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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,

said earlier this month that Yemen was holding "hundreds or maybe thousands" of people in 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 home.

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Government responds to USA's Human Rights Report

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

It said the Republic of Yemen paid 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

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Brigadier Naji al-Sufi told the Yemen Times his removal from office his post as governor of Mareb was a result of a disagreement with the government on development projects the city needed.

He said the decision had nothing to do with the alleged failure in combating terrorists in the city.

"I enjoy good relations with Mareb's tribes despite the mistakes some military leaders and tribesmen commit which have created some problems," he said. "Tribesmen are cooperative once you deal with them peacefully."

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-

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

President Ali Abdullah Saleh 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 for Mohammed Qaid Fuad, the then



Naji al-Sufi

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

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

Education was the target of many 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

new skills to be able to plan and deliver 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 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

and etc.

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 purpose?

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.

Government names official spokesman

BY: MOHAMMED AL-QADHI
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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 reporters.

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 others.

Accusations fly between Islah and PGC

Two weeks ago, Saeed Salem Mosa 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

Mosa as he left the Bait al-Faqih Mosque," said a statement given by 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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A new era in kidnapping negotiations

Last Wednesday, two kidnapers 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 kidnapers.

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

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"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.

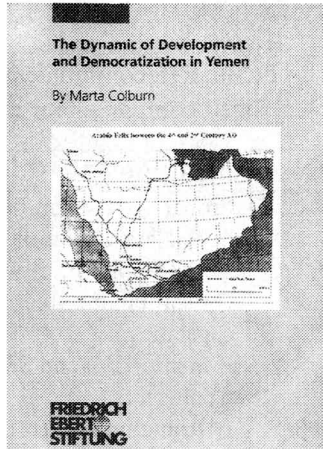
The book is not only focusing on the two most essential factors for Yemen's future, namely development and democratization, but it also cleverly links them together by explaining the importance of continuing them in the same pace and at the same time. The book, published by Friedrich Ebert Stiftung and 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 belief 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 of law."

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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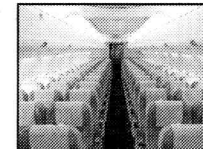
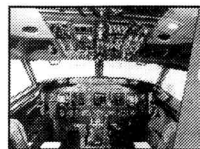
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Giving women a helping hand

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YEMEN TIMES STAFF

On 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 forum.

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.

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

YT: What are the obstacles that you have faced?

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

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-

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 forum offer?

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 hair-dressing. 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.



Nursery services offered to entertain children while mothers enjoy other activities

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

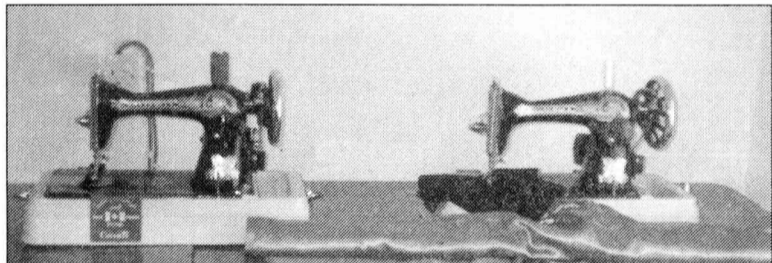
people want to see if you will fail or not. Actually the big problem is finances, such as how to pay the rent of the building and to pay employees' salary and so forth.

YT: Whom would you like to thank?

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

YT: Do you have any final words?

Ms. Hayat: 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. I say 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 and poverty.



Sewing machines used to teach women new sewing fashions

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 Ibb University in the economics department we will achieve our goals."

During the seminar, objectives were reviewed by doctors, experts, politicians and representatives of the

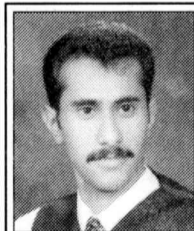
health sector.

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-Qusy. It was supervised by CIM management advisor and hospital consultant Dr. Patzelt.



