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President Saleh ends his 5-day reclusion and talks to al-Jazeera:

“We have two suspects, whom we will not hand over to the USA”

Hodeidah, April 5, Yemen Times Staff

In his live interview on al-Jazeera Satellite Channel last Friday, President Saleh tackled several issues mainly concerning the current Mideast crisis and the US-Yemeni security agreement.

USA harshly criticized

The President harshly criticized the USA for its stance towards the Israeli aggression against Palestinians.

“We reject any statement describing the Palestinians’ struggle for independence as “terrorism.” This is an attempt to fake the facts,” he said.

He also brought up several important issues, including training of Yemeni security staffers by American experts.

President's reclusion

Concerning his reclusion the President said, “I put myself into reclusion in protest against the inability to help the Palestinians.

What would you say when you are asked what you have done for the Palestinians who are being slaughtered. It is just better not to answer at all.

This was my way to express my disappointment at what is going on. It had nothing to do with the response to my call upon Arab leaders to hold an emergency summit.”

Arab Joint Defense agreement

President Saleh stressed that the step to be taken is to implement the Arab Joint Defense Agreements, which call upon Arab nations to join forces to combat the enemy in a virtual



Breaking off links with Israel

The President however, did not clearly indicate whether he would call upon Arab countries with normalized relations with Israel to break off ties with Israel.

“I will not ask those countries to sever their links with Israel if they could make use of them to stop what is happening in the occupied territories.” But if such links were of no use, he added, “the decision lies on the conscience of those countries’ leaders.”

Kidnapper of German sentenced to death

SANAA, April 3 (Reuters) - A Yemeni court sentenced to death a Yemeni tribesman on Wednesday for kidnapping a German man and holding him hostage for two weeks, a judicial official said.

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Explosion near PSO causes panic

A huge explosion took place a few steps away from the east wall of the Political Security Office (PSO) in the diplomatic neighborhood near Hadda street in Sana'a at 20:10 on Thursday April 4.

Even though there were no reported casualties, the blast caused great damage to the wall behind which lies the office’ main prison causing panic in the whole neighborhood.

Windows near the site were mostly damaged. The Turkish embassy and the house of the Minister of Local Administration, Mr. Sadiq Amin Abu Ras, were also affected.

Initial investigations have revealed that a plastic bag full of explosives was left in the site to explode later.

PSO officials however refused to give

away any further information saying that an intense interrogation campaign had started and the office was committed to bringing the terrorists to justice.

Police cordoned off the area immediately following the blast.

According to Reuters, “a Turkish diplomat said he did not believe the embassy had been the target of an attack because the blast was not in its immediate vicinity.”

The explosion was so loud that it was heard more than 2 kms away, some witnesses told the Yemen Times.

Guards of the Yemen Times premises located more than 1 km away from the site- also heard the explosion.

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In Brief

Preparations are underway to hold Sana'a Festival for story-telling during the coming month. This comes within a framework to activate the cultural activities at both local and international levels.

-The World Bank has granted Yemen a loan estimated at USD 27.5 million to develop the health sector. The loan aims at ensuring the health services for poor women and children.

-The al-Afif Cultural Foundation organized a number of lectures on 'Revenge' on April 2 in its headquarters in Sana'a.

- The Second Cultural Lebanese Week is planned to start on May 11 2002. Activities of the Week will center on poetry, arts, music, and folkloric heritage.

Arrangements for the event were discussed in the meeting of the Yemeni and Lebanese ministers of culture.

Russian Ambassador: Arabs should unify their stance before asking Russia's support

The killing of tens of Palestinian civilians by the Israeli troops is madness, Russian Ambassador to Yemen, Alexander Kalugin, told reporters on April 2 in a press conference.

Russia which is exerting efforts to activate international endeavors to stop violence and find efficient solutions to this mounting tension has recently participated in issuing the UN Security Council resolution No. 1402.

"We're earnestly striving to promptly implement this resolution by making Israel withdraw its troops from the Palestinian Authority-administered territories and lift the siege on the office of the Palestinian president, Yasser Arafat," he said.

On the Saudi peace initiative,

Kalugin, said Russia welcomed the Saudi initiative saying it (the imitative) formed the basis of peace in the Mideast.

He stressed the importance of unifying the Arab stance towards their issues of common destiny topped by the Palestinian issue.

"Arabs keep asking us and the international community to take strong actions in support of their issues. They should, before, take unified and strong stance on their parts," he added.



MSF protests Israeli vocations

The international medical relief organization Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF), strongly denounced the obstruction of medical aid for Palestinian civilians in the Occupied Territories by Israeli armed forces.

In a press release on April 2, MSF condemned the harassment some of their workers where subjected to at some Israeli check points.

"This latest incident illustrates once again the continued violation of humanitarian free access to patients," said the release.

It added that such incident is a total contradiction to the guarantees offered to their teams by the Israeli Defense Forces in the Occupied Territories concerning freedom of movement for medical teams.

MSF expressed concerns about the apparent indifference of the army in such circumstances. This includes not only the behavior of the soldiers at checkpoints, but also the fact that the army allows paramilitary militias to intervene in their work.

Al-Hadhiri and al-Ashmuri not to go on strike

President Ali Abdullah Saleh has ultimately intervened to stop the hunger strike intended by two journalists, Saif al-Hadhiri, editor-in-chief of the al-Shumoo newspaper and journalist Mutahar al-Ashmuri as of Saturday April 6.

The strike is said to be in protest of being detained at the Ministry of Interior without any legal warrant. President Saleh promised the two journalists to solve all their problems with the cabinet as well.

The detention came at the directions of Prime Minister, Abdulqadir Bajamal in a reaction to being critical of the government's corruption, said a press release by the al-Shumoo Newspaper.

Al-Ashmuri and al-Hadhiri demanded unconditional release, considering their detention as alarmingly a threat to their lives.

The General Prosecution denied it ordered the detention of the two journalists.



Al-Hadhiri

Updated list of products to be boycotted

The Yemen Society for Consumers' Protection issued on April 4 a list of mostly American-originated products to be boycotted.

The statement called upon citizens to help the current boycott campaign being a success to support their Palestinians brothers in the Occupied Territories.

The al-Quds Committee of the parliament has recently demanded putting the boycotting campaign in motion.

Similarly, political parties and organizations demanded the full boycott of the products updated in the last list, and appealed mass media to create awareness on the part of people on the importance of boycotting as an arm against Zionism.

More than 19 US-based companies and products appeared in the current list which included big international brands topped by Coca Cola and Procter & Gambles products.

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Will Yemen get rid of qat?

Qat may aggravate disturbances (hallucination), induce aggressive behavior in psychotic patients, said researchers during the National Conference on Qat which took place at the Police Officers' Club in Sana'a between April 6-7.

They added it could cause elevation of trial blood pressure, affect the liver, probably as a result of pesticides leading to toxic damage of the liver, be associated with increased risk of low birth weight in infants of qat chewing pregnant women, etc.

The conference also dealt with the qat impact on society, agriculture and water resources.

To help the country get rid of qat the participants recommended increasing taxes on

qat, teaching children at schools about its hazards as well as employing the mass media in the qat-fighting campaign.

The also urged upon the government to set up sport clubs, recreation facilities, public libraries, gardens and parks for youths to spend their time.

The conference aimed at enhancing the public awareness about qat dangers and effects on humans, society and economy as well as setting up a clear governmental strategic view on how to gradually get rid of qat's negative effects.

The Prime Minister, Mr. Abu Alqader Ba Jammal and a number of ministers diplomats, ambassadors, attended the event.



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Explosion near PSO causes panic
 "We heard a huge explosion coming from the neighborhood where the PSO is located. As we rushed to the area, we saw tens of policemen and military officers surrounding the area and no one was allowed in," one of the guards said. It was later revealed that the PSO serves as prison for tens of fundamental Islamists, who were arrested part of the campaign against terror. Among the Islamists imprisoned in the PSO are some members of the Abyan Islamic Army, whose leader al-Mihdar was executed after being convicted of kidnapping and murdering four Western tourists in January 1999. This comes in a time the government is expected to intensify its cooperation with the USA in fighting 'terrorism' as a security agreement was reached between Yemen and the USA to send American trainers and equipment to Yemen. The agreement focused on providing the Yemeni military and intelligence

units with expertise and training to more efficiently combat and crack down on terrorists who have been causing a lot of concern for the government for some time. Yemen is still chasing two al-Qaeda suspects, namely al-Harethi and al-Ahdal, believed to be involved in terrorist attacks on Yemeni soil and abroad. **Kidnapper of German sentenced to death**
 The ruling by the appeals court, which specialists in kidnapping and terrorism cases, was harsher than a jail term of 25 years passed by a lower court against Ahmad Nasser al-Zaidi in December. The court upheld 20-year prison terms in absentia against three fugitive accomplices in the abduction of 50-year-old Carl Lehrner in November. Zaidi, unemployed and in his 30s, had earlier said he acted to protest against his living conditions. He can appeal against the death sentence to Yemen's supreme court.

Armed tribesmen snatched Lehrner, who worked at a car dealership, from the capital Sanaa just hours after Yemeni President Ali Abdullah Saleh started a visit to Germany. Special forces backed by helicopters stormed the kidnappers' hideout two weeks later and freed their hostage. Tribal sources said about five people were killed and several wounded during the operation. Scores of tourists and foreigners working in this poor Arab country have been kidnapped in recent years, often by disgruntled tribesmen seeking better state services and regional infrastructure, or the release of jailed relatives. In 1998 the authorities introduced the death penalty for kidnappers to stamp out frequent abductions of foreigners. The country, plagued by lawlessness and tribal violence, has launched a manhunt for two Yemenis and other suspected backers of Saudi-born dissident Osama bin Laden's network, who reportedly were being protected by powerful tribes.

Yemeni-German Military cooperation vitalized

Germany offered to Yemen technical support and training course for Yemeni policemen during a meeting between the German Ambassador to Yemen and Yemen's minister of Interior on Thursday in Sana'a. This is part of the generous support Germany has been extending to Yemen.

Al-Mutasem School honors students

A number of teachers and top students of al-Mutasem were honored by the school in a celebration last week. The celebration was attended by Mr. Gamal al-Khowlani, Mr. Ahmed Ali Assonaidar, Mr. Mohammed al-Omari, Mr. Zaid Ashatbi, students' parents and some of the local council members. The Secretary General Assistant, Gamal al-Khowlani, expressed his appreciation to discover students' talents.

The event was concluded by distributing certificates to deputy principals, teachers and some of the best students.



Human Right Minister condemns brutal acts in Palestine



The state Minister for Human Rights, Dr. Waheeba Fara'e has appealed to the international committee for Human Rights, the Amnesty International as well as organizations interested in human rights to back up our brothers in Palestine who have become prey to the Israeli killers in the occupied territories. "They should allow the UNRAW, Red Cross as well as other human organization to perform their duties and apply international laws," she added.

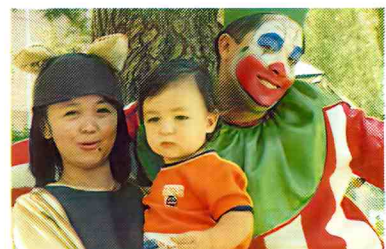


Easter Celebration at the Sheraton garden

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Easter clow prepared lots of fun activities for children and their family like, egg hunting, face painting, games, and gifts were given away. The children really enjoyed the holiday and wished there would be more. Easter is the time of springtime festivals, a tie of welcome back the Tulips, the Crocuses and the Daffodils. It's a time of new suits, new dresses and patent leather shoes. And a time of chocolate bunnies, marshmallow chicks, and colored eggs.



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Wrath sweeps Arab streets

Arab and foreign capitals have been seeing a surging wave of anger embodied by massive demonstrations of hundreds of thousands of protesters condemning some Arab regimes and the United States because of their defeatist stands versus the campaign of collective killing of the Palestinians in the occupied territories continuing for nearly two weeks.

The streets of Cairo, Amman, Beirut, Bahrain, Sana'a, The Emirates, in addition to some Asian, European and American capitals have been scenes of angry demonstrations condemning the crimes committed by the Israeli forces and the Arab silence versus these carnages. They have also condemned the American stand that backs the crimes carried out by the Zionist troops and demanded for taking a decisive and strong attitudes against the American administration as it is the only party possessing the capability of deterring and stopping this aggression. They also

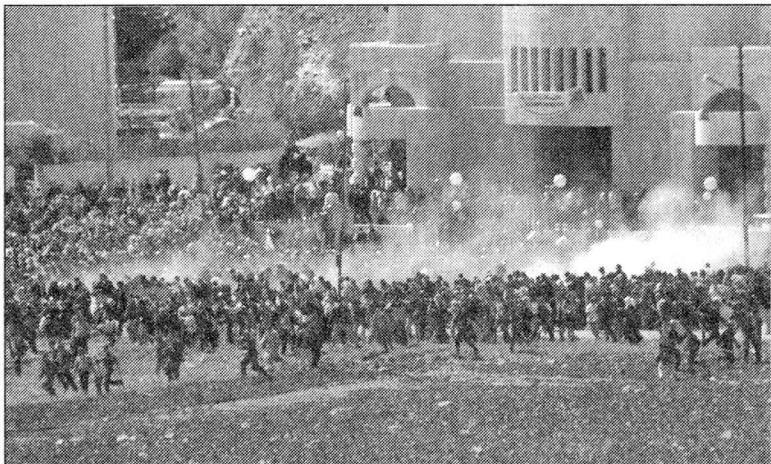
demanded to stop security cooperation with the United States. In Yemen the demonstrations continued, condemning the Arab and international silence towards the daily ongoing Zionist crimes. A letter addressed by Yemeni journalists to the government demanding it to take a decision halting all forms of security cooperation with the U.S. in the field of combating terrorism, expelling American military experts present in Sana'a in protest to the American bias to Israel. They have

also demanded to send away the American ambassador to Yemen and summon the Yemeni ambassador to Washington.

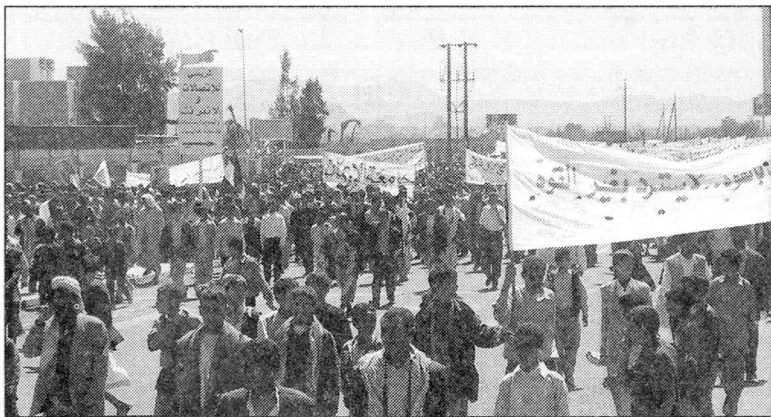
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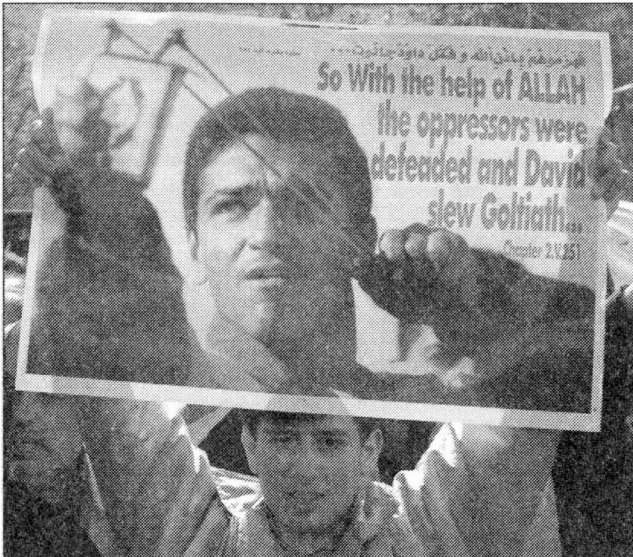
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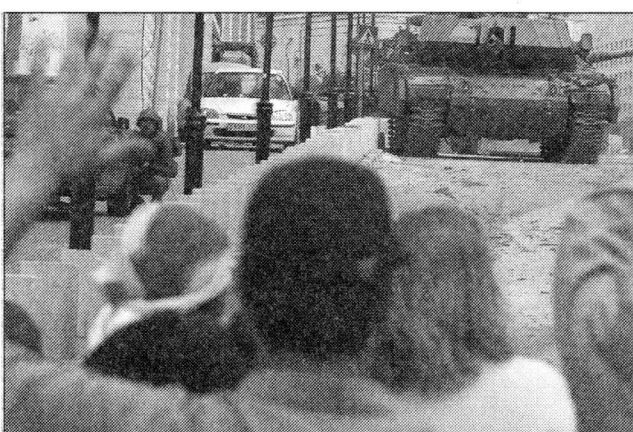
Massive demonstrations in Sana'a



IRANIANS PROTEST ISRAELI ACTION AGAINST PALESTINIANS
An young Iranian marches displaying a poster during a demonstration in Tehran after the Friday prayers condemning Israeli violence against Palestinians April 5, 2002.



