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BY MOHAMMED SALLAM
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Eight opposition parties issued a statement on May 31, calling for an immediate release of Abduraheem Mohsen. Mohsen is a journalist who was arrested on May 23rd, his present state is unknown.

The opposition parties have strongly condemned the arrest of Mohsen. The arrest was made because of his critical articles published in the Al-Thowri newspaper, the voice of the Yemeni Socialist Party.

"The illegal arrest of Mohsen is against the constitution and

the law which guarantee the freedom of expression," the statement said.

The statement also called for a stop of the harassment of writers and journalists.

At the same time politicians, men-of-letters and human rights organizations are voicing their resentment over the persecution of journalists.

The Al-Thowri editor-in-chief Khaled Ebraheem, Abduraheem Mohsen and Ebraheem Hussien were sentenced to 5-month imprisonment. This came after the Information Minister brought a suit against the Al-Thowri newspaper for publishing arti-



Khalid Salman



Ibraheem Hussain



Abduraheem Mohsin

cles that "stirred discord and sectarianism."
"The judgment heavily relied on personal prejudice, this is a huge catastrophe on judicial

performance and a threat to the freedom of the media," Ebraheem Hussien said to the Yemen Times.

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Tribal vengeance and the far powerful government

BY MOHAMMED H. AL-QADHI
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An official report by the Shura council revealed that the victims of tribal vengeance in three provinces during last year were put at 15520. The report prepared by the Tribal Vengeance Committee (TVC) at the Shura council said tribal sheikhs have more influence than judiciary. The report said tribal vengeance was claimed the lives of 610 in Sana'a, 581 in Dhamar and 361 in Al-Baida last year. It pointed out that only

20% of such problems are being dealt with in courts while the rest are at the hands of tribal influential figures.

Other governorates have not yet submitted their reports on tribal vengeance wars to the TVC.

The Shura council discussed last week this serious question of tribal vengeance, which represents Yemenis major headache. The council presented its recommendation on solving this problem to President Ali Abdullah Saleh. It suggested that cease-fire is to be

announced among all warring tribes so as to be able to tackle intricate and sophisticated issues of tribal vengeance.

President Saleh ordered the Shura council last year to focus on this issue.

A number of the Shura council's members pointed out that there are major reasons behind this problem. Firearms are commonly at the hands of the people as it is estimated that there are over 60 million pieces of different types of weapons in Yemen. Government's control over some areas is very loose and its power

is not felt by people. The judicial system is corrupt and people's problems take a lot of time to be settled. People spend tens of years at courts.

The power of law is not there at all as influential figures could interfere to cripple the enactment of the law. The people at the power centers who are themselves members of the tribal fabric work to enhance the tribal norms. They legislate and pass laws at the house of the representatives but in practice they apply their fossilized norms.

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CSF says US has no right to issue reports on Yemen

The Civic Society Forum (CSF) held a seminar dedicated to discussing the aspects of the official reply to the US Department of State on human rights in Yemen. The seminar was run by the al-Qistas magazine in cooperation with the German Embassy in Sana'a.

Participants at the seminar highlighted the main topics mentioned in the report and shared their views. They unanimously objected the United States self-appointment stand as the world human rights monitor in more than 191 countries except for the US, where no human rights vio-

lations were reported. However, this year, the report includes a few violations perpetrated inside the United States.

Participants concluded that human rights violations in Yemen, for the most part, are not politically driven, and that most violations take place in police

stations and private prisons run by sheikhs. Accordingly, they recommended that policemen should be instructed on the basics of human rights and their respective duties to avoid such violations.

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Three journalists given 5 months

A Yemeni court sentenced three journalists to five-month stay of execution jail terms last Tuesday.

The three journalists, Abdurraheem Mohsen, Ibraheem Hussien and Khalid Salman were accused of writing articles that incite sectarian and irrational sentiments endangering the unity of the country. The articles were published in the al-Thowri Weekly, organ of the Socialist Party last February.

The South Eastern Court of Sana'a headed by Judge, Mohammed M. al-Raimi sentenced the three writers to five months in jail. The court has held five hearings, since last march. The prosecution filed a case against the journalists on the basis of a letter from the Information Ministry.

Jamal al-Jobi the advocate for the journalists told the Yemen Times the verdict is welcomed, since it is a posi-

tive step forward when people use the court to settle their scores. However, he said that the verdict might impair democracy and freedom of speech and expression.

Al-Jobi appealed the verdict requesting the Judge to postpone judgment as Abdurraheem Mohsen is still being held in prison by the Intelligence and nobody will know his fate for a few weeks.

Following Mohsen's arrest, the opposition, mainly the Socialist Party accused the Yemeni Intelligence. They demanded, in a press statement, his immediate release and compensation for the material and mental stress he has been exposed to.

The opposition demanded the government to stop persecuting the press and respect democracy.

Proctor & Gamble leaves the country

The US company Proctor & Gamble which started operations here in 1994 recently decided to close down in Yemen. P&G's leadership said the company had experienced losses since the beginning. However, other sources have confirmed that the company had received threats from unknown groups.

Eyewitness told the Yemen Times they heard an exchange of gunfire between the company's guards and an unidentified group last week. Sources from the company said the decision to close down had been made after this incident.

While police intelligence are still

investigating, sheikhs and other people living near the P&G grounds are being held in prison until attackers are identified.

P&G stressed that the company's products will continue to be exported to Yemen from other countries. The local partner company located in Taiz will become an agent for P&G products.

Other sources from P&G said the closure had nothing to do with boycotting. "It was a decision made on low profits," they said.

They went on to say the 130 employees of P&G will be handsomely compensated for their services.

Shots inside Sana'a University Campus

Security personnel showed muscles last Wednesday at the graduation ceremony held at the Faculty of Arts, Sana'a University, to prevent students and their relatives from taking part in the party.

A source at the Ministry of Interior accused the Islah party, main organizer of the party, of being behind this confrontation.

A statement by the University Students' Union refuted the Interior

Ministry's accusations saying government-supported partisan forces were trying to prevent students from exercising their political rights. It added the celebration was organized by the elected students' union.

Yemen's Students Union also called in a statement upon the president to stop the irresponsible behaviors perpetrated by some security personnel against university students.

25575 double government posts canceled

The cabinet approved June 4 in its periodic meeting the removing of 25575 double government employments in accordance with the report submitted by the Ministry of Civil Service & Insurance.

It also agreed on the agreement with

the World Bank to upgrade the port of Aden, Hudeidah and Mukalla. The project aims at developing the manpower skills, as well as the infrastructure of these three ports to be able to attract more investments and be more competitive.

3 killed in tribal clash

A tribal clash in al-Jowf left three people dead and ten seriously injured. The battle broke out last week between the Hamdan and Shawlan tribes in al-Jowf governorate, 180 km northeast of Sana'a.

Heavy and light weaponry was used

by the two opponents.

Disputes between tribes happen usually over land claims. Previous to the unification of Yemen, 50 people died in a tribal clash between Hamdan and Shawlan before the fighting was stopped.

Capacity-building spotlighted in a workshop

The Deputy Minister of Planning & Development, Abdulrahman Tarmoom, inaugurated May 4 a UNDP-sponsored workshop on capacity-building for the Arab states at the Sheraton Hotel.

The workshop aimed at supporting the millennium summit, held in Sept. 2000 in Arab states, through building national capacities and using the summit's reports for backing, coordinating and monitoring related works.

It's expected that experts of the UN and members of the teams in charge of drafting the 17-Arab countries millen-

nium development objectives reports will finalize related works in cooperation with the local consultants and representatives of other UN agencies soon.

UN member countries committed to accomplishing 8 objectives by 2015 during the millennium summit in Sept. 2000. The objectives include among other things: eradicating extreme poverty and hunger, making basic education accessible to all worldwide, enhancing gender equity, empowering women, and developing a global partnership for development.

Serwah Charitable Association proclaimed

Serwah is for the first time having a charitable association as the founding meeting of the association ended last Thursday. The secretary-general of the association, Ali Saleh Hussein Azzaidi, told the Times the Association was

dedicated to fighting blood feuds, kidnapping and terrorism. The association will coordinate amongst the relevant authorities and agencies to provide infrastructure projects for the remote, deprived area.

Donors meet to discuss PRSP

A consultative meeting of donors was held June 11 at the Ministry of Planning & Development to discuss the Poverty Reduction Strategy Paper (PRSP), which was approved by the government last Wednesday.

The number of poverty reduction projects to be implemented within the framework of this strategy totals YR 413.4 billion within the upcoming three years.

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Internet course for journalists

With the view of training journalists on making use of the new information technology advances, the Yemen Journalist Syndicate (YJS) in cooperation with the Ministry of Telecommunications organized a training course May 6 for 48 journalists.

Mahboob Ali, YJS chairman, stated that the syndicate will organize several other courses for journalists to familiarize them with the different press related technologies.

