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Clock ticks on 30-day ultimatum

Bomb blasts to force government's hand

BY MOHAMMED AL-QADHI
YEMEN TIMES STAFF

SANA'A —Despite its commitment to purge Yemen of terrorists, the government has remained silent after Tuesday's huge explosion which rocked the Civil Aviation Authority building and damaged several other buildings in the area, including the Yemeni intelligence housing.

As with the April 12 bomb that went off near the U.S. embassy, a group calling itself Sympathizers of al-Qaeda has taken responsibility for the blast which damaged the win-

dows of the CAA, front gate, and a neighboring house. It also broke windows of two buses.

No injuries were reported.

Meanwhile, the clock is ticking on a 30-day ultimatum the group gave after its April 12 bombing, for authorities to release 173 Mujahedeen warriors the government is detaining.

In its second statement via email, the sympathizers reiterated their demand for the government to release the 173 held in the PSO prison. The statement threatened more bombings if their demands were not met.

It pledged that after the 30-day ultimatum they would target high ranking officials who they described as 'agents for the US'.

The statement advised the people living near the PSO to leave the area till 'the war is over.'

It also pledged to give compensation for the damage to neighboring properties.

And the statement called upon all al Qaeda elements in Yemen, mainly Fawaz al Rabee, Abdu Ali al Harithy and Abu Asem al Ahdal to join them in their mission.

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Students in Sana'a show their solidarity during a recent demonstration supporting Palestine. (Yemen Times photo)

Yemen kicks off donation campaign

BY YEMEN TIMES STAFF
SANA'A — President Ali Abdullah Saleh kicked off the one-week Janin donation campaign to support the Palestinian people by donating YR 10 million in favor of the Palestinians. He called the Yemeni people inside and outside Yemen to support

Palestinians with money and blood.

He pointed out that reports reveal good results, particularly on part of women who donated some of their precious jewelry. Official media called on people to donate through mosques and bank accounts.

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Opposition wants some accountability

BY YEMEN TIMES STAFF
SANA'A The opposition parties in Yemen have demanded in a letter to president Ali Abdullah Saleh that policemen firing at protesters earlier this month be held accountable.

A leading opposition figure told the Yemen Times opposition leaders have already met

with president Saleh, who expressed displeasure with the action and demanded a probe into the incident.

The opposition parties said they were surprised at the event at the time the government itself calls for demonstrations in support of the Palestinian cause.

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Yemen Times to hold human rights seminar

The Yemen Times will hold on 27-28 April, at its headquarters in Sana'a a seminar on human rights under the motto "Human Rights: More than Politics." The event is under sponsorship of the Human Rights Ministry.

Important officials are expected to attend the event. It will have number of working papers on human rights to be discussed.

Walid Abdulaziz al Saqqaf, editor-in-chief of the Yemen Times, is among the presenters. He will talk about the need to raise awareness about the true meaning of human rights.

Others include issues such as public awareness and human rights by Dr. Mohammed al Mutawakel, the role of the Ministry of Human Rights, by Dr. Wahiba Faree, State minister of Human Rights, the role of the press, by Mahboob Ali, Chairman of the Yemeni Journalists Syndicate, and the role of the Shoura Council in rooting the principles of human rights, by Dr. Abdul Malik Mansour.

Discussions will center not only on political rights but people's right to have a good education, health services, a decent life and similar themes.

Authorities arrest al-Qaeda sympathizer

Yemeni authorities detained last Tuesday Ali Mubarak Firas in Mareb for his alleged links to al-Qaeda. He was subsequently transported to Sana'a for interrogation, despite his tribe's pressures to get him released.

The whereabouts of Abu Ali al-Harethi and Abu Asam al-Ahdal, two of the most wanted al-Qaeda elements in Yemen, are still unknown. While the first has been reportedly fled the country to a neighboring state, al-Ahdal is said to be inside Yemen and is in a close contact with al-Qaeda sympathizers in Yemen.

Yemen loses YR 60 million on livestock annually

Yemen loses annually YR 60 million because of using female and young livestock as a source of meat, a recent report released by the Slaughterhouse Public Authority said.

The same report warns of the expansion of the gap between the production and the consumption of meat amid the persistence of production obstacles topped by the low investments in such sector of economy.

Symposium on Palestine

Al-Saeed Foundation For Science and Culture held a symposium on the Palestine issue April 20. Lectures were delivered during the symposium focusing on the Palestine issue.

Among the papers discussed were: the *Current Situation and Means to pack up the Uprising*, by Abdulwahab al-Hamdani, the *Historical Dimension of the Zionist-Arab Conflict*, by Dr. Abdulmalik al-Husami, *Jerusalem* delivered by Dr. Khaled al-Ashhab, *The Zionist-US partnership & the Palestinian Issue*, by Abdullah Noaman and *Normalization, Meanings and Dimensions*, by Dr. Abdullah Adhaifani.

Dutch embassy organizes education in museums

Organized by the Royal Netherlands Embassy in Sanaa, a study tour for a Yemeni delegation headed by minister of culture Abdul Wahab al Rawhani will kick off on May 29th and last till June 7th.

The tour will cover the Netherlands, Germany, and UK. The visit which will focus on education in museums, is financed by the Dutch embassy in Sana'a, and the British government.

The Yemeni team will be accompanied by Bert Ronhaar, Dutch ambassador, Dr. Brigitte Kiesler Adviser and coordinator of the study tour and Hans Akerboom cultural Attaché at the Dutch embassy.

Akerboom told the Yemen Times the team would be visiting museums in the three countries, and attend a number of cultural events including a day on Yemen cultural heritage in Berlin on June 2 and Bilquis exhibition in London on June 5th.

The tour aims to create a kind of connection among cultures.

Poisoned qat claims many lives

Poisoning cases resulted from chewing qat have alarmingly increased within the last couple of months, Yemen medical sources said. The total poisoning cases reported from last March till mid-April this year totaled 123 cases in few hospitals in the capital. The same source said that roughly 30 cases, including important personalities have died and some other are still in bad condition.

A source at the Thawra Hospital, on the other hand, denied the news reports, adding that there are no new cases arriving at the hospital. These reports came after the conclusion of the activities of the national conference

on qat recently held in Sana'a. President Saleh addressed a letter to the conference in which he held the relevant authorities responsible for the entry of pesticides to Yemen.

The Food & Agricultural Organization (FAO) advised Yemen, in a recent study, to import qat from Ethiopia with the view of reducing the locally produced qat prices and encouraging the cultivation of other beneficial agricultural products.

The study jointly conducted by the FAO and the government, said that, importing qat from Ethiopia will have many positive impacts for its low price as well as saving water resources.

Saudi Arabia grants Yemen US \$1 million

As part of the government of Saudi Arabia's support to Yemen's demining program, it will channel US \$1 million on an annual basis for the next three years.

Saudi government is also supporting the victims of landmines in Yemen with in-kind assistance, as the Saudi Ambassador to Sana'a accompanied

by the state minister, Mohssen al-Yusefi, offered a good package of medical equipment to the Aden Hospital.

Al-Yusefi praised the humanitarian support provided by the Saudi government in this respect. The kingdom of Saudi Arabia is one of the active donors for Yemen demining program.

MPs to march to US embassy

Yemen's members of parliament are expected to march in a demonstration to the US embassy to express solidarity with Palestinians and denounce the American stance with Israel this week.

Demonstrations in Sana'a and other cities continued last week.

Students staged demonstration last Sunday, asking for a boycotting of US and Israeli goods.

Other women demonstrators headed last Wednesday towards the US embassy.

Hundreds of protesters expressed outrage towards the American support for the Israeli offensive in the Palestinian territories.

Representatives were allowed to give a letter in the name of Yemeni women to the American ambassador.

The letter threatened that the US interests in the Mideast would be harmed if the US continued supporting the Israeli atrocities against the Palestinian people.

On its part, the Yemeni parliament called for boycotting all US and Israeli products, and suspending all agree-

ments and contract signed between Arab and Muslims countries with the US and UK till they give up their biased siding with Israel.

The parliament denounced labeling Palestinian resistance groups as terrorists. It praised the EU stand and demanded that the UN send international forces to protect the Palestinians.

In its statement last Wednesday, the parliament condemned the arrest of Marwan al Barghothi, member of the Palestinian legislation council.

It requested the world to intervene to get him released immediately along with other Palestinian leaders. It urged all the parliaments to pressure Israel to set him free.

The Yemeni committee to support Intifadah has adapted new measures to mobilize financial support for Palestinians.

A nationwide campaign to this end has been kicked off this week by the president who announced donation of YR10 million to the Palestinians.

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Bomb blasts to force government's hand It said the 173 detainees had committed no crimes, and some of them had been detained for four years without charges.

The explosions have raised worries among political observers, as well as foreign diplomats.

Western diplomatic sources confirmed that their embassies received phone-call threats and that explosive devices were planted near some embassies and diplomats residents, but they were foiled.

The Yemeni government had said previously that the al Qaeda network has no organized presence here, and that it was hunting down al Harithi and al Ahdal.

But these recent blasts show al Qaeda still represents a threat despite the government's efforts in the past to contain it.

And it now remains to be seen if the government will negotiate with the group, or if it attempt to eradicate it.

It also remains to be seen what impact the presence of American trainers will have. They have been in Yemen to help authorities purge the country of terrorists, part of its international war in terror since attacks against it on Sept. 11.

Yemen kicks off donation campaign

He said such campaign should start in all Arab Muslim countries. Saleh welcomed Kofi Annan's call to send international forces to Palestinian territories to maintain peace, pointing out that this should have been done earlier to prevent the Israeli massacres.

He reiterated his support for an Islamic

Summit to be held quickly so there is a unified Islamic stance towards the Israeli atrocities.

He made it clear that he refuses the idea of an international peace conference without the presence of Yaser Arafat.

Opposition wants some accountability

Four people were injured and two detained when police tried to disburse demonstrators near USA embassy in Sana'a last Friday.

Confrontation erupted when the police stopped a protester who tried to deliver a message of protest of US support for Israel to the embassy.

Police used batons and tear gas, and fired in the air to disburse the demonstrators, estimated at 5,000.

Wire nettings were set around the embassy to prevent access to the premises.

The protesters called for severing relations with the US, sacking the ambassador and closing the embassy.

They condemned the US unfair stand towards the Mideast problem. They burned the US flag, and Sharon and Bush photos to express protest against the US support for Israel and its offensive and incursion of the Palestinian territories.

The crowd, which marched from 41-Mashhid mosque towards the US embassy, was headed by some opposition leaders like Jarallah Omar of the Socialist party, Ali Saif Hasan from the Nasserite party as well as members of the Yemeni Writers Union.

Aden-Islamic Chamber of Commerce & Industry to hold 37th conference

Aden-Islamic Chamber of Commerce & Industry is to hold its 37 Executive Committee conference on April 28-29 in Aden.

The two-day conference aims at enhancing and promoting the macro-economy's role among the Islamic chambers.

The Chairman of Aden Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Sheikh Mohammed Omar Bamashmous said holding such an event would enable the Islamic world to face the economic challenges in a time where unity is a must.

"Activating economic relations among the Islamic countries and aug-

menting the volume of trade balance will ward off dangers that may arise," Bamashmous said.

Several-related investment issue will be reviewed including, investment opportunities, granted facilitations, new amendments on Law Investment, and Aden Free Zone laws.

Sheikh Ismael Ali Abu Dawood, the Chairman of the Islamic Chamber Mr. Aqeel Alqasem, the Secretary General of Islamic Chambers, and Mr. Khaled Abu Ismael, the Chairman of the Arab General Union Chambers will attend the event which will also be attended by at least 23 Islamic countries.

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Information Minister met with the chairman of the Supreme Council of Televised Media in the Republic of France on April 17.

In the same context, An appraisal meeting was held between the French-Yemeni space channel representatives to discuss the technical T.V aspects.

During his visit to France the Yemeni Information Minister was accompanied by the General Manager of the General Corp. for Radio and T.V. Ahmed Taher Ashaiani.

Almahaliah published

The Taiz local council has recently published its issue number one of Almahaliah newspaper.

The paper is supervised by Shawki Ahmed Hayel, chairman of the Planning & Financial Committee at the council.

The editor-in chief of the paper is Sami al-Hadad. Many good topics related to the activities of councils nationwide were dealt with.



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Firemen scour Milan tower after freak plane crash

MILAN (Reuters) - Firecrews worked through the night inside Milan's tallest skyscraper, searching for clues as to why a small plane slammed into the building in an "unbelievable accident" that triggered fears of a new September 11.

Police said three were killed and 29 hurt in Thursday's crash when an elderly pilot lost control of his four-seater aircraft and flew it into the upper storeys of the imposing high-rise that towers above Italy's financial capital.

Early reports that it might have been a terror attack sent jittery financial markets around the world tumbling.

But air officials quickly calmed nerves, saying the pilot had complained of technical problems minutes before impact on a sunny afternoon.

"This had nothing to do with the

haunting images of the Twin Towers," Interior Minister Claudio Scajola told reporters late on Thursday at the scene of the accident. "Sure, tragedy struck. But it could have been worse."

The 1950s skyscraper houses the local regional government, providing offices for 1,750 people, but by a stroke of luck the top five floors of the 30-storey building were nearly empty when the plane struck because they were being renovated.

Rescue worker Carlo Lio said the 27th floor had collapsed onto the 26th floor, hampering salvage operations. Flood lights illuminated the top of the tower to help workers as they sifted through debris in the early hours of Friday morning.

The pavement below was littered with broken glass, bent pieces of metal

and sheets of paper blown out of the windows.

Police said a woman lawyer had leapt to her death shortly after the crash as smoke billowed from the scarred high-rise block. The body of another woman lawyer was later recovered from inside the building.

The 67-year-old pilot, named variously as Gino Fasulo or Luigi Fasulo, also died.

Fasulo started his doomed flight aboard his single-engine Commander 112 propeller-driven aircraft shortly after 5:00 p.m. (1500 GMT) from the nearby southern Swiss town of Locarno and headed for Linate airport on the outskirts of Milan.

Some 30 minutes later as he neared the city, he told air traffic controllers he was having problems with the plane's landing gear, Italy's civil aviation body (ENAV) said.

Linate control tower told him to head west, but for reasons yet to be determined, he headed north into the city, saying he was resolving the problem. He lost radio contact and never sent a distress signal, ENAV said in a statement.

"It sounded just like the Twin Towers attack," said a British tourist who was near the tower at the moment of impact.

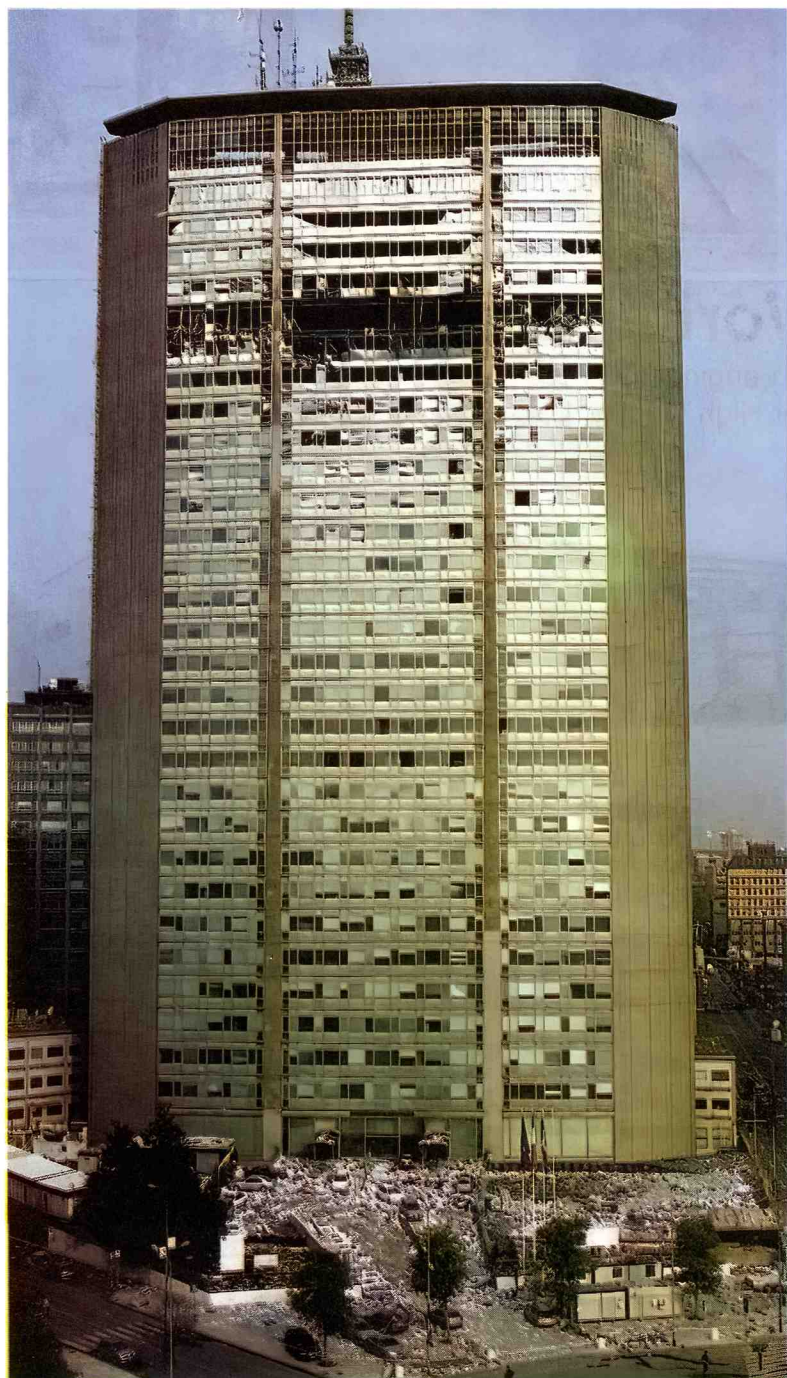
Fasulo's nephew told Italian state television RAI there was no question of his uncle having committed suicide. "My uncle didn't have any financial problems and no health problems. Everyone who knew him would testify that he loved life," the nephew said. The Milan block is 127 metres (400 feet) tall and overshadows the city's fascist-era central station. It is known as the Pirelli skyscraper, but the Italian tyre and cable company no longer operates from it.

