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Yemen says it's holding 85 suspected Islamic militants



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SANAA (Reuters) - Yemen, once seen as haven for Islamic militants, is holding 85 people suspected of links to Osama bin Laden's al-Qaeda network and another militant group, the official Saba news agency reported on Thursday.

"Some of those (detainees) are also suspected of committing illegal acts and are being interrogated," Saba quoted a security official as saying.

The detainees belong to al-Qaeda, blamed for the September 11 attacks on the United States, and Islamic Jihad, a militant group operating in several Middle Eastern countries, the official said.

On Wednesday, Yemen told Washington it was committed to supporting the war on terrorism. The government is hunting supporters of Saudi-born bin Laden. also blamed for a suicide attack on a U.S. warship in a Yemeni port two years ago.

Yemeni authorities said earlier they had detained about 170 suspected militants.

Parliamentary Speaker Sheikh Abdullah bin Hussein al-Ahmar, who heads an opposition party, was holding "hundreds or maybe thousands" of people in

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connection with the September 11 attacks.

Prime Minister Abdul-Qader Bagammal denied earlier this month that al-Qaeda had a presence in Yemen, but said some of its Yemeni members had returned

Government responds to USA's Human Rights Report



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A recent report by the Yemeni Higher Committee of Human Rights said the US State Department's Report on the situation of human rights in Yemen in 2001 came to stress the United States of America's readiness to follow up developments on human rights conditions in Yemen, giving depth to the Yemeni-U.S relationships.

However, it said there were paragraphs showing non-comprehension of the volume of cooperation and special relationship between the two countries.

The report explains the devel-

opment in human rights in Yemen over the last 12 years.

It said the Republic of Yemen payed attention to the issue of Human Rights. This has clearly emerged since the Yemeni reunification in 1990 and the changes that accompanied it, most notably in the structure of the Yemeni political system based on democracy, political pluralism and freedom of opinion and expression.

All these changes have reflected themselves in one way or another in Yemen's legislations and laws that have in turn seen great development in various political, civil, social and economic areas.

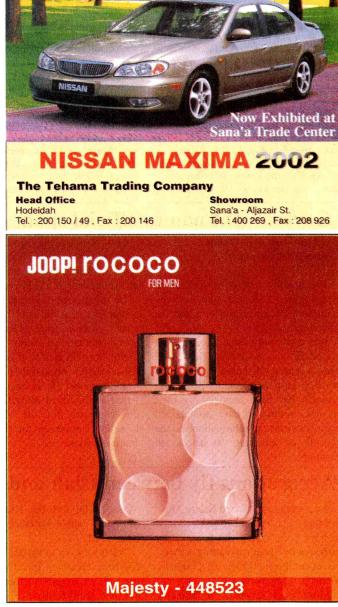
Consequently those legislations have given full protection to Yemeni Human Rights considered as a wonderful addition to be proud of in the development of human rights. All this confirms the volume of change the Yemeni Republic has made in a 12-year span of time.

Berthed from Yemen's keenness to develop the true path, a ministry for human rights was created within the government of April 2000. The post was

entrusted, for the first time, to a woman. This is another addition to the achievements of the Yemeni government.

There is also the National Higher Committee for Human Rights (NHCHR) in Yemen which has been set up under a Presidential Decree and is chaired by the prime minister. NHCHR's Vice-Chairman is head of the Presidency Office with a number of ministers, interested in human rights issue.

The Yemen Times will be publishing the informal translation of the report in its coming issues.







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Al-Sufi says disagreement on development projects behind his removal from office

By Hassan al-Zaidi YEMEN TIMES SATFF

Brigadier Naji al-Sufi told the Yemen Times his removal from office his post as governor of ment with the government on development projects the city needed

Mareb's tribes despite the mistakes some military leaders and tribesmen commit which have created some problems," he said.

ce you deal with them peace-

He said he stopped working for a while to express his disagreement with depriving the city of a lot of development projects. "Their should be a lot of develop-

"I enjoy good relations with ment projects in order to achieve security. Intensifying the military existence is not the solution to security problems," he said.

President Ali Abdullah Saleh "Tribesmen are cooperative ordered on May 26 the removal of Brigadier al-Sufi from his post as governor of Mareb.

This is the third time an official is removed from office by a republican decree. In the 1980s orders were given Mohammed Qaid Fuad, the then



minister of Supply and Trade and Ahmad Qaid Barakat, Minister of Industry and Economy, to leave their offices.





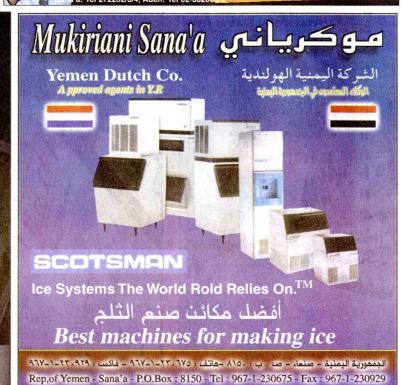
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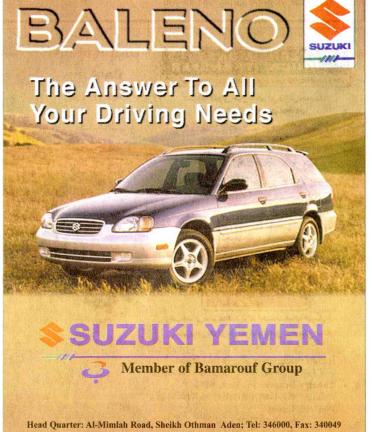
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Mr James Schone to the Yemen Times: We are seeking to enhance the leadership in young people

researchers to seek the best and the affective techniques. And we always get surprised by the new methodologies for educational purposes. The British Council of the UK, is introducing a project which focuses basically on learning the targeted strategies indirectly through different activities and carrying a title that expresses the idea behind it. Mujahed al-Mussa'abi met the project Manager, Mr James Schone and had the following interview:

Can You tell us about the idea and the objectives of your project?

Dreams and teams is a British Council initiative that has been running since April 2001. The idea behind it is basically to use sports to develop leadership skills in young people. In the UK, they developed a program whereby in a secondary one teacher trains young leaders are roughly 16 to 19 years old. We train the young leaders in the skills they need to organize and deliver many sport festivals. We help BE teachers in primary schools to train young leaders to organize sport events. What happens is that young persons get lots of interesting these sport events {the leadership comes in }. In the Uk, Secondary school teachers train the young leaders to go and organize sport festivals for primary schools children so they enjoy the festivals and the young leaders get the leadership skills. The aim is to help create e and encourage these leadership skills in young people . The British Council took this idea and we exported the idea to 20 countries, including the middle east, Asia, Africa and south America.

How are you going to implement this project here in Yemen?

We are going to select 5 prospective local tutors from different schools and sport clubs, collect them together and send them to Cairo for a 3-day training course by Uk tutors. After they come back to Yemen, these local tutors will organize the first course in Yemen to train up to 20 young leaders between 15 to 19 years old. It will be initiated in December. By the end of this course, the 20 young leaders will be able to organize the first sports festival for about 1400 primary school children. Those young people will be responsible for equipment, medical care, telling the press

What kind of activities children will be involved in?

The sports festival young leaders will organize, depends on situation and the children interests and they know their interest well. So it may include football tennis and many other team sports at any where. The important thing is that it should be active because the purpose is to get the children think.

Does it have a specific educational

The whole course is for educational purpose. We help young people learn useful values through interesting sports. We don't need more facilities to do these festivals, all we need is an area and simple things because the important issue is to make the child active and use his/her mind well. The children are the target of many festivals and the target for us is the young leaders because those young leaders will represent the future of Yemen and that is important for us in the British Council to build more close relationship with Yemen

A new era in kidnapping negotiations

Last Wednesday, two kidnappers were handed over by the Aal al-Zaidi tribe to the Ministry of Interior. This is the first time tribesmen have forced members to surrender themselves to the government

Hassan Ahmad al-Zaidi and Mohammed Nasser al-Zaidi were both tried and sentenced to 20-years of imprisonment for the kidnapping of Carl Linart.

Carl Linart was abducted last September and held in captivity for 15 days before he was released by military action. Linart a German citizen is an engineer with the Mercedes Benz Company.

The tribe was promised compensation for losses suffered during the Mechanized 25 Brigade's bombing, a maneuver engaged last year to hunt down the kidnappers.

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BY: MOHAMMED AL-QADHI YEMEN TIMES STAFF

The appointment of a spokesman comes after a controversy between foreign media correspondents and the government.

Journalists have been harassed and teased in various ways. They have been accused of being agents who work against their country. The government has been annoyed by their reports. Journalists have complained against shortage of information and the refusal of officials to speak to

Last Tuesday, the Yemeni government appointed Naser Taha Mustafa, Chief of Saba News Agency, the official spokesman of the government.

He is expected to give briefings and statements that reflect the government's positions towards local, regional and international events.

Mr. Mustafa is a well-known journalist who has worked for the press for over 20 years. He is an outstanding writer and political analyst as well as the chairman for the Rights and Liberties Department at the Yemeni Journalist Syndicate.

Sana'a University **English department** celebrates students graduation

English department at the college of education, Sana'a university celebrated on Saturday the graduation of a new batch of its students for the academic year 2001-2002.

At the beginning of the festivity the graduates marched with their university graduation robes in front of the audience that filled the ceremony hall at the university amidst applause and joy of colleagues and guests. The festivity was also attended by a large number of the department professors, families of the graduates.

Queen Elizabeth's Jubilee year celebrated

The Queen's Jubilee festival was inaugurated on Saturday in Aden at the presence of the British Ambassador to Yemen, Francis Guy with the return of Queen Victoria's statue to the city. The statue's return has been suggested by Abdo Shamakh of Shafa Construction.

Several British antiques are to be repaired in the governorate of Aden such as, Tawahi gardens and the Little Ben in Aden within the few coming months. "The Jubilee year in Aden will therefore be marked by these two small contributions to the recognition of our shared history," the British

ambassador said. Inaugurating such events will of course helps a lot to enhance relationships between Yemen and the UK.

The inauguration ceremony was attended by the deputy governor of Aden, the Aden Security Director, Mohammed Saleh and the Brigadier General, Mahdi Maqoola and a host of

Accusations fly between Islah and PGC Two weeks ago, Saeed Salem Mosa Mosa as he left the Bait al-Faqih Mosque," said a statement given by

resident of al-Hodeidah was reported to have been beaten and harassed by men sent by Shuaib al-Fasheq, a member of the People's General Congress, Yemen's ruling party.

Mosa is a member of Yemen's Congregation for Reform (Islah), the official opposition. Mosa was taken to al-Fasheq's house where his beard and mustache were torn out and shaved and his legs chained.

"PGC member of parliament Shuaib al-Fasheq sent 5 armed men to abduct Islah on May 27. Islah went on to say that al-Fasheq

has been harassing members of their party in an attempt to force them to abandon their political affiliation. A demand was made for the lifting of al-Fasheq's parliamentary immunity.

In response, the PGC has accused the Islah party of an attempt to take the life of General Anwar Ali Hussein, PGC member and chairman of the local council in al-Maadher.

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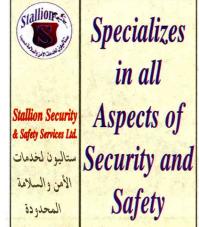
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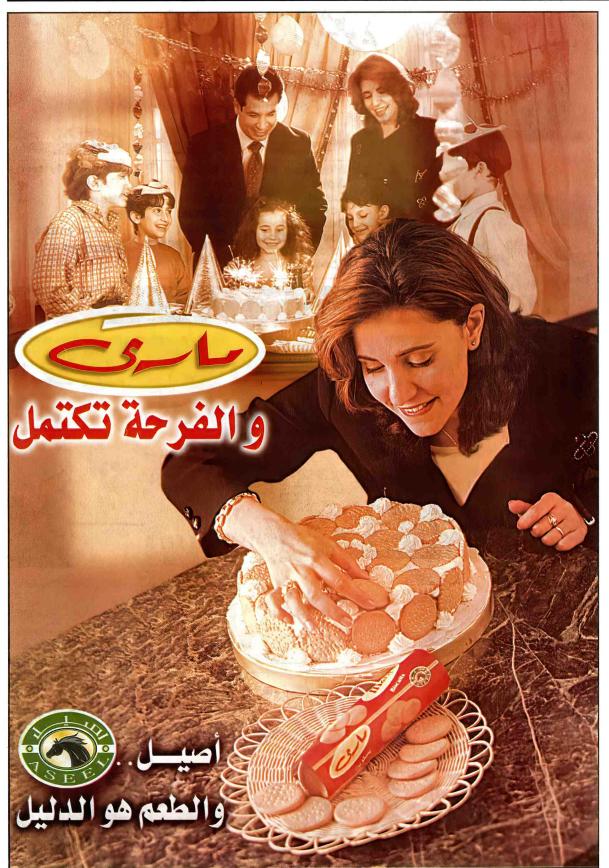
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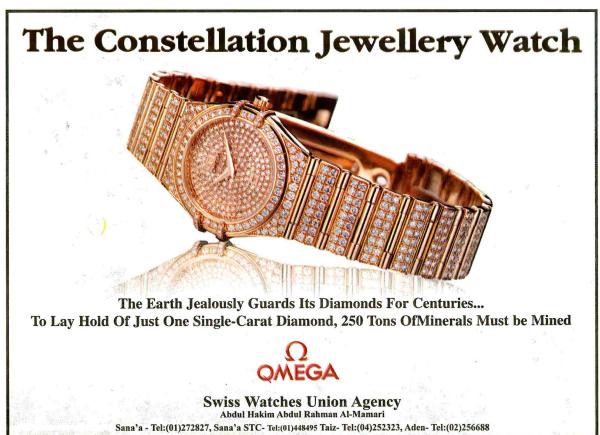
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Book Review on Marta Colburn's "The Dynamic of Development and Democratization in Yemen"

YEMEN TIMES STAFF

"The greatest challenge to Yemeni democracy lies in the lack of improvement in human and economic development."

This is how Ms. Marta Colburn concluded her study resembled in a book published in April 2002 and entitled 'The Dynamic of Development and Democratization in Yemen'.

Book's details

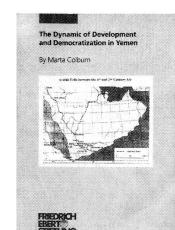
The four-chapter book analyses and presents the development and democratic experience of Yemen during different stages of history, but puts emphasis on the period following Yemen's unification in 1990.