Abdulmalik al-Mu'alimi, Minister of Telecommunication, at the inaugural ceremony, pointed out that the Ministry would continue to organize such courses for pressmen in order to develop their information technology skills and knowledge

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On the other hand, the Yemen Times received a petition last Thursday signed by a number of Yemeni children. The petition demanded the authorities to return the smile of Raheel, daughter of Abdurahman Mohsen by releasing her father.



7-year-old Raheel feels worried about her dad. She has appealed to state minister of human rights to return her father to her

"Raheel is deprived of her father's love. Raheel whose mother passed away upon giving berth to her, is the only child of Mohsen. She is now left without a parent," the petition says.

"To my mom, Waheeba Far'e and to all human organizations, I need my dad," Raheel said.

Tribal vengeance...

These factors all help the problem exacerbate and to solve the problem, they should come to an end. Abdulaziz Abdulghani, speaker of the Shura council admitted that tribal vengeance is the most sophisticated headache in Yemen. He said it was a major deterrent of development drive as it showed a sense of insecurity.

Shura representatives believe government should be very strict and deal with the problem seriously, criminalize the act and put an end to the carrying of firearms. Government should also be strong, enact the law and the order, and bring security and justice to all people equally.

The city of Sana'a has witnessed

several times showdown clashes between tribesmen who came from different places to settle their scores there. In most of the cases, victims were innocent people who had nothing to do with the problem. Such problems of the tribal vengeance might continue for three or four decades leading to further violence and killings. The main cause of the problem might be forgotten leading to the sort of vengeance and counter vengeance.

The problem needs a nation-wide awareness towards the dangers of such social problems. However, this can not do unless the government is serious to put an end to uproot this problem.

CSF says US has no right to issue reports on Yemen

They also agreed that the official reply to the American report is weak and is not well-organized. Participants also demanded that Yemen has to draft its own human rights reports to cut the US government short from doing that stuffs.

Participants described the report as "mostly an act of intelligence." They also doubted it on the basis that it mainly used local newspapers as a source of information, claiming that some papers do not seek ethical credibility in this respect.

Participants concluded that the human rights record in Yemen was getting much better, particularly with regard to the legal aspects. There is also a limited press freedom that allows people to voice their opinions.

At the end of the seminar, participants stressed that it's necessary to discuss the internal situation of Yemen in an open manner, and that the relevant civil society organizations should perceive their responsibilities and positively contribute to this issue

Yemen observes World Environment Day

BY MOHAMMED AL-QADHI
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Yemen celebrated World Environment Day last Wednesday.

It was a celebration hosted by the Ministry of Tourism and Environment in cooperation with the General Authority of Environment Protection (GAEP), the Capital Secretariat and the UNDP.

Dr. Mohammed Al-Mashgari, chairman of GAEP said the government was taking positive steps towards issuing legislation to protect environment.

He said a report on environmental issues would soon be presented to the cabinet for approval.

Mr. James Rawley, the UN resident representative in Yemen said, Yemen like many other developing countries was facing various environmental problems. These consist of a disappearing aquifer, pollution, erosion, the steady growth of the desert, a decrease

in biological diversity and the exploitation of fisheries.

He pointed out that Yemeni Government had come up with a number of conventions focusing on environmental protection. These include the National Environmental Action Plan, the National Bio-Diversity Strategy and Action Plan and the National Action Plan on Desertification.

These have endorsed the Socotra zoning plan and water law. The UNDP has actively assisted in the preparations of these plans and legislation.

Mr. Rawley stressed that there was little chance to protect the environment without a greater sense of responsibility.

In his speech, UN Secretary General Kofi Annan said, "sustainable development rests on three pillars: economic growth, social progress and protection of our environment and natural resources."

21 killed in traffic accidents

Twenty one persons were killed and 161 were seriously injured as a result of traffic incidents in the republic of Yemen. The number of traffic incidents reached last week to 136 incidents. Such incidents have come as a result of crazy speed and indifference to the traffic rules. These incidents were recorded last week by the traffic authorities.

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Yemen's reply to US report

Comprehended and justified

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The government of Yemen expressed concern over the international reports on human rights, released annually, by Amnesty International, Human Rights Watch, and the US Department of State. The Ministry of Human Rights has responded officially to this report. Its reply was published on pages six and seven of the al-Thawra Daily, May 20, 2002.

The government has been keen to circulate this statement to the mass media. Their reply pointed out that the United States is unconscious of the excellent relations the two countries enjoy.

Yemen's reply hints that it disagrees with the US-based report. A closer look shows Yemen's reply does not contain more than explanations and excuses, as well as references to measures taken to encounter human rights violations. In this regard, Yemen's official reply is not much different from the American report, if not confirming it.

The US report mentions a series of human right violations: the kidnapping of a judge, the murder of 8 people during tribal clashes, the killing of 5 people during a tribal feud, the death of a woman under torture, the persistence of female circumcision, child labor, rape cases, private prisons, the nominal independence of justice, the authorities inability to execute justice, the situation of prisons, the detention of journalists, gender discrimination, interference in justice issues, inefficiency of legislature vis-a-vis with the hegemony of the executive authority.

The government's reply mentions, the setting up of inspection committees for private prisons and indicates

that only private prisons were reported. Torture cases are rare and not in anyway organized. The issue over the execution of laws is being tackled, furthermore, proof of the independence of justice is shown by the fact the Minister of Justice is himself, a judge. Regarding general freedoms, there are no restrictions on freedoms, only under law and whenever necessary. The kidnapped judge has been released and the cases of people killed during conflicts has been referred to justice.

Circumcision is limited and operated at an individual level. The lady reported having died under torture in a police department was caused by a difficult delivery resulting in her death. Child labor is restricted at the household level and rape cases are rare. The person detained in connection with a kidnapping incident had links to the kidnapers who belong to his tribe. The reply added, he was engaged in suspicious activities concerning his tribe.

All said, the official reply confirms the occurrence of some incidents, apologizes for others and gives excuses for some.

The American report mentions individual cases while Yemen's reply indicates that they're happening on a wider scale. For instance, expressions like limited, rare and unorganized suggest the occurrence of several incidents and not single cases. The governments reply apparently wanted to say: as long as the incidents that take place aren't considered a phenomenon, it is OK.

The government's reply is weak. There are undeniable human rights violations in practice, and the government can not control them. If the government doesn't want these violations to take place and wishes to prevent them, why does the official reply indicate only the extent of its willingness to rectify the situation and avoid embarrassment. A reply to a report needs extensive experience and accurate information plus reference to the legislative system. The people involved in drafting this reply apparently lack these basic requirements.

In closing it must be mentioned that the Yemeni legislation on human rights is of the best in the Arab world.

YJS chairman
insulted

Yemeni Journalists
Syndicate's Chairman,
Mahboob Ali, was beaten up
June 3 by Ahmed al-Dhabhani
during a meeting June 3. It is
said Al-Dhabhani was angry
because Mahboob refused to
employ his son.

Mahboob was insulted and
threatened by a Jambiya.



Mahboob Ali YJS's Chairman

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Men are the foes of women: Abdulhameed

There are many barriers that impede the integration of women into development. For example, culture and a lack of understanding about women's roles in society. Though our religion asserts women's rights, we find that they are being deprived.

Aeda Abdulhameed is a journalist from Sudan. In 1995, she visited Yemen to cover a Yemeni-Sudanese meeting held by the Ministerial Committee, chaired by the Staff General, Mohammed Saleh.

Ms. Abdulhameed has returned to Yemen to work as a correspondent for the *Syydati Magazine*. She has been involved with journalism since the 1980s and has concentrated on the Arab world and women's affairs.

She produced an extensive documentary file on women issues for *Syydati Magazine*. This file contains more than 500 reports about dowries, violence against women, the female prisoners, discoveries on children's talent and women's toil.

Aeda also writes about tourism in Yemen. Yemen is her home and she has visited much of the country. She mixes with all the citizens of Yemen, starting with the street peddlers up. The people on the streets are much loved by Aeda, she appreciates their nature and gestures.

Actions speak louder than words

Aeda is pessimistic about the conditions of women in Yemen. "Yemenis really lack respect for women. My experience is that women aren't given attention. People say they are in favor of liberating women yet they are far away from applying such a criteria," she said.

"Women seem to have been put to the side. Men are the foes of women. Women may be well-treated in front of others, but maltreated in private. When I started my job as a journalist at *Syydati Magazine*, things seemed difficult. Though now I find there are



Aeda Abdulhameed

prominent female figures such as, Nageeba Haddad, the deputy minister of culture. She has become an exemplary figure among the Yemeni women. She has devoted her life in support of the Yemeni children."

Aeda's says that her stay in Yemen has been totally enriching. In the beginning as a female Sudanese journalist she had her doubts but with some experience she found reporting in Yemen fulfilling.

"Reaching officials is not difficult in comparison with other countries where a journalist can not contact a minister at all".

