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## Convicted of throwing grenades in March

# US Embassy attacker: 10 years in jail

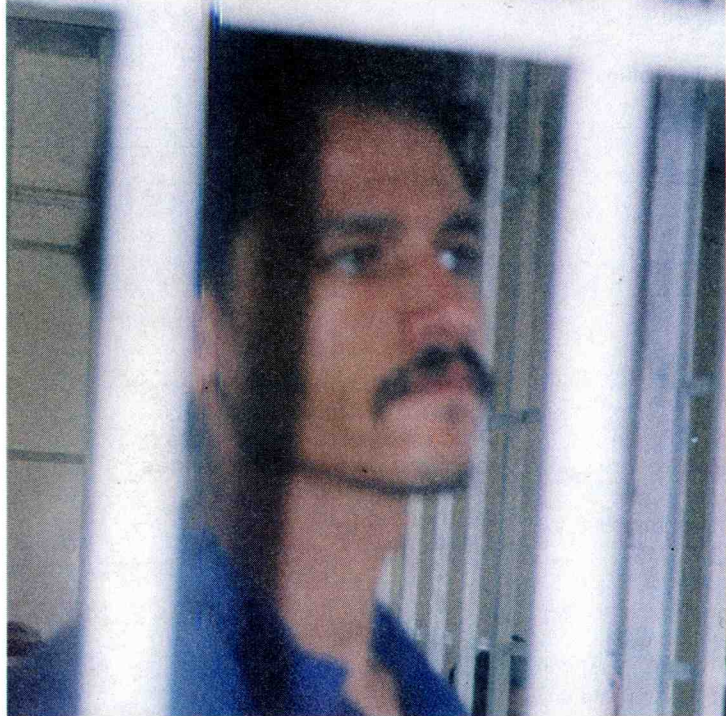
BY MOHAMMED AL-QADHI  
YEMEN TIMES STAFF

The man who threw grenades at the US Embassy in March has been convicted by a Sana'a court to 10 years in jail.

Sameer Yahia Awadh, 26, exploded the grenades on March 15. While reading the verdict, judge Mohsen Alwan said it was made clear that the defendant threw two grenades at the Embassy endangering lives of people and making harm to Yemen's diplomatic relationships with other countries.

The act was described by the judge as a heinous crime that affects the security of the country.

During the hearings, Awadh denied all the charges and said he was



Sameer Yahia Awadh in jail.

arrested while passing the embassy compound, carrying a grenade for self-defence.

In the prosecution of investigative report, Awadh said he acted that way to protest against the Israeli atrocities being supported by the Americans. However, before court he denied all his confessions and said he was threatened to say so.

Relatives and neighbors of Awadh described the verdict as unjust. They said the convict suffered from psychological disturbances and the court should have explained that in favor of the convict.

The convict didn't comment. Other observers also believe the verdict was too heavy and has political dimensions.

The lawyer of the defendant appealed the verdict but no date has been fixed by the court to listen to the appeal hearings.

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## Religion

# Salafia schism

BY HASSAN AZZAIDI  
YEMEN TIMES STAFF

Disputes have begun to erupt and broaden lately within the Sheikh al-Wadie Salafi religious movement.

The schism has aroused concerns among many scholars of the movement. There are three major Salafia sheikhs in Yemen and heads of Salafia centers; Mohammed Abdulwahab al-Wasaabi, Mohammed al-Imam and Mohammed al-Suwaili, who issued on Thursday a statement confirming that the recent disputes among the Sunnis have stirred discords.

The statement has called on all students of Salafia centers, especially those at Dar al-Hadith centre in Dammaj and those at Dar al-Hadith centre in Mareb all the Sunnis being deeply engrossed in the question of dispute among scholars. *Continued on page 5*

## Military prepares to weed out terrorists, but . . .

# Tribesmen say they're innocent

BY MOHAMMED AL-QADHI  
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'Who, us? Harboring terrorists? No way. We're innocent.'

That's the message from the tribes of Mareb, Al-Jawf and Shabwa who, in a formal statement, are also warning officials not to target their areas.

In press release issued by supreme council of Mareb, Al-Jawf tribes coalition, the tribes said any action against them will be denounced, and has nothing to do with war against terror.

Further, it will not be of good for Yemeni - US relationships, said the statement which warns the US in particular not to take military action which aims to settle political scores in the pretext of fighting against terrorism.

The US is now training Yemeni officials to combat terrorist elements within the country, elements believed to be within some of Yemen's tribes.

But the joint-statement of the tribesmen of these three districts stresses that these areas condemn terrorism in all its shades. They call for working together to enhance security and stability in Yemen.

The statement notes that tribes have a huge need for better security and stability. However, at the same time they are an important part of the country that cannot be put down or marginalized.

"We refuse all efforts exerted to tarnish our tribes or areas, and warn against making us a scapegoat for political or strategic reasons," says the statement.

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## 1st Local Council Conference wraps up

The First Annual Local Council Conference concluded its meetings in Sana'a on May 16.

The conference was held under the motto of the Local Central dialogue for enhancing Local Authority System.

Several decisions focused on the president's speech, one of the most important parts of the conference.

Participants called for constructing roads, encouraging the fish industry and agriculture, taking a keen interest

of youth and sport and providing enough funding for agencies and airline companies.

The conference ensured the finance ministry will pay allocated amounts of money to heads of the administrative units of the current year, as well as administrative units of new districts.

The local council authorities have to adhere to the decisions and the civil service regulations in the field of employment.

### Local councils want to stay

## You call that democracy?

What kind of democracy do you call that?

That's the question being asked by opposition parties, mainly the Islah Party, which has denounced the desire of local councils (FCLC) to extend their terms in office - without election - until 2006.

Mohammed Kahtan, head of Islah political department, said Islah opposes the recommendation of the FCLC and it refuses to give local councils the right to turn their meetings into a legislative authority to carry at amendments on laws.

Local elections are scheduled to be held in Yemen in 2004.

Dr Mohammed Ali Al-Saqqaf said this extension infringes law, as any elected authority cannot prolong its office except through elections.

He adds that if extensions are given automatically, elected local council members will turn to nothing but appointed figures.

About 300 participants in the FCLC recommended in a letter to Prime Minister Abdulqader Bajammal that

the government conducts a local governance law, minimizing their term in office to three years instead of four. However, it also suggests that the current local councils be given three more years and next local elections should be run in 2006.

The participants said such time will give them chance to lay the foundation for building up institutional and legislative ground for the future.

Observers believe this suggestion will create a problem between the government and opposition. But the majority of the ruling party, PGC, enables it to pass any law or amendments on it.

First local elections were run in February 2001 coinciding with constitutional amendments. The PGC won the majority of seats, 4,000 out of 7,032 seats.

The elections witnessed clashes between PGC and Islah. Around 80 persons were killed and injured.

These elections put an end to the strategic coalition between the PGC and Islah.

In its session, the parliament ratified an agreement related to the establishment of a free zone between Iraq and Yemen. The agreement aims at achieving the economical and trade growth and exempting the custom duties for goods between the countries.

## Agreement between Yemen & Iraq ratified

# School closed for two months

Attahreer school in al-Aboos area, the first school built before the revolution in Taiz governorate has been closed for two months by the so-called Najeeb Mohammed Abdulfattah.

He and a group of armed men broke into the school and forced its principal to sign to leave his job.

Citizens of al-Aboos area have

strongly reacted against this flagrant act and demanded the concerned bodies to interfere as quickly as possible and reopen the school.

Instead of sitting on chairs, students sit on rocks and under tents.

This is the first time where the school has been closed by force and no one have yet responded to this prob-

lem. A certain kind of chaos has prevailed.

Most of teachers are absent due to the closure of the school.

"We are scared, what kind of future is this?" said Afrah Mohammed, a school-girl.

Sadek Mazen, a school-boy at third secondary school, said that the final examination are about to approach and no one has prepared himself for the final exams. "We are totally frustrated. We don't prepare ourselves well for the exam, what shall we do," enthusiastically Sadek said.

Abduh Derhem, a citizen at al-Aboos area told the Yemen Times: "We first of all reject such barbarous acts. Sheikhs shouldn't interfere. It is not their own business. Educational and pedagogical bodies have to tackle this problem as quickly as possible."

The closure of Attahreer School at



Students of Attahreer school study under tents after its closure



The school which closed by force by Sheikh Najeeb Mohammed



al-Aboos area is considered an infringement to the right of learning and general freedoms. Locals are wanting the authorities to step in.

## More Malaria in Aden

The number of people infected of malaria in Aden have increased during the first five months of this year to reach 2,756, as a result of approaching the summer season.

This has resulted in the high increase of malaria parasites in the city, Dr. Hana al-Saqqaf and Dr. Anwar Abdulkareem, the General Manager of Rolling out Malaria told the Yemen Times.

"Aden is the only city where malaria has spread very rapidly. It has been also reported that malaria is detected in Lahj and Abyan," Anwar said.

Last April hospitals swarmed with people infected of malaria, totaling 1,084 infected cases.

Malaria parasites can multiply in the open and still waters.

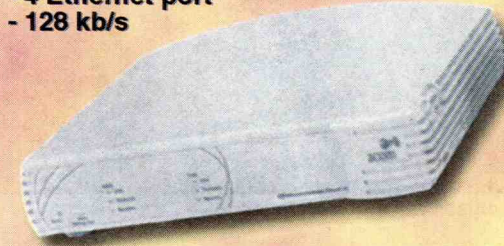
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# Journalists in Yemen want more training

Under the motto of *Yemeni Journalism: Where are the Defects in the Law?* the Yemeni Center for Strategic Studies and the *Alayyam* daily newspaper organized a seminar on the future of journalism in Yemen.

A working paper presented by the *Alayyam* daily newspaper focused mainly on the future of journalism in Yemen.

"Undoubtedly, free journalism in Yemen is a right, as it should be for every nation to know everything about his country. Journalism signifies everything taking place in our country has to be published," the working paper said.

Those who are silenced not to tell the truth are considered to be the enemies of expression of freedom particularly democracy. They are considered to be supporters of despotism, corruption, dictatorship and oppression, said the paper.

The Deputy Information Minister, Mohammed Shaher said that there has been a lot of talk at the Information



Ministry concerning the closure of some newspapers and that in most cases it was a fault of journalists. Several media men talked during the seminar about freedom of journalism. Participants demanded to amend the press law in order to help the democratic development in Yemen.

# Journalist wants to work

Towfeek Hassan Agha staged a sit-in before al-Jomhoria Newspaper campus in Taiz governorate after his deputation was canceled from the al-Jomhoria newspaper.

Agha is a holder of Bachelor of Journalism and has been employed to work for the al-Jomhoria newspaper since 1999. So, his deputation for the newspaper has been canceled. He called all the media institutions and organizations for an immediate solution to work in journalism.

# Fishy discussion in Parliament

The agriculture, fish and water resources report was discussed by parliament on May 11. The report was presented by the Central Organization and Control Auditing related to financial and administrative infringements of both ministries, the Agriculture and Fish in 1996 and 1997.

Members of the parliament stressed the necessity to deal seriously with the

report presented by the Central Organization and Control Auditing and reactivate its role in all government sectors and banish the corrupt whenever they are.

On May 15 parliament was to discuss the report of the high education committee, youths and sport, but it was postponed to another session.

# Taiz Mass Conference running again

The Taiz Mass Conference is running again. Coming out of a standstill, the conference's new life is said to be related to the current developments in Palestine, and related to support needed by the defenseless people there. The mass conference was formed in 1992.

# Symposium on Yemeni-German relations

The Yemeni-German Friendship Society to hold a symposium on Yemeni-German relations at the Yemeni German Hospital in Sana'a on May 23.

The event is to be under the auspices of Dr. Yousef Mohammed and Dr. Paul Pasch the Regional Director of the German Friedrich Ebert Stiftung (FES).

The symposium is to be attended by a number of members of the German-Yemeni Friendship Society and the Yemeni-German Friendship Society and those interested in the promotion of relations between Yemen and Germany.

It is also to be attended by the German parliamentary and popular delegation visiting Yemen May 18 to 25. The event coincides with the 12 anniversary of Yemen's Unification Day.

# Media wants more training

A seminar on training for media concluded last week from May 12 to 13.

Participants at the seminar listened to scientific programs which were enriched by comments, opinions and remarks.

Holding seminars and annual assessments to pursue and follow the recommendations seminars are the focus which were dealt with by participants.

Establishing a data base which meets the requirements of media was also discussed.

Participants demanded more journalistic training courses due to the value of a free and skilled press in the democratic Yemeni society.

They also wanted more coordination with the private sector in the fields of computer and languages.

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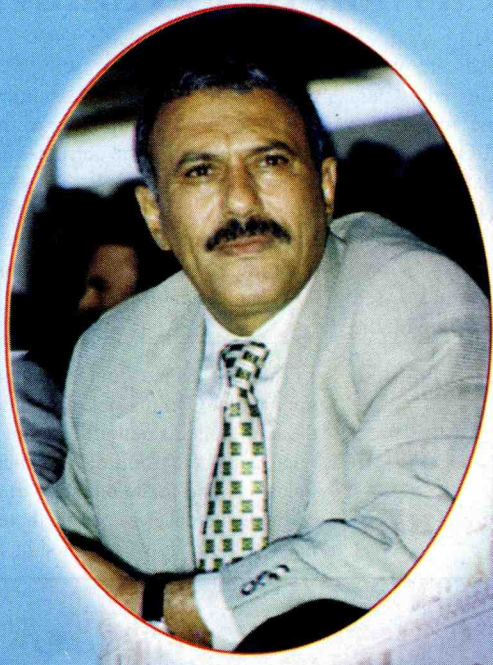
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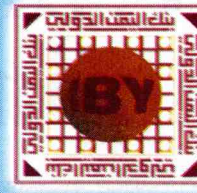
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# New list of al-Qaeda suspects

By YEMEN TIMES STAFF

Yemen has received a new list of 16 suspected al-Qaeda members on its soil.

Reports say the Chief of the US Special Forces discussed during his visit to Yemen last week bilateral cooperation, training the Yemeni Special Forces on combating terrorism and hunting down terrorists.

The list is said to contain new names of suspected al-Qaeda elements.

## Ultimatum ends, no new incidents

A group called Sympathizers with the al-Qaeda has announced responsibility for a number of explosions that took place near high ranking intelligence and political security officers' houses to force the release of 173 sus-

pects the government is accusing of having links with the al-Qaeda organization.

Most of the suspects are Yemenis who have fought in Afghanistan.

The group had early last month given a one-month ultimatum for the release of their people and had threatened of suicide bombs targeting influential personalities at he intelligence and PSO if their people were not released.

However, one week has gone after the said ultimatum with no incidents being reported.

Meanwhile more security personnel have been deployed to the cities and around the embassies in Sana'a.

Relatives of the 173 suspected al-Qaeda elements and those who have relations with Abu Ali al-Harethi or

Abu Asem, the most wanted Yemeni al-Qaeda suspects, have also been watched.

## More US trainers

General John Roza, spokesman of the US Chief of Staff said a team of 20 US trainers are about to start working in Yemen to train military to fight terrorism.

Security sources said they are tracking down 51 people suspected to have links to the Sympathizers with al-Qaeda group.

Abdul Rahman al-Misri, and thirteen people have been arrested in Mareb. They are accused of being members of the al-Qaeda organization and having an illegal residence.

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## Religion

# Salafia schism

The statement said there must not be an enlargement and widening of the dispute and the scholars are doing whatever they can to solve it.

The split began in the wake of the acute dispute between chairman of Dar al-Hadith in Mareb Abu al-Hassan al-Marabi and his followers and Yahya al-Wadie as his successor and head of Dar al-Hadith in Damaj.

The dispute has aroused dissatisfaction of Salafia Ulama in Saudi Arabia where it is considered reference of Salafia current of al-Wadie and the major financier of it. The Egyptian-national Abu al-Hassan al-Marabi last week left for Saudia in response of an invitation there in order to discuss finding a solution to the standing crisis.

Dar al-Hadith in Mareb in the last few months came under a campaign of harassment by the authority under the policy it is pursuing for combating terror. As a result more than 70 of the centre's students were arrested and some of them were deported outside the country under the pretext that their residency was illegal.

Abu al-Hassan al-Marabi had been detained for two days and was then released during the latest events in Mareb.

Some observers attribute the dispute to the moderate approach displayed by Abu al-Hassan al-Marabi and that he may be the personality qualified and capable of leading affairs of Salafia call after al-Wadie. Salafia call centers that are more than 80 in number are considered the most important ones where sciences of Salafia sects are taught.

They are attended by a large number of Yemeni, Arab and foreign students. But these centers are not officially authorized schools. Heads of these centers fear the possibility of having their centers closed especially after the U.S. said it has information about the presence of al-Qaeda elements who have studied religious stud-

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# Tribesmen say they're innocent

It also expresses the willingness of tribesmen to cooperate with authorities to track down on terrorists to show that such areas and people have nothing to do with allegations of harboring terrorists.

It denies charges that such areas harbor terrorist or extremist figures, stressing that there is no proofs to such allegations.

The statement also denies that the two prime suspects of al-Qaeda, Abu Ali Al-Harithy and Abu Asem Al-Ahdal, are being protected by tribesmen or exist in the three governorates.

It points out that these tribesmen have all agreed not to harbor any people involved in any terrorist acts, either in or outside Yemen.

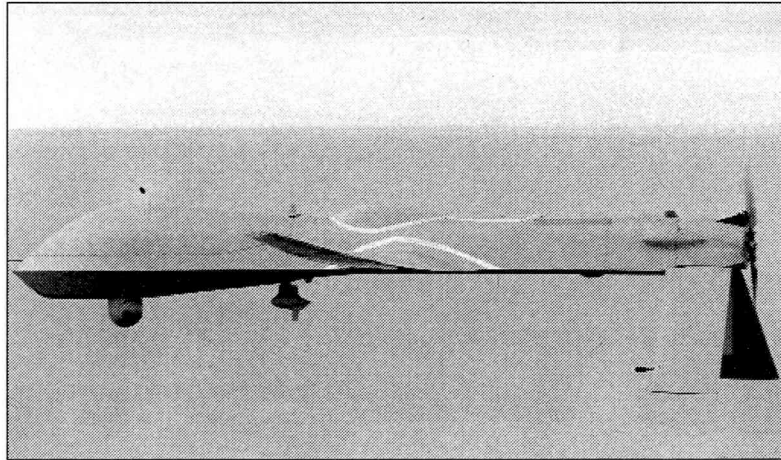
Tribal sources have also said that they have seen an unidentified plane flying overhead last week, and they believe it

is conducting surveillance to gather information for international interests.

They say the flights have started in the Marib area at about 5 p.m. and con-

cluded at daybreak.

They say there are rumors that some elements of al-Qaeda are hiding out in some areas of the governorate.



An unidentified plane flying overhead Marib governorate.

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On the sideline of the festival held last week by the Yemeni society for the Blind Care and Rehabilitation, Gaber said that the other parties have to take care and pay its full attention to this class. The GPC has a vital role in supporting such societies.

A fund has to be provided for the benefit of the blind along with conducting field researches in order to tackle prob-

lems faced by the blind.

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Blind people performing at fund-raising festival



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## Arab energy conference concluded its activities

The Arab Energy Conference concluded last Tuesday in Cairo. The Yemeni delegation was chaired by the Oil and Mineral Minister, Rasheed Baraba'a and the Chairman of Petroleum Exploration & Production Board, Nabeel al-Kowski.

and develop the energy resources. A great significance has been stressed to build joint energy projects among the Arab countries.

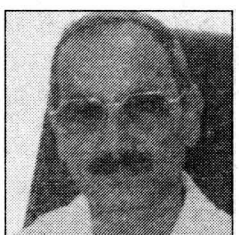


Nabeel al-Kowski.

## World Cup on Yemen land TV channel

"Yemen land TV channel will broadcast the World Cup matches in return of a 20-minute add for every match on the Satellite Channel," said Ahmad Taher al-She'ani, General Manager of the Yemeni TV and Radio Corporation. He said there were going discussions with the 'America Media Distribution Company' which monopolizes rights

of broadcasting the matches in Korea and Japan and that the had already agreed on principles.



Ahmad Taher al-She'ani

## Lebanese Cultural and Food Festival Concluded

Last Thursday, the Lebanese Cultural and Food Festival came to an end after five fabulous Lebanese nights during May 12 to May 16 at the Sheraton Sanaa hotel. Performing at the festival were the Lebanese folkloric group, musicians, a singer, and a belly dancer. Of course, the event, which was sponsored by a number of prestigious companies and organiza-



tion in Yemen including Yemen Times, would have never been complete without the special Lebanese cuisine prepared by a master chef from Lebanon.