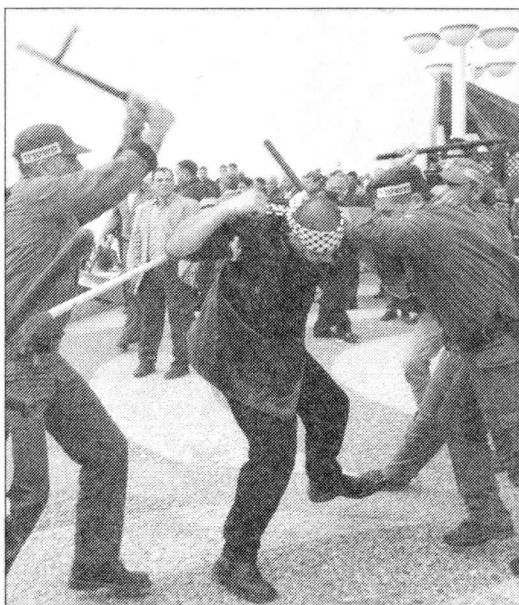
IRAQIS TAKE PART IN FRIDAY PRAYERS IN A MOSQUE IN BAGHDAD
Iraqis take part in Friday prayers in a Baghdad mosque, April 5, 2002.



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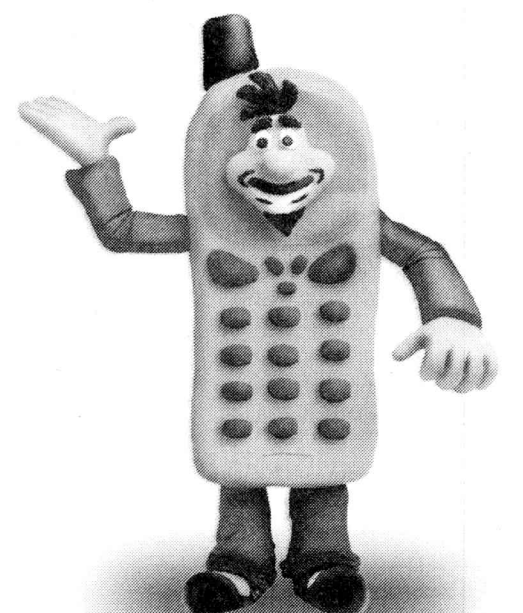
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Saudi king meets French defense minister

Saudi King Fahd Ibn Abdul-Aziz on Saturday held talks with visiting French Defense Minister Alain Richard in the Saudi Red Sea port city of Jeddah, Kuwait's official KUNA news agency reported.

Richard, who arrived in Jeddah earlier in the day for a two-day official visit, conveyed to the Saudi king greetings of French President Jacques Chirac and Prime Minister Lionel Jospin during the meeting.

The French minister is scheduled to hold talks later in the day with his Saudi counterpart Sultan Ibn Abdul-Aziz on international affairs and the escalating situation in the Middle East.

Their discussions will also focus on a military deal. Paris is scheduled to sell Riyadh 355 tanks and armored personnel carriers worth some 3 billion U.S. dollars in accordance with the deal.

Saudi Arabia and France endorsed in 1995 a five-billion-dollar military agreement.



In 2000, France was the fifth largest exporter, after the United States, Germany, Japan and Britain, to the oil-rich kingdom and France's export to the kingdom accounted for 4 percent of Saudi total imports in the year. (Xinhua)

Rumsfeld downplays Qatar base report

WASHINGTON, April 6 (Reuters) - U.S. Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld on Saturday played down the significance of a report the U.S. military was looking at Qatar as a backup location for its Gulf command post in the event it is forced to evacuate its facility in Saudi Arabia.

"We're constantly moving people from one place to another place," Rumsfeld told reporters after a meeting in Washington.

"We do move people constantly from country to country and from region to region."

Citing unidentified defense officials, the Washington Post reported on Saturday the Pentagon had prepared a contingency plan to move the base as a precaution. But that did not reflect any decision to abandon the Saudi base, the paper said.

Late last month, U.S. officials denied a report in The Guardian newspaper in London that the Pentagon already had begun moving its Saudi-based military headquarters to Qatar, a small, wealthy Gulf state neighboring Saudi Arabia.

The Guardian reported on March 27 that the Pentagon had begun moving

the heart of its Gulf forces from remote Prince Sultan Air Base in the Saudi desert to Qatar because of Saudi opposition to a possible U.S. military attack against Iraq.

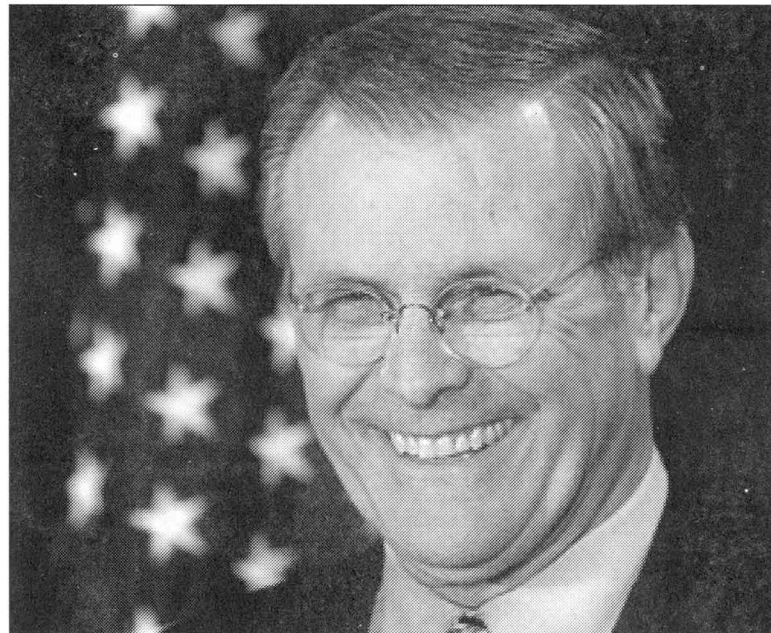
But unidentified officials told Reuters at the time there were no moves afoot to transfer forces out of the kingdom.

The Post report said the plan calls for relocating the base only if it comes under attack or Saudi authorities attempt to deny access to it.

Since last fall, the Post said U.S. authorities have installed equipment and taken other steps to make Qatar's Al Udeid Air Base an alternate command center, increasing the number of warplanes there and raising the troop level to about 2,000 in a large military tent city in the desert.

Dozens of U.S. warplanes and about 4,000 military personnel are still in Saudi Arabia, it said.

While the United States has a major military presence in other areas of the Gulf, including Kuwait and the headquarters of the U.S. 5th Fleet in Bahrain, its air command headquarters in Saudi Arabia could be a key to any new war in Iraq.



The White House said in January that President George W. Bush wanted to keep the U.S. military presence in Saudi Arabia despite reported grumblings from Saudis that U.S. forces had overstayed their welcome since the end of the 1991 Gulf War.

leaders stressed to U.S. Vice President Dick Cheney on his visit last month that they did not favor any new war with Iraq despite Washington's charges that Iraq's hunger for chemical, biological and nuclear weapons posed a threat to the region and the world.

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President Saleh Speaks to al-Jazeera

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"Concerning the tens of demonstrations supporting Palestinians, the president said, "We are not in support of demonstrations. We are with practical steps. Demonstrations are the means of the weak."

He refused the idea of al-Jazeera concerning a proposed initiative to prevent Yemeni Jews from traveling to Israel by saying, "We only have 200 Jews and they are free to leave or stay. However, we welcome the return of the Jews in Israel, which could help disintegrate Israel. But they seem unwilling to come back."

Arab media criticized

The president surprisingly criticized the Arab press and accused it of terrorizing the public. "This is media terrorism. You are terrorizing the Arab public by showing Israel as such a powerful bugbear that cannot be defeated," he said.

Anti-terror experts already in Yemen

As for the American "Anti-terror" security experts in Yemen the president said, "As for the American anti-terror security experts and technical equipment, it is not we who requested them. It is the US government that said 'prove your genuineness and let the experts in' so we let them in."

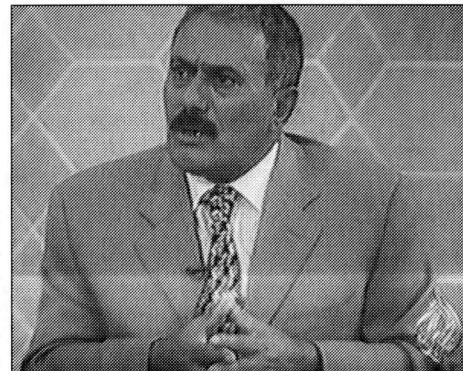
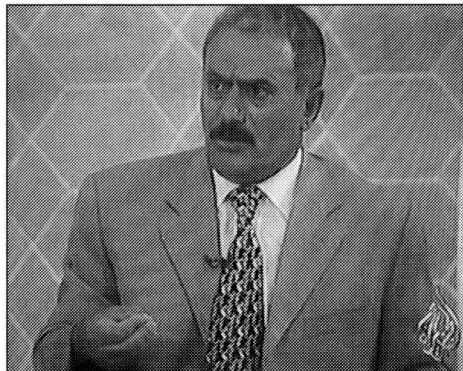
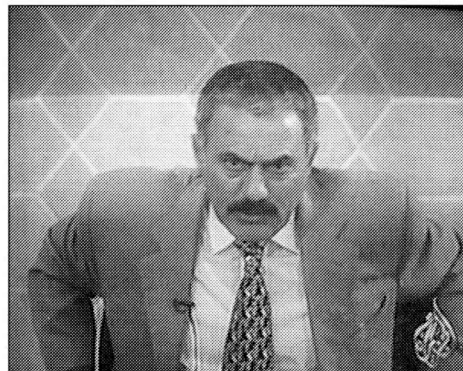
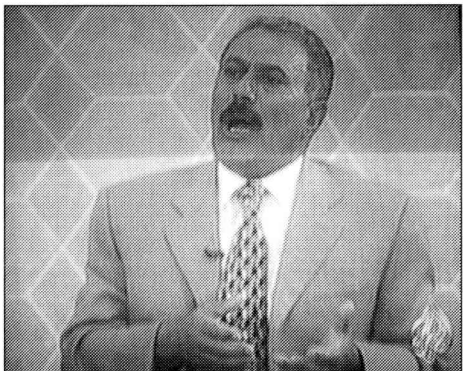
He said there were 40 experts who had completed their tasks and left the country. "They usually stay for three or four weeks only," he said.

The president also expressed his satisfaction with the US-Yemeni security agreements saying that they would help Yemen security-wise.

He insisted that the hijacker of the Yemenia airplane -which had the American Ambassador on board-, and the person who threw the bombs at the US embassy were both mentally disturbed.

Reacting to the comment by al-Jazeera "This means you have a lot of insane people in Yemen!", he said "We are like other countries, but we have more transparency and reveal what others would conceal." "We are not employees with the Americans so

as to make them believe us or not." As for the two Qaeda suspects al-Harethi and al-Ahdal, the President



said, "We have two suspects, whom we will not hand over to the USA. They are asked to surrender themselves to the authorities for investigation as they are still suspects only." "We are cooperating with the Americans not to please them, but for the security and peace of Yemen."

Using oil as pressure rejected

The President rejected the Iraqi idea of using oil as a means to pressure the USA by saying, "America has an oil reserve that it could use for years to come. It does not need our oil, and suspending oil export to the USA will not solve the problem. But it could still be considered as one of the steps."

War may be eminent

The President did not rule out the possibility of another war with Israel, even though he did not explicitly favor it as the first option. "Yemen is the country that suffered from war most during the last 40 years. We had wars in 1962, 1970, 1994, and other wars..." "We have extensive experience in wars, but do not call for a new one. However, there are steps that we should take including the activation of the Arab Joint Defense agreement, using the oil weapon, using normalized links with Israel, etc..." Answering the question on how to send troops to Israel if no neighboring country will open its borders to allow those soldiers in, the president replied, "We know how to fight them. If we have to, we will have our soldiers land by parachutes [smiling]."

Final conclusion

In his final remarks, the president answered the question on the possibility of the failure of the upcoming US Foreign Secretary Powell Collin's visit to the region by saying, "I hope that Arab leaders will discuss the issue and realize the danger in the current situation and must meet to make a new joint stand once Powell's mission does not succeed."

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U.S. troops find enhanced Afghan caves, little else

BAGRAM AIR BASE, Afghanistan, April 6 (Reuters) - Sunburned and grubby after six days in the mountains of eastern Afghanistan, soldiers from 101st Airborne Division were all smiles on Saturday as they returned from sweeping reinforced al-Qaeda caves.

"It was a good mission - we brought everybody back," said one burly American infantryman as about 200 of his buddies dropped their heavy packs and weapons on the parched ground of the main coalition base at Bagram. "We found some stuff."

Soldiers reported seeing enhanced rooms with steel ceilings and concrete floors in some of the 15 caves they searched.

Ammunition was destroyed and some documents found, but little real hardware.

About 500 men of "Rakkasan" battalion and a group of Afghan allies did not encounter any rebel fighters or fire around Zawar Khili, about 35 km (20 miles) southwest of the city of Khost.

The rugged border area had been heavily bombed by U.S. planes and searched by special forces for al Qaeda and Taliban fighters who fled the U.S.-led "Operation Anaconda" around the nearby Shahi Kot Valley.

"You can bomb it and destroy things... But that's to go in and actually look through it, to search through the evidence."

U.S. military spokesman Major Bryan Hilferty told reporters at Bagram Air Base, just north of Kabul, later on Saturday.

"Some documents, but I'm not going to talk about specifics. Almost anything we find is of some use."

The U.S. troops supplied local villagers with 5,000 lb (2,270 kg) of wheat and 100 blankets, Hilferty said. SEVERAL ROOMS



MEMBERS OF THE 1ST BATTALION 187TH INFANTRY WALK TOWARDS HANGAR IN BAGRAM Airbase April 6, 2002. The battalion had just completed a mission in eastern Afghanistan near the Pakistani border searching caves.

"It wasn't Anaconda, let's put it that way," said one news photographer who accompanied the 101st Airborne teams during the entire mountain mission.

Capt Lou Bauer said two of the caves were "quite elaborate".

"There were several rooms," he told reporters. "One appeared to be a jail."

The six-day search "didn't find any-

thing, just a load of rounds", one private told Reuters on the helicopter trip back to Bagram.

He described "big, long caves that intersect for about one to two miles" and said the munitions haul included rocket-propelled grenades, ammunition and mortar rounds.

Other "sensitive site exploitations"

have had about the same luck, but some yield rocket launchers, anti-tank weapons, heavy machineguns and thousands of rounds.

Sensitive documents and other evidence about the activities of al Qaeda, its leader Osama bin Laden and senior Taliban officials have also been discovered, coalition officials say.

Indonesian govt, GAM to resume talks this month

JAKARTA, April 6 (Xinhua) — The Indonesian government and the separatist Free Aceh Movement (GAM) are scheduled to hold further talks in Geneva, Switzerland later in April.

This was stated by GAM spokesman Tgk. Sofyan Ibrahim Tiba in Banda Aceh, capital of Aceh province, on Saturday.

He was quoted by the Antara News Agency as saying that the dialogue would be a follow-up on previous talks held on February 2, also in Geneva.

However, GAM negotiators have yet to receive a formal invitation for the talks, except an informal notification from the Henry Dunant Center, the facilitator of the talks, he said.

Tiba said all of GAM's negotiators would attend the dialogue.