"Unforgettable moments will not be erased from my memory. As a female journalist, I highly appreciated the Yemen Times newspaper, the Yemen Journalist Syndicate and others who support me in my job as a journalist. I also want to thank the Editor-in-chief of Athowra newspaper, Mr. Ali Nagi Ara'awi."

Yemeni-Italian trade cooperation needed

BY FAHMIA AL-FOTAIH
YEMEN TIMES STAFF

The Italian Jewelry and Industrial Exhibition was organized by the Chambers of Commerce and Industry, of Sana'a and Vicenza and the Italian Embassy in Sana'a. It was held from the second to the fifth of June.

The exhibition included cultural and musical events at the Sheraton Hotel, along with fabulous meals.

The exhibition was attended by the Minister of Industry, Development & Planning and a host of the Yemeni businessmen.

I met with the chief commercial attaché Mr. Gian Carlo Culazzo and asked him about the idea of organizing the exhibition in Yemen.

"I greatly appreciate the efforts made by the organizers of this exhibition, without them we would not be able to have done this successfully," he said.

The exhibition was sponsored by the Adhban and Almaz Group, al-Hadhhal Group, Hawk Int., Man Int. Corp., AMEKO, Sheraton Hotel, Spacetel, TeleYemen,

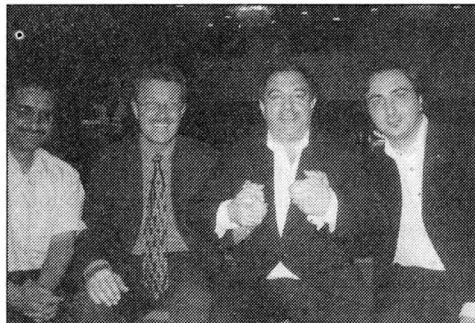
Yemenia Airways and the Yemen Times.

"We brought a lot of jewelry along with the machines because there is the possibility of making jewelry here in Yemen. With the proper technology, proper training and Yemeni craftsmanship we can make Italian jewelry," Mr. Carlo Culazzo noted.

More than 1220 women attended the jewelry fashion show and it was also shown on the Yemen TV Channel.

Consequently, several agreements have been signed by the Italian delegation.

"We have found that the people are interested in our products. Surely that will bring the public here from Italy and Europe," Mr. Carlo Culazzo concluded.



Italians in Yemen

An Italian medical team headed by Prof., Pruno Mirsi of the Italian Higher Institute has recently arrived in Yemen to conduct open heart surgery on children. The team is expected to conduct 26 heart operations.

In another story, Prime Minister Abdulqadir Bajammal met with an industrial delegation led by the Italian Minister of Industry on June fourth. Aspects of bilateral relations between the two countries were discussed during these meetings. This delegation is currently visiting Yemen.

Hayel Saeed Ana'am Charitable Society honors its graduates

Twenty two graduates were honored last Thursday by the Hayel Saeed Ana'am Charitable Society. These graduates continue their study with the help of scholarships awarded by the society.

Ali Mohammed Saeed Ana'am, the Chairman of Board of Directors stressed the significance of learning as the base of human development.

Dr. Ahmed Hayel Saeed Ana'am delivered a speech focusing on the role played by the Hayel Saeed

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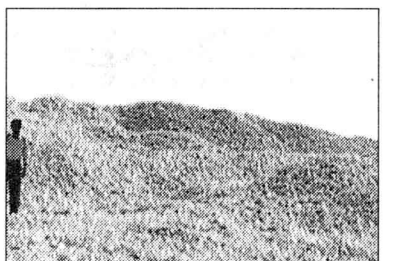


Late Hayel Saeed Ana'am

40,000 tons of limestone exported to India

Yemen exported 40,000 tons of limestone to India on June 8. This first shipment left from the Aden Container Terminal. The limestone is mined from Lahaj area by the Lorven company of India.

A celebration for this event was attended by the Minister of Oil & Minerals, Dr. Rashad Baraba'a governor of Aden, Taha Ahmed Ghanim,



Mansur Abduljalil governor of Lahaj, Ahmad Luqman chairman of the Aden Free Zone Authority, Dirhim Noman chairman of the Aden Free Zone, Mohammed Saleh Turik Aden's Security Director, Ahmed Handhal vice-chairman of Aden Free Zone Authority, Mr. G.P. Reddy the manager of Lorvent of India and Hussein Matlub the manager of the Sheba Shipping Co.

Dr. Rashad Baraba'a pointed out that this shipment is indicative of the avail-



ability of minerals in Yemen in commercial quantities. "This will ultimately contribute to the development of Yemen and help in creating job opportunities," he said.

More than US\$ 6 million for population projects

A number of agreements to finance health and population related projects were signed between the Ministry of Planning & Development and the UN Population Fund (UNPF). The financing amounts to US\$ 6,943,577.

YJS chairman beaten-up

Yemeni Journalists Syndicate Chairman, Mahbub Ali, was beaten on June 3 by Ahmed al-Dhahbani during a meeting. Al-Dhahbani did this on the grounds that Mahbub refused to employ his son.

After Mahbub refused, al-Dhahbani insulted him and wanted to stab him with his Jambiya.

Donors meet to discuss PRSP

A meeting was held June 11 at the Ministry of Planning & Development to discuss the Poverty Reduction Strategy Paper (PRSP), which was approved by the government last Wednesday.

A number of poverty reduction projects are to be implemented over the next three years. Total funds are YR 413.4 billion.

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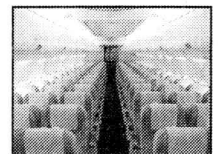
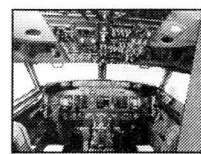
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Government responds to USA's Human Rights report (part II)

The report prepared by the U.S. Department of State on Human Rights Practices-2001 came to stress the United States of America's keenness on following up developments of human rights conditions in Yemen, embodying depth of Yemeni-U.S. governments bilateral cooperation in various fields, especially questions related to human rights, though in some of its paragraphs there are indications showing non-comprehension of the volume of cooperation and special relationship between the two countries. The report has projected some positive aspects the Yemeni Republic has achieved at the legislative or at the real situation, but some of its paragraphs make it clear that the side that prepared it was deriving its information from what is published in press without trying to verify accuracy or attempt to be sure about correctness of what has been published. In addition, in some of the report's paragraphs there is a kind of confusion between different matters which we have tried to clarify. There are also some paragraphs and points that have been previously answered several times in our responses to former reports and we have not expected to be mentioned again. There is also some contradiction. For though there is projection of some accomplishments, the report in another part of it tries to belittle them under pretext of not reaching the required level or have not attained the necessary change the report sees as required, not taking into consideration of youthfulness of the democratic experiment in the Republic of Yemen and that human rights is one of the strategic issues necessitating much time and practice and training people on its principles and sublime concepts. Such things would not be realized merely by issuance of a law or a decree. It requires cooperation of all governmental institutions, civil society organizations and regional and international organizations. With such cooperation we can redouble the asset of our accomplishments in various human rights areas.

The response takes three major premises:

1. General remarks on the report,
2. Reply to general allegations,
3. Refuting paragraphs of the report.

Firstly: General remarks on the report:

Despite the slight improvement in the report of the U.S. State Department on conditions of human rights in Yemen, most of its content came to be following the same style pursued in reports of previous years with regards to:

1. The repeated mistake regarding undisputed facts and axioms, as any error, even a very simple one, would mean a reverse of their actual descriptions and also means a kind of blackout on those facts and axioms or at least distorting them. For instance the report mentioned on its first page, second line, the phrase "civil war". This phrase is completely wrong for there was absolutely no civil war in Yemen. What happened in the Summer of 1994 were insurgency events developed into an attempt for dividing the country once again. The events had been undermined and the blessed unity consolidated. This is a fact well-known to the whole world and course of events of that period had proved it. There is also the other phrase on the same page, "the country was reunified". This phrase is an obvious mistake and very far away from what actually happened. We would wonder about when was Yemen divided after the unity in order to be "reunified"? Such accounting is negatively reflected on the rest paragraphs of the report and makes it loose credibility.

2. The form and style. For despite of the repeated indication that the situation in Yemen is not identical to situations in other countries, but that does not necessarily mean that all countries can be equal regarding their situations and circumstances. Yemen is a democratic state that respects human rights depending on values and teachings of the Islam religion and its cultural and civilization heritage. Its constitution and various legislations clearly stipu-

late that. This is a matter making it in a position much better than many other countries the form of the report can be applied to. It has been expected that the report would take this remark into consideration especially that it is closely related to the essence of the report that accordingly should have been changed in shape and style than what it is now.

3. The style of demonstrating content of the report's paragraphs. Although this year's report has pointed out the achievements realized in Yemen, but it has unjustifiably underestimated them and included in them certain generalizations quite irrelevant to reality or are merely unverified allegations.