## Taking care of our Ozone

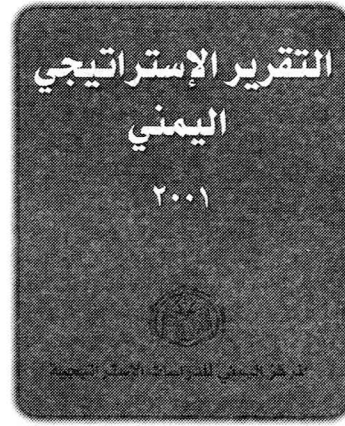
The national workshop on Halons and its management concluded on May 15. Working papers were presented by the National Ozone Unit and concentrated mainly on restructuring the ozone bank and laws. The Manager of Ozone Unit, Faisal Ahmed Naser said that the main aim of the workshop is to discuss and assess the national storage of Halons. "We will include both sectors, the private and the public to play its vital role in mapping out plans and procedures with regard to Halons," Faisal said. The workshop aims at eliminating the use of Halons for non-essential

users and promoting it for fire protection technologies as well as preventing unnecessary emission and venting of Halons. Participants communicate regularly with representatives of government, the protection community and industrial users to assess Halons and the stockpile. The workshop was organized by the General Corp. for Environment Protection in collaboration with the German project, GTZ. Participants from the civil defense, military sector, men of media and others attended the workshop.

## 3rd issue of Yemen strategic report published

The 3rd issue of the Yemeni strategic report has been published by the Yemeni Center for Strategic Studies. The report deals with several economic, political, social, and cultural issues. Different topics have been discussed such as, the democratic development in Yemen, the role performed by the political parties in the political arena, the annual assessment of the legislative, judiciary, and executive authorities. It also deals with the administrative reform, the reality of the local council and its future horizons, the developmental and social role of civil

societies. The annual report has also included the conditions of the Yemeni women and children. The first annual reports were published in 1997 by the Yemeni Center for Strategic Studies and come to a standstill as a result of lack of financial resources. The center is run by Mohammed Ahmed al-Afandi, the former Supply and Commerce Minister, the Chairman of the Yemeni Center for Strategic Studies and a Prof. of the Economic Studies at the Sana'a University.



## Students link Yemen and Egypt

BY: FAHMIA AL-FOTIH  
YEMEN TIMES STAFF

Ties between Egypt and Yemen was the theme among a student exhibition held at Sana'a's Media College recently. Known as the Nile Sons project, the exhibition about Egypt was for the students' graduation work. Mr. Khlid Al-komy, Egyptian ambassador attended the exhibition and praised the students' efforts to establish work in order to link the two brotherly civilizations. "I have been impressed by the students splendid efforts and a good spirit they have to portray their history," he commented. The exhibition included various historical and cultural aspects of each

country. Sons of Nile expressed their thanks to the host land which was the source of all civilizations and would be the meeting point of them. There was a seminar in which the Egyptian ambassador discussed the deep-rooted Yemeni-Egyptian relations that stretched from past to present and addressed the students of the media about the important role they play to investigate the truth as much as they can. Then an open forum had been discussed about the relations between Yemen and Egypt. This is the first time for Nile Sons to have such a self-dependent project. Certificates of merit were given away to participants.



Egyptian Ambassador Mr. al-Akomy talked during the exhibition

## Royal Jordanian Places 100 tickets on auction to be sold over the Internet

On April 21st, Royal Jordanian Airlines will start an online ticket auction for 100 tickets to different destinations, in cooperation with Maktoob.com. Mr. Hussein Dabbas, Head of Royal Jordanian's Passenger Marketing and Sales Department, said that this is a new convenient marketing tool that would help those who intend to buy tickets, utilizing new technological advances to promote the airline's services, routes and travel packages to certain destinations. Dabbas also mentioned that participation in the auction would start by entering Royal Jordanian's web site [www.rja.com.jo](http://www.rja.com.jo) or the Maktoob.com site at [www.mazadmaktoob.com](http://www.mazadmaktoob.com) and filling the required data form. Bidders are then contacted to verify the information and confirm their

interest in participation in this profitable offer for both the airline and customers. Dabbas explained that the auction would start with \$1 for each ticket. The minimum bid will be \$10 for each increase and within a period of one week maximum. He added that the tickets will be sold once they reach the reserved price rates, indicated on the web sites. The tickets on auction will be round-trip out of the following stations: Amman, Cairo, Abu Dhabi, Riyadh, Dammam, Jeddah, Qatar, Kuwait, and Bahrain. Winners may buy tickets out of these destinations for the time being. Dabbas says he values the continuous cooperation between Royal Jordanian and Maktoob.com. Both parties are keen to ensure the success of this special marketing campaign. Maktoob.com will be able to promote its web site through this auction, for its users exceed 2 million, increasing at an average rate of more than 3,500 members per day.

## Taj Sheba workers honored

Top employees at the Taj Sheba Hotel were honored on May 16 on the occasion of the Labor's Day. Abdullah al-Hamdani, the Head of Labor Office at the Capital Secretariat delivered a speech focusing on the Taj Sheba Hotel as one of the most successful hotels in Yemen. At the same time, the Manager of the Personnel Department said that the hotel is going to train more of its employees in India.

## In Brief

- \* The 4th International Trade Exhibition begins May 20 in Sana'a at the Sana'a International Exhibition Center. More than 200 countries and more than 300 companies are participating at the exhibition. The exhibition will continue for 6 days starting from May 20 to 26. It is one of the largest exhibitions in Yemen.
- \* The Yemeni Society for quitting smoking concluded its annual activities last week on the occasion of the International Day for quitting smoking.
- \* The Chairman of the National Committee, Salem Assabah left Sana'a last Friday. During his visit a number of vital issues were discussed including Kuwaiti prisoners and the bilateral relations between Kuwait and Yemen.
- \* About 140 Qura'an reciters graduated during the annual festival held in Sana'a last Wednesday.
- \* A lecture on Yemeni mummies was delivered on May 14 by prominent British professors from York University at the National museum.
- \* Central Bank of Yemen delegates participated at the International Conference on Money Transfers. The conference was held on May 16 in UAE. More than 58 countries participated in the conference.

## Fat for the underfed

A recent study conducted by the researcher Eqbal Daqan at Taiz University shows the need to have oils and fats totaling 7 kg to 22 kg in a year. The study also has advised people to buy the local products containing local balm oil which contains vitamin A, B, and C. Such ingredients are useful for malnutrition and emaciation.

## Seminar on environment wraps up

A seminar on awareness policy concluded last Monday in Sana'a. The seminar was organized by the General Corporation for environment protection in collaboration with the Dutch Embassy in Sana'a. New articles and texts were added with a view of promoting environmental awareness in Yemen.

## Training course on breast-feeding

A medical cadre working in the field of breast-feeding is to be implemented by the Child and Women Development Association and financed by the Social Development Fund. The training course aims primarily at correcting wrong notions of breast-feeding. Dr. Afrah Abdulaziz said that the project has continued for three weeks and around 60 participants delivered speeches on the importance for breast-feeding.

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## U.N. Security Council extends "Oil-for-food" program

(Xinhua) — The United Nations Security Council Tuesday adopted resolution 1409, extending the "oil for food" program by six months, with the enforcement of a finalized Goods Review List (GRL) and the attached procedures for its application.

The unanimously adopted resolution, proposed by five permanent council members, decided that the program "shall remain in force for a new period of 180 days beginning on May 30, 2002."

It decided to adopt a revised GRL and the procedures for its application for implementation at the same time.

GRL contains items that may have dual military and civilian use and would have to be approved by the U.N. Monitoring, Verification and Inspection Commission (UNMOVIC), the U.N. Office of the Iraq Program (OIP) and the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), separately or jointly.

"At core of the procedure are the item states that if OIP, IAEA or UNMOVIC failed to finish reviewing any import contract within 10 working days, the contract would automatically take into effect, "a diplomat told Xinhua on condition of anonymity.

Under a paralleled item balancing it, the supervising offices have rights to request Iraqi importers to clarify their contracts, according to the diplomat.

"The supervisors can keep asking, nobody can prevent them from doing so," he said.

The draft and especially its 160-page GRL, had been bargained item by item for months by Russia, France, China, the United States and Britain, at diplomatic and expert levels.

The U.S. introduced a revised sanctions regime against Iraq last November. The scheme, slammed by Iraqis as "smart sanctions," was designed "to allow a freer flow of goods that help ordinary Iraqis, while preventing Iraq from developing weapons of mass destruction," according to U.S. diplomats.

Given an approval of extension of U.N. resolution 1409, Baghdad reluctantly accepted the love-hate renewal of U.N. "oil-for-food" program, with the U.S. imposed goods review lists attached to it. However, Baghdad has no reason for joy because a lot of conditions are attached to the deal wrung out of difficult negotiations. Baghdad's main foe, the U.S. did not win the game overwhelmingly. Under intense protests from Baghdad's neighbors, most of its proposals related to "smart sanctions" such as monitoring Iraq's borders against oil smuggling, were dropped.



(Xinhua) — Wang Yingfan, Chinese permanent representative to the United Nations raises his hand in the vote on the resolution 1409 extending the "oil for food" program during the session of the UN Security Council at the U.N. headquarters in New York May 14, 2002.

Baghdad has been longing for suspension, if not an ending, of the 12-year-old sanctions. Iraqi ambassador to U.N. Mohammed Aldouri said earlier in an interview with Xinhua that the "smart sanctions" was an attempt to prolong the inhuman sanctions which killed thousands of innocent Iraqis. "The sanctions were under fire both domestically and internationally," he noted.

Though both chief U.N. inspector Hans Blix and IAEA Director-General Mohammed ElBaradei said that sanctions could be suspended if the world body could get all needed cooperation, the hope is a dim for a real suspension in view of the strong U.S. opposition.

## Jordan: sentence against Toujan al-Faisal a blow to freedom of expression

Amnesty International condemned the 18 months prison term imposed today on Toujan al-Faisal, former member of the Jordanian Parliament. "This is a sad day for freedom of expression in Jordan. Toujan al-Faisal imprisoned solely for exercising her fundamental right to express her opinion" the organization said.

Toujan al-Faisal was arrested in March following her public criticism of the Jordanian government. She was convicted by the state security court on charge of "tarnishing Jordanian state" defamation of the judiciary "uttering words" before another deemed to be "detrimental to his religious feeling", "publishing and broadcasting false information abroad which could be detrimental to the reputation of the state" and including "disturbances and killings" she has received the harshest sentence allowed to such charges.

Toujan al-Faisal was held in detention

for some 11 days until being released on bail on 27 March and was re-arrested three days later and has remained in prison ever since. Currently she is in Jweidah Prison and will be moved to



Former Jordanian Deputy Toujan al-Faisal

Swaqa Prison, in the desert, 800 kilometers from Amman. She has no appeal against the sentence.

Sentencing Toujan al-Faisal has breached international human rights which Jordan has ratified" said Amnesty international. As we feared the Jordanian courts are using new measures supposedly introduced to fight "terrorism" to clamp down on the individual's exercise of the right to criticize government policy. Background Toujan al-Faisal was sentenced under a law promulgated through a provisional royal decree two weeks after the 11 September 2001 attacks. The law not only expanded the definition of "terrorism" but also further restricted freedom of expression in Jordan. Offences committed under the law were transferred to the state security courts, which almost invariably use military judges and do not provide the same guarantees of independence and impartiality provided by the ordinary courts.

## Arafat links elections to Israeli pullout

JERUSALEM, May 18 (Reuters) - Palestinian President Yasser Arafat linked the holding of new Palestinian elections with an Israeli withdrawal from occupied lands in a move that could delay a sought-after programme for government reform.

In the latest West Bank violence, an armed Palestinian infiltrated a Jewish settlement late on Friday, wounding one settler before being shot dead.

Israeli forces meanwhile pushed into the battle-scarred Jenin refugee camp, returning to the scene of the fiercest fighting in Israel's recent West Bank offensive, and a second camp near Nablus.

Palestinian sources said two Palestinian boys were killed in the raids.

Israeli army and police said the Palestinian infiltrator entered the Beit El settlement near the Palestinian-ruled city of Ramallah, wounding the settlement's security officer who then shot the attacker dead.

Settlers have been a frequent target of Palestinian militants in their 19-month-old uprising against occupation in a bid to drive them off lands the Palestinians seek for a state.

Earlier on Friday, Arafat cast doubt over the date of future Palestinian elections, saying a ballot could be held "as soon as we will finish this occupation (of) our land."

It was not immediately clear whether he was referring to a complete end to Israel's decades-old occupation of the West Bank and Gaza Strip. Arafat raised

the possibility of new elections —last held in 1996— earlier this week along with reforms and Palestinian lawmakers said they should take place by early 2003.

A Palestinian official, asked to clarify Arafat's remarks, said the condition for holding elections was a more limited Israeli army withdrawal from all positions it had occupied since the start of the uprising in September 2000.

### MUTED RESPONSE

Arafat's condition met with a muted response from some Palestinians who have urged new elections and reforms of the Palestinian Authority.

Israel has made an overhaul of Palestinian institutions a precondition for returning to peace talks.

It was not clear whether Arafat's condition was a retreat from his pledge on Wednesday that new elections would be held as part of reforms in his Palestinian Authority which Israel, the United States and many of his own people have demanded.

Palestinian cabinet minister Nabil Shaath later told Reuters "the president meant (no elections) until Israel pulls out its occupation forces to where they had been before September 29, 2000" —the date the current uprising erupted.

At least 1,357 Palestinians and 474 Israelis have died in the uprising.

A committee of Palestinian lawmakers urged Arafat on Thursday to authorize local, general and presidential elections by early 2003 and slim down his government in the interim.



Palestinian President Yasser Arafat

In a statement on Friday, the committee published its official recommendations, which also include putting Palestinian security services under supervision of a central authority and establishing an independent judiciary.

Committee member Hanan Ashrawi said Arafat was drawing international attention to Israel's stranglehold on Palestinian territories where army checkpoints block free travel.

Palestinian legislators "set a time-frame for the elections in the declaration we are working on but we need the proper conditions which require an Israeli withdrawal," she said.

Israeli forces have encircled Palestinian cities in the West Bank and set up checkpoints across Palestinian territories which they say are meant to prevent attacks on Israelis. Palestinians have branded it collective punishment.

## Open Invitation for Businessmen and Investors

The Italian Embassy in Sana'a, in the endeavor to promote Yemeni-Italian trade cooperation and to introduce Italian manufacturing companies and businessmen alike, wishes to extend an invitation to all businessmen, investors, and concerned individuals to attend the:

### Italian Jewellery and Industrial Exhibition

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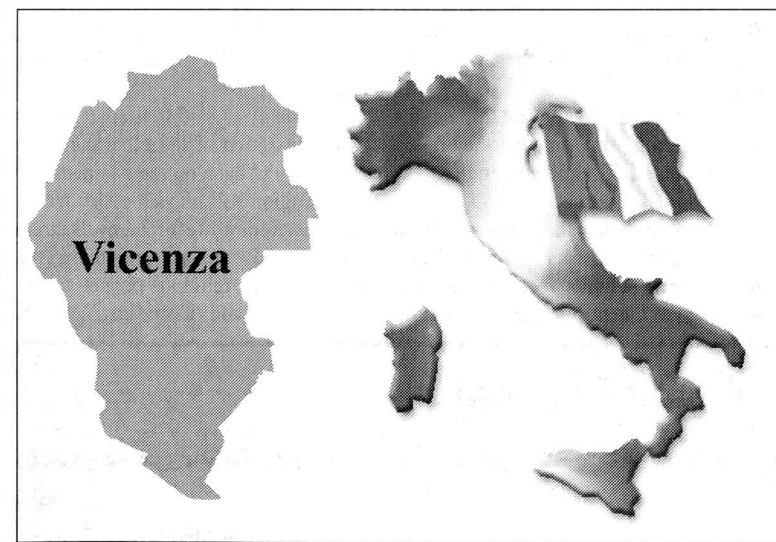
which is going to be held in conjunction with the Chambers of Commerce of both Vicenza and Sanaa, and which will be hosted at the Ballroom at the Sheraton Sanaa Hotel.

#### The Italian Jewellery and Industrial Exhibition will bring to Sana'a:

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- Leather and tanning manufacturing plans
- Building materials
- Security and fire prevention systems
- Office and residential furniture
- Consortiums representing over 1,600 small and medium size Vicenza's manufacturing companies.
- Textile manufacturers
- Tourism operators

The event resembles a great opportunity for Yemeni businessmen to meet up directly with their Italian counterpart and discover new and advantageous ways to bring to Yemen the Italian technology and know-how in the above mentioned sectors.

Opening hours will be from 10:00 to 19:00 (without any lunch break) during the event, which will be formally inaugurated at 11:00 on June 2nd 2002.



## دعوة مفتوحة

### لرجال الأعمال والمستثمرين والمهتمين

يسر السفارة الإيطالية بصنعاء بالتعاون مع الغرفة التجارية والصناعية بصنعاء والغرفة التجارية بمقاطعة فينتشينا بإيطاليا دعوة رجال الأعمال والمستثمرين والمهتمين في الجمهورية اليمنية لزيارة المعرض الإيطالي الأول للمجوهرات وآلات صياغة الذهب الذي ستنظمه في فندق شيراتون صنعاء في الفترة بين الثاني والخامس من يونيو ٢٠٠٢م. ويعتبر هذا المعرض الأول من نوعه ويشكل فرصة كبيرة للتعرف على مجالات التجارة بين البلدين في المجال المذكور.

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# Moussa says Israeli actions threaten conference

BEIRUT (Reuters) - Arab League Secretary-General Amr Moussa said on Saturday it would be difficult to take part in a Middle East peace conference while Israel continued its "occupation, murder and sabotage" in the West Bank and Gaza.

"As long as this persists, it will be difficult to talk about a conference or otherwise," Moussa said after Arab foreign ministers met for two days in Beirut to explore ways of activating a Saudi peace proposal.

"This meeting has taken an important step, which is to give enough time to discuss the idea..." Moussa said in response to a question about the Arab position vis-à-vis the conference which was proposed by the United States, the European Union and Russia on May 2.

Saudi Foreign Minister Prince Saud al-Faisal, who did not rule out such a conference, declined to answer reporters questions after leav-



SAUDI AND EGYPTIAN FMS AT ARAB FOREIGN MINISTERS MEETING IN BEIRUT

ing the meeting in a Beirut hotel.

The idea of an international conference was put forward around a month after an Arab summit adopted a Saudi peace plan based on establishing ties with Israel in return for an Israeli withdrawal from occupied Arab lands.

Days after the summit concluded, Israel began attacking Palestinian territory in revenge for Palestinian suicide bombing on Israeli targets.

The summit assigned the foreign ministers of Egypt, Saudi Arabia, Jordan, Lebanon, Syria and Palestinian delegates to follow up on the Saudi plan.

Moussa said Arab states would try to convince international powers, especially the United States, to adopt the Saudi plan.

"It is wrong if we turn our back on the United States," Moussa said. "We are advocates of peace, a just peace, not Israeli peace."

# Qaeda says militant attacked Tunis synagogue-paper

DUBAI, May 18 (Reuters) - Osama bin Laden's al Qaeda network has made an apparent claim of responsibility for a deadly suicide attack at a Tunisian synagogue last month, a newspaper reported on Saturday.

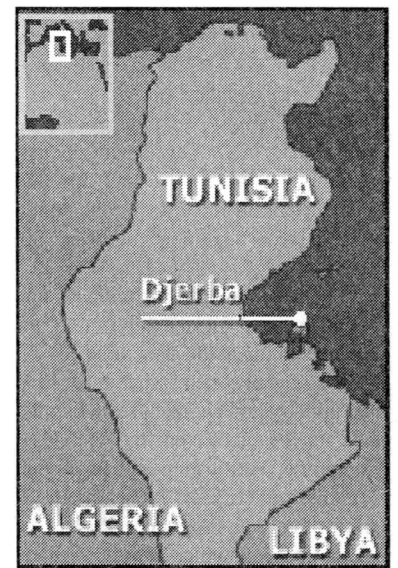
Abdelazim al-Mohajer, described by the leading Arabic language daily Asharq al-Awsat as an al Qaeda commander, told the paper the suicide bomber named by Tunisia as Nizar Nouar was a member of the militant group.

Mohajer said Nouar also went by the nom de guerre of Seif, saying there were several others like him "scattered all over the globe".

Mohajer's comments to the newspaper were the first apparent claims by al Qaeda to involvement in the blast which killed 21 people, including 14 German tourists, near El Ghriba synagogue on the Tunisian resort island Djerba.

German government ministers had said there was evidence linking the blast to the militant network, which Washington blames for the September 11 suicide attacks on U.S. landmarks.

Mohajer hailed Nouar as a "brother-in-arms" and said the attack proved to the United States that it had not broken the back of al Qaeda despite the military campaign it launched against the group in Afghanistan last October.



"Our network is not confined to a single spot on this earth.

We are scattered all over the globe," he added.

Mohajer's comments were published a day after the newspaper ran an interview with Taliban leader Mullah Mohammad Omar, in which he said his ally bin Laden was still alive.

Mullah Omar, who the paper said was hiding in the Afghan mountains, also warned the United States that its future in Afghanistan was "fire, hell and a certain loss".

## Islamists come out trumps in landmark Bahrain poll

(Reuters) - Islamist candidates won all 50 seats in Bahrain's landmark municipal election, seen as a test for democratic reforms in the Gulf Arab state.

The results of Thursday's second round vote, which were announced on Friday, decided 20 seats where there had been no outright winner in the May 9 first round of the election, the first in 32 years.

The poll was aimed at easing sectarian tensions and giving ordinary Bahrainis, particularly the Shi'ite Muslim majority, a bigger say in politics.

Women were also allowed to stand for election for the first time but they failed to win seats. Leftist and moderate candidates were also unsuccessful.

More than 300 candidates had been vying for the 50 seats on an advisory body, which submits recommendations to the government on health, education

and social welfare.