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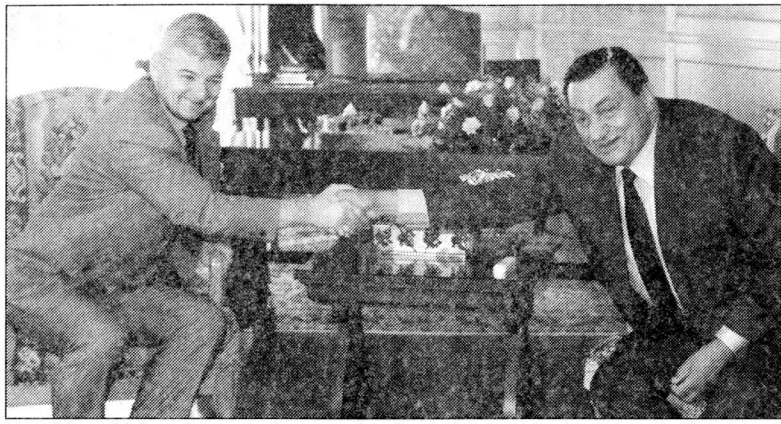
CAIRO, June 1 (Xinhua) — German Foreign Minister Joschka Fischer stressed on Saturday that an Israeli withdrawal from the Palestinian lands is essential for peace with the Palestinians.

"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. Egyptian 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 added.

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 defined.

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 negotiations.

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 Solana told Xinhua in Cairo on Thursday that the international community will not allow the wheels of the Mideast peace process to go through "empty round."

Israeli army raids Bethlehem

BETHLEHEM, West Bank (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 militants.

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 April.

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," he said.

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 violence.

William Burns, U.S. assistant secretary 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.

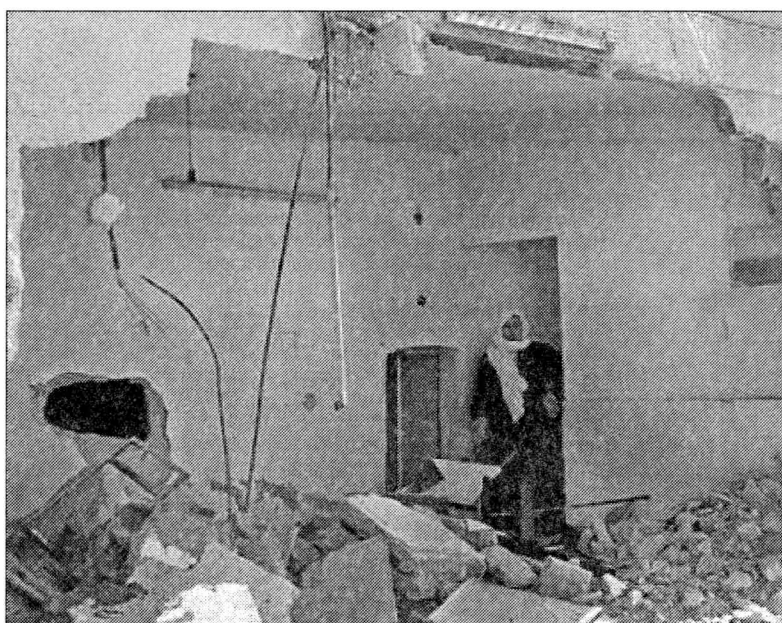
U.S. officials now say an international conference to revive peacemaking is likely later in the year, rather than the summer, because there is so much groundwork to lay.

Israel has repeatedly charged in and

out of Palestinian towns to contain what it calls a resurgence of suicide bomb threats since declaring an end on May 10 to a six-week West Bank offensive begun after attacks killed dozens of Israelis.

At least 1,377 Palestinians and 486 Israelis have been killed since a Palestinian uprising against Israeli military occupation erupted in September 2000 after peace talks stalled.

Israeli armor rumbled back into Tulkarm on Friday evening and reimposed a curfew on the northern city, Palestinian witnesses and security sources said.



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.

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

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

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.

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.