4. Repetition that is creating imbalance in content of the report. Despite Yemen republic's repeated responses to general and detailed allegations mentioned in earlier reports of the American State Department, we find them repeated in following reports. The present report is an example in dropping some of the allegations that have been responded to previously, it has nonetheless mentioned against most of what it has tackled in the previous report.

5. Regarding the themes approached in the report. Although international conventions and agreements do not allow interference with Islamic doctrines and principles of the Islamic law that are considered the source of all Yemeni legislations and there is no chance for making any criticism against its principles.

6. Inaccurate language interpretations that may be attributed to inaccuracy in translation. For instance the report mentioned that the constitution restricts freedom of expressing opinion and freedom of press. In fact the term "restrict" has been mistakenly interpreted with that of the phrase "limits of the law", as it has been mentioned in text of the article but has been linguistically interpreted in an inaccurate way.

Secondly: Reply to general allegations contained in the report.

-The report said "Following a brief but bloody civil war in mid-1994, the country was reunified under Sana'a government." This sentence is completely inexpressive of the fact. Event of 1994 Summer were not a civil war and no partition took place in order to use the word "reunification", as the report mentioned. The unity has been existent since 1990.

- The report mentioned that "President Ali Abdullah Saleh was elected by the legislative to a 5-year term in 1994, and was elected to another 5-year term in the country's first nationwide direct presidential election in September 1999." In this respect we would like to clarify that election of the president in 1994 was held pursuant to text of the constitution that granted the elected parliament the right to electing the president for a 5-year term. In 1999 the president was elected according to first nationwide direct competitive electoral process. According to the latest constitutional amendments the term of the president was extended to 7 years beginning from the date of his being sworn in. Assuming presidency post must not exceed two terms, each for 7 years.

-In introduction of the report it is reported that "The parliament is not yet an effective counterweight to executive authority, although it increasingly demonstrates independence from government. The real political power rests with the executive branch, particularly the president." It should be clearly understood that the state three powers are defined according to the constitution and are interconnected in line with what is stipulated in the constitution. Out of this the three powers work with full independence, harmony and integration, rarely to be found in developing countries. This reality makes the some think of the authority being embodied in one body. Nobody can give a categorical judgment on extent of the three powers independence unless he is fully aware of the nature of the political rule in the republic of Yemen and closely watches interaction among these three powers. To claim that the real power rests with the executive power, especially the president, is inconsistent to truth. The

president enjoys certain authorities defined in the constitution. Article 105 of the constitution states (The executive power is exercised on behalf of the people by president of the republic and council of ministers within the limits stipulated in the constitution), i.e. the ruling system in the republic, as known for parliamentary systems, is based on a form of bilateral executive power, where besides the president there is a government accountable to the parliament. The parliament also has the right to granting confidence to the government. The parliament has summoned the government on various occasions to discuss a variety of subjects. Moreover, the constitution has granted the parliament the right to summon the government or one of its members for interpellation, (articles 96, 97). Parliament also entertains the right to vote on non-confidence against the government according to article 98. The legislative power has the right to assign a fact-finding committee on any topic and refers its reports enclosed with suitable recommendations, proposals and treatments and they are to be discussed at the parliament, to be then referred to the government for implementation.

- The report mentions that "The judiciary is nominally independent, but is weak and severely hampered by corruption, executive branch interference, and frequent failure of the authorities to enforce judgments."

This sentence has been literally repeated in the previous reports and it has been already clarified that judiciary is an independent power, judicially, financially and administratively from other powers of the state (article 149 of the constitution). Judiciary officials, including the minister of justice, are appointed from among judiciary circles themselves. As the constitution stipulates, the judges are independent in performing their job and issuing judgments. There is no doubt that judiciary suffers from some failures and passivities, but the judiciary power has worked out a plan for comprehensive reform aimed at eliminating negative aspects and all hindrances standing against this power. Beginnings of the reform plan are felt in extensive reforms in the judicial power structure as well as the large-scale movement of transfers and promotions. Things did not stop at this point, the judiciary power, represented by the Supreme Judiciary Council, has taken punitive measures against some judges and their assistants and members from prosecution proved to be involved in acts of corruption. Some of them were pensioned off and others were taken to court via the Accountability Council which is affiliated to the Supreme Judiciary Council. This is an evidence on seriousness of the general orientation towards reform of the judicial system in Yemen. We should not skip pointing out scarcity of potentials available for this power. It greatly hinders going ahead with implementing reformatory programs requiring allotment of credits meeting that end. In this regard we renew welcoming international assistance in this field offered by sisterly and friendly countries that would help push forward the process of judicial reform, particularly in areas of habilitation and training of judges and their assistants and members of prosecution and informing them on latest scientific developments related to fields of their jobs. Such internal and foreign training courses have already been fruitful with regard to training a good number of judges and their assistants and members of prosecution under the help of some international bodies such as the World Bank. As for the frequent failure to enforce some judgments, it is under the process of tackling it through joint meetings between the judiciary power and the bodies concerned with enforcement of judicial judgments. There is serious coordination to secure the enforcement of sentences.

- The report mentions that " The primary state security apparatus is the Political Security Organization, an independent agency that reports directly to the president. The Criminal Investigative Department of the police reports to the Ministry of Interior and conducts most crim-

inal investigations and makes most arrests. The Central Security Organization, also part of the Ministry of Interior, maintains a paramilitary force. Members of the security forces, particularly the Political Security Organization, numerous, serious human rights abuses."

We want to make it clear that the Political Security Organization is one of the state's central apparatuses established under a presidential decree No. 121 in 1992. The decree has defined tasks and authorities of the apparatus as well as its affiliation to presidential office. Also, duties and authorities of the organization are no secret and the decree is open for study to citizens. Constitution and law define all measures of arrests and inspection and any violation of them is considered a crime punishable by law. As for the "numerous, serious human rights abuses", it has become a phrase repeated in each report year after year. This indication is not true and inconsistent with reality. There is nothing confirming it on the ground or certain incidents to be taken as evidence. As for the remark that on the Criminal Investigative Department and its "making most arrests", we would like to say that there are no arrest campaigns but rather precautionary measures against those suspected of committing crimes. The department carries out tasks of detecting crime and those involved in it according to regulations defined by the law.

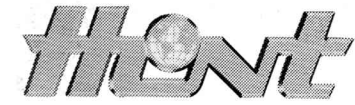
- The report mentions that "There are significant limitations on citizens' ability to change their government." This is also a paragraph repeated in previous reports and had been responded to by elucidating that the legal and legitimate ways for changing governments in democratic countries is holding elections. This is what our country is doing through parliamentary elections for the years 1993, 1997 and the presidential elections in 1999 as well as local councils elections in 2001.

The report has also mentioned that "Members of the security forces killed a number of persons during the year. Members of the security forces tortured and otherwise abused persons, and continued to arrest and detain citizens arbitrarily, especially oppositionists in the south and other persons regarded as 'secessionists.'"

- Generally, this is an incorrect allegation for there are no practices by security members regarding killing persons nor phenomena of arbitrary arrests of persons whether oppositionists or others. Concerning allegations on cases of torture and abuses, Yemen confirms they are very limited and rare cases. They do not form a phenomenon

or organized operation or widespread to be mentioned in such a report. Those members from the security apparatus responsible for such rare cases of torture and violation of human rights have been brought to court and verdicts have been issued against those proved to have committed them. Trial measures are still going on concerning others accused of such acts. It is groundless regarding what has been mentioned about targeting certain areas or governorates. All citizens are equal before the law. The report should have pointed out such cases so that the concerned authorities be able to investigate into such allegations and whether they are correct and consequently to take legal measures against them.

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Egyptian leader to press Bush on Palestinian state

WASHINGTON (Reuters) - President Bush and Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak will continue intense discussions on Saturday about ending violence in the Middle East after a private dinner at the Camp David presidential retreat.

Mubarak is pressing Bush to support declaration of a Palestinian state before its final borders are set as a way to jump-start the peace process, and stop 20 months of 'bloodshed' that have killed at least 1,383 Palestinians and 505 Israelis.

Mubarak said it was unrealistic to expect an end to the violence until a U.S.-backed plan was in place leading to early Palestinian statehood.

"Believe me, the violence will not stop ... it will not happen," Mubarak told The Washington Post in an interview published Saturday. "The only way to stop this is to give hope to the people."

Mubarak said he favored reforming the Palestinian Authority, particularly its security services, but said Israel must also show flexibility, including withdrawing its troops from the West Bank.

Bush, who favors eventual creation of a Palestinian state, told reporters he would make a statement on the Middle East after his discussions with Mubarak and Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon, who visits the White House on Monday.

It will be Sharon's sixth trip to the White House since taking office in March 2001, but Bush has yet to host



Egyptian president Hosni Mubarak with US president George W. Bush at Camp David. REUTERS

Palestinian President Yasser Arafat.