The election was seen as a rehearsal for the parliamentary polls which will herald Bahrain's first elected assembly since 1975 — the year the last parliament was dissolved.

The final results showed the Shi'ite Muslims had won 23 seats while Sunni Muslims, who hail from the same sect as the ruling al-Khalifa family, won the remaining 27.

Analysts and diplomats said they were not surprised the well-organized Islamists had swept the boards, and many predicted a repeat performance at October's polls.

The analysts said that apart from the disorganization of the other candidates, religion had been on the Islamists' side.

"Religion still plays a major factor in the day-to-day life of many Bahrainis. Even if they are not practicing, many Bahrainis see religious people are more trustworthy and more just," Bahraini

analyst Jassim Ali told Reuters.

### ISLAMISTS HAVE POPULAR SUPPORT

Shi'ite activist Sheikh Ali Salman said the leftists could have won a few seats if they had struck alliances.

"In the 70s the leftists were well-organized and had a strong base, while the Islamic groups were disorganized. Now, the Islamists made a U-turn and their popularity among ordinary Bahrainis are increasing," he said.

More than 50 percent of voters in the poll were women. But many women said they did not vote for the female candidates because of traditional discrimination against their gender.

"Women were the enemies of the female candidates in the elections. They still see that males can do the job much better than females," one analyst said.

Diplomats and other analysts said the Islamists were likely to win most if not all seats in the parliamentary polls.

But other observers said it was unlikely the government would allow an all-Shi'ite assembly, as it still feared the interference of external powers, namely regional Shi'ite Muslim Iran. During the 1980s and 1990s, Bahrain accused then-radical Iran of stirring up the Shi'ites and of backing coup attempts.

The Gulf state is the region's financial hub and also home to the U.S. navy's Fifth Fleet.

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# U.S. bombs kill 10 in new Afghan mission

BAGRAM AIR BASE (Reuters) - The U.S. army said Saturday coalition warplanes killed about 10 people in a new operation against Islamic militants in east Afghanistan, but rejected reports it had mistakenly hit a wedding party.

A 1,000-strong force led by British Royal Marines were air lifted to the rugged Khost-Paktia region for "Operation Condor," aimed at hunting down a "substantial" force of suspected al Qaeda and Taliban militants in the area, a coalition spokesman said.

Coalition jets and helicopters took off from Bagram all day Saturday to support the ground troops.

"We have gone out in support. If we come across al Qaeda, we will engage, we are searching," Royal Marines spokesman Lieutenant-Colonel Ben Curry told reporters at allied headquarters at Bagram air base, north of Kabul.

The private Afghan Islamic Press (AIP) reported Friday U.S. planes pounded Bul Khil village in Khost province for several hours Thursday night, after a U.S. helicopter crew mistook traditional firing at a wedding for an attack.

But U.S. army spokesman Bryan Hilferty said the air attack was launched after coalition forces came under fire from suspected Islamic militants belonging to Osama bin Laden's al Qaeda network and



American soldiers from the 101st Airborne return from Kandahar to Bagram air base May 17. American troops are covering a new British-led operation against al Qaeda in eastern Afghanistan. Photo by Vasily Fedosenko/Reuters

their Taliban allies.

"About 10 people were killed in Thursday night's bombing on an uninhabited ridge line," he told reporters at Bagram air base, the headquarters of the U.S.-led coalition. "I believe the report about the wedding is all wrong."

"We believe this is an al Qaeda and

Taliban area. There were people on the ridge line who fired heavy weapons on an Australian patrol and then chased them. We have a right to self defense."

The world's most wanted man, Osama bin Laden is still alive, said another top fugitive, Taliban leader Mullah Mohammad Omar in remarks published

by a leading pan-Arab newspaper Friday.

"Sheikh Osama is still alive, praise God, and this is causing anguish to (U.S. President George W.) Bush, who has promised his people to kill Osama, not knowing that lives are in the hands of God," the London-based Ashraq al-Awsat reported.

## Pakistan ambassador thrown out of India

NEW DELHI/ISLAMABAD, May 18 (Reuters) - India said on Saturday it was expelling Pakistan's ambassador in response to an attack on an army camp which it blamed on Pakistani-based Kashmiri separatists.

Senior Indian ministers, meeting in the "war room"—a defence ministry room used only in crises—were also briefed by army head S. Padmanabhan on the ground situation as they reviewed options on striking back at their nuclear-capable neighbour.

External Relations Minister Jaswant Singh said the senior ministers had decided to tell Pakistan High Commissioner (ambassador) Ashraf Jehangir Qazi to return to Islamabad.

India had already recalled its own ambassador to Islamabad in December after an attack on its parliament which it also blamed on Pakistan-based Kashmiri separatists, and though Qazi stayed on, had ceased to deal with him directly since then.

"For the sake of parity of representation between the two countries, the High Commissioner of Pakistan who is currently in India (will) be required to return to Islamabad. No time frame has been given for his return," Singh told reporters.

As a first step, it was a relatively muted response to the attack on the army camp in which 31 people, many of them the wives and children of soldiers, died before the three raiders where themselves killed.

Among India's options before Saturday's meeting were to downgrade or sever diplomatic ties, or even launch military strikes, running the risk of a full-scale war.

As the senior ministers met, Indian and Pakistani troops exchanged heavy fire across the Line of Control, a military ceasefire line which divides disputed Kashmir.

Though troops frequently exchange fire across the border, the intensity of the fighting has increased over the last two days.

Close to a million men have been mobilised on both sides of the border since the December 13 attack on India's parliament.

Pakistan has condemned both the attack on parliament and on the army camp and Pakistan President Pervez Musharraf pledged in January to crack down on Islamic militants.

India, however, says he has not done enough and called on the United States on Friday to put pressure on Pakistan—its key ally in the Afghanistan campaign—to crack down harder.

**LEGACY OF PARTITION**  
India and Pakistan have fought three wars since independence from Britain in 1947, two over Kashmir.

A legacy of the partition of the sub-continent into Islamic Pakistan and secular but mostly Hindu India, Muslim-majority Kashmir has been at the centre of tensions between the two sides ever since its Hindu ruler opted to join India at independence.

After both countries conducted nuclear tests in 1998, it acquired the reputation of being one of the most beautiful and most dangerous places on earth, the potential trigger for the world's first nuclear war.

But analysts say they do not see India and Pakistan going to war, at least not yet, despite some war talk in New Delhi.

Some even see the war talk as sabre-rattling as much meant to get the attention of the United States—preoccupied with the Israeli-Palestinian conflict—as to intimidate Pakistan.

"India is angry with Pakistan but deeply disappointed with you (the United States)," Home (interior) Minister Lal Krishna Advani said in parliament on Friday.

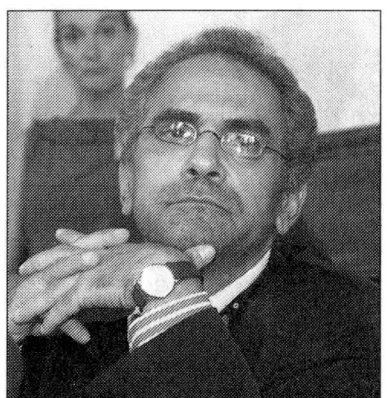
Indian newspapers said India should consider other options, including even holding talks with Musharraf, who some believe the Islamic militants, or "jihadis" are trying to destabilise by attacking Indian targets.

"Since there is a possibility that Pakistan's jihadis are renegades who are trying to make both their enemies—the Indian and Pakistani states—destroy each other, India should open a dialogue with Pakistan to get a better idea of where Musharraf stands," columnist Prem Shankar Jha wrote in the Hindustan Times.

## Calls it 'ostentatious display'

# Timor's Ramos-Horta chides Jakarta on ships

DILI, East Timor, May 18 (Reuters) - East Timor's Foreign Minister Jose Ramos-Horta on Saturday chided ex-foe Indonesia for sending six naval vessels to waters near the territory, calling it an



East Timor's Foreign Minister Ramos-Horta condemned the presence of six Indonesian navy vessels in East Timor's territorial waters ahead of President Megawati's visit there for Sunday's independence celebrations, calling it an "ostentatious display" of military might. REUTERS

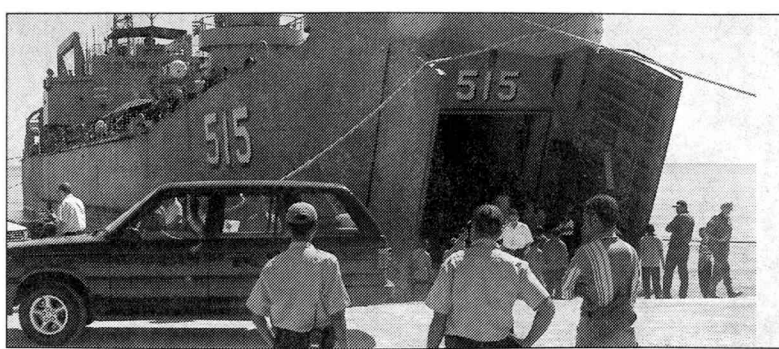
"ostentatious display" of military might.

Indonesia said on Friday it had dispatched the vessels in advance of President Megawati Sukarnoputri's fleeting attendance at events marking East Timor's independence at midnight on Sunday.

The tiny territory voted overwhelmingly to break free from Indonesian rule in 1999, triggering a killing spree from pro-Jakarta militias opposed to the vote.

One of the ships docked here on Friday, attracting hundreds of startled Timorese, who still have strong memories of Indonesia's often harsh rule between 1975 and 1999. East Timor has been under U.N. control since the 1999 referendum.

"There was no such thing as a security arrangement. We did not agree for Indonesia to bring in six warships or so. We had discussions with Indonesia and said we would allow one medical vessel to dock and we allowed no more than 15 security personnel," Ramos-Horta told Reuters.



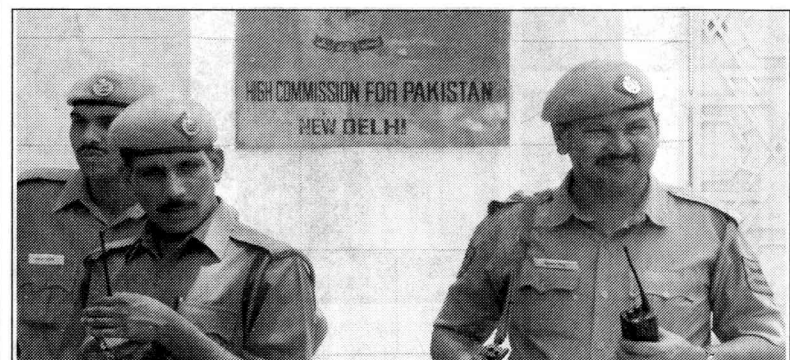
An Indonesian navy ship unloads vehicles to be used by visiting Indonesian President Megawati Sukarnoputri in Dili May 18.

"We are not angry, just puzzled with this ostentatious display of navy hardware that obviously is not a good public relations exercise for Indonesia in the eyes of the Timorese and major powers such as the U.S."

"We have asked Indonesia to move its ships to international waters and we are allowing the medical vessel to stay in our territorial waters as a matter of courtesy

and we will allow Indonesian navy personnel to remain on shore as long as they are not armed," the minister added.

However, U.N. spokeswoman in East Timor, Barbara Reis, said on Friday there had been agreement for Jakarta to send four vessels as part of support for Megawati's attendance at celebrations on Sunday night, when the territory will become the world's newest nation.



Indian policemen guard the Pakistan Embassy in New Delhi in this July 10, 2001 file photo. India said on Saturday it was expelling the Pakistan High Commissioner or ambassador, amid rising tensions between the two neighbours. Reuters

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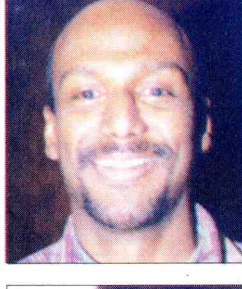
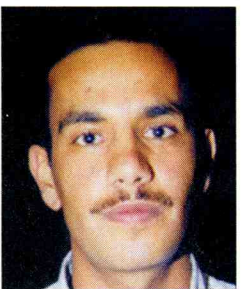
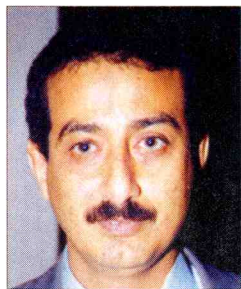
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On Saturday, May 18 Yemen Hunt Oil Company (YHOC) and Jannah Hunt Oil Company (JHOC) held an **Outstanding Achievement Award Luncheon** at the Sheraton Hotel in conjunction with the Yemen Labor Day Holiday.

The event was attended by Mr. Shaif Al-Hussaini, Deputy Minister of Labor and Social Affairs, Mr. Mus'id Al-Subari, Executive Manager of the Yemen Oil Refining Company, Mr. Abdullah Thabet, Chairman of the Joint Consultative Committee, Mr. Walid Al-Saqqaf, Editor-in-Chief of Yemen Times, Mr. Ali Al-Saqqaf, Editor-in-Chief of Al-Wahdawi Weekly, and Abduh Al-Janadi, Information Officer of the Supreme Elections Committee, Ahmed Al-Jabali, Managing Editor of 26 September Weekly, and department Managers of both companies, along with several other prominent personalities. During the luncheon, YHOC and JHOC recognized 40 employees who demonstrated outstanding performance and achievement during the past year.

This special recognition program honored employees in three different categories:

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**These employees are:**  
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# YT Business



## Yahya Mohammed Abdullah Saleh to YT:

# 'We need more efforts to boost tourism'

Yemen enjoys a lot of tourist attractions coupled with the cultural diversity. The Yemeni Association for Tourism and Travel helps bring out those strengths of the country.

Mohammed al-Masani of The Yemen Times met with Yahya Mohammed Abdullah Saleh, chairman of the association, to learn more about its role.

**Q:** How do you view tourism in Yemen. And what are the problems facing it?

First, I'd like to thank the Yemen Times for its persistence in writing about tourism in Yemen. Tourism has been the concern of a lot of people here, yet thanks to action taken by the government to ensure better security in the country, things are getting better. Still, the number of tourists visiting Yemen is still far below what we expect.

**Q:** So, how can we create an investment conducive to investment in Yemen?

A. Promoting investment starts with creating an awareness of the importance of the tourism industry. This will generate a clear-cut vision as how to judge Yemen, if it is a country with potential tourism or not.

If we really need Yemen a tourist country there should be a clear vision for how tourism should be like in Yemen and how to promote it. Unfortunately, there are many official authorities closely linked to tourism, which still don't

pay due attention to this issue.

If a wide sector of the public and officials belittle tourism how then tourism can prosper in our country?

Building awareness is of prime importance for developing this sector of the economy since it will bring about security and stability. Thereafter, promoting investment and creating job opportunities would be an easy task.

**Q:** What's the principal role of the Yemen's Association for Tourism & Travel Agencies?

A. The association is in fact the official body grouping all tourism agencies operating in Yemen. As a consequence of the September 11 attacks, many agencies have been forced to shut down or change their businesses. Yet, the association in cooperation with the cabinet, has advised these agencies to take part in operating Haj and Ummra packages to Mecca.

However, there are many agencies operating in this field without licenses being members of the association. The conditions applied to these agencies are not met by them.

**Q:** Then, what are the conditions required for Haj and Ummra agencies?

A. Amongst the key conditions for licensing such agencies: five year experience in this field, a license from the Ministry of Tourism as well as adminis-

trative and financial capabilities.

**Q:** What are the key challenges of tourism investment in Yemen. And what is provided by Yemen's investment law?

A. I think that Yemen's investment law is one of the best in the world. It is as President Ali Abdullah Saleh pointed out also subject to amendments. This shows its flexibility to suit the changes required for real investment.

The shortcoming is not attributed to the law, but rather to administering it. It is also not only the problem of its application but the problem of the investment climate as a whole. The Sept. 11 attacks is just one case in the point.

**Q:** What are the impacts of Sept. 11 attacks on tourism business in Yemen?

A. The consequences of the Sept. 11 attacks have been very disastrous. Tourism and travel has been sharply damaged not only in Yemen but in the whole world. The recent Middle East incidents have a similar negative impact.

However, there are many tourist proposals which are just waiting for a more appropriate climate. We in the association are taking into consideration these consequences. We are also tackling these issues. Thus, if we receive any complaints we promptly tackle them within the limits of our own capabilities.

**Q:** What about your assessment of the future of Yemeni islands as good



tourist attractions?

A. Yemeni islands are the center of attention of all authorities, particularly after the demarcation of the maritime borders with Eritrea. A survey for the islands has been recently made. Plus, there are many projects which have been presented for approval, but still this needs careful study for examining its viability.

Further, the government has con-

structed an airport at Socatra Island.

**Q:** What about the internal tourism. Can it substitute in anyway foreign tourism?

A. Internal tourism is so varied. We call the Ministry of Education to incorporate tourism within its different curriculum. Yemen undoubtedly enjoys great tourism potential which qualifies it to be a top tourist destination.

### Exchange Rate for the

Yemeni Rial  
as of May 18

USD	174.78	174.97
GBP	254.81	255.09
EUR	159.35	159.52
SAR	46.61	46.66
KWD	572.24	572.86
AED	47.59	47.64
EGP	37.87	37.91
BHD	463.62	464.12
QAR	48.01	48.06
JOD	246.86	247.13
OMR	453.98	454.47
CHF	109.44	109.56
SEK	17.24	17.26
JPY	1.369480	1.370969

Source:  
Central Bank of Yemen

We also call the Ministry of Information to assume its role through organizing awareness campaigns in this respect.

**Q:** Any last comments?

A. I'd like to call the readers of the Times to join in their efforts with different entities involved in promoting tourism to boost this industry as much as possible.

Raising public awareness is of prime importance in this regard.

I also call foreign tourists to come to visit Yemen to see one of the world's best civilizations. I assure them that they will always be warmly welcomed.

Since unification . . .

# Yemen is on the move

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Twelve years after the reunification of Yemen, the new republic is a country making moves on the stage of world trade.

The market-oriented policy adopted by the new Yemen has helped the flow of investment in the country, and more than 25 foreign companies are now operating here.

In turn, Yemen has set up joint committees with more than 20 countries to continue to boost trade relations and investments.

It has completed the construction of Aden Container Terminal, which will help boost trade and industry at Aden Free Zone.

And Yemen is paving the way for its accession to the World Trade Organization (WTO).

Such are some of the signs of a growing international presence.

Here are some of the other key steps taken since unification.

First, Yemen signed many development agreements with Egypt, Morocco, Turkey, Tunisia and Oman.

At the same time Yemen signed another agreement with Oman for financing the Aden Company for Flour Mills & Silos.

It signed agreements with the countries of the Horn of Africa with a view to boosting its economic ties with countries on the other side of the Red Sea.

Yemen broadened its cooperation with Iran through the signing of a number of agreements and memorandum of understanding.

It signed agreements with Poland in 1993, loan agreements with the Arab Fund in January 1994, cooperation protocol with Egypt regarding fisheries June 1996, trade agreements with Morocco in 1996 and agreements with the European Union (EU) in 1997.

It also signed a host of loan agreements with the International Development Association (IDA), Islamic Bank for Development and the Kuwait Bank.

Yemen also got many grants and debits exemptions totaling \$6.7 billion and received new loans to supplement the economic reform program from some donor countries.

The Post-reunification Yemen also has taken part in international conferences related to development and trade.

Yemen took part in the first conference for the least developed countries (LDC) in Paris 1990. It called for increasing the assistance to poor countries from 15 percent as well as writing off debits at the second conference held in Rome.

It also partook at the Earth Summit held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, and the international conference on population held in Cairo in 1994.

The most important outcomes of the president's visit to China in 1998 was the signing of an economic trade agreement, as well as promoting investment and a military cooperation.

Also, during the president's visit to Malaysia, President Saleh signed a trade agreement and a technical coop-

eration agreement for developing industries.

Within the same Asian tour, president Saleh visited Indonesia and signed many trade and economic agreements.

Yemen has consolidated its ties with the Association of South East Asian Nations (ASEAN), European Union (EU), Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) as well as other world groupings.

Yemen also signed many agreements with Syria, Jordan, Qatar and Saudi Arabia in the field of trade zones development.

The reunification of Yemen has also brought the adoption of the economic reform program under the technical assistance of the World Bank (WB) and the International Monetary Fund (IMF) as well as the support of the donor countries topped by Germany, the Netherlands and Japan.

The adoption of the privatization policy has also contributed to the flow of foreign capitals to purchase public enterprises now for sale.