Man sentenced to life, for killing a Canadian in Kuwait

KUWAIT, (Reuters) - A Kuwaiti court sentenced a Filipino to life in prison on Tuesday for killing a Canadian aircraft technician, whose murder was first blamed on an Islamic militant.

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 killing Ethier as part of a conspiracy by the defendants to collect life insurance money, lawyers and diplomats said.

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.

Another, Lourdes Viray was sentenced to three months for failing to report a crime but released for time already served.

Nigeria's Electoral Agency restrained on Electoral Guidelines

LAGOS, (Xinhua) — Nigeria's Federal High Court has ordered the country's electoral agency to stop invoking its guidelines to conduct any verification of the claims submitted by 27 organizations seeking to register as political parties, local media reported on Saturday.

The reports said the Federal High Court sitting in the capital Abuja Friday ordered that the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) should stop taking any steps complained of by the applicants in the suit until the hearing of the application on June 3, 2002.

The 27 associations are among the 33 political associations seeking to be

registered as political parties and have rejected the INEC new guidelines.

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 citizen of Nigeria.

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.

Open Invitation for Businessmen and Investors

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

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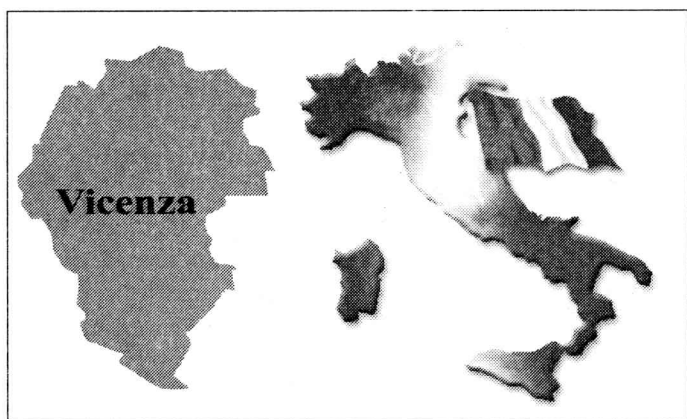
which is going to be held in conjunction with the Chambers of Commerce of both Vicenza and Sanaa, and which will be hosted at the Ballroom at the Sheraton Sanaa Hotel.

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دعوة مفتوحة لرجال الأعمال والمستثمرين والمهتمين

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

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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 Federation.

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

Meanwhile, Moi called on the people in east Africa to provide an enabling environment for foreign investors to invest in the region.

East African Community consists of three countries namely Kenya, Tanzania and Uganda.

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The position is located in the Consular Section, American Embassy, which is responsible for a wide range of secretarial and clerical functions under the supervision of the Consular Officer. We seek a candidate with demonstrated knowledge of secretarial/clerical activities as well as effective written and verbal communication skills. Work includes drafting simple correspondence, typing, maintaining a tickler file for the following up on correspondence, answering the telephone and acting as receptionist for the Consular Section, maintaining the Section's time and attendance records, filing documents and case files as directed, and performing other secretarial duties related to the Section such as collecting/distributing mail.

Qualifications:

- Education:** Completion of secondary school is required.
- Prior Work Experience:** Two years minimum secretarial experience.
- Knowledge/Ability:** Ability to produce high quality/quantity of work under pressure in order to meet specific deadlines. Applicants should be familiar with Word and Excel software.
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Violence as West warns South Asia against war

NEW 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 beyond."

"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

to test any propositions as to whether 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

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.

The shooting took place on Friday in the region in the east of the country 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 com-

pound 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 with the interim authority, at least that's what they purport to be," King said.

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 Qaeda 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 rocket-propelled 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 lasted 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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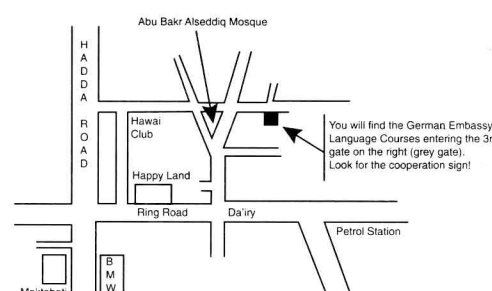
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Taj Sheba Hotel Honors its Best Employees

As part of the Labor Day celebrations, the Management of Taj Sheba Hotel decided to honor the Best Employee of 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 their own respective jobs and should continue with their good work. The General Manager of Labor Office for the Sana'a Governorate 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 Nasser adjudicated 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 Taj 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 Taj Group under guidance of qualified professionals. The names of employees selected for this training program are:
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 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 5 years respectively were distributed.