Bush said on Friday that Arab states were showing greater engagement in the drive for peace, but said Arafat needed to do more to "cut off the terrorist activities."

Sharon, due to leave for Washington on Saturday, already dismissed Mubarak's plan for a Palestinian state early in the peace process when the idea was raised by dovish foreign minister, Shimon Peres.

Dealing another blow to hopes of ending the violence, the Israeli army said a Palestinian gunman killed at least two Israelis and wounded four in a Jewish settlement near the divided

West Bank city of Hebron just before dawn Saturday.

Gathering Ideas

White House spokesman Ari Fleischer said the president was using his meetings in the coming days to refine his ideas.

"He's still in the phase now of listening and gathering thoughts and ideas," Fleischer told reporters before Bush and Mubarak met for dinner at Camp David, accompanied only by their respective national security advisers.

"The fundamental underpinning which has not and will not change is

the president's April 4 Rose Garden address, where he laid out the responsibilities on the three parties to achieve an end result," Fleischer said.

"And the end result is a Palestinian state and an Israeli state that lives side by side in peace and security."

U.S. officials say the next steps will also depend on consultations with two envoys who have just returned from the region, CIA Director George Tenet and Assistant Secretary of State William Burns.

The United States has welcomed recent Arab proposals aimed at injecting new momentum to the process, including Mubarak's, and an earlier Saudi suggestion that Israel withdraw to 1967 borders in return for normalized relations with Arab countries.

It hopes to build on such good intentions to hold a peace conference this summer and has proposed a three-part strategy that focuses on working simultaneously toward security for Israel, reform of Palestinian institutions and peace talks.

Sharon says there can only be a Palestinian state at the end of a lengthy, incremental peace process.

Mubarak argues that Palestinians need hope now and is urging U.S. officials to move fast on resuming negotiations between Israelis and Palestinians.

Bush and Mubarak will be joined on Saturday by Secretary of State Colin Powell, Vice President Dick Cheney and national security adviser Condoleezza Rice.

U.S.' Ashcroft seeks closer watch on some aliens

WASHINGTON, June 4 (Reuters) - U.S. Attorney General John Ashcroft plans to recommend expansion of a little-used law requiring "high risk" visitors to the United States, to register and be fingerprinted, NBC reported on Tuesday.

The new registration requirement would apply mostly to visitors from Cuba, Iran, Iraq, Libya, North Korea, Sudan and Syria, countries on a list of states that the U.S. contends sponsor terrorism, NBC reported.

The change would potentially apply to some 100,000 "high risk" visitors, mostly young men, the report said.

Certain visitors from those countries would be required to complete a



Ashcroft comments on this week's registration form and be fingerprinted and photographed if they plan to remain in the United States for more than 30 days, the report said.

registration form and be fingerprinted and photographed if they plan to remain in the United States for more than 30 days, the report said.

Under current rules, only visitors from Iraq, Iran, Libya and Sudan are required to go through the registration process.

A U.S. official reached for comment confirmed that the attorney general would recommend expanding an alien registration requirement that has been in place since the 1950s because of concern over the continuing "terror threat." The official declined to offer further details.

Concern about the lack of records on tourists, students and other visitors after the Sept. 11 attacks prompted the attorney general to seek the

change, NBC reported.

The report said Ashcroft visited Capitol Hill on Tuesday to brief lawmakers on his plans.

Cheney remarks on Iraq "irresponsible" - paper

BAGHDAD, June 8 (Reuters) - An official Iraqi newspaper on Saturday blasted as "irresponsible" comments by U.S. Vice President Dick Cheney linking Iraq to the threat of terror groups acquiring weapons of mass destruction.

"Cheney's statement is irresponsible and illogical," al-Qadissiya said.

"We confirm that the American administration, including all its members, is wicked and a source of lies and aggressive threats," the paper said.

On Thursday, Cheney singled out Iraq in calling for a decisive response to counter a growing danger of terror groups acquiring weapons of mass destruction from sympathetic states.

"In the case of (Iraqi President) Saddam Hussein, we have a dictator who is clearly pursuing these deadly capabilities," Cheney said. "Saddam has also shown that he's willing to use weapons of mass destruction."

Al-Qadissiya denied that Baghdad was threatening anyone and said

Washington was the one threatening world security and stability by launching wars against countries such as Iraq, Afghanistan and Yugoslavia.

"The real truth is that Iraq is not threatening anyone and it cannot be an element of threat against anybody," the paper said.

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Saudi's King Fahd calls for end to Israeli raids

RIYADH, (Reuters) - Saudi Arabia's King Fahd has called on United Nations Secretary-General Kofi Annan to press Israel to halt its attacks on Palestinian-ruled areas, state television reported on Saturday.

It said the Saudi monarch met Annan in Geneva on Friday and urged him "to do his utmost to end Israeli violence against the Palestinians and secure the return of their rights".

King Fahd, in his late 70s, flew to Switzerland last month where he may undergo knee surgery.

The Israeli army has raided

Palestinian-ruled towns and cities almost daily in recent weeks following a resurgence of Palestinian suicide bombings in a 20-month-old uprising against Israeli occupation in the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

Saudi Arabia has been playing a pivotal role in efforts to end the Middle East crisis since Crown Prince Abdullah floated a peace proposal in February that offers Israel normal ties with Arabs in return for withdrawal from Arab land occupied since the 1967 Middle East War and the return of Palestinian refugees.

Rwanda to start genocide Trials at village courts

KIGALI (Reuters) - Rwanda launches a radical experiment in mass justice later this month when hundreds of thousands of genocide suspects will be judged by their neighbors at traditional village courts, officials said.

Rwanda, overwhelmed by 115,000 genocide suspects crammed into its prisons, has revived "gacaca" courts to speed up justice and heal the bitter legacy of the 1994 massacres.

"No legal system of any Western country was ever made to deal with violence on this scale," Gerald Gahima, Rwanda's public prosecutor, told Reuters late on Friday.

Gahima announced the start date for the courts across the tiny central African country for June 19, crowning an end to four years of debate about the merits of a scheme which some lawyers fear may deliver flawed judgements.

The government admits the system is not perfect, but says it has no choice

but to revive gacaca to deal with a genocide in which a vast number of ordinary citizens participated in the killing of an estimated 800,000 people.

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The huge scale of the gacaca exercise means suspects will be given no legal representation and the 250,000 judges elected by local communities will have only received basic training.

Suspects will typically be paraded on grassy knolls as villagers accuse them of horrific atrocities — setting the stage for charged scenes at the open air hearings.

Kuwait court upholds death in woman editor murder

KUWAIT, (Reuters) - Kuwait's court of appeals on Saturday upheld the death sentence on a police officer found guilty of shooting dead a female editor in a crowded street.

The court rejected the appeal by Lt-Colonel Khaled al-Azmi who was sentenced to death in February 2002.

Lawyers said the Court of Cassation is expected to review the

case at a later date for a ruling on legal procedures.

Azmi was found guilty of the 2001 killing of journalist and veteran women's rights campaigner Hedayah Sultan al-Salem in a rare attack which shocked many in the small country where women are active in the society compared to some of the neighbouring

Muslim conservative Gulf Arab states.

Witnesses at the time said a man stepped out of a vehicle and opened fire at Salem as her car waited at a traffic light in a Kuwait City street.

Ali al-Baghli, the lawyer representing the family of the slain editor, told Reuters on Saturday that Azmi apparently attacked her for what he saw as

an insult to his Awazm tribe in an article in her al-Majales magazine in 2000.

She had later apologised for her story about traditional Kuwaiti dances and the origins of the female dancers.

"We think his motive was his anger about the article for what he saw as an insult for his tribe. She had apologised for the story," Baghli added.

Liberian rebels say raid base, kill soldiers

ABIDJAN (Reuters) - Liberian rebels said on Friday they had attacked a government base in the north of the country, killing "a substantial number" of loyalist soldiers.

The claim could not be independently verified although the defense minister confirmed he was investigating reports of an attack in the area, where the government controls several pockets of territory behind rebel lines.

The rebels, fighting to topple President Charles Taylor in the latest phase of a regional war in West Africa, have stepped up their campaign in recent months with attacks near the coastal capital Monrovia.

Wednesday's raid is the first major attack claimed by the rebels since they said nine days ago they were scaling down their offensive in response to international pressure to end fighting which has driven tens of thousands from their homes.

A spokesman said the rebels attacked the base in the Foya area on Wednesday night near the volatile and diamond-rich borders with Guinea and Sierra Leone, which has restored peace after over a decade of civil war in which Taylor supplied weapons to

rebels in return for diamonds.

"The number of people in the base was close to 500. We killed a substantial number," William Hanson, spokesman for Liberians United for Reconciliation and Democracy (LURD), told Reuters by telephone.

"It is regrettable that many of them had to die the way they did," he added, but declined to go into further details.