At the talks, the two camps are expected to discuss efforts to restore security in troubled Aceh and the implementation of special autonomy for the province under the law on Nanggroe Aceh Darussalam.

The dialogue between the Indonesian central government and GAM has been conducted since 2000. However, there was no sign that the conflict between the two sides will end soon.

GAM has been fighting to set up an independent state in the country's westernmost province for almost three decades, but the government has ruled out independence for the province. About 10,000 people have reportedly been killed in the Aceh conflict.

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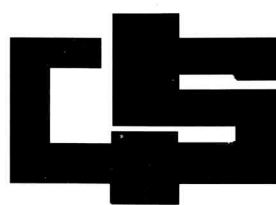
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Zimbabwe police crack down on protesters

HARARE, April 6 (Reuters) - Zimbabwean police quashed protests for a new constitution and arrested more than 50 demonstrators in the country's main cities on Saturday, organisers of the banned marches said.

Eyewitnesses in Harare said some protesters were beaten as riot police swarmed on a group trying to join the march and National Constitutional Assembly (NCA) spokesman Douglas Mwonozora said the group's chairman Lovemore Madhuku was among about 30 people arrested in the capital.

"At least 15 people have also been picked up in Bulawayo, four in Gweru and seven in Mutare. Madhuku is still in police custody but has not been charged," Mwonozora told Reuters.

"The demonstrations are over for today, the next ones will be on Independence Day," he added. "The demonstration did not succeed in the scale to which we wanted it to be because of intimidation." Zimbabwe will mark 22 years of independence from Britain on April 18. Saturday's protests were the country's first major demonstrations since President Robert Mugabe was re-elected last month in a poll Western countries and the opposition Movement for Democratic Change (MDC) condemned as fraudulent.

Police were not immediately available for comment. Zimbabwe introduced tough new security laws this year banning public protests and gatherings without police approval. Penalties range from fines to a year in prison.

On Saturday, Harare's magistrate court also remanded on bail 370 women arrested on Thursday for holding what the police said was an unauthorised meeting.

The bedraggled women arrived at court in several truckloads, some pregnant and others with crying babies strapped to their backs. They were remanded on \$500 bail each to April 26.

"They have been advised of the charges against them (which) are contravening sections of the Public Order and Security Act — organising a meeting to prepare for a demonstration and holding a demonstration that had been banned," their lawyer Alec Muchadehama told Reuters. The NCA, a coalition of student and church groups, political parties and human rights organisations, wants a new constitution to replace laws critics say entrench Mugabe's rule. They say deeply rooted flaws in the current constitu-



ARRESTED YWCA WOMEN ARRIVE AT COURT
The first truckload of a group of 344 Young Women's Christian Association (YWCA) members arrive at the Harare Magistrates Court April 6, 2002.

tion make it impossible to hold free and fair elections in Zimbabwe, including the March 9-11 election and, after Mugabe's victory, vowed to continue protests until the constitution was changed.

"The situation today shows how the ZANU-PF government is going to treat its citizens in this country. This country has been transformed into a military state, there is no democracy, there is no freedom of expression, there is no freedom of association and assembly," said Mwonozora. "But as the NCA were are going to keep up pressure to have the new constitution in place. The events such as today do fortify our argument for a new constitution in this country.

This demonstration is just a start." Mugabe

has amended the constitution 16 times since assuming power at independence from Britain in 1980, in what are seen as attempts to tighten his grip on power.

On Friday, he ruled out rerunning the election, as demanded by MDC leader Morgan Tsvangirai, and warned he would not brook any challenge to his authority.

Nigerian and South African envoys met Mugabe's ruling ZANU-PF party and the MDC this week to map out an agenda for talks between the two rivals.

But Tsvangirai, who calls Mugabe's victory daylight robbery, has said he will discuss nothing but fresh elections.

Canadian PM calls for more investments in Africa

LAGOS, April 5 (Xinhua) — Visiting Canadian Prime Minister Jean Chretien Friday called on the developed countries to invest more in Africa to help the continent out of the economic plight.

Chretien made the call in Nigeria's capital Abuja when he held a joint press conference with his host President Olusegun Obasanjo at the end of their bilateral talks.

The Canadian leader said it is the right thing to do to help Africa out of its current economic problems because when there are less poor people on the African continent, Canada and other western countries can sell more of their products.

However, he stressed that for investors to come to the continent, there must be peace, security and democracy.

"When there is peace and stability, investors will be assured that their investments would be safe and this will help reduce poverty on the continent," Chretien said.

Lamenting that most poverty reduction programs on the continent have not been successful, he pointed out that only providing aid to Africa will not solve its problems.

Chretien said Canada had set aside 500 million U.S. dollars to support the objectives of the New Partnership for African Development (NEPAD) under the aegis of G8 African Action Plan.

Describing Canada as a strong supporter for the NEPAD initiative, Chretien said that at the June Summit of the G8 nations taking place in the northern American country, the

developed nations will discuss the program and move fast to support it.

In his response, Obasanjo said the NEPAD was entirely designed by Africans themselves and is different from other programs imposed from outside.

"Such programs imposed from outside have always failed because they were designed by outsiders. NEPAD was designed by Africans themselves taking into consideration the problems of the continent," he said.

Earlier on Friday, both leaders held talks on the action plans of the NEPAD before joining the presidents of Cote d'Ivoire, Sierra Leone and Benin and the vice president of Ghana to discuss

Africa's expectations from the annual G8 summit.

The NEPAD, a new African development initiative which modeled on the United States Marshall Plan for Europe after World War Two, was spearheaded by President Obasanjo, Thabo Mbeki of South Africa, Abdullaziz Bouteflika of Algeria and Abdoulaye Wade of Senegal.

Chretien arrived in Abuja on Thursday night on a three-day official visit to Nigeria as part of his tour of seven African countries to meet leaders in preparation for the G8 Summit, which will focus on an African Action Plan supporting the NEPAD.

Before visiting Nigeria, Chretien has toured Morocco and Algeria. He will also visit South Africa, Mozambique, Ethiopia and Senegal.

Nine bodies found after Libyan ship sinks

ALGIERS, April 6 (Reuters) - Rescue teams have recovered the bodies of nine sailors from a Libyan ship that sank in the Mediterranean and they are searching off the Algerian coast for 16 crew still missing, an Algerian official said on Saturday.

"We found five bodies this morning (Saturday) following the discovery of four bodies yesterday," a senior official at the Algerian coast guard said.

The Jawgal, carrying 7,700 tonnes of flour, was on its way to Tripoli in Libya from the Moroccan port of Casablanca when it

sank in bad weather on Thursday.

The ship was 20 miles off the coast from Skikda, 340 km (210 miles) east of Algiers, when it sank with 34 crew on board. Nine sailors who were found alive and have returned home to Libya, according to an official at the Libyan state-run Maritime Transport Company.

The Algerian official said three ships and a helicopter were still searching the area. "The weather is nice today, making our search work easier. Friday was very difficult because of a storm on the sea," he said.

Uganda's high fertility rate killing government projects: minister

KAMPALA, April 6 (Xinhua) — Ugandan Finance Minister Gerald Sendaula has warned that high fertility rate in the country is affecting government's ability to equitably distribute resources, the Monitor newspaper reported on Saturday.

"As we intensify the struggle for the eradication of poverty, people are producing many children, creating over population and reducing on the available economic resources," Sendaula said while launching the National Vanilla Promotion 2002 at southern Mpigi district on Wednesday.

He said that "the government recognizes the fact that poverty is existent, but the burden of a big, and relatively unproductive population is overwhelming and could mean that poverty will never be eliminated."

He appealed to local people to use condoms for family planning and prevention of sexually transmitted infections.

According to the 2002 Women of Our World report by the U.S.-based Population Reference Bureau, Uganda has the fifth highest fertility rate in the world, which stands at 6.9 percent.

Somali warlords reject newly formed government

ADDIS ABABA, April 6 (Reuters) - A group of Somali militia chiefs rejected a new regional government on Saturday and accused its president of trying to wreck reconciliation efforts among the country's many armed factions.

On Monday, some warlords from the Somali Reconciliation and Restoration Council (SRRC) — a loose coalition opposed to the fragile government in Mogadishu — said they were setting up the new government called the Southwestern Regional Government, naming Hassan Mohamed Nur Shatigudud as president. The region was the third in Somalia to declare its autonomy.

But other SRRC militia chiefs based in Addis Ababa said on Saturday that Monday's declaration was null and void.

Aden Abdullahi Nur Gabayo, an SRRC co-chairman, told Reuters Shatigudud did not represent the will of the people in many parts of the region, saying he aimed to "impose his administration upon" them.

"Shatigudud may claim to represent only parts of Baidoa and Bakol. He has no control whatsoever over the other regions of Gedeo, Middle Juba, Lower Juba and Lower Shebelle which he unashamedly claims to represent," he added.

Gabyo, who was accompanied by another SRRC leader Hussein Aideed, said Shatigudud's move to divide Somalia further was designed to frustrate peace talks scheduled for Kenya's capital Nairobi in the next few weeks.

"The so-called declaration of government in southwest Somalia is a conspiracy aimed at sabotaging the forthcoming conference of national reconciliation and peace in Nairobi," he said.

He said the international community should not recognise the formation of such a government which would "further divide the unity (and) territorial integrity of the Somali nation".

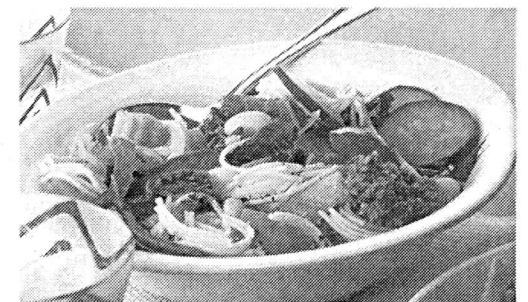
Somali has been without central government since the 1991 overthrow of military dictator Mohamed Siad Barre.

A transitional government set up in August 2000, is based in Mogadishu but controls only parts of the capital and pockets of the rest of the country.

Puntland in the north and Somaliland in the northwest declared their independence from the rest of Somalia in 1998 and 1991 respectively. Neither is recognised by the international community.

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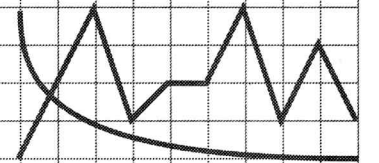
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In Brief

Yemeni Airlines partnership renewed

Yemeni - Saudi Airlines has renewed its partnership, giving 51 percent ownership to the Saudi side and 49 percent for the Yemeni side.

WB supports Women Societies, coastal projects

The World Bank delegation has conducted studies to finance the Yemeni Women societies for the year 2003.

The WB is going to provide the essential services for governmental and non-governmental organizations and develop projects in coastal cities with a view of providing new job opportunities for the unemployed and improving the investment atmosphere in the country.

Yemeni economy indicators

The Cabinet has discussed Yemen's most recent economic indicators after a report was presented to the Central Bank of Yemen. It related to the Yemeni economy following the September 11 terrorist attacks against the US.

The non-oil local production has reached 4.7% of GDP.

Cabinet is also concentrating on legal procedures to protect banks and people from frauds.

It has approved a policy to assess financial and economic institutions every two years.

Completion of IWE infrastructure

The infrastructure of the AFZ Industrial & Warehousing Estate (IWE) was completed in last October. Operation in the estate is now prepared for establishing investment projects, as reported by Adnan Al-Kaff, the Director (Corporate Appoints) at Yeminvest to Al-Fanar Bulletin.

He pointed out that the official opening shall be made soon in coordination with the leadership of the Free Zone Public Authority. The ceremony will be appropriate to the Estate location significance for attracting investment.

Adnan Al-Kaff called on investors

who have signed contracts with Yeminvest to start the process of constructing industries, warehousing and investment project that can be implemented at present. Regarding Yeminvest activity in shipping business of Aden Container Terminal (ACT), he said: "Yeminvest has signed contracts with some new shipping companies, such as UNI Glory Co. & Coscon for Shipping, thus, opening two new shipping lines, in addition to some new shipping services being extended to APL and PEL so as to increase the number of containers handled at Act, thus reducing shipping costs.

Al-Kaff pointed out to the increasing number of vessels and containers coming to the Terminal. Number of vessels arrived during last year, 2001 reached 856 while the number for the year 2000 was 590 vessels only. Numbers of containers coming to the Terminal during last year, 2001 amounted to 377,367, while the number for the year 2000 was 247,913. The figures above are a proof of the ever increasing giant container vessels choosing ACT as their preferred Terminal due to better facilities and services they received and the distinguished geographical location among world ports.

He clarified that the Terminal has not been operated up to its maximum capacity. Still there are potentials have not been tapped yet - more containers and more vessels can be accommodated. It is anticipated that a new crane will arrive in February this year as a fifth giant crane operating at ACT. This will help in speeding up container handling and accommodation process. As to the issue of ACT expansion to increase its shipping business, he affirmed that the remaining stages shall be duly implemented when viability is secured or the business at ACT reaches its maximum capacity.

Exchange Rate for the Yemeni Rial as of April 6

Curr.	Buying	Selling
USD	173.96	174.17
GBP	249.65	249.95
EUR	152.12	153.30
SAR	46.39	46.44
KWD	566.36	567.04
AED	47.36	47.42
EGP	37.51	37.56
BHD	461.02	461.57
QAR	47.78	47.83
JOD	245.36	245.66
OMR	451.87	452.41
CHF	104.81	104.93
SEK	16.89	16.91
JPY	1.313897	1.315483

Source: Central Bank of Yemen

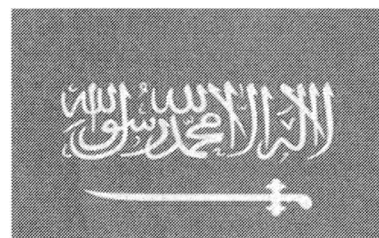
Yemeni-Saudi relations moving ahead

It's anticipated that more trade and closer relations between Saudi Arabia and Yemen will continue as more talks between officials from the two countries are about to get underway.

The Joint preparatory Yemeni-Saudi Committee will hold its next meetings on April 30. Issues include bilateral cooperation and boosting trade and investment, agreements that are expected to then be approved in June, during further meetings the Saudi capital Riyadh.

Previous work on the committee has resulted the Jeddah border treaty of in June, 2000.

The meetings of the Yemeni Saudi Coordination Council also came after Yemen got a loan totaling USD 300



million to finance infrastructure projects.

Yemen is also getting gradual access to some of the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) institutions.

That's part of the strengthening relations Yemen has in the Gulf, particularly with Saudi.

Yemen and Saudi have recently signed draft agreement to develop more trade between the two countries.

countries.

Businessmen of the two countries say they look forward to decisions to help the private sector with joint ventures in the Aden Free Zone, tourism sector and small enterprise.

The Yemeni-Saudi Coordination Council is expected to outline new concepts for enhancing partnership between the two countries in the upcoming meetings to be held in Riyadh. Figures show that Saudi investments in Yemen are estimated at USD 800 million. Yemen's private sector is in part in these investments.

Yemen is also hopeful that its improved relations with Saudi will help it receive financial aid to fight low-income, unemployment and poverty.

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New national strategy on women

Statistics show that 65 percent of the agricultural activities in the countryside are performed by women.

With the aim of understanding women's role in society and enhancing partnership between the men and women, the Central Organization for Statistics organized a workshop in Sana'a last week.

The workshop also dealt with the relations between woman and the environment.

The workshop focused on five topics pertaining to women, water resources, soil and plantation, women and work environment, biodiversity, and women and energy.

The concepts of these topics are indicative of the significance of women's role in society and economic activities.

Participants discussed a strategy to form a systematic national vision based on activating the role of women



in all sectors of economy with the view of achieving a full social and sustainable partnership, especially in rural areas.

The workshop outlined some mechanisms and programs that will form the

guidelines of the national strategy of women and linking their activities with sustainable development plans.

Working out the legal and organizational infrastructure has been prioritized by the strategy due to their significance in empowering women in the society. This will actually require carrying out awareness field campaigns in order to familiarize women with their new activities.

The Department of Women & Environment at the Environment Protection Authority played a major role in strengthening contact with the related departments and coordinating efforts to raise awareness of preserving the environment.

Yemeni women contribute alot to the national economy as well as running the home economy. Their contribution in running handicraft and agricultural activities is also of great importance.