From L to R: Mr. Rohit Khosca, 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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Long Service Award - 5 years



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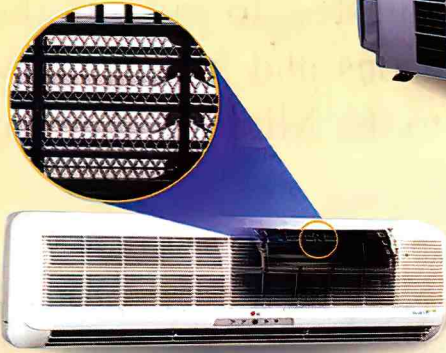
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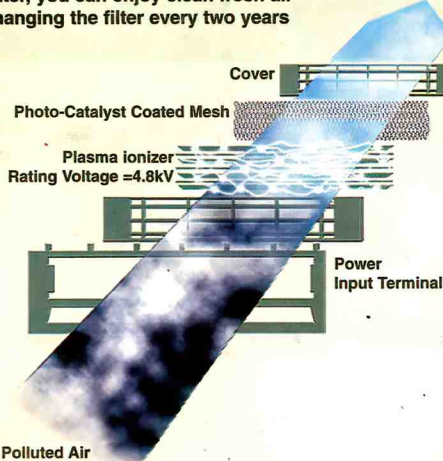
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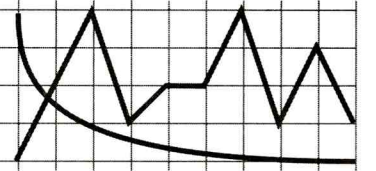
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Boycotting: Who does it harm?

MAHYOUB AL-KAMALI
YEMEN TIMES STAFF

The 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 materials.

The religious community as well as

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 dominate the local market and monop-

olize them. This, according to those manufacturers, will affect the future of 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

cannot boycott it; Yemen importers buy high quality US-made cosmetics, 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 manufacturers.

Being in most cases unofficial in most 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.

Exchange Rate for the Yemeni Rial as of June 1

USD	174.88	175.10
GBP	254.98	255.30
EUR	160.71	160.92
SAR	46.63	46.69
KWD	573.70	574.42
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EGP	37.89	37.94
BHD	463.88	464.47
QAR	48.04	48.10
JOD	247.01	247.32
OMR	454.24	454.81
CHF	110.45	110.58
SEK	17.63	17.65
JPY	1.401450	1.403213

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Central Bank of Yemen

2nd Conference for Gas & Oil to be held

BY YEMEN TIMES STAFF

Boosting 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 countries.

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

Ahmed Mohammed Loqman was appointed Chairman of the Board for the General Corporation. His 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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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 tech-

nologies 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.

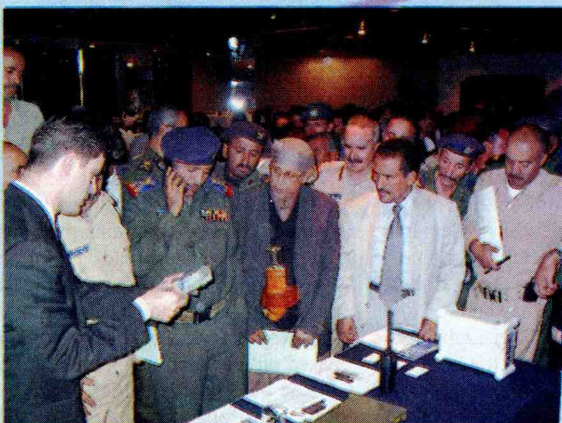
The telecommunication systems used at the present time cover and ensure the sea, land, and air sites in highly technological manner.