The book is not only focusing on the two most essential factors for Yemen's future, namely development and democratization, but it also cleverly links them together by explaining the importance of continuing them in the same pace and at the same time. The book, published by Friedrich Ebert Stiftung and sponsored by the US Embassy, starts with an introduction that presents the definitions of democratization and development, and sheds light on the role of the donor community along with a brief description of women's participation. Ms. Marta proceeds in her second chapter by giving a historic background on Yemeni democratic traditions explaining the effects of Islam, tribalism, and other conservative traditions unique to Yemen.

The largest chapter of the book, chapter three, deals with democratization. It presents an analytical approach on how the different elements of the state, such as law enforcement, security, and judiciary have affected the democratization process of the country. The chapter presents an insight into the different electoral processes, political parties, and democratic experiences that Yemen has gone through during 1990-2000.

Interestingly enough, the book includes most development related issues such as human resources, economy, and order of law into this chapter, perhaps by considering development as a major prerequisite for any democratization. The author further confirms the main conclusion of the book saying that, "many (challenges facing democratization).. are intimately tied to issues of economic and human development."

The final chapter, "The dynamic of democratization and development", which is the same as the book's title, is the one that brings all the issues together and presents them in one frame. In this chapter, the author emphasizes the donor community's role in supporting Yemen's development and democratization by focusing on projects that relate to economic and human development including the fields of literacy, civil society, citizen participation, stability, women's participation, and poverty. However, Marta also signals the impor-



tance of never abandoning democracy in favor of development. According to her, they should both go along together, each one enforcing the other.

One conclusion, one answer

The book is then concluded with a remark from the Emerging Democracies Forum, held in June 30, 1999: "This group of nations with different traditions, cultures and historical experiences was brought together by a shared commitment to democracy and a believe that the promise of economic prosperity enjoyed by all citizens is more likely realized in a democratic political environment based on respect for human rights, popular participation and the rule

The book can be considered a great reference for all those foreigners,

researchers, and others interested in knowing about Yemen's recent history. In spite of the book's tendency to concentrate on democratization and development, it has also provided a reasonably complete background on social, cultural, traditional, and live-related aspects of Yemeni people. The value of the book will certainly be appreciated by readers when read in whole.

About the author

Marta Colburn, an American, has lived in Yemen periodically since 1948. From 1984 to 1989 she worked for a number of international development agencies, the last two and a half years as Deputy Country Representative for Oxfam UK. From 1998 to 2000 she served as Resident Director of the American Institute for Yemeni Studies and, since March 2000, has worked as an independent consultant on a variety of projects in Yemen. Ms Colburn's education is in Political Science and Middle Eastern Studies and for eight years she served as the Outreach Coordinator and Associate Director of the Middle East Studies Center at Portland State University. She has written on a range of topics related to Yemen including gender, democratization and pre-collegiate curriculum. Among her unique experiences in Yemen are marriage to a Yemeni, living with a Yemeni family for several years, and her 1999 kidnapping by tribesmen.

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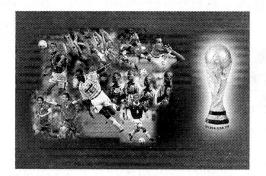




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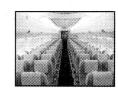
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Giving women a helping hand

FAHMIA AL-FOTIH YEMEN TIMES STAFF

n May 4th, The Family Forum held a workshop for non-governmental and national associations to direct those organizations to depend on themselves and increase their income so they're less reliant on the government. Fahmia Taha AL-Fotih of The Yemen Times spoke with the director of the family forum, Ms. Hayat Al-Qershi, to learn of the activities and services of the

YT: When was The Family Forum established?

Ms. Hayat: It was established 1999 and the year 2000 was a period of preparation and organization, but it really started its activities in January 2001.

YT: What kind of activities does the

Ms. Hayat: There are various activities here for women, for example we teach women to get rid of traditional sewing and learn modern and fashionable ones as well as fancywork and hairdressing. Women can also do sports while they put here children in the forum nursery. In addition, there is computer training and the Internet for women who cannot stay late in Internet cafés, as it is unacceptable by the society. We also help needy and poor families to learn new jobs and have their own income.

YT: How do you see Yemeni women respond to athlete training?

Ms. Hayat: Women in Yemen are deprived of many things and sport is one of these things. Most women are anxious about going to public places to practice such training, as they're afraid to be observed by a camera. But here it

is safe and secure and respect is given not only to the privacy of Yemeni women, but also to women in general. The problem is that Yemeni women consider sport as a luxury and I consider it one of life's necessities.

Here we do not aim to prepare women for the Olympics, but we let them get a flexible body and fitness. We have a Russian trainer. In addition, we have karate training in which women learn self-defense, as they're exposed to harassment these days.

YT: What are the obstacles that you have faced?

Ms. Hayat: Of course any project has difficulties in the beginning. Yemeni



Ms. Hayat Al-Qershi, director of the family forum

Ms. Hayat: I would like to thank the Canada Fund Development Program for local initiatives represented by Mr. Fouad Al-Gwahari, who has provided the forum with many facilities. In addi-



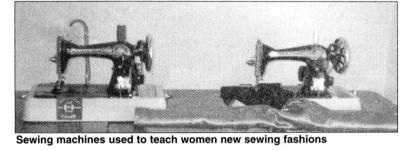
Nursery services offered to entertain children while mothers enjoy other

people want to see if you will fail or not. Actually the big problem is finances, such as how to pay the rent of the building and to pay employees' salary and so

YT: Whom would you like to

tion Hayl Saeed Group representative Mr. Mohammed Abdu Saeed has encouraged me with words and finances.

YT: Do you have any final words? Ms. Havat: Yes, I would like to address donors who care and are concerned about two things, namely education and health, as they are the main problems in Yemen. Lsay we have a big problem that is the true enemy, and that is poverty. Yemen is considered under the poverty line so if you are poor you will not get a good education, will not eat nutritious food or buy medicines. If you have enough money, you can educate yourself and be cured. So I say fight the these three diseases: literacy, illness



Decentralization

BY AMEEN ADOBA'EE YEMEN TIMES STAFF, TAIZ

Running hospitals in Yemen more efficiently was the topic of a seminar held recently at Al Thawra Hospital.

The seminar dealt with the question of how to decentralize Ibb Governorate's health care sector.

Dr. Jurgen Patzelt, hospital consultant said the seminar was geared to create discussion about issues that are relevant in hospital administration for

the next 10 years.

"We need management qualification, and we need to just do it," he said. "I am offering a diploma course for hospital management and Health Economy for one year, with 300 hours on theory. Together with the governor and with qualified instructors from lbb University in the economics department we will achieve our goals."

were reviewed by doctors, experts,

During the seminar, objectives

politicians and representatives of the



The attendance was divided into two groups during the panel-discussion: one being 'The Hope Group' and the second one 'Suffering Group,' a group representing the suffering from centralization and routine.

Helping hospital administrators make plans and get the most out of their staff was a prime goal of the day's events.

One issue to overcome is that up to now hospital administration has been controlled by the central government in Sana'a. One problem of this is that hospitals are either overstaffed or understaffed because the central government isn't aware of needs.

The seminar was held under the patronage of the Governor of Ibb, Ali Bin Ali Al-Qysy. It was supervised by CIM management advisor and hospital consultant Dr. Patzelt.



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- 4. Product catalogues containing technical manufacturing specifications of various product categories, as well as samples of all category types for test and analysis purposes.
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Mubarak, German FM discuss the mideast issue

CAIRO, June 1 (Xinhua) — German Foreign Minister Joschka Fischer stressed on Saturday that an Israeli withdrawal from the Palestinian lands is essential for peace with the Palestinians.

"The international community, including the United States, Egypt, the European Union and Russia, should play a more active role in peace-making efforts than ever before," Fischer told a press conference after meeting with Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak at Egypt's Red Sea resort of Sharm El Sheikh.

Fischer arrived in Egypt late Friday as part of his Mideast tour, which has taken him to Israel and the Palestinian self-rule areas.

The German foreign minister said that he discussed with Israeli officials all the aspects, including means to realize peace and security issues, Egypt's official MENA news agency reported.

On his part, Egyptian Foreign Minister Ahmed Maher told reporters that a clear objective is required for a proposed international conference on



President Mubarak meets German foreign minister Fischer Egypt's President Hosni Mubarak (R) shakes hands with German Foreign Minister Joschka Fischer in the Red Sea resort of Sharm el-Sheikh June 1, 2002. (Reuters)

the Mideast peace

"Egypt believes that it is imperative to have a clear objective, purpose and basis for the gathering," Maher said.

"Egypt and Germany share identical views on the matter," Maher

Weeks ago, the European Union, the United States, Russia and the UN proposed that a Mideast peace conference

be held this summer in an effort to revive the deadlocked Mideast peace process and seek a final settlement to the Mideast crisis. But the date and venue of the gathering have yet to be

During the talks, Mubarak and Fischer discussed the latest situation in the Palestinian lands, ways to restart serious peace negotiations and

Mubarak's upcoming visit to the United States, Maher said.

"The two countries agreed to work together with parties concerned to put an end to the tragic situation in the Palestinian lands and restart serious negotiations in search of a comprehensive settlement (to the Palestinian-Israeli conflict)," he added.

Fischer's Mideast trip has been part of fresh international efforts to defuse the Palestinian-Israeli tensions and prod the two sides to return to negotia-

On Thursday and Friday, U.S. Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern Affairs William Burns met with Arafat and Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon respectively as part of his Mideast mission, aimed at promoting Arab-Israeli peace and helping reform the Palestinian National Authority.

Moreover, European Union (EU) foreign policy chief Javier Solanatold Xinhua in Cairo on Thursday that the international community will not allow the wheels of the Mideast peace process to go through "empty round."

begun after attacks killed dozens of

At least 1,377 Palestinians and 486

Israelis have been killed since a

Palestinian uprising against Israeli mil-

itary occupation erupted in September

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Tulkarm on Friday evening and reim-

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2000 after peace talks stalled.

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Israeli army raids Bethlehem out of Palestinian towns to contain what it calls a resurge of suicide bomb threats since declaring an end on May 10 to a six-week West Bank offensive

defined.

BETHLEHEM, (Reuters) - Israeli forces raided a refugee camp near Bethlehem early on Saturday, the latest in a series of West Bank sweeps for Palestinian militants that have overshadowed a new flurry of peace diplomacy. Tanks and troop carriers encircled

Dheishah refugee camp after midnight while soldiers searched homes, leaving three hours later, Palestinian security sources and witnesses said. The army said it held one person for questioning.

Troops remained in and around the West Bank cities of Nablus and Tulkarm, which they entered on Friday, arresting more than 100 suspected mil-

Israeli military sources said the operation near Palestinian-ruled Bethlehem - which troops left on Thursday after occupying parts of it for three days was a "patrol," routinely undertaken after a bomb alert.

At least three recent suicide bombings emanated from the Dheishah camp, 10 km (six miles) south of



Israeli soldier directs a group of tanks at the Gilo checkpoint

Jerusalem.

Palestinian President Yasser Arafat said Israel's latest West Bank moves were aimed at "bringing our people to

their knees." "It's as if they are saying to the world that we do not want to reach any agreement," he told reporters in Ramallah, where the army besieged him in his West Bank headquarters in

Israeli army spokesman Brigadier Ron Kitrey told Army Radio troops were trying to pre-empt suicide bomber runs into Israel.

"It is very difficult to capture (them) at the entrance to (Israeli) cities, buses and restaurants and easier to try to catch them at their point of departure,"

Fresh Diplomacy

The latest military action in Dheishah, Nablus and its Balata refugee camp, where troops shot and wounded one Palestinian, and Tulkarm coincided with fresh diplomacy to try to defuse more than 20 months of vio-William Burns, U.S. assistant secre-

tary of state for Near Eastern affairs, had talks on Friday with Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon, a day after meeting Arafat in the West Bank. "The prime minister re-emphasized

Israel's position that progress in the (peace) process is conditional on the cessation of terror and incitement and on comprehensive reforms in the Palestinian Authority," Sharon's office said in a statement.

But in a development highlighting the difficulties Arafat faces in making reforms, two Palestinian Islamic militant groups opposed to Israel's existence said on Friday they had been offered seats in a reformed cabinet by him - but would decline.

Hamas and Islamic Jihad leaders in the Gaza Strip told Reuters they already ruled out in principle any role in a cabinet committed to negotiated peace with Israel.

Envoy from Mubarak

Osama el-Baz, an envoy sent by Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak. also met Sharon before planned talks in the United States next week between Mubarak and President Bush.

European Union foreign policy chief Javier Solana also flew into Tel Aviv on Friday for weekend talks.

U.S. officials now say an international conference to revive peacemaking is likely later in the year, rather than the summer, because there is so much groundwork to lay.

Israel has repeatedly charged in and

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A Palestinian woman inspects her house damaged by Israeli tanks in the Balata refugees camp near the West Bank city of Nablus,

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Iran confirms Khatami plans landmark UAE trip

TEHRAN, (Reuters) - Iran confirmed on Tuesday that President Mohammad Khatami plans a landmark visit to the United Arab Emirates, which has a territorial dispute with its non-Arab neighbour over several strategic Gulf islands.

"Mr Khatami has accepted an invitation to travel to the UAE," foreign ministry spokesman Hamid Reza Asefi told Reuters.

Nigeria's

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He did not give a date for Khatami's visit, which would be the first by an Iranian president to the Arab state across the Gulf since the 1979 Islamic revolution.

"The date is not decided yet. It needs to be worked out," Asefi said.

Khatami's decision to accept the invitation follows what UAE officials said on Tuesday was a "highly successful" trip to Iran by UAE Minister

LAGOS, (Xinhua) — Nigeria's

Federal High Court has ordered the

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(INEC) should stop taking any steps

media reported on Saturday.

of State for Foreign Affairs Sheikh Hamdan bin Zaid al-Nahayan this

Neither country has said if they discussed the territorial dispute during Sheikh Hamdan's visit, but both described the trip as positive.

"We have agreed to calm matters. President Khatami has warmly accepted the invitation which is very positive," a senior UAE official told

Reuters in Dubai

citizen of Nigeria.

Relations have been tense in the past two decades over sovereignty of the strategic Gulf islands of Abu Musa and the Greater and Lesser Tunbs, which are held by Iran but also claimed by the UAE.

Ties have somewhat improved since the 1997 election of reformist Khatami, but the row has hindered further improvement.

registered as political parties and have rejected the INEC new guide-

The INEC new guidelines forbid associations seeking registration from having the same name or acronym as the three existing political parties, namely the ruling People's Democratic Party, All Peoples Party and Alliance for Democracy.

The other provisions of the guidelines that have drawn the anger of the 27 associations include the prohibition that associations must not have any ethnic, religious, professional or other sectional connotation.

Other aspects of the guidelines the

associations reject include the requirement that the bodies must offer the INEC document showing that its membership is open to every

As the nation approaches the year of the general elections 2003, hotly disputed constitutional issues and widespread fear of electoral violence have been raised.