Fasulo's plane struck the building head on, blowing out windows back and front, and spreading panic on the streets below. About 300 people were believed to have been in the building at the moment of impact.

Ecuadorian Ivan de la Torre, 35, was working on the 19th floor, cleaning carpets, when the plane hit.

"At first I thought it was my machine that had blown up but then I saw flames outside the window," de la Torre said.

It was the second air accident to hit Milan in seven months. In October, a Scandinavian Airlines System (SAS) collided with a small private plane on a Linate runway, killing 118 people.



A view of the damaged 'Pirellone' 30-storey building in central Milan

USS Cole about to return to service

WASHINGTON, April 16 (Reuters) - The USS Cole warship, left with a gaping hole in its side from an attack by a boat-load of suicide bombers, is ready to return to action after 18 months and \$250 million in repairs, a Navy spokesman said on Tuesday.

The Cole will leave the shipyard in Pascagoula, Mississippi, on Friday for the Navy base at Norfolk, Virginia, to go back on assignment, said Navy Lt. Bill Speaks. "It's completely repaired," he said.

"From the beginning there was a publicly stated wish to get that ship back, get it repaired and send it back to sea," Speaks said.

In the October 2000 attack on the Cole,

a small boat pulled up alongside the destroyer in Aden harbor and blew up, gouging a huge hole in its side and killing 17 Americans.

The United States suspects Saudi-born militant Osama bin Laden of masterminding that bombing, as well as the Sept. 11 attacks on America about a year later in which hijacked planes struck the World Trade Center in New York, the Pentagon near Washington and a field in Pennsylvania, killing about 3,000 people.

Yemeni officials said in March that talks had begun to study reviving a deal to refuel U.S. warships in Aden port. The United States froze the refueling agreement after the Cole attack.



Finance ministers of G-7 to meet in Canada

(Xinhua) — Finance ministers of the Group of Seven (G7) industrialized countries will meet in June in Halifax, the capital city of Canada's eastern province of Nova Scotia, Canadian Finance Minister Paul Martin announced Friday.

Martin told reporters in Halifax that the G7 ministerial meeting, slated for June 14-15, will focus on fighting international terrorism and finding ways to reduce debts in the developing world.

Exploring new ways to freeze the assets of terrorist organizations would also be a key topic for the meeting, he added.

The G7 groups the United States, Germany, Britain, France, Italy, Japan and Canada.

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Jenin refugee camp aftermath

UN council approves fact-finding team

UNITED NATIONS, April 19 (Reuters) - The U.N. Security Council voted unanimously on Friday night for a fact-finding mission on the devastation in the Palestinian refugee camp in Jenin, raided by Israeli troops over the past three weeks.

After threatening to veto an earlier Arab-drafted measure, the United States rewrote the resolution and Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres told U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan he would accept his representative to "clarify the facts."

The resolution welcomes a "fact-finding team" organized by Annan to gather information on recent events in Jenin, scene of the heaviest fighting since Israeli incursions into the West Bank camp some three weeks ago.

"We joined a united Security Council in welcoming the initiative of the secretary-general today in consultation with Israeli authorities who are ready to cooperate with him," U.S.

Ambassador John Negroponte told reporters. "It is important to have the facts with regard to what has hap-

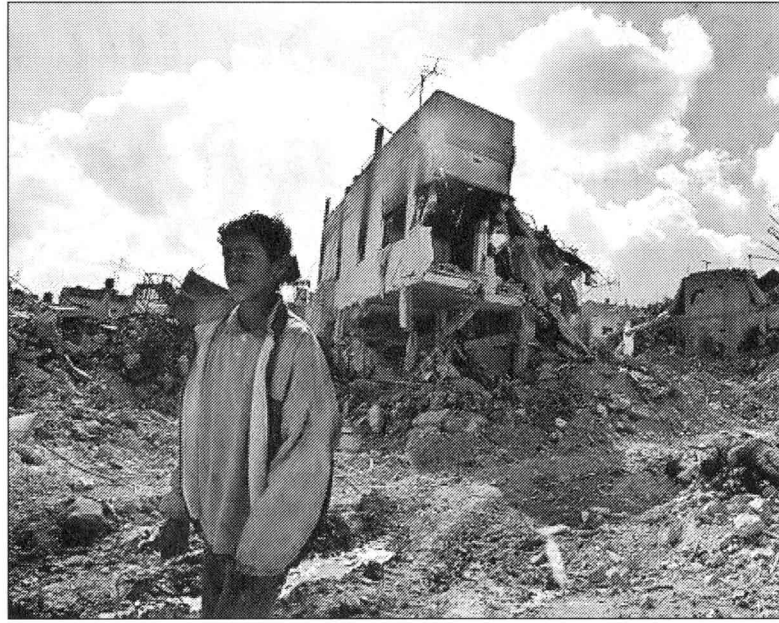
pened in Jenin," he said.

The resolution expresses concern at the "dire humanitarian situation of Palestinian civilians, in particular a report from Jenin "of an unknown number of deaths and destruction."

And it calls for lifting restrictions on operations of relief organizations, such as the United Nations and the International Committee of the Red Cross.

Palestinian observer Nasser al-Kidwa said the vote was crucial because "we believe a serious war crime was committed, a serious massacre was committed, and therefore some people will have to be held responsible and perhaps brought to justice." Syria's U.N. ambassador, Mikhail Wehbe, the only Arab member in the council, said the resolution reflected the "will of the international community in making Israel accountable for the crimes it committed in Palestinian cities and refugee camps."

Washington earlier had threatened to veto an Arab-drafted resolution that expressed shock at reports of a "mas-



A Palestinian boy walks through the destroyed Jenin refugee camp.

sacre" in Jenin and asked Annan to investigate.

The words "investigate" and "massacre" were among terms eliminated from the final text.

The resolution is the fourth in a month on the escalating violence. The 15-member Security Council approved three resolutions in March and early April demanding an immediate

cease-fire and an Israeli troop withdrawal from West Bank cities "without delay." It reaffirmed those resolutions in Friday's text. Each time the

Bush administration has offered a substitute text to soften the language, in an attempt to avoid using veto and thereby further inflame tensions in the Arab world.

Calls have mounted around the world for a probe of Jenin, the most violent of Israel's incursions in the West Bank over the past two weeks that left the camp in ruins. Reliable death figures are not available.

During a two-day public council meeting, many of the more than 40 speakers called for a probe of the events in Jenin.

Arafat offers to try Israeli minister's killers

RAMALLAH, West Bank (Reuters) - Yasser Arafat offered Friday to put the suspected killers of far-right Israeli Tourism Minister Rehavam Zeevi on trial in a Palestinian court, an aide to the Palestinian leader said.

"The Palestinian side accepts and welcomes the call by President Bush to submit those accused of killing Zeevi to the Palestinian justice (system) since they are subject to Palestinian jurisdiction under Oslo peace accords," Mohammed Rashid, an Arafat adviser, told Reuters.

Rashid, speaking from Arafat's besieged headquarters in Ramallah, said the suspects had been moved to the presidential compound from a prison in Nablus in February for investigation.

Israel has said the army will besiege Arafat's headquarters until the suspects are handed over, along with a Palestinian official suspected of involvement in an intercepted Iranian arms shipment Israel says was for the Palestinian Authority.

Bush said on Thursday Zeevi's suspected assassins, who belong to the



PLO leader Yasser Arafat

radical Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine, should be brought to justice, but did not say whether they should be tried in a Palestinian or an Israeli court.

Huge cost of Israeli blitz

JERUSALEM, (Reuters) - A senior Palestinian economist said on Saturday the financial cost of Israel's battering offensive into the West Bank would run into hundreds of millions of dollars.

Mohammed Shtayyeh, who heads a Palestinian development body, spoke as international agencies sought in advance of a donors' meeting in Norway next week to assess emergency aid needs caused by the army incursions which smashed parts of several big towns.

He said an initial estimate of physical damage across the West Bank was at least \$450 million, but that figure did not include the Jenin refugee camp and the old casbah district of Nablus, both partially destroyed in heavy fighting.

"On top of this, the Palestinian economy is at a complete standstill, totally paralysed," he told Reuters, adding that much of the West Bank was under army curfew, preventing people reaching their jobs which had dried up incomes.

U.N. Middle East envoy Terje Roed-Larsen said on Friday that after 18 months of Israeli-Palestinian violence at least 75 percent of productive activities in the West Bank had ceased and that 75 percent of the workforce was now idle.

Nigel Roberts, the World Bank's representative in Palestinian areas, said emergency damage assessment teams were aiming to draw up a "ball-park" figure of Palestinian requirements before the Oslo donors' meeting on April 24-25.

He said no figure had yet been calculated. "The donors already showed exemplary commitment last year. In difficult circumstances, they doubled their commitments. But they are going to have to do more this year, in even more difficult circumstances," he told Reuters.

Before the offensive, the World Bank estimated that

Palestinians would need emergency aid during 2002 of between \$1.1 billion and \$1.7 billion, depending on the severity of Israel's punitive military closures of Palestinian-ruled areas.

But given damage from the offensive, which has crippled the Palestinian Authority in towns where Palestinians obtained autonomy under interim peace accords during the 1990s, Roberts said donors would have to commit "\$1.7 billion plus" for 2002.

Aid officials and Palestinians have stressed the need for continued medium-term development funds to help the Palestinian economy stand on its own feet, but they said such projects had slowed, most to a standstill, during the current crisis.

Shtayyeh said donors should hold Israel responsible for the damage. "This is donors' money, this is taxpayers' money, it has to be protected," he said.

US, British jets bomb northern Iraq

BAGHDAD (Reuters) - Iraq said U.S. and British warplanes struck civilian targets in the north of the country on Friday, the second such incident this week.

A military spokesman, quoted by the official Iraqi News Agency INA, said the planes carried out eight sorties from bases in Turkey at 2:50 p.m. (10:50 GMT).

"The enemy attacked our civilian and service installations in Nineveh province," the spokesman said. No

casualties were reported.

The spokesman said Iraqi air defence units fired on the jets and forced them to return to their bases in Turkey.

U.S. officials said warplanes attacked Iraqi air defences in a northern no-fly zone after ground-based radar targeted Western aircraft patrolling the zone. The U.S. European Command based in Germany said precision-guided bombs were dropped on air defence

targets east of Mosul. Officials said U.S. Air Force F-16s launched the

attack and that all returned safely to their home base in neighbouring Turkey.

U.S. and British warplanes struck targets in a southern no-fly zone in Iraq on Monday, but no casualties were reported by Iraq.

This week's attacks came amid growing speculation that the United States was considering whether to attack Iraq in an attempt to remove Saddam from power. The United States and Britain say no decision has been made.

Baghdad has refused to allow U.N. weapons inspectors into Iraq since they pulled out in December 1998 on the eve of U.S.- British air strikes meant to punish the country for not cooperating with the inspectors.

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Iran and China look to expand bilateral relations

TEHRAN, (Reuters) - Iran and China pledged on Saturday to open a new era of relations, with Beijing brushing aside U.S. accusations that Tehran sponsors terrorism.

Chinese President Jiang Zemin, given a red-carpet welcome by Iranian President Mohammad Khatami at Saad Abad palace, called for the two countries to work together to help peace and stability and oppose violence and terrorism in the troubled Central Asia region and in the world.

State radio said they also expressed concern over growing U.S. influence in Central Asia and urged all neighbouring countries to help in the reconstruction of war-battered Afghanistan.

"Relations between Tehran and Beijings are to the benefit of the region's and of the world's peace and stability," the radio quoted Jiang as saying.

U.S. President George W. Bush accused Iran earlier this year of being part of an "axis of evil" which, together with North Korea and Iraq, sought to develop weapons of mass destruction.

Iran vehemently denies the charge.

"Iran wants a world without weapons of mass destruction and we abide by all international rules of non-proliferation of those weapons," Khatami said during the meeting with Jiang.

"But at the same time it is Iran's right to have the capability to defend itself and enjoy world's know-how for peaceful purposes," the radio quoted him as saying.



Iranian President Mohammad Khatami (R) and Chinese President Jiang Zemin walk into the Saadabad Palace in Tehran after an official welcoming ceremony April 20, 2002.

China has given the U.S. no guarantee that it would not export weapons technology to nations Washington considers hostile — notably Iran, Iraq and North Korea.

The Chinese leader's four-day visit, in response to Khatami's official trip to China in 2000, is the last leg of a two-week tour which included Europe, the Middle East and Africa.

Political analysts said the visit to Iran, which buys Chinese arms technology, was an indication that Beijing did not share U.S. views about the Islamic Republic.

Khatami, a reformer who has tried to

promote better relations ties with the outside world since he took office in 1997, described cooperation between Iran and China as "proper" and called for a further expansion of ties.

Six cooperation documents were signed covering projects in energy, trade and the economy.

Trade between Iran and China totalled \$3.3 billion last year and has steeply increased in the past decade.

Jiang, who is heading a delegation of 180 politicians and businessmen, was due to meet supreme religious Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei on Sunday before flying home on Monday.

Mideast on verge of 'abyss,' says al-Faisal

MOSCOW, (Reuters) - Saudi Foreign Minister Prince Saud al-Faisal called on Thursday for swift action to end the violence in the Middle East, saying the torn region was on the verge of an abyss.

"Events in the region are heading for an abyss, and they will fall in it if nothing is done to control them in the immediate future," Prince Saud told reporters after talks with his Russian counterpart, Igor Ivanov.

"What we see happening in the Jenin refugee camp and in many other places is reaching the point where these actions can be called war crimes."

Israeli tanks and troops withdrew on Thursday from shattered Jenin, where up to 400 people are believed to have died during some of the fiercest battles of the offensive.

Israel has said its troops would leave the West Bank cities of Nablus, Jenin and parts of Ramallah by Sunday, but would stay at Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat's compound and Bethlehem's Nativity Church until a standoff with militants was resolved.

Ivanov said Russia and Saudi Arabia agreed "efforts must be made to move towards an immediate cease-fire and a withdrawal of Israeli forces, as well as the lifting of the siege on Arafat's compound."

"We are seriously concerned with the humanitarian situation in the Palestinian territories," Ivanov said. "Urgent action must be taken to improve the situation of the Palestinian people." Russia is a co-sponsor of the stalled Middle East peace process along with the United



Russian President Putin stands with Saudi foreign minister Prince Al-Faisal in Moscow

States, but its Soviet-era clout with its Arab allies has waned since the collapse of Communism in 1991.

Israel says the offensive launched on March 29 is aimed at uprooting "terror networks" after scores of

Israelis were killed in a wave of Palestinian suicide bombings. Palestinians suspect Israel's underlying goal is to destroy the Palestinian Authority and the nascent institutions of a future independent state.

TEHRAN, (Reuters) - A moderate earthquake jolted southern Iran on Saturday but there were no reports of casualties or damage, the official IRNA news agency said.

The quake, measuring 4.6 on the open-ended Richter scale, shook the city of Tangestan in Bushehr province.

Earthquakes are a regular occurrence in Iran, which is crossed by a number of major faultlines, and three moderate quakes have hit the country in the past week.

A quake measuring four to five on the Richter scale is powerful enough to cause heavy damage in populated areas.

No casualties in quake that jolts southern Iran, Apr. 20

Saudi cleric says peace not possible with Israel

DUBAI, (Reuters) - A top Saudi Arabian Muslim cleric prayed to God on Friday to "terminate" the Jews and urged Arabs and Muslims to abandon efforts to make peace with Israel.

"We must say farewell to peace initiatives with these people (Jews)," Sheikh Abdul-Rahman al-Sudais told worshippers at the Grand Mosque in Mecca, Islam's holiest shrine, in a sermon, carried live by several Arabic television and radio networks.

He prayed to God to "terminate" the Jews, whom he described as "the scum of humanity... the rats of the world... prophet killers... pigs and monkeys".

The sermon by Sudais, one of the top imams at the Grand Mosque, was

unusually fiery in a country largely seen to follow moderate foreign policy and to be a close ally of the United States and other Western countries.

Arab anger has been on the rise since Israel launched its military offensive on the West Bank two weeks ago at a time when Arab nations adopted a Saudi proposal for peace with the Jewish state.

Sudais said Israel was carrying out a war of "ugly annihilation" against the Palestinians. "When the (Muslim) nation opted for peace to achieve its greater interests they (Jews) did not reciprocate," he said.

Saudi Crown Prince Abdullah is due to visit the United States next week to

discuss the conflict and the peace offer with U.S. President George W. Bush — seen by many Arabs and Muslims as biased in favour of Israel.

"World leaders, you who claim to be fighting terrorism, what do you call what those people did to Palestinians?" asked Sudais. "Are the aspirations of a billion Muslims to safeguard their sanctities considered terrorism?" he added.

"They (Jews) want to establish a greater Israel with Jerusalem as its capital and they aspire to tear down the al-Aqsa mosque (Islam's third holiest shrine) to build their so-called temple on its ruins," he said.

He urged Muslim leaders to "rescue Palestine before it is lost."

Oman bus crash kills 46

MUSCAT, (Reuters) - Forty-six people were killed when their bus skidded off a mountain road in southern Oman, the official ONA news agency reported late on Friday.

Eight of the 54 passengers on the bus survived the crash and were taken to hospital with serious injuries, ONA said. It said most of the passengers were expatriates.