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

The 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 years

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



Dr. Showki al-Moweri, the director of the national program to reduce malaria

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.

campaign 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

There 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 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 qat. 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 its 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

In 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 achievements of the association, is the cam-

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ATG Group of companies inaugurates its new headquarters



Abu Taleb Group now is almost 30 years and the pioneer of tourism business in Yemen. His philosophy of seriousness and honesty and his permanent engagement for the country and it's people has always guaranteed a trustful partnership with Yemeni and international corporations. Extending the activities into different fields of work causes the change of the company to a group. With the opening of the Diving Basis in Al Mukalla started the new section of their business. Others will follow always keeping in mind the development of the country in connection with all their activities.

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 Yemen.



"I think Abu Taleb Group will add more opportunities to the tourism investments, I know there are many tourist agencies already in 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.

Group. I wish also that tourism is 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.



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

"It's my pleasure to welcome you today, in the name of 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 Al Mukalla 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.

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

"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 the tourism in the country" said the German Council, Dr. Tobias Tunkel.



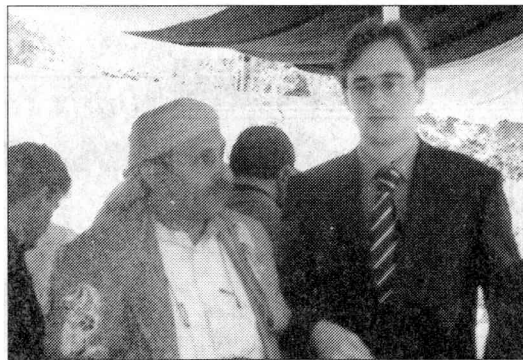
The Minister of tourism inaugurates the opening of the ATG



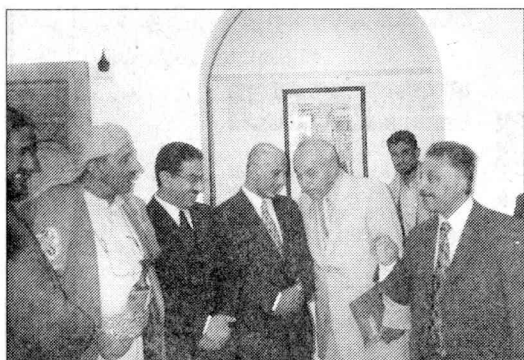
Abu Taleb welcomes the guests during the inauguration



Abu Taleb with Japanese Ambassador & the minister of Tourism



Abu Taleb with the German Council



Abu Taleb discusses tourism issues with some tourists responsible



A General photo for guests during Abu Taleb Speech



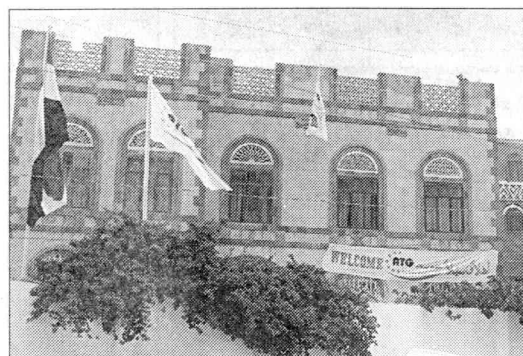
Mrs. Jaclyn Smith deputy head of mission at the British Embassy speak to Mr. S. H. H Janssen



