry, plumbing, engineering or building, or selling – even if it's only from a barrow.

Ma – They were all banking on their father's inheritance, and anyone who relies on someone else's sauce can expect to eat their food dry!

M – Exactly. They banked on their father's inheritance. Then when the father died, they partitioned out the money and got married. They reckoned that the best way to make their lives happy and secure was to marry a respectable girl. After a little while, they found themselves face to face with the difficulties married life throws up – cramped living conditions, too many children, too small an income, and they just couldn't cope. As the Yemeni proverb goes, 'If you can't figure a way out before you go in, you'll get yourself stuck without knowing it.'

DOONESBURY

BY GARRY TRUDEAU



Horoscope

by Bodachia



Aries (Mar 21 - Apr 19) Your inspiration is Cora, a character in Donna Mills' new book, "Rhythms". Cora's parent's just died and she feels quite empty. Her safety and security have been ripped out from under her. She decides to leave the confines of her small Mississippi town to experience the grand city of Chicago and make her dreams come true.



Taurus (Apr 20 - May 20) Life should feel surprisingly fun and easy. Others around you may not see things this way, so be sure to not give into their woes and allow them to bring you down. You're on top right now, and everyone can't share that space all the time.



Gemini (May 21 - Jun 20) It's a very self-reflective time and a good time for seeking clarity if you allow it. It's so easy to get caught up in the demands and chaos of everyday life. Rather than constantly stepping on the gas and going full speed, slam on the brakes and take some time out.



Cancer (Jun 21 - Jul 22) Imagine that you have been on a plane, for a very long trip, and all you've seen are the big, dense clouds of the higher atmosphere. It's time to land, and you should be feeling as though you are breaking through the cloud cover of your life.



Leo (Jul 23 - Aug 22) You should be very proud of what you have accomplished over the years. And you owe it all to those who love you, and most of all, yourself. At this time, you couldn't be more secure in knowing that you have the very best coming your way.



Virgo (Aug 23 - Sep 22) Last week, I told you it was preferable for you to go it alone and rely upon yourself. If you got into that space, then the new shift in energy will be even more inviting. Now that you know how to be there for you, it's time to join forces with others, once again.



Libra (Sep 23 - Oct 22) Given the tension surrounding you, it would be wise to approach everything openly and honestly. Communication is key, as well as strong negotiation powers. How you go about dealing with people will be a lot like an interview...very objective and questioning.



Scorpio (Oct 23 - Nov 21) You're on a role, romantically speaking. Frustration could be big, however, if you're committed to something that keeps you pounding your head. There are many open doors for romance, passion, as well as long-term commitment possibilities.



Sagittarius (Nov 22 - Dec 21) You have much skill behind your ideas and believe it or not, other people know this about you. You are capable of grabbing other people's attention, once you realize people are actually noticing you for your talents.



Capricorn (Dec 22 - Jan 19) In Cuernavaca, Mexico the people are poor, existing on scraps of food. They live under bridges and stalls in their marketplace on the street. They have no access to bathrooms and social safety does not exist. But a cultural center was founded to help them, and mainly provide food.



Aquarius (Jan 20 - Feb 18) You're not the judicial system rolled into one person, and even if you were a cop, you can't place your sense of right and wrong onto others without consequences. You have your opinions and feel strongly about certain things, (okay, everything!). But, other people have their opinions too.



Pisces (Feb 19 - Mar 20) When you were little it was safe for you to go to your mom or dad to talk about problems you were having at school or with friends. There was no embarrassment involved around confiding in your friends about which boy or girl you liked. You were free to express yourself, in your innocence of childhood. It's time, once again, to find friends and people with whom you feel comfortable confiding in.

7-Day Weather Forecast:

Sana'a			Aden		
Day	Hi	Lo	Day	Hi	Lo
Mon	25	9	Mon	30	21
Tue	26	9	Tue	31	20
Wed	27	9	Wed	31	20
Thu	27	9	Thu	31	19
Fri	27	9	Fri	33	19
Sat	27	9	Sat	34	19
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Square to release 'Final Fantasy' for Nintendo

LOS ANGELES (Reuters) - Japan's Square Co. Ltd. 9620.Q, after a six-year absence, will return the legendary "Final Fantasy" video game series to Nintendo Co. Ltd.'s consoles, Nintendo said on Friday.

Confirming earlier reports in Japan, a Nintendo of America spokeswoman told Reuters that Square will set up a subsidiary to develop new versions of the series for Nintendo's GameCube console and Game Boy Advance handheld unit.