Although the 27 political associations sued the INEC to challenge the new electoral guidelines in court, 18 out of 33 political groups have forwarded applications to the country's electoral agency for registration as political parties as necessary step to contest 2003 elections.

Man sentenced to life, for killing a Canadian in Kuwait

KUWAIT, (Reuters) - A Kuwaiti prison on Tuesday for killing a Canadian aircraft technician, whose murder was first blamed on an Islamic

Teddy Tomaro was found guilty of gunning down Canadian Luc Ethier, who worked with U.S. forces in Kuwait, in a market place last October.

Ethier's wife Mary-Jane Bitos was acquitted of murder but sentenced to three years for giving false testimony.

The Canadian was shot dead days after the United States launched its military operations to retaliate against the September 11 attacks on landmarks in New York and Washington.

Bitos, who was wounded in her husband's shooting, had earlier identified a Kuwaiti Islamist as the killer, triggering a security scare for Westerners throughout the region.

The murder prompted most Western embassies in Kuwait and the surrounding region to send out warnings to their citizens.

But Kuwait later arrested Tomaro, a building maintenance technician, Bitos and four other Filipinos.

Tomaro had apparently confessed to court sentenced a Filipino to life in killing Ethier as part of a conspiracy by the defendants to collect life insurance money, lawyers and diplomats

> But the court accepted Ethier's wife was not involved in the murder.

Ethier, who worked for U.S-based DynCorp, had a Canadian life insurance policy to be paid out to his mother and a local insurance policy to be paid to his former girlfriend, defence lawyers told the court.

Defence lawyers and the Philippines Embassy said they would appeal the convictions. "We will appeal the case 100 percent," Nasser Alawi Macarimban, an embassy attache in Kuwait, added.

The four other defendants were cleared of conspiracy to murder. But one of them, Noraisa Talib Esick, accused of having an extramarital affair with Tomaro, was sentenced to two years for adultery and another three for failing to report the crime.

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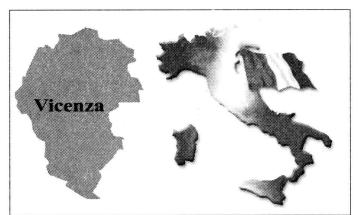
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Kenyan leader calls for East African federation

Xinhua, Kenyan President Daniel arap Moi said here Friday that it is imperative that the status of the East African Community be raised towards the realization of an East African

The president made the remarks when receiving 27 members of the East African Assembly led by the speaker Abdulrahaman Kinana.

Moi told the members of parliament that the people of East Africa should shed of the hesitancy that has been a draw back to the realization of the federation, adding that the onus of building the continent lay with the Africans themselves. He also appealed to foreigners to invest in Africa in general and east Africa in particular.

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Violence as West warns South Asia against war

DELHI/ISLAMABAD (Reuters) - Indian police said a grenade attack killed one person and injured 15 in Kashmir, a potential flashpoint between nuclear-armed India and Pakistan, as Western nations stepped up warnings about the risk of war.

The attack late on Friday in Srinagar, summer capital of disputed Kashmir, was the work of militants fighting Indian rule, police said on Saturday.

New Delhi accuses Pakistan of infiltrating militants across the border into Indian Kashmir, and there are fears that if violent attacks continue India will respond with military action that could spiral into all-out conflict.

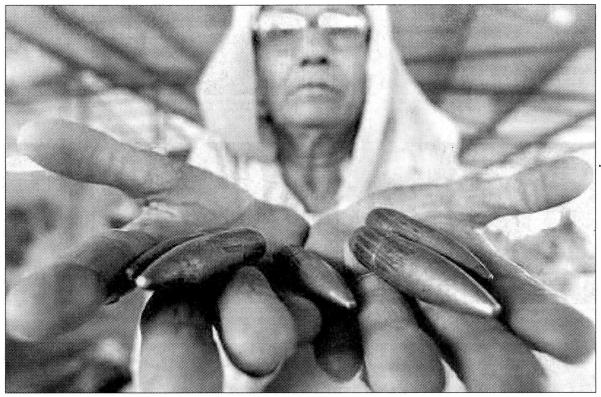
The United States, Britain and other Western nations on Friday urged tens of thousands of their citizens to leave India and offered their diplomats passage home — part of what appeared to be a concerted effort to impress on India and Pakistan the perils of a war that could lead to nuclear catastrophe.

In a rare joint statement, foreign ministers of the Group of Eight said in Ottawa they were "gravely concerned about the risks inherent in the current crisis between India and Pakistan, which could destabilize the region and

"We call on Pakistan, in accordance with its commitments, to take concrete actions immediately to end infiltrations across the Line of Control (dividing Kashmir), and to stop terrorist groups operating from territory under its control," the statement said.

A police spokesman in Srinagar said militants threw a grenade at a Border Security Force patrol vehicle.

"The grenade missed its target and exploded on the road injuring 16 people including three BSF personnel." He



Dhanni Devi, an Indian refugee from Garkhaal village displays bullets that hit her village in the last few days, believed to be from cross border firing by Pakistani troops, at a relief camp some 15 miles from Jammu, May 31, 2002.

said one of the wounded civilians died in hospital. No militant group has claimed responsibility.

There are fears that a big attack by militants in Indian Kashmir could be a trigger for war between India and Pakistan, who have around one million troops massed along their border.

An Indian defense official said Indian and Pakistani troops exchanged fresh artillery and mortar fire across their frontier in Kashmir on Saturday.

Troops exchanged heavy mortar fire in the Kerni sector in Poonch district in

the disputed Himalayan region. They also exchanged sporadic mortar and heavy machinegun fire in Rajouri and Naushera districts, the official said.

Secretary of State Colin Powell told the BBC in an interview there were indications Pakistan was trying to stop militants crossing the disputed border. "Instructions have been given to

cease this kind of activity, but it is too early to say that it has stopped. If it does stop it must also stop permanently," he said

Powell, who has been speaking to

Pakistani President Pervez Musharraf and the Indian leadership almost every other day, also invoked the threat of nuclear war.

"Now, I think both sides recognize that the most horrific thing that could happen in the year 2002 is, for the second time in history, a nuclear exchange to take place," he said.

"The whole world would condemn whoever does that, and I think that is a sobering reality that both understand. Nevertheless, they are nuclear-armed, and we don't want to go down this road

they will or they won't," he said.

All-out nuclear war between India and Pakistan could kill as many as 12 million people and injure as many as 6 million, a Pentagon official said on Friday, citing a classified report.

The United States, Britain and other Western nations have already reduced

to test any propositions as to whether diplomatic staffing in Pakistan and urged expatriates to leave the country, where there has been a rash of attacks and threats against Westerners by Islamic militants.

> The United Nations is to evacuate staff dependents from Pakistan because of the tension, a U.N. source in Islamabad.

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U.S. says three Afghans killed by friendly fire

BAGRAM AIR BASE, Afghanistan (Reuters) - U.S. special forces mistook a group of Afghan allies for al Qaeda fighters and opened fire, killing three of them, in the latest friendly-fire mishap of the Afghan war.

where U.S. and British troops are hunting for remnants of the Taliban and al Qaeda fighters.

U.S. army spokesman Colonel Roger King said late on Friday U.S. special forces accompanied by Afghan military officials were not aware of the presence of Afghan allies in a compound where al Qaeda and Taliban leaders were believed to be meeting.

"Initial review efforts have revealed that the men in the compound were part of another Afghan element from another district in Afghanistan...allied The shooting took place on Friday with the interim authority, at least in the region in the east of the country that's what they purport to be," King

> Two Afghans wounded in the shooting in Khomar Kalay village near the city of Gardez, capital of Paktia province, were being treated at an allied hospital, he said.

King said there was a report that one of the men in the armed group had shouted they were there to kill al Qaeda, which apparently had been ignored.

He said an investigation of the shooting was underway and steps would be taken to prevent such incidents happening again.

"The review of this action continues and efforts will be made to place coordination measures to prevent similar occurrences in the future," he said.

U.S. authorities had said their forces opened fire on a group of armed men because they approached the U.S. troops in a hostile fashion.

King later said a 100-strong special forces team had taken up position around a compound after intelligence reports came in that al Oaeda and Taliban leaders planned to meet there.

"As the U.S. and Afghan military forces neared the compound, they observed several armed men in the compound moving into fighting positions. They were armed with AK-47s," he said, adding that the special forces did not open fire at that stage.

A few minutes later, a special forces' element saw 10 to 12 additional armed men moving toward them in what appeared to be a flanking maneuver, he said.

One of the men pointed a rocketpropelled grenade at the U.S. forces, which was seen as a hostile act.

"The element commander perceived hostile intent and an imminent threat to his element and ordered his unit to open fire. The ensuing firefight which last a few moments resulted in the death of three men, wounding two," King said.

Seventeen other people in the compound laid down their weapons.

There has been a string of complaints from Afghans that U.S. forces have mistakenly hit the wrong targets, killing scores of people, in both air and ground attacks.

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Taj Sheba Hotel Honors its Best Employees

s part of the Labor Day celebrations, Management of Taj Sheba Hotel decided to honor the Best Employee for the Year and several other rewards to the employees. The function got underway with an inaugural address in Arabic by Mr. Rohit Khosla, General Manager for the hotel In the address he mentioned that the Best Employee Award was a difficult choice to make, and assured all that the final contestants were best in there own respective jobs and should continue with their good work. The General Manager of Labor Office for the Sana'a Governate Mr. Abdullah Al-Hashimi addressed all the employees on the importance of such functions. The choice for the Best Employee was a difficult one to make as there were ten contestants nominated for the award with equal hard work and dedication shown in their respective work areas. However, after countless hours of debate the Management arrived at the decision to honor Mr. Abdullah Saeed Osman from the Kitchen with this award, Mr. Abdul Fatah M. Abdulatif of Front Office and Mr. Anwar A. Hameed Noman of Maintenance shared the second best employee. Mr. Mohammed A. Al-hashimi of Health Club and Mr. Raed Abdulmoaen Ali Ahmed shared

third best Employee, while Mr Ahmed Ali adjudicated Nasser employee with the Best Attitude. All the awards carried a cash prize besides certificates. Mr. Abdullah was jubilant on being nominated the Best Employee and fell short of words to express his feelings.

The surprise of the day was the announcement made by Mr. Khosla, to send six employees of the Taj Sheba for better Exposure and Learning to The Tai Group of Hotels, in India, which is the countries premier hotel chain. The employees will spend a month in India with all expenses paid by Taj Sheba. These employees will undergo extensive training in their respective areas at Premier Hotels of the Tai Group under guidance of qualified professionals.

The names of employees selected for this training program are:

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Mr. Abdullah Saeed Osman -Kitchen Mr. Tareeq Saeed Mohd. - House

Keeping Mr. Basher Mohd. Saed -

Maintenance

Mr. Mohd. Ahmed Al Hashimi -Health Club

The function concluded with a speech by Mr. Bobby Nayak, Manager Human Resources for the hotel. A special lunch comprising of Continental & Arabic cuisines was prepared for all the employees of the Hotel and certificates for Best Attendance and long service awards for completing 20 years, 10 years and Mr. Raed Abdulmoaen Ali Ahme 5 years respectively were distributed.



From L to R: Mr. Rohit Knosca, General Manager; Mr. Abdullah Al-Hashimi, General Manager - Labor Office; Mr. Bobby Nayak, Manager - Human Resources



Mr. Khosla, General Manager announcing the names of employees to be sent to India for training







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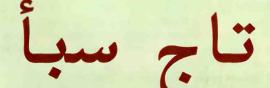


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Business

Boycotting: ho does it harm?

MAHYUOB AL-KAMALI YEMEN TIMES STAFF

he call for boycotting Israeli-US products flowing to the Yemeni markets has resulted in stark differences between Yemeni traders as well as consumers over the kind of products that should be boycotted.

The issue of national products that operate under a foreign parent company is still the crux of the problem.

Local consumers have been negatively influenced by the call for the boycott of Israeli-US products to the extent that people started boycotting national brands under the pretext that it deals with US-originated raw mate-

The religious community as well as dominate the local market and monop-

other groups advocating boycott calls have helped streamline this trend. Yet, many local manufacturers are complaining from the wrong use of the boycotting weapon by some rival traders with a view to win the ongoing competition in the local market.

Traders say the objectives of the boycott have gone astray, especially with the existence of some local companies that deal with, for instance, Saudi or Egyptian companies that operate under Western licenses and enjoy relations with Israel. Nevertheless, these local companies in fact have no relations with Tel Aviv and appear to be paying the cost for this campaign.

Those traders accuse some local manufacturers producing the same products, they deal in, of being keen to

olize them. This, according to those cannot boycott it; Yemen importers manufacturers, will affect the future of buy high quality US-made cosmetics, the national industry.

Local consumers find themselves in a bad situation with regard to the issue still in question as to how extent boycotting is a wise move.

Traders, on their part, say that boycotting US-Israeli products is still weak and unyielding for many reasons including the following: Yemen still consumes US-originated wheat and it tures.

electronics, etc, with cheap prices and they can't substitute that from European markets; local manufacturers say that they can't find substitutes for the US products from other sources because they have long term contracts with these companies. A move to cancel these contracts will incur heavy losses on local manufacmost Arab countries, the boycotting issue is still a controversial one. Thus, traders say that the government is supposed to initiate the adoption of a boycotting policy at the state level.

Moreover, local traders and manufacturers point out that boycotting national products that deal with US companies supporting Israel through a third party is more a harm to local, not foreign companies.



2nd Conference for Gas & Oil to be held

BY YEMEN TIMES STAFF

oosting investment and oil production is the aim of the 2nd Conference for Gas and Oil in Yemen, to be held June 25 in Yemen

A number of papers on oil discovery and production are to be discussed during the conference which is being organized by the Ministry of Oil and Minerals in collaboration with the ABC Gulf Conference.

The conference also deals with investment opportunities in different oil sectors in Yemen,

More than 30 open oil sectors are expected to be offered to investors during the conference.

Yemen previously organized the 1st Conference for Oil and Gas in 1998

and came out with positive results, including the increase of oil companies working in the oil sectors: 24 oil companies working 37 oil sectors. Of those, seven are productive oil sectors

and 30 are exploratory oil sectors. Different oil companies will participate in the conference, such as, Total, Hunt, and the Yemeni Oil companies.

A liquefied gas plant is to be established by those companies, with capacity will reaching of 5.3 million tons. The overall cost of the project is US \$5 million.

Oil agreements with India, China, and Japan have been made by the government to market its gas to such coun-

The government also intends to market gas in the local markets despite the reduction of prices.