Still are Yemeni women lacking educational plans for eradicating women illiteracy which totals 70 percent of the total number of women.

Imparting knowledge and skills to muralists in domains of soil preservation and other agriculture related education will undoubtedly help in developing both national economy and women's status in the society.

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1. The Ministry of Higher Education & Scientific Research invites sealed bids from the experienced bidders for the provision of the Sana'a University Campus Network Electronic System. The present bid is issued with an objective to build the IT infrastructure at the Sana'a University Campus. The IT infrastructure shall include the following:

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- Training of networks administrations and users.

The total duration of the project is (27) weeks and only experienced bidders in this field will be post-qualified for the assignment. The post-qualification criteria are detailed in the Bidding Documents.

2. Bidding will be conducted through the international competitive bidding procedures.
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VACANCIES

Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research

1) Project Technical Coordinator Higher Education Project

The Project Technical Coordinator will work under the supervision of the Vice-Minister of Higher Education and Scientific Research. He/she will assist and supplement the Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research and universities for the Project execution. The Technical Coordinator will coordinate activities implemented by two universities and will be the principle agent for collecting, consolidating and analyzing reports issued by the entities served by the Credit. In addition to that he/she will be responsible for preparing and issuing the monitoring and evaluation data and reports.

Main functions of the Project Technical Coordinator will be as follows: -

1. Helping the Minister and Vice-Minister in supervising the effective implementation of the Higher Education Project (HEP).
2. Coordinating the implementation of the HEP components at the Ministry and university level (in both Sana'a and Aden University).
3. Collecting and reviewing implementation progress reports from universities and the Ministry and prepare technical progress reports on a semi-annual basis.
4. Supervising consolidated annual work plans and budget for Steering Committee review and approval.
5. Preparing and issuing monitoring and evaluation data and reports.

Qualifications:

- Minimum of 8 years experience of work in the Higher Education Sector.
- Knowledge of international experiences in Higher Education reform.
- Proficiency in both Arabic and English languages is a must.
- Familiarity with computers, accounting and other software applications.
- A readiness to work flexibly as part of a team.

2) Project Accountant Higher Education Project

General Functional Areas of the Project Accountant

Under the supervision of the project's Financial Management Specialist, the accountant will be in charge of recording of all financial transactions, keeping the supporting documents, preparing the financial reports of the project as required by the government regulations and Development Credit Agreement, preparing annual and interim project's financial statements to reflect the financial position of the project for auditing purposes.

1. Collect and file all supporting documentation on all financial transactions of the project under the Higher Education Project (HEP) management.
2. Record on a daily basis all the financial transactions after ensuring that they have been properly authorized and in accordance with the budget and the HEP procedures of internal control.
3. Prepare bank reconciliation between the bank's account and the Special Account (SA) withdrawals, on a monthly basis to reflect the monthly receipts and disbursements from the SA.
4. Prepare quarterly project financial statements under HEP direct management, and liaise with the procurement officer, to include procurement quarterly results and the project's physical progress of activities as measured by the project's indicators. Based on the above, prepare the Project Financial Management Report (FMR) to be submitted to the SC and then to the Bank.
5. Prepare the credit withdrawal applications with supporting documentation and submit it to the HEP Coordinator for approval and then submission to IDA for replenishment of funds as needed.
6. Assist the external auditors in performing their annual audit of the project by providing necessary documentation, written procedures, and annual financial statements.
7. Any other tasks as required by the project financial management specialist.

Qualifications

- A minimum of five years of private sector accounting experience preferably with an auditing or accounting firm.
- A minimum of a Bachelor's degree in accounting or auditing.
- A good knowledge and use of the generally accepted accounting principles.
- The ability to operate accounting software, keep updated accounting records and books of accounts, and generate project's financial statements and other reports as needed by the project management.
- Proficiency in both Arabic and English.

3) Procurement Officer

Under the general direction of the Financial Management Specialist, the Procurement Specialist will be responsible for: -

- Developing and maintaining well-defined tools to manage and track procurement activities.
- Assisting in the procurement of all works, equipment, furniture, materials and services for the project.
- Updating the Project Procurement Plan for each year ensuring that project facilities are ready to receive the goods, and that the required funds (including counterpart) are included in the budget to cover CIF, delivery to the site, customs clearance,

installation and testing costs (if needed).

- Itemizing and listing all goods required for the Project, showing the specifications and the estimated unit and total costs of each item, arranging for the index coding and numbering of each item for identification and inventory with the project facilities for which it is required.
- Grouping goods in packages, to the extent possible, by main product group (package) and sub-product groups (lots within the package) to permit bulk procurement (and ease of evaluation) consistent with sound technical and procurement practices.
- Determining the procurement method to be used based on the size of the package as determined by the grouping of items for International Competitive Bidding (ICB), National Competitive Bidding (NCB), International Shopping (IS) and Local Shopping (LS).
- Drafting bid notices and bidding documents for inviting and obtaining bids in accordance with World Bank Guidelines for Procurement of Works and Goods, and for the Selection of Consultants.
- Assisting in establishing procedures for receiving and opening of bids, ensuring adherence to the evaluation criteria stipulated in the bidding documents in a professional and timely manner.
- Recording the deliberations of all procurement processes, bid openings, evaluations, and decisions of the evaluation committees.
- Assisting relevant department in inspecting and receiving goods to ensure compliance of specifications and quantities with the purchase orders, as needed.
- Arranging for the safe custody and proper delivery of goods to the Project facilities, and installation in accordance with the target dates in the implementation schedules, and
- Participating in the preparation of periodic progress reports for the Government and IDA.

Qualifications

- A minimum of Bachelor's degree in engineering, business and administration, or related fields;
- At least 10 years experience in managing civil works activities, procurement of goods and consultation services;
- Familiarity with Government and IDA procurement procedures and guidelines is a plus, and
- Proficiency in Arabic and English essential.

4. Financial Management Officer

General Functional Areas of the Project Financial Management Officer

The Project Financial Management Officer will work within the Financial Affairs department and under his supervision will head the financial management function for the IDA credit and supervise the work of the accountants assigned to work on the credit's accounts. He/she will ensure that a proper financial management system is in place, with appropriate internal control and records and books of accounts; that these are reliable, timely, and in accordance with the generally acceptable accounting principles and government regulations; and that other reports as needed are maintained and prepared on a timely basis, communicated to the appropriate users and properly filed at the CMT.

The Project Financial Management Officer's basic functions will be as follows: -

1. The installation and supervision of all accounting records of the credit.
2. The preparation and interpretation of the financial statements and reports of the credit.
3. Insurance and review of the internal control system in the Financial Affairs Department for the credit. He/she will regularly review the internal control system to ensure those appropriate mechanisms, procedures and systems are in place.
4. The initiation, preparation and insurance of standard practices related to all accounting matters and procedures and the coordination of systems throughout the project, including clerical and office methods, records, reports and procedures.
5. The compilation of all project activities and the credit's operating costs.
6. The preparation and interpretation of all statistical records and reports of the credit.
7. The preparation of the budget of the project and consolidation of that of the total project in conjunction with the Head of the Financial Affairs Department, and other concerned parties, and government counterparts, reflecting an annual plan covering all activities of the project for review by the Vice-Minister of Higher Education, for submission to the Steering Committee for review and approval prior to the beginning of the fiscal year.
8. The maintenance of adequate records of authorized appropriations and the determination that all sums expended pursuant thereto are properly accounted for.
9. The ascertainment currently that financial transactions covered by minutes of the Steering Committee are properly executed and recorded.
10. The maintenance of adequate records of all procurement and consultants' contracts.
11. The verification of payments, to ensure that the expenditures have been properly authorized and approved and that it has been budgeted for as per budget and/or as authorized from time to time by the Steering Committee.
12. The verification on a regular basis of the petty cash expenditures to ensure that these are properly authorized and recorded with all supporting documents.
13. Manage the cash balances to ensure the efficient use of funds. Work with the Head of the Financial Affairs Department on the prudent cash management to ensure maximum return as permitted by the Bank and government regulations.

Qualifications

- A minimum of seven years of private sector financial management experience preferably with an auditing or accounting firm.
- A minimum of a Master's degree in financial management, accounting or auditing, with an understanding of procurement.
- The ability to translate planned activities into concrete budgets and establish standard unit costs and report on and analyze them for the purpose of recommending improvements in operations.
- Proficiency in both Arabic and English is a must.
- The ability to supervise accounting and other financial functions and report financial information usable to the various stakeholders, government, Bank and auditors.
- The ability to supervise accounting works and motivates others to achieve positive actions and results.
- Familiarity with computers, accounting and other software applications.

Please mention which position you are interested in.

All applications along with a detailed resume should be submitted by April 15, 2002 to the following address:

**Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research
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Sana'a.**

An Israeli view from Arafat's compound

By: Neta Golan and Ian Urbina

It is not Israeli actions which have surprised the international peace observers currently holed up within Arafat's presidential compound. It is the inaction of the international community that most shocks us. Inside the pock-marked building surrounded by Israeli tanks and snipers, there is one question on everyone's mind: how many international laws does Israel need to break before the UN demands a full and immediate withdrawal?

The list of violations is reaching unprecedented levels, even for a conflict with a long history of ugly behavior on both sides. International law absolutely forbids the building of the settlements, but 34 new settlements have been constructed in this year alone. Collective punishment is illegal. But Israel has now escalated from interrupting food shipments to completely shutting off water to the Palestinian city of Ramallah, endangering the lives of 120,000 people. The shelling of innocuous Palestinian civilian structures such as power plants, schools, and sewage facilities, is occurring at an alarming rate. Unarmed civilians are being killed practically on a daily basis.

There are also growing reports of Israeli troops raiding hospitals and firing on ambulances and journalists. These are grave breaches of international convention. The recent experience of American newspaper correspondent, Anthony Shadid, is hardly uncommon. First, he was shot while in a zone under full Israeli control. The area was quiet and there was no cross-fire in which to be caught. Shadid was wearing the required signs on his back and front indicating that he was with the official press as he walked away from an interview in our building. Soon after Shadid arrived to the hospital, Israeli troops raided it with machine guns drawn. He was subsequently transferred for further medical treat-



Reuters

ment, and his ambulance came under fire by Israeli soldiers manning a checkpoint.

Israel is making a mockery of the Fourth Geneva Convention, the founding legal document of international human rights law, and by its tacit acceptance, the UN is severely eroding its credibility in the region and beyond.

Those of us inside the presidential compound need help desperately. But not half as much as those on the outside who are facing the full brunt of the mass round-ups and house-to-house raids. The situation can not deteriorate much further. Medical supplies have run out. Food is scarce.

Pressure from abroad is essential, even when only on a person-by-person basis. Boycotts and letter writing work. The presence of international "human shields" throughout the Occupied Territories has been very important in limiting the indiscriminate nature of Israeli military actions. But nothing short of a UN demand for a full withdrawal to the 1967 UN recognized borders will succeed in restoring calm and opening the way for peace negotiations. Only then can there be discussion of the status of Jerusalem and the Palestinian refugees. Simply pulling the troops out of the recently invaded

regions will not suffice.

It is not just the Palestinians and foreigners within the compound who have been calling for a full withdrawal. Even sectors within the Israeli military have put forward this option as the only chance for peace and security for the Israeli people. In a formal "Letter of Refusal" to Sharon, several hundred Israeli soldiers, most with combat experience, advocated a full withdrawal and have stated their unwillingness to serve in the West Bank or Gaza Strip.

But Sharon does not want to listen. And in the meantime we in the compound are left, not without fear, wondering whether the international community will allow the permanent expansion of the already illegal occupation and the exile if not assassination of the Palestinian leader.

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SKETCHED OPINION



BY: SAMER A.

Palestinians in al-Baraddoni's eyes:

People who feed on death



By: Abdulaziz Ahmed Attobai

It's an interesting phenomena that persecution often leads to a strengthening of a people group. Indeed, the blood of martyrs is often the seeds of new growth and vitality.

As Palestinians have continued to suffer in the occupied territories, one can't help but wonder if this principle is not being carried out.

No day passes without hearing of Palestinians killed by Israeli military forces since the beginning of this second Intifadha in September 2000. Aggression against Palestinians has intensified even more these days, and since Sharon took power 13 months ago.

But it is not the first time

Palestinians have been subjected to such killing. They suffered massacres at other times since the declaration of the state of Israel in 1948, starting with Dar Yassin massacre, passing through Sabra and Shatila massacres, then in the first Intifadha in 1987 and now this one. Many lives have been lost.

Why are Palestinians still alive and even resisting, despite such oppression? Are they strong enough as a military power? Is Israel so weak that it cannot annihilate such an unarmed people?

The late writer and poet Abdullah al-Baraddoni brings us an answer from nature. He believes that power is not the only reason behind the existence of anyone. Many wild animals and monsters could powerfully devour others have become extinct. It's only those that devour in self-defense that remain.

The same thing applies to political entities. A present example al-Baraddoni presents to is the aggression

Zionist has encountered in Europe by Nazism. Israel was created out of the ashes of being oppressed during the holocaust.

As Zionism was a victim of other's violence, it will be the victim of its violence on others and it will be definitely fall soon just like Nazism. Brutality has been used to try to uproot Palestinian people but it cannot. It can't even prevent this people from deepening their roots and standing tall in the face of storms.

Palestinian power, says al-Baraddoni, "is just like other revolutionary power. Trying to destroy such only makes them grow more, as if death were a skilled gardener."

That is really what is happening on the ground nowadays. The more Palestinians that are martyred, the more they show resistance and kill Israelis.

Ultimately, al-Baraddoni concludes, murderers will fade away while martyrs grow by martyrdom.

How to overthrow Ariel Sharon?

Patrick Seale
For The Daily Star

Without exception, all the senior Arabs I have spoken to at this week's Arab summit in Beirut agreed on one thing: Israel's Prime Minister Ariel Sharon is not a partner for peace. His long record as an Arab-killer rules him out as an acceptable interlocutor. They believe he has run out of options. No Arab leader wants to speak to him or deal with him. He is even losing American support. The time has come to bring him down.

The question is how

The Arabs are united on the end but divided on the means. They recognize that there can be no settlement of the Arab-Israeli conflict unless the Israelis themselves dismiss Sharon and the "Greater Israel" fanatics now in power, and elect a government prepared to make peace. But how can this radical change in Israeli thinking and voting patterns be brought about?

Some Arabs believe it can be done by peaceful means, others in contrast argue that the intifada must become still more violent to teach the Israelis that Sharon's brutal attempt to break the Palestinian resistance cannot succeed and will only bring more pain and hardship to Israel itself. This is the great issue dividing Arab leaders and Arab public opinion. The Arab summit has endorsed Crown Prince Abdullah's courageous peace plan, which offers Israel peace and normal relations for a full withdrawal from territories occupied in 1967. Those who favor peaceful methods say this is the best way to sway Israeli opinion.

They describe the plan as an exercise in political public relations. By intervening in the internal Israeli debate, the Arabs are hoping to swing into the peace camp those Israelis at the center and center-right of the political spectrum.

They are especially targeting the many Israelis who have come to doubt that peace with their Arab neighbors is possible. It is felt that this is the only way to encourage the formation of a broad Israeli coalition for peace. Israelis have been traumatized by the suicide bombings. They want the violence to stop. The polls suggest that they are beginning to see that Sharon is leading them to disaster.

The Abdullah peace plan is not meant to be a negotiating document or to spell out detailed solutions to complex problems. That will have to come later. Its strength lies in its simplicity, in the personality and high reputation of its author, known for his probity and Arab nationalist sentiment, and in the fact that it is backed by the considerable religious, political and financial muscle of the Saudi kingdom, and represents the collective will of Arab governments.

It is hoped that the plan will be endorsed by the UN Security Council and win the backing of the international community. US President George W. Bush is expected to give it his strong personal support when Crown Prince Abdullah visits the Bush family ranch in Texas in April.

An unstoppable momentum will thus be created which, it is argued, will induce the Israeli Labor Party to quit Sharon's unity government, bringing about its downfall. At subsequent elections, Israelis will be confronted by a historic choice - whether to vote for a revived peace coalition, supported by

the entire international community, or for someone like Benjamin Netanyahu, a right-winger even more extreme than Sharon, who can offer them nothing but more blood and tears.