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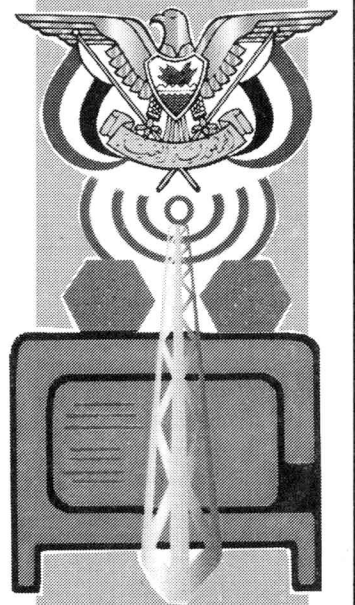
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Indonesia bomb suspect admits faking papers

ZAMBOANGA, Philippines, (Reuters) - An Indonesian linked to Osama bin Laden's al Qaeda and a bomb plot in Singapore pleaded guilty to forgery on Friday, a day after he was given a jail term of up to 12 years for illegal possession of explosives.

The bearded Fathur Rohman al-Ghozi pleaded guilty to two counts of falsifying documents to obtain Philippine passports, through an interpreter at the Zamboanga regional trial court in southern Philippines.

Judge Hakim Abdulwahid said he planned later on Friday to hand down a sentence to al-Ghozi, who was described by witnesses as appearing sad throughout the hearing.

"Since the accused pleaded guilty, the court no longer ordered a trial," Abdulwahid said.

Prosecution lawyers recommended to the court a jail term of four to six years and a fine of 60,000 pesos (\$1,176) for both charges against al-

Ghozi.

A police aircraft flew Al-Ghozi to Zamboanga from General Santos City, the site of the previous court hearing, and a van immediately whisked him to court.

The General Santos Regional Trial Court on Thursday sentenced al-Ghozi to between 10 and 12 years in jail and fined him 200,000 pesos (\$4,000) for illegal possession of a tonne of explosives.

Al-Ghozi was detained in Manila on January 15 while preparing to leave for Thailand. His arrest led authorities to seize explosives they believe were linked to a thwarted bomb plot against U.S. targets in nearby Singapore.

Philippine authorities have linked al-Ghozi to the Jemaah Islamiah group which in turn has been linked to the al Qaeda network of bin Laden, the prime suspect in the September 11 attacks on the United States.



Indonesian Fathur Rohman al-Ghozi (R) sits with an unidentified attorney during a hearing at the regional trial court in General Santos in the southern Philippines April 18, 2002.

South Korea sends flight recorder to U.S.

SEOUL (Reuters) - South Korea will send a damaged flight recorder recovered from the crashed Air China passenger plane to the United States on Saturday for hardware restoration before further investigations could be done, officials said.

Air China flight CA 129 ploughed into a wooded hillside near the southern city of Pusan in South Korea on Monday, killing 122 people. Thirty-eight out of the 166 people on board the plane survived, including one of the pilots, and another six are still missing.

"Four investigators (two Korean and two Chinese) will leave for Seattle via Korea's Asiana carrier at 5:30 p.m. (0830

GMT)," an official at the country's transport ministry told Reuters.

Allied Signal of the United States, manufacturer of the badly damaged device, will help restore the recorder, the official said.

"Once the hardware is restored, we will bring it back to Korea for examination," another official at the ministry told Reuters.

It is not still clear why the Boeing 767-200-ER crashed as

it was approaching Kimhae airport, but South Korean and Chinese media have been circulating various theories, some of which point to pilot error.



Firefighters Examine the Remains of Air China Airplane near Kimhae Airport

A team comprising U.S., Chinese and Korean experts started analysing the voice recorder, which suffered less damage. They expect to get some information linked to the accident from the recorder within a week.

The CA 129 flight was trying to approach Kimhae airport, the gateway to the country's second largest city of

Pusan, when it crashed. Pusan is one of the venues for the May 31-June 30 soccer World Cup finals South Korea is co-hosting with Japan.

On Saturday, hundreds of South Korean rescue workers continued the grim task of finding bodies still accounted for after the Monday's crash.

Only a few of the 122 who died in the crash have been identified so far and investigators say it could take two months to complete.

The crash was the first for China's flagship airline and came just six weeks before tens of thousands of soccer fans were expected to arrive in the region for the World Cup.

Indonesian flash flood kills 19 on Sumbo Island

JAKARTA (Xinhua) — Indonesian island of Sumba was hit by flash flood last week, claiming the lives of 19 people, according to the Antara News Agency Saturday.

The flood also destroyed a bridge linking the districts of East Sumba and West Sumba, the spokesman for the East Nusa Tenggara provincial government Nani Kosapilawan said upon arrival in the provincial capital of Kupang from a visit to flood-stricken

areas.

"Up till now, land communications between East Sumba and West Sumba have been cut off because a bridge in Langgaliru was destroyed by the flood," she said.

Last week's flood was the second biggest to hit East Nusa Tenggara in two years. Earlier 2000, flash floods hit southern Belu district in West Timor, killing around 100 people.

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6,000 children missing as Uganda fights rebels

NAIROBI, April 19 (Reuters) - The United Nations food aid agency fears for around 6,000 children it says are missing after Ugandan troops overran rebel camps in southern Sudan, an official said on Friday.

Laura Melo, the spokeswoman for the U.N. World Food Programme in Nairobi, said she feared the children might be lost or trapped in the fighting between Ugandan army soldiers and rebels of the Lord's Resistance Army (LRA).

"We are extremely concerned about the whereabouts of at least 6,000 children," Melo told Reuters.

The LRA, led by self-proclaimed prophet Joseph Kony, has abducted at least 12,000 northern Ugandan children for use as slaves, wives or fighters since engaging the Ugandan army in a low intensity conflict.

The LRA has been fighting for 14

years to overthrow President Yoweri Museveni's government and its stated aim is to rule Uganda according to the Biblical Ten Commandments.

Ugandan troops launched operation "Iron Fist" in late March, attacking the rebels' camps in Sudan and sending them into flight. The Sudanese government sanctioned the operation but has played no direct role in the fighting.

"The expectation of humanitarian agencies was that we could reach them by now, but we don't know where they are."

Securing the release of thousands of children abducted by the LRA, reviled for cutting off ears and noses or padlocking lips to discourage villagers from collaborating with the Ugandan army, was one of the stated goals of Uganda's foray into the rebel camps in southern Sudan, Melo said.

"So far there has been no evidence of

the children, who had been expected to be met by aid agencies at Juba town," she said.

As part of their initiation into rebel life, children, some as young as six, have been forced to hack to death fellow child captives who have attempted to escape.

Boys are used as fighters or porters, girls as wives or slaves for the rebel commanders at their camps in Sudan.

Earlier this week, Uganda's army said it had cornered the bulk of the LRA rebels, less than a month after chasing its fighters out of their main camps near the Ugandan border. But it said it needed more time to finish the operation.

More than 300,000 children, mostly aged between 15 and 17 but some as young as 10 are thought to be waging war in some 40 different conflicts around the world.



Ugandan soldiers have overrun Sudanese rebel camps.

Separatists kill 12 soldiers in clashes in Angola

LISBON (Reuters) - An Angolan separatist group said it killed 12 government soldiers in the southwest African nation, the Portuguese news agency Lusa reported on Friday.

The FLEC-FAC group seeking independence for the oil-rich Cabinda enclave said the troops were killed in two clashes on Thursday, Lusa said.

Five separatist fighters were wounded, the agency said. The report comes after months of relative quiet in the Cabinda region, which is separated from the rest of Angola by a strip of

the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

According to a statement signed by the group's armed forces chief, Francisco Luemba, the first clash took place in the Buco Zau Military region and a second in the Belize Military Region.

The second clash involved "a company of special (government) troops infiltrated deep into the forest," Lusa quoted the statement as saying.

The Cabinda separatists accused government forces on Thursday of

killing 10 civilians in an attack on the village of Quissungu, Lusa said. The group also said the government was preparing a large offensive jointly with UNITA rebels.

An Angolan government spokesman denied the report. UNITA and the government signed a cease-fire this month aimed at ending a 27-year-old civil war in the former Portuguese colony.

FLEC-FAC is a Portuguese acronym for Liberation Front for the Cabinda Enclave-Armed Forces of Cabinda.

Western Sahara deadline nears; U.N. council mute

UNITED NATIONS, April 19 (Reuters) - A clearly impatient U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan reminded the Security Council on Friday that it had just a few days to advise him on the next steps to take in a long-simmering dispute over whether Western Sahara should be free or a part of Morocco.

The council in late February gave itself two months — until April 30 — to choose among four options for resolving the future status of the phosphate-rich northwest African territory that also may have offshore oil.

Annan, in a report to the 15-nation body, pointedly noted that his special envoy James Baker, the former U.S. secretary of state, had put aside all work on the matter "in anticipation of a decision" by the council.

The report has not been made public but a copy was obtained by Reuters.

Annan said Baker was prepared to resume his activities as soon as the council made up its mind, and he hoped it would act before the end of the month.

Baker, who has been Annan's envoy for Western Sahara since March 1997, has laid out four options for the council and tried to send a clear message that it was time to make tough decisions or withdraw from the dispute.

Council envoys already have made clear that they would not choose the fourth option: To walk away from the seemingly endless impasse.

The three other options are:

— dividing the territory, with one part independent and the other belonging to Morocco, a choice strongly opposed by Morocco;

— imposing terms for a long-sought independence referendum that has bogged down for more than a decade over questions of voter eligibility, an option long backed by the Polisario Front independence movement;

— or formally making the territory part of Morocco although with substantial autonomy, a path favored by Morocco but hotly contested by the Polisario.

Debate over the sparsely populated former Spanish colony has raged since Morocco took it over in 1976. The Polisario waged a sporadic guerrilla war against Morocco until a U.N.-brokered cease-fire took effect in 1991.

The United Nations has been trying unsuccessfully since 1992 to organize a referendum on the territory's future.

The dispute took on an added layer of complexity after Morocco in October authorized French oil giant TotalFinaElf and U.S.-based Kerr-McGee Corp. to explore for offshore oil there.

An advisory opinion by U.N. legal counsel Hans Corell found Morocco had done nothing illegal in signing the contracts.

But Corell said Morocco would violate international law if it let foreign firms produce and sell oil from Western Sahara without taking into account the interests of its people.

Eritrea pleased with ruling in Eritrea-Ethiopia border dispute

BY THE ERITREA EMBASSY
FOR THE YEMEN TIMES

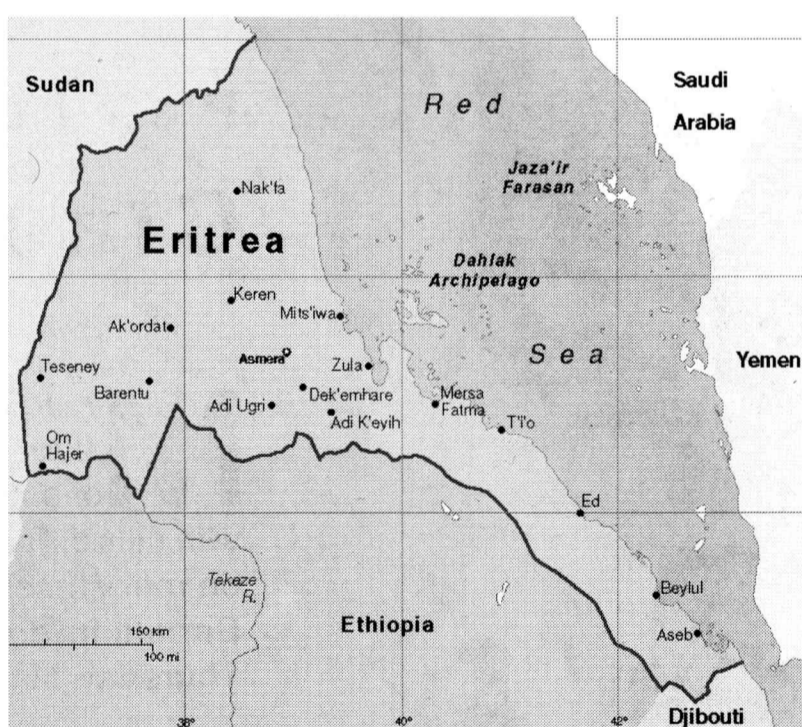
Over the past four years, prior to the TPLF's declaration of war against Eritrea and since then, before the heavy casualties and damage suffered by the peoples of Eritrea and Ethiopia, the government and people of Eritrea have consistently maintained that the border dispute could only be resolved by peaceful and legal means, and not through war and the logic of force. A recent determination by the Border Commission has reaffirmed what was clear four years ago and has vindicated Eritrea.

When they signed the Algiers peace agreement in December 2000, both parties had committed themselves to accept the decision of the Commission as "final and binding". Hence the question of acceptance of the decision is superfluous and does not require belabored commentary and verbal acrobatics.

As to the question of to whose favor the decision went, the determination and its implications provide clear answers. The flowery and bombastic statements that were issued lately cannot erase from our collective memories the statements and actions of the past four years.

Nor can we forget that Badme, which was included in the map of Tigray, was used as a pretext for Ethiopia's declaration of war. It does not, therefore, require learned commentary to clarify in whose favor the decision went and the Ethiopian people are best placed to give their judgement.

In the final analysis, the end of the war on the basis of a legal determination is a victory for both the Eritrean and Ethiopian peoples. It is a victory for the people of Ethiopia, but it is the Eritrean people who have emerged most victorious.



Food shortages could threaten Sierra Leone peace

ABIDJAN, April 19 (Reuters) - Empty stomachs could endanger peace in Sierra Leone if donors pack up for more glamorous trouble spots after next month's elections, the United Nations World Food Programme said on Friday.

The end of a decade of brutal war in the West African country has the makings of the biggest U.N. peacekeeping success for many years on a continent where United Nations efforts to bring stability have too often fallen apart.

But WFP's regional director, Manuel da Silva, told Reuters the success could be threatened if tens of thousands of refugees returning to ruined homes did not have enough food to support themselves through the difficult early months.

Da Silva said donors had supplied only about half the 100,000 tonnes of

food needed for this year.

"Up to June, we are fine but from the end of July we'll have big problems to keep going. If people don't have food when they return it can start local struggles," he told Reuters by telephone after a visit to Sierra Leone.

"People feel things are done and peace is coming and they move to another part of the world with more active conflict.

It's a real pity because I don't think it's over," he said.

Images of women and children whose arms and legs had been hacked off in one of Africa's most savage conflicts shocked the world into action on Sierra Leone.

The United Nations sent its biggest current peacekeeping force, hoping it

would be more successful than U.N. missions in the 1990s to Somalia, Rwanda and Angola. Nearly 50,000 fighters have been disarmed and elections are due in May.

But aid workers in West Africa have worried since last year that foreign aid to get Afghanistan back on its feet, after a war of much more direct interest to the West, would mean there was less for their blighted corner.

Some fear Sierra Leone could face a scenario like the Central African Republic, which fell back into a cycle of

instability last year following the end of a U.N. peace mission sent to allow elections after army mutinies in the 1990s.

Lasting peace in Sierra Leone could also depend on neighbouring Liberia,

which has been plunged back into turmoil by a rebellion that erupted in 2000, three years after the end of another vicious conflict.

"In a couple of years more we might stabilise this region," da Silva said. "But if we have increasing instability in Liberia, we won't have the resources to cope."

A potential warning sign of the danger of food shortages flashed in Guinea last month when a riot erupted at a Sierra Leonean refugee camp after supplies of cooking oil temporarily broke off.

"This is nothing compared to the break that you will have later this year. We may have riots, a very serious situation,"

da Silva said.

Congo delegates near new peace talks

JOHANNESBURG (Reuters) - Delegates who failed to agree a peace deal to end Africa's biggest war in the Democratic Republic of Congo will meet again to resolve two key issues that scuppered marathon talks ending on Friday, officials said.

A peace deal is crucial to ending nearly four years of war in the Congo — Africa's third-largest country — which has killed more than two million people. A shaky cease-fire is monitored by United Nations observers.

More than 50 days of peace talks between 368 delegates from the government, opposition parties, rebel groups and civil society reached agreement on 37 issues, but failed to agree on a transitional government and defense-related matters.

"The facilitator on Friday indicated that South Africa is prepared to continue hosting the talks and he suggested a smaller delegation to do that. South Africa indicated it had no problems with that," said South African presidential spokesman Bheki Khumalo.

The facilitator, Sir Ketumile Masire, will check with delegates on their state

of readiness, their availability and where they would like to resume talks.

"We could have the talks as early as next week, if that's what the Congolese want," Khumalo said.

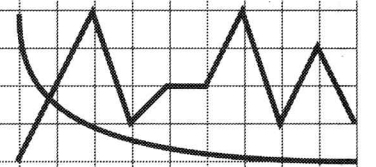
The deal collapsed over differences over the role of President Joseph Kabila in a transitional government ahead of democratic elections and the role of rebel groups in a future government as well as defense-related matters.

Mbeki spent nearly 48 hours to secure a last-minute agreement as talks stretched well beyond their scheduled Thursday afternoon close.

Mbeki put forward a proposal drawn up after consulting delegates whereby Kabila would stay on in a largely ceremonial role in a 30-month transitional government before democratic elections, with leaders of the two rebel groups given more powerful vice-presidential roles.

The talks, sponsored by South Africa and the European Union at a cost of \$4 million, were supposed to work out political, economic and military structures under a transitional government ahead of elections.

YT Business



Economic impact is huge

Will Qat be replaced?

BY MAHYOUB AL-KAMALI
YEMEN TIMES STAFF

Qat. It stirs all kinds of feelings for many Yemeni. Most Yemeni, in fact, would go out of their way to advocate the use of Qat, citing its benefits and social value.