The development will be backed by Fund Q, a video game development fund started in January by Hiroshi Yamauchi, the long-time president of Nintendo.

Nintendo expects "Final Fantasy" titles for its consoles to be released by the end of the year, the spokeswoman said.

Jeetil Patel, an analyst at Deutsche Banc Alex. Brown who follows the game industry, said having "Final Fantasy" would probably help GameCube sales more in Japan than in the United States. "At the margin it probably helps modestly," he said.

"Final Fantasy X," released last year for Sony Corp.'s 6758.T PlayStation 2, was one of the 20 best-selling video games in the United States in 2001, according to NPDFunworld, even though it was released in early December.

Even before "Final Fantasy X," the Final Fantasy series had sold 30 million copies worldwide since its inception. Square had long developed "Final Fantasy" titles for Nintendo, going back to Nintendo's original Super Famicom and NES in the early 1980s, but in 1996 Square abandoned Nintendo to develop games for Sony's PlayStation platform.

At that time, some Japanese analysts said the defection of Square and other local publishers was a primary factor in PlayStation surpassing Nintendo's N64 console, which was more advanced than the PlayStation but also harder to develop for.

"Final Fantasy XI," the next title in the series, is expected to take advantage of the online multi-player features of the PS2 Sony unveiled on Thursday, and the Nintendo deal is not expected to stop further PS2 production. A spokeswoman for Electronic Arts Inc. ERTS.O, which co-published the game in the United States with Square under a joint venture, was not immediately available for comment on the Nintendo deal.

Sony in October invested \$116 million in Square, making it the company's second-largest shareholder. The infusion came after Square posted its worst-ever loss, caused by the production of a movie version of "Final Fantasy" that was a major commercial flop.

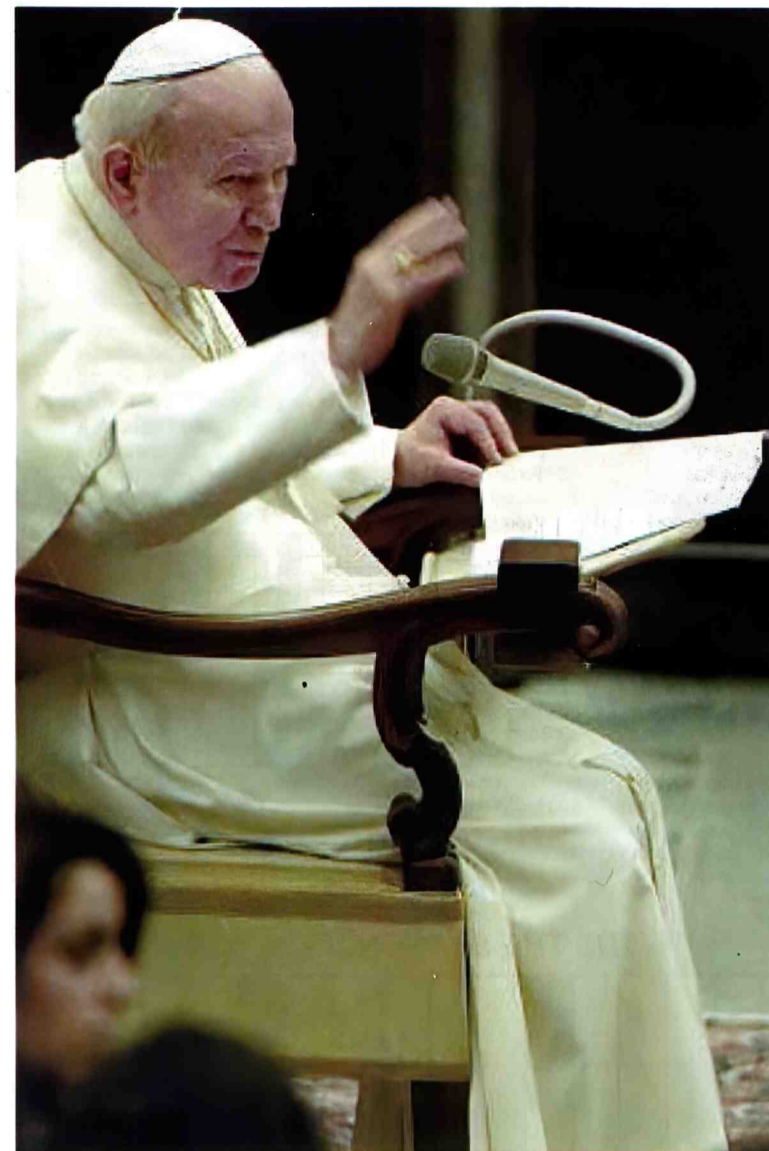
Nintendo's \$199 GameCube was launched in the U.S. in November of last year. It competes with both the \$299 PS2, which debuted in November 2000, and Microsoft Corp.'s MSFT.O Xbox, which was released three days before GameCube.