This is the optimistic scenario

There are many Arabs, however - mainly on the Arab street and among militant organizations like Hamas and Hizbullah - who contest this peace strategy. Israel, they argue, is not yet ready for peace; instead of talking normalization, this is the time to increase the physical and military pressure. They fear some Israelis might interpret the Arab peace plan as a sign of weakness. Instead of bringing down Sharon, it could rescue him from oblivion.

Such hard-liners believe that only painful blows, not peace plans, will bring Israel to the negotiating table. They argue that the Palestinians have nothing to lose, whereas Israel has a great deal to lose. Israelis are, therefore, more liable to crack than Palestinians.

Those who take this view say that the Israelis have not yet fully understood the true significance of the intifada, namely that Israel's security option has been defeated, while the Palestinian will to resist remains intact and strong. In other words, Yasser Arafat's high-risk policy of confronting Israel's military power has paid off.

When Sharon piled on the pressure, assassinating militants, besieging the civilian population, using F-16s and Apache helicopters against Palestinian institutions, smashing his way into refugee camps, the Israeli right believed the Palestinian Authority would crumble, lose control and collapse. This view was shared by some Arab governments and commentators, and by a good deal of Western opinion.

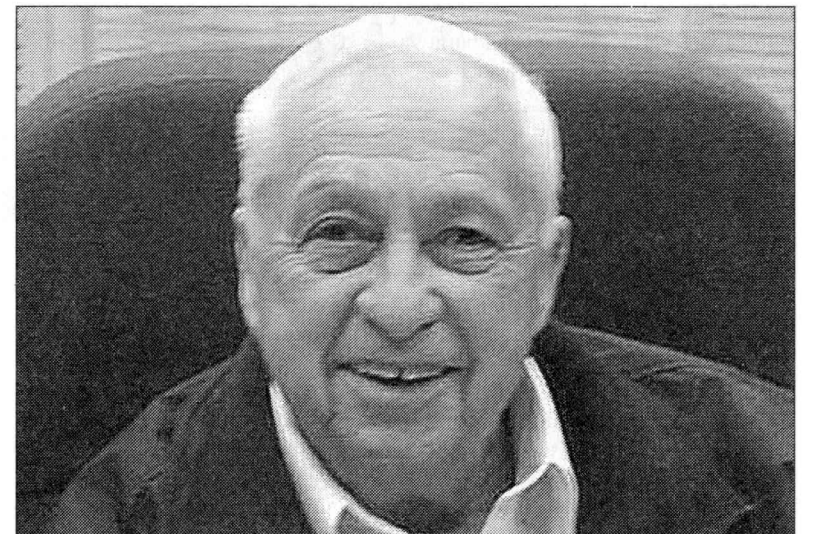
But, contrary to all expectations, in spite of terrible hardship and heavy loss of life, the Palestinians have stood firm and fought back. Today, hard-line Arab and Palestinian voices seem actually to welcome a last-ditch Israeli attempt to reoccupy all Palestinian sovereign areas and subdue the population by brute force. Stiff Palestinian armed resistance, they argue, will serve to convince Israelis once and for all that military force cannot bring them security. Observers on the ground report that the Palestinian mood is now extremely combative.

There is a further dimension to the argument. Just as the intifada has weakened the Israeli peace camp, so Sharon's repression of the past 12 months has convinced many young Arabs that peace with an aggressive Israel is not possible.

Sharon has destroyed the belief in peace of the generation of Arabs born after 1973, who had not known war, who had grown up in the expectation of peace, but who are today extremely militant. They will need a lot of convincing that coexistence with Israel is a viable option.

Even within the Arab peace camp there are those who fear that peace and normal relations might serve to confirm Israel's domination of the region. The establishment of diplomatic relations, the opening of embassies, the promotion of trade, tourism and joint projects, the movement of people and goods across frontiers - all these might show up Arab weakness and underline Israeli strength.

According to this view, no lasting peace with Israel is possible until the Arabs become stronger - militarily and economically - and can then rely on a balance of power to keep the peace and limit Israeli penetration of Arab society



Reuters

and economy.

The debate about what strategy to adopt has dominated discussions at the Arab summit and at the many bilateral meetings in the wings. How to force Sharon from office? How to bring to power a peace coalition in Israel? Should the Arabs use stick or carrot? A peace plan or enhanced intifada? A cease-fire or continued resistance? Would not a truce seem like submission? If Arab leaders are too conciliatory, might they not risk a rift with their own people, maddened and enraged by Israel's brutality?

In the meantime, the usual stresses and strains between Arab leaders surfaced in Beirut as they jockeyed for the limelight of the summit. Although all endorsed Crown Prince Abdullah's peace plan, some did so with less enthusiasm than others.

Citing domestic commitments, President Hosni Mubarak of Egypt decided not to attend but to send his prime minister instead. Some observers believe he was signaling his displeasure at not having been consulted before the plan was revealed to the world. Anxious as ever to affirm Egypt's regional leadership, he would no doubt have preferred Prince Abdullah to

launch his plan from Cairo.

In contrast, Jordan has been noticeably active in pushing the Saudi initiative. It is desperately anxious to stem the Israeli-Palestinian violence, which threatens to destabilize its own society. For unexplained reasons, however, Jordan's King Abdullah decided not to attend. Syria defended its usual hard-line position on full Israeli withdrawal to the June 4, 1967 borders and the right of Palestinian refugees to return to their homes, an issue which is also of prime concern to Lebanon which hosts some 300,000 refugees. There is, however, a general sense in the Arab world, reflected at the summit, that Sharon's days as prime minister are numbered. He has failed. He can neither move further to the right nor seek support on the left. In Israel, his standing at the polls is collapsing. He seems to be blundering about like a wounded bull.

Yet every Arab leader knows that Sharon is a gambler. When cornered, he could be extremely dangerous. Rather than leaving the scene quietly, he might, as so often in his career, lash out against his Arab enemies in pursuit of some geostrategic fantasy. Beirut knows from bitter experience just how insanely destructive Sharon can be.

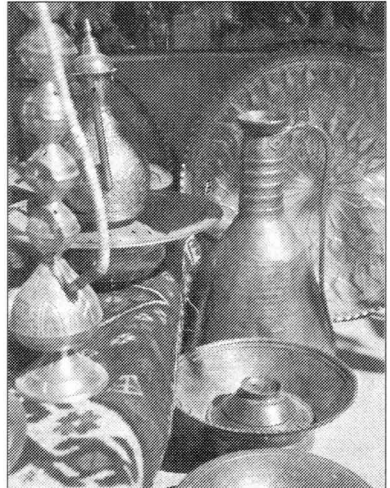
Basrah: Venice of the Orient



By: Sa'ad Sharif
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Anyone wishing to find out more about human history as it unfolded near the cradle of civilization, need not look further than Basrah, an ancient world city that's in Iraq.

Basrah, the second biggest governorate in Iraq, is 600 km south of the capital of Baghdad, where the two great rivers the Tigris and the Euphrates meet at Qurna to form the shatt-el-Arab, which in turn flows into the Arabian Gulf in Fao.



Its area is 20750 square kilometers and its population is about three million. The weather is cold and rainy in the winter, and hot and humid in summer.

Basrah's history

When Islamic armies set out of the Arab peninsula to A.H., led by Otbo bin Ghazwan, they reached the region of recent Basrah where they camped.

A message was sent to the caliph saying "We have arrived at a white flabby land." It is a Basrian land was the reply. So it was called Basrah.

Soon a large mosque and ruling house were built, in addition to a prison and a bath for princes. Tents were put around them, and later houses of mud bricks and stones were built, forming three quarters Tameem, Huthail and Ojman.

During the Amawid and Abbasid eras, Basrah became great in terms of its buildings, palaces, gardens, markets and rice views. But they were all burnt by Mohammed bin Ali, the leader of

the Negroes in 255 A.H.

It was largely rebuilt with new palaces and houses, but was subsequently destroyed again. Ibn Battota, a great Arab traveler, visited it and described its late people as "subsidized nation."

During the Ottoman era it was raised and developed again, and recently abdul-Razzaq al-Hassani described it as "a great city with wide streets and gardens where marine and desert landscapes meet, (i.e.) ships horns mixed with camel voices in a way that no poet or a painter can describe."

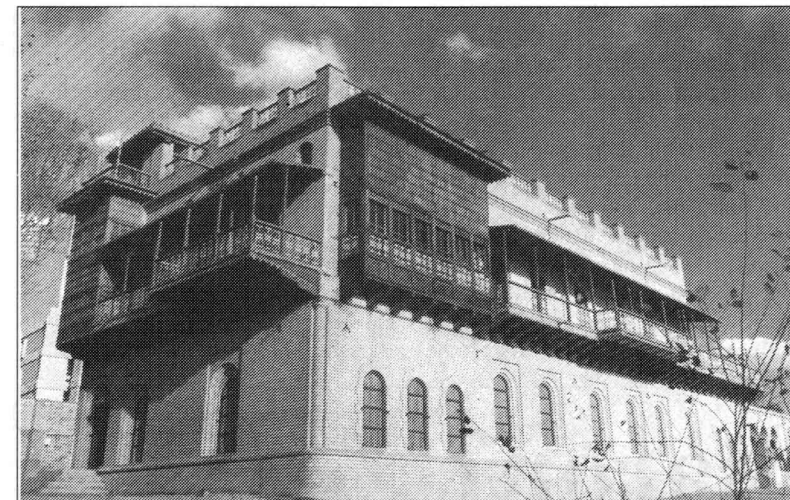
Culture

Since the first century, A.H. Basrah became a center of great religious and intellectual activities. Grammarian



schools were quite popular. Scholars who were learned in Arab and human civilization like al-Jahidh, al-Duwali, al-Farahidi, al-Hassan al-Basri and lately Badr Shakir Assayab were in Basrah.

One also can't ignore Mirbed, which became a center for the great linguistic school of Basrians during the Amawid



era. Historians say different Arab poets, literary men and thinkers would come to meet there to compete and show their abilities. Each tribe presented its poetry, history and important figures.

In Marbed, large cultural conferences were held, as they were in Okadh Market during the pre-Islamic period.

In the first Abbasid era, Mirbed was famous for its palaces, parks and markets. Mohammed al-Abbasi's palace was the most well-known among them.

The owner has noted, "Iraq is the eye of the universe, Basrah is the eye of Iraq. Mirbed is the eye of Asrah and my palace is the eye of Mirbed."

Good for tourists

Modern Basrah is liked by tourists because of its groves date plans, nice weather, cultural centers, hotels, restaurants, statues, halls and popular markets.

In addition, it has an attractive airport railway station and there are attractive views at shattoel-Arab, where hundreds of boats wait to take tourists for river tours.

Basrah also has one thousand canals for which it is called Venice of the Orient, and it's also well-known for its oriental balconies and old fashioned windows called "Shanashil."

In Basrah there are many municipalities like Fao, famous for its port and ships, Zubair, the religious city with shrines of Zubair ibn al-Awwam, Talha ibn Obeidullah, Anas ibn Malek, al-Hassan al-Basri and Ibn Sirin and Qurna, well-known for agriculture, marshes and Adam's Tree.

Finally, Basrah is proud of its large university with its many colleges and institutes, where scientific and cultural conferences are held, and thousands of its graduates share and develop Arab and human civilization.



Getting married in Al-Aroq style

Amal Bhalid al-Ariqi

In Yemen, because of its Islamic tradition, marriage is considered to be one of the most important actions in life. It's how humanity is continued on Earth.

There many customs and habits in Yemeni weddings, which vary depending on the village. Some parties are large. Others are small.

There are also different ways marriages are arranged.

The first way has the groom's mother chooses a girl for him.

The second way has the man chooses a girl and ask his mother to engage him with that girl. During the visit to the girls house, the groom's mother then expresses the desire saying "We would like to have your daughter to be a wife for my son."

The girl's mother asks for a week or more to think about it. It is considered shameful if the girl's family says yes immediately.

A third way has the bride's family agree on a meeting with the groom's

father and relatives with the bride's father and relatives. They meet to discuss and agree on a sum of money to be paid to bride's father.

This practice differs from place to place. Sometimes money is paid early and sometimes it's postponed to the night of the engagement.

Some money is paid before the wedding, some money is paid later. This money is called "moakher."

In case something goes wrong after wedding, that money is then paid back to the bride and her family and she returns to her father's house.

In al-Aroq country, weddings last four days. On the first day, the groom's father and relatives go to the bride's father taking with them cakes, sweets, qat and biscuits. This is called "colsah."

On this day the bride's father or others who are responsible for bride make contract with groom. Some families make contract a month or more from the wedding.

The bride's family has a small party and the groom gives his wife gold. In the evening, the bride will have flowers drawn on her hands and feet with

henna.

In front of both the groom's and bride's house a sheep is killed. Then a fire is made on the rooftops, and men shoot bullets into the air to celebrate.

On the second day of the wedding, called "al-dockalah," the groom's house makes a party with a large lunch of rice, meat, broth, aseed and salta. After lunch men take the groom to his roof where he wears traditional clothes with the jambiyya.

The bride's house makes a party in the afternoon, before the groom comes and takes the bride back to his house, where there are sweets biscuits given to guests.

On the third day, called "al-Sobhiyah" the bride and groom don't leave their house. In the afternoon the groom chews Qat with his family and friends, and the bride wears nice clothes while her friends come to congratulate her.

On the fourth day the bride's house sends a sheep and sweets to groom's house, and the bride's father and mother come to her daughter to have a lunch.

Yemeni folk dance

Mohammed al-Fakih

The folk heritage of Yemen is rich in several and various colors of the folk dances, many of which are still performed in several parts of Yemen. In fact, the ancient Yemenis considered dances a way of having fun and entertainment which could activate them during their hard work. The only musical instrumental they get used to use during dancing was a pipe made of the pipes of corns.

The dance, of course, does not mean moving the body, legs, and arms for the purpose of turning or wasting time but it does mean more than that. Firstly, it's a way by which a person can have lot of fun when the body, legs, and arms move according to the tones of the pipe or the folk music. Secondly, it is away by which the person can express his happiness or sadness.

There are two kinds of dances which are the rural dance and the urban dance.

The rural dance has a lot of types such as: the violence dance, mountain dance, five-person dance, and the



dance with animals like cows, camels horses, etc.

The women never take part in these dances.

The instruments used in such dances are the drum and the pipe. Most of these dances are still performed in most of the areas of Shabwa province especially Baihan and Nissab.

Among the dances that express war, hardship of life, boast, tribal enmities, and tribal comparisons is Albara which is still performed in most Yemeni areas and usually accompanied by folk songs called "Zawamel".

The urban dances are different from the rural dances because they are softer and performed in cities, and women don't take part in them.

Every kind of these dances is performed on special occasions, for example, there are dances which are performed during visiting the tombs of pious religion men {Al-Awlia Al-Saliheen}, and dances of farmers, fishermen, craftsmen, and other general dances of fun.

In addition, there is a dance in Hadramout and Shabwa called "Al-Miah" in which the dancer beats his feet in the ground or claps strongly by his strong hands or boasts his manhood when he is dancing kindly with a woman.

In Aden and Lahj, there are dances such as: "Al-zzar" and Al-Mazzaf which express the sub-

mission to the religious beliefs and myths.

In the dance "Al-zzar", devils and people are called and money is spent. Women and men do not perform this dance together. The dancer falls unconsciously during dancing, but "Al-Mazaf" is performing during visits to the tombs of the religious men.

There are three dances which are common and well-known throughout Yemen. These dances are sometimes a little different from an area to another.

1- Al-Zafeen: in this dance, the person should dance according to the tones of drums and guitar and should go forth and back many times. When he comes back, he should come back for about five meters. Then he should keep on going forth and back until the role is over.

The watchers should sit in the form of a circle or a square and there should be a wide space in the middle.