More than 85 percent of the adults in Yemen use it, and an increasing number of young Yemenis are also chewing.

It's part of the daily routine and some affluent Yemenis buy enough to chew daily.

But it does have social, economic and health hazards. And a two-day Qat conference held here earlier this month had participants look at how to deal with such problems.

It was confirmed that there is an increasing number of Qat farmers due to the following reasons:

- The absence of a true agricultural policy to put an end to Qat cultivation in the most fertile lands.
 - No alternative with other agricultural products such as, cereals, fruits, and vegetables.
 - Short-term profit for the national economy. This has in turn resulted in the loss of self-sufficiency and has led to importing more foreign products.
- One issue is that insecticides used in

the cultivation of Qat imposes is a health threat.

To avoid the effect of the traditional insecticides, more attention has been given to find other alternative insecticides that have been proven harmless.

But Qat and its high revenues make it more preferable than the other kinds of crops, and farmers use chemical substances, harmful or not, to get more production, especially in winter when the tree is likely to be slowly growing.

Who is responsible?

Some critics suggest the state should be held accountable for the recent expansion of Qat due to a number of reasons:

First, the state has not promoted the production of other crops such as, coffee, cotton and vegetables.

Second, Qat sessions have been greatly encouraged by the state, which has made special grand rooms (*Diwans or Mafraj*) fully equipped for Qat chewing.

Third, important day-to-day state issues are commonly discussed during Qat sessions.

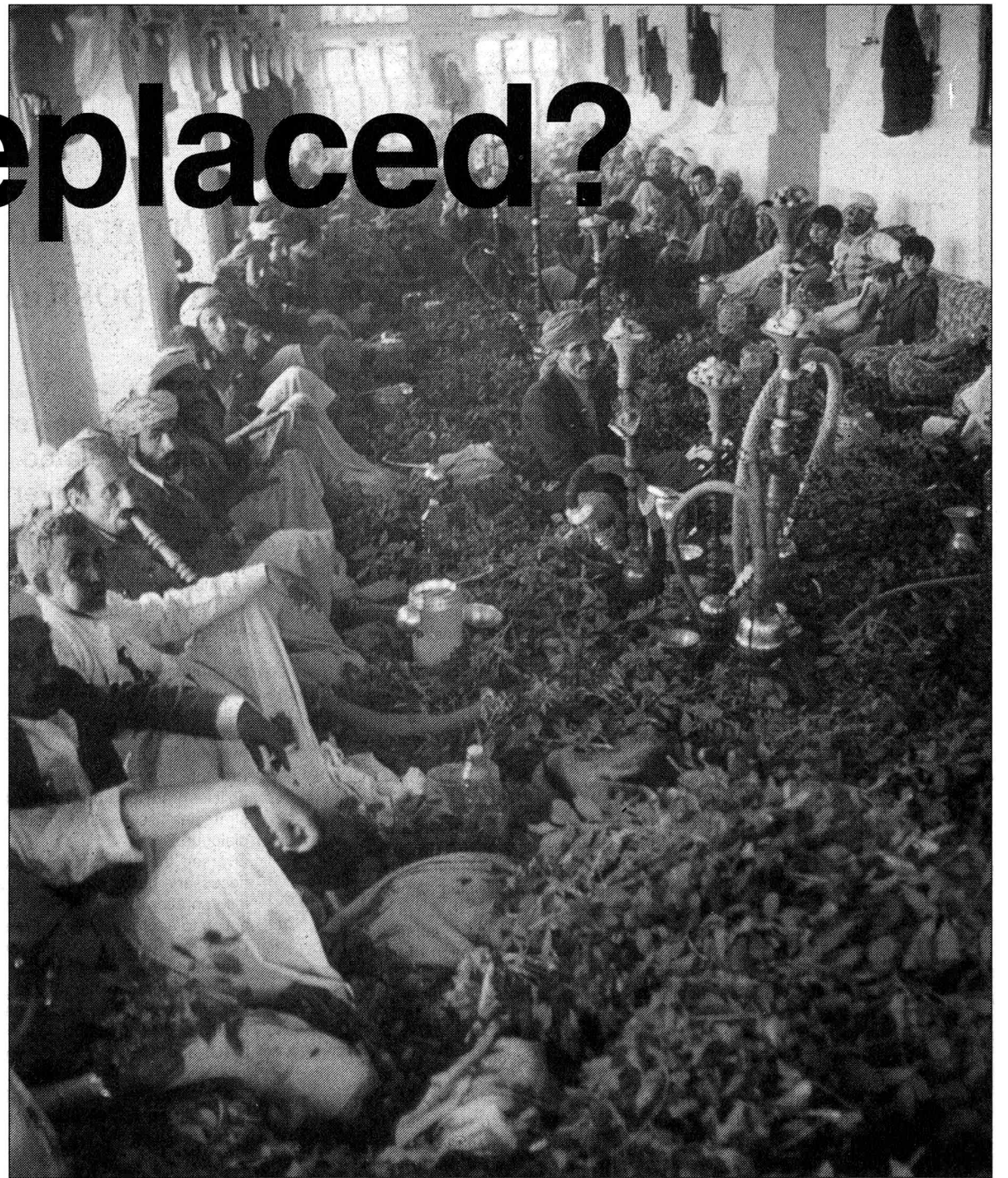
At last, *Diwans or Mafraj* have become public places where social figures meet to discuss political, social and economic issues while chewing.

"To curb such a phenomenon and to put an end to this evil plant, more needs to be done than holding one or two conferences," a researcher commented.

He added further that more than 3 million people depend on profits from the sale of Qat, and thousands of people collect Qat taxes. "If the government decided to pull Qat out of the economy, an economic and social catastrophe will erupt," he said.

Farmers who own even small pieces of land prefer to grow Qat in order to earn rapid revenues.

Ahmed Khaled Asharabi, a Qat farmer, said that the government has to find an alternative to guarantee the survival of his 12 family members.



Yemeni gather around a plethora of Qat during a chewing session in Amran city.

Word & Magazine

Exchange Rate for the Yemeni Rial as of April 21

USD	174.42	174.60
GBP	251.26	251.52
EUR	154.09	154.25
SAR	46.51	46.56
KWD	568.44	569.03
AED	47.49	47.54
EGP	37.69	37.73
BHD	462.65	463.12
QAR	47.91	47.96
JOD	246.01	246.26
OMR	453.04	453.51
CHF	104.86	104.97
SEK	16.82	16.84
JPY	1.330688	1.332061

Source: Central Bank of Yemen

In Brief

Unemployment on the rise

New statistics on unemployment in Yemen show that the number has increased from 336,000 in 1995 to more than half million in 2002. Graduates from basic-level school account for most of this number, almost four in five. Graduates from high school, university and Vocational and Technical school make up the balance.

Workshop coming up

Yemen is to host a workshop on how to prevent money laundering from 28 April to 20 May. The workshop will be organized by the Arab Banks Federation in cooperation with the Yemeni Banks Association. Many anti-money-laundering experts are to attend this workshop. Ways of preventing money laundry and containing the consequences of money illegal trade will be discussed.

Cabinet agrees on standards

Yemen's cabinet agreed that the General Authority for Standards & Specifications is to adopt the same standards and specifications valid in the Gulf countries. It also allocated YR 200 million for purchasing new equipment for the Authority.

Is the average Yemeni getting poorer?

BY MAHYOUB AL-KAMALI
YEMEN TIMES STAFF

Since it was formed 12 months ago, Abdalqader Bajammal's new government has been criticized by opposition parties of doing nothing to fight poverty in Yemen.

Official reports state that 35 per cent of families in Yemen are below the poverty line.

Economic hardship continues to plague such Yemeni people, as they fight to remain employed and above the poverty line.

Each year they have more challenges.

Yemen's currency is devaluing, despite work with treasury bonds and privatization.

The new government maintains it has done its best to review a new strategy of poverty accurately and several policies have been adopted to fight poverty.

It has recently discussed the poverty alleviation strategy prepared by the Ministry of Planning and Development in collaboration with international organizations.

Yet the average person has not felt an difference from the government's action on the issue.

The new strategy coincides with the Five Second Year Plan, but the majority of Yemenis are upset about current economic conditions, and poverty alleviation has not made a difference yet.

Basic costs like food prices are higher than that of previous year and there is a rise in prices of oil products and mineral article.

Diesel's price skyrocketed by 70% in August 2001, and there was a high increase in the prices of water, electricity and phone calls.

The government also intends to increase the price of gas.

Foreign debts have reached US \$4.9 billion as of June 2001.

Treasury bonds have increased to 69% of internal debts. The government insists on issuing treasury bonds turning a deaf ear to economists and experts' cries.

The stagnating economy in the country has also resulted in a sharp increase in bankruptcies.

And since the new government has imposed high university fees, it has created a sense of fear among our students.

Meanwhile, unemployment in Yemen has become one of the highest rates in the world (42%).

Political observers said that investment opportunities have been greatly crippled. Financial and administrative structures have not been well integrated, and the private sector has also suffered.

The government is now depending on oil resources which constitutes 35 percent of Yemen's total production and 95 per cent of its exports.

At the same time, other agricultural and industrial sectors have been either marginalized or ignored.

No tangible changes in taxes and customs have been generated yet as it is promised by the government.

A rapid review of essential services granted to families, definitely displays the government's inability to fulfill its promises properly.

Only 43% of Yemen's population enjoy electricity facilities. Similarly only 35% of total population of the country have access to water services, 82% to schools, 25% to hospital, 30% to clinics, 38% to pharmacies, 25% to paved roads.

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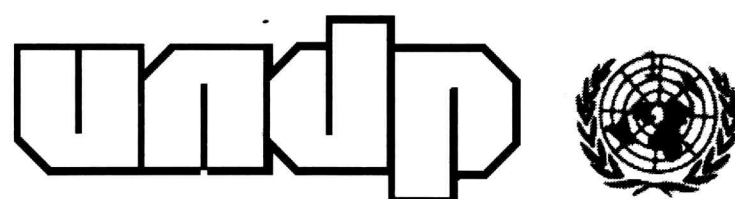
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VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

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

1) Assistant Resident Representative (Operations)

Responsibilities include:

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

Qualifications and skills required:

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

2) Information & Communication Technology (ICT) Analyst

Responsibilities include:

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

Qualifications and skills required:

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

3) Programme Analyst (2 positions) One position related to environment and the other related to poverty alleviation

Responsibilities include:

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

Qualifications and skills required:

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

4) Human Resource Associate

Responsibilities include:

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

Qualifications and skills required:

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

5) Policy Analyst

Responsibilities include:

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

Qualifications and skills required:

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

6. Programme Associate (in the field of poverty alleviation)

Responsibilities include:

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

Qualifications and skills required:

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Tourism has potential, but needs to be built on safety and trust: Asheibani

BY MOHAMMED AL-MASANI
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It is a common belief that tourism has become a universal business all over the world. It enhances and strengthens relations between people, as it makes them acquainted with different conventions, traditions, cultures, as well as arts.

It is also a way to start new relations based on love as well as peace for it creates a nice atmosphere for making the long-awaited dream of peace among the nations.

It can also make better conditions of life in different districts and support the national economy. It can provide a great number of job opportunities for many people. This means developing the income of Yemeni families, limiting unemployment, encouraging the businessmen to invest in the country as well as attracting modern technology to the country through foreign companies.

With regard to this, the *Yemen Times* spoke with the *Chairman of Universal Group of companies, Alwan Asheibani*.

Q: How do you assess the tourism industry after the September 11 attacks in the US in general and the kidnapping incidents in Yemen in particular?

A: As you know, we are not alone in that have been greatly affected by such global incidents. The whole world has been negatively affected, particularly the Middle East region.

Other global issues such as the Israeli-Palestinian conflict has its ups and downs and this undoubtedly has been disturbing us much.

Whenever there is a good tourist atmosphere, tourism will grow and prosper.

More sorrow than in anger, the whole region is living under difficult circumstances in a time in which it is branded by such terms as *terrorism*. I

think that tourism will suffer for months and perhaps longer than that.

Q: In your point of view, how can we save the tourism industry under the local and international current developments?

A: Tourism is not related to local factors only, but to international as well, particularly in the Middle East region.

So, not only Yemen has been greatly affected by the September 11 attacks in the US but the whole world is still undergoing the consequences.

These and other incidents has created a psychological barrier for potential tourists. People traveling abroad have become afraid to fly. Others don't want to go from country to another country by bus or train.

What we need is to promote the tourism industry in Yemen and of course this is not good enough. Security disturbances need to come to an end.

Q: Is there coordination between Universal Tourism Company and the official bodies in the field of promot-

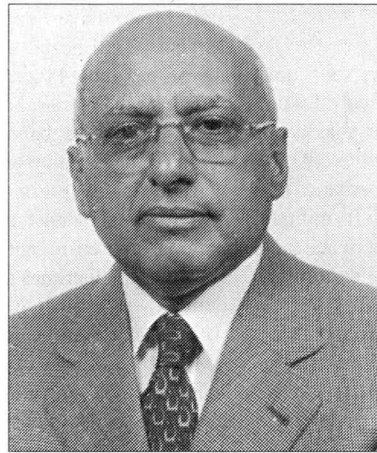
ing domestic tourism?

A: We do our best to promote the tourism industry at both levels locally and internationally. Great efforts have been exerted in coordination with the Ministry of Tourism to find solutions to our problems. Efforts have been also exerted to lessen the financial burdens on tourist and hotel facilities in coordination with the High Tourism Council. The deplorable thing is that government assistance to the tourist sector is somehow inadequate. What has been achieved so far is postponing taxes only for few month.

Q: What are your future plans with regard to the Yemeni Islands?

A: As you know, in any part of the world, islands have become the focus of attracting more tourists. In our country, it is still early for the islands to be invested in. What is needed at first is to put an end to the security disturbances, and we need to promote and establish new tourist facilities in the main cities, tourist sites and on sea side.

I'm confident that many investors have a strong desire to invest in the Yemeni Islands. But the question is,

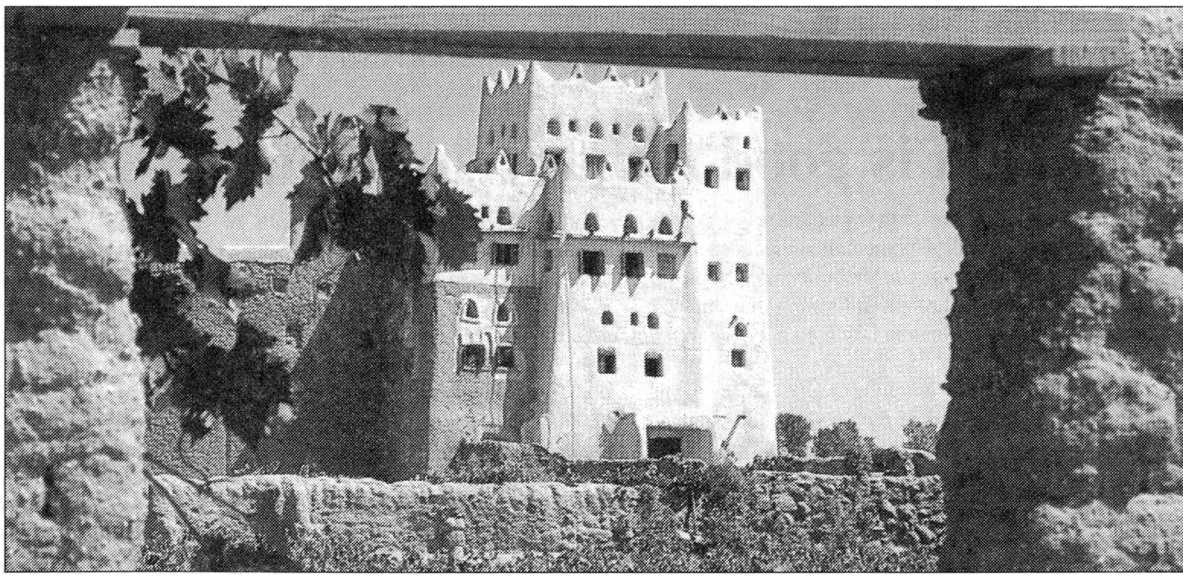


Alwan Asheibani

when is this going to be accomplished?

Q: Any last comments?

A: What I want to say here is that we welcome foreign tourists. We do inform them that the situation in Yemen is safe and stable. As far as one can remember, Yemen is known as the country of generosity and hospitable. The tourism industry is promising. So, we expect more tourists to come to Yemen during the last months of 2002.



Architecture in Yemen is world-renowned, but not seen by tourists because of security concerns

Plethora of abuses are rampant across the globe



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While there be progress in some areas, much work is still needed to improve human rights in Yemen and around the world. That is the conclusion of officials who met in Sana'a recently to discuss the issue at a human rights conference touched. It touched on several issues, including:

The right to live

Tens of millions of people on the planet are dying annually due to hunger and epidemics. Victims of such catastrophic disease exceed the death toll of the Second World War.

In a similar context, the question can be asked if euthanasia, or so-called 'mercy killing' of the disabled and elderly is not a violation of this right. Some Western countries, Holland in particular, have instituted laws to make this easier.

And abortion, common in much of the West, also seems to violate this right.

The right to live without torture

This is a basic human rights declaration which goes unheeded around the globe, particularly in countries where totalitarian and non-democratic

regimes rule. Some critics are even questioning, since the September 11 attacks on America, if the US is giving right as it relates to Al-Qaeda prisoners being held in Cuba.

The right of expression

This right is also commonly violated in countries where oppressive regimes do not allow citizens to speak freely on various issues, including religion.

An example of lack of free political expression was raised in connection with elections in Turkey. The Rafah Islamic Party was elected democratically, only to have Turkish generals dissolve the party. The party went to the European Court for Human Rights, but the court ruled against it, on the pretext that the party's leader, Arbakan, had violated Turkey's constitution.