New chairman appointed to the General Corp. AFZ

BY YEMEN TIMES STAFF

Mohammed Loqman was appointed Chairman of the Board the General Corporation. appointment is part of an agenda to revitalize investment, development, air shipment and international trade in the

Aden Free Zone. The development of 74 hectares has been completed by the Aden Free Zone. A road system, water mains, telephone lines and electricity have been implemented by the General Corp. All this has been accomplished

through the use of state-of-the-art engineering designs.

The government has been making efforts to regain the business community's confidence to invest in the Aden Free Zone. The Aden harbor was greatly affected by the USS Cole bombing incident in 2000. After the appointment of Loqman the government announced it intends to take a serious initiative, with a view to transform Aden City to an active commercial and industrial harbor.

Loqman has occupied several positions such as, Minister of General Works and Ambassador to Egypt.









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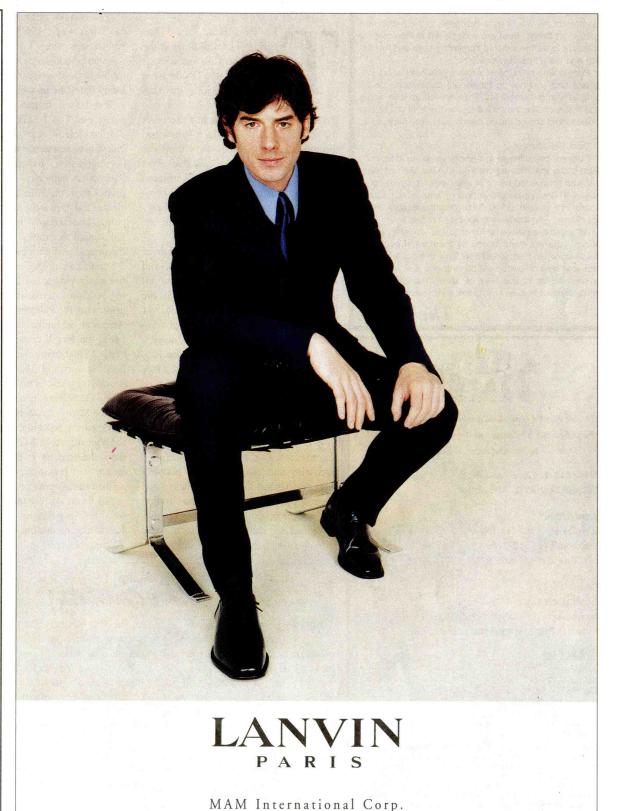
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Words of Wisdom



Many countries hold elections. Even when these are not rigged, they tend to cement the old patron-clientele relations in a new grab. The reason is that the people in power use their connections (and state funds, media, bureaucracy, etc.) to achieve the election results they want. The result is that they creestats they want. The Essats is that they cite
ate docile parliaments. Elections thus end up
enabling those in power to hold on to it.

Prof. Abdulaziz Al-Saqqaf,
(1951-1999)

Founder of Yemen Times



OUR OPINION

Response to USA's Human Rights Report on Yemen needs to have:

Enough words, more action!

he Yemeni Presidential Office has unveiled the official and formal response to the American Foreign Secretary's report for 2001 on Yemen. The response is a right that Yemen has practiced.

Nevertheless, taking advantage of the democratic margin that we enjoy in the press, I allow myself to criticize this response. Even though we have the right to respond to the US report, I feel that the response was not the most suitable one.

Instead of finding justifications, reasons, factors, and excuses, one should be strong and courageous enough to face the problems with action first. Then words can follow. What I have seen is little action, but a lot of talk

The American report may have included false information that could be considered unjust by the Yemen government. But looking back into the report, we could see that it only serves to point out to what is committed against Yemeni people. Regardless of who wrote the report, and why it was written, we cannot deny that it includes many facts and cases of truly cruel inhumane conditions that should be changed.

We may not agree with all of the report, but why not work together with the Americans to find a way? We can cooperate with the ones who investigated those cases and wrote the report and see how accurate they were We can pay field visits to prisons, villages, and regions where the cases were reported. Once we are there, as American and Yemeni representatives we can identify how precise the report was, and at the same time pro vide solutions to whatever problem there may be at that particular site. Once the American side sees the facts for itself, it could write a correction, or even a future amendment to its report, and that would serve us better.

What I want to say is that we should always have action proceeding words. It is much better for our credibility and respect in the world to show that we care about what is written on human rights in Yemen, and we are acting positively.

There may be -as always - some people who may try to interpret my words as a challenge to the president's opinion on things. But I am sure he will realize that my objective is for the sake of Yemen's image and reputation and not a baseless criticism.

People who have been subject to human rights violations and continue to be so will certainly be disappointed with the response. They are fed up with words and justifications, they want to see the light at the end of the tunnel and be saved from the injustice they are in.

Dear President.

I am not objecting to the response as an idea, but want to say that the response could have been stronger if it was proceeded by or at least enforced with some action. There are people in prison, who expect action There are people going through unbelievably harsh conditions, who are waiting for their rescue.

As a great achiever for Yemen, you are seen as the person who will stand strong by the right of people to ve decently in justice and harmony. We have hope in that your next response will be stronger, and will be full of solid action for the sake of saving Yemen's human rights conditions from any further deterioration.

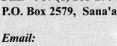
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The absence of a democratic awareness



SAADI SALAMA PALESTINIAN DIPLOMAT IN SANA'A

emocratic rules ought to be respected and not violated especially by those who proclaim to be protectors of democracy. Though, when it concerns the Palestinian problems, then every thing is possible even violating this democracy and boldly · violating the rights of man and nation.

It seems that the US administration and the British Government do not understand or sense the depth of the Palestinian issue. Furthermore, the impression received from them is that their concept and evaluation of the Palestinian issue are controlled and doomed by the Israeli con-

We do not recall the British Prime Minister describing what has happened in Jenin Refugee Camp, Nablus and other Palestinian places as being massacres or war crimes. The British Prime Minister did not even dare to condemn the Israelis and their Prime Minister or even criticize them. He did not even refer to the on going expansions of the illegal Israeli settlements daily provoking the Palestinians; he did not mention the Palestinian land being confiscated or the Palestinian infrastructure being continuously destroyed by the Israeli occupation

Disastrous declarations

The American and British governments declared that President Yasser Arafat and the Palestinian authority. failed to fulfill their anticipations and failed to exert more efforts to meet up with the Israeli demands. The Palestinians even did not accept the Israeli generous offers presented by the former Prime Minister Barak in Camp David July 2000. Such declarations represent political naiveté, are they not? The issue in not how much the Palestinians accepted or refused suggestions, the issue is the quality of the base established for the final settlement. A solid base with solid references that will enable the final settlement to endure.

This is not the place neither the timing to discuss Barak's "generous offers"! All we need to mention is that these offers are aimed to isolate the Palestinian. One from the other, leaving the Palestinians scattered in cities, towns, villages and refugee camps, where moving requires passing through Israeli controlled areas.

Dilemma

The Palestinian people are not only under a brutal and savage occupation, but also their remaining homeland is being raped and stolen on daily basis. They are confronting regional and International changes and they have to deal with the current situation with a mature realistic

They have elevated and accepted the historical reconciliation with a firm and steady spirit. The reply by the Israelis with extreme aggression summarized not only by Sharon being the head of the government of Israel, but also the recent governing Likud party's decision of refusing the establishment of the Palestinian state even in the remaining lands.

Not President Yasser Arafat nor the Palestinians have disappointed anyone, on the contrary the others have disappointed them all the way through. The resistance of the Palestinian people became "terror!!", while the practices of Sharon's Government in the occupied Palestinian lands, are considered self defense!!. Frankly, this is not only frustrating but also invokes suicidal strikes, because this is what exactly happens when death becomes equal to death.

The Palestinian will not submit to anyone whose insinuations, expressions, warnings, and conditions, that try to divert them from their ambitions and believes or our national sacred goals. We shall do what we have to do according to the demands of our interests. As our nation's creativity develops we need to deepen our sense of freedom and democracy on which to build a new and modern society with institutions that are worthy of the Palestinians.

Is Sharon a peace dove?

No one could be convinced that Sharon is a peace dove; trying to sell such an image is simply an insult to the intelligence, the ethics and the morals of this world. This is similar to those who pretend to be the defenders of democracy, yet they do not see that the occupation must be ended and erased. All they see is that resisting occupation is terror.

COMMON SENSE

Hassan Al-Haifi

Is it us or them?

ll I really want to know is, when are they going to leave us alone?" asked Mamdouh.

Faris was somewhat puzzled by the question, "Who are

"They, are the enemies of this proud nation of ours – the Arab Nation - the Moslem Nation. They are the Zionists, the Masons, the West, the former Commies and now even the Hindus are after us" Mamdouh thought he got it pretty much straightened out for his friend.

"First of all", Faris wanted to narrow down the issues. 'You can't place yourself all over the globe and just consider yourself as a bona fide member of every oppressed society on this side of the Atlantic. Second of all, from an Arab perspective, I would think that really, we are partially responsible for our demise. We simply are incapable of managing our affairs. We are lacking in initiative, intellect and political will. Therefore, we submit our will to what we perceive is forces that we are unable to challenge. This is true domestically and in our international relations. I cannot say that we truly have the making of an 'Arab Nation', let alone an 'Islamic Nation'. I might even say, that the elements of such affiliation were more apparent, when most of our fraternal Arab and Moslem states were under the yoke of colonialism than we have now!"

"You mean, to say that there is no hope of a renaissance for the great glory of the Arab or Moslem Nation?" asked Mamdouh

"Of course not, at least for now. It is probably easier to get a visa to Israel than to get a visa to many of the Arab States. It is easier to find work in Alaska, than to go work in some of the oil rich states, who would prefer to import their laborers from non-Arab and even non-Moslem countries than to take their less fortunate Arab brothers or fellow Moslems. There are just to many realities that do not lend credence to the supposition that we are homogeneous in any way" Faris was showing Mamdouh that the Arab World and the Moslem World are fragmented beyond

Mamdouh saw this as a temporary political situation: "I bet you ten to one that if it was up to the common citizen, in any Arab or Moslem country, we would have no borders between any of these countries, there would be free transfer of capital and the other inputs of production between the different Arab or Moslem countries. Our state is the product of many years of colonialism, etc."

Faris had another view: "But, how long has it been since

the colonialists have left? We have done nothing to come closer together as a nation. On the contrary, our own brothers in charge of the Moslem and Arab countries have brought us further apart than the old traditional regimes. Let me give you a case in point. When the Zionists in Palestine started to drive out the Palestinians from their homes, every independent Arab country at the time, which were mostly ruled by reactionary kings, sent whatever they had in terms of forces, arms etc. to defend the unarmed Palestinians, because of the affinity that drove hem to this, notwithstanding the fact that the enemy was already then better armed and equipped. Nevertheless the affinity was a clear indication that even those reactionary kings reacted positively to the threat looming in Palestine. But look at what is happening now? Israel is having a free hand to do whatever it likes in the Holy Land, and our gung ho progressive leaders, with all the armaments they have amassed and the nationalistic rhetoric they have bombarded us with all these years, prefer to look on as spectators, insisting that the only path to take is the path to peace. What kind of peace can we ever have with an enemy, who insists on his own brand of demagogic chauvinism and has contempt for all the Arabs, even those who call for peace? Moreover, our leaders are more concerned with the wishes of the international community than the wishes of their own constituencies or subjects. How can you expect to see any good omens anywhere in the Arab or Islamic world? Even our own religious values are being distorted by mysterious new advocates, who have turned the entire Moslem world to likely candidates for even harder times to come!"

Letters to the Editor

Crossroads in Palestine

By NAWAL ZAID

he Palestinian cause has been the central issue in the Arab World for decades. It started with the UN decision in 1948 of dividing the Arab land of Palestine into two entities, one the Arab state of Palestine and the other the Zionist entity, Israel. It continued through the Arab-Israeli wars until the recent brutal aggression and massacres perpetrated by the Israel government headed by a man many believe is a notorious terrorist, Ariel Sharon, who represents the worst of governments in the bloody history of Israel.

Nowadays the Palestinian issue is at crossroads and facing Zionist and American scheming to undermine all agreements and resolutions since the Oslo agreements. After the September 11 events in the U.S., the Sharon government seized the opportunity to wage a barbaric war against the Palestinian people and their militant groups of resistance under a falsely-fabricated pretext of fighting terror.

Sharon's Israel has used the US campaign against so-called terror as a pretext to put into practice its expansionist schemes at the expense of the Palestinian territories and the Palestinian people's right to establish their independent state. Backed by the American administration of George W. Bush, the Zionist entity embarked two months ago on its massive military campaign against the Palestinian

cities and towns in the West Bank. It's an unprecedented military invasion since the war of 1967. Hundreds of Palestinians were killed by tanks and warplanes, and some were buried under rubble of destroyed houses and buildings. Many Palestinians were taken prisoner.

The Israeli brutal offensive is still going on. The US is still backing the Zionist plans for neutralizing the Palestinian resistance movement. Now it is increasing its pressure on the Palestinian authority. All US plans and proposals to the Palestinian authority are channeled towards using Palestinian police and security forces to fight the Palestinian resistance movement under the pretext of fighting terrorism.

Israel and the American administrations are trying to use the pretext of fighting so-called terrorism as a means of destroying the Palestinian resistance. The American administration refuses to condemn the Israeli crimes of killing innocent Palestinians, demolishing their houses, burying them under rubble, destroying their farms and destroying all of the Palestinian infrastructure. Both the United States of America and Israel have reversed the equation by suggesting that the Palestinian self-defense is terror. At the same time, they've been giving legitimacy to massacres and aggression against defenseless people.

All forms of resistance would always be the legitimate choice of the Palestinian people until they get rid of the Zionist occupation and until the UN

Security Council resoultions are implemented. The US and Israel want to impose "peace" according to their own interpretation which means keeping occupation of Palestinian territories, and maintaining and increasing the number of Zionist settlements inside the Palestinian authority.

This plan puts an end to all international community and UN resolutions on Palestine and the Palestinian independent state. It would also give the Zionist entity and the US the opportunity to go ahead with their schemes against the entire Arab region, and reshape the entire situation in the way that serves the Zionist entity's plans of expansion in the region and America's illegitimate interests in the Arab world and the Middle East. Ending the Palestinian cause according to the Zionist and American plots would give them breathing space to continue implementing their plans in phases.

America and the Zionist entity are mistaken if they think that it will be an easy task, because the Arab and Muslim peoples will not sit on their hands. Rather they will continue their struggle and resistance to achieve their legitimate

America on its part should exert all efforts to befriend the Arab and Muslim peoples through pursuing just and unbiased policies recognizing their legitimate rights. Only then it will see stability, peace and security in the region, that is, if it wants to achieve such goals and not carry out colonialist plans.