Defense Minister Daniel Chea could not verify the report.

"I was told of an attack this morning, but I have yet to confirm it," he told Reuters.

LURD's Hanson said his fighters had surprised the government troops with their night-time attack, and had captured arms and ammunition which he claimed had originated in Nigeria.

Chea denied Nigeria was supplying arms to the government.

Liberia is under a U.N. Security Council arms embargo, but diplomatic and security sources in the region say guns and ammunition are regularly flown in via other African countries.

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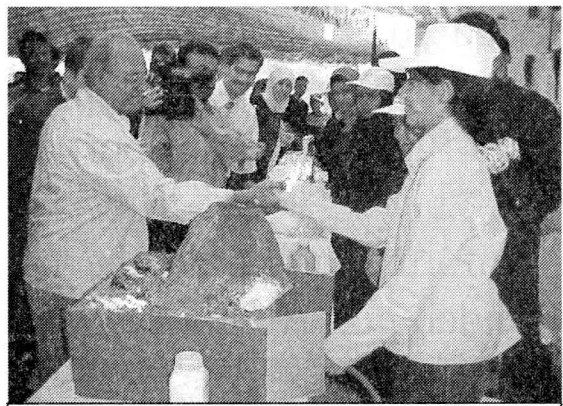
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Sana'a Turkish School : Boundless Opportunities for the Yemeni Youth

On Thursday the 23rd of May, 2002, The Sana'a Turkish School held its second annual bazaar with an array of entertaining activities such as funfair, shopping fair, food festival but perhaps the highlight of the day was a highly informative science fair which stole the show away.



A visitor gives congratulations on a student's live eruption of a volcano project.

The Sana'a Turkish School is renowned for its facilities and innovative methods through which it enlightens the minds of the younger generation. In the science fair, it lived up to its reputation. Emphasizing the importance of science in our lives, the head of science department Mr. Mustafa Uzun said that science could be used as an effective tool in improving the standard of life in Yemen. He said, "Science being an important aspect of our day to day life, has to be developed by means of new inventions." He added, "As the future of Yemen, our students are well-equipped and are as ingenious and eager as the Europeans and Americans to comprehend what goes on around them."

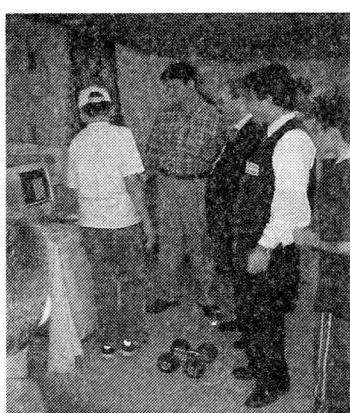
The efforts of the students were truly commendable. The projects included things such as controlling a car by means of computer, which

had attracted interest of the visitors of science fair. Using only mouse clicks on a computer monitor, navigating a toy car was very interesting idea, even the computer professionals attending to the fair together with the ordinary visitors couldn't conceal their amazements.

The two students who are in charge with the project gave explanations with all the details both in English and Arabic to the visitors. The other projects were, live eruption of a volcano, an ant aquarium with a colony of ants at work, construction of a fountain, flying without

a machine, determination of blood groups, magic writing and influence of air pressure on our lives.

One of the most popular projects was a demonstration of eruption of



A student is giving explanations about his Remote Control Car project to the visitors.



A student is presenting his project named virtual gravity, actually just made from mirrors, which errs bare eyes.

a volcano, which achieved interest and won many visitors' approval. In the project, using chemicals students showed a live eruption in front of astonished looks of the attendants of the bazaar.

The science bonanza, held in Sana'a Turkish School was a feast for all, the old and young alike. Promising a better and more attractive organization for the next years, it seems that Sana'a Turkish School will continue to be an appealing educational institution for those who are looking for an

excellent academic ambience for their children. It is hoped that such healthy educational activities shall continue to enrich the young minds in the years to come.

The school is starting registration for the 2002-2003 academic year from the 1st of June. For more information, see the school's web site at <http://www.y.net.ye/sts> send e-mail to turkish_school@yahoo.com or give a call to phone number 448 258 / 9 (Sana'a)



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India says spy plane missing

NEW DELHI, June 8 (Reuters) - India said on Saturday an unmanned spy plane went missing after a routine flight near the border with Pakistan.

Pakistan said earlier its air force had shot down an Indian spy drone close to the town of Raja Jang, south of the Punjab provincial capital, Lahore.

An Indian air force spokesman made no reference to the Pakistani claim but said: "An unmanned aerial vehicle on a routine flight lost contact at about 2300 hours (1730 GMT) on Friday.

"In the current state of deployment of armed forces, unmanned aerial vehicle missions from either side are a rou-

tine feature." The spokesman refused to elaborate.

Indian and Pakistani troops routinely exchange fire across the border. Scores have been killed on both sides since tensions increased late last year and the two countries amassed more than a million soldiers on the frontier.



Pakistani military officials surround the wreckage of a spy plane at the town of Raja Jang, south of the Punjab provincial capital, in Lahore. REUTERS

Singapore says Hizbollah tried to form terror cell

SINGAPORE, (Reuters) - Lebanon's Hizbollah guerrilla group recruited five Singaporeans to set up a terror cell in the city state in the 1990s, a Singapore newspaper said on Saturday. A spokeswoman for the Ministry of Home Affairs said the report was correct but declined to give any details.

Members of Hizbollah cultivated a group of Singaporean Muslims in the 1990s through religious study groups. The New Paper reported, quoting sources in Singapore's Internal Security Department.

The New Paper said five Singaporeans were ordered by the Hizbollah agents to take photographs of the U.S. and Israeli embassies in the city state.

But it said the Singaporeans got worried about their involvement and withdrew from the group.

Southeast Asian nations have been on heightened alert for terror suspects since the September 11 attacks on the United States, blamed on the al Qaeda Islamic militant group.

Singapore said in December it had

foiled a plot to attack the U.S. embassy and other U.S. targets. Singapore and Malaysia have arrested dozens of suspected militant plotters while countries in the region have vowed to cooperate to stem attacks. The Hizbollah members went on to conduct surveillance of the Singapore coastline in 1995, with plans to attack U.S. naval vessels and Israeli commercial ships passing by or docked in the city state, the paper quoted the security sources as saying. The newspaper gave no information about the fate of the five Singaporeans or the Hizbollah members. Singapore is a long-time ally of Washington and a regional logistics base for the U.S. navy. Authorities arrested 15 suspected militants in December for allegedly plotting to bomb the U.S. embassy and other targets.

Two were released, but 12 Singaporeans and a Malaysian have been detained without trial under internal security laws. The detainees allegedly belong to Jemaah Islamiah, a group seeking to create a Muslim state across the region.

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Britain says EU growth will fight the rising right

LONDON, (Reuters) - Enlargement of the European Union is the weapon that will defeat the rise of the xenophobic right in recent elections across the bloc, British Foreign Secretary Jack Straw was quoted on Friday as saying.

"We have to redouble our efforts to generate popular support for enlargement," he told The Times newspaper in an interview.

"An enlarged EU should be a buttress against extremism."

Foreign ministers from the 15-nation bloc will meet in Brussels on Monday to take the talks on bringing Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, the Czech Republic, Slovakia, Slovenia, Poland, Hungary, Malta and Cyprus into the fold a stage further.

But, as in the last enlargement round that bought Austria, Sweden and Finland into the bloc, the devil has been in the agricultural subsidy detail.

Labour Party politician Straw acknowledged there were obstacles but said the negotiators must not lose sight of the main goal which was to bring health, wealth and security to the people of Europe — regardless of their ethnic origin.

"The stock in trade of the far right down the ages has been xenophobia, the generation of fear and hatred of people who are not 'like us'," he said.

"If we want to deliver economic prosperity, a cleaner environment and safer streets for our citizens then we should embrace enlargement not postpone it," he added.

Britain and France have been locked in a diplomatic standoff for months over nightly attempts by refugees living in a Red Cross camp in Sangatte near the French port of Calais to sneak through the Channel tunnel to a perceived soft berth in Britain.

The issue of illegal immigration has risen to the top of the political agenda across Europe as economies start to slow down, leading to shock gains for parties standing on anti-immigration tickets in recent elections in France and Britain among others.

In the traditionally Liberal Netherlands, the assassination of maverick right wing politician Pim Fortuyn just days before national elections opened a Pandora's Box of subjugated emotions that catapulted his party into government.

"Of course we have to deal with the immediate abuses of the asylum system," Straw said.

"But we have to deal with the causes as well, the huge imbalances in the quality of life and the standard of living between countries in the EU and those some way to the east," he added.

NATO and Russia get down to business

BRUSSELS, (Reuters) - NATO and Russia got down to the business of cooperating against new security threats on Thursday after several weeks of diplomatic hoop-la over a new partnership between the former Cold War foes.