White slavery

White slavery is the practice of using women for prostitution, often moving them from country to country. Many countries in the world are involved in this illegal and immoral trafficking of human beings.

The conference was held under the auspices of the Speaker of the parliament, Sheikh Ahdbullah bin Hussien al-Ahmer, the High Committee for Human Rights in collaboration with the United Nation Higher Commission for Refugees (UNHCR), the State Minister of Human Rights, members of the parliament and the Shura Council.

Will Azzaidi's death sentence stop Yemen's kidnappings?

BY HASSAN AZZAIDI
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For the first time in Yemen, a convicted kidnapper, Ahmed Naser Mohammed Azzaidi has been sentenced to death.

He is convicted of kidnapping German engineer, Carl Lehrner.

The court upheld 20-year prison terms in absentia against three fugitive accomplices in the abduction of 50-year-old Carl Lehrner in November 2001.

Yemen is known to have a high number of kidnappings and in most cases the authorities end up responding to tribesmen's demands.

"What has attracted my attention is that the death sentence has been issued, in gradual steps from imprisonment, to death, said Khaled Saleh al-Anesi, the General Manager of *Allow for Legal Profession*.

"I can't express my opinion freely in this case. I have first to be acquainted with reasons behind the legality to issue this verdict," Al-Anesi further commented.

He said that the death sentence can be ascribed to security procedures

rather than judicial verdict.

We don't accept such. The stiff measures that have been taken against the kidnapper has a multi-dimensional purposes and needs to be carefully tackled.

He concluded that the verdict was mainly based on kidnapping law and it is based on intentions and not on actions. Thus, this is a reaction against kidnapping incidents in Yemen.

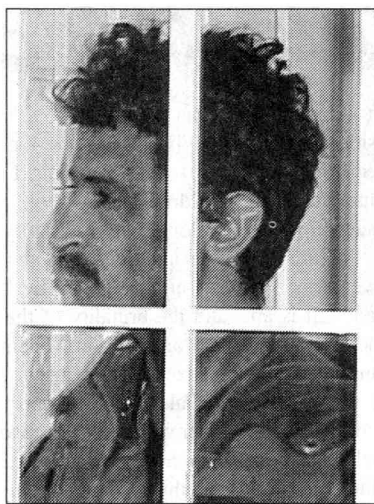
Mohammed Sadek al-Odaini, a journalist, said that the death sentence was not fair. It has coincided with campaigns launched against terrorism.

"In my view, the death sentence will not solve the problem and this has been done at the expense of private interests and policies. The verdict has specific purposes and perhaps, the majority of the people realize that Azzaidi is only a victim of current internal as well as international crises, he said.

If the reverse is taken into consideration, Azzaidi will be treated as those as treated before. The sole purpose is a double-standard policy.

Sheikhs' point of view

Ge'bil Tuaiman, one of the Jehm tribes and a member of a parliament begins by condemning kidnapping incidents and the verdict that have been



Azzaidi sentenced to death

issued is not fair.

"Death sentence in the Islamic law is applied on those who killed others, but the hostage was unharmed. The verdict is not for the benefit of the public interest, security and stability in the country" he said.

"Such verdict will create a sense of resentment among our tribes" he said.

We will not remain silent

Hearing the verdict, tribesmen in Jehm, where Carl Lehrner was taken as hostage, held a meeting where they have strongly condemned the verdict on the basis of that it is not fair.

Jehm tribesmen appealed to officials in Marib and demanded the president to interfere.

Ahmed Saif Balhat, a prominent Sheikh in Jehm tribe, has strongly condemned the verdict. "This is not fair. This is applied to those who kill others, and the Jehm tribe will not remain silent," he said.

Since the Sheikhs have agreed that the verdict will not put an end to kidnapping incidents, the verdict will intensify situations.

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Mohammed Sadek al-Odaini

US dilemma

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The question is when the United States would perceive that the current political predicament it has been dragged to by the Israeli fascist and racial government, is but an act full of malignancy and as an intrigue aimed at making the U.S. an accomplice sharing the attitude of Arab people animosity resulting from the brutal massacres and war of annihilation that Israel is currently perpetrating, using the U.S.-made warplanes, tanks and artillery against the defenseless Palestinian people. It is to be regretted that the US government has always offered justifications for all that Israel does, one time under pretext of fighting terror and the other for putting an end to violence.

Caught in the snare

The phenomenon of confusion the American political and information address is characterized by strongly confirms that the United States, the most powerful power of the time, has been caught in the snares of this dilemma. A few questions should in this regard be raised clearly and with utter transparency. These questions will disclose the non-existence of the American policy towards the peace process in the Middle East and towards its relations with peoples of the region, who are looking forward to security and stability and justice, torpedoed every day by military attacks using tanks and artillery, in addition to horrendous scenes of brutal killing and total destruction that do not spare anything in the Palestinian territories.

The United States really knows that comparison cannot be held between the terrorists who attacked the American institutions on 11 September in New York and Washington and those fighting on their land in defence of their existence, dignity and humanity.

Yemen has categorically con-

demned the terrorist acts to which the United States was exposed yet it cannot but support struggle of the Palestinian people, their courageous resistance and their leadership. That is a legitimate right and purely self-defence and an effort for evicting the Israeli occupation from the Palestinian land. The Palestinian struggle is also aimed at the Palestinians' possession of their freedom, human identity, destiny and their just right endorsed by international legitimacy.

No one can keep silent or indifferent towards what is currently happening on the Palestinian territories.

Rage of Arab masses

The United States should understand that rage of the Arab masses, their denunciation of the ongoing Zionist atrocities, their demand from their governments to provide all means of support and backing, as well as their readiness to sacrifice their lives are all stands and expression of anger oriented not to Israel and its criminally racial policy alone but also the United States is involved particularly as it is the only sponsor of peace in the region, having strategic relations with Israel. America is the major financier of the Israeli war machine. It also defends and in some cases foment Israel to commit its acts of aggression.

What kind of reactions does the United States expect from the Arab nation and forces of peace in the world to what is happening?

Does the United States expect silence and submissiveness, while it is an advocate of freedom and democracy? Is the U.S. demanding the Arab regimes to pursue a policy of suppressing their peoples and moreover does it seek to have the situations disturbed and institutions collapsing and consequently engage the region into bloody internal conflicts?

To whom does it want to entrust the leadership of the region, to Israel's terrorist power, or to other kinds of terrorist forces? Hasn't it yet learned from lessons of history, or has it cunningly fallen a prey in this deadlock.

We still remember that the US government didn't stand against its people who wanted to stop the war in Vietnam. Similarly, it has never hesitated to topple the abhorred racist regime in Yugoslavia to save the peoples of Bosnia and Herzegovina and Kosovo from annihilation and ethnic cleansing.

No one would accept killing of the innocents. But events and actions have to be clearly termed. The acts of retaliation and revenge generated by terrorism of the State of Israel against the Palestinians must not be categorized under the term of terror and what Israel is doing be considered as self-defence.

What kind of logic is this, where truth is confused with falsity. And what kind of a dishonest language for us to comprehend while it contradicts all human values and rational political concepts?

The United States should understand that its efforts to bring about peace to the region can not be achieved by using its present political language, information address and dictating the Israeli terms on the Palestinian people and our Arab peoples whose dignity, freedom and sovereignty are violated.

Mobilizes forces

Our Arab nation will continue waking up and mobilize her forces and spirit of struggle for communicating her angry message to the US administration till it realizes that the people's emotions would not subside. Future of the region is sliding the brink of an abyss, volcanoes of unknown destinies and consequences of the tragic situations. These would certainly affect security of the entire region, including future of the relationship with the United States. The United States should really understand that it is not in its interest to be treated with feelings of anger and hatred on part of the peoples of the region as is the case with Israel at this time.

Does it not realize all that, and when would it do so? Or is this its dilemma?

SKETCHED OPINION



An open letter to U.S. President Bush

BY AHMED ASSUFI
FOR THE YEMEN TIMES

Shouldn't you leave the White House Mr. President. Isn't it time to admit that you are on the wrong track? You have betrayed the American Dream as well as the principles of the American Revolution. Your existence in power is pointless. Since you have started your anti-terror campaign in Afghanistan and a host of other countries, many innocents have been victim of your arrogance. You should rather render your resignation and leave the White House, because apparently your mission is only to breed hatred amongst the nations of Earth. You're only fueling conflicts in our beautiful world.

Protecting American achievements is actually the duty of everyone on Earth, since they serve the human community as a whole. We can not observe silence towards the current stance of your government towards the incidents taking place in the world.

The theory of the emergence of destructive leaders who will dominate the world has been stressed by two American sociologists, Edward Challas and Roger Mitchell, who warned that such leaders may come to dominate the world someday. You are, indeed, one of them.

The approach you have adopted following the 11 September will certainly lead to the destruction of America. You are afraid of unknown danger, and you call it terrorism. You are making decisions under fear and conflicting feelings and this will have destructive impacts on our world.

You will certainly fail to eradicate terrorism with an approach more ruthless to that of terrorists. You're, indeed, empowering terror this way. The injustice you're advocating will fuel more and more hatred against your nation.

Your generous support to Israel against the Palestinians has also undoubtedly made the USA part of this war.

Giving excuses for Sharon's massacres is against humanity and against

the constitution adopted by your founding president, George Washington. You have failed to prove that you're a descendent of the great Washington, who once fought the arrogance of the British occupation of your country. All your decisions and policies are inconsistent with the American spirit that advocates freedom, human rights, and independence. The existence of a person like you, as president of the United States, is a shame for all the American nation.

I believe that your mission as the current president of the USA, is more complex to that of George Washington and Abraham Lincoln. Still, you should be able to get things under control just with wisdom and believing in humanity. And to do that, you need to stick to Washington's principles.

Sir, if you want to win the war on terror you should learn to exercise self-control. Controlling your self is actually half the victory on terror.

Finally, try to remember the existence of something called consciousness, then, you may recognize that you're on the wrong road.

A response to "The American way"

Don't cast stones: Your own house is not in order

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My name is Rick Ruecking and I live in the state of Wisconsin. I am an active member of a minority religious sect. I do not belong to any political party, but my politics are liberal. Men in my family have served in the armed forces though I have not. Through marriage and adoption, my family consists of white, black, brown, and Asian people of Hindu, Buddhist, Moslem, Christian, and Jewish heritage.

I have tried to respond to your comments about American values and how Americans should react to the tragedies in the Mid East and presumably around the rest of the world without rising to the bait of incitement which you cast. But I suspect you will not print this because my reflections do not conform to your world view.

Most Americans are very thankful for the rights and liberties which we inherited and are determined to defend them and to extend them for ourselves and our children. We are proud that America was the first nation to free its slaves after a civil war that cost 650,000 lives but regret that it took us so long. We are proud that our grandfathers granted women the right of full citizenship but regret that it took them so long. We are proud that we still welcome free-thinking immigrants from around the world and are now trying to help other minorities imperfect as we are.

But mankind's job of obtaining freedom and defending liberty is never done. We want all peoples to gain or

exceed our rights and want our government to defend these rights around the world to the best we are able. We want Palestinians to have a democratic government in a homeland with the same freedoms and liberties we have. We want Israel to be free from the fear of invasion. We want people to respect and embrace the pluralism that has come to so many American families like my own. We reject anarchy, autocracy, slavery, state religions, and those who urge young people to suicide. We are unlikely to name our children Adolph, Benito, Hiroito, Osama, Ariel, or Yasser.

The world is not perfect, nor is it clear. We can argue about who is at fault or to blame, but history has two sides; the writer and loser. Our soldiers marched into Germany and Poland and discovered death camps. We saw what our culture had done to the Jews and were remorseful. We determined that our society would not let that happen again. Israel was born and will exist until Western civilization is exhausted. In the meantime, how can we help it and other nations to improve or establish democratic practices?

We Americans reject being held responsible for all the ills of the world. In fact, we recognize that we yet have much to do within our country.

But we do not accept that Israel is our vassal state (nor is any country). It is clear they do not do our bidding. Israel is a free state recognized by the United Nations and the United States. We have agreements with them as we have agreements with most nations in the world.

Americans want to be friends with people who demand and create democratic governments - like Germany or

Japan (our former enemies.) We want friends who recognize the rights of women and minorities (even if they have not been perfected) - like Holland or Brazil. We want to have open borders, as with our own neighbors Canada and Mexico.

Americans will be friends with nations who practice free elections. I suggest that peace will come to the Middle East when the people there gain their liberties within their own nations through free elections and through their support of the freedoms of others. I suggest peace will come when Mid East nations accept Palestinian refugees and make them citizens. I suggest peace will come when Israel leaves the new settlements and returns to the borders of 1967.

Before condemning American shortcomings and which are many, I think mid-east and Arab people must recognize the limits of their own societies. Get your own houses in order before casting stones. Demand free elections, universal education, and rights and liberties of your own governments. Where is your cry for the innocents murdered in Rwanda? Are only Arabs worthy? How can the Kuwaitis embrace Iraq when they depended upon the USA for the return of their land? Where are the free people of the Middle East? Where are the families strong enough to embrace both Muslim and Jew as in my own?

I hope you join with me in celebrating that millions of Moslems and millions of Jews freely practice their religions in America. I can live with being an American. Peace will come when peace comes to your heart. Thanks for listening. Best wishes to the people of Yemen.

Martyrdom: weapon against injustice

NOUR BA'ABAD

Martyrdom is an act all heavenly and positive laws do acknowledge its righteousness as a means and expression of rejecting injustice inflicted by others and as a sort of self-defence when one is deprived of equal or matching capabilities with those his enemy possesses. history tells us that all nations have experienced times when they have been forced to resort to acts of martyrdom. This is the case with the Palestinian people who have been struggling for more that fifty years to remove the injustice done to them by Zionist and colonialist forces that usurped their land by force and displaced millions of Palestinians who are still living the miserable conditions ever led by any other people. When one resorts to sacrificing his own life for a certain cause he certainly would not do that unless he finds himself squeezed hard into a narrow corner and possesses no other means of defence but to render himself a live bomb exploding in the face of his enemy. This in fact explains why the Palestinians are sacrificing their lives.

As a woman and a mother as well, I sometimes wonder how can a mother encourage her son or daughter or anyone of her family members to carry out an act or rather a military operation she is sure that he would face his death in it. Here I do not mean military oper-

ations in general but specifically those of dying a martyr in defence of one's homeland, in a defensive war or for expulsion of foreign occupation. My wonder does not stem from the mere idea of dying in defence of one's country or for sublime principles but rather how courageous that mother is when she decides to offer her beloved son or daughter as a sacrifice for the sake of the homeland and she knows well that he/she would not return to her alive. This is the most difficult decision a mother would take and it demands the highest degree of courage on her part while suppressing all motherhood feelings and emotions.

These ideas came to my mind as I watch on TV screens some Palestinian young men or women blow up themselves amid Zionist enemy gatherings killing themselves and those present there at that moment in retaliation for the atrocities and crimes the Zionist entity occupation forces commit every day in the Palestinian territories occupied for more than half a century.

Sacrificing one's life for just causes is an act of martyrdom not suicidal and history tells us about thousands of people from various nations who fell martyrs for the sake of their nations and principles. Some western administrations describe these acts as suicide bombing or worse as "acts of terror". They are mistaken in this stance. When people are groaning under the yoke of tyrannous foreign occupation practicing the most savage acts against them, using the most sophisticated

weapons of mass destruction and they only have the simplest means of defence and could not face that enemy to liberate themselves from its tight grip, they find themselves forced to use every means available to defend themselves, one of them the sacrifice if their lives.

The ongoing barbaric assault the Zionist occupation troops are waging on the Palestinian towns and villages for more than two weeks, committing the most unsightly crimes, exceeded the Nazi's crimes during the world war II. The Palestinians defending their own territories against the neo-Nazis are fighting back the Zionist offensive with stones and very light weapons scarcely available for them. They are facing the most sophisticated Israeli war machine that is killing innocent civilian Palestinians and demolishing their houses on their heads, burying life under the rubbles in addition to destroying the entire infrastructure of the Palestinian authority in a bid to eliminate any future opportunity for establishing the Palestinian independent state approved and decided by the UN resolutions and recognized by the international community.

International community and the world public opinion and all humanitarian organizations are urgently called for speedily doing their best to stop this massacre against the Palestinian people and pave the way for the establishment of peace in this highly sensitive region of the world.

Mansura: History on high



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FOR YEMEN TIMES

Located in the mountain-top of as-Selw, the Mansura fortress is one of the most important and ancient fortresses in Yemen. It's a historic site that would draw the interest of any tourist.

It was built there because of the height of the mountain of as-Selw and its strategic location in the. Though there are conflicting chronicles about the exact date of erecting it, al-Mansura fortress was properly built in 11th century AD, likely toward the end of the reign of the Ayyubid dynasty (1173-1228).

Great fortress

Historians note that al-Dumliwa (another name for al-Mansura) was a great fortress in Yemen in a district



View from inside the Al-Mansura fortress

called al-Hujariyyah to the west of al-Janad and al-Selw areas, located in a mountain called the Abu Moghalis.

The architecture of the fortress is a unique historic feature in itself. It's evidence of how the ancient Yemenis were strong and creative. To build the fortress in such a rugged part of Yemen would have been a challenge.

To reach the al-Mansura fortress, you have to travel 40 km south of Taiz City, passing by al-Dimnah and then to the al-Selw intersection, located near the Warazan Valley. Then you have to travel the al-Selw mountain. Reaching the peak of the mountain, you will see amazing landscapes in the nearby area. In roughly less than three hours, you will reach the al-Mansura fortress.

To know more about this ancient monument, we approached an old man, Ahmed Naji as-Selwi, an inhabitant of the area, who noted the al-Mansura fortress is an ancient vestige. He pointed out that many tourists come to see it for its wonderful architecture.