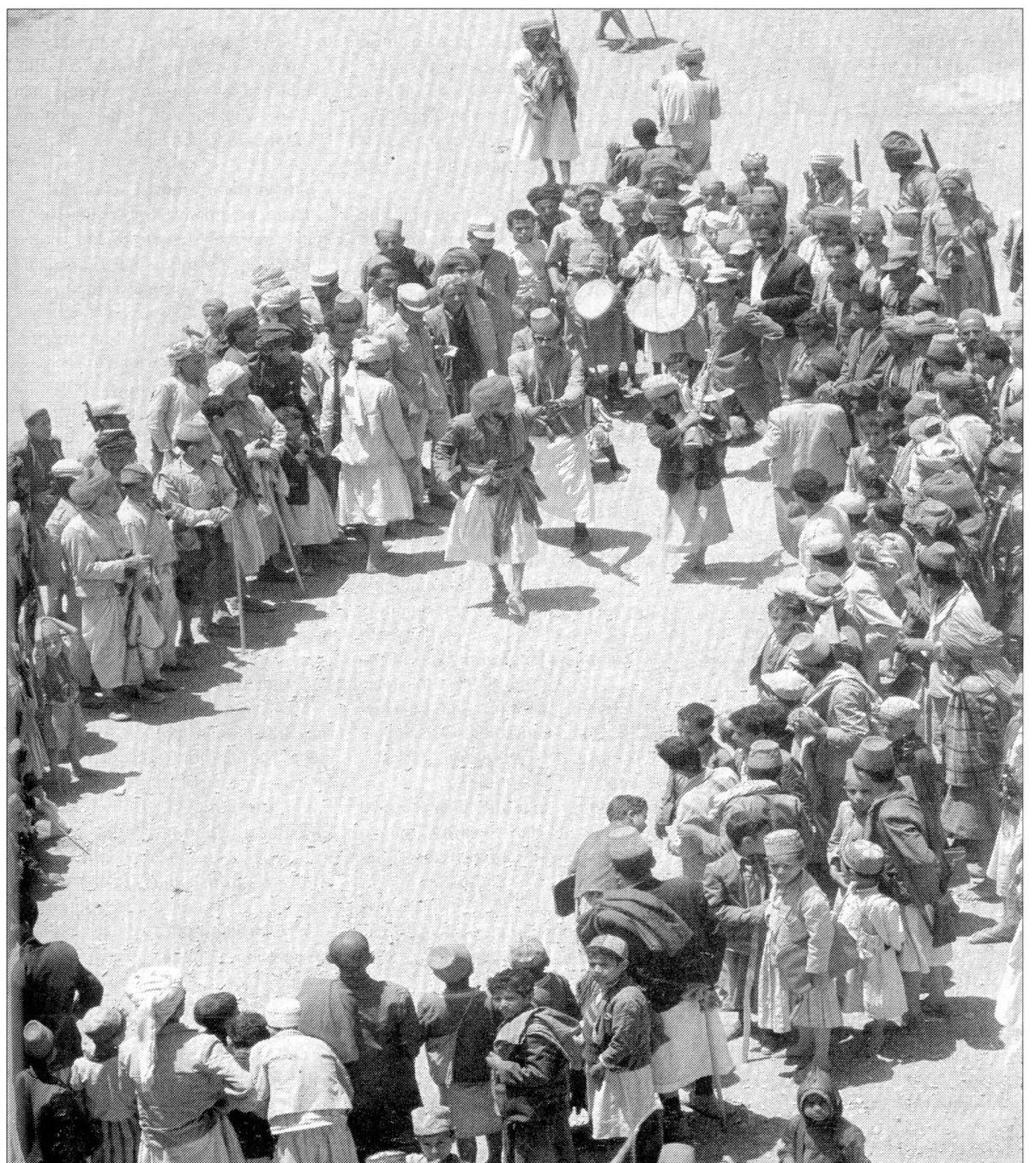
Women and men can take part in such dance.

2- Al-Sharh: in this dance, only one drum is used and the watchers stand in a big circle clapping according to the drum beats and singing very loudly. In the middle of the circle, two persons, one of them can be a woman, dance. Every one should hold the other's hand and dance face to face.

3-Al-Bara:

The watchers stand in the form of a wide circle. In the middle of this circle, two or four persons dance waving their daggers and turning many times.

This dance is usually accompanied by collective folk songs in order to encourage the dancers to dance.



World Health Day April 7th 2002

“Move for Health”



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With World Health Day around the corner, it's time for some people to think about improving their lifestyle.

And officials from the World Health Organization (WHO) are using this year's day, April 7, to launch a long-term advocacy program on being active.

The organization is seeking to stimulate a global health debate why non-communicable diseases have become a major epidemic throughout the world.

Much of the reason, according to WHO, is that more people are not exercising enough, eating well and using tobacco. These trends are present in all societies, rich and poor, developed and developing, according to WHO.

Poverty, violence, rapid social and economic changes, lack of education, inadequate or total absence of health services, and a lack of clear policy direction, contribute as much to the

increase in cases of cancer, diabetes, or cardiovascular diseases, as they do to AIDS and malaria.

WHO believes that this is the time for global debate to focus on prevention as much as cures.

A major cause of cardiovascular diseases, diabetes and obesity is lack of physical activity. WHO estimates that lack of activity leads to more than 2 million deaths per year.

It estimates one-third of cancers can be prevented by maintaining a healthy diet, normal weight and physical activity.

Poor diet, lack of exercise and tobacco use cause 80% of premature coronary heart diseases. In countries as diverse as China, Finland and the US, studies have shown that even relatively modest lifestyle changes are sufficient to prevent the development of almost 60% of Type 2 diabetes cases.

WHO officials are noting that physical activity can reduce rates of violence among young people, promote tobacco-free lifestyles, and decrease other risky behaviors, such as unsafe sex or illicit drug use. It can also reduce feelings of isolation and loneliness among the elderly and improve their physical and mental agility.

World Health Day will have events at

many types of settings: from schools to worksites, stadiums and urban neighborhoods. The international sports fraternity, represented by the International Football Federation (FIFA) and the International Olympic Committee (IOC), is already linked with WHO's efforts, turning the 2002 World Cup in Japan and Korea into tobacco-free, health-promoting events.

Exercise can also prevent and control certain diseases such as cardiovascular diseases, diabetes, obesity and osteoporosis. Being physically active increases your energy level, reduce stress and lower cholesterol and blood pressure.

It also lowers your risk of some cancers, especially colon cancer. Regular active play promotes healthy growth and development in children and young people.

It increases confidence, self-esteem and feelings of achievement. Older adults benefit from both life-long habits or newly learned routines of physical activity. It is important for healthy ageing, improving and maintaining quality of life and independence. Daily physical activity helps people with disabilities by improving mobility and increasing energy levels. It can also prevent or reduce certain disabilities.

Physical activity is any body movement that results in an expenditure of energy (burning calories). Simply put, moving! When you walk briskly, play, skate, clean house, dance, or climb stairs, you are moving for health.

Conversely, lack of physical activity is a major underlying cause of death, disease, and disability. Preliminary data from a WHO study on risk factors suggest that a sedentary lifestyle is one of the 10 leading global causes of death and disability.

More than two million deaths each year are attributable to physical inactivity.

In countries around the world between 60% and 85% of adults are simply not active enough to benefit their health.

Sedentary lifestyles increase all causes of mortality, double the risk of cardiovascular diseases, diabetes, and obesity, and substantially increase the risks of colon cancer, high blood pressure, osteoporosis, depression and anxiety.

In the rapidly growing cities of the developing world, crowding, poverty, crime, traffic, poor air quality, a lack of parks, sidewalks, sports and recreation facilities and other safe areas make physical activity a difficult choice. These diseases are on the rise. They will

have an increasingly severe effect on health care systems, resources, and economies in countries around the world.

Many countries that are already struggling to manage the impact of infectious diseases and other development challenges will be forced to spend their meagre resources dealing with noncommunicable diseases.

The formula is simple: at least half an hour of moderate physical activity over the course of each day. If you're new to physical activity, you can start with a few minutes of activity a day and gradually increase your pace, working your way up to 30 minutes. Remember that half an hour is only the minimum recommendation. Of course, the more time you spend moving for health, the more you gain. The most important thing is to move!

The lack of access to safe open spaces, sports facilities and school playgrounds can make moving difficult, if not sometimes impossible. Moreover, people's behavior is influenced by insufficient knowledge about physical activity and its benefits. With insufficient budgets to promote physical activity, governments often fail to educate the public about the risks of sedentary lifestyle.

Government policies and programs can have a great impact on people's ability to influence their own health. In order to promote physical activity, a community should prioritize and develop parks and open spaces, clean air and water, safe and attractive streets and a vibrant public life. This requires the



move for health

commitment, action and cooperation of health sector as well as other sectors: transport, environment, urban planning and law enforcement.

It's easy, free, fun and virtually anyone can do it. Brisk walking, biking and dancing are only some ways to be physically active. You can get moving at school, home or work. Take the stairs instead of the elevator (at least for going down!). Do simple stretching exercises while seated at your desk, standing at your post, or talking on the phone. Walk, run or bike to places where you might have taken a car or a bus otherwise.

Many of the activities you can do at home are very useful: wash the windows, paint the walls, vacuum or sweep, rake the yard or cut the grass, walk the dog. You can even do physical activity while watching television: rope skipping, stepping, riding a stationary bicycle, or sit-ups. Or just dance!

Your goal is to be active for at least 30 minutes over the course of every day. Look for information and advice in your neighborhood, community centers, hospitals or healthcare centers, gyms or sports centers.

Kidney treatment needed across Yemen



By: Yasser al-Mayyasi Yemen Times Staff

Kidney disease in Yemen is causing the suffering of an untold number of people, as they continue to wait for national health care reform.

What is needed most are dialysis machines and more dialysis health centers. Dialysis is the term used to explain the cleaning and treatment of blood. Without regular treatment of their blood,

of course entails a lot of money. What about those who have a big families in some scattered remote villages?" he asked.

Mohammed Ali al-Washali, a six-year patient said that he couldn't afford dialysis. "Kidney transplantation is another problem. No one can afford to travel abroad. This will cost a lot of money," he said.

Dialysis equipment needed

More dialysis equipment in Yemen is crucial, now and in the future, al-Washali said, especially since the disease is also

her husband is jobless. He gains his livelihood by collecting old plastic remains and tins and selling them in order to earn their subsistence.

Her kidney disease was caused by an infected abortion.

She wonders how the situation will be if the center has locked doors or its medical apparatus broke down. Hundreds of patients swarm to the center day and night.

Mohammed Hassan Othman's kidney disease was incorrectly treated, and as a result he was in a coma for about three weeks. He then had to leave home and

People come from remote places to this center for treatment, from areas such as, Hajjah, Mahweet, Raima, Wesab and Haradh.

Changes needed

What is needed is extra units for the bedridden patients including the elderly people and women.

A qualified medical team must be trained in such units for receiving cases.

A good medical administration team is also needed to facilitate such.

Medical apparatus should be maintained.

The concerned bodies at the Health Ministry have to supervise and pursue its duties.

And there needs to be a well-studied plan to construct medical centers in different parts of the republic, particularly the remote areas where patients couldn't

afford treatment.

It's also necessary to train skilled professionals and have them work in all areas where they're needed.

Therefore, there should be a cooperation with the Ministry of Civil Service and So there is a need for administration reform to support those steps and to find solutions to problems posed during the implementation process.



several times a week, kidney disease patients die.

At this time there is only one dialysis center in the country, at the al-Thowra Hospital in Sana'a.

And that means the majority of patients die, since they live in remote areas without care.

Causes of kidney failure

One specialist, Dr. Adel al-Hejami, confirms the problem.

"Kidney failure is one of the most serious malignant diseases in Yemen," he said. "Patients fall prey to this kind of disease and there is no way to cure it, except to carry out dialysis to get rid of the accumulated poisons."

Polluted water, malaria, bilharzia, food poisoning, diabetes, chronic kidney inflammation and the random taking drugs can be the causes of kidney failure.

Abdullah Murshed Mohammed Nagi, a patient said "for about 17 years, I have become a victim of this disease. Two blood refinements (dialysis treatments) are conducted to me every two weeks. Medical blood refinement centers are unavailable except in the capital and this

hitting children.

One Yemeni child, Ali Ahmed Mohammed, notes his struggles.

"I stay here alone with my family. I want to play, I want to study with my friends at schools and I want to go parks."

Saffia Saleh, another youngster said children are completely cut off from their friends. "Children with kidney disease come from all over the republic, and like me they suffer a lot. My family is in strained circumstances and they haven't nothing to spend," she added.

Faeza Farhan infected by this disease for four years, said medical apparatus doesn't meet the requirements needed for by many patients. It's either old or broken down.

Nagi Ali Ibraheem, from Hodeidah, said that he is suffering from kidney failure for a long time and conducted a blood refinement at al-Thowra Hospital.

What makes him disappointed and frustrated, is the wretched living conditions.

Ne'ama Mohammed Ali, a housewife, said that she has three children and

live by the hospital to get dialysis.

The Chairman of Kidney unit at al-Thowra Hospital, Abdulwali al-Haggami called it "deplorable" to see huge number of patients suffering from kidney failure in a time in which the hospital is dire need of medical apparatus.

"It is the only unit in the republic and therefore we face a number of problems including huge number of patients," he said.

"We have to use medical apparatus excessively above its usual capacity. Accordingly, we have to abridge the number of hours from 2 to 3 hours with each patient every week," he added.

Solutions

Cooperation is a must. Governmental as well as non-governmental organizations, charitable societies as well as the concerned bodies have to coordinate to get another dialysis center to Yemen. This will in turn save souls of thousands of patients, al-Haggami suggested.

The center at the beginning did its best to save a lot of patients. The first kidney transplanted operation was conducted successfully in 1998 by a Yemeni medical team.

A kidney center in Hodeidah was built in 1993 and was fully equipped with medical apparatus until 1998. Free medical services have been provided. Now the center has deteriorated completely.

It is true that center has been provided with medical equipment by the Health Ministry, but such equipment has only been enough for a few months.

Fifteen people have died as a result of the poor equipment.

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Egypt

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A report released by the Egyptian Foreign Trade Ministry said that the Egyptian imports went down by 9 percent from January to November 2001 scoring 11.6 billion U.S. dollars, whereas the exports in the same period also went down by 13 percent scoring 3.8 billion dollars due to a drop in the country's revenues of oil exports.

Al Akhbar

Iran called Friday for a one-month oil boycott by Islamic states to force Israel to end its incursion into the autonomous Palestinian territories.

Al Gomhuria

Upon directives from Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak, Prime Minister Atef Obeid ordered his health, supply, insurance and social affairs ministers to send urgent humanitarian aid to Palestinians besieged inside occupied Palestine via international and legitimate channels.

The Egyptian Mail

Family of the Israeli ambassador to Cairo left for Tel Aviv late Thursday. Egypt on Wednesday suspended all government-to-government contacts with Israel, but without cutting off diplomatic links.

India

The Hindu

In a bid to infuse fresh vigor to bilateral ties, Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee will leave for a two-nation tour of Singapore and Cambodia on April 7, officials of the Ministry of External Affairs said Friday.

The Times of India

One person was killed and seven others were injured in bomb blasts and brick-batting in front of three mosques during Friday prayers at Chandernagore in West Bengal State Friday, police said.

Japan

Asahi, Yomiuri, Mainichi, Nihon Keizai

Notification of money transfers through Mizuho Financial Group have been delayed and have affected more than 2 million group accounts, banking and industry sources said Friday.

Yomiuri

Former Japanese Foreign Minister Makiko Tanaka on Friday denied allegations that she misused the state-paid salaries of two of her secretaries.

Nihon Keizai

Japanese Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi wants postal public corp. to pay equivalent of taxes.

The number of home-based workers in Japan is set to top 3 million in fiscal 2002.

USA

The New York Times

U.S. envoy to the Middle East broke Yasser Arafat's diplomatic isolation Friday, meeting in Ramallah with the Palestinian leader while Israel accelerated its military sweep through the West Bank despite President Bush's call for a withdrawal.

Protesters breached the walls of the American embassy in Bahrain Friday, smashing windows and burning vehicles before retreating under a hail of tear gas and rubber bullets shot by policemen aided by American marines.

Britain began its formal farewell to the Queen mother Friday.

The Washington Post

Anti-U.S. and anti-Israel protests continued throughout the Arab world as Israeli military campaign in the West Bank showed no signs of abating.

Pakistan

Dawn

President General Pervez Musharraf on Friday announced a referendum to be held in the first week of May to seek popular support for extending his presidency by five years.

The Frontier Post

The Asian Development Bank will extend one billion U.S. dollars assistance to Pakistan during the current year for financing the development of agriculture, local governments under the devolution plan and the improvement of governance.

The Nation

Federal Minister for Commerce Abdul Razak Dawood has called upon the cotton growers from Balochistan to maintain high quality of their crop to win greater share in the foreign market.