## In Brief

### Stock exchange viability discussed

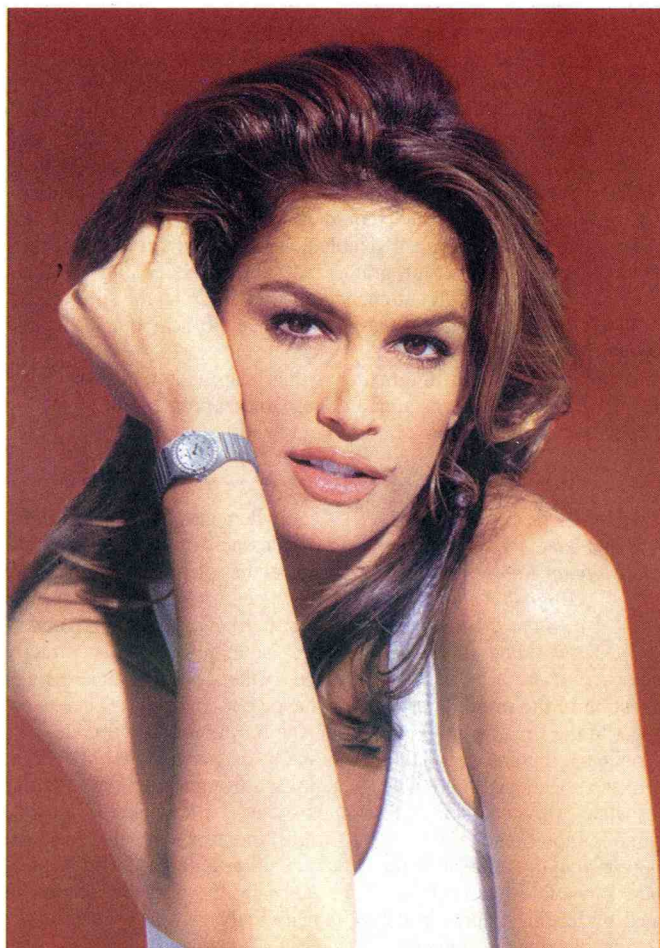
Yemen's government is currently studying the possibility of establishing a stock market. The study has been prepared with a view to making it available to some Australian and Canadian companies to carry out the project.

### Study warns of oil-dependency

An economic study has warned of Yemen's continued dependency on oil. Oil currently accounts for 33.7 percent of the domestic production and 76.4 percent of the public revenues. The study, made by the ruling PGC party, calls for raising agricultural production and achieving self-sufficiency.

### Yemen gets new loans

Yemen's cabinet signed a loan agreement with International Development Association (IDA) totaling \$ 130 million. The loans will be used towards financing the water and sanitary disposal in urban areas in al-Hautah, Ghaidha, Khmir, Hazm-al-Udein Jawf, Ataq, Thamar and Mareb.



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## Words of Wisdom



The new Yemen is not the Yemen of the 1960s, or the 1970s, or even the 1980s. It is a confident country which has taken its decisions in its hands and decided to chart out its course towards a brighter future. There is no returning to the past and its weaknesses.

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



## OUR OPINION

Yemeni youth:  
Good as gold

Why do we tend to disregard our youth? This is a question Yemeni need to start asking themselves very seriously. I see a young promising generation represented by talented and well-educated Yemeni youth, disregarded and neglected.

I can positively say that among the reasons for our backwardness today is because we have not given the qualified new generation any role to play.

Yemen has great potential to grow and progress. Yet, we are overlooking the most vital source for such development. We are forgetting that those graduates, who are eager to build skills, learn new ideas, cope with new technologies are left with no chance. We are missing the main point behind the building of nations: the people.

For me, no month passes without discovering young women and men who express their frustration for lack of trust by their bosses at work or instructors at colleges. I have seen how many Yemeni students excel in developing theories and writing computer software that could potentially compete internationally if encouraged.

I was also able to see how female students would not suffice with what is taught to them in classes and look beyond that for more knowledge and experience. Those men and women should be the cornerstones of a modern and developed Yemen. Hence, it is so upsetting to see they are abandoned.

Last week, I was hosted as a guest to the Mahweet College of Education's English Department. They were having their annual celebration and astonished me with excellent activities, work, and ideas. Despite their limited financial resources, they have proven with their hand-made wooden awards and with their hand-written wall magazine that they are capable of doing. And they can do much more if they given the means, trust and encouragement. The dean who provided these things understands this.

In other words, we need to appreciate what Yemeni young men and women can do, and what they are eager to do.

We have heard of extremely successful engineers, inventors, surgeons, and computer engineers who know Yemen as their homeland. Yet, they found opportunities where they are.

Yemenis are no less clever or creative than other people in the West or in the Far East. As a matter of fact they may well be among the brightest and most creative. But we simply cannot see our talent wasted and discouraged.

It is time to acknowledge the great potential and abilities that our youth enjoy, and showcase them for the sake of a better tomorrow for our beloved Yemen. They are human resources that we don't want to lose. They are what Yemen needs to keep and develop most.

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## Reflections of intellectuals and politicians

## The road through Yemen's unity

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In celebration of Yemen's 12th Day of Unification May 22, The Yemen Times asked some of the country's leading thinkers and politicians where they think Yemen is going 12 years on. Following are their views.



Mansour Ali Rajeh, the Head of the Industry and Commerce Department at the Cabinet's Office, stated the positive achievements that have been established during post-unification are a sign of democracy, pluralism and peaceful transfer of power.

Since unity, Yemen's border disputes with the adjacent countries have been resolved. Border disputes with the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, Oman, and Eritrea over the Hunaish archipelagos have been successfully resolved. Local councils have had administrative and financial decentralization.

Removing all previous secessionist elements, the declaration of Aden as a free zone has moved it into a free trade market.

At the same time, the economy has suffered in terms of purchasing power of the Yemeni Riyal and high unemployment.

"Despite these difficult and deteriorating conditions, I believe that a certain kind of healthy atmosphere for investment should be provided. The individual's income will improve for the better. In order to get a peaceful and fair country we have to get rid of corruption throughout the country," Mansour Ali said.

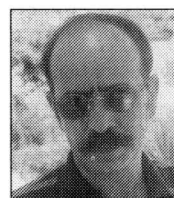
Declaring unity in May 1990 has resulted in largest transitional period in the twentieth century, not only at the national level but in the entire Middle East. Ever since, there has been so many achievements and developments either: social, economic, cultural, political or on the field of freedoms including the freedom of the press and human rights.

We have different opinions, but there is quite good scope of democracy and freedom of expression. Plurality, passing the party law, election law and local authority law bear testimony to this fact.

Since 1990, Yemen has been witnessing important political changes attracting attention of researchers and writers in the world due to their local and regional dimensions and effects.

After unity, changes included democratic changes, reflections of the 2nd Gulf crisis, parliamentary elections in April 1993 and the political crisis during 1993-94 which culminated in the civil war of 1994. All those events were important in shaping the new political development in Yemen.

In this respect, we have shed light upon this important event in the history of Yemen during the era of the Yemeni unification.



Ibraheem Hussein Mohammed, a prominent political figure, said that during the post-unification era, people have become disappointed particularly during the 1994

civil war.

## The era of political unrest

The political unrest broke out during post-unification, culminating in the 1994 civil war.

"Since the 1994 civil war, Yemen lived under difficult and pitiable conditions, including instability, and tribal clashes," Hussien Mohammed said.

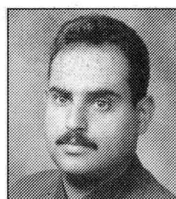
The investment conducted by both the private sector and the foreign sector has been restricted and limited. Generally speaking,

after 12 years, Yemenis are still desiring a little change that could improve their living standards. "The future of the Yemeni unification during the coming years seems to be accompanied by negative consequences which threatens the stability of the country," Ibraheem Hussien noted further.



Abdurrahman Mohsen, a prominent political figure, said that the Yemeni society is disappointed during the aftermath of the 1994 civil war due to the wretched living conditions and the trade and that has been deteriorating rapidly.

Health sectors, education, high increases of the unemployed, people living under the poverty line and financial and administrative corruption in all its aspects has added insult to injury. "I believe that encountering the crooked and the corrupt is a sacred duty to get rid of the current difficult conditions," Mohsen commented.



Gamal Mohammed al-Goabi, a prominent leader at the Nasserite Party, said that during the pre-unification era cultural conditions and the expression of freedom and pluralism were in lamentable conditions. During the post-unification era, things have completely changed. The 1994 civil war was a serious twist in the history of Yemen.

There was a certain kind of political disturbance and the autocratic system prevailed. "Despite the existing of opposing forces, it had no effect in the political arena at all. Expression of freedom has witnessed a considerable slackening. Economic conditions has been also recessed. Social unrest has resulted in inevitable consequences including begging, unemployment, and people living under the poverty line. It has resulted in an inescapable economic predicament," Gamal Mohammed said.

The administrative status has been greatly deteriorated and this can be clearly detected in our day-to-day life. Undoubtedly, unemployment has become one of the most apparent economic and social problems, especially following its sharp rise by 40% as a result of recession on the market. Such circumstances add many restraints to economic and social development which necessitate a serious move to straighten the infrastructure.



Dr. Mohammed al-Afandi, the Chairman of the Yemeni Center for the Strategic Studies, stated that the achievement of the Yemeni unification is a resounding victory at both levels, Arab and Islamic. It is a candle-light that came in a time, after the world witnessed a certain kind of segregation and isolation.

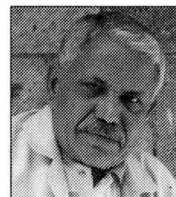
At the local level, al-Afandi said, "it is a culmination of struggle of the Yemeni people and representing a resounding victory with regard to achieving the goals of Yemeni unification."

Yemen has faced so many trial and tribulations through its long history. There are so many challenges that impede the process of progress. The main challenges include achieving an economic boom, alleviating poverty, improving the individual's income and adhering to the principles of the equal job opportunities.

On the other hand, the democratic practice and enhancing its experience constitutes a big challenge for Yemenis. "Yemenis are well aware of this challenge

and the necessity to establish an economic trade union as an indispensable factor," he said.

There has been a lack of balance by the absence of any economic and social ties in the one place, and between development programs and human resources in the other.



Ahmed Saleh Assalami, a member at the Central Committee for the Yemeni Socialist Party, (YSP) deals with this topic from different angles.

The Yemeni unification remained the main concern of the Yemenis as well as the political parties except a few people. "We at the YSP, the Yemeni unification preoccupied our minds and became an integral part in our platform since the formation of the Arab Nationalists Movement (ANM) in Yemen and then the National Front," Assalami said.

After extensive meetings between the two Yemeni leaderships of the two countries at that time, starting from the Cairo Agreement in October in 1972, Tripoli Statement in November in 1972, the Aden Summit Agreement in November in 1989 and Sana'a Agreement in December in 1989, everything was facilitated between the two countries. A kind of hatred was removed among Yemenis.

On May 22nd, 1990 the republic of Yemen was born. It is a memorable event in the history of Yemen. The flag of Yemen was lifted for the first time in Aden. Major political forces were formed.

There was a certain kind of ideological instigation which resulted in murdering some prominent YSP leaders. There was a new coalition among the Islah Party, Brotherhood Moslems and People's Congress Conference (PGC) against the YSP. There was an oppression against the socialist leaders and the unity agreements were marked by wheeling and dealing. The YSP attitude towards these attitudes was characterized by extreme patience and that the unity would be achieved.

The YSP willingly accepted the unity and then it was rejected in a peaceful manner. Then political unrest began to intensify between the two parties, the YSP and the PGC. The 1993 elections was held and everybody knew the results of them. Consequently, the National Dialogue Committee was formed to find an immediate reconciliation between the two parties, but unfortunately it came to a deadlock.

The situations began to be aggravated and the conflicts broke out in Amran. In this respect, the war continued and the proclamation of secession was announced. There were internal and external forces which had a great effect upon the 1994 civil war. The 1997 elections were held and the YSP didn't take part in these elections. The Secretary General of the YSP was banned to take part in the presidential elections.

Cultural, economical and military conditions have since deteriorated. More than 43 percent of families live under the poverty line and the number of the unemployed have reached 40 percent.

There is a reduction in the purchasing power of the Yemeni Riyal. There is a big gap between the rich and the poor. The living standard conditions of the middle class people have been deteriorating.

We don't blame unification for such deterioration. There are other issues responsible.

"Unification means justice, equality, improvement and development for the benefit of Yemenis," Assalami said.

The Islah Party and the PGC won the parliamentary elections and what is needed is to fulfill promises that have been made. "We hope more success and prosperity to the Yemeni unification and the Yemeni people," Assalami concluded.

## COMMON SENSE



Hassan Al-Haifi

## The Moslem world today

One of the biggest dangers facing Islam today is the gross misconceptions that are being disseminated about this phenomenal religion. The source of this danger is not just the traditional adversaries, who still consider Islam a "threat" to their "cultural and civilized" heritage and the No. 1 adversary of Western Civilization, etc. Islam, despite its simplicity and harmony with human instinct and conformity to basic common sense is, ironically, being erroneously conveyed and understood by even some of the most seemingly astute propagators, missionaries and activists. The first obvious threat to Islam is that the followers of the faith, for one reason or the other, generally have veered away from the holistic orientation of their teachings. Moslems are required to feel very much attached to all Moslems throughout the world. The brotherhood of Islam does not recognize sovereign dominions based on any other affiliations once the creed of Islam is adopted (or for that matter inherited).

Thus, Moslems theoretically have to do something about the obvious lack of cohesiveness amongst the faithful, which came about as other powers and forces held sway in deciding the fate of the world. This is not to say that Moslems throughout the world should make an abrupt attempt to erase their borders and form one state to govern all the Moslem World. Practically speaking, this will obviously disrupt the lives of millions of people and may in fact have negative results, as confusion and the absence of a systematic approach would only create a chaotic climate. However, Moslems, even in their present arrangement, must start to strive to remove some of their attitude of disassociation from the events and affairs that concern other Moslems. Furthermore, they are compelled to direct their efforts towards indeed arriving to that Utopian Moslem society, to which the Moslems of Indonesia for example are concerned about the welfare of the Moslems of Mauritania, as if they were from Java or Sumatra.

Of course this kind of thinking is not strange to Moslems and in fact, Moslems throughout the grass roots level have no difficulty in appreciating such ideas and indeed making them work. As witnessed by the large demonstrations everywhere in the Moslem World, in support of the Palestinians during the last (and continuing) Israeli "incursions", throughout the world, Moslem constituencies were quick to see the grave suffering of their brethren in Palestine. They were also quick to realize that Israel was adamant on the desecration of its third holiest shrines in Islam and thus had to come out and express their disapproval at the silence of the international community to the crimes being perpetrated by the chauvinist Zionist zealots.

On the other hand, Moslems of the world should sense that Islam is being reflected by such horrendously naive behavior of its own followers, who have done great harm to the idealistic, ethical and moralistic principles, that once made Islam a shining example of sound human community spirit. There is no question about it that such followers of the faith are either misguided or misinformed about their own creed. They may also be operating with some clandestine arrangements that have nothing to do with Islam, knowingly or unknowingly (it really does not matter which, the result is the same), for their own narrow-minded aims and interests. Or, they may be genuine in their intentions, but they lack the proper knowledge in Islamic jurisprudence and ethical and moral conduct to be able to carry out their objectives in a manner that will not corrupt the true image of Islam and provide common grounds for non-Moslems to direct an uncalled for animosity to Moslems everywhere. Much damage has been done to Islam by the events of the last three to five decades, and the saddest part of it all is that Moslems themselves should be the first to blame. First of all the political repression that most Moslem states is governed under has clamped down on popular initiative and community spirit altogether. Second of all, many questionable movements, under different "Islamic guises" and under different manifestations, were allowed to operate in the Moslem World and even in non-Moslem countries. These movements (which could have a common origin) were allowed to ferment sizable constituencies through various well-organized programs and substantial funding. When they were well entrenched, they claim to be the sole voice of Islam, rejecting any views that did not coincide with theirs.

The fact of the matter is that Islam is innocent of their narrow and misguided dogma and approach, not to mention their outlook on life (and death) in general.

Why do we prefer peace and discussion to war and Israel the opposite?

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## A suggestion to the press

In respect to the firearms dilemma Yemen is facing, I think regulating firearms in the country is impossible no matter what. "How can you regulate 60 or so million firearms?"

One approach to the problem is for the Yemen Times to organize a petition signed by leading figures in the country demanding the government to prohibit firearms nationwide. Also, intellectuals and faithful citizens supporting such a petition should hold

peaceful demonstrations and rallies. The lawlessness of the country should no longer be tolerated; we should join the 21st century. Tribal influence is another hurdle Yemen needs to overcome, such influence is directly linked to the spread of firearms and the havoc our country has been experiencing for the past few decades.

Finally, the presence of open illegal markets through out the country shows the policymaker's attitude towards the problem and thus, the only solution is for peaceful steps to be taken by the patriotic citizens of Yemen to salvage what remains of the country's image and economy in the international community.

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## Letters to the Editor

## Are demonstrations the typical way to help Palestinians?

I wonder with those who demonstrate against Zionism and the oppression of the Palestinian civilians. I'm shocked whenever I see someone calling for demonstration, which seems to me insignificant action. Since the establishment of the Israel government until now, hundreds of demonstrations have taken place in Arabic world, and we hoped that these demonstrations might change something. However, let me put this question to those who still believe that there is a benefit from these demon-

strations. What results have we achieved? This question raises the eyebrows and lacks for a proper answer. Someone may say "we are showing these Israeli atrocities to the world and we are standing with our brothers".

I say, how many years have we been protesting? Isn't it enough that the world is aware of this for the past three decades? Why don't we confess that we failed in that matter?

I believe the only ones who get interest are those businessmen who sell the Israeli and American flags so that they are burnt out.

## Letters to the Editor

Ironically, we may see the Israelis complaining about some trivial actions like theaters, movies, demonstrations, and articles which are not in their mood, just to show us that they detest them. We think that this is the typical way to annoy the Jews and we forget to take any other means. Maybe that is why we detect ourselves doing such trivial actions and because of that some people believe that whenever they protest is whenever they annoy Israel. At last, let me put these questions.

Why do we have a dove in our hands, and they have a hawk in theirs?

# Reflections on a mission in life

BY SAMIRA ALI BIN DAAIR  
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As I sit here working on my Computer, struggling to find the right words to fill in the report I am writing... so many reports...so many project documents...so many plans of what ought to happen. Hope put into neat little developmental boxes of the future. They say that the road to heaven is paved with good intentions. As I sit here planning for the future, I am at the same time struggling to understand the present.

Quite often, when I switch on the TV, I hear so much about the past - with great leaders, great thinkers...great men and women, I catch the typical refrain of nostalgia that has bedeviled us for so long. Alas, with the lessons of history sometimes escaping us! Ibn Khaldoon had said that when mankind has achieved social organization, and civilization has become a fact, people need a higher restraining influence to keep them apart, for aggressiveness and injustice are in the animal nature of man. They say social change has always been preceded by upheavals that finally lead to a temporary state of equilibrium - what Hegel called "synthesis" in his dialectical process.

Yesterday, I was watching an old documentary on Cuba which featured a lot on Che-Guevarra, the great revolutionary. Images of my school days flashed across my mind when idealism and thoughts of changing the world often brought people like him to mind. I wonder if I had quite understood him then when I memorized words uttered like: "We will intone our funeral dung with the Stiletto of machine guns". I wonder if I understand him anymore now as I watch the young Palestinians being killed for their homeland... like flowers nipped in the bud before the Spring.

### Nothing but the blunt truth

Alas, that was all in the past... in days before the Perestroika... and the New World Order...Until the recent past, there was a universal language within the backdrop of many dialects. People understood what words meant even if they did not mean what they said. There was still the last vestige of respect for words expressed in formal declarations. Now the masks have dropped...the hypocrisy has gone... to reveal what? Nobody knows... nobody understands. With the blunt truth, alas! The scales are tipping towards Universal Lunacy! It was more comfortable to live with the hypocrisy and the lies...the reassuring words about the sanctity of life spoken in diplomatic circles. Where a Spade was still a Spade even if it was used to pound windows and doors instead of collecting dead leaves to fertilize the dead lands.

They say that Today must sometimes die in order to give birth to the Tree of Life and a better Tomorrow. For so long, we have given up Today waiting for a better tomorrow... but tomorrow somehow never comes... it always becomes another Today. We always hope... mere

hope... no clear strategies...no plans... no clever thoughts for turning hopes into reality. We are our own worst enemy. We rush through the crowded streets... venting our anger on an unknown enemy... breaking through the Chains of Silence for the first time... Alas! talking to ourselves.

The Satellite Systems are too complex for us to comprehend... The Tuning System has changed so must our Tunes. The Equation has long changed yet we still count on our bare fingers... biting our nails in sadness and fear waiting still for more uncertain tomorrows. Empty Promises... ink on blotting paper... words blurred as fast as they are written. Was it Omar Khayyam who said:

"The moving finger writes, and having writ, moves on.  
Not all your piety nor wit, shall lure it back to cancel half a line...nor all your Tears wash out a word of it".

Shall we blame it all on Destiny? It has been a long time since I was at University, and the controversy over Free Will and Determinism in my Philosophy class seems like a historical anachronism now. Not quite! History is a product of Cause and Effect...but sometimes it becomes difficult to disentangle the two. Many causes which are responsible for the present effects, we had nothing directly to do with it but still many effects are in our hands to control and rechart our journey into different directions, thus defeating the causes. But I did say before that I don't understand much of this world anymore. The present situation calls for a complete metaphysical overhaul. I try to take comfort in my strong faith in God's design and what all the religions have defined as the eternal struggle between good and evil.