Ruins of Al-Mansura fortress showing Quranic scriptures

It's located in the highest peak in the as-Selw mountainous region. Its height is 2005 feet above the sea level.

The wall of the fortress was built in a splendid way. There are many Quranic scriptures on the threshold of the fortress's gate and its inner walls as well. There are also many small dams inside the fortress, such as, al-Kadwi dam, al-Nubah dam, Mujrad dam in Dar al-Qasir and the Grand Himiyar dam which is eight meters deep, 30 meters long and 12 meters wide. The lesser Himiyar is 10 meters wide, 10 meters long and six meters deep. The fortress includes many facilities, like, a mosque, mounting towers and other annexes.

First rulers

The history of the al-Mansura fortress dates back to the early history of the Ayyubid occupation of Yemen in early 1173. The first Ayyubid ruler of

Yemen was Turanshah, the conqueror of Yemen and brother of the famous Islamic leader, Sallahuiddin al-Ayyubi. Then, he left the area to be replaced by Sultan Saifulislam, who arrived in 1193. He was the first to be named "al-Aziz," however, his real name was Taghtakin bin Ayyub. The non-Arabic names of these rulers, may explain the fact that the Ayyubid occupation of some parts of Yemen had brought some Kurdish words, including the original name of the al-Mansura fortress (al-Dumliwa). Originally, the Ayyubids were of Kurdish origin and had conquered Egypt in 1169.

Saifulislam could eventually dominate many parts of Yemen. He erected the Old Sana'a City wall and then invaded Hadramaut and dominated it as well. Saifulislam built the al-Mansura fortress in the south of Taiz and died in 1212. He was killed outside Zabeed.

Yesterday's songs still popular today



BY: SALEH ABDULBAKI
FOR YEMEN TIMES

Yemen is bestowed with a unique culture and developing public awareness towards the preservation of its heritage has to be given priority. It represents the pillar of any society, as heritage plays a vital role in the nation's history.

In Yemen's case, music is part of that. And the Mawwal is a kind of folkloric song that would interest many people.

It is characterized by euphonious

words mostly song by men where the singer's sound remain for a while singing, and is a mixture of both colloquial and classical language.

Poetry of lovers is the name applied to such kind of art. It is a kind of folkloric literature where the poet is anonymous.

The Yemeni arts are among the oldest to appear in the South of Arabia. The earlier form of arts were public songs and dances performed and practiced on many occasions. Rhythms and musical tones first developed in Mawwal during weddings. Such activities reflect the joys and happiness of both performers and the audience.

The different and varied climate and places of Yemen have helped every place have its own distinguished

Mawwal. Such folklore has greatly influenced the neighboring areas. The Yemen folklore has in turn been influenced by that of Andalusia and Persia.

Mawwal is generally a kind of song. Many people would love to listen to them at nights. And this is indeed closely related to the prelude of this style has the repeating of the word Yalayl (meaning Oh night, night).

In coastal regions not only in Yemen, but also in most Arab countries, people would go offshore to enjoy the fresh air and listen to such songs. For the most part, this kind of singing is restricted to coastal regions and is rarely found in other places.

Here, I agree with environmentalists that nature shapes the tastes of people as well as the essence of arts.

The Yemeni literary tradition is very plentiful and rich in different artistic figures who have contributed to the development of the Yemeni Mawwals.

The traditional Mawwals were deep-seated in our literature and by no means is a poetic art that has recently come to light.

Apology

The article run by Yemen Times on (Getting married in rural Yemen) issue No. 16 was contributed by Riyadh Abdulrahman and not as mistakenly appeared therein. Our apology for the writer.

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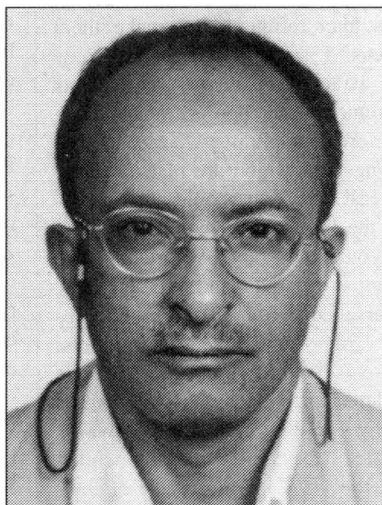
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Congratulations

Hussein Salah Hussein Al-Zubairi was awarded the degree of Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D) in English Literature by the University of Sana'a on Mar 19, 2002 for his thesis on the thematic structure of Samuel Beckett's plays.

His thesis and his defense of it was judged to be excellent y the panel of examiners headed by Prof. Thakur, Chairman, Department of English, Faculty of Arts, The other examiners were Prof. KN Tweary, University of Taiz and Prof. AK Sinha, University of Hodeidah.



A Canadian in Yemen: Canada Dry, anyone?

I'm sitting on the floor, swigging a cola and chatting with a Yemeni I see for Arabic lessons. He's given the pop — in one of those glass bottles, the type that haven't been around in Canada since I was a kid in the '70s — to make me feel welcome at his place.

Anees tells me about his love for movies and how he'd like to work in America, where he thinks jobs are everywhere. I nod understandably. Despite today's politics, the U.S. still seems to hold a certain charm for many Yemeni.

He has hopes not unlike other young people here. After finishing his accounting degree, he can work for a salary he says might rise to \$10,000 a year when he's an old man. But his dream is to go to abroad, if not to America then Europe or another Gulf State, to save money and return home to marry and buy a house.

Canada is not on his list, even though for the first time since the Second World War my country is actually looking for immigrants. A recent census shows it has a shrinking birth rate.

New pipelines replace old

For decades, one in six Canadians have come from outside her borders. Nonetheless, a recent opinion poll says more than half of Canadians now think there are too many immigrants around. What they mean is too many are from places outside Canada's old pipelines, largely the UK and other parts of Europe.

As it is, Canada will accept 240,000 migrants in 2002. Canada's consulate says that includes a few dozen Yemeni, a tiny flow which likely won't grow soon: not a bad thing for Yemen, considering the brain drain of Yemeni professionals.

What I find interesting, though, is the image Canada has here. I refer of course to Canada Dry. I've been surprised so see billboards and stores signs across Sana'a, and surprised people enjoy its many flavors, because back home Canada Dry is simply ginger ale.

So I wear my 'Canada' t-shirts and hat often, and would like to think that's why people here are so friendly. Yes, despite Yemen's reputation abroad as a tough place, most people in Sana'a are more pleasant than people in cities I've seen in Canada, the U.S. and Europe.

Considering the poll showing many Canadians don't want more immigrants, I do, however, have advice for Yemeni who may sometime visit Canada.

Newfoundland or bust

Go to the east coast, to Newfoundland. Newfies, as they're known back home, are among the best people in Canada. They're just like Yemeni. I think of the cabbie from Newfoundland's capital, St. John's, who, upon learning his customers were visitors, gave them a free tour of the city. And Water Street in St. John's, the oldest street in North America, is the perfect place for people from this ancient country.

More importantly, Newfoundland has room. Its population has shrunk seven per cent in five years. St. John's proper doesn't even top 100,000.

If you decide against Newfoundland, there is always the sprawling city of Toronto, which weighs

in at five million people. But you have to be tough to live there. I suggest first watching Rocky, an old '70s movie about a tough boxer.

Rock, a bum fighter, is pulled from obscurity to fight the world champ as part of a publicity stunt for America's bicentennial. But in real life, giving a migrant a shot at their dreams is a concept that could be uniquely Canadian.

Toronto, home of many

What you need to understand is how Rocky is beaten. So when you land in Toronto, home of a whopping 100-plus languages, and now half of Canada's newcomers, you'll understand you might get knocked around. Even the most educated and skilled immi-

grants find themselves hauling goods and delivering pizzas because of heavy competition. The opportunities aren't always as easy as they seem from here.

If Newfoundland and Toronto don't work out, America is always a good place to see as a last resort.

The problem is that the United States has a population poised to double to 550 million in 50 years, and its ratio of young people to Baby Boomers is already significantly higher than Canada's. So it's a little crowded.

Dry humour aside, there is little room elsewhere. Indeed, the world is growing quickly. Its 48 poorest countries are set to triple in size by 2050. Without big changes, many millions of people will be left without useable water and cropland. Yemen has its own looming population crisis. So, I must say, I am a bit disappointed at the attitudes of some Canadians wanting to keep their doors closed. That's not the Canada I know.

A Berliner

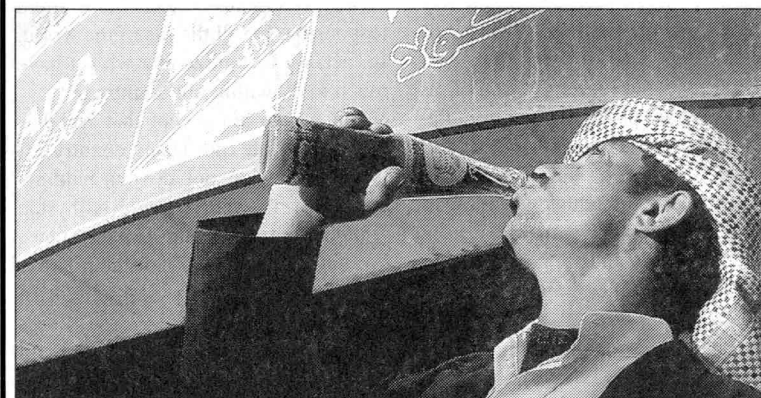
Granted, I'm an immigrant myself. Born in Berlin, I arrived in Canada as a boy and, due to bungled paperwork, I was not sure my residence was legal until later years. I'm told I could have been kicked out any time since I arrived on the sly, apparently in my dad's medical bag, wearing a rabbit suit and popping my head out after being plopped on a customs table. But I digress.

The point is, Canada is an exceptional place. It has a coat of many colors, a garment that beautifully reflects the world's mosaic. But, it's to be shared. And my hope is that those few Yemeni who may visit are given a fair chance.

Canadians are often at the fore of solving global problems. So results of the immigration poll are hardly due to bigotry. Many respondents simply feel overwhelmed by cultural changes swirling around, particularly in Toronto. What they need is to look around to see how the rest of the world lives. Then relax.

It's not a perfect trip. But the ride on Canada's big, long multi-cultural train has plenty of colour. To those Yemeni who may someday find themselves onboard, do smile and ask the person next to you how they are. And if by good fortune they smile back, do them a favor. Offer them a cool drink. You have something unique to give. And that just might surprise them.

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A Yemeni drinks a cold Canada Dry in Sana'a (Thomas Froese photo)

Dentists talk teeth



BY YASSER AL-MAYASI
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The 10th Yemen Dental Symposium was held in Sana'a from 11 to 14 April 2002 at the Appolo Exhibition. Dr. Ali Asharabi, Head of Organizing Committee and the President of the Yemen-Dental Association said that the symposium was held with a view of improving the dental skills and the types of services introduced to patients.

Participants dealt with various methods of dentistry including:

Orthodontics

In orthodontics, the clinician must first make diagnosis and then select the best appliance design to achieve the desired treatment goals. A good knowledge of fundamental principles gives the clinician the tools necessary to understand all appliance systems including removable, fixed, and functional appliances, and the ability to select the best ones for any given patient.

Preadjusted appliance system

Despite the new changes in the field of dentistry, there have been major changes in orthodontics over the past 40 years which have been greatly affected dentistry. These include the introduction of the acid etching technique, new bonding agents, new arch wires and bracket designs. However none of these changes have had more profound effect on orthodontics than the introduction of the preadjusted appliance system. (Dr. Jihad al-Zioud, specialist in Orthodontics, UK.)

Microstomic

A sectional complete mandibular denture had been fabricated for a microstomic patient who underwent a sling operation more than 20 years ago. Two types of fixation have been tried on a patient. The most favorable one as preferred by the patient was

used. The result was very encouraging and the patient showed great satisfaction with the new denture.

Pathophysiology

The diagnosis of chronic or recurrent cranio facial pain, or from a different source, may be difficult because: 1) the type may vary 2) different etiologic factors may be present in the same patient. 3) the same etiologic factors may lead to different results 4) problems arising from cranio facial structures may be complicated by the superimposition of systematic disorders.

The characteristics of the problem must be defined, how it appeared and evolved; whether there are events which can be related to its onset, whether there are periods of remission or not. The patient must be asked about problems mastication or movement of the mandible, pain in the neck or back, parafunctional habits and about the presence of anxiety, panic attacks, palpitations, sweating, and drowsiness. The characteristics of his facial pain must be assessed. (Dr. Laith Abdulhadi, Associate Prof.)

Endodontology treatment

Endodontic treatment of the young permanent teeth is a common procedure especially following dental trauma in children.

Two wide-open apex, the thin walls of the root and the possible pulp necrosis are complicating factors in the success of the Endodontic therapy.

Traumatic injuries of primary and young permanent teeth are the major cause of their premature loss. Early and appropriate management of these injuries is very critical in preserving pulp vitality, esthetic and space maintenance. (Dr. Riadh Bacho)

Tobacco & health

Tobacco-related death is projected to increase from 3 million per year in 1990 to 8,4 million in 2020. Ninety per cent of mouth cancer is a result of smoking tobacco.

Thus, smoking tobacco is a serious factor for oral cancer, mucosal lesions, periodontal treatment, and root cavi-



From left: Sheikh al-Ahmar, Mr. Hadi and Dr. Al-Shara'abi

ties, odor, teeth staining, poor oral hygiene and addiction. (Ali Mohammed, Prof. and Vice Dean of Faculty of Dentistry, Khartoum University)

The Atraumatic surgical extraction

Choosing the right incision, the right access and avoiding any traumatic bone cut with saving the amount of bone as much as possible are some careful procedures to avoid traumatic teeth extraction and also to avoid complications. Those complications could be of planning or related to the choice of the prosthetic devices or both. (Dr. Rabih Nahas, Consultant, oral Surgery & Implantology)

The use of botulinum toxin

Botulinum toxin type A is one of the seven stereotypes (A-G) produced by the anaerobic bacterium. It is a large complex protein molecule, which can be crystallized in a stable form. Botulinum toxin type A is one of the most potent toxins and known to clinicians as the cause of botulism.

It is a simple technique, performed easily in the clinic, without the need for anesthesia. (Dr. Mohammed al-Maaytah, Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery and Disease Consultant, Assistant Prof. Jordan University.)

Microdentistry

The microdentistry recently introduced in 1996 to save the utmost of dental substances and offering an esthetic look.

Restorative dentistry

This method has been used by clinicians in the field of shrinkage, sculp-

ture, color, make-up condensation, and proximal anatomy.

(Antoine Ghayad, President of the Lebanese Society of Restorative Dentistry)

A working paper on the importance of implant dentistry in daily practice and on the role of implant dentistry in oral and mxillo-facial reconstruction was presented by Dr. Nabil Barakat, Lebanese University.

Diagnostic values of C.T

The technological advances made over the last 25 years have made it possible for Computer Tomography (C.T) to an integral component of the dentists' diagnostic armamentarium, dental computer assisted Tomography represents a valuable addition to the diagnostic spectrum for treatment. (Dr. Tanweer.S. H. Consultant Endodontics, UAE)

Psychological & behavioral problems in elderly dental patients

While growing older, one's adaptability to environmental changes is decreasing and as a consequence the balance between the individual and his environment is becoming weaker and weaker. The balance can be disturbed by somatic, psychological and environmental events which usually referred to as stressor and people's reactions to them are termed stress responses. A disturbing of the balance between stressors and stress responses can lead to psychological and behavioral problems which can represent a barrier to conduct oral self-care and to seek professional dental care and treatment.

(Prof. Cees de paat)

Restaurants

Filthy, nasty, disgusting

BY MOHAMMED BIN SALLAM
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We read and perhaps heard a lot about the clean environment, protection consumption societies, municipal, tourism and other nomenclatures which are dealt in details by the media and therefore, we haven't seen any change at all. These restaurants suggest modernity and elegance and therefore, they haven't been monitored or supervised by the concerned bodies. I have visited some of these restaurant and discovered that they are infected with so many diseases. The striking thing is that flies shares customers their meals.

What adds fuel to the water is that waiters themselves are not submitted to any medical checkups and they are not aware of their appearance. All these can be clearly seen in the capital,

Sana'a.

Majority of the local restaurants are haunted by foreigners and strangers who have the desire to know much about these restaurants, the services they offer and ways to cook different Yemeni recipes. This is what we see with our own eyes (waiters, food, table). We don't know what is going on behind the scenes, (cooks, cooking, washing dishes and the like).

The majority of those who visit these restaurants are from villages and not permanent residents of cities. They of course are not able to eat in magnificent restaurants, so they have to go to such poor restaurants, where there is no interest or good services. It is deplorable to see several people infected of several diseases and the concerned bodies should held accountable and those who remiss in their duties should be punished.



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Local Press

Prepared by Mohammed Khidhr

Ash-Shoura weekly, organ of Yemeni People's Forces Union, 14 APRIL 2002.

Main headlines:

- Yemeni people denounce Arab silence failing stands
- Massacres, mass graves in occupied Jenin
- Yemenis: Powell visit to the region, continuation of conspiracy against the Palestinian issue
- New demands for Jihad in Palestine
- Islamic resistance in Lebanon continue war for liberating Shabaa area

The newspaper's editorial written by Mr Ibrahim bin Ali Al-Wazir, chairman of the Higher Council of Yemeni People's Forces Union, says what is currently happening in the holy land and what the Palestinian people are facing is something unprecedented in history. What is going on there is a host of crimes including killing of thousands of children, women and elderly people and without sparing, of course, killing and breaking bones of young people and children. These also involve demolition of residential houses and shelling those areas with U.S.-made warplanes and tanks. The Zionist practices also included destroying thousands of trees and shelling ambulances and hospitals. All these savage and atrocious acts happen every day under the very nose of world nations, including the Arab people from the Ocean to the Gulf and the Muslim nations.