The \$79 Game Boy Advance, a handheld system with as much power under the hood as Nintendo's early 1990s SNES console, dominates the handheld market globally, with almost no competition.



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Prayers made via live satellite link to six cities



Pope John Paul II leads prayers via a live satellite link-up to six cities in the Aula Nervi at the Vatican March 2, 2002. During the link-up, the Pope sent brief messages in various languages.

"We remain always united in faith and in the service of the gospel," the Pope said in Russian. The message, addressed to university students, was also beamed into Athens, Budapest, Strasbourg, Valencia and Vienna. Photo by Reuters

Technology: going . . . going . . . gone . . . down the tubes?

One of the problems encountered when asked to write about the latest technology is running out of steam. Or should that be Plasma Power?

As usual the journals, the product releases and the Internet were stacked full of new and novel items this week. I scoured through them as usual, and then sat back, nervously chewing the end of my pencil. Although there have been plenty of improvements in manufacturing specifications and efficiencies, I couldn't see anything new that was going to significantly alter peoples lives.

The nature of the development of new technologies is piecemeal advancement. The vast majority of reported advances are aimed primarily at making more profit for the manufacturers. Ironically, manu-

facturing efficiencies also increases volumes and reduces prices, thus making technology more readily available to the man in the street. This bizarre economic cycle of technology gets the right results for the wrong reasons as far as the customer is concerned, and the right result for the right reasons in respect of the manufacturer.

The subtle changes that take place in the world of technology are mostly to do with materials and components. The desk I sit at is solid oak with metal handles, but then again, its over one hundred years old.

The computer casings that sit on it today are all made of plastic, even the brushed metal monitor is a fake, its actually silver-colour coated plastic, albeit, pretty realistic. Woods, metals, glass and other traditional materials by and large are avoided in modern mass manufactured

technology because they are expensive to acquire and difficult to work with.

It was with this in mind that I was surprised to discover that old-fashioned, glass and metal, electronic Vacuum Tubes (or sometimes know as valves) were still being manufactured in China and in Russia.

For those of you who are less than 30years old, and likely never have seen one, the vacuum tube was the forerunners of the transistor and the major component in almost every piece of domestic and industrial electronics.

British scientist John Fleming in 1904 showed that a current flowed from a heated element (a light bulb for instance) to another electrode within the bulb. This happened because the excited electron boiled off the hot element (cathode) and migrated to the other (anode) because the

anode was cold the electrons couldn't return and a device for controlling the direction of electricity (diode) was born.

The thermode vacuum tube was commercialised by Lee de Forrest a New York inventor who patented Fleming's diode with an additional plate, the triode.

This had the effect of modulating the current passing across the electrodes and formed the basis of the modern amplifier. Originally called the Audion this device became the genesis of today's electronics business.

New technology sometimes needs to look more closely at the lessons learned in the past.

At the end of the day the consumer is the deciding factor not the manufacturer.

-- Dave Morris

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Al-Mutasem School wins first school football tournament

By Yemen Times Staff

With al-Mutasem School coming first, Bani al-Hareth School second and al-Hawrash third, the First School Football Tournament, sponsored by the German Embassy, came to a close on Saturday March 9, 2002 at al-Dhurafi Stadium in Sana'a.

Ten teams which qualified for the finals met on the al-Dhurafi stadium, which was split into two halves to accommodate the many 8-11-year-old footballers.

The match time was also reduced to

15 minutes for the same reason. Each team played with only seven players.

Different to what was expected there was no violence and the teams showed some artistic talents.

The tournament, supported by the Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany in collaboration with the Ministry of Education and the Yemeni Football Association, started early in January. It went through three stages starting with a training course for school coaches. Forty schools participated in the course, which lasted for a week, and was taught by German football expert Torsten Spittler.

In the second stage 120 schools from ten districts in the Capital



Dr. Tunkel Mr. Spittler

Secretary played one another. Ten teams qualified for the finals.

The third and last stage included the final matches for the first-fourth positions and the close-up ceremony.