### Changing from our inside

The kids are still out there on the streets struggling to find a place under the Scorching Sun as my neat plans for their future continue on my computer. Somehow reality and life has never fit into neat little boxes but is a rich arabesque of contrary colors and design. How does one capture it? I am afraid I am a direct descendant of Proust and James Joyce...not in blood but in literary lineage for I like them, long ago discovered that the path to that understanding is through the Stream of Consciousness technique that they followed in their writing...where words can then find meaning in the meaningless and hidden harmony beneath the discordance, as Khalil Gibran would tell us Thoughts and feelings from the heart, like life, can never follow a neat sequence. After all I am not on here about writing a scholarly treatise on Economics or Politics or blinding you with Science. Thoughts of what Islam teaches us also crowd my mind. Something about God not changing anything in a Nation lest they change what is in themselves. Or what the Holy Prophet(Peace Be Upon Him) said after the Muslims victorious return from the Battle of Badr, "We have returned from the lesser Jihad (the battle) to the greater Jihad...Jihad AlNafs", which is the Jihad of the self the struggle with the self

to become a better human being. The process involves changing oneself from the Nafs Al Amaara (the ruthlessly self-seeking one) to the Nafs Allawaama (which is a self with a conscience and follows an ethical code ("Makaarim al akhlaaq") and a sense of responsibility towards society. Maybe that journey is after all much longer than most of us imagined.

Well I need to get back to my neat little boxes and fervently hope that in the process I will rediscover my real mission in life before it is over.

### The Land of Peace

*Salaam to the Land of Peace... the weary anchor creaks...*

*In turbulent seas of change... where Posterity wears borrowed robes, and Ancestry walks alone in rags. The tattered heritage...unclaimed baggage in LOST PROPERTY.*

*An Airport...where people rush to and fro...destination? Unknown.*

*Heedless... onward... unseeing. The Conscience... imprisoned in a giant web.*

*A Colossus... holds ransom, our breath...while we travel in hot air balloons.*

*Hands unseen... from here and there...like puppets we dance to unknown tunes;The Piper paid, from the Fund of the "Future"*

*With parched lips, here men jostle each other for a tiny drop of rain.*

*With empty hands they struggle to catch the falling clouds.*

*Women sweating... in winding alleys of toil. At the Crossroads we stand.*

*While the Wheel of Fortune turns. Children unborn, yet already late for the QUEUE; In a world of Plenty, but only for a few.*

*World Summits for Children... statements so bold, while bowls of rice...*

*For the dear price of Gold. Third class citizens... Casualties of the 21st century...*

*In a world of Adulthood, full of shining parables.*

*Oh, the children's hearts have gone so cold... with too much fire... gunshots of deprivation...Too much loss...in a world of the Have-nots. They laugh at us...these adults in children's bodies.*

*Our feet here on firm ground...at tea parties; while theirs wobble, on hot, shifting sands... walking in the Desert.*

*Searching for an Oasis... blinded by Mirages...and fishing in the DEAD SEA.*

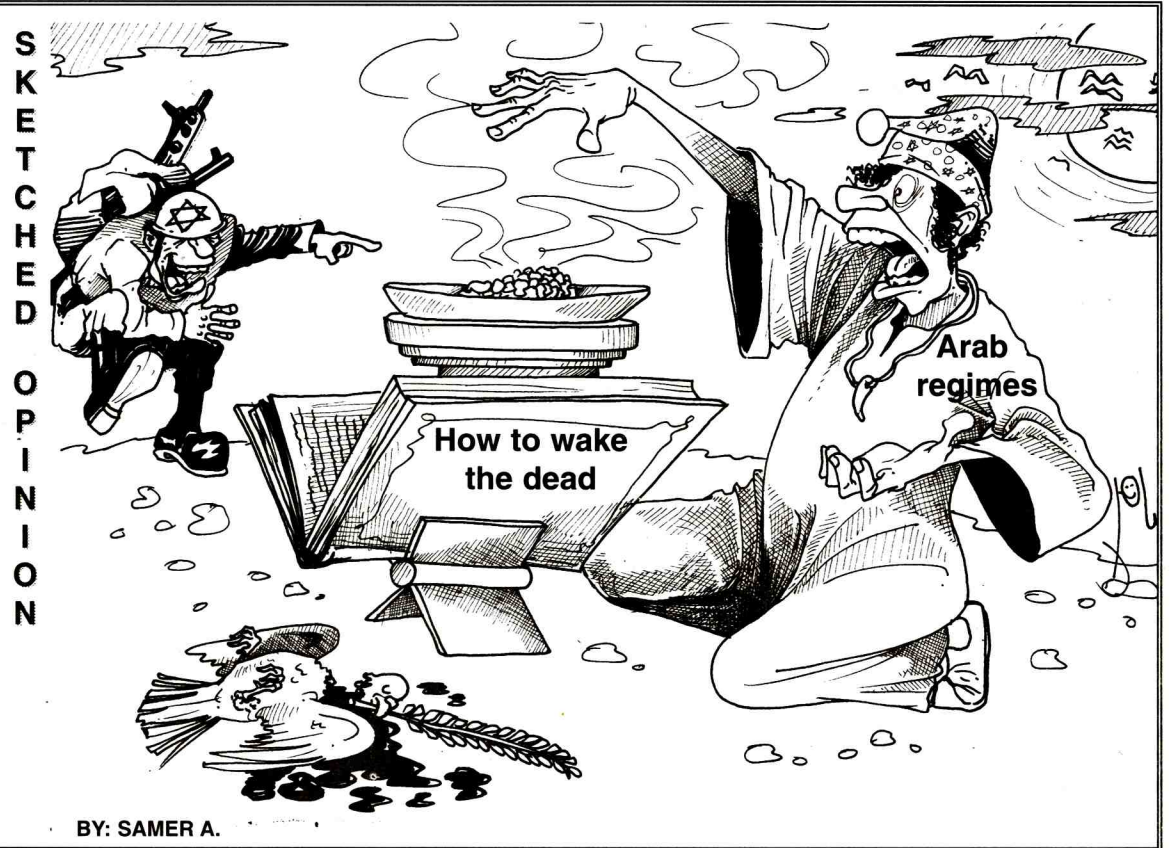
*"Look", says I, to the children on the street... "Come put your hands in mine... these words I write will give you a Future"*

*With glazed eyes, they look at me... ears muted... with too much sound... too many words. In barely a whisper, to me louder than Thunder... "I want to eat... I need clothes... I want to be a CHILD".*

*Tears blinding me, the books... the Agenda fell unheeded to the floor, as Through the long dark tunnels, I searched, for the distant ray of light;*

*For the answer to give... To the Children without a CHILDHOOD.*

*The FUTURE without a future.*



## To turn the tables on Sharon

By Jonathan Power \*  
for the Arab News

As Israeli tanks roam at will through Palestinian territory, it is apparent to all but the most blinded that the ability of Yasser Arafat and his people to regain the initiative has never been more circumscribed. No one doubts the power of the Palestinian fighters to inflict enormous pain on Israeli civilians. No one should minimize the sheer fear that runs through everyday Israeli family life. Indeed, no one should be surprised if tens of thousands of young highly educated families pack up their bags and join other Israelis in the modern-day diasporas of places like the San Francisco Bay area where some 30,000 of them have already built new - and safer - lives. And no one should feign surprise if, among battle-hardened veterans of previous Israeli campaigns, the number of peaceniks begins to grow.

But the truth is, however large the peace movement or the rush-to-escape movement becomes, the majority of Israelis have made it clear they will fight to the death. They certainly won't be driven into the sea and they are not going to vote for politicians to make peace with the Palestinians until Arafat and his lieutenants make cast iron guarantees that terrorism and the suicide bomber are going to be banned for ever into the future.

Arafat seemingly faces a difficult but deciding choice. Either to continue to encourage a violent response to the brutal and savage Israeli military machine, perhaps hoping that in the end that enough of it will provoke other Arab countries to come to his aid, perhaps even to fight another Middle East war even though it could end, if Israel faced the likelihood of

being overrun, with Israel's use of nuclear weapons. Or to create the atmosphere that make the negotiation of Prince Abdullah of Saudi Arabia's peace plan a possibility.

But this depends on finding a method that can almost literally turn the tables on Prime Minister Ariel Sharon, make him run for political cover, and make him like putty in the hands of the combined energies of a war-weary electorate, and the diplomatic muscle of a joint American, European, and Russian push for a final settlement. Sharon will only change his spots if he faces ejection from office by an electorate that has moved to the left of him. But to get to the point of such negotiations is enormously difficult, given the mood of intransigence that now permeates Israel.

But there is a way: to repudiate the tactics of violence and to confront Israeli might with organized non-violence as Mahatma Gandhi did with the British colonialist master with his salt march, and Martin Luther King did with his march across Pettus bridge in the face of massive police violence, an act of defiance that precipitated the intervention of the American federal government to overturn the policies of black disenfranchisement of the southern states.

Imagine what the political chemistry would be if Arafat, a leader now at the height of his charismatic powers thanks to the Israeli invasion, having pressed the militants to call off their suicide bombers and guerrilla attacks, massed hundreds of thousands of ordinary, unarmed Palestinian families and surrounded the Israeli tanks with ranks of men, women and children who would sit on the ground and block their movement? At the same time other hundreds of thousands would block the Israeli roads leading across the border to prevent the arrival of reinforcements. And other hundreds of thousands

would block the movement of the earth diggers, cranes and construction crews working on settlement expansion. What if the PLO used its organizational strengths to make sure, as the warmer spring weather arrives, these human shields could survive the night without leaving their non-violent sieges with food, water, latrines and medical help?

David Shipler, the former New York Times Pulitzer Prize-winning Middle East correspondent, has written of how "It is hard to get a clear view from the wrong end of a gun. So most Palestinians have been unable to see the conscience that runs strongly beneath the surface of Israeli brutality. Palestine leaders have never understood the power of shame, which Dr. King used as leverage against white America. They have never comprehended how malleable Israel could become to fulfil its yearning for virtue and acceptance. Instead they have made sure that Israelis don't feel safe, and when you don't feel safe, you don't feel flexible."

Needless to say, the kind of defensive non-violence described above would have to be matched by aggressive verbal non-violence in appealing to the Israelis to negotiate. It would mean telling the Israelis loudly that the Palestinians want to live in peace, that they don't want to drive Israel into the sea or overpower it with vast numbers of returning refugees. Indeed, everyone on both sides knows what has to be said to flesh out Prince Abdullah's proposal - it was all worked out at Taba, the post Camp David negotiation that almost reached unanimous agreement, but which was sabotaged by the opinion polls that showed correctly that Prime Minister Ehud Barak was about to go down to a massive defeat.

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## Yemen has first ambassador from Vatican

**L**ast Tuesday, May 14, Rev. Monsignor Giuseppe De Andrea, the Apostolic Nuncio to Kuwait, Bahrain, and now Yemen submitted his credentials to President Saleh to become the first ambassador of the Holy See, i.e., representative of the Pope John II to Yemen.

Born in 1930 in Torino, Italy, the monsignor ordained a priest of the Catholic Church on 21 June 1953. He is now looking forward for establishing an Embassy for the Holy See in Yemen. During his stay in Sana'a, Yemen Times editor-in-chief Walid al Saqqaf spoke with him. Following are excerpts from their conversation.

**YT:** It is a pleasure to have you here in Yemen. What are your impressions as the first Ambassador of the Holy See in Yemen?

**MSGR. DE ANDREA:** It is my pleasure and honor to be the first official ambassador of the Holy See in the Republic of Yemen. Yemen established relations with the Holy See in 1999. At the beginning of 2000, I was sent to the Arabian Peninsula to establish a permanent residency in the Peninsula.

Kuwait had seniority as we have established relations with the Holy See in 1968, but the representation extended to Bahrain and Yemen as well. I came to Yemen four times in the past. But this specific visit is a nobility for me as it will signal the setting up of an official entity representing the Holy See.

As for my impressions about Yemen, I can tell you that I have witnessed development and progress in the country in many ways. I remember when I came on the occasion of the 10th anniversary of the Yemeni unification and I had the chance to see the progress, which is moving forward creating one nation and one family and bringing together human resources from all parts of the country.

**YT:** How many Arab countries have ambassadors of the Holy See?

**MSGR. DE ANDREA:** We have representatives of the Holy See in most of the Arab and Muslim countries. We have ambassadors in all countries north of the peninsula including Syria, Lebanon, Iraq, Iran, Turkey. In fact, it may surprise you that we have representatives of all Muslim and Arab countries except four of five. It should be well-understood that our mission is to bring mutual understanding and tolerance among different cultures and religions.

**YT:** What is the structure of the Vatican's future presence in Yemen?

**MSGR. DE ANDREA:** Even though I am a non-resident ambassador at the moment, I do not rule out the possibility of having a resident ambassador. I will come to Yemen several times a year. So far my experience in Yemen was delightful as I touched sincerity, hospitality, and kindness from the Yemeni people in all levels.

I would particularly like to express my gratitude to H.E. President Saleh for his gracious and honest way in which he received us today. He conveyed a message of appreciation to the Pope concerning his humane moves to bring peace and harmony in the world.

We should not be compared to other embassies who sign contracts, create strategies, have long-term cooperation agreements, etc. We are much simpler than that, as our duty lies in humane

issues that relate to human lives, peace, dignity, human rights, etc.

**YT:** Critics say that the Holy See, despite its power, did not act enough to help the Palestinians who were besieged in the Church of Nativity in Bethlehem - birthplace of Jesus and David - which is a holy place for millions of Christians. What is your comment on that?

**MSGR. DE ANDREA:** Even the President mentioned this issue this morning. There seems to be a conflict between Muslims and Jews in the area. Both have the right to live with each other in peace within properly defined borders. This has been disrupted by violence when one or the other or both make it worse for peace. We insist that both sides, while they have the right to live in peace, also have the duty of abiding by international law.

In the past we did have some success in resolving certain issues, but in others we did not. But the failures tempt to be more evident and this is why our failed efforts in concerning the Church of Nativity were pointed out clearly.

If you want to analyze the case however, we will conclude that entrance of men carrying weapons into a church, a mosque, or any holy place immediately deprives the one who enters with those weapons from the right for protection. The defenseless are the ones who should be protected in such places. Even though this has not been defined by law, yet that should have been observed.

There is a need to confess however that there were many civilians, who sought protection in the Church of Nativity, but the conditions were very difficult and the siege made things even more difficult to resolve. While looking back to see how such situations could be resolved in a better way, we still feel relieved that the siege is now over.

**YT:** There could possibly be certain reactions by some groups claiming that your aim may be to Christianize Yemeni Muslims. How could you respond to such claims?

**MSGR. DE ANDREA:** Firstly, my mission here is a sign and our esteem and respect to the Yemeni people. Our representation in any country in the world indicates our respect to that country and what it stands for. Secondly, part of my duty is to ensure that Christians who are residents in this country are protected, but I have no reason to think that they are not. There is no action to undertake as long as we develop and extend a friendly dialogue between both sides.

Our people: tourists, diplomats, workers, and ordinary people all have the right to be present here in the country even if they are of a different faith. We have conveyed this to the government, but we also would like to emphasize that we never urge, or even request anyone to come to the church unless they chose for themselves. This has always been our position, which is of enabling everyone to practice his or her faith freely.

**YT:** You may recall the unfortunate murder of one of the two Mother Teresa Sisters in Hodeidah a few years ago. How do you view this act, and is it your duty to make sure they are secure?

**MSGR. DE ANDREA:** Before I answer this question, I would like to point out that the first Christians started as a persecuted group. This is unlike Islam, which grew very quickly. Christians were chased around in Palestine by the Roman empire and by

others and this continued for centuries. This is not to say that we are accustomed to it, but we are not surprised by when this happened.

The murder of the two sisters in Hodeidah, sad as it was, cannot be attributed to the country. This was the action of one person, who may have been inspired by others. We still do not know who did it, but when the two sisters were laid to rest, others came to take over. We realized that there were people being served by those sisters, so we sent others to serve them.

I know that some people think that through violence they could win a point, but I am convinced of the opposite: that violence generates violence no matter where it comes from. But this comes even more devilish when it is done in the name of God. How can anyone be violent towards a brother or a sister claiming God ordered him to do so?

**YT:** In Islamic Sharia, which is the basis of Yemeni laws, a convert from Islam to another religion is an infidel who is to be killed. This has happened to a number of Somalis in the past, and it may occur again. What is your opinion on this?

**MSGR. DE ANDREA:** We believe firmly and we have stated this solidly in the Vatican Council of 30 years ago that the freedom of the individual to choose his religion is sacred. There should be no law passed to persecute someone for changing his faith. We certainly feel sorry when we lose Christians to another religion, and at the same time, we feel delighted to receive more Christians, but we respect this person's decision.

Even if we think this is wrong as an act, it is only they who are responsible for it. Hence, they should never be persecuted for that. We would like this to apply to everybody. The conversion from one faith to the other, whether I like it or not, should stay as a right to be respected by all.

**YT:** But how can you resolve this issue if it is already in Islamic Sharia, and could be applied any time in Yemen and in some other Muslim countries?

**MSGR. DE ANDREA:** I have heard of certain cases that this has been applied. I do not know how to solve this issue, but I need to tell the people involved that as much as I respect their own convictions, they should respect our convictions, not deal with them with punishment or violence. We do not have a certain strategy

to bring awareness to this issue, or to stop it from occurring in Yemen. But I think that the people themselves will see with their own reason, as unpleasant as it may be.

As I said before, when a person leaves a faith and joins another it may wound those who love him and want him to stay in his original faith. But that never means that we should punish him. This is like one family who may go through debates and discussions, but you should never break the family apart because of that. You may not be as friendly as before in inviting him to dinner every week. But you still should not go and poison that person because he left your faith.

**YT:** You said that we should not compare you to other embassies. But what are your activities concerning Yemen?

**MSGR. DE ANDREA:** Our only activity that we hope to continue is that of the Mother Teresa Sisters. We are pleased that their activities have been going on for many years. We have seen that Yemenis appreciate their work for the sake of the people, and wish that to continue and strengthen if possible. We also would like to continue ministering the Catholics who are here to work, to visit, and attend to other issues. We are here to offer them a place to worship, to meet, and to carry their religious activities smoothly. There is no other activity that we will be carrying out soon.

**YT:** Do you have a plan or a desire to build a church in Sana'a for the Christians in Sana'a?

**MSGR. DE ANDREA:** Yes, we think so. But it is not a church that we are envisioning, but rather a center where Catholics can practice their faith. When you hear of a church, you immediately think of belfries and towers, etc. but we don't need all that. The Yemeni authorities have looked on this favorably, and in principle this is possible.

**YT:** What about your memories and properties including churches and buildings you were handling before the 1963 revolution in the south?

**MSGR. DE ANDREA:** We have many pleasant memories in the southern part of the country, because in Aden at one time there was a very strong Christian presence before we were expelled. In Aden we had two girls schools and two boys schools. All four schools were staffed with excellent teachers, mostly Europeans at that time. But



Yemen Times Editor-in-Chief Mr. Walid Abdulaziz (left) interviews Pope John II, the first Ambassador of Vatican to Yemen

even though we lost them then, we see that they are currently still being used by Yemeni students. For that reason, even though technically we still own them, we are not pushing to have them back as long as they are used for the good of the people.

Also, we are here to save and maintain buildings including one large church which used to be a cathedral. We also own another piece of property. Another smaller church was also recently given back to us, and we are grateful for that. The return of many other properties to us is still being discussed with the authorities, but while we know that there are a lot of properties that have been lost in Aden, we still believe that some could be regained. Eventually that will not be the main issue.

**YT:** We are celebrating the 12th anniversary of the May 22 unification of former north and south Yemen this week. Any comments on this occasion?

**MSGR. DE ANDREA:** Unification in general is a noble thing. Unification of Yemen did not affect the freedom of Christians living in the southern part of Yemen. In fact, the hard time for us in Aden was after 1963's revolution during the strong and strict communist regime. However, even though the exact number of Catholics in Aden is not well known, it is still very small compared to what was there before the 1963 revolution. I suppose that the number may not even rise to 100.

**YT:** How many staffers do you have in

Yemen, and in what areas are they in?

**MSGR. DE ANDREA:** We have sisters of Mother Teresa in Sana'a, Aden, Taiz, and Hodeidah. According to the condition placed by Mother Teresa, wherever there are sisters, there should always be a priest. This was accepted by the government because the priest was necessary for the spiritual care. So this is why we have priests along them as well.

Over 150 years ago, the first priests that came to Yemen came from Ethiopia. Before they were established in Aden, they established themselves in Jeddah. In fact it's under discussion to reopen one of our buildings in Aden, a church built in 1854. It's used occasionally but also needs a lot of repair.

**YT:** Any further comments or messages you want to convey to our readers before you leave to Kuwait?

**MSGR. DE ANDREA:** I only wish the country continued peace, growth, and prosperity. I hope every family and every child here will have happiness, education, healthcare, and everything the government has to give. We have neither silver nor gold to offer. But the thing we offer is peace.

We come with an idea of eternity and peace based on the dignity of the human being, no matter what tribe or race or religion. We believe that every human being is unique and is loved by God. Because of that, this human being has rights that no one can take away. Those rights are not granted by the state, but they are there by human nature. The state should recognize those human rights.