The writer appeals in his article to conscience of each human on earth to take a stand for defending human rights and dignity to work for stopping

these massacres to which the Palestinians are exposed.

Al-Mithaq weekly, organ of the People's General Congress Party, 15 April 2002.

Main Headlines:

- President stresses commitment to efficiency, qualification and specialization for state jobs
- New appointments and transfers, expected at many state departments
- Torrential rains cause damage in a number of governorates
- Foreign minister: Yemeni-Egyptian relations strong, must remain so

The newspaper's editorial says our country proceeds from its nationalist stands and according to dictates of the nation's interests as well as its principle of backing the justice of the Palestinian cause and right of the Palestinian people to establish their independent state as stipulated in resolutions of international legitimacy. This attitude necessitates taking all forms of stands supporting the legitimate Palestinian cause and supporting the Palestinian legitimate struggle particularly at these difficult circumstances that warn of a catastrophe and serious dangers against the Arabs and the Palestinians.

The editorial emphasizes the necessity of a unified Arab will formulating from its material and spiritual potentials a qualitative stand achieving just, comprehensive and lasting peace supported by power and elements of resistance. Nowadays we are in dire need of offering an example of cohesion for the noblest issue ever on Earth and the most honorable struggle, i.e.

the Palestinian intifada.

Annas weekly, April 15, 2002.

Main headlines:

- Demanding release of 173 detainees,
- Unidentified persons threaten an assassination campaign against senior officials,
- Ten girls disappear in one week,
- U.S. ambassador refuses demonstrators memo.

Israeli prime minister Sharon is leading his people to a losing criminal war supported by the world Zionist movement. The Zionists have started these military operations against the defenseless and besieged Palestinian people and therefore they massed up their tanks, warplanes and missiles and no Zionist has asked himself the reason why Israel is waging this war.

Sharon's allegations are that he is doing so to destroy the infrastructure of "terror" and to reach to a real ceasefire. The Zionists have supported this war while they fully know that Sharon is lying because they all know that ending the occupation is the only means to stop hostilities and produce a ceasefire. The Zionists have turned a blind eye on mass killings, demolition of residential houses, mass arrests and other Israeli crimes. Thus the entire people in Israel have become accomplices of Sharon talking in one voice about war without asking who would achieve security for Israel after the destruction of all infrastructure of the Palestinian authority and whether the Israeli army would remain stationed in the Palestinian areas. How would

security coordination with a destroyed people?

The massacres that took place in Jenin and Nablus have surpassed in their brutality what happened in the camps of Sabra and Shatilla. And the arrest campaigns implemented against the Palestinians would produce only hatred on part of the Palestinians and that of Arab peoples, a situation that would never serve the process of peaceful settlement in the region.



As-Sahwa weekly, 18 April 2002.

Main headlines:

- Yemeni members of Parliament demand stopping security coordination with America and open camps for volunteers,
- Religious leader Al-Zindani: America an Israeli colony,
- Nation's religious scholars: Jihad, the path of liberation.

Columnist Ali bin Abdull al-Wasie says in his column this week we were thinking good of America despite our watching of its behavior but we had not thought it would slide to this flagrant level. It has led the Arabs by hand to the Zionist enemy to attain a state of peace to the extent we have called America as sponsor of peace while the Americans were repeatedly mentioning the phrase of "building confidence".

The columnist asks if there could be a simple-minded to place confidence in the Jews. If the Americans trust the Jews, it's their own matter despite the many instances when this ally has betrayed America in several cases.

The Jews have withdrawn from some areas so that the Palestinian authority to replace them, though we realize that the Jews in the depth of their mind believe they would not give up one inch of Palestine and all that they do is but deceit until they would

gain a recognition acknowledging their right to what they had usurped.

The Palestinians have offered successive concessions until they got nothing to concede. But the Jews, backed by the Americans, continued demanding more concessions and that made the Palestinian authority announce they have nothing to concede. The Americans persisted in sending their envoys to demand the Palestinians, the victim, for more surrender.

Al-Wahdawi weekly, organ of Nasserite People's Unionist organization 16 April 2002.

Main headlines:

- Yemenis tortured in America
- Brutal massacres in Jenin disclosed
- Aden refinery stops
- Arab official silence angers Yemeni masses
- Zionism poses threat to Arab security

The newspaper's editorial says the Arab leaders insist that democracy is their preferable policy in dealing with their peoples and that they would not accept any alternative for it whatever the circumstances are. Those leaders are keen on depending this expression and exert all efforts to convince their peoples that there is no better democracy other than theirs. Arab peoples attitude differs towards this explanation, but the intellectuals completely refuse to accept and for some reasons they are forced to submit to it but not to surrender.

The recent events by the Zionists against the Palestinian people came to expose the Arab rulers before the world. The Arab massive demonstrations that took to the streets denouncing the Israeli savage aggression and demanding the Arab rulers to express the masses views and stands by taking positive attitudes were intercepted and

prevented by force from expressing of their right, that is democratically legal.

Arab rulers, if they were sincere, are requested to act similar to their western counterparts who respect the local public opinion and always work for meeting wishes of their peoples.

26 September weekly, organ of Yemeni Armed Forces 18 April 2002.

Main headlines:

- Network for forging passports, seized
- Security source: Elements implemented recent blasts pursued
- 40% of borders markings with Saudi Arabia in the Eastern region finished
- Nationwide campaign for donations for Palestine began Saturday
- Defense minister receives UAE ambassador to Yemen

Political editor of the newspaper says in his article that at the time the American stand towards the Mideast began to be biased to Israel the European stand appeared to be from the information standpoint as neutral and objective. But this European attitude has not been unified for all member states of the European Union. We have nevertheless admit that despite negative aspects of the European stand it keeps to be an advanced one to that of America.

This European advanced stance has regrettably remained confined to the framework of political address that satisfies the Arabs psychologically but does not achieve anything on the ground regarding Palestine. We have to understand the factors that affect the European stand and how to remove the negative aspects out of it. We have also to insist on the European role in the peace process as partner in the Arab-Israeli talks besides America, Russia and the UN.

World Press

Major news items in leading international newspapers

Provided by Xinhua

Britain

The Daily Telegraph

A celebration of music filled Westminster Abbey in London on Friday at the memorial service to mark the life of Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon.

Financial Times

The long-awaited dossier Prime Minister Tony Blair has promised would justify his support for a U.S.-led military offensive on Iraq is being delayed indefinitely by an unresolved dispute at the highest levels of government.

The Guardian

The White House called Friday for an international inquiry into civilian casualties caused by the Israeli military assault on Jenin, and asked the Israeli government to allow U.N. and Red Cross investigators into the devastated West Bank town.

The Independent

The seizure of IRA files containing details of senior Conservative politicians and army bases in Britain dealt a destabilizing blow to the Northern Ireland peace process on Friday.

Pakistan

The New

Referendum would not be an election for the presidential office but an endorsement, said President General Pervez Musharraf in an exclusive panel interview with The News/Jang on Friday.

The Statesman

The Supreme Court is to commence hearing on Monday of the identical petitions challenging the April 30 vote seeking continuation of Musharraf as head of the state.

The Nation

An official of the Indian High Commission A.K. Khanna on Friday was caught red handed receiving sensitive documents from a Pakistani national working for the Federal Secretariat, an official statement said.

Pakistan Observer

At least eight people, including five suspected dacoits, were killed and three others injured in a clash between police and a gang in Karachi on Friday.

India

The Hindu

The meeting of the all-party leaders called by the Deputy Speaker of the Lok Sabha, P.M. Sayeed Friday failed to break the deadlock in Parliament over the Gujarat issue, with both the Government and the Opposition parties sticking to their positions.

The Hindustan Times

At least 13 people, mostly laborers, were killed instantly and 20 others injured in a powerful blast when gelatine sticks were being unloaded at a tribal village in Karnataka's Tumkur district in south India Friday, police said.

The Economic Times

Indian IT major Wipro Friday said it posted a record profit of 8.9 billion rupees (183.5 million U.S.dollars), an impressive growth of 32 percent, for the year ended March 2002.

Japan

Yomiuri, Asahi, Nihon Keizai, Mainichi

Japan's House of Councilors President Yutaka Inoue stepped down.

Nihon Keizai

Mitsubishi Motors, DaimlerChrysler, Hyundai plan to jointly develop engine.

Mainichi

Japanese government mulls cutting deductions for pensioners.

Asahi

Japan's Nippon Paper and Daishowa Paper plan to merger.

Lebanon

AS-SAFIR

Lebanese-Syrian boycott of EuroMed conference in Valencia and cancellation of association agreement signing ceremony.

AL-MUSTAQBAL

Lebanese Prime Minister Rafik al-Hariri in Washington: Syria is a guarantee of stability in Lebanon.

AN-NAHAR

U.S. President George W. Bush backs the opening of an inquiry into Jenin camp. Israel rejects it and expands its attacks to the Gaza Strip.

AL-ANWAR

A car explosion near an Israeli checkpoint in Gaza. Ten Palestinians killed in the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

Kenya

Kenya Times

Five senior officers were among the thirty-two Kenya Airways staffers who were sacked last Thursday for allegedly being implicated in drug trafficking.

Daily Nation

A mother of four was on Friday sentenced to death by the High Court for murdering her nine-year-old niece.

East African Standard

The Kenyan government will purchase 3 million bags of grain for its strategic reserve through the Strategic Grain Reserve Trust Fund.

Arab News - KSA

Israel rejects Bush call for probe

Israel bristled yesterday at the mere suggestion of US President George W. Bush that events in the Jenin refugee camp should be investigated. Prime Minister Ariel Sharon's spokesman said there was "no need" for a third-party inquiry into the deaths in the camp.

He came, he saw, and then what?

Colin Powell's visit to the region was much anticipated by those who had still held shreds of hope that American policy would impartially seek a swift and moral end to the current slaughter taking place in Jenin, Nablus, Ramallah and other towns and villages across Palestine.

Saud calls for Middle East peace-keepers

Foreign Minister Prince Saud Al-Faisal accused Israel yesterday of committing war crimes in the Jenin refugee camp and said it was to blame for US Secretary of State Colin Powell's failure to secure a Middle East cease-fire. Prince Saud, speaking after talks in Moscow, also said...

Makkah imam hits out at world leaders for failure to rein in Israel

The imam of the Grand Mosque in Makkah yesterday strongly criticized the international community for its inaction and silence over the brutal Israeli aggression on the Palestinians in the occupied territories."Where are the Security Council and other world organizations? Can't they hear the cries.

Force will not bring security, only more violence, says Hariri

US President George W. Bush asked Prime Minister Rafiq Hariri of Lebanon if peace in the Middle East is really possible. Hariri, well known for his candor, said he told Bush during their meeting at the White House this week.

Palestinians will fight until final victory

George W. Bush's presidency will go down in history as the worst period not only for Americans but for Muslims and Arabs as well. It will also be recorded as the most trying period in the history of Arab-American and Muslim-American relations.

Seven members of family perish in freak accident

Seven members of a Saudi family were killed and seven other members injured in a major accident near Taif on Thursday. The accident occurred when their car ramed into a concrete barrier on the Himdha bridge along the Taif-Abha Road. One of the injured, a 20-year-old girl.

Muslims demand Modi's arrest

Thousands of Muslims, led by the shahi imam of the Jama Masjid, Syed Ahmad Bukhari, staged a protest yesterday after Friday prayers to demand the arrest of Gujarat Chief Minister Narendra Modi, charging him with "genocide." People gathered on the wide stairs of the red sandstone.



Arab News - Khalil Cartoons

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Horoscope
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Aries (Mar 21 - Apr 19) Do whatever it takes to make life challenging, productive, and fun again. Even if life seems to be going along just fine, know that there is more to experience than that which is comfortable and easy. By turning the next corner, you may invite that which requires more attention and asks you to step up to more responsibility, but it also brings excitement and a chance to go even further with your life.

Taurus (April 20 - May 20) It's a lot of hard work to change unwanted baggage. It takes time and much stick-to-it power in order to convert your life, or even a small part of it. Whatever you are trying to eliminate, give yourself the space and understanding. You certainly don't have to carry around anything that doesn't work anymore, but don't give up when the going gets tough.

Gemini (May 21 - June 20) If you keep feeling to yourself all the way and try to go deeper into your investigative mode, you will find yourself plagued by adversity. You will wonder why life has to be so difficult. No one likes a cry baby, so don't go there. Everyone already loves your ability to role with the punches. Go with things that life brings you, rather than fighting them right now.

Cancer (Jun 21 - Jul 22) You rarely takes any risks for yourself. You play it so safe, and then complain when nothing happens in your life. Fear controls you. The degree to which this makes sense is the degree to which you have already released your fears. If you still hold on tightly, you must find a way to endanger those self-imposed restraints so they just get scored away.

Leo (Jul 23 - Aug 22) You are about undergoing great transformation. You will emerge from a space you have been hibernating in, and it will be as though the first dawn of your life is before you. The sun's rays will shine and you will imagine that it is something you have never seen. Do you get the possibilities of this transformation? Be ready to overturn your life, if you have what it takes.

Virgo (Aug 23 - Sept 22) Allow your sixth sense, intuition to help you make the right choices. There will be temptations that don't really serve you the best at this point in life. In particular, pay attention to your nighttime dreams. There will be answers in them, as well, as to how you should proceed with your inner battle and choose the path to enlightenment as opposed to the stagnant rut.

Libra (Sep 23 - Oct 22) Understand that it is okay to feel as though you had some of your innocent rapture of life taken away from you by the lack of your parents ability to help you keep it growing in your life. At this time, there is a bliss, a joy, a passion for having and wanting it all. You know then that you would do great things with your life.

Scorpio (Oct 23 - Nov 21) Coordinate your life by using the least amount of effort to get things accomplished which you must do in order to sustain yourself. Get the most bang for your buck out of this thing called life by planning your life the way you expect it to be, not the way you hope it will be. It really is that easy, and it won't compromise your power. Best of all, it will actually leave time for you to have fun.

Sagittarius (Nov 22 - Dec 21) Get through the day by only feeling your way around, and then start feeling yourself inside. That unplumbed stuff that is all wrapped up and hidden. It's called the heart, the soul, your inner voice. Stop surfing through life and think about actually diving in, seeing what it's like to get soaked in your own experiences. Got it?

Capricorn (Dec 22 - Jan 19) I bet that very few studies would show too many people being miserable once they learned to trim their budget and downsize their material needs. You need to release yourself from the bonds that bind your life. Gather as much information from the free-spirited people on this earth as you can, so you too will be able to loosen up more, give into your desires, and feel unrestricted.

Aquarius (Jan 20 - Feb 18) qua folks, you will continue to be lost as long as you view yourself as lost glove or left behind hat knows and understands that its' owner will never come back to retrieve it. Consider yourself found when you see yourself as a diamond in the rough, waiting for the right person or opportunity to make you shine.

Pisces (Feb 19 - Mar 20) You have had the door closed for quite sometime now and yet you are wondering why no one is knocking it down. It is you that needs to open that door. When you do, you will see that there is an interconnectedness of all things felt and seen. You can't remain on the other side, expecting to be touched, expecting to experience anything but your own self.

The Universal Crossword

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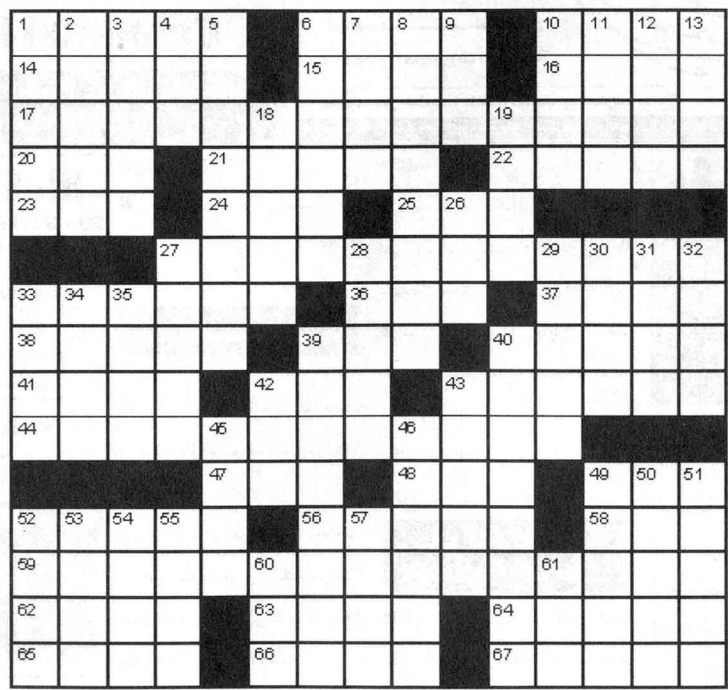
- ACROSS**
- 1 Guesstimates
 - 6 "Toreador Song," e.g.
 - 10 Uh-oh!
 - 14 Word with time or suspect
 - 15 "___ the Drum Slowly"
 - 16 Oaf
 - 17 Start of a homeowner's revelation
 - 20 Business apparel
 - 21 March celeb
 - 22 Bad-tempered
 - 23 Receiver
 - 24 Scoundrel
 - 25 Waikiki wear
 - 27 Part 2 of the revelation
 - 33 Caviar on toast, e.g.
 - 36 Insect in one's pants?
 - 37 Enveloping atmosphere
 - 38 Shock rocker
 - 39 Heed "Down in front!"
 - 40 Small nicks
 - 41 Nessie's waterway
 - 42 If you're in a hurry, step on this
 - 43 Student's second chance
 - 44 Part 3 of the revelation
 - 47 Ostrich kin
 - 48 Furthermore
- DOWN**
- 1 Maliciousness
 - 2 Show the ropes to
 - 3 Felt crummy
 - 4 Lexus competitor
 - 5 View from a beach house
 - 6 Ludicrous
 - 7 Phooey!
 - 8 Asthma spray, e.g.
 - 9 Kingsley novel "Two Years ___"
 - 10 Gymnast Korbut
 - 11 Outcries of amazement
 - 12 Sometimes a long one leads to an eagle

PREVIOUS PUZZLE ANSWER



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10 Translation

M - Now tell me, Mus'ida, did you go to the market to buy the chicken and vegetables for lunch, or did you go to check the state of the street and watch other people as they went about their business?