Letters to the Editor

Boycott US good(s)?

I agree that boycotting American products hurt Arab middlemen the most. At least it will if it is not coordinated. The US economy will not be affected, because the percentage of the profits made from the Arab world is futile.

Even these lines are written on Windows operated PC, dressed in jeans while listening to Jazz. But the fact that we use American products does not change the fact that internally we are not Americans. Nor does the spread of American culture, or the lack of it if you like, mean we

are becoming Americans. We have our own culture, our own resources and our own minds

Not buying American goods is meant to send a signal, not to hurt the American economy. If the Arab world really wants to do that there are better ways. Raising oil prices by decreasing the production of crude oil will do the trick. Signals like that will not get by unnoticed and will seriously weaken the position of Mr Bush and change his foreign poli-

As a European I find it great to see that people in Arab countries are willing to take action even if it hurts themselves more than the intended goal. The only thing that makes me wonder is why their governments do not openly take action and chose sides. Openly stating "we will not tolerate the way you handle the Palestine matter or the so called War against Terrorism" and back that up with appropriate and proportionate actions is the way to go.

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Responding to Gary Vey Regarding Gary Vey's letter about

the American Way, a few facts would be helpful. First, millions of Asians did not die in the Vietnam War, the number instead is in the hundreds of thousands, although millions did die in Cambodia at the hands of the Communist Khmer Rouge after the U.S. pulled out in 1973. Second, half a million Americans did not die in the war. The true number is closer to 50,000 Pyns Bosker as everyone of their names is inscribed on the "Wall" in Washington DC.

> In the second part of his letter Mr. Vey states that President Bush needs

the Jewish vote (who make up 2% of the population) to get re-elected. Considering he won only 19% in his first campaign and no modern Republican has won more than 25% one can rest assured that electoral considerations are not a factor in his decision making process. Finally, public opinion is not drift-

ing toward the Palestinians, just the opposite. This is evidenced by the recent pro-Israeli resolutions passed by both Houses of Congress, in the Senate by a vote of 96 to 2.

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Israel clamors for Iraqi war

By RICHARD H. CURTISS SPECIAL TO ARAB NEWS

his is a story about oil and the Israel lobby. At present, the amount of oil in the Middle East seems virtually unlimited. Only one country, Bahrain, has for all practical purposes used up its oil. Fortunately, Bahrain realized well in advance that it would run out of petroleum resources, so that small country began making allowances years ago. Today Bahrain is a major service center specializing in banking, and just about everything else except petroleum.

There may be other Middle Eastern countries that eventually will run out of oil. So far only Bahrain has had to make the jump from oil to other services. All the other major petroleum producers have oil coming out of their

The Israeli position

This includes, in addition to the large oil-producing countries like Saudi Arabia, Iraq and Iran, medium-sized producers like the United Arab Emirates, Qatar and Kuwait. Even marginal oil producers like Oman, Syria and Egypt's Sinai Peninsula are at least self-sufficient in petroleum.

There is one major exception in the Middle East, however and that is Israel. Whatever else it may have, the Jewish state has not yet been able to discover oil. Once Israel hoped to seize, by conquest, the Sinai Peninsula. However, Egypt soon set out to reconquer Sinai, and for a time Israel itself was endangered.

Kissinger intervened in the 1973 war. furnishing Israel an almost unlimited supply of US tanks and aircraft. This war showed Israel that it could not overextend its limited resources.

Nevertheless, the Israelis still have big ambitions. They want to keep parts of Lebanon and Syria and push the non-Jewish occupants of the West Bank into Jordan. Sooner or later, the United States will realize that Israel's interests are not America's interests.

This is a major reason why Israel is hoping to break Iraq into three separate political entities. Not only can these small geographical areas then be used to create dissension that will serve Israel's purposes, but they can produce the petroleum that Israel so desperately needs. Opportunities for mischief are endless. Israel would be able to divide and conquer as needed. For example, there are petroleum reserves right where the Kurds and the Sunni Arab lands meet

The American agenda

Half a world away, in Washington, DC, there are similar dangers. Deep rivalries, for example, are present within the George W. Bush administration. The "Arabists" who are regional experts, want to keep Iraq undivided. They believe that the last thing the United States needs is three more quarreling political entities.

The Arabists have sought to forge an alliance of Kurds in the north, the Sunni Arabs in the middle, the Shiite Arabs in the south. They want to find a leader who can work cooperatively with others and hold Iraq together.

The Israel lobby, however, wants US Secretary of State Henry something entirely different. Looking after the interests of its patron state, it wants to divide Iraq into three separate entities, the first in Kurdistan, another in the central Sunni areas and the third in the Shiite south.

Secretary of State Colin Powell and the Arabists want a strong central government in Baghdad. Powell has been looking for someone to hold Iraq together just as desperately as Kurdish and Shiite elements are trying to produce separatist sentiments. Those allied with the separatists include Deputy Secretary of Defense Paul Wolfowitz, Richard Perle, a long-time powerhouse in the Israel lobby, and Undersecretary of Defense for Policy Douglas Feith.

In late spring Colin Powell and the State Department Arabists planned to hold a conference on Iraq. It was organized by Edward Walker, director of the Middle East Institute and a former assistant secretary of state, and his deputy at MEI, former Ambassador David Mack. It quickly became clear that the point of the discussion was to keep at bay Perle and his fellow Israelfirst cabalists.

The Arab Leagues stand

Perceiving Powell's intention, Perle. Wolfowitz and Feith began raising all sorts of objections. Where there was supposed to be one person from each group of Iraqi dissidents, Perle and his supporters insisted on introducing more people into the group. After acrimonious discussions, Mack eventually cancelled the meeting.

President Bush, meanwhile, has continued to pursue his "war on terrorism." Unfortunately for Wolfowitz, Feith and Perle, however, the "war party" is falling apart.

BY: SAMER A.

First, Saudi Arabia has said there would be no war on Iraq until the Arab-Israeli conflict is settled. To make that perfectly clear, Saudi Arabia has vetoed any use of American bases in the Middle East (or the Kingdom) for any such war. Strangely, the "war party" seemed to believe that if Saudi Arabia were not available other nearby allies like Qatar or the UAE would step in. It is unlikely, however, that one Arab League state would go against the will of all the others and permit the use of a military base on their soil to fight a war against Iraq. Although there will be all sorts of attempts to find a weakness in the Arab League, that clearly is not going to happen.

Nor will Iran declare war on Iraq. Despite their history of deadly hostilities, Iran and Iraq will stand together in this instance at least until the ArabIsraeli problem is settled.

Turkey, meanwhile despite tempting promises of help from Israel and Washington's war party does not want to create a separatist Kurdish state on its borders. That would be the ultimate Turkish nightmare.

So the war party would have to arrange to send US aircraft carriers without any land-bases anywhere nearby. Such a scenario is beyond the capability even of the Israel lobby.

Israel, therefore, has a problem that cannot be solved without first dealing with the Arab Israeli dispute. Even more important than oil to the chosen state, however, is its desperate need to find another excuse to continue its war against the Palestinians. This at the same time the Arab League, led by Saudi Crown Prince Abdullah, has made an offer that no sensible American could refuse. He has agreed

that if Israel returns to its 1967 borders, the Arab League states will recognize Israel and guarantee its security.

Prime Minister Ariel Sharon, however, has entirely different plans. For that matter, other Israeli governments whether Likud or Labor have always had the same secret plans. That is why Saudi Arabia and its allies have made it impossible to further delay a Middle East settlement.

All that is necessary now is to explain not only to the US government but also to the American people why we should quit while we're ahead. This is the best opportunity for Middle East peace in history. Or, as a salesman would say, "Act now before it's too

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Facts versus politics

JORDAN TIMES EDITORIAL

he good news is that Iraq and the UN will hold another round of talks in Vienna in July to discuss the return of UN arms inspectors to

The fear, however, is that those critical negotiations, like many before them,

Iraq and the UN talked before about this issue. But they failed to reach a satisfactory solution that would allow for the inspectors' return and outline their mandate and the manner in which they would conduct their work to determine whether Baghdad is indeed engaged in the development of weapons of mass

The interests of Iraq and indeed regional stability dictate that these negotiations succeed in putting an end to the seemingly endemic and sometimes sterile debate on the alleged existence of chemical or biological weapons in Iraq.

Returns of inspectors

Allowing the return of inspectors is in Iraq's interests. Unless this matter is resolved, it will not be possible to credibly refute arguments that Iraq is free of weapons of mass destruction and is meeting its obligations under UN resolutions. The sooner this disagreement is settled the better it would be for all sides. But while Iraq has to be forthcoming on the issue of the return of arms inspectors, the UN also has to seek Iraq's cooperation in a balanced, fair and objective manner.

Iraq has to be assured that there is light at the end of the tunnel. While inspectors must be allowed, their mission needs to be clearly defined. The UN must spell out clear mechanism for assessing progress in their work and ensuring that politics do not determine the outcome of the inspectors' work. It is no secret the United States wants the removal of the Iraqi regime. This American policy objective should not blur the task of the UN team. The reporting channels of the inspectors and

itors must also be well in place before inspectors start searching Iraqi territories for alleged weapons.

the mechanism for monitoring the mon-

Demand of cooperation

A clear difference must be made between what the United States wants and what the UN Security Council resolutions demand.

The Middle East, the international stability demand that Iraq cooperates to save its people more suffering and the region the horrific consequences of a new war. But Iraq and its people and their neighbours deserve enough guarantees that cooperation will be rewarded and facts, not political interests, will be the criteria for assessing progress and thus lifting the sanctions that have crippled a country and tortured a whole peo-

DANIEL WOLF

recent visit to the dentist to prepare a crown for one of my front teeth brought back a flood of memories inextricably linked to the tortured and winding path of Middle East peace.

FOR THE LOS ANGELES TIMES

The tooth was damaged by a rock thrown by a teenage Palestinian on a brisk, sunny morning in Gaza City 11

I had just finished endless months of intensive training for service in an elite unit of the Israeli army. I was excited out my unit's first "combat The first intifada was on its last legs by the time we arrived in the squalid Gaza City. We passed our days patrolling the streets, somehow believing that quelling protests by bored teenagers and unemployed young men in this city of more than a quarter-million Palestinians was essential to Israel's I quickly learned that the moral, eco-

nomic and emotional toll of the occupa-

tion was undermining the future physical and spiritual health of both Israelis and Palestinians

Mideast ache goes on and on

I despaired looking at the hate in the eyes of Palestinian children passing us on the way to kindergarten. And I was mortified when teenage girls hid behind their parents when we searched Palestinian homes for fugitives. It was a rude and tragic awakening to realize that the educated Palestinian populace actually believed the groundless rumors of raping and pillaging by Israeli sol-

There also was something sad about heavily armed Israeli troops facing off against stone-throwing youth, periodifrighten the protesters. What the protesters probably did not realize was that we also were scared, heavily outnumbered and secretly hoping that the scare tactic would keep the approaching mob at bay. I came to the realization that the

Israeli occupation had to end--not for political, religious, historical or moral reasons but for simple reality.

The Gaza Strip and much of the West

Bank, already densely populated by Palestinians, leave no room for Israel as an occupying force or a settling population. What did 400 Jewish settlers hope to do in the city of Hebron, home to more than 100,000 Palestinians? Equally, the Palestinians should realize that Tel Aviv's 400,000 Israelis leave little room for resettlement of Palestinian refugees in that area and many others of Israel proper.

Ironically, it seems that only the extreme left and extreme right of Israeli politics shared my conclusion, disagreeing with each other only as to who should be moved to solve the problem. Sadly, the mainstream Labor and Likud tus quo in the occupied territories could be fixed with some tinkering. They disagreed only about who should be inconvenienced at the fringes of that process.

In the meantime, a military occupation has continued, allowing more youths on each side to be brought up in an environment of hate, distrust, fear and despair.

That rock to my mouth came not long before the historic Madrid peace conference, the precursor to the Oslo process a few years later. At the time, an army dentist repaired my tooth with a synthetic filling, explaining that it was a temporary fix that would last for about a year. Sadly, it has proved more lasting than the Madrid and Oslo stations on the way to a permanent settlement based on the "land for peace" formula.

It is time for the parties to the peace process to abandon interim solutions. Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon and Palestinian Authority President Yasser Arafat must seize the opportunity of the recent Saudi initiative to seek a permanent settlement of their differences. They must put aside ideology, history, mosity.

A permanent peace centered on the creation of a viable and democratic state of Palestine on virtually all of the West Bank and Gaza, in exchange for full recognition of Israel's right to exist as a Jewish state within its pre-1967 borders, will represent a triumph of the one factor that matters most: simple

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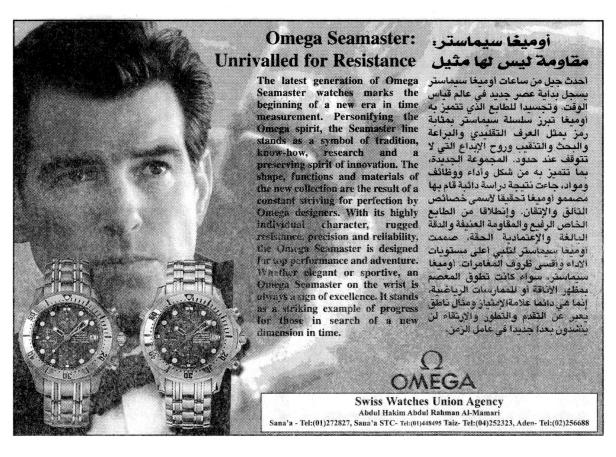
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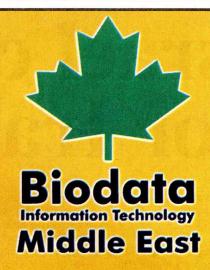
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Biodata Launches the first Specialized Seminar on Coding and Decoding of Telecommunication

A seminar on the latest technologies to ensure coding of the wire and wireless telecommunication was held on May 21 2002.

The seminar was organized by the ALFA in collaboration with the Biodata Middle East.

During the seminar, participants' working papers centered primarily around ensuring the confidentiality of wire and wireless of telecommunications of telephones and mobiles along with coding and decoding the most state-of-the-art technologies in this field.

The whole world has become an electronic village and the multi-media information technologies such as, electronics, satellites, and the latest information have become readily accessible to the public.

Consequently, there is an urgent need to ensure the use the wire and wireless telecommunication at all levels.

The latest technologies including coding and decoding mobiles and ensuring telecommunication through the use of walkie-talkie technologies and other immediate telecommunications in cities.

Yemen has been making every effort to cope with the latest technologies in the field of telecommunications with the major civil institutions.