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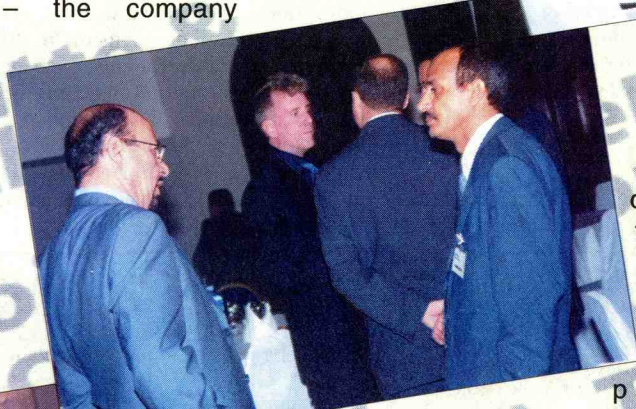
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# Improve Your English



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## I. What to say

### Situation and expressions (17): Expressing Love/Appreciation

Love, affection and appreciation are basic human emotions. Language is not, of course, the only means of expressing them. A soft touch, a tender look or a kind gesture conveys a lot more about love than mere words. Yet language remains one of the most powerful means of expressing these feelings. It is true that love transcends words. Yet man has been trying since the earliest times to capture these elemental emotions through words.

Let's now look at some of the set expressions used to convey our deep feelings of love or appreciation for the dearest one.

- I love you from the bottom of my heart.
- You are the queen of my heart.
- You are the reigning prince of my heart.
- I adore you.
- You are my best treasure.
- I'm yours and only yours.
- You're the glittering star of my life.
- I love you dearly.
- We've one soul, though two bodies.
- You're my love, you're my life.
- You're the anchor of my soul, and the essence of my being.
- You are a part of me. How can I show that to you?
- You have become my second self.
- Your name is etched on my heart.
- My heart is throbbing with your name.
- You're in my very breath.
- Your image is etched in my heart.
- I live but for you.
- We're made for each other.
- No one can take your place.
- I'm nothing without you.
- Everything is there where you are there.
- My love for you is as deep as ocean.
- Every pore of my body breathes your name.
- You're most prominent in my thoughts, day-in and day-out.
- We're so alike in our temperament.
- I have my highest admiration for you.
- I appreciate your nice sentiments.
- My heart goes out to you.
- My darling, my honey, my sweetheart.
- My whole being is suffused with your love.
- I'm so lucky to have you, my love.

## II. How to say it correctly

Correct the errors, if any, in the following sentences

1. Hundreds of illicit immigrants cross the border every day.
2. This cut up all his hopes.
3. Garlic too is highly useful.
4. An early reply will be extremely appreciated.
5. The show gave over rather late.

### Solutions to last week's questions

1. I expect you to **show** a lot of interest in the subject.
2. The government has ordered a **brisk** and **thorough** enquiry into the kidnapping incident.
3. Two **occupants** of the car were

- seriously injured in the accident.
4. After the murder, the crowd **resorted** to acts of violence.
5. The Minister stressed **adoption** of the mother tongue as the medium of instruction in universities.

### III. How to express it in one word

1. Support used under the arm to help a lame person.
2. Young lion, bear, fox, tiger.
3. End of a shirt or coat sleeve at the wrist.
4. Deserving punishment.
5. System of religious belief and worship.

### Solutions to last week's questions

1. A large number of people together, without order or organization: **Crowd**.
2. Material in a natural state and not refined: **Crude**.
3. A person who takes pleasure in giving suffering to others: **Cruel**.
4. Press or crush into folds or creases: **Crumple**.
5. Crush noisily with the teeth when eating: **Crunch**.

### IV. Grammar and Composition

#### a) Study skills

Give full form of the following abbreviations:

- 1) anon. 2) Comp. 3) biog.
- 4) Col. 5) b. 6) p. 25ff.
- 7) ed. cit. 8) d. 9) ast.
- 10) n.d. 11) N. B.

#### b) Idioms and Phrases

Use the following phrases in sentences of your own  
In alliance with, make allowance for, allude to, allied with, let alone

#### c) Words commonly confounded

Bring out the difference in meaning of the following words  
1) arrogant, stubborn; 2) arrogant, surrogate; 3) arson, arsenic, arsenal; 4) artful, artistic; 5) articulate (n), articulate (v)

### Answers to last week's questions:

#### a) Composition

1. The pair **Cardiologist: Physician** best expresses a relation similar to that expressed by the pair **portrait: painting**. Portrait is a kind of painting as cardiologist is a kind of physician.
2. The part **water: reservoir** best expresses a relation similar to that expressed by the pair **nurse: hospital**. Water is found in a reservoir as nurse is found in a hospital.
3. The pair **engagement: marriage** best expressed a relation similar to that expressed by the pair **rehearsal : performance**. Engagement precedes or comes before marriage as rehearsal comes before performance.
4. The pair **fluidity : liquidity** best expresses a relation similar to that expressed by **rhythm : music**. Rhythm is an important quality or attribute of music as much as fluidity is an attribute of liquid.
5. The pair **memory : amnesia** best expresses a relation similar to that expressed by the pair **energy : lethargy**. Loss of energy leads to lethargy in the same way as loss of

memory results in amnesia. In other words, amnesia is the manifestation of loss of memory as lethargy is the manifestation of loss of energy.

**Note:** The pairs of words given above are examples of verbal analogies which express similarities of relationships. Unlike mathematical proportions, verbal analogies are not very precise or perfect. They are used to express an approximate relationship.

#### b) Idioms and phrases

1. **all the same** (yet, nevertheless). I am not well prepared for the exam. All the same I shall sit for it.
2. **all over** (in every part of it). He has traveled all over the world.
3. **all-round** (good at many things). He is an all-round sportsman.
4. **all-time high** (record, highest). The production of rice this year in our country is all-time high.
5. **allergic** (unable to get on well with). He is allergic to penicillin.

#### c) Words commonly confounded

1. **Arabian** (adjective of Arabia or the Arabs). The Arabian Nights is a delightful tale of adventure. **Arabic** (adj) (of the Arabs). He can speak Arabic fluently.
2. **arid** (adj) (of climate, regions, having not enough rainfall). Some parts of the Arabian Peninsula have an arid climate. **torrid** (relates to weather of a country, very hot). Life is not possible in torrid zones.
3. **arise** (vi) (come into existence). A new question has arisen. **awake** (vi) (become conscious of). You must awake to the fact that negligence in studies might ruin your career.
4. **arm** (n.) (weapon). You are not permitted to carry fire arm in public places. **arm** (vt) (supply with weapons). Warships armed with modern guns are ready to defend our country against any attack.
5. **around** (adv & prep.) There is joy all around. **surround** (vt). Our house is surrounded with trees.

## VI. Pearls from the Holy Quran

"And who is more unjust than he who forbids that in places for the worship of Allah, His name should be Celebrated? - whose zeal is (in fact) to ruin them? It was not fitting that such Should themselves enter them Except in fear. For them there is nothing but disgrace In this world, and in the world To come, an exceeding torment." S. 2 A. 114

## VII. Words of Wisdom

"He is only anxious about the future to whom the present is unprofitable" —Seneca

# English? Uggh!

## Learning a Target Language:

## Why Students Miss the Target

BY SAAD SHARIF TAHER  
YEMEN TIMES STAFF

It is obvious that Yemeni students of English, like Arab students in general, suffer from poor English skills at elementary, secondary and even university levels. Some pupils consider it a horrible ghost to be dreaded. Others wish to have it abolished. Yet others want to delve into this problem and analyze some of its causes and cure.

The Yemen Times conducted a survey among students and teachers in different parts of Yemen to gain a clearer perspective on issues related to language learning, and discuss their implications for the teaching-learning of English.

**Dr. U. C. Sharma, Head of English Department, College of Education, Nadirah**



Because English is so different than the Yemeni mother tongue, students face linguistic and environmental problems.

Linguistically, the problem is that Arabic is a language very different from English and that affects pronunciation and grammar of Yemeni students. Arab students think in Arabic and translate their thoughts to English. The impact of Arabic remains on their English.

Moreover, Yemeni students don't find a favorable environment to develop their English skills. They are restricted to the classroom only, while outside the class they use Arabic. But those students who have opportunities of interaction with the English-speaking communities get better exposure to English and naturally learn it better, said Dr. Sharma.

**Dr. R. V Anand, Department of English, College of Education, Nadirah**



The root cause of the problem is that students have a lack of adequate exposure to English outside the classroom.

"One positive point about the students here is the strong motivation they have to acquire the language," he said. "Their motivation combined with their sincere and hard work should yield good results. But unfortunately, there is no match between their work and their achievement."

This is because instead of working hard for achieving a fair degree of command over English, they have the narrow aim of passing the examinations, said Dr. Anand.

"They like to be 'coached' for exams rather than be taught for acquisition of the skills of English.

"Learning a language is a complex process which involves a good amount of listening, reading, speaking inside and outside the classroom and writing on a long term basis," added Dr. Anand. But an excessive obsession with examinations reflects fulfillment of only a short-term goal.

"It is not all of them. But a vast majority of students here, instead of willing to go through 'the complex process' try to take a short-cut," he said. "The main objective of becoming competent in English is substituted by getting a pass in the examinations. As a result, their achievement is low."

Dr. Anand emphasized the fact that language learning is a complex process which can be facilitated by teachers, teaching methods and textbooks, but cannot be simplified through short-cuts.

**Dr. R. Thakur, Department of English, College of Education, Nadirah**



"There are various problems, including the late start of English study in primary schools, lack of availability of good text books and other supporting materials, lack of investment for foreign languages, effects of their mother tongue on their pronunciation, and a different writing style in the children's mother tongue Arabic, all of which jeopardize the quality of learning English."

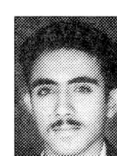
He said solution are to begin teaching English at an earlier stage than is the current practice, offer classes saturated with an English environment, well-equipped libraries, so as to teach it as the language of opportunity in the changing context of globalization.

**Abdul-Kareem Al-Wabri, a philosophy teacher**



Better books, resources and teachers need to be made available. Pupils are using Arabic in contexts they could use English. Books are not available at the beginning of the year. There is an unequal distribution of teachers among schools, some schools having as many as six English teachers and others having none at all.

**Abdulrazaq Al-Saqqaf, a secondary school student**



There are many causes for students' weakness in the acquisition of English.

"First, English is taught at late stages in public schools, in contrast with the private schools which teach two or three languages at earlier stages. Second, some unqualified teachers who are ignorant about sound pedagogic skills are responsible for making students hate it," said Al-Saqqaf.

**Younis Hadi Wahaih, a secondary school student**



Students are weak in English because "they hate it and they hate the teachers of English"

Unqualified teachers specially at primary stages, present English as a subject to be tested only, not as a tool for the daily life. "This creates the feeling that it is a foreign language which can't be easily controlled."

**Ibrahim Al-Sayad, teacher of English, Al-Wahdah School**



Students are weak at English because some text books deal with subjects which deal with concepts alien to the Yemeni social life. For example, topics titled

Mary Celeste, Tower of London, Queen Victoria and others.

"They don't get interested in an alien culture as it's far from their daily lives and the Arab and Yemeni history. Some books refer to strange animals, and vegetables. Also some teachers use Arabic as the medium in English classes as if it were an Arabic lesson.

"There is a pathetic lack of teaching aids like audio-visual aids. Teaching many periods makes teachers tired to teach efficiently," said Al-Sayad, who lamented that good and cheap story books are not available in the market.

**Akram Hadi Wahaih, a university student**



The relationship between teachers and students sometimes, isn't good, and some students have cultivated an inborn hatred for the language since the elementary stage.

## Symposium on Classroom-Centered Research in English (May 29 & 30) Department of English, Faculty of Languages - Sana'a University

The Department of English, Faculty of Languages, Sana'a University, Sana'a is going to organize a two-day Symposium on the Classroom-Centered Research in English on 29-30 May 2002. This two-day Symposium will be held in four sessions, besides the inaugural and valedictory sessions. These four sessions will be devoted one each to the classroom-centered research in the areas of (i) Language Skills (ii) Grammar, and Translation (iii) English for Specific Purposes (ESP), English for General Purposes (EGP) and, (iv) English Literature and Linguistics.

The primary objective of this Symposium is to relate research to teaching with a view to bringing about

improvement in the quality of teaching. It is, thus, intended to initiate and encourage research on practical activities in 'real' instructional settings and remedy problems to enhance the level of teaching and learning English in Yemen in general and Sana'a University in particular. It also aims at guiding the young teachers to select research designs and procedures appropriate to the issues under investigation and direct them to the resources suitable for research on language learning and teaching in instructional settings. It will familiarize them with new techniques and skills to combine research with teaching and introduce them to innovative teaching and learning approaches, creating in

them a greater sense of self-awareness and confidence as teachers. It will, therefore, discuss the use of various approaches to empirical research (such as Experimental Research, Naturalistic Inquiry, Action Research, etc.) in strengthening and invigorating the teaching of the aforementioned courses.

Participation in this Symposium is by presenting papers or in whatever way you deem proper. Should you intend to participate by presenting a paper in one of the four sessions, please inform Professor A. K. Sharma, Head, Department of English, Faculty of Languages, Sana'a University latest by 22nd May 2002 in order to facilitate the organization of the Symposium.

## YOUTH FORUM

### My dearest teacher,

I'm writing to thank you for your efforts to clarify and explain matters relating to the English language. We know that you exert strenuous efforts for us and do your best to improve our English. I'm one of many students who always buy Yemen Times to read your writing, which includes almost every thing like 'what to say', which I enjoy to read; grammar; how to say something correctly, and 'vocabulary'. If I can gather your writing and make them as a general book, I'll do that and I'm sure this book will be the first book of its kind to learn English for beginners and advanced students. Our real teacher, you're the best teacher we have ever met. We still request you to write something about

how to make formal invitations to people of high status such as teachers, and guests and how to thank someone for his hospitality. Thank you again and I wish you all success. Respectfully yours,

**Magid Saleh Al-Aliee Sana'a**

### Dear Magid

I wish to thank you for evincing interest in the column 'Improve your English'. Do workout the exercises on grammar and vocabulary sincerely which will certainly help you to improve your proficiency in English. Eventually our efforts are on to bring out all the lessons in a book form. A lesson on how to make formal invitations on all occasion has already been published.

**Dr. Ramakanta Sahu**

## Third Inter-college Literary Competitions

Last date for submission of entries in English poem, short story, essay is extended to 9 June, 2002.

**Dr. Ramakanta Sahu Coordinator**

## 3rd Annual Day Celebrations at Al-Mahweet

The Third Annual Day Celebrations of the Department of English, Faculty of Education, Mahweet was held on 13 May, 2002. Dr. Abdussalam Al-Joufy, Vice Rector, Students' Affairs, Sana'a University and Mr. Walid Abdulaziz Al-Saqqaf, Chief Editor, Yemen Times graced the occasion as Chief guest and Guest of honor respectively. Dr. Mohammed Al-Kamali, Dean of the College presided over the function. (A detailed report will be published later)

## TIMES QUIZ (30)

### Questions

1. Which of the following is the most poisonous animal?  
a) The Arrow Poison frog  
b) The cobra  
c) The viper  
d) The python
2. Thorns, spines and prickles on a plant are meant for:  
a) ornamentation b) excretion  
c) respiration d) defence
3. The latest material used for manufacturing a computer chip is:  
a) carbon b) silicon  
c) gallium Silicate d) gallium Arsenide
4. Among the planets of our solar system some evidence of single cell life has recently been reported on:  
a) Mercury b) Venus  
c) Mars d) Jupiter
5. If a ball is dropped out of an artificial satellite revolving round the earth, what will happen to the ball?  
a) It will fall on the earth  
b) It will keep revolving round the earth in the same orbit with the same time period as the satellite  
c) It will move away from the earth.  
d) It will keep revolving round the earth in some unknown orbit.

### Solutions to TIMES QUIZ (29)

1. The sea tides are caused by both the moon's and the sun's gravity.
2. The Central Processing Unit is referred to as the 'brain' of a computer.
3. Milk is rich in a protein called **Casien**
4. The phrase 'survival of the fittest' was coined by **Charles Darwin**.
5. A small space is left between the sets of two rails of a railway track because **metal expands on heating**.

## Idioms in Use



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Use the following idioms appropriately in the blanks:

*be in a flap, be on the mettle, bone up, bottle out, flesh out, flunk out, lose one's marbles, make towards, mop up, muddle along, over the hill, over the top, salt away, spill the beans, wrap up*

1. People over 40 are \_\_\_\_\_ for good jobs these days.
2. I asked her to keep our plans a secret, but she \_\_\_\_\_.
3. He seems to have \_\_\_\_\_

as his behaviour is no longer sane and normal.

4. His jokes are always \_\_\_\_\_.
5. You will have to \_\_\_\_\_ in the new job.
6. Universities mustn't be allowed to \_\_\_\_\_.
7. She was \_\_\_\_\_ over the wedding plans.
8. He \_\_\_\_\_ his argument with meaty examples.
9. Venal politicians \_\_\_\_\_ —money in foreign banks.
10. Ahmad messed around and \_\_\_\_\_ of college.
11. She \_\_\_\_\_ the door in a huff.
12. I'm having to \_\_\_\_\_ old English texts for a test tomorrow.

13. I thought I'd tell him the truth but \_\_\_\_\_ at the last minute.

14. I've got several jobs to \_\_\_\_\_ before I proceed on leave.
15. The police haven't yet \_\_\_\_\_ the investigation.

(See the answer in the next issue)

### Answers to the questions of the last issue

1. slipped into 2. touched off 3. slip away 4. clock off 5. dig up 6. plumped for 7. as right as rain 8. out of true 9. swarm up, hand over fist 10. come upon 11. scurry off, butts in 12. dashed off 13. as tight as a tick 14. wormed it out 15. fork out 16. learn the ropes 17. get the hang of 18. cough up 19. shell out 20. suck up to.



# Local Press

Prepared by Mohammed Khidhr

## Al-Balagh weekly, 14 May 2002.

### Main headlines:

- Government measures to restrict recruiting Somali refugees by the Zionist Mosad
- Local councils elections, postponed
- In statement to al-Balagh Parliament Speaker calls on Yemenis to support Palestinian resistance with all possible means
- Dr al-Hamaidi resigns from Nasserite Unionist Organisation
- American looks for a new scenario to practice its terror in Mideast
- Youth minister calls for questioning arbitration committee on the President's Prize
- Unknown future of relationship between Palestinian Authority with Resistance Movements

The newspaper's editor in chief describes the Palestinian authority's acceptance on deporting thirteen Palestinians besieged in the nativity Church in Bethlehem as a grave mistake the authority should not have committed particularly that no one has the right to send into exile a citizen from his homeland. This deportation would lead to serious results meaning that they were banished from a land not theirs. The Palestinian authority acceptance of the deportation means a recognition that Bethlehem and the West Bank are not Palestinian territories but rather of the Zionist enemy. As for accepting the deportation of the remainder Palestinians to Gaza, the enemy wanted to send a message that Gaza would be the only territory the enemy could allow to establish a "deformed" state on it.

One of the dangerous dimensions of this act is that the Zionist enemy would never allow return of refugees because if they are ready even to put the question to just discussion they would not deport new citizens from their home-

land and the Palestinian authority acceptance of that indicates an implied agreement on ending the question of refugees return. Accepting deportation of the Palestinians is a crime against the Palestinian people and against the Palestinian revolution and blood of the martyrs who have sacrificed their lives, the writer concluded.

## Al-Raie al-A'am weekly, 14 May 2002.

### Main headlines:

- President calls for decentralization
- Schism inside Islah
- Dissatisfaction over non-implementation of Yemen-Saudi marine agreement

Columnist Abdulaziz al-Samawi says it is noticeable that the Yemeni government follows in its relationship with the United States an unclear-featured policy and unsafe consequences. The officially-declared policy of the government outwardly pours in the patriotic direction whereas the undeclared policy varies in its direction as it aims at America's appeasement. This has rendered our government's foreign policy as disorganized and double standard. For while the government states that it would not offer the United States any military facilities and would not accept erecting American military bases on the Yemeni territories, we find one of the American military commanders say quite the opposite. He says the Yemeni government has offered the American government the building of military bases in Yemen.

Statements of the American military commander and silence of the Yemeni government about them has made the Yemeni government in a critical position, both internally and regionally and even internationally. This attitude raises the question whether the Yemeni government has any vision, even if short-sighted, about its relations or policy towards the United States.

## AL-Wahdawi weekly, organ of the Nasserite People's Unionist Organisation, 14 May 2002.

### Main headlines:

- Amidst threats of bloodshed by "al-Qaeda Sympathizers", The government intends to free detainees captured under combating terror
- U.S. Prosecution insists on accusing a Yemeni student of terrorism
- Yemeni & Eritrean forces mass-ups around Hunaish island

Columnist Mahmoud Sharafudin has this week tackled in an article the recent phenomenon of prisoners escape from central prisons in various parts of Yemen. The writer wonders what could be behind this phenomenon especially the escape of some prisoners from the capital's well-guarded central prison. He also wonders how such prisoners manage to do so given that there is a strong human guard.

Acts of smuggling prisoners especially those sentenced to death for serious crimes, is a very dangerous indicator on the extent of security deterioration seen in the country. The situation has surpassed the incidents of killing, robbery and armed clashes to reach impregnable prison cells. The most dangerous thing about these events is that investigations have disclosed that smuggling of such prisoners out of prisons are carried out in return of large amounts of money offered as bribes to some prison guards or officials particularly concerning cases of those sentenced to death at times shortly before the execution of the punishment against prisoners.