Ma - I just went to buy the shopping. I haven't any interest in other people, and they haven't any interest in me. Don't go looking for things to complain about.

M - But what I heard is quite amazing! **Ma** - Let us seek refuge in God from all the devils! What on earth is this that you heard?

M - How can you let yourself talk about someone else's son?

Ma - And just who is this someone else's son I've been talking about?

M - Your son's friend. **Ma** - Why should I want to talk about someone who's still got the mind of a child? What would make me want to talk about him? But I'll tell you what. When I came back from the market I found him waiting by the door in a Toyota land cruiser. He said he was waiting for my son.

M - But Mus'ida, how on earth did our son get to know someone with a Toyota land cruiser, when all his other friends have nothing but second-hand bicycles and torn boots?

Ma - I was rather surprised too, when he opened the car door and came out wearing a pistol on his right hip, a paper on his left, with a mobile phone strung around his neck! The only thing missing was a lollipop stuck in his mouth then he would have had all the gad-

gets and appliances anyone could ask for! **M** - Look, that's nothing to do with us. We're not responsible for how other people behave or their stupidity, just get that into your head!

Ma - However, I am responsible for my son. When I saw the pistol on the lad's hip and a car that was bigger than him and more than he could manage, I was concerned about my son. Don't you know how dangerous guns and cars can be in the hands of adolescents, Mus'id?

M - Of course I do! The one thing which worries people most is weapons, cars and satellite television in the hands of adolescent boys.

Ma - Exactly! When I saw that boy with all those gadgets I reckoned I had the measure of him. I told him my son wasn't at home, he'd gone to the village to buy things for his father. He asked me the name of our village, so I told him Bayt Alal. He then asked where Bayt Alal was, and I told him next to Bayt al-Rabu'. He asked how long ago it was since he left. I told him about half an hour. Then he asked what he'd gone to fetch, and I told him he'd gone to fetch stalks and hay for the calf we were fattening for Id Arafah. Then he asked what hay was, and I said it was like popcorn. He said, 'When your son comes back, ask him to leave me some hay to try.' I said I'd leave him some hay and he could go and share it with the calf!

M - Oh Mus'ida! Why did you make fun of the poor boy like that! You're normally so considerate! It's not right, and you know how

you should behave! **Ma** - Oh yes! Now tell me who exactly is making fun of the lad, will you! Me who answers his questions, or his parents who obviously don't care less - giving him a pistol and a car, both dangerous weapons and either of which could lead to certain death! Also, I'm concerned about my son. 'He who gets near to the furnace will either get burnt or be covered in soot.'

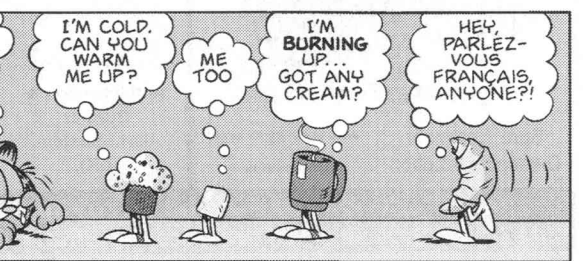
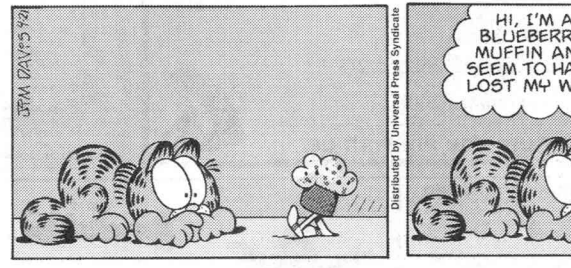
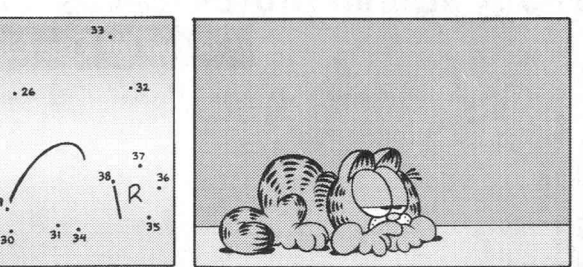
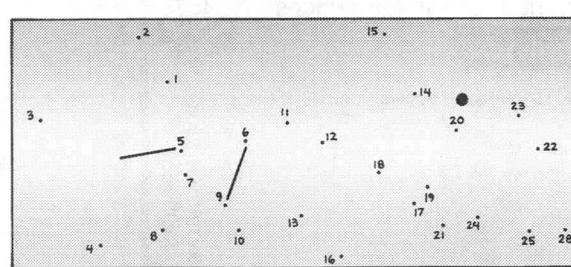
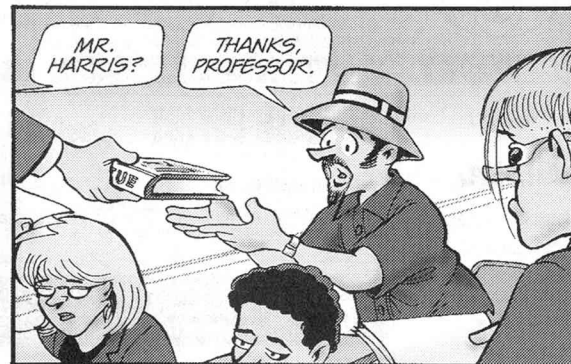
M - Weapons and cars in the hands of adolescents constitute a danger to society as a whole. As the proverb goes, 'Calamities come at the end of the night.'

Ma - It isn't calamities at the end of the night that bother me. May God protect us from all evil. I'm talking to you about calamities which happen slap bang in the middle of the day! People in other countries, my dearest, make sure they provide their children as much learning and culture as possible, to open their minds and raise their sense of awareness, and to embed in them a sense of higher principles and values. We, on the other hand, provide our children with the means to kill and be killed. And we allow them to be ignorant, snobbish, conceited and reckless, and tell them they can have whatever they want. As the Yemeni proverb goes, 'Stupid people are contented, and a wayward child will cause you distress.'

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Protein may offer clue to obesity, diabetes

WASHINGTON, April 19 (Reuters) - A protein that affects the body's ability to handle fat and sugar might offer a way to treat obesity and diabetes, if a way can be found to block it, scientists reported on Friday.

Mice genetically engineered to lack the protein can eat a high-fat diet and stay lean, the researchers report in this week's issue of the journal Developmental Cell.

If a way can be found to block this protein in humans, it may — and the researchers stress the word may — be a way to treat or prevent diabetes and obesity, they said.

"If you eat the same amount of food it will make you gain less weight," Dr. Benjamin Neel, of Harvard University and director of the cancer biology program at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center, said in a telephone interview.

"I want it too," he joked.

The protein, called PTP1B for protein tyrosine phosphatase 1B, joins a list of proteins and enzymes that in mice are associated with obesity. Many different small biotech firms and large pharmaceutical companies are pursuing them as potential diet pills.

One-quarter of Americans are obese and 60 percent are overweight, so the market potential is considerable.

Neel and colleagues genetically engineered mice that lack the PTP1B protein. The protein acts both on the hormone leptin, which is secreted by fat cells and strongly linked to obesity, and on insulin, they found.

The mice that lacked PTP1B, even those missing just one of their two copies of the gene that controls production of the protein, were hypersensitive to insulin.

"What was unanticipated, however, was that the mice were surprisingly lean," Neel said.

It seems that not having the gene increases the body's sensitivity to insulin and leptin, meaning the two hormones work more efficiently in smaller amounts. The result was a revved-up metabolism.

Mice looked like athletes

"A PTP1B knockout mouse has some of the characteristics of a highly trained athlete to the extent that they have increased energy expenditure," Neel said.

He hopes to develop a drug — hopefully a pill — that could block the effects of the PTP1B protein in people.

Obese people have too much leptin. In normal amounts, leptin can reduce appetite, but it appears that years of overeating causes the body to stop responding to the hormone.

There is a similar effect in insulin resistance, which precedes diabetes, and in type-2 diabetes, which affects 15 million Americans.

Blocking PTP1B just might be able to reverse these two effects, Neel hopes.

Neel is so hopeful that he has joined the board of a company called Ceptyr, a small biotech headquartered in Bothell, Washington that hopes to capitalize on the kind of work he is doing.

In this study Neel's team worked with Millennium Pharmaceuticals, and Ceptyr works with other big drug companies, such as Eli Lilly and Co.

There are other proteins that may have similar effects, if they work in people as they do in mice. Last year a team at the Whitehead Institute at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in Boston identified one called adipocyte complement-related protein (Acrp30), made by fat cells.

A team at GlaxoSmithKline and Cambridge University in Britain are working on one called Uncoupling Protein 3 (UCP3) that increases mouse metabolism.

Ntt Docomo unveils a new third-generation phone in Tokyo

A NTT DoCoMo new third-generation (3G) mobile phone aimed at business users, the FOMA (Freedom of Mobile Multimedia Access).

F2611 built by Japan's Fujitsu Ltd is seen in this handout released on April 16, 2002 in Tokyo. The 3G product, whose speed of 384 kilobits



per second is more than six times faster than a regular dial-up connection, has built-in Ethernet ports to hook up laptop and PC users to fast Internet services and networks. Japan's biggest mobile phone company did not disclose a price for the new phone, which goes on sale on April 22.

Astronauts return from successful ISS mission

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (Reuters) - The space shuttle Atlantis landed safely at the Kennedy Space Center on Friday, ending a record-setting 11-day mission that saw the International Space Station become home to the first railroad in space.

The weather was so bright and clear that as the shuttle neared Florida, flight controllers changed its approach to reduce glare from the midday sun as astronaut Mike Bloomfield, the mission commander, steered Atlantis toward the Kennedy Space Center's 3-mile-long landing strip.

While in orbit, the seven-astronaut crew worked with the Russian and American space station crew to add the first piece of a girder truss that will eventually stretch 360 feet, holding an acre of solar panels to power the growing station.

The most novel feature of the new segment was a 30-foot length of train track. The nine-foot trolley car that runs on those tracks will eventually be able

to make its way up and down the completed truss, carrying the station's giant robot arm, which can hoist modules, solar arrays, even spacewalking astronauts, wherever needed.

"We put a railroad in place," a smiling Bloomfield said after landing.

Most of the records set on this flight involved astronaut Jerry Ross, who set a new spaceflight mark with his seventh launch from Earth.

Ross, an astronaut since 1980, a year before the first space shuttle flight, also set a U.S. record with his ninth spacewalk.

"I'd just like to thank NASA, thank the country for the tremendous opportunities I've had to serve, and look forward to continuing that service in some form in the future," Ross told well-wishers on the ground.

FOUR ASTRONAUTS TAKE SPACEWALKS

In all, four Atlantis astronauts made spacewalks on this mission, first installing, then bringing to life the S-

Zero truss segment, a 44-foot girder assembly with computers, navigational aides and power lines that will feed electricity to all of the station's canister-like modules.

The initial "core" phase of space station construction is expected to be finished in 2004, with the station sprawling over an area larger than a football field.

Joining Bloomfield and Ross on Atlantis were pilot Steve Frick, flight engineer Ellen Ochoa and spacewalkers Steve Smith, Rex Walheim and Lee Morin.

The Atlantis crew compartment was stuffed with more than a ton of hardware, science experiments and garbage returned from the space station.

A similar amount of supplies, including oxygen, nitrogen and water for life support, was left at the station in addition to the S-Zero and its space train.

Back in space, the station crew of Russian Yuri Onufrienko, Dan Bursch and Carl Walz will not have to wait long for their next visitors.

The visitors will remain a week before departing in the station crew's older Soyuz craft, leaving the newer one behind as a lifeboat for the crew should an emergency evacuation be required.

World's fastest computer is now Japanese

NEW YORK (Reuters) - A Japanese laboratory has built the world's fastest computer, one with the computing power of the 20 fastest U.S. computers combined, The New York Times reported on Saturday.

The computer is nearly five times faster than the previous leader, a machine built by International Business Machines Corp. IBM.N, according to Jack Dongarra, a University of Tennessee computer scientist who maintains an authoritative list of the world's fastest computers, the Times said.

The Japanese government spent \$350 million to \$400 million to develop the supercomputer over the past five years. Akira Sekino, president and chief executive of HNSX Supercomputers, a unit of NEC Corp. 6701.T of Littleton, Colorado, told the newspaper.

The computer, which is known as the NEC Earth Simulator, was intended to analyze climate changes, including global warming, as well as weather and earthquake patterns, the Times said.

Dongarra said the Earth Simulator had 5,104 processors and could reach a speed of 35,600 gigaflops, or billions of mathematical operations per second.

The old supercomputer speed record, he said, was held by the ASCI White-Pacific computer at the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory in California. Its 7,424 processors generate a speed of 7,226 gigaflops a second.

The Earth Simulator was formally dedicated in March, and had been installed at the Earth Simulator Research and Development Center in Yokohama, west of Tokyo, the Times said. The Japan Marine Science and Technology Center said on Friday the computer had reached more than 87 percent of its theoretical peak speed, it said.

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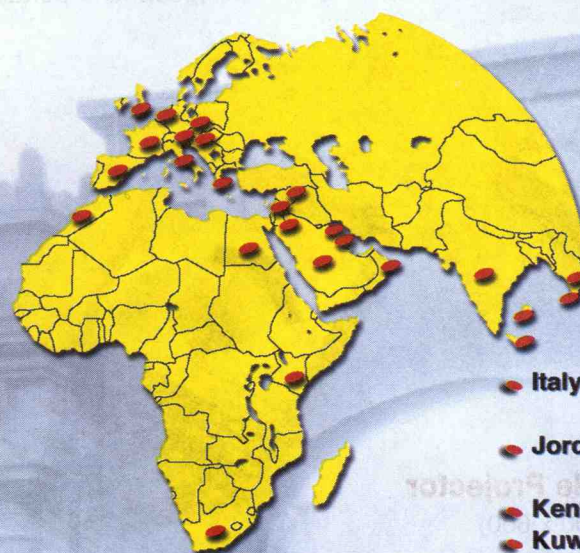
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- Law
- Social sciences & humanities

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University of Aden will start receiving applications and researches for the abovementioned awards as of March 2002 till 30th of June 2002 .

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Researches submitted should be genuine and distinguished. They should include new discoveries in the respective fields, and closely related to the Yemeni environment, society and development issues.

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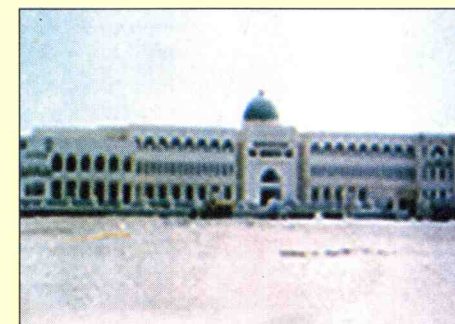


- Results of winning researches will be disclosed on the second half of August
- The date of the award-distribution party will be declared through the media



- Award-delivery to winners will take place at a party to be held on September 10 which coincides with Aden University foundation anniversary
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YET receives tourist award

Cairo - Yemen Explorer Tours has been given one of the CIMPA (Connected Internet Meeting Planners Association) Award 2001 for the best website in its class and for best Arabian website.

The award was received recently in Egypt under the patronage of the Egyptian Minister of Tourism.

The site - www.al-bab.com/yet was designed and written by Managing

Director of Yemen Explorer Tours, Ibrahim Al-Attab, who personally received the award in Cairo.

CIMPA is one of the most prominent business organizations in the United States and one of the most active on Internet. The other CIMPA 2001 Award winners were: Best Meeting Destination for Customer Services - Thailand, Best Destination for Events - Egypt.



Group Photo during Award Ceremony at the Meridian Hotel in Cairo.

Dia hosts oil and pottery paintings exhibition

Mazhar Nizar, a renowned Yemeni painter, inaugurated an oil and poetry paintings exhibition by Sarabjeet Bhatia and Shymala Rangathan, Indian plastic artists, last Saturday at the Dia organization headquarters in Sana'a.

The exhibition consists of two parts: pottery paintings, by Shymala and miniature glass/oil paintings by Sarabjeet.

Works of the two artists focused mostly on beauty of women.

"I always intended to paint something beautiful," said Shymala.

Mrs. Sarabjeet commented on her oil paintings saying that "most of my paintings are showing woman's beauty."



Intracs holds a Thank-U party for clients at Taj Sheba

The Intracs Taylors Services Ltd. in association with the Halliburton Worldwide Ltd held last Thursday a dinner and dance party at the Taj Sheba Hotel in appreciation of their clients' cooperation.

"It's a kind of a thank you to companies associated with the Intracs company as well as a celebration for



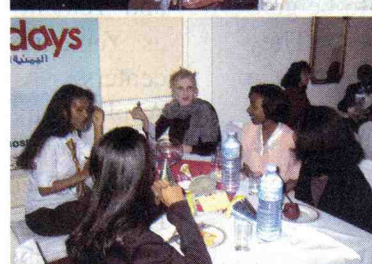
Mr. John Holmez

the expansion of our contract with the Yemen Hunt Oil Company for five years," said John Holmez General Manager of the Intracs Company.

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