In the first meeting of the NATO-Russia Council since it was forged at an historic summit in Rome last week, ministers of defence agreed to start practical work on the fight against terrorism and proliferation of weapons of mass destruction.

Russia and NATO also decided to consult with each other on theatre missile defence, cooperate closely in logistics, training and exercises and share experience on defence reform.

"This represents a new level of openness and transparency," NATO Secretary General George Robertson told a news conference at the 19-nation alliance's headquarters in Brussels.

"This is a substantive agenda that puts real flesh on the bones that were agreed in the Rome Declaration." The council of 20 nations gives Russia a more equal voice than it had in the hapless "19-plus-one" Permanent Joint Council, which was established in 1997 partly to console Russia for NATO's first enlargement behind the old Iron Curtain.

It was Russian President Vladimir Putin who, in the face of anti-Western critics at home, provided momentum for an enhancement of Moscow's relationship with NATO.

He aligned his country squarely behind the U.S.-led war on terrorism after the September 11 hijacked airliner attacks on America, giving Washington intelligence and access to Central Asian airbases for its Afghan operations.

"The most historic"

A decision to set up the new council was taken at a meeting of NATO foreign ministers in Reykjavik, Iceland, last month and it was sealed by Putin, U.S. President George W. Bush and the 18 other NATO member leaders in Rome two weeks later.

Speeches at both meetings were peppered with soundbites declaring the end of the Cold War and the start of a new era.

But Robertson couldn't resist another chance to describe Thursday's meeting between the old rivals as historic, indeed "the most historic" because it joined their defence ministers.

"So we've made dreams come true, almost routinely," he said.

Russian Defence Minister Sergei Ivanov denied that he had sounded a sour note before the Brussels meeting on NATO's plans to expand eastwards again, plans Moscow insists are a "mistake".

Media reports had quoted Ivanov as saying that Russia would not "bless the admission of new members" by attending November's NATO summit in Prague, where up to seven eastern European countries are expected to be invited

to join the alliance.

"We have said nothing about participation or non-participation in Prague and I have no intention of doing so either," Ivanov said.

He told a news conference that there was political will on both sides to make the NATO-Russia Council work.

"We've...taken account of the realities since September 11,"

he said. "It seems to me those realities have forced all of us to pause and think very seriously about the real threats which confront us all and which we all have to deal with jointly."

The NATO-Russia Council agreed to hold a follow-on conference in Moscow at the end of this year to one which was held in February on the military role in combating terrorism, focusing on the possibility of concrete cooperation.

The ministers also agreed to look for novel solutions to common problems, including some of NATO's biggest in military capability, the lack of air transport and air-to-air refuelling.

Robertson said Russia could play a part in NATO's new drive to spend more and spend more wisely on defence to ensure NATO can respond to new threats wherever and whenever they emerge.

"Some of the capability gaps that the NATO countries have are capability gaps that might be filled by Russia or that Russia experiences as well," he said.

Key points from President Bush's address to nation

WASHINGTON, (Reuters) - The following is a selection of key points from U.S. President George W. Bush's prime-time televised speech on Thursday in which he called for a new Cabinet department to oversee homeland security:

- "We need to know when warnings were missed or signs unheeded, not to point the finger of blame, but to make sure we correct any problems and prevent them from happening again."

- "Based on everything I've seen, I do not believe anyone could have prevented the horror of September 11th. Yet we now know that thousands of trained killers are plotting to attack us, and this terrible knowledge requires us to act differently."

- "If you're a front-line worker for the

FBI, the CIA, some other law enforcement or intelligence agency and you see something that raises suspicions, I want you to report it immediately. I expect your supervisors to treat it with the seriousness it deserves. Information must be fully shared so we can follow every lead to find the one that may prevent tragedy."

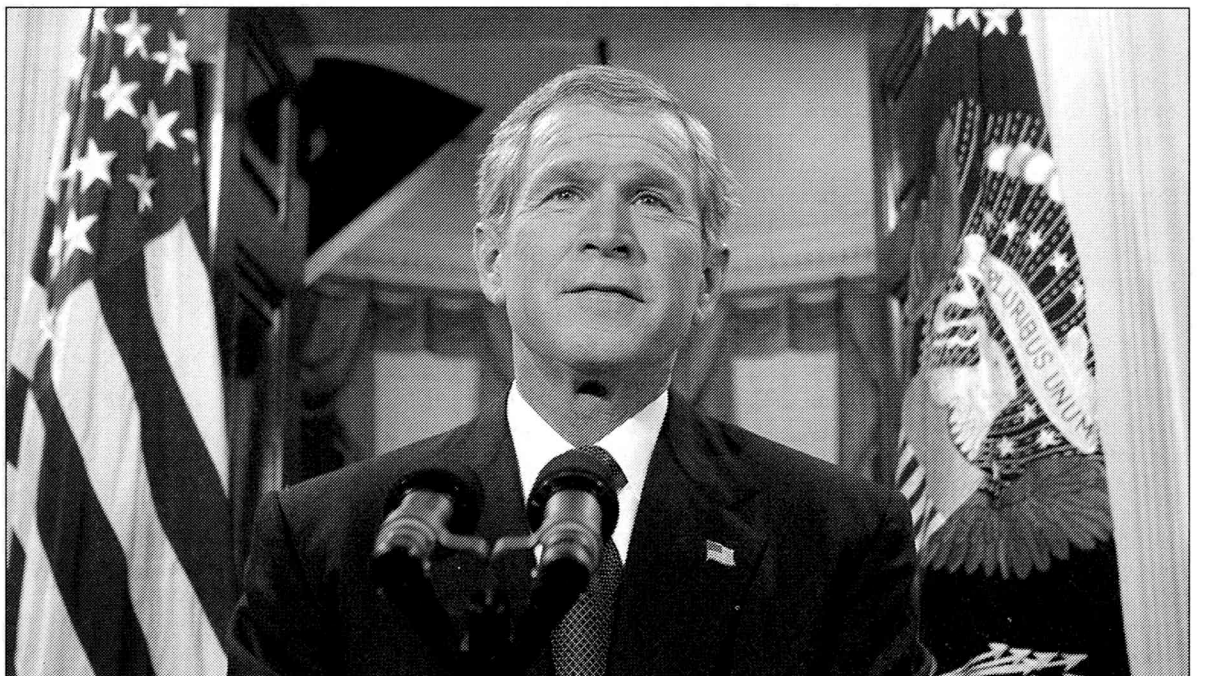
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Border Patrol, the Customs Service, immigration officials, the Transportation Security Administration and the Federal Emergency Management Agency."

- "Only the United States Congress can create a new department of government. So tonight, I ask for your help in encouraging your representatives to support my plan. We face an urgent need. And we must move quickly, this year, before the end of the congressional session."

- "All in our government have learned a great deal since September 11th, and we must act on every lesson. We are stronger and better prepared tonight than we were on that terrible morning. And with your help, and the support of the Congress, we will be stronger still."



President George W. Bush poses for photographers after delivering his prime-time televised address to the nation from the White House June 6, 2002.

Plan to ban Spanish party sparks church-state rift

MADRID, (Reuters) - A church-state clash deepened in Spain on Thursday as the nation's bishops sprang to the defence of Basque church leaders who were attacked by the government for voicing concern over plans to ban a separatist political party.

At the root of the controversy is a law proposed by the government which would empower Spain's Supreme Court to ban any political party found to support terrorism. Prime Minister Jose Maria Aznar's centre-right government has made clear the law, which sailed through the lower house of parliament on Tuesday, will be used to ban Basque separatist political party Batasuna, which the government accuses of being the political wing of armed separatist group ETA.

Four Basque bishops came under heavy criticism from the government and other political parties last week for publishing a long pastoral letter on the crisis in the Basque region which voiced concern about the consequences of banning Batasuna, which won 10 percent of the vote in regional elections last year. The Basque bishops warned that the law on political parties, expected to win final parliamentary approval at the end of this month, could aggravate "division and civic confrontation" and threaten the safety of people in the region. Aznar called the letter "a moral and intellectual perversion" and Foreign Minister Josep Pique summoned the Vatican ambassador in Madrid to lodge a protest.

The Spanish Episcopal Conference, grouping the country's bishops, had initially distanced itself from the Basque bishops' action.

But in a communique issued after a five-hour meeting in Madrid on Thursday, the conference's executive committee sprang to their defence.

While recognising the state's right to regulate political parties, it denounced the "unfair and disproportionate" criticism it said the bishops' letter had been subjected to.

Church harmed

"Freedom of information and opinion does not authorise any social body to twist the meaning of the document, omitting essential parts and making out it says things it does not say," it said. The criticism heaped on the letter gravely harmed the church, it said, adding that the Basque bishops' letter contained a clear condemnation of terrorism. But the government stuck firmly to its guns. Chief government spokesman Pio Cabanillas said the episcopal conference's communique contained nothing to change the government's opinion of the Basque bishops' letter. The government was convinced its own actions reflected the concerns of a great majority of Spanish society which wanted terrorism eradicated, he said. Jesus Caldera,

a spokesman for the opposition Socialist party, also voiced regret at what he called the ambiguity of the church hierarchy in the face of violence. "We asked the Episcopal Conference to take a clear stance on those who practice violence and those who cooperate politically with them but we haven't got it. The Church, in my view, is getting further and further away from its flock," he said.