The telecommunication systems used at the present time cover and ensure the sea, land, and air sites in highly technological manner.

The confidentiality of private and public calls have become indeed an indispensable need where companies have competed to provide almost every thing new to ensure the citizen's rights which have been guaranteed by the constitution.

The seminar was attended by, Hussain M. M. Al-Rasheedi, the General Manager, Siegfried Albercht, the Managing Director of Albercht Company, Mr. Mohammed Nemr and Mr. Adnan Alowna from the Biodata Technology and its regional Office in the UAE.

















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Health achievements after twelve years of unification



ISMAIL AL-GHABRI YEMEN TIMES STAFF

he 22nd of May is a remarkable and unforgettable day in the history of Yemen.

On this memorable day Yemenis forget whatever misfortunes occurred in the past. The happiness that they felt at that time left all pain behind. They pondered about the future and prosperity of the two parts under one leadership and one power.

Their long awaited dream finally came true on this day. It came at a time of desperation and hopelessness, to revive the feelings as well as the sentiments of the people and give hope for a better future.

The unity was not only a great example of social peace among the Yemenis but it was also a tremendous deed of their dreams, hopes, ambitions and prospects for the future. To achieve these hopes democracy was adopted as a path for modernization, advancement, and social equality. All these essentials and good values are associated with the unity.

Health achievement of the past 12

It is true that man is the powerhouse of development and progress of his



Or. Showki al-Moweri, the director of the

society. This can be reflected through improving health conditions. Health has become an integral part of social development. There is no real development unless there is an improvement in health conditions for the people. A proper study of health conditions in Yemen should be directed by the Health Ministry.

Much information on this topic has been revealed on health conditions in Yemen over the last 12 years.

A Yemen Times reporter has met up with Dr. Showki al-Moweri and asked him about the achievements accomplished in the public health in general and in particular the field of malaria. "The establishment of the Yemeni unification helped a lot to improve the health sector through a unified joint vision. This has been done through

determining strategies and a five year plan. As a result of difficulties faced by the country due to developments during the 1990s, including the Gulf War and the 1994 civil war the government had left no stone unturned to promote the health sector. Several hospitals and health center were erected," al-Moweri said.

The government has been mapping out a strategy to exterminate the infantile paralysis. Recently, the government has launched immunization campaigns against the several infectious diseases.

The national center was established in Abyan with a view of reducing malaria. Studies and research related to these areas have been conducted.

In August, last year the political leadership adopted a national day to reduce malaria. "The initiative taken by the president to diminish malaria represents a positive response welcomed by the leadership to take a keen interest in this respect," al-Moweri further noted.

Malaria is one of the most serious diseases in Yemen. "More than 15,000 people die every year as a result of malaria," al-Moweri added. The ministry of health has adopted the 2nd five year plan, (2001-2005). The national program for malaria control plays a vital role in this aspect. Different courses have been held in collaboration with WHO to train qualified medical cadres. They have been distributed to regions where malaria is found.

paign to confiscate expired insecticides and other chemicals used for agricultural purposes," he said.

He pointed out to the importance of boycotting companies that support Israel, adding that it will influence the US decision-makers.

Al-Bukhaiti also called for passing a law concerning consumer protection and the setting up of an ad hoc court to deal with consumer protection cases

Banning qat, without political will?



By Mujahed Al Mussa'abi Yemen Times Staff

here are calls to ban qat chewing in Yemen. Last month a national conference brought 500 participants together to discuss the problem. But it remains to be seen if any tangible results will come from the National Conference on Qat, which cost about YR 6,000,000.

The conference produced a lot of recommendations on the different aspects of this issue. University professors, economists and researchers attended, but is there any hope to get rid of qat?

Qat seems to identify our life, culture, and even our destiny. Our generation appears to be on the brink of an abyss as young chewers represent a

shockingly huge number of society.

A simple survey will show that even those who are addicted to qat are not comfortable with their life. We

not comfortable with their life. We met with people on the streets, and in the qat markets to know more about the problem from the public point of view.

Their opinion about qat markets in the main cities, especially in the capital, showed that more than 70 per cent of them are against the idea of allowing qat markets into the main cities.

Mohammed Abdullah commented on the government efforts to fight qat saying, "The government is not serious. Seminars, workshops and conferences regarding qat are merely media propaganda and ink on paper, no more. Because after closing any seminar on qat, officials rush directly to the qat markets."

Mr. Saleh Assorory, a worker enthusiastically said that "If the government is willing to demolish qat,

they can do it. We Yemenis are accustomed to following our leadership sometimes blindly, but there is no political will to do so."

"The government should employ all its energy to fight cat. There are no warnings by TV or radio about qat, who are supposed to play an effective role in educating the public. A simple example about how effective TV can be used is the Jenin Campaign to raise Palestine donations," said Mr. Dhaifullah, a pressman.

Mr. Abdulfattah Abdullah, suggested, "The government should continue it's efforts to forbid qat chewing in public places, prohibit qat to the main cities and explain harmful effects and diseases caused by qat and the chemical insecticides applied. Yemen should do what Saudi Arabia did, and prohibit qat entirely"

With the problem as large as it, we need to see co-operation between government and citizens to overcome this challenge.



A qat seller open for business

Consumer protection society more active

n order to familiarize the press about the Yemeni Consumers Protection Association's future plans, chairman Hamoud al-Bukhaiti hosted a press conference on May 6.

Al-Bukhaiti briefed the press on the achievements of the association since the beginning of the year.

"Amongst the precious achieve-



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I. What to Say Situations and expressions (19) **Expressing admiration** for persons (II)

s we noted earlier, expression of admiration should appear natural and sincere. Otherwise it may have a more negative than positive result. So be sure, you truly admire certain traits in a person's character and know how to articulate your admiration in no ambiguous terms. Let's now look at a few more expressions often used to convey our sense of appreciation.

- have an attractiveness about you.
- You are so affectionate and
- understanding. I must say you are modest.
- You have an infectious enthusiasm.
- I'm indeed touched by your grace and goodness. You look ravishing/ gorgeous/
- graceful in this dress. He is gifted with mellifluous
- expressions. You have a winsome personality
- You have a lovely gait. You have a superb eloquence that makes the audience spellbound.
- How did you get it? You have very pleasant manners and active habits
- I really envy your friend circle. I'm so beholden to you for
- everything. You are Allah's gift to us.
- I fail to articulate my profound sense of gratitude to you
- We love you for your dash and
- You have a robust sense of humor
- You have a flair for music. My heart is full to learn about your
- achievement. You have a knack for social welfare
- You're so youthful and jovial. Anyone would love your company.
- He has fine manners We are indeed proud of you.
- Everything about you is lovable.
- She is pretty.
- He is handsome. There's always a flicker of smile in his face that enhances his beauty
- I'm greatly impressed by your depth and range.
- She is an angel He is an intellectual of high order.

II. How to say it correctly Correct errors, if any, in the following sentences

- If I told you the plot, it would scotch your desire to read the story.
- We must take some steps to clear the statement.
- There is an urgent need to found the basis of a sound and viable labor policy.
- I love to witness the World Cup football matches.
- The police have unearthed a

Solutions to last week's questions When is the conference scheduled

- to be over? 2. You may run into serious (terrible, dreadful) problem unless you take
- He feels no difficulty in settling down in the new environment.
- Let's request the teacher to clear up this difficulty for us.
- Please add a little sugar to the

III. How to express it in one word Course of study in a school,

- college, etc. Of handwriting with the letters
- rounded and joined together. Of quick or hurried reading without
- attention to details. Piece of cloth hung up at door or 3.
- window In agreement with custom.

Solutions to last week's questions Drain that crosses under a road:

- Culvert (n) Increasing in amount by addition of one after another: Cumulative
- Official in charge of a museum or
- art gallery: Curator (n) Signal for people to remain
- indoors: Curfew (n) Money in actual use in a country: Currency (n)

IV. Grammar and Composition a) Composition

Complete the letter below. Use suitable words or phrases from the

although	because	however
that	also	but
sothat	and	by the way
so	that	

I am sending you my new address --you can write to me. Of course I -- you will come — stay with us soon. I like our new house - it is very noisy — it is near a main road. my bedroom is at the back of the house. - I don't hear any noise at night. — my brother's room is in the front. — he says — he can't sleep! He

sends you his best wishes. Write soon.

I'm looking forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely, Fuad

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

1. make amends to; 2. take something amiss; 3. amount to; 4. angry at;

c) Words Commonly Confounded Bring out the differences in meaning

- of the following words 1. aspiration, respiration
- 2. assassination, murder 3. assay, essay

All the best.

- 4. ascent, assent
- 5. assumption, resumption

Answers to last week's questions 1. Grammar

Adjective referent

excellent

observe observed radiate radiant refer referent resist resistant resonate resonant tolerant

excel

observable. observance precedence precedent reference resistance resonance perseverant perseverance

excellence

b) Idioms and Phrases

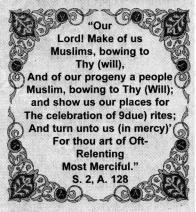
- get along (be friendly): They are getting along very well.
- all along (for the whole length of): There is greenery all along the road
- hold aloof (keep away from): The customers are holding aloof and making no offers to buy.
- not only ... but also: He is not only sincere, but also very hardworking.
- amaze at (fill with great surprise or wonder): I am amazed at the news.

c) Words Commonly Confounded

- art (n) (Something in which skill is needed): Conversation is an art. artifact (n) (Something made by human beings): In Bab al-Yemen you can find many traditional Yemeni artifacts.
- artifice (n) (Skilful way of doing something): 'All Art is artifice'
- artist (n) (Person who practices one of the fine arts like painting): He is a vocal artist of the first order. artiste (n) (A professional actor, singer, dancer, etc.): This theatre has a number of excellent artistes. artisan (n) (Skilled workmen in industry or trade): The government has a plan to improve the living conditions of artisans.
- descent (n) (coming or going down): The descent of the mountain was very easy. decent (adj) (likeable): He has decent manners
- ascribe (v.t.) Consider to be the cause): He ascribed the accident to describe (v.t.) (give a picture of something in words): Words fail to

describe the beauty of Mahweet.

VI. Pearls from the Holy Quran



VII. Words of Wisdom "I never think of the future. It comes soon enough"

-Albert Einstein

Prof. Abdullah Al-Najjar to YT

'The Faculty at Amran is short of many facilities'

r. Abdullah Al-Najjar is an outstanding Yemeni academician. He has wide ranging experience in the administration of several faculties under Sana'a University.

He was the Dean of Faculty of Education, Mahweet. He is currently the Dean of the college of Education. Amran.

This college was established in 1995 with the purpose of bringing Amran and the surrounding tribal areas to the education mainstream. It has now seven departments. They are the Holy Quran & Quranic Sciences, Arabic language studies, English language studies, Social sciences, Mathematics Educational Physics, Psychological guidance Educational Sciences.

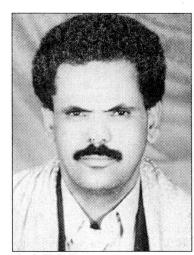
Dr. Najjar told the Yemen Times that the number of students enrolled in the college in the current year is over 8,000. He pointed out that the college is playing an important role in ensuring the educational development of Amran governorate, in addition to preparing qualified teachers. As an institution of higher education, it is leaving no stones unturned to be the nucleus of enlightenment and enrichment in this part of the country.

"The College sponsors and organizes a number of promotional activities directed towards serving community. These activities include public lectures, sports and art competitions, field trips. It also takes an active part in observing national occasions," he added.

Dr. Najjar stressed that there are a number of obstacles affecting the educational process and realization of its avowed objectives. He said, "We are short of essential infrastructure as well as teaching, administrative and technical staff. The college is overcrowded with a huge number of students who, unfortunately, display a lack of discipline and motivation to regularly attend lectures and participate positively in the learning

'However, the college administration is trying its best to overcome these obstacles." He observed that priority should be given to such colleges that are striving to fulfill their commitment under difficult circumstances in remote areas. More facilities should be made available to help achieve the goals of the educational process.

Dr. Najjar said there should be focus on vocational and technical training colleges so as to provide more opportunities to students in the



Prof. Al-Najjai

currently relevant fields of specialization, so that when students graduate, they won't have difficulties in finding jobs.

He adds "President Saleh himself ordered the government in his speech on the occasion of the Unification Day to focus on vocational education. I believe this is a good and timely step in the right direction. We should now in Yemen focus on development-oriented education so that we can achieve a real economic growth and prosperity."

Innovations in Computer Softwares for Science Education

rof. Dr. Ahmad Alzoudi, Head, Physics Department, Faculty of Education, Mahweet has devised several computer softwares for different levels of science education. These softwares involve solutions for mathematical equations by using Pascal and BASIC program languages. These softwares involve atomic theory with Visual BASIC language, in which he has described the classical atomic models and quantum including atoms of one electron (hydrogen atom), and atoms with multi electrons (carbon atom). We can watch the motion of electrons



Prof. Alzoudi

atoms on their orbits without crossing themselves. The module displays the classical motion

around

nucleus

read the theory of this problem with a picture for each step. At the end one can write the initial velocity and the angle of firing body to obtain the drawing of the motion with a table of

coordinates and the time for each in the of fraction of a second.

Dr. Alzoudi invites comments and feed back on his work from those interested in the field through this

Prof. Alzoudi holds a doctorate degree in Quantum Physics from Athens University, 1987. He has worked in Universities of Athens and firing a body, Syria. As the head of research group where one can of the University of Athens he guided a group of European Union research scholars in the field of electric signals of earthquake which determines its

severity and intensity.

Schema Theory and ESL Reading



By Abdulhafeed SAIF MODHISH LECTURER, TAIZ UNIVERSITY

eading was previously viewed as a guessing rely heavily on their linguistic knowledge to fathom the meaning of the texts. This misconception of the nature of reading has been around for quite sometime and embraced by so many ELT teachers and researchers. A few years ago, however, new insightful ideas related to reading have started to emerge and reading is now viewed as an interactional process between the reader and the text. So it is the reader's background knowledge that really counts and facilitates the job of readers to decode the meaning of the text. Some

Schema researchers have been quite assertive to say that meaning actually lies in the reader's mind and this makes it clear that the reader's background knowledge is as important as his or her linguistic knowledge. Obviously Schema theory advocates that reading can be a successful task only if the readers' previously acquired knowledge is utilized in a meaningful way. In other words, the cultural and topic-related schemata acquired by readers is vital to make readers positively interact with the text. Teachers of reading are very much

encouraged to approach Schema theory and try to make use of its implications in their classrooms. It seems worthwhile to say that curriculum designers are supposed to incorporate materials that are culturally familiar to the Yemeni students to make learning meaningful and purposeful. Sometimes we get our students exposed to certain texts for which they

lack the appropriate schemata or background knowledge, necessary to decode the meaning of these texts. Consequently, these students tend to fall back on their linguistic knowledge which somehow helps them make out

All in all, Schema theory stresses the fact that reading is an interaction between the reader's background knowledge and the text. So it is quite evident that readers should be made to make use of both their linguistic knowledge and background knowledge for successful reading to take place. Reading teachers, nonetheless, are asked to consider using the ideas and notions put forward by Schema theorists and to view their learners as positive contributors to the whole reading process. All they have to do as teachers is to positively interact with this new approach to reading and to make use of the knowledge brought by the learners into the classroom.