In dealing with prisoners escape cases, official sources pointed out that the competent authorities had set up special committees for investigation with prisons officials and some of them were brought to justice, especially after their confessions. Those measures are commendable and correct but they do not represent the only solutions to the problem. Other solutions should be considered such as speeding up deciding the legal cases, execution of sentences and

improvement of prison officials incomes to safeguard them against accepting to receive bribes in return of facilitating the crime of smuggling killer and criminal prisoners.

## Al-Ihya'a al-Arabi weekly, organ of the Arab Baath Socialist party, 9 May 2002.

### Main headlines:

- "Volcano" in Taiz University about to erupt
- Trial of the person accused of American embassy blast
- Prisoner sentenced to death escaped from prison in Hajja
- Coordination Council hands over a message addressed to Annan, security prevents demonstrators to head for American embassy
- Boycotting, active popular weapon

On American covert intentions behind dealing a blow to Iraq, Mr Nizzar Khudair al-Abbadi says political circles repeatedly rule out the United States embarkment on launching a military act against Iraq, while other some thinks that such confrontation is postponed to perhaps a time not so near. But the American political behaviour and changeables on Arab and international arenas differ with this prevalent thinking and build viewpoints that disagree with the American media marketing. These consolidate the belief that the Iraqis are destined for confronting a new inevitable Zionist aggression, and it is rather an imminent one.

Probably the Iraqi leadership realises this fact and shares the same reasonable doubts whether Iraq has accepted to receive UN inspectors or not.

At any rate there is a host of reasons enhancing the belief in inevitability of an imminent aggression on Iraq. The American administration is nowadays devoting all its efforts to fully gain from the circumstances the 11 September events have provided for it, starting from installing itself legislator of international law and formulating its syllabus in compatibility with its whims, exploiting international sympathy with what

had happened to it due to the attack and to allowing its troops to be deployed in various areas of the world under claims of self-defence or fighting terror. What accompanied that is an Arab exaggeration from fear from being under accusation and consequently their full abiding by orders of the American White House.

Under these situations the American administration has seen it as stupidity to miss the opportunity and not to utilize the state of confusion for implementing its most strategic plans that we can summarize as the "project of Israel's security", in the first place, control of world sources of energy and establishment of globalisation programs.

## Ath-Thawri weekly, organ of YSP, 16 May 2002.

### Main headlines:

- "al-Qaeda sympathisers" threaten of launching suicide attacks against regime's officials
- For security purposes, re-deployment of American military men in Yemen
- Arrest of a wanted Egyptian-national in Mareb
- During trial of Sameer Rizq, controversy on soundness of measures appears at the court
- Journalist detained as hostage at Abyan prison
- Dispute between Republican Guard and 1st Army Brigade in al-Qafir causes bloodbath
- Court in Lahj imposes a quarter riyal sum fine on the head of electoral committee

In its editorial the newspaper says while leaders of the Arab decision convened at Ghardaqa around the discussion table considering the Arab issue and the Arab- Israeli conflict, emphasizing their clinging to peace as a strategic option, the Israeli ruling party Likud's central committee announced its decision rejecting the establishment of a Palestinian state on the territories of the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

This decision does not lie outside the

context of refusing the deal with any political settlement or negotiations enabling the Arab people of Palestine to restore their rights and establishment of their independent national state, even if it were not completely sovereign.

By adopting such a position the Israeli government is not announcing a new stand or thought opposite of the legacy of Israel's former governments. The Likud stand also discloses depth of its hatred to the idea of balanced and just peace and it does follow the steps of their invading fathers who have established the Zionist entity.

## As-Sahwa weekly, 16 May 2002.

### Main headlines:

- Islah party renews demand of bringing corrupt ministers to court
- Islah denounces changing 1st conference of Local Councils from evaluating meeting into legislative establishment
- Khadeer district governor threatens a blind sheikh

Editorial of the newspaper says amidst the tedious talk about settlement of the Palestinian issue a fact is almost being absent in minds of Arab masses, i.e. the essence of the conflict in Palestine is the existence of occupation and Zionist colonisation supported with funds, weapons and moral support by many of the western countries. The scheme can be summarized in expulsion of the original people to be replaced by different non-homogenous people from various parts of the world.

It is to be acknowledged that martyrdom operations and all means of Palestinian armed resistance would not lead to an overnight final defeat of occupation, but they are the only means available for the Palestinians to defend their rights. The major weak point of the enemy is security and it would not be forced to leave and end its occupation but with achieving a balanced horror and hitting at the point of its weakness, and this is what martyrdom operations do realise.

# World Press

## Major news items in leading international newspapers

Provided by Xinhua

### UK

#### The Times

An act of sabotage, possibly by a disgruntled former railway worker, is a likely cause of the Potters Bar train crash taking place last week when seven people were killed and dozens were injured, track maintenance experts said yesterday.

#### The Guardian

Labor should not rule out increasing taxes again to fund its plans for education and improve social mobility, even if such rises lead to a narrowing of the

government's popular base, former cabinet minister Peter Mandelson claims today.

#### The Independent

European Union foreign ministers allowed one of President Robert Mugabe's henchmen to visit France this week, bypassing the EU's travel ban on Zimbabwe's ruling elite imposed because of the regime's gross human rights violations.

#### Financial Times

### Egypt

#### Al Ahram

Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak will address the Islamic nation next Wednesday on Prophet Mohammed birthday, during the inauguration of the 14th World Conference of the Supreme Council of Islamic Affairs, to be held in Cairo under the title "Islam in a Changeable World."

#### Al Akhbar

Egypt's industrial commodities exports reached unprecedented level as the steel, aluminum and fertilizers companies exported goods worth 500 million U.S. dollars in 12 months, said Chairman of the Holding company for Metallurgical Industries Adel Al

Danaf.

#### Al Gomhuria

Egyptian Foreign Minister Ahmed Maher said Friday at a press conference that Egypt highly appreciates Russia's efforts to help solve the Middle East problem and restore the legitimate and just rights of the Palestinian people.

#### Egyptian Mail

Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat said Friday there could be no free Palestinian elections until Israeli military occupation ended in the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

President George W. Bush yesterday sought to contain the political fallout surrounding his administration's handling of pre- September 11 intelligence information, defending himself publicly for the first time against claims that the White House ignored early clues of possible terror attacks.

#### The Daily Telegraph

Almost 900 passengers were stranded on a ferry in the North Sea last night after fire broke out in both engine rooms and spread to the funnel.

### India

#### The Hindustan Time:

Indian and Pakistan troops exchanged fire along the border in the Jammu sector. One person was killed and 18 others injured in a blast outside the Fire Brigade HQ in Srinagar on Friday.

#### The Times of India:

Indian government has decided to restore Jammu and Kashmir's telecom links with the rest of the country and the outside.

#### The Pioneer:

India's Civil Aviation Minister said Friday Air India will start its long-awaited direct flight to Frankfurt and Chicago in the next two months.

### Pakistan

#### The Nation

President General Pervez Musharraf on Friday reiterated his stance that Pakistan would continue diplomatic, political and moral support to the ongoing Kashmir freedom struggle and would never abandon its principled stand on the matter.

#### The News

Pakistan will not allow anyone to use its soil for carrying out "acts of terrorism" in any part of the world, Minister for Information Nisar Memon said on Friday in an interview with The News.

#### Pakistan Observer

Police have recovered 10 pieces of a body, suspected to be slain Wall Street Journal journalist Daniel Pearl from a grave in compound in Karachi.

#### Pakistan Observer

Four villagers were killed and 40 others were injured as a result of unprovoked firing and shelling by the Indian army along the Working Boundary and Line of Control in disputed Kashmir during the last 24 hours.

### Japan

#### Yomiuri, Asahi, Mainichi

Japan's May economic report declares that the country's economy "bottomed out".

#### Nihon Keizai

Japan's listed companies saw pretax profits halved in fiscal year 2001.

#### Asahi, Mainichi

Japan announced its 23-man World Cup soccer team.

#### Nihon Keizai

Japan plans to allow private companies to deliver credit cards and some direct mails.



### Kenya

#### Kenya Times

The Kenyan government is set to license a third mobile company to provide Kenyans further choice of basic telecommunication services.

#### Daily Nation

Kenyan Sports Ministry on Friday dissolved the national executive committees of the Kenya Football

Federation and the Kenya Cricket Association, replacing them with interim committees.

#### East African Standard

Kenya has formed a committee to align its industrial tariffs as required by the World Trade Organization, the Minister for Trade and Industry Nicholas Biwott said Friday.

### Nigeria

#### The Guardian

The Independent National Electoral Commission on Friday released the timetable and fresh guidelines for the registration of new political parties in the country, which will culminate in the emergence of new political parties on June 22, 2002.

#### Vanguard

The proposed common currency for the six non-CFA Franc countries in the west African sub-region is to be introduced by January 2003, Peter A.

Adegbayo, chairman of the National Sensitization Committee on the Second West African Monetary Zone, disclosed in Lagos on Friday.

#### This Day

There seems to be better days ahead for men of the Nigeria Police as the Inspector General Tafa Balogun announced on Friday that the federal government had adopted an eight program-article program to boost the morale of officers and also reposition the force for better performance.



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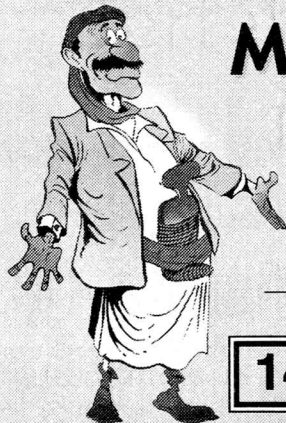
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# MUS'ID & MUS'IDA

First Ever Yemeni Radio Series published in a newspaper



Written by Abdulrahman Mutahhar



Translated by Janet Watson



## 14 Food during Ramadan

**Ma** - Isn't it awful! The only time you really see extravagance and wasteful abuse of the blessings we have, particularly food and drink, is during the holy month of Ramadan.

**M** - And this abuse and extravagance is apparent from the smallest to the largest household. During the month of Ramadan, some streets and the marketplace turn into places for making and selling all sorts of food. It's as if people are split into two groups during Ramadan - those who make food and drink, grilling, frying, messing and generally making muck, and those who spend their money buying this food and drink without caring whether it's good and nourishing or likely to give you stomach cramps and make you sick.

**Ma** - That's not the only thing. Some employees take a holiday; they get hold of a frying pan and stove and set themselves up in the middle of the street to make samosas; and those who don't have a job or who are skiving from the workshop during the month of Ramadan are transformed into producers of cakes and fried food and drinks. As they say, 'Jump, and

to Hell with the consequences!'

**M** - Yes, that's what that saying means! They spend hours doing something they know nothing about, either in terms of its benefits or the harm it can do, and without permission or a license to do what they're doing to make sure the food is healthy. Then they go and block the roads with their wares and all the stuff they need to make it.

**Ma** - And there's something even more dangerous than that.

**M** - Go on!

**Ma** - The gas canisters lining the length of the marketplace are right next to the flaming gas stoves and the frying pans layered in soot and filth which bubble oil like the fires of Hell mixed with all the dust and fumes. What they've done is turn a marketplace crowded with people into a piece of Hell.

**M** - What a wonderful description you've just given of people and the marketplace, Mus'ida! Anyone listening to you now would think you'd become an ace reporter!

**Ma** - The state marketplace is in at the moment is pretty clear for all to see, Mus'id. It certainly isn't in need of any reporters or newspapers.

**M** - That's right. And this state, which is more apparent during Ramadan than at any other time, is one type of environmental pollution.

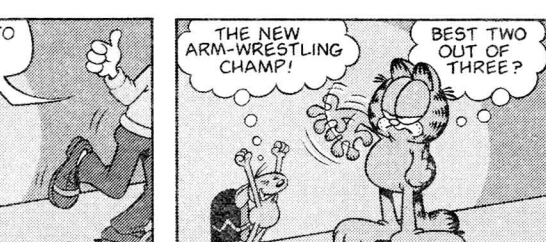
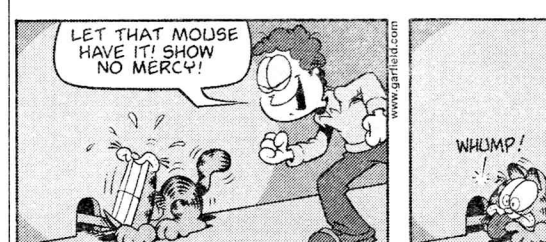
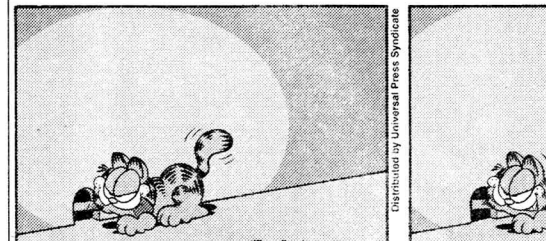
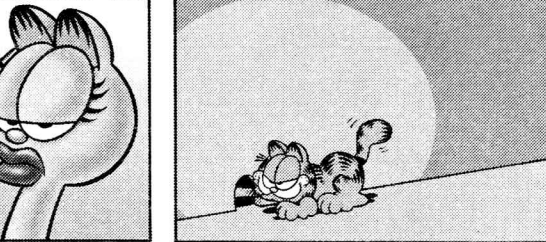
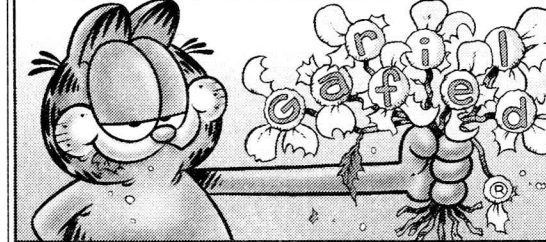
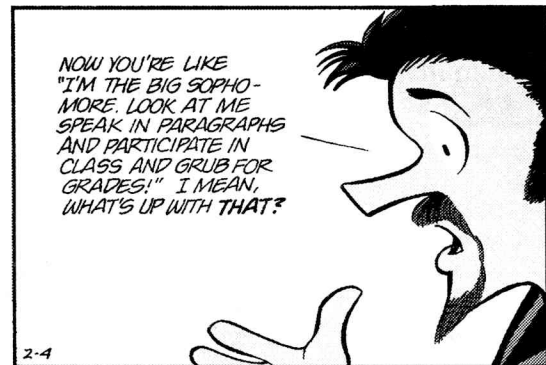
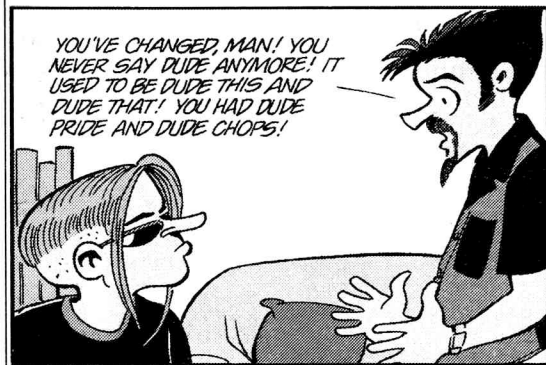
**Ma** - Quite!

**M** - 'Having a go' at making food, drinks and cakes without the necessary knowledge and without a proper license or proper inspection, and without the consumer being aware of what's going on is one form of pollution. Setting up gas canisters next to flaming stoves and frying pans with boiling oil and poisonous gases rising into the air when the marketplace is packed with people is another, and every man and woman should take on board what's going on. As the Yemeni proverb goes, 'At forty days old, a child won't get a squint!'

1 The original relates to the pre-Revolution ban on musical instruments, when musicians would hide their instruments under their clothes and go to secret meeting places to play. The saying in its more literal sense is, 'Jump, and don't worry about the noise!'

## DOONESBURY

BY GARRY TRUDEAU



## Horoscope

**Aries (Mar 21 - Apr 19)**  
You are reaching a point in your life where you are finally able to have everything you ever wanted, and it's scary. It's exciting, no doubt, but it also produces a lot of angst. Can it really be this good? And will you make the right choices? You don't often have this opportunity to really make the choices you desire, and yes, you should go for it and it can be this good.

**Taurus (Apr 20 - May 20)**  
Allowing the threads of life to unravel around you and you just might discover something wonderful underneath the pile of thread. If you release your brain from all its current concerns and debates about your life, I have no doubt that you are on the edge of finding surprising and unusual answers to that which has been plaguing you.

**Gemini (May 21 - June 20)**  
You can focus on the negative aspects of life and ask yourself why you still have to battle with issues and go through more and more healing which requires facing some pain and sorrow. Or, for sometimes, you can put that on the shelf, and decide it is your right to enjoy pure bliss and silliness, and absolute happiness and embrace crazy love. Make your choice now.

**Cancer (Jun 21 - Jul 22)**  
Believe in yourself that you are awesome enough to be loved by anyone. But you must love yourself that way. Once you have that security, then you won't be afraid and cling to someone else. You will indeed invite the people into your life who feel your self-love and your own confidence in yourself. They will naturally be drawn to you, and they can be trusted.

**Leo (Jul 23 - Aug 22)**  
Spot the early warning signs of getting involved in unwanted chaos or other people's conflicts. You are very "heart" centered and will easily get swept up in what can appear to be exciting and needing your energy, but end up in your present life, that if you don't put them in a separate space, will hold you back.

**Virgo (Aug 23 - Sept 22)**  
Stop trapping yourself in the current status quo of your life and know that there are other dimensions by which you can operate. It does require a leap of faith on your part, knowing that the past life stuff does not have to keep being repeated. It's all about following your instincts for love and not playing by the same old rules anymore. It's about being a good knowing you will land not only safely, but much more happy, and truly content.

**Libra (Sep 23 - Oct 22)**  
There is a new place you are going to which is massively wonderful and it fascinates you for a long time. Before you get there though, you will have war with yourself and with others. You will fight yourself and them. It's about being strong and knowing that sometimes it really is okay to escape and start over. Apply this to your entire life are just parts that need a shot in the arm.

**Scorpio (Oct 23 - Nov 21)**  
For some time, the life you had tried to build was looking rather preposterous. You were faced with trying to bring together your dreams with someone you loved, but feeling as though it was a failure. Whatever you face right now in your life Scorp, know that nothing is impossible, especially for someone as strong as yourself.

**Sagittarius (Nov 22 - Dec 21)**  
Today, now, is the moment. Be born into it, breath it for the first time, feel it, and love it. It is a struggle to live in the present, because it's very easy to rewrite your own history, again and again, as you always have...unable to change the negative or damaging things you write. You are safe to experiment with new attitudes and fresh energy for yourself. You can let go and you will not be alone.

**Capricorn (Dec 22 - Jan 19)**  
The time has come to separate the truth from falsehood, knowledge from ignorance, and power from superstitions. You have all of the above, and also have the ability to choose the former and use them wisely. By doing so, you will be set free. All the environmental conditions, heredity, and family traits you have been influenced by will disappear. You will rule your life through your spirit's intuitive guidance.

**Aquarius (Jan 20 - Feb 18)**  
Go somewhere inside yourself that feels like the twilight zone, yet feels so right and true to be there. It is your inner voice, your spirit. No matter what is happening on the outside, know that your spirit has the answers to what you are looking for right now. Your gut, your instinct, will tell you how to get what you want and how to go forward in a positive and constructive way. Heart rules, mind does not.

**Pisces (Feb 19 - Mar 20)**  
Turn off anything from your external environment, including the wrong people, who are damaging your sense of well being and happiness. Instead, seek the good in yourself, and in your life. Lend yourself some optimism and find the positive situations and experiences!