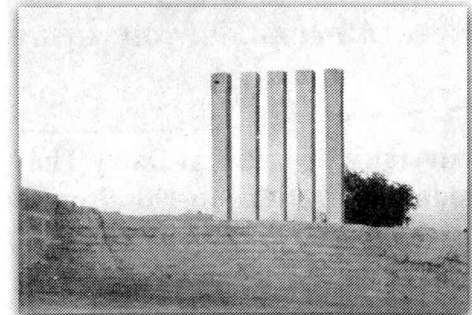
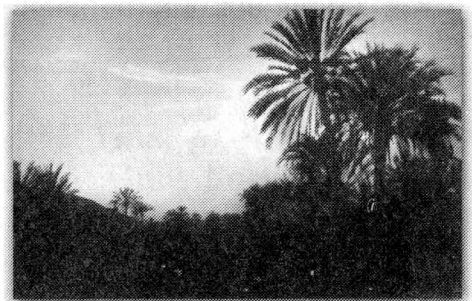
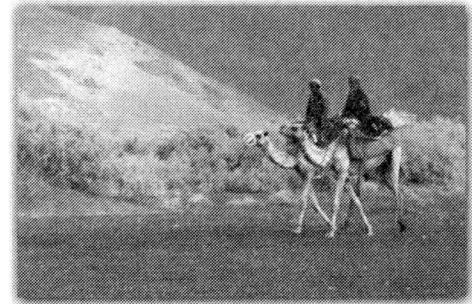
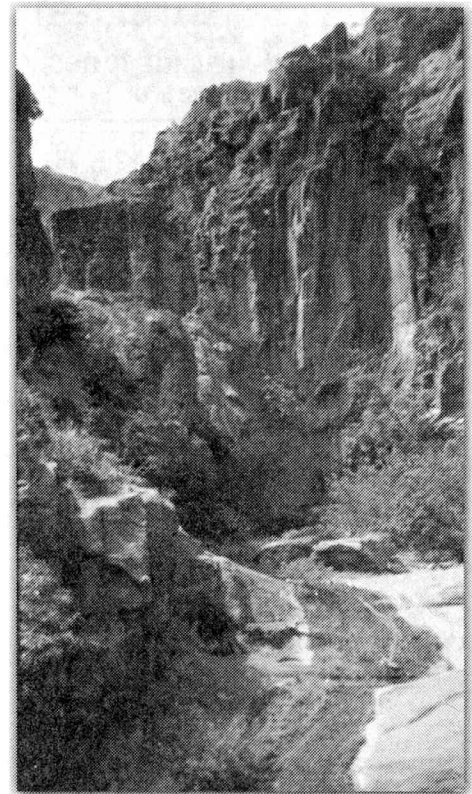
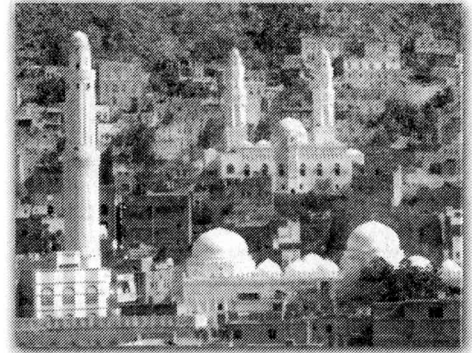
Abu Taleb among some of his employees



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



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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."

For the past few years, scientists 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 fuel.

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 if water is there and if so, if it is easy to get at.

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

of its high hydrogen content.

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 said.

"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."

But this water is so plentiful it would only have to be heated to 33 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

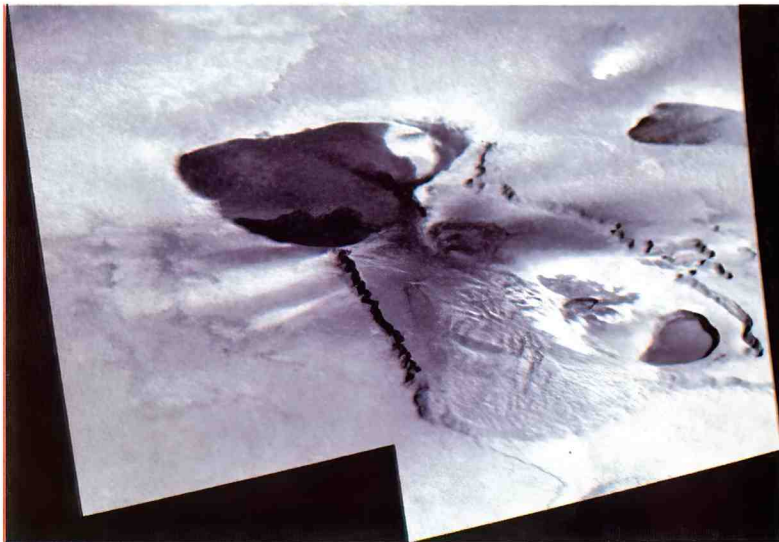
where did it come from, but where did it go."