YOUTH FORUM

The woman in Yemen The woman in Yemen has

traditionally been keeping a low profile. She is mainly a house wife, her task being to clean her house and take care of her children. But now she has become very important in all walks of life. She takes a leading role and participates in local and cultural

activities. She plays a leading role as a professional such as teacher, secretary, doctors... etc. Our society needs the women's leadership to develop this country. Gone are the days when the woman was only showcased as an

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Arwa Taher Radman

Best wishes for a fellow traveler Even though our relationship was

Even though we, together for a short time, studied,

You will be in our memory for ever. Even though you'll go far from your

> Even though you'll miss your country. Toil hard to glorify your homeland in future

Even though you'll miss us all, Even though you may forget us all, Our best wishes are for you Abdoulfatah.

Even though it is said, out of sight is out of mind, Even though our fraternity will be gone with the wind.

We, all, hope you success and

good health.

Even though our friendship will be a simple memory, Even though without you, the

library will be empty

All of us wish you an endless

happiness. Fathia Djibril 3rd level, English Department, Faculty of Arts Sana'a University

TIMES QUIZ (31)

Questions

Is the music played by snake charmer necessary for the cobra to dance? a) No. It is the basic nature of the snake to swa when the hood is raised. b) No. The snake is deaf and is responding to

the threatening movement of the musica instrument. c) Yes. The snake loves music. d) None of these Which is the first orbiting laboratory?

b) Skylab a) Soyus The trajectory of a projectile is usually a) Straight b) Curvilinear d) Parabolical c) Elliptical

object. The ability is known as b) Refraction a) Reflection c) Accommodation d) Myopia On a clear dark night, the number of stars that can be seen with naked eye are

The eyelens is able to focus near and fa

- a) 1000 b) 1,500 c) 2,500 d) 5,000 Solutions to Times Quiz (30) The most poisonous animal is the Arrow
- Thorns, spines and prickles on a plant are meant for defence. The latest material used for manufacturing a computer chip is Gallium Arsenide.

Poison Frog.

reported on Mars. If a ball is dropped out of artificial satellite revolving round the earth, wit will keep revolving round the earth in the same orbit with the same time period as the satellite.

Among the planets of our solar system some

evidence of single cell life has recently beer

Idioms in Use



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the following appropriately in the blanks:

Back the wrong horse, be in for, bloody good, build up, charge up to, crack down, crack up, cut dead, dry up, ease up, get cracking, hang around, hold forth, and give off, ins and outs, nuts and bolts

1. It's no surprise that the unimportant arethe race for power and privilege. His boss ———him –

with a look for having brought the

wrong papers for discussion.

3. Why are you pointlessly? He is a skilled survivor who knows theof the—

identifying perfumes. The horror hasn't stopped; it's ---itself---

5. I am not-

A handful of agitated members — -the speaker from the bottom left of the hall.

8. If we --, we can finish the work in good time.

This year we bad summer. 10. The summer will soon into searing sunshine in

southern Yemen. 11. If he doesn't cut down on his work, he will be close to-

12. The police will bootleggers. 13. Theythe last elections.

14. She began to-

favourite subject.

15. The new leader is-

aroma of modernity. Answers to the last week's

-the

questions

1. over the hill 2.spilled the beans 3.lost his marbles 4.over the top 5.on the mettle 6.muddle along 7. in a flap 8. fleshed out 9. salt away 10. Flunked out 11. made towards 12. bone up 13. bottled out 14. mop up 15. wrapped up



Local Press

repared by Mohammed Khidhr



Al-Jamaheer weekly, organ of the Arab Baath Socialist party (Syrian organization), 26 May 2002.

Main headlines:

- Oman annoyed due to Yemeni workers infiltration
- New stage of Saudi-Iraqi economic cooperation
- Zionist threats to extending their military operations
- military operations
 Civilizations dialogue 1st confer-
- ence in Bahrain

 GCC leaders discuss results of
 Sharm el-Sheikh summit
- Jewish singer Yafa Yarkoni denounces Zionist massacres

Editor in chief has this week written on recent address of prime minister Abdulqader ba-Jammal to media men saying it has contained more than one stand of the PM's government versus a host of local and Arab events. The PM's talk was not lacking transparency and the latter also did not prevent him from welcoming the Americans, as part of his government's achievements, forgetting that hat contradicts the principle of national sovereignty and independence and deemed interference in internal affairs. The prime minister justified recruitment of American experts as aimed at training local security apparatus on techniques of fighting following their failure and fall of victims resulting from ambushes they had set

This justification is to be refuted. The US secretary of state has recently said that America has sent its troops to Yemen to help it put an end to terrorism and al-Qaeda network. This is an accusation the prime minister has denied, saying those who have been detained are relatives of those who had taken part in the Afghan war against the Soviets, and justifying their arrest as part of a world campaign against terror.

Editor in chief article also said that in his dealing with democratic gains in Yemen the prime minister has admitted that 2002 elections would be typical, unlike those of 1993 and 1997 that were governed by political circumstances and balance of power. This in fact confirms the coalitions that took place during the past two election sessions



Al-Wahdawi weekly, organ of the Nasserite People's Unionist organization 28 May 2002.

Main headlines:

- America arms Eritrea, Yemen prefers political solution
- Saudi Arabia lowers its financial assistance to Yemeni chieftains and officials
- Europe links its aid to Yemen to stopping commando operations against
- ZionistsForeign minister al-Qirbi: Training security forces to be discussed with
- the Americans
 MP al-Atwani: Postponement of
- local councils elections, a violation
 Zionist enemy begins second mili-

Arafat Midbash has said in an article that American women soldiers recruited at military bases outside America seem to be loosing their temper to an extent to committing attacks on people where they are stationed as has happened with the recent attack on a Bahraini woman. Though the incident took place in a small Arab country, the Arab citizen in this small island insisted to express their xenophobia towards these aliens on their land. This enmity does not spring from hatred to Americans as citizens. It is rather a stance of disagreement with policies of successive US administrations towards the Arab issues. Bush's present administration maybe the one that has received the biggest portion of Arab and Islamic enmity because simply it has unmasked the real face of the actual hostile intentions the Americans harbor against Arabs and Muslims. American administrations have also proved that they are lacking credibility and truthfulness towards any human race.

If the Americans have made any apology to the state of Bahrain for the harm and insult by their male and female soldiers, it would be certainly be insufficient and maybe containing some implied phrases of threat. It is really a stand of ingratitude towards a state and people offering military facilities to the Americans.



Al-Shoura weekly, organ of the Yemeni Forces Union, 26 May 2002

Main headlines:

- Tribal clashes erupted in Thamar and Ibb, five persons killed including a woman in Al-Baidha
- Opposition would run elections with full coordination
- 10%, a new tax on sales
- New suicidal methods against American in Afghanistan

Columnist Ali Mohammed al-Surari says again those who are keen on future of Yemen felt with disappointment as the 21th anniversary of declaring the unity has passed without having an order being issued regarding cancellation of political verdicts against a group who had participated in making the historic event of unity.

Many think that circumstances have become suitable for canceling these verdicts, especially after the elapse of eight years on the end of the 1994 war. During these years many things changed and new developments have occurred making validity of these verdicts against the socalled group of 16 as futile and does not achieve any aim. Given this thinking it has been expected a political decision to be issued on canceling those sentences at the anniversary of the unity, taking into consideration that most of those meant by these sentences are the second party of the leading group that negotiated on realizing the unity and signed its documents. Without their participation and contribution that historic event would not have



Al-Wahda weekly, 29 May 2002.

Main headlines:

- American-origin tree causes disaster to Yemeni agriculture
- Agreement on consolidating Yemeni-European partnership
- Sabotage at archaeological sites, officials take part in itNo qat at establishments, decision
- 137 encounters difficultiesPrecautionary measures against
- explosives and weapons dealers
 Somali information minister: No
- Somali information minister: No presence of al-Qaeda organization in Somalia.

On future of the Palestinian intifadha, the information officer of HAMAS office in Sana'a says in his article that the intifadha would not stop till the land is liberated from the Zionist occupation and the Palestinians restore their dignity.

Resistance would remain the only option and strategic goal for all freemen of the Palestinian people. Resistance would continue to be our instrument to attain our aim of establishing the Palestinian State on liberated Palestine. The Zionists have abrogated all pledges and agreements and pledge to peace. They have abrogated all agreements and restarted their aggression on the people, destroyed houses and buildings and killed women, children and elderly people.



Al-balagh weekly, 28 May 2002.

Main headlines:

- Nuclear tests to be facilitated in the Red Sea
- British, German military men to arrive in Yemen
- Bush wraps up his trip to Russia by
- visiting a Jewish temple
 Yemen not satisfied over level of
- security cooperation with America

 Observers point out to failure of Local Councils performance in their first year, expect better future

Editorial of the newspaper says the economic situation remains the basic dynamic factor of many internal and external policies. Economy would force many governments and regimes in many cases to take decisions not in parallel with the general policy of the state.

Nowadays, while we are living consequences of the war on terror, as termed by America, we find our country obliged to deal with this file to rid Yemen of any files that may be used against it and at the same time to attract some American aid or international banks' loans.



Al-Ihya'a al-Arabi weekly, organ of the National Arab Baath Socialist party, 28 May 2002.

Main headlines:

- Tens of killed and wounded in al-Baidha governorate, MPs demand impeachment of interior minister
- PM: We refused and will refuse strik-

ing Iraq

 Gulf Popular conference on anti-normalization with the Zionist enemy, held on 30-31 May

Columnist Abdulbassit Tarish says in his article that the Arab intifadha in Palestine is continuous. Its continuity is one of the historic facts on which the Palestinian struggle and the Arab-Zionist conflict are based. The intifadha is continuous because it is not a temporary reaction or response but rather an inevitable development of the historical conflict imposed on the situation between Arabs and the Zionist movement that usurped the Arab land through the terrorist colonization.

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Lebanon

DAILY STAR

-European Union foreign policy chief Javier Solana promotes peace conference idea.

-Syria takes over Security Council presidency.

AN-NAHAR

- Israeli Television says Syria has given Lebanon's Hizbollah guerrilla group Katyusha rockets.
- Israel arrests hundreds of Palestinians in Nablus and re-occupies Tulkarm.
- AS-SAFIR
 Accusations and threats mark the prelude to tomorrow's Metn by-election.
 Opposition demands the resignation of
 Interior Minister Elias al-Murr and any
 outcome is possible.
- Foreign envoys try to convince Israeli Prime Minister to accept Palestinian President Yasser Arafat...the reformist.

AL-ANWAR

- Three Iraqis wounded by U.S. and British air raids.
- The National Liberation Front wins the majority of Algerian parliamentary

AL-MUSTAQBAL

- Lebanese Prime Minister Rafik al-Hariri: We won't accept an international conference without goals.

- Lebanese Central Bank Governor Riad Salameh: \$950 million goes to the central bank to boost liquidity in foreign currency.

Japan

Asahi, Mainichi, Yomiuri, Nihon Keizai:

Senegal beats France 1-0 in the opening game of the 2002 World Cup finals

Mainichi

Senior Japanese government official hints at possible review of Japan's nonnuclear principles in future.

Asahi Japanese Prime Minister Junichiro

Koizumi urges flexibility on revising postal reform bills.

Yomiuri

Japanese government institute official advised health ministry to ban production of fibrinogen agents for hepatitis risk.

India

Hindustan Times

The United States, Britain and New Zealand prepared on Friday to recall families of their New Delhibased diplomats in view of the prevailing tension between India and Pakistan.

The Times of India

Prime Minister Atal Behari Vajpayee's visit to Kazakhstan will be extended by a day — adding to speculation that he might be involved in meeting aimed at lowering tension in South Asia while his Defense Minister George dismissed Friday in Singapore the immediate threat of war with Pakistan.

The Indian Express

Home Minister L. K. Advani told Indian troops in Kashmir on Friday that, contrary to what Nobel Laureate Amartya Sen believes that health and education are the reasons why India has lagged behind in the past 50

years, India's path to development lay in defense rather than education or health.

The Hindu

Special Japanese Envoy and Vice-Foreign Minister Seiken Sugiura proposed in New Delhi on Friday to position of international monitors along with Indian and Pakistan observers to verify any reduction of infiltration across the line of control in Kashmir.

Kenya

Kenya Times

 Kenyan President Daniel arap Moi will lead the nation on Saturday morning in marking this year's Madaraka (Independence) Day celebrations.

Daily Nation:

Kenyans exploded in jubilation when Senegal put Africa on top of the world Friday by defeating defending champion France in the opening match of this year's World Cup Football

East African Standard

finals

Kenyan Environment Minister Joseph Kamotho has described the Nairobi river as an "eyesore" and accused the city council of failure to protect its natural resources.

Pakistan

Dawn

Information Minister Nisar A Memon on Friday urged New Delhi to seize the oportunity for dialogue on Kashmir in Almaty next week.

The Nation

Pakistan on Friday welcomed U.S. Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld's upcoming visit to the region and said it hoped he would be able to persuade India to come to the negotiating table.

The Statesman

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Abu Taleb Group now is almost 30 years and the pio- trustful partnership with ing of the Diving Basis in Al Mukalla started the new section of their business. Others Extending the activities into will follow always keeping in mind the development of the country in connection with all



The ATG group of Tourism companies inaugurated on May 29 in Sana'a with presence of The minister of tourism, the deputy minister of information; the deputy minister of culture along with many Arab and foreign diplomats and ambassadors to



The minister of tourism declared to YT that "we are happy to inaugurate the ATG, Abu Taleb, lead group Tourism office also Mr Abu Taleb is

well-known person who always works hard to enhance tourism in Yemen. We are sure that this company will add more and promote the tourism in our country.



Mr Masamitsu, the Japanese Ambassador said.

"I'm sure that ATG will promote tourism in Yemen more tourists are likely to

come from Japan this year especially the Security situation here had improved and the important thing is there shouldn't be more any kidnapping"



"I think Abu Group. I wish also that tourism is will add more opportunities to tourism investments, I know there are many tourist agencies already

Yemen, but I'm sure the ATG will provide more better opportunities for tourism industry in Yemen." said Mrs. Jaclyn Smith deputy head of mission at the British Embassy.