## 7-Day Weather Forecast

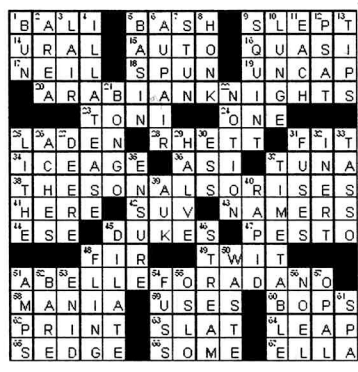
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## The Universal Crossword

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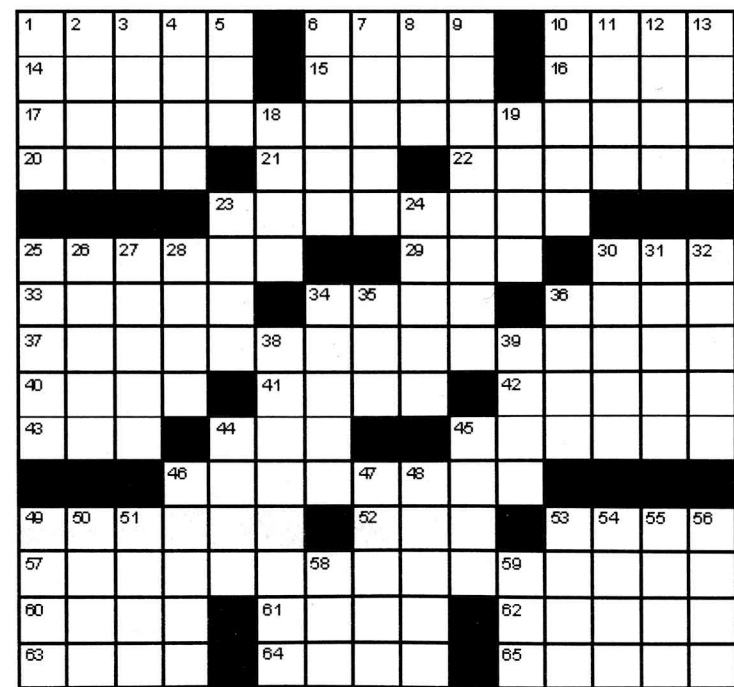
- ACROSS**
- 1 Wild boar features
  - 6 Some grown men in New York play here
  - 10 John Phillips, professionally
  - 14 Sharpshooter Oakley
  - 15 It's a bit of a stir
  - 16 It's almost seven, but seven is not it
  - 17 Start of a strange philosophy
  - 20 One place for a ring
  - 21 Word with living or dead
  - 22 Obstacle course impediment
  - 23 In a stately manner, musically
  - 25 Tattered
  - 29 Word with falling or flat
  - 30 Jazz artist Calloway
  - 33 Leader of the Mohegan people
  - 34 Light metallic sound
  - 36 It's deposited when glacial ice melts
  - 37 Middle of a strange philosophy
  - 40 Development subdivisions
  - 41 Words before "many words" or "many ways"
  - 42 Saturnian satellite
  - 43 Coloring material
  - 44 Word with past or postage
  - 45 Give an exam over
  - 46 Poems that repeat six words
  - 49 Yarn that produces rough-textured cloth
  - 52 Sting action
  - 53 Appliance on a board
  - 57 End of the strange philosophy
  - 60 Thailand, once
  - 61 Type of tree
  - 62 Based on the number 8
  - 63 It comes back to a spelunker
  - 64 Small energy units
  - 65 Clam's home
- DOWN**
- 1 Pipe opening?
  - 2 Reverse
  - 3 Stuck-up one
  - 4 Cows, old-style
  - 5 Matched parts or part of a match
  - 6 Public commotion
  - 7 Takes to heart, as advice
  - 8 Ancient times, in ancient times
  - 9 Notwithstanding
  - 10 Pitching ace Martinez
  - 11 Overly zealous
  - 12 Lime color
  - 13 Pot additive
  - 18 One of the tides
  - 19 Force from office
  - 23 Absolute requirement
  - 24 Kemo Sabe's partner
  - 25 Physique
  - 26 Waiter's injunction
  - 27 Not obtuse
  - 28 Former Soviet news org.
  - 30 Snake River transport
  - 31 Prayer endings
  - 32 Frenchman's cap
  - 34 Doctrine
  - 35 "Howdy Doody time!"
  - 36 Fashion with needles
  - 38 "Figoletto" composer's first name
  - 39 Bad time for Caesar
  - 44 Editor's option
  - 45 Rave's partner
  - 46 Blockhead
  - 47 NHL ref's call
  - 48 Ninth day before 39-Down
  - 49 Diamond bag
  - 50 Describing ears
  - 51 One of the Four Corners states
  - 53 Sumac souvenir
  - 54 One way to learn
  - 55 Like a word of mouth
  - 56 Jodie Foster title role
  - 58 Key factor in inflation?
  - 59 Titanic transmission

### PREVIOUS PUZZLE ANSWER



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### "WORST WEIGHT WATCHER EVER!" By Ed Early



## WONDERWORD

by DAVID OUELLET

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

### CLUES

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|-------------------|------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Account Bids      | Demand Deposit   | Loan Mail         | Return Sales      |
| Broke Bureau      | Effort Examine   | Month Negotiate   | Savings Shout     |
| Business Calls    | Excuse Expensive | Notice Offer      | Spill Stall       |
| Cash Challenge    | Explain Fears    | Outstanding Paid  | Statement Stopped |
| Chase Chat        | Fees Forceful    | Percentage Period | Story Teller      |
| Check Choices     | Grant Hide       | Phone Plans       | Threat Title      |
| Clear Client      | Hunt In-house    | Plead Program     | Total Traced      |
| Closed Costs      | Interest Invalid | Promises Property | Track Transfer    |
| Creditor Customer | Late Lease       | Raise Remind      | Trial Trust       |
| Date Deadline     | Legal Letter     | Repay Repeat      | Wait Warning      |
| Deal Debt         | Liens List       | Repay Repeat      | Zero              |

### COLLECTION AGENCIES Solution: 8 letters



ANSWER NEXT WEEK Last Week's Answer: Teams

# YEMENIA FLEET MODERNIZATION

# Boeing 737-800



In line with Yemenia's Fleet Modernization Program and following an intensive analysis of the current and future market needs stretching throughout the Middle East, Gulf States, important cities in western Europe, part of northern and eastern Africa, Indian Sub-Continent and south-east Asia, B737-800 aircraft was a clear choice.

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# Bertelsmann saves Napster from bankruptcy

By Andrew Quinn

SAN FRANCISCO (Reuters) - Embattled Internet music upstart Napster Inc. was handed a new lease on life Friday as German media giant Bertelsmann BTGGa.D stepped in with \$8 million to buy its assets and keep the online song-swap service in business.

The surprise deal also brought Napster Chief Executive Officer Konrad Hilbers and founder Shawn Fanning back into the fold just days after they quit the company amid fears that mounting legal, financial and technical problems would silence Napster for good.

"While this has been a very unusual week, I'm pleased that I and my colleagues can move forward and give our full attention to Napster's future," Hilbers said in a statement.

Bertelsmann's agreement to provide \$8 million for Napster's creditors will allow the company to file for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection and emerge as a wholly-owned subsidiary of Europe's second-largest media group, officials said.

It will then resume its much-delayed plan to relaunch as a subscription digital music service that complies with U.S. copyright law.

Analysts said the deal, which gives Bertelsmann control of Napster for far less than the \$15 million to \$30 million it might have cost to buy the company outright, could nevertheless prove a good deal for the online music company.

"This development could very well breathe new life into this Napster," said Phil Leigh, a financial analyst at Raymond James & Associates.

A HOT PROPERTY GONE COLD Napster, once one of the hottest properties on the Internet, has been offline since July 2001 as it fights a music piracy lawsuit by major record labels. The service this week signaled it was



nearing the end of the game as Hilbers, Fanning and several other senior executives quit after a dispute among board members derailed a Bertelsmann bid to buy the company outright.

That quarrel was resolved by a Delaware court Tuesday, setting up a new Napster board chaired by Hilbers. Bertelsmann, which broke ranks with other music companies by buying a stake in Napster in 2000, said it was now ready to help push the company toward its goal of becoming a secure, membership-charging service.

"Creating new ways of doing business is never easy, but Napster will be at the forefront of finding business models that respect copyright, reward artists, and deliver entertainment value to consumers," Joel Klein, chief executive of the U.S. arm of Bertelsmann, said in a statement.

"Peer-to-peer is a transforming technology and we're proud to have Shawn Fanning continue to work on its development."

## A NEW VISION FOR NAPSTER

Fanning, who founded Napster as a college student in 1999 and will now serve as the company's chief technology officer, said he was pleased to be moving forward with Bertelsmann.

"Bertelsmann understood our vision when they first invested in us," Fanning said. "They still believe in that vision."

Fanning's vision was in part what landed Napster in trouble in the first place. While wildly popular with millions of users around the globe, the service quickly drew the ire of the recording industry, which in late 1999 filed suit charging it with abetting music piracy

by allowing users to download digital music files from other people's computers without paying any royalty fees to copyright holders.

Lengthy litigation resulted in a court injunction which barred the service from offering copyrighted songs identified by the labels.

While Napster now says it will relaunch as a royalty-paying service, company officials concede there have been both technical difficulties in setting up the system and contract difficulties with record labels declining to provide licenses for their music.

"The biggest remaining job for Bertelsmann is to get content, to get the other record labels to agree to use Napster," said Leigh of Raymond James.

Sources close to the company said Friday they still had no firm date for the Napster relaunch, but would say it would only take place once all the kinks had been worked out.

"For Bertelsmann this is a long-term play," one source said, adding that Napster's high brand visibility, established "community" of users and peer-to-peer format were all assets.

Jupiter Media Matrix analyst Stacey Herron said that while Napster remained the most famous of the digital music services, it would still face competition from newer companies that have sprung up during the long months of litigation.

"This announcement certainly doesn't secure the future of Napster as a thriving business," Herron said.

"You can't simply turn back the clock and make Napster what it was two years ago."

## Oxygen system in orbiting space station repaired

MOSCOW (Reuters) - The crew aboard the \$95 billion International Space Station has repaired the orbiting complex's Russian-built oxygen supply system, a Mission Control spokesman told Reuters Saturday.

The Elektron oxygen supply broke down Thursday but the system, which converts water into oxygen, is back to full operations, the spokesman said.

Mission Control said the station's Russian commander, Yuri Onufriyenko, and U.S. engineers Dan Bursch and Carl Walz had been living on reserves but had faced no threat.

Enough oxygen for at least three more months was on board, officials said. The crewmen, aboard since December, are scheduled to leave in June.

Elektron was installed in the Russian-made Zvezda living module as a modified version of the system that had repeated problems supplying the now-defunct Mir space station.

The station, manned since 2000 and still under construction, is being built mainly by Russia and the United States, with participation from 14 other agencies from Europe, Canada and Japan.

Russia promotes fare-paying trips to the station to help make up for shortfalls in post-Soviet funding.

# Forget books, bury your head in a folding screen

SEOUL (Reuters) - A new paper-back-sized computer screen that folds like a book will be ideal for Internet users reading online novels, according to its South Korean inventor.

The 17.1 cm (6.732 inch) by 12.8 cm (5.039 inch) flat LCD screen folds along a central hinge and is much clearer than existing devices, display maker Samsung SDI said at the end of last month.

It spent two billion won (970,000 pounds) developing the screen and plans to start producing it in the second-half of 2002. It expects its sister company Samsung Electronics to build it into an "e-book" computer.

Samsung SDI says the new screen also consumes less power than existing screens.

"This product will enable us to expand our market share in the e-book computer display market whose growth potential is explosive," said Yang Hong-keun, who heads up the development.

Samsung sees potential sales of flat panels for electronic books at 24,973 units this year.

"It may become profitable in the



A new foldable computer screen is seen in this picture taken April 15, 2002. South Korean display maker Samsung SDI has unveiled a new foldable computer screen which it says will be ideal for Internet users reading online books. The flat LCD screen folds like a book and is much clearer than existing ones, Samsung SDI said. Photo by Reuters.

long run, but I wonder how it could help Samsung increase its revenue in the short term," said Lee Seung-woo, an analyst at Shinyoung Securities.

Samsung SDI said on Tuesday first-quarter net profit jumped 24 percent year on year to 155 billion won, helped by brisk sales of old-fashioned computer screens.

## As the war against 'piracy' gains momentum: internet software piracy group head sent to prison

WASHINGTON (Reuters) - The leader of "DrinkorDie," one of the oldest and largest international software piracy rings on the Internet, was sentenced on Friday to three years and eight months in prison for conspiring to commit copyright infringement, U.S. officials said.

They said John Sankus, 28, of Philadelphia, whose screen name was HellFire spelled backward, received the sentence as part of plea agreement reached with prosecutors in February.

Prosecutors have described DrinkorDie as a highly structured, security-conscious group that illegally reproduced and distributed hundreds



of thousands of copies of copyrighted works around the world.

U.S. District Judge Leonie Brinkema in Alexandria, Virginia, sentenced Sankus, who supervised the daily operation of about 65 group members in more than 12 nations. He could have received a maximum of

five years in prison. Another group member, Barry Erickson, was sentenced earlier this May to 33 months in prison.

"John Sankus and his techno-gang operated in the faceless world of the Internet and thought they would never be caught. They were wrong. These sentences ... should send a message to others entertaining similar beliefs of invincibility," U.S. Attorney Paul McNulty said in a statement.

The officials said nine individuals have pleaded guilty in federal court in Alexandria as part of the government's investigation into the group's activities.

# SabaFon - New Centers for Bill Payment

SabaFon ... adding new dimensions to its billing service

SabaFon is the first to introduce the GSM mobile service into the Yemeni market. Following its commercial launch of the service, SabaFon has provided a number of GSM value added services to its subscribers. The billing service has been one of the important areas of focus.

SabaFon has added new service centers to its subscribers, as follows:

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Al Juzafah GSM	07 229173
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Hajjah	
Mohamad Hassan Al Ashwal Outlets	07 235444
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Mansur Al Harazi Outlets	03 504037
Al Khaleej Outlet	03 501604
Saadah	
Jarman & Brothers Organization	07 622152
Zaidan Trading	07 512400
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Shamsan Residential Complex Mas'ad Al Aqta'	02 555043
Brothers for Electronics	02 555045
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Radfan Telecommunications	02 572392
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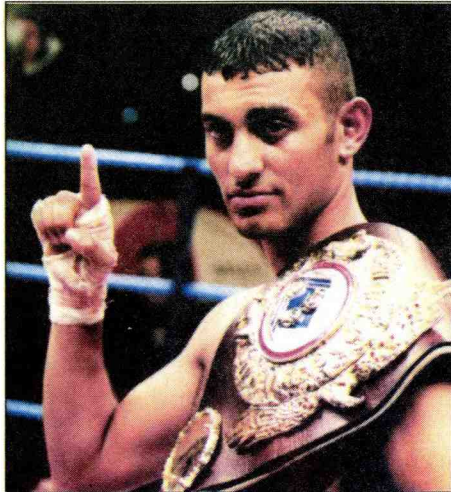
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**Human head for sale**

JOHANNESBURG (Reuters) - A South African police sting operation has bagged a murderer and the human head he was trying to sell for use in traditional medicine, police said on Thursday.

Police have in the past uncovered several so-called muti murders of people killed for body parts that some traditional healers believe are essential ingredients for certain kinds of medicine.

Police said the head belonged to a 52-year-old man whose headless corpse was found Monday in Krugersdorp. The head had been hacked off with a knife.

"A trap was set whereby a 23-year-old man was arrested who had attempted to sell the head for 10,000 rand (\$980) for muti purposes," a police statement said. The arrest was made on Wednesday in Krugersdorp, a town west of Johannesburg.

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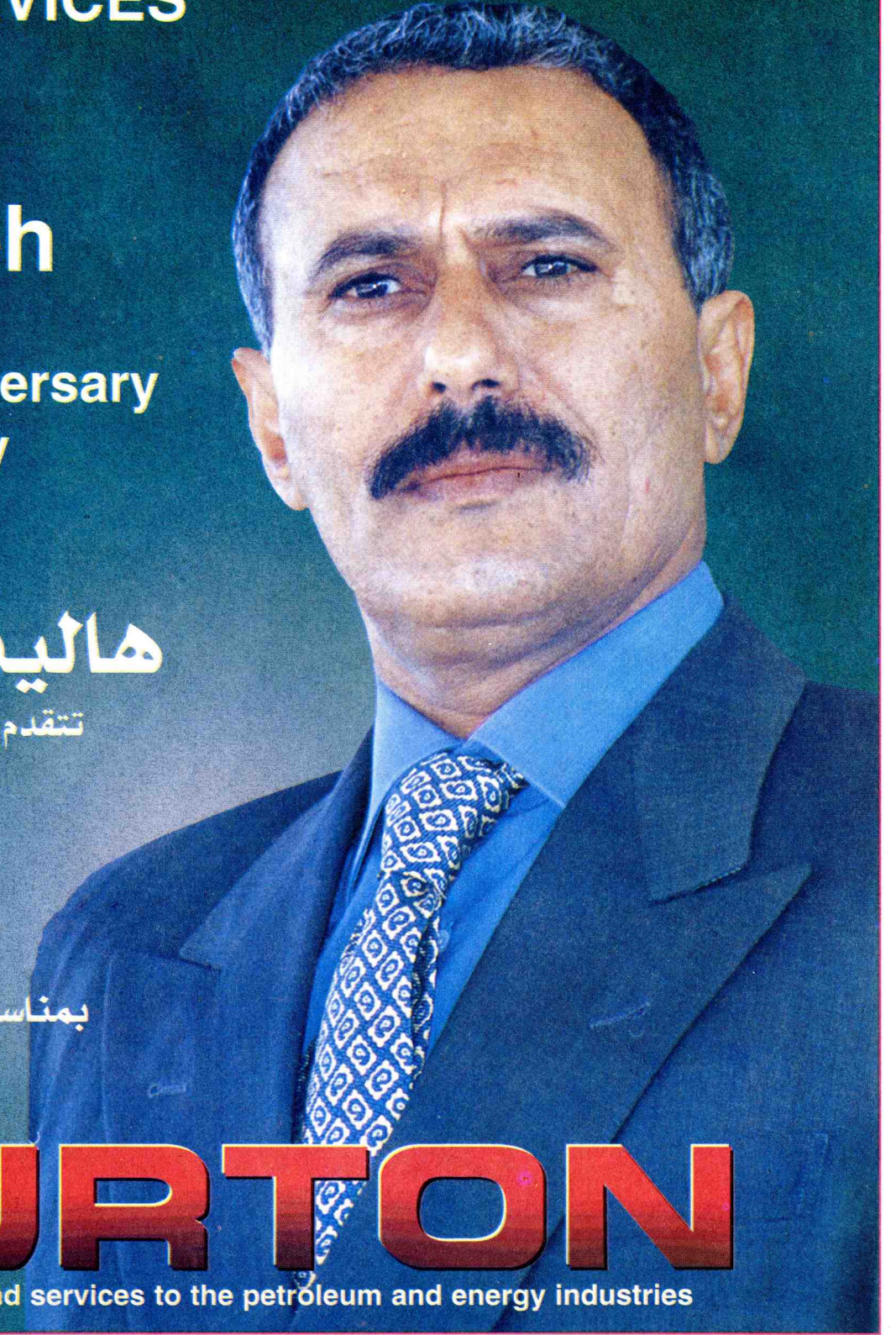
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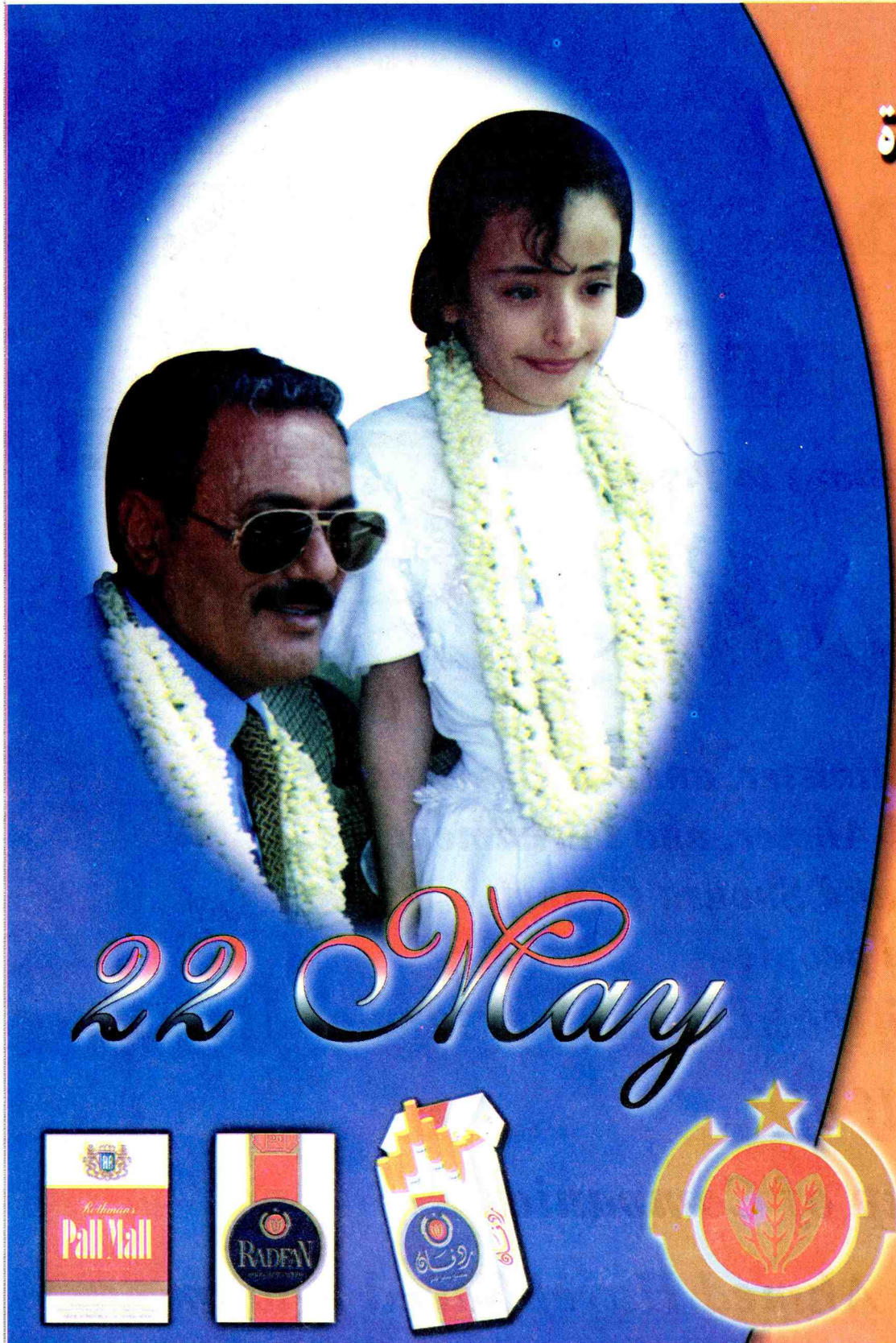
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