The World & I - HENG / LIANHE ZAOBAO / SINGAPORE

Britain

The Times

America's international prestige was thrown into doubt Friday night when violence spread through the Middle East in spite of President Bush's personal intervention to try to stop the bloodshed.

Financial Times

Gordon Brown is ready to risk tax rises of well above five billion pounds in the Budget to restore a comfortable cushion to the public finances and pay for a large increase in health spending.

The Guardian

The prospects of a U.S.-British war against Iraq remained on the horizon

Friday night as Tony Blair arrived in Texas for talks with the U.S. president, George Bush, about options for tackling Saddam Hussein.

The Daily Telegraph

Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother was borne to her lying-in-state on Friday in a ceremonial procession watched by a crowd of 400,000.

The Independent

Israel defied President George Bush on Friday in the most bloody and beligerent fashion, continuing its week-long military assault, assassinating two prominent Palestinian militants and sending its tanks roaring into another West Bank town.

Kenya

Daily Nation

The Kenyan government has suspended night flights at Moi International Airport in Mombasa as the air traffic controllers' strike enters its eighth day.

Kenya Times

The Kenya National Union of Teachers is involved in a covert political move to paralyze the education sector later this month over the pay increase to its 250,000 members.

East African Standard

Kenya earned 70 million U.S. dollars last year from textile exports to the United States, compared with the 30 million dollars in 2000.

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Local in Yemen continues devoting most of its newspapers' pages to covering the tragic events taking place in occupied Palestine at the hands of Zionist occupation troops led by the notorious Zionist terrorist and war criminal Ariel Sharon. Front page headlines and articles reflect the raging anger and condemnation of the Arab masses against the carnages committed inside the Palestinian authority territories under the very nose of the world and blessing of the United states the No. one sponsor of Israeli state terrorism.



Al-Balagh weekly,
2 April 2002.

Main headlines:

- Upon the American stand supportive for Israeli enemy, Yemen reconsiders its security agreements with the U.S.
- Media, Journalists demand expulsion of American ambassador
- Responding to some Arab leaders languor, President Saleh suspends receiving delegations, personalities, contacts
- Opinion poll: America essential accomplice in massacres, 94 per cent support acts of martyrdom
- Security forces in Egypt, Jordan suppress demonstrations condemning Zionists.

Columnist Fawzi al-Kahili says in an article that the fate to which president Yasser Arafat has reached confirms anew darkness of the end of the so-called tunnel of peace with the enemy. It is the same destiny other rulers would face even if tens of years pass on their fragile peace with the Zionists. He adds that now after that America has joined completely the Zionist enemy's antagonism, there is no longer any reason for the presence of an American ambassador or interests in our country or in any other Arab countries.

All interviews and analyses and statements we have watched on satellite channels during the past few days confirm that the Arab official system has come to an end and the ball is now in the court of the peoples in order to come out of the state of intimidation and weakness.

Al-Wahdawi weekly,
organ of the Nasserite People's Unionist organization, 2 April 2002.

Main headlines:

- NPUO announces opening its offices to register volunteers for Jihad in Palestine
- Opposition demand the government to embody the president's stand at the Arab summit in Beirut
- Joint Action parties prepare for solidarity activities with Palestinian Resistance
- Two dead bodies found in Hajja and Ibb
- Massive popular demonstrations supporting Palestinian people in a number of Arab capitals
- Washington gave terrorist Sharon green light to step up his war against the Palestinians

Columnist Abdulla al-Dahmashi says U.S.-made weapons are no longer the only means of the war of annihilation in occupied Palestine. This war has become a pure decision of the American administration. When Bush describes terrorism of the Jewish state as "legitimate self-defence", the declared meaning is that the comprehensive war is a plan led by general Zinnin and implemented by the notorious terrorist Sharon. And when Arab leaders beg Bush's administration to protect Palestinian president Yasser Arafat, it is so evident that the Arab reply to Sharon's crimes and war of annihilation in occupied Palestine must begin in Washington, specifically at the White House.

The American administration hinders the international community's movement, agreements and institutions in their pursuit to condemning terrorism of the Zionist state and to incriminate the brutality of massacres in the Sharonite war. The same administration prevents international organisations from playing their moral and humane role in protecting a defenceless people against pitched severity of the most sophisticated American weapons.

International agreements and con-

ventions oblige Arab regimes to retaliate the decision of war declared from inside the White House against the Palestinian defenceless people. U.N. and security council resolutions also define that the reply should be directed towards the American policy, as the only power supporting the Zionist entity with finance, weapons and siding with its crimes. American policy also prevents providing protection for the Palestinian people and supporting their legitimate rights stipulated in international community will and legitimacy of its charters and resolutions of its organizations.

The writer urges the Arab regimes to boycott the United States in protest to its violations of the international legitimacy in occupied Palestine. He also urges the Arab regimes to respond to calamities of the Palestinian people at the hands of the Zionist occupation forces, providing them with means and elements that help them defend themselves against crimes of genocide they are now facing.



As-Sahwa weekly 4 April 2002.

Main headlines:

- Zionist war machine kills the Palestinians, Arab armies confront demonstrators
- Yemeni journalists demand expulsion of U.S. ambassador
- Islah withdraws from local council in Hadramaut

Editorial of the newspaper by its editor in chief says that in 1956 the now Israeli prime minister Ariel Sharon pledged that he would burn any Palestinian child born in the area because those children presence would mean continuation of new coming Palestinian generations. He had further mentioned that even if he would lose all posts and became an ordinary Israeli citizen he would bur any Palestinian he would encounter on street and would have him tortured to death.

Throughout more than half a century Sharon has kept loyal and committed to what he had promised. The important thing in this regard is to comprehend that the question is not merely personal intentions of both Zionist and Arab systems but rather two approaches or styles governed by the same systematicness. With all the Zionist arrogance against Arab and Islamic peoples, the Arab regimes have been one of the means of this arrogance whether they are aware of it or not. Absence of democracy, keeping rules of emergency alive, corrupting political life and impoverishing the society are factors making the Zionist arrogance live and thrive.



Annas weekly, 1 April 2002.

Main headlines:

- Yasser Arafat faces physical liquidation danger
- Miyad: Abolishing automobile customs, an economic revolution
- Students face internal terrorism, condemn Israel's terror

Columnist Sadeq Nasher says in his article alone Yasser Arafat and the entire Palestinian people deserve to be protector of the Arab Islamic nation honour that is exposed to offending. Following the bloody events in the Palestinian city of Ramalla and other Palestinian authority cities and areas during the past several days the Arab nation's dignity has been treated with contempt.

The writer queries about when the Arab nation leaders would wake up and release themselves from the illu-

sive thinking that the United States of America alone can bring peace to the Arabs. America and Israel are considered as one state and their difference between them. Both Sharon and Bush are two sides of the same coin. The Arabs should not believe that peace comes from America, the gun is the only means that is able to achieve peace not the illusions that Arabs have been depending on throughout all these years.



26 September weekly, organ of Yemeni Armed Forces, 4 April 2002.

Main headlines:

- Yemeni, Arab wrath versus Zionist massacres in Palestine
- Yemeni working paper at Arab foreign ministers emergency meeting in support of the Intifadha
- Kidnapper of the German engineer sentenced to death
- Arab angry masses demand open borders before volunteers to fight by side of the Palestinians, Sever all ties with Zionist enemy, Support intifadha with funds, men, arms
- Yemeni defence minister discusses with Belgian counterpart development of bilateral cooperation
- Yemen takes part in Arab Parliamentary Union emergency meeting

The newspaper's political editor writes the Zionist entity would not have been able to perpetrate this degree of crime and brutality and step its terrorism against the defenceless Palestinian people had it not been for the American blind bias to Israel.

At any rate we do not think that the United States that the policy it is fol-



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lowing in the Middle East would make it lose its status at the international level. America faced misfortune on 11 September events and received the whole world sympathy and it was supposed that it would not put itself at biased and extremist positions towards Israel and its terrorist practices because this would undoubtedly make it lose its credibility and damage its interests in the Arab region, as has been expressed by the Arab masses in all Arab capitals.

The American administration must listen to the voice of Arab masses and think of it and its demands in order to adopt more just stands towards what is going on of Zionist organized acts of

terror and atrocities against the Palestinian people. It should carry out what it should, i.e. not to be biased to Israel and bless what criminal acts and annihilation Sharon is perpetrating by considering the legitimate Palestinian resistance as terrorism. The difference between terrorism and peoples' right to resistance and self-defence against invaders and occupation. The Palestinian resistance does not go beyond the frame of legitimate resistance in defence of their freedom and for liberating their land and establishing their independent state with Al-Quds as its capital.

الطريق ATARIQ weekly 2 April 2002.

Main headlines:

- Yemeni journalists hand over a letter to American Ambassador to Sana'a, refuse to meet him
- Retired army men volunteer to go to Palestine
- Civil society organisations erect tents in front of American embassy in Sana'a
- Yemen expects to produce 157 million barrels of oil at the end of this year
- A Tribal sheikh killed in Ma'reb in vengeance act

Dr Saleh Mahdi al-Muntassir says in an article that Israel as terrorist state receiving support from the United States of America and the NATO countries represents a factor destroying credibility of those countries governments with regard to fighting terrorism.

What Israel, under leadership of Sharon, is carrying out now of military escalation, destruction of all vital Palestinian institutions and infrastructure, killing innocent people and demolition of thousands of houses is meant for building a security shelter for its entity preceding the declaration of the state of Palestine and in preparation for an American-Israeli agreement regarding the Palestinian state.

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1. What to say

Situations and Expressions (11):
Expressing joy

- All of us feel excited to get a delightful news. We feel euphoric or overjoyed. We feel at that moment we are on top of the world. Our heart is full and our joys know no bounds.

- We should pay (show) old men more respect. There is a very comprehensive (informative) book for all students of the subject.

III. How to express it in one word

- Violent or unconstitutional change in government by military force. Man and his wife. Two lines of verse equal in length and with rhyme.

Solutions to last week's questions.

- Traveler through outer space in a spacecraft: Cosmonaut. Group of persons associated with common interests: Coterie.

IV. Grammar and Composition

- Complete the request for each situation. You want to borrow YR200 from a friend to buy a book. Can I ...?

b) Idioms and phrases
Use the following phrases in sentences of your own.

- Turn something to one's advantage. On the advent of. Act on somebody's advice.

c) Words commonly confounded
Differentiate between the following pairs of words

- amplify, exemplify. angle, angel. Angliomania, Anglophobia. annual, annuity. allude, elude.

Answers to last week's questions

a) Composition
LITTLE MASTERS CLUB
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Anniversary, the club will hold a painting exhibition on Saturday, 23rd February at 8PM at Town hall. All members are welcome to attend. Members can bring friends. There will be a small charge of YR50 per person to cover snacks and tea.

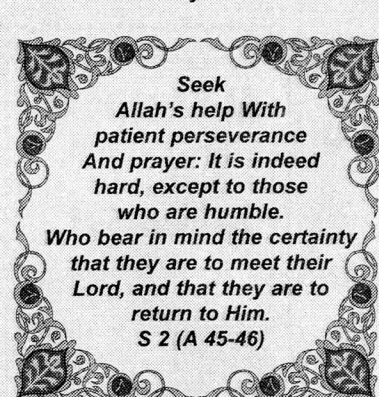
b) Idioms and Phrases

- admiration for: We have great admiration for the teachers in our faculty. admit to (confess): I must admit to feeling embarrassed.

c) Words commonly confounded

- amend (vt) (improve): You must amend your ways. commend (vt) (praise): His work was highly commended.

V. Pearls from Holy Quran



VI. Words of Wisdom

Teach me to feel another's woe, To hide the fault I see, That mercy I to others show, That mercy show to me."

II. How to say it correctly.

- Correct errors, if any, in the following sentences. The whole area is replete with level crossings. Senior teachers are being relieved of their services in contravention of university regulations.

Solutions to last week's questions
1. He accepted responsibility for the errors committed by others.

The Universal Crossword

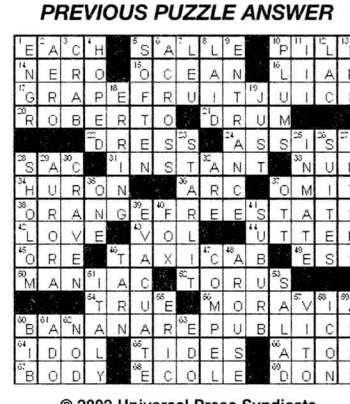
Edited by Timothy E. Parker

- ACROSS
1 Deer sirs
6 "Gibbsville" creator
11 ___ mort (melancholy)
14 Sign with the scales

- 52 Resurgently
53 Haile Selassie's country
56 Where the Light Brigade charged
60 "Norma ___"
61 Elijah's tools?

- Chevy
13 Accrue
18 Houdini's real name
22 Type of details that cause one to say, "oooh!"

- 40 Cluster of stars
43 Burroughs' was naked
46 Mason's tool
47 Side against
48 Marked by repeated turns and bends



"CELEBRITY TOOL TIME" By Dr. Peter Dart
Crossword puzzle grid with 13 columns and 66 numbered starting points.

Horoscope

- Aries (Mar 21 - Apr 19)
You have a small flame growing that needs lots of patience and tending.
Taurus (Apr 20 - May 20)
It's critical that you allow your disobedient side to take over.

YOUTH FORUM

Forget Me Not!
In air, sea, and desert I always remember you...
Najeeb Abdullah Faissal
Level 3, Arts, Ibb

TIMES QUIZ (24)

Questions
1. Which creature can look in two directions simultaneously?
a) Crocodile
b) Aligator
c) Chameleon
d) Agamid

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.

7-Day Weather Forecast

Table with 4 columns: Day, Sana'a (Hi, Lo), Aden (Hi, Lo). Includes weather icons and temperature forecasts for Mon-Sun.

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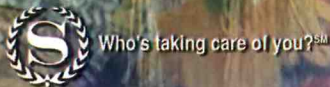
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8 Pollution

Ma - Now I would just like to know whether you are really a citizen like everyone else, or whether you're a representative of the government. I've no idea which, Mus'id.

M - What on earth do you mean, a representative of the government?

Ma - I don't know. Ask yourself! You woke me up first thing this morning upsetting the garage mechanic. Poor man! He's only trying to make a living for himself and his family. No one does what you do unless they've been commissioned by the state!

M - Are you trying to say that I can only stop someone doing something wrong if I've been commissioned by the state, or what, Mus'ida?

Ma - I'm not thinking about anything in particular, but you have no right to be so arrogant and aggressive towards the poor garage mechanic when all he's trying to do is earn an honest living for himself and his children.

M - The way you're talking you'd think I'd approached him with five mates carrying automatic weapons by their sides, Mus'idih?

Ma - If you ever did manage to get mates with automatic weapons and bombs with you being so stupid and

disagreeable, you'd run people over like a mad bull! But God is merciful, and made sure you didn't have that power.

M - First of all, understand what's going on before you go making accusations! I went over to the garage mechanic and spoke to him perfectly politely. I said to him, 'The people of this neighbourhood had to petition the state for two years to get them to asphalt our street.' Do you see, or not?

Ma - The state agreed and paved the streets of our neighbourhood, then each of us had the pavement in front of our houses paved.

M - Exactly! So after all this asphaltting and paving, our neighbourhood became clean and something to be proud of. Now it is up to everyone here, young or old, to maintain this level of cleanliness.

Ma - Quite so! But it is not right for you to attack the garage mechanic and tell him if he doesn't get out of the neighbourhood you'll have his workshop closed down and have him arrested! Why? Who on earth do you think you are? Pride is forbidden by God, and being spiteful is typical of scorpions, not men!