"I have been working with Abu Taleb on one of his establishments for 3-year and I'm so happy to see this great the

Taleb Group increasing and stabilizing in the future without any more problems. we all are working at the German embassy with the German house and other organizations for a good image about Yemen" said Mrs. Judith Labs, political public relation at the German Embassy.



"I'm so happy to see that this office operates today and it will contribute even more to promoting tourism in this country. I'm sure that with this new

investment and with the establishment of this Group, we will go even further and it will be very fruitful to developments the tourism in the country" said the German Council, Dr. Tobias Tunkel.



The Minister of tourism inaugurates the opening of the ATG

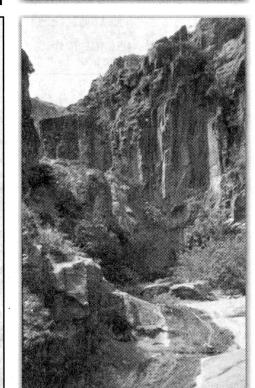


The speech of Mr Abdul karim Abu Taleb, the chairman of the group

"It's my pleasure to welcome you today, in name the{ATG} group to inaugurate the group head office to run it's business. It's a great honor for the group to be inaugurated timely with our celebrations

of the 22nd of May, the unification day which paved the way for the huge inclusive development as a result of the fruitful efforts of our wise president who devoted himself for prosperity of our nation. Allow me to present my warmest greeting to the H.E the president of the republic whom I consider the top tourist-promoter in Yemen as he gives it the top priority in every occasion. Not only that but he is committed to introduce the attractive prospects and the unique tourist features of Yemen to the world and calls for the tourism investment.

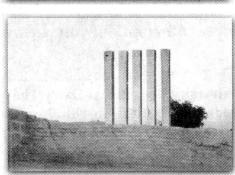
" Being the first ever who introduces Tourist to Yemen in 1972, and through my long experience in tourism, I want to confirm that the future of Yemen depends on how successfully we could develop and promote Tourism industry in Yemen and this is our commitment in the ATG. We are also looking for promoting the Sea tourism especially the diving tourism which witnesses a great development through the Company Diving Basis at Almukalla and the future diving Basis at the Red Sea Coast. Developing the tourist establishments required by the coming phase is what are working for besides improving the tourist situation for more tourists to discover Yemen. Thanks for your present and you are very welcome again.















Abu Taleb welcomes the guests during the inauguration



Abu Taleb with Japanese Ambassador & the minister of Tourism



A General photo for guests during Abu Taleb



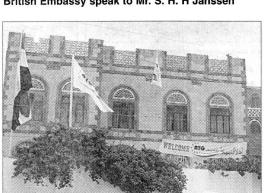
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Abu Taleb among some of his employees

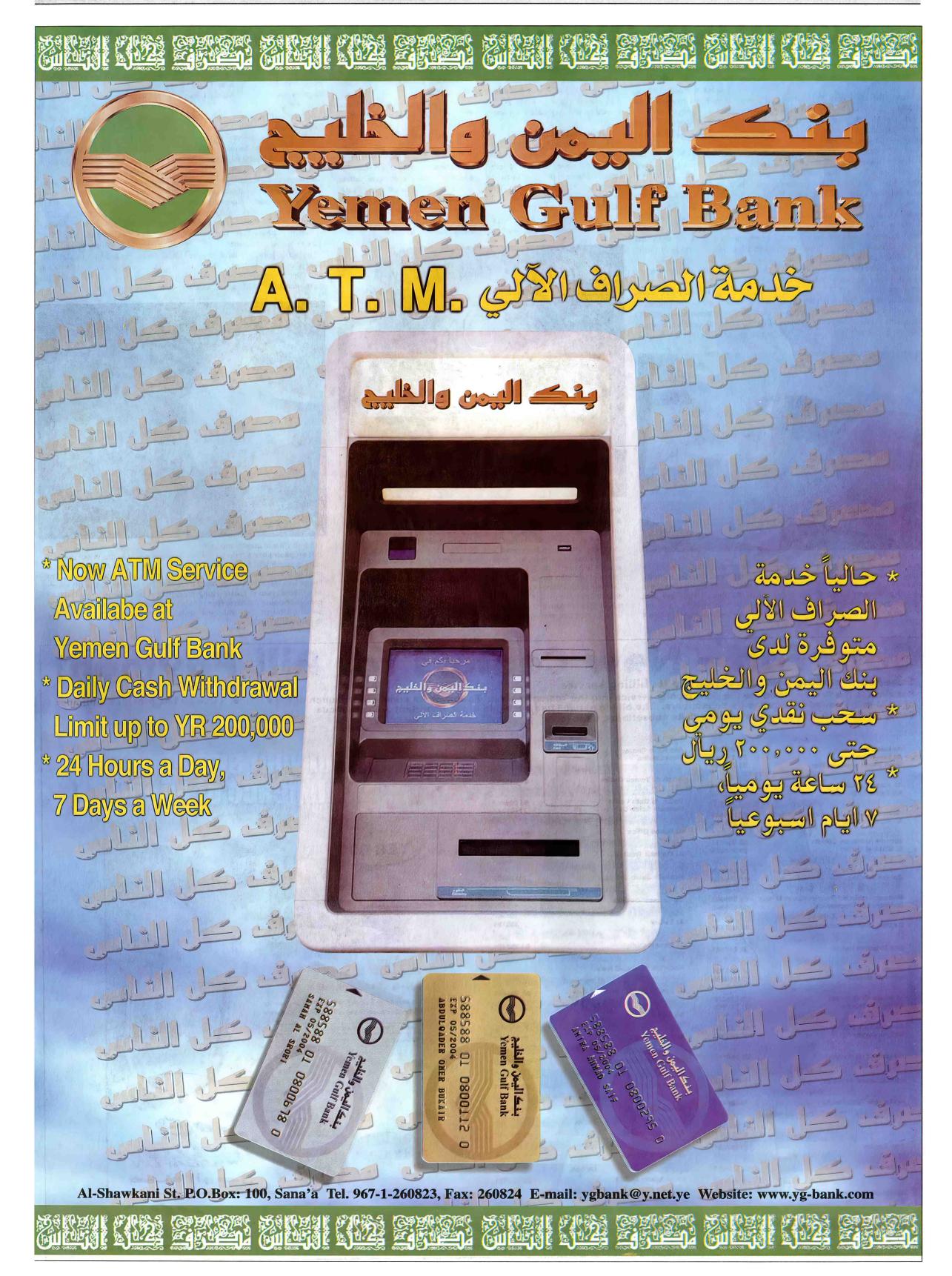


From left, Mr. Ahmed al-Gabali, Mr. Mohammed al-rramli, Mr. Abu Taleb And Mr. Abdul Malik Al-Irani



The head quarter of Abu Taleb group in Sana'a







Scientists discover water on Mars

By MAGGIE FOX. **HEALTH & SCIENCE CORRESPONDENT**

WASHINGTON, May 28 (Reuters) - A huge sea of ice lies just under the surface of Mars, ready to be tapped by future explorers as a source of fuel and maybe even drinking water, scientists said on Monday.

It might also harbor life, and certainly explains where all the water went when Mars went from being a warm and wet place to the cold, dry desert it is now the researchers report in this week's issue of the journal Science.

"It turns out it is really quite a bit more ice than I think most people ever really expected," William Boynton of the University of Arizona in Tucson, who led one of the studies being published this week, said in a telephone interview.

"What we are seeing is there is a layer of ice just a little beneath the surface. It is maybe a meter (three feet) beneath the surface?

New view of Jupiter moon lo

For the past few years, scientists of its high hydrogen content. studying Mars have been looking for water for a number of reasons. For one, life as we know it requires water, and anyone who wants to spend any time on the planet will need water to drink and to use as a source of hydrogen for

It certainly looks like Mars once had water on the surface — lots of it. There are deep canyons, one deeper and wider than anything on Earth, and places that look like dried-up lake or seabeds.

The surface is now dry and dusty and the ice that covers the poles is frozen carbon dioxide, not water. But NASA has pointed a range of instruments at the planet to try and see ifwater is there and if so, if it is easy to get

Evidence has been seen in photographs of seeping water, and the orbiting Odyssey spacecraft was directed to look for chemical evidence of water. which should be recognizable because

Hydrogen quickly combines with other elements, so if it is found on a cold planet, it is very likely to have teamed up with oxygen to form water.

Gamma and Neutron Rays

Odyssey looked at the ways gamma and neutron rays interacted with particles on the planet and indeed found strong evidence of hydrogen just under the surface. "There was a huge signal from hydrogen which was telling us there is ice there," Boynton said.

The ice makes up about 15 to 35 percent of the matter in the areas sur-

veyed, and would be jumbled in among rocks and sand, Boynton's team reported.

The regions examined extend from the south pole of Mars to about 45 degrees latitude. "It's kind of equivalent to the latitude of Paris," Boynton

"It's very close to the surface and so the astronauts could get at it easily," he added. "Some people were talking about getting some complicated devices that would extract water from soil if there was only 1 to 2 percent water, and you'd have to heat it to high temperatures to get it out."

would only have to be heated to 33 it go." degrees F (just above 0 degrees C) to be usable.

Scientists from across the United States joined up with Russian and French teams to analyze Odyssey's data. It will take much more work to confirm that the substance found on Mars really is frozen water. But the experts seem convinced.

"The subsurface ice detected by the Odyssey instruments represents only the tip of an iceberg frozen under ground," Jim Bell of Cornell University in Ithaca, New York, wrote in a commentary in Science.

The water was "presumably there when the planet formed," Boynton said. "One of big problems all the scientists interested in Mars had wasn't

But this water is so plentiful it where did it come from, but where did

Any water on the surface would have sublimated - turned from ice to gas - long ago, but even a thin coating of dirt would have protected subsurface ice, Boyton said.

A spacecraft sent to Mars in the 1970s probably missed the ice by just a few inches (cm), Boyton said.

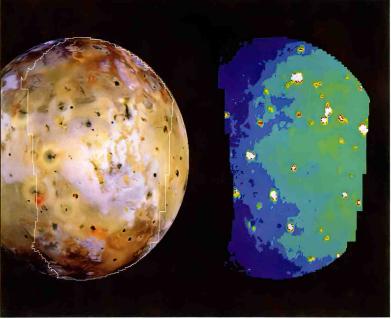
"The interesting thing is, it looks like the Viking 2 lander actually landed in a region that we think probably had the same ice beneath it," he said.

"If they could have dug down a meter (three feet) deep instead of 10 to 20 cm (four to eight inches) they could have found this ice. Isn't that interesting? They were probably right on top of it all the time and never had the slightest idea it was there."



Wide angle view of martian north polar cap

A huge sea of ice lies just under the surface of Mars, ready to be tapped by future explorers as a source of fuel and maybe even drinking water, scientists report. It might also harbor life, and certainly explains where some of the water went when Mars went from being a warm and wet place to the cold, dry desert it is now, the researchers report in this week's issue of the iournal Science. This is a wide angle view near the start of the Mapping Phase of the MGS mission of the martian north polar cap as it appeared to the Mars Global Surveyor (MGS) Mars Orbiter Camera (MOC) in early northern summer. The picture was acquired on March 13, 1999, near the start of the Mapping Phase of the MGS mission. The light-toned surfaces are residual water ice that remains through the summer season. REUTERS



Infrared view of Jupiter moon lo

Hot eruption sites scattered across Jupiter's moon lo stand out dramatically in an infrared image taken October 13, 2001, by NASA's Galileo spacecraft as it sped past this most volcanically active of all known worlds. The image was released May 28, 2002 by NASA. The infrared image (R) serves as a thermal map to nearly a full hemisphere of lo. An image from Galileo's camera showing the same face of lo (L) is included for correlating the heatsensing infrared data with geological features apparent in visible wave-

- New Centers for Bill Payment

SabaFon ... adding new dimensions to its billing service

This mosaic of Tvashtar Catena, which is a chain of volcanic craters, on

Jupiter's moon lo, taken by NASA's Galileo spacecraft on October 16, 2001,

and released May 28, 2002, completes a series of views depicting changes in

the region over a period of nearly two years. Streaks of light and dark

deposits that radiate from the central volcanic crater, or "patera," are rem-

nants of a tall plume that was seen erupting in earlier images. BW ONLY

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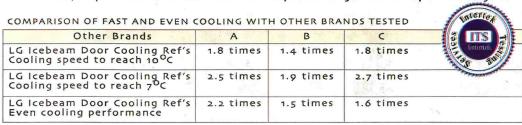
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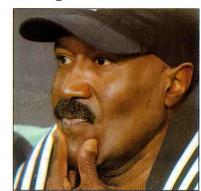
Saudi coach pledges better performance in following world cup matches

SAPPORO, Japan, (Xinhua) — Saudi national soccer team head coach Al Johar Nasser pledged that his squad, who suffered a 0-8 humiliation in their World Cup opener against Germany here on Saturday evening, will have better performance in the following matches.

"I am very disappointed (over the result), and I am responsible for it," AL Johar Nasser told reporters after the game, adding, "Saudi Arabia still have the chance to qualify for the sec-



Germany's Miroslav Klose (C) eludes Saudi Arabia's Ahmed Dukhi al Dosari (L) and Redha Tukar during their group E match at the World Cup Finals in Sapporo.

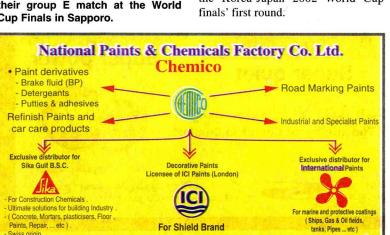


Saudi Arabia's coach Nasser al Johar watches his team play their group E match against Germany at the World Cup Finals in Sapporo.

ond round as we still have two matches to play."

"We promise to the Saudi Arabian people and the soccer fans that we will perform better in the following matches, "he added.

Saudi Arabia, one of the Asian soccer powerhouses, will then face Ireland and Cameroon in group E of the Korea-Japan 2002 World Cup



World cup group E standings after German-Saudi match

SAPPORO, Japan, (Xinhua) — Following are the standings of group E at the Korea-Japan 2002 World Cup finals after the German-Saudi match on Saturday (tabulated under games played, won, drawn, lost, goals for,

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Three 500 YEN coins commemorating the world cup finals are displayed in Tokyo

Three 500 yen (\$4) coins commemorating the FIFA World Cup are displayed in Tokyo May 29, 2002. The coins, which became available to the public this week, feature soccer players and maps of various parts of the world on one side, while the reverse side (bottom) shows a football, the trophy and the words.REUTERS.





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