The last match between the al-Mutasem School and the Bani al-Hareth School ended in a draw and was determined by the former in the penalty kicks to end 1/0.

Saturday's activity started with Dr. Tobias Tunkel, German Embassy Second Secretary, distributing uniforms to the teams.

This is the first young students tournament to be organized at this level. Mr. Ahmad Saeed Abdu, director of the sports activities at the Ministry of Education, said if the experience was a success then similar tournaments would be organized in all cities starting with the main cities in the next year.

Dr. Tunkel said the performance of the players was of a high level. He said the event aimed to enhance the sports

education within schools and to help children have fun.

He added that Yemen needed professionalism. "Talents are there but professionalism is lacking, he said.

Mr. Spittler, who is working with the Yemeni Football Association within a cooperation framework between Yemen and Germany, said the young footballers did a good job and some of the matches were really good.

"It is important to train people at this age because it is easy for them to pick up the techniques of the game," he said. He added that Yemeni footballers go to clubs for training at late ages which make it difficult for them to acquire the techniques of the game easily.

By the end of the event Werner Zimprich, the Ambassador of Germany to Sana'a, congratulated the winners and promised to meet them again next year in a similar event.

Mr. Saleh Khamis, Secretary General of the Yemeni Football Association, highlighted the importance of qualifying young footballers, saying there would be no good sports without the caring of such young people.

Then the ten teams were given back-

packs, ballcaps and four cups, presented by the Embassy of Germany.

The event was attended by the German Ambassador to Sana'a, representatives from the Ministries of Education and Sports, Yemeni Football Association, the Yemen Satellite Channel, teachers and students.



Abdullah Maudhah, al-Mutasem's coach, receiving cup from the German Ambassador



German Ambassador watching the final matches

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Al-Mutasem team



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Hodeidah University to hold conference on English instruction

FOR THE YEMEN TIMES
HODEIDAH - Hodeidah University is to hold the First International Conference on English Language Teaching organized in Yemen, March 30 to April 2.

The event, which is the first of its kind in Yemen, is expected to signal a milestone in the efforts of the Yemeni government and the Ministry of Education to focus on the importance of appropriate and professional English-language teaching.

"Renowned professors and other

scholars from America, Britain, Turkey and Germany are participating in the Conference and presenting papers." Prof. T Balasubramanian, Head of the Department of English of Hodeidah University told the Yemen Times.

Dr Qassim Berihe, President of the University and Dr Ibrahim Hugari, Dean of the Faculty of Education, Hodeidah University expressed their hope that this event will signal a breakthrough in improving the level of English-teaching in the Republic of Yemen in both the private and public education sectors.

A source of pride for all Arabs Saudi doctors do world's first womb transplant

LONDON (Reuters) - Doctors in Saudi Arabia have carried out the first world's first uterine transplant in a groundbreaking operation on a 26-year-old woman, according to research published Thursday.

The surgery, which took place 2 years ago, was deemed a success by the Saudi team of doctors but the transplanted womb had to be removed 99 days later because of blood clotting.

Dr. Wafa Fageeh, who led the surgical team at the King Fahad Hospital in Jeddah, reported the research in the International Journal of Gynaecology and Obstetrics.

He said the technique could be a useful treatment in the future for tens of thousands of infertile women whose only chance of having children was through surrogacy.

"Further clinical trials and development of the surgical techniques could make uterine transplantation useful in the treatment of infertility, especially in communities where the surrogate mother concept is unacceptable from a religious or ethical point of view," Fageeh said.

Some doctors hailed the surgery as an exciting development, but a leading British fertility expert said the operation was a complete failure and could endanger women's lives.

"Blood clotting is exactly what you would expect and is what happened in

all the experiments previously carried out in every experimental animal in which this has been done," Robert Winston told BBC radio.

"It is a great pity that women's hopes have been raised in this way," he added.

The unidentified woman, who was 26 at the time of the transplant, received the uterus of a woman 20 years older who had had a hysterectomy. The recipient's own uterus had been removed following severe bleeding after a caesarean section.

Fageeh said the transplanted womb had responded well and the woman, who had been given drugs to prevent her body rejecting the donated organ and hormones to increase the lining of the uterus, had two normal periods before the organ was removed.

In an editorial in the journal, Louis Keith of Northwestern University Medical School and Giuseppe Del Priore of New York University Medical Center said that, although a uterus is not a life-saving organ, the importance of the achievement should not be underestimated.

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BY YEMEN TIMES STAFF
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