M - God preserve us! Can we stop this

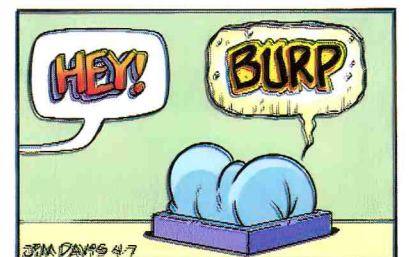
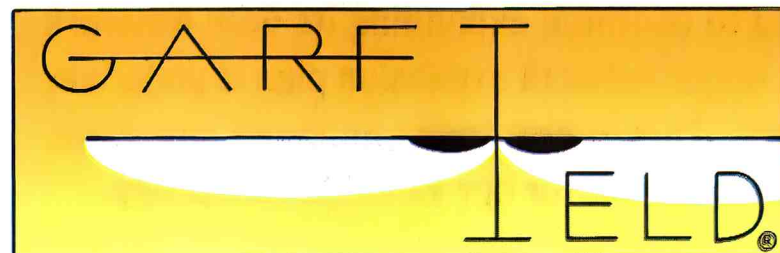
stupid talk? I'm trying to tell you that I spoke to the garage mechanic as politely and with as much respect as I could muster. I told him that every man, woman and child in the neighbourhood had decided that we had to maintain the level of cleanliness we now had in the area, by not dropping any rubbish or litter; and at the end, we said that everyone was responsible for cleaning the pavement in front of his own house. And you, mate, have come and smeared the street, and the pavement, and the walls with oil and grease and diesel. And this type of pollution not only makes the streets and the pavements and the walls look disgusting, it also ruins the soil and will probably leak into our drinking water too!

Ma - You're absolutely right, and this is something we all have to understand, but you should lay off interfering until you're actually made a representative of the government so that you can attack more effectively, Mus'id.

M - Stop going on about responsibility and representation and attacking. As a citizen, it's my duty to make other people realise they need to abide by basic laws of cleanliness.

DOONESBURY "FLASHBACK"

BY G.B. TRUDEAU



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NASA to attempt shuttle launch monday

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (Reuters) - NASA set Monday as the new launch date for space shuttle Atlantis, buying time for Kennedy Space Center workers to repair a major fuel leak that grounded an earlier launch attempt, the space agency said on Friday.

The leak of highly volatile hydrogen from a 16-inch aluminum vent pipe, part of a system that feeds super-cold liquid hydrogen and liquid oxygen into the orbiter, was discovered on Thursday as the shuttle was being readied for liftoff as early as Sunday.

The two sub-zero gases mix in the shuttle's engines to provide the explosive thrust that helps lift the 4.5-million-pound shuttle into space.

About an hour into the three-hour tanking process, a launch engineer spotted a huge hydrogen cloud billowing out from a pipe that runs along the mobile launch platform on which the shuttle sits until liftoff.

NASA blamed the problem on "cryoshock," the sudden contraction of the pipe when exposed to the cold hydrogen. A 1/8-inch tear opened along a welded seam and the countdown clock was stopped within a minute.

The extra day now gives workers more time to build a scaffold up to the ruptured pipe and weld a patch around it. NASA said

the pipe probably would be replaced after this launch.

"Sunday might have been doable, but it would have been uncomfortably tight," said NASA spokesman George Diller.

The incident came soon after NASA was warned by an independent safety committee that it needs to upgrade facilities at the Kennedy Space Center or risk the safety of astronauts and ground crews.

NASA's independent Aerospace Safety Advisory Panel said in March that the space agency too often sacrifices facility upgrades to make up for budget cuts to the shuttle program and recommended the agency spend \$600 million on repairs.

NASA said the orbiter was not at risk during this leak because the concentrations of the highly flammable hydrogen in the outside air were not great enough to cause an explosion. The seven Atlantis astronauts were not on board the spacecraft when the leak occurred.

Atlantis is headed for the International Space Station to continue construction on the orbiting outpost.

NASA said the launch would come between 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. EDT on Monday but did not give a precise time, part of a new NASA initiative to thwart potential attacks. The official time will be announced 24 hours before launch.



The space shuttle Atlantis is shown on launch pad 39B at the Kennedy Space Center in Cape Canaveral early April 4, 2002, before mission managers postponed launch because of a leaking hydrogen vent pipe. NASA set April 8 as the new launch date for Atlantis, buying time for Kennedy Space Center workers to repair the major fuel leak. Photo by Nasa/Reuters

Overture sues Google for patent infringement

PALO ALTO, Calif. (Reuters) - Internet advertising company Overture Services Inc. OVER.O said Friday it sued search engine Google, alleging that Google's system for featuring paid advertisements infringes an Overture patent.

The action follows a lawsuit by Overture, formerly known as goto.com, earlier this year against a smaller search site called FindWhat.com over the same issue.

Overture pioneered the "paid listings" advertising business model, in which companies buy certain search terms to assure their name will appear when a consumer enters that term in its search engine.

While other forms of Internet advertising have flourished, the paid listings model has flourished as companies seek a relatively inexpensive way to reach a targeted audience.

Overture's search results, which lists ads on a variety of terms from "flowers" to "porn," are featured on several popular Internet sites like AltaVista and Yahoo.



Overture, based in Pasadena, California, is profitable and its revenues are growing rapidly. Recently other search sites have started offering paid listings as a way to make more money from online advertising.

Google, which operates a popular Internet search engine offering non-commercial results from all over the Web, also sells paid listings and more recently indicated it was expanding that part of its business.

In February, Overture stock suffered a steep decline after the Internet service provider EarthLink Inc. ELNK.O decided not to renew a partnership with Overture and signed up with Google instead.

In a brief statement Friday, Google said that it was not surprised by the lawsuit but that it had determined it did not "infringe any valid claim" of Overture.

Microsoft warns against illegal use of computer programs

Expressing disappointment at the wide-spread of illegal copying of computer software without the permission of its rightful owners, Mr. Gawad al-Reedh, warned against pirating with software at a workshop organized by the company's office at the Sana'a University on April 4.

Mr. Gawad urged on computer users to purchase only original computer programs and use software only as provided in the accompanying license agreement.

"Users should be aware that it is generally illegal to purchase a single set

of software and load it onto more than one computer or to rent, copy or distribute the software or its manuals. You should make sure you buy software from authorized channels or you get original diskettes or CDs and you have obtained a license agreement," he said.

Mr. Mohamad Jarrar, sales manager of Microsoft in Yemen gave an open presentation in which he gave a chance to attendance to ask frankly about Microsoft ware and products.

He said the event was the second of its kind to be organized in Yemen. "We have done one before but for business



companies," he said.

He expressed hopes to organize similar conferences every year revealing the company's intention to organize a seminar in Aden in the next couple of days.

He also revealed the company's plans and intention to make make Microsoft ware available at very reasonable prices for students and academic institutions.

Dell exec planned to sell \$2.9 million in stock

WASHINGTON (Reuters) - Dell Computer Corp. CEO Vice Chairman James



by the Round Rock, Texas-based company.

It was not immediately known if the Vanderslice planned to sell \$2.9 million of stock in the No. 1 personal computer maker, according to a regulatory filing released on Friday.

Vanderslice filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission a notification he intended to sell 110,000 shares granted as restricted shares in 1999

shares had been sold. A company spokesman was not immediately available.

According to the filing, he had not sold any shares in the three months prior to the filing, which is dated April 1. Dell shares were down 26 cents at \$26.48 in afternoon trading on Nasdaq.

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Sheraton Kicks off Fourth Tennis Tournament

The Shraton Sana'a Hotel kicked off on Friday April 5 the Fourth Tennis Tournament.

The opening ceremony was attended by a number of diplomats, officials as well as Tournament participants who started the game after the ceremony. Players were divided into groups, men single, mixed double, and men double, then the first session was started.

The British Ambassador, Mrs. Francis Guy, the Arab Bank Regional Manager, Mr. Mahdi Alwi, Russian officials, Levon. Aslavian, and Vera Savelien are among the participants.

The event is will last until April 19. It is sponsored by Yemenia, Arab Bank, Rolex Watches Agency, Sam Electronics and Coca Cola.



Kazakhstan Leads China 2-1 in Davis Cup Tie

Xinhuanet 2002-04-06 23:02:07 WUHAN, Hubei Province, April 6 (Xinhuanet) -- Kazakhstan Takes a 2-1 lead over China after losing Saturday's doubles match in their Davis Cup Asia/Oceania zone group two, second round tie.

In today's doubles, Xu Ran/Zeng Shauxuan of China edged Dias Doskarayev/Alexey Kedriouk of Kazakhstan 6-4, 6-0, 7-6 (7-1).

China's Wang Yu lost to Alexey Kedriouk of Kazakhstan 3-6, 2-6, 7-6 (7-4), 6-2, 0-6 and his teammate Zhu Benqiang lost to Dias Doskarayev 6-2, 3-6, 3-6, 4-6 in Friday's singles. Enditem

Kazakhstan leads China 2-1 in Davis Cup Tie

By Tara FitzGerald

MOSCOW (Reuters) - Marat Safin and Yevgeny Kafelnikov steered Russia into the Davis Cup semifinals on Saturday, clinching a crunch doubles match against Sweden to stretch into an unassailable 3-0 lead.

The pair fought out the doubles tie against Thomas Johansson and Jonas Bjorkman over five sets and more than three-and-a-half hours on the red clay of Moscow's Luzhniki Sports Palace, in a match that could have gone either way right up to the last minute.

The hosts finally secured victory 3-6 7-6 6-7 7-5 6-3 in a thrilling exhibition of textbook volleying from the Swedes and power serving from the Russians.

"We had our chances in this match, but I don't think we took them at the right time," said a disappointed Johansson, the winner of this year's Australian Open.

"Yevgeny was returning really, really well the whole time and Safin came out with the shots when they were needed. It was disappointing as I felt we were the better team for four sets."

The Swedes, with doubles specialist Bjorkman, initially looked to be the neater and more technically precise side, putting up an impressive, coordinated display at the net and covering the court comprehensively.

But the Russians, physically a bigger and more powerful side, grew in confidence and aggression as the match wore on, their spirits boosted by a vocal and excitable home crowd.

HARD-FOUGHT VICTORY

Kafelnikov said the battle had been hard fought right to the end, with two sets going to tiebreaks, and said the Russians had not taken anything for granted.

"Frankly, I don't think there was a turning point per se. We played the match point by point and we eventually won 6-3 in the last set," he said.

"We were both fully motivated for this game and gave it 100 percent. We fully understood that if we won the doubles then that would be it, finished."

Friday, Kafelnikov and Safin both

won their singles matches against Thomas Enqvist and Johansson giving the Russians a 2-0 lead going into the doubles.

Former world number one and 2000 U.S. Open champion Safin, who has often been accused of not taking the sport seriously enough, joked Saturday's victory meant they could now enjoy the weekend.

"We wanted to finish today because it's Saturday, so now we can relax and enjoy ourselves," he said.

Kafelnikov, 28, who has made no secret of the fact he would like a Davis Cup title before quitting the sport, joked about his retirement date.

"I'm just sure it (retirement) will happen in the first week of December when we win the Davis Cup," he laughed.

Russia, who are currently sixth in the Davis Cup rankings, will play either Argentina or Croatia for a place in the 2002 Davis Cup final.

Russian team captain Shamil Tarpishev said if they were to play the Argentine claycourters "it won't be on a slow surface."

Igelstrom swims third World Record in short-course championships

Sweden's Emma Igelstrom won the women's 100-meter breaststroke and set her third world record Saturday at the World short-course Swimming Championships here.

Yana Klochkova of Ukraine snatched her third gold of the meet in the 200m medley and Therese Alshammar also took a third gold for her role in Sweden's victory in the 4x100m women's freestyle relay.

Australian swimmers clinched both of the evening's golds for men: Matt Welsh in the 50m backstroke and Geoff Huegill in the 50m butterfly.

Igelstrom, who also set a world record in the 50m breaststroke and contributed to Sweden's 4x100m medley relay record.

She clocked 1 minute 5.38 seconds in the 100m breaststroke, 0.02 seconds ahead of the old record set in 1999 by Penelope Heyns.

Defending champion Sarah Poewe took the silver and China's Luo Xuejuan came in third. Klochkova's versatility earlier brought her golds in both the 400m freestyle and the 400m medley. She dominated the 200m medley final and finished in 2:08.82.

American Gabrielle Rose was in second and Oksana Verevka of Russia took the bronze.

In the women's 4x100m freestyle relay, Sweden clocked 3:35.09 for the gold. Australia finished second in 3:35.97, followed by China in 3:36.18.

In the night's semifinals at the Olimpisky sports complex, two swimmers set championship records: Haley Cope of the United States in the 50m backstroke with 27.56 and Ukraine's Oleg Lisogor swam the 50m breaststroke in 26.86. Enditem

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All these emotions were to be translated into a rather feminine, luxury watch, one that was to be more a piece of jewelry than a sports model, in yellow 18 kt gold, rose gold, or steel. This intuition was the guiding light behind the creation of the CHARRIOL MEGEVE watch, serving as a natural inspiration for its design and look.

rectangular case. The perspective of an alpine scene, in a way...

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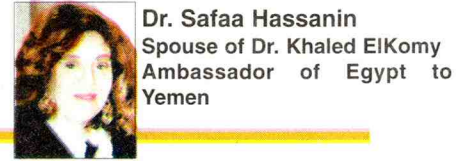
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Egyptian women: then and now



Dr. Safaa Hassanin
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Those who know about the history of Egypt – of all its ages – realize that women have had an important role in both Ancient and Modern Egypt. Names like, Hatchibsut, Nefertiti (which means the pretty is coming) and Nefertari (which means the most beautiful among beautiful women), are names of queens who ruled or helped rule old Egypt. Moreover, the stories of Isis, Osiers and Horus, although they are legendary stories, tell us about the important status and role of ancient Egyptian women. These legends suggest women in Ancient Egypt were entrusted with planning and running society, protecting national security, and needless to say, raising families and other sacred duties. Noticing the respected status of women in Ancient Egypt, after Islam came to Egypt, women obtained more rights status thanks to what God gave her through Islam. For example, a woman keeps her economic status. And she keeps her maiden name, unlike many

parts of the Western World. While the status of women in Egypt, both before and after Islam, remained dignified through different ages, here status did weaken, along with other social aspects, during Memloul and Ottoman empires, which saw political, economic and social poverty all over Egypt. At the beginning of the 20th Century, Kassem Amin, a social reformist, sparked a movement to liberate Egyptian women from social, cultural, and intellectual oppression. A few years later, led by Saad Zaghloul, the Revolution of 1919 erupted. Zaghloul's wife Safeya, played an essential role to include the liberation of Egyptian women within the goals of the national revolution. Since then, Egyptian women have again started to regain their status. With the Revolution of 1952, which considered education "As important as water and air", according to Taha Hussein's appeal, the Egyptian government secured free education, and medical care for everyone. This enabled Egyptian women to stand next to her husband on equal footing, with fair chances to become a doctor, teacher, researcher, scientist, ambassador or minister with no restrictions. Education is, in fact, key to liberate. Without, there can be no liberation. What's important for women in Yemen to realize is that while it's easy to believe many things, what matters is the actions of people and a society. They should understand that as they also seek to find their own fair status.

Shamil Bank of Bahrain and Yemen inaugurated

Shamil Bank of Bahrain and Yemen was officially inaugurated in Sana'a March 1 2002. The official inauguration was attended by the Chief Executive of Shamil Bank of Bahrain, Dr. Saeed al-Mortan, the Head of the Board of Directors, Ahmed Abu Bakr Bazra'a and the General Manager, Mohammed Najeb. In a statement to the Yemen Times the Vice General Manager, Ezzaddeen Heba said the new Shamil Bank of Bahrain and Yemen would constitute a vital part to support the banking sector in Yemen and widen new horizons for Yemen-Bahrain joint investment.



Yemeni-Japanese Friendship Association head quarter inaugurated

The Yemeni-Japanese Friendship Association and the Tuberculosis Association and Women Charitable Society were officially inaugurated on March 31 2002. The inauguration ceremony was attended by the Minister of Planning and Development, Dr. Ahmed Sofan and the Chairman of the Association, Mohammed Mobarak. The Chairman of the Society delivered a speech dealing with the Yemeni-Japanese friendship. It was also attended by the Foreign Minister, Dr. Abu Bakr al-Qerbi, the Japanese Ambassador to the Republic of Yemen, the Secretary General, Ahmed al-Khowlani, Mr. Mohammed Al-Zubairi; Chairman of Yemen-Gulf Bank, and others.



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The Hayel Saeed Anam Group of companies will be building a big dock to receive huge ships at Aden seaport. An agreement to this effect was signed on March 31 in Sana'a at the presence of the prime minister Abdulkader Bajammal. The 250-meter long dock will cost about USD 30 million. The agreement was signed between the Minister of Transportation and Sea Affairs, Mr. Saeed Yafea'ee and the General Manager of Harbors' Authority, Mr. Ebraheem Abakr, and the Regional Manager of the Hayel Saeed Company, Mr. Rashad Hayel.

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