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, Boynton said.

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



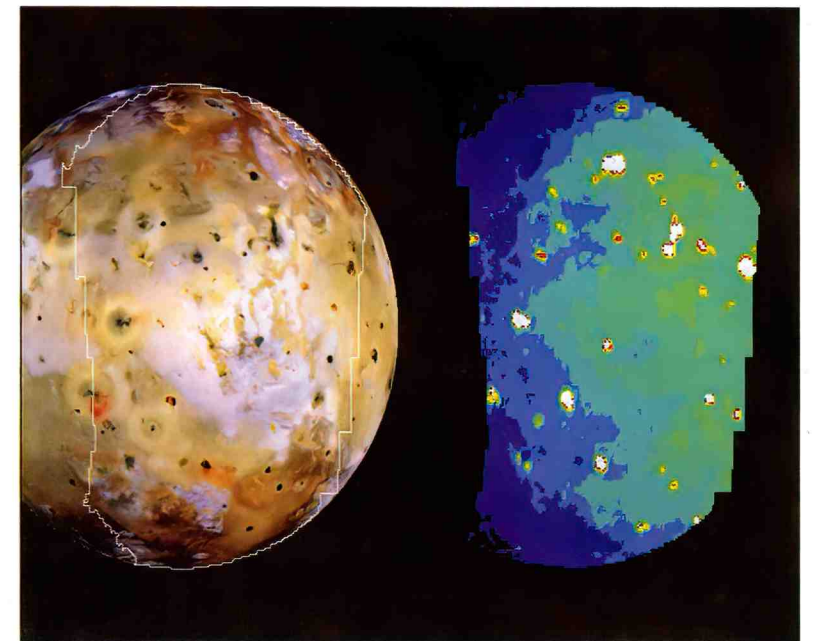
New view of Jupiter moon Io

This mosaic of Tvashtar Catena, which is a chain of volcanic craters, on Jupiter's moon Io, 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 "patara," are remnants of a tall plume that was seen erupting in earlier images. BW ONLY REUTERS.



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 journal 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 Io

Hot eruption sites scattered across Jupiter's moon Io 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 Io. An image from Galileo's camera showing the same face of Io (L) is included for correlating the heat-sensing infrared data with geological features apparent in visible wavelengths. REUTERS

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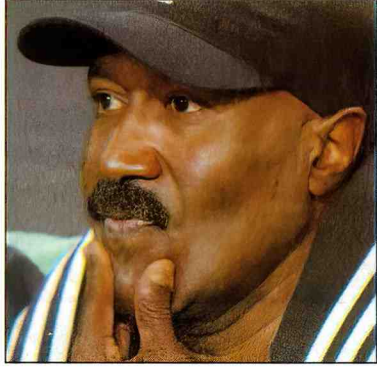
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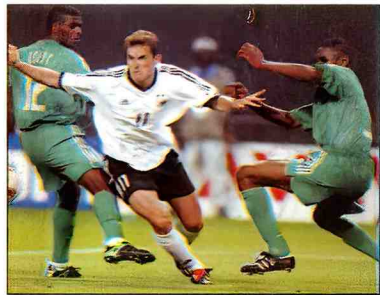
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Saudi coach pledges better performance in following world cup matches

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.



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



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.

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 finals' first round.

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,

Germany	1100803
Cameroon	1010111
Ireland	1010111
Saudi Arabia	1001080



Dancers perform during the opening ceremony program "From the East...." at the World Cup Finals in Seoul, May 31, 2002. The performance illustrates the story of harmony and mutual understanding of humans and nature from an Eastern perspective, which contains the philosophy and beauty of Korea. REUTERS.

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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