Aznar's government has kept up a chorus of criticism of Batasuna over its alleged ties to ETA, which has killed some 800 people in its 34-year campaign for an independent Basque state in northern Spain and southwest France. Batasuna politicians say they share ETA's separatist aims but not its violent methods.

British Kashmir patrols could defuse tensions-Hoon

LONDON, (Reuters) - Britain's defence minister said on Saturday sending British troops to patrol the disputed Kashmir border could help defuse tensions between India and

Pakistan, but there were no plans to do so as yet. British media have speculated in recent days that the United States, preparing a diplomatic offensive to avert war between the two nuclear-armed neighbours, might propose a joint Anglo-American military monitoring force for Kashmir.

Defence Secretary Geoff Hoon told BBC radio Britain had no plans to send troops to patrol the militarised Line of Control that divides the Kashmir region between India and Pakistan. "But obviously we are looking at every option," he said.

"If there were to be a very small number of British international troops assisting India and Pakistan along the Line of Control to reduce tension that might be a way forward...but...there are no specific plans to do that at this stage."

He added ultimately this would be a matter for India and Pakistan to decide.

"What we are saying to both India and Pakistan is that they must not take steps that could lead to that ultimate appalling eventuality (of a nuclear war)," Hoon said.

He said Britain was "determined to play whatever part we can in allowing India and Pakistan to step back from the brink".

The Independent daily newspaper, quoting defence and diplomatic

sources, reported on Thursday U.S. Defence Secretary Donald Rumsfeld would propose the Anglo-American monitoring force during a visit to the region next week.

The newspaper said about 500 helicopter-borne troops could patrol the disputed border.

India has long said militants infiltrate its part of Kashmir from the Pakistan side. But Pakistan has rejected an Indian proposal for joint Indian-Pakistani patrols.

The dispute has brought the neighbours close to war, which it is feared could spill over into nuclear conflict. India and Pakistan have fought two of their three wars since independence in 1947 over Kashmir.

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YT Business

Time to prioritize our national economy



Exchange Rate for the Yemeni Rial as of June 8

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
AED	47.61	47.67
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

Source: Central Bank of Yemen

Investment in Yemen is facing a host of challenges almost at all related aspects. Although, it's a promising one especially after the establishment of the Aden Free Zone and the other industrial estates in the country. Yet, attracting more investments will ultimately mean ensuring security and stability which will have positive impact in boosting this sector.

Mohammed al-Massani of Yemen Times met Regional Manager of Hayel Saeed Group of Companies in Sana'a, Mr. Mohammed Abdu Saeed, and discussed with him the current status of the manufacturing sector in Yemen. Excerpts.

YT: How do you assess the current situation of the manufacturing sector and the problems you're facing right now?

A: The manufacturing sector has been greatly influenced by the abrupt openness to markets. When the government adopted the market-oriented policy, the manufacturing sector, despite its small size, has not been well-receptive to such change. It was much better to adopt this change gradually in order to enable it to be more competitive. The uncontrolled flow of products to the Yemeni markets has negatively affected the emerging manufacturing sector forcing many enterprises to shut down. The other enterprises that could absorb the first blow have survived, because they have good financial position that has enabled them to remain competitive in the markets. Another important factor that helped these companies to survive is that they produce high quality products.

YT: What's your assessment of the open-market policy, and what about the role of foreign investors in supporting the national economy?

Government's economic openness is necessary to accommodate the international variables, such as the collapse of the USSR, globalization, and the accession to the World Trade organization (WTO). We are not against the openness policy, but we believe that it should be studied well and implemented gradually to reach the same outcomes.

As for foreign investments in Yemen, they are very limited except for the oil exploration and production sector due to the special nature of this industry.

The reasons for the low foreign investments in Yemen are ascribable to a host of issues like insecurity, poor infrastructure, and the lack of well-qualified manpower. These are some reasons discouraging any foreign investor to come to Yemen. After all, good investment legislations are not all what matter. There are many countries in the world that really provide these facilities to investments.

YT: How we can create investment related awareness and promote long-term investments as well?

This can be created through creating a climate conducive to investment plus building the necessary infrastructure (ports, telecommunication, electricity and roads) required for boosting the national economy as a whole. Also, the financing aspects pertaining to investments are not in anyway encouraging owing to the low interests rates.

YT: What are the impact of Yemen's accession to the WTO. And

will the accession process in anyway help integrating Yemen within the international trade?

Yemen's accession to the World Trade Organization is the least of the two evils since Yemen can not be isolated from the outside world. It's hoped that the accession process will be proceeded carefully and through transitional arrangements after meeting the majority of the accession requirements. The whole process should be undertaken through special arrangements and benefiting from the preferences granted to the least developed countries (LDCs). We should also have a good team of negotiators to broker the accession in ways that serve the national economy.

YT: On your opinion, does the Investment Promotion Law gives facilitation to local investors?

The law is OK by itself. Also, some essential amendments which will grant more facilitation to investments. The amendments are to be endorsed soon. Still, all these things are not enough for promoting investments as laws can be excellent, but what is more important is the general climate conducive for investments.

YT: How much have you been affected by the September 11 incidents?

The whole world has been affected by that incidents. As part of this world we have been influenced by such major events, especially in terms of insurance and transportation costs which have tremendously skyrocketed. This addition costs have in turn been reflected on the prices of our products. But, generally speaking, there is no direct affect



Mr. Mohammed Abdu Saeed

on our business as the major impact will be on the national economy as a whole. According to some officials' statements Yemen has lost a lot as a result of these incidents.

YT: What about your future projects?

In the last couple of years we started investing in the tourism sector represented by the establishment of the Sufitel Hotel in Taiz May 23. As for the health sector we intend to build a big hospital.

In Aden we are currently implementing a huge trade center. We have ambitions to build a cement plant which is presently under review. Similarly, we are planning to establish a textile factory with the view of exporting its products overseas, but this won't be set out till the Yemeni government finalized its bilateral trade agreements with the European Union and the US govern-

ment. After completing these agreements we will *inshalah* start manufacturing fabrics and garments for exporting. It's hoped that this factory will employ a big number of workers.

YT: Can you brief us on your contributions to charitable works?

As far as our humanitarian activities are concerned, it dates back to the early 1970 as we have one of the oldest charitable associations in Yemen. Just last week we celebrated the graduation of 221 university students funded by our association. Some of these students studied in Yemen and some other studied outside. We have also a long track in supporting healthcare projects and sending patients for medication abroad.

Our association further helps poor families through granting them monthly salaries. We support small enterprises belonging to women to help them acquire new skills for making money. We also contribute to the establish-

ments of mosques across the country.

YT: Any final comment you might like to add?

I hope that the government would give the national economy top priority right now, especially as we have solved our border disputes with our neighbors under the wise leadership of president Ali Abdullah Saleh. I believe that we have already sorted out our external problems, and it's the right time now for boosting our national economy through removing the impediments that obstruct its progress.

Administering human resources in Yemen

BY MAHYOUB AL-KAMALI
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The human resources administration faces a lot of economical changes which has resulted in establishing syndicates and labors' unions. There is a necessity to adopt practical and vocational notions in the field of human administration and challenges of the low wages.

The government has adopted the program of administrative updating with a view of establishing a comprehensive system for human resources management and concentrating mainly on the human factor.

In order to achieve a sustainable development, the human factor have to be well qualified and be in conversant with new technological aspects whether social, political or cultural.

Other activities include determining premiums and remuneration which they deserve through planning and organizing the structure of relations of businesses and employees.

In a working paper presented by the Ministry of the Civil Services to the First Conference for the Local Councils, the future plans for human resources administration through the application of the local council system and achieving sustainable development, rendering governmental services and putting an end to corruption.

The working papers have outlined the current condition of the human resources system which manifests itself in the insufficiency of policies and regulations in the field of individual administration. A certain kind of dysfunction has been prevailed in our administrative units. The low wages, the absence of incentives, and the absence of job classification has resulted in the lack of the university graduates working at the governmental bodies which have reached to 15 percent.

The volume of the administrative system

Indications have pointed out that the administrative system constitutes 78,4 percent compared to other private sectors. It has reached alone in the capital secretariat to 81,4 percent, the productive sector, 16 percent distributed to 5 governorates. In Aden the administration system reaches 43 percent, Hodeidah 12, 6 percent, Hadhramout 10,9 percent, Taiz, 6,2 percent, and the Secretariat 6,2 percent.

According to the working paper presented by the Civil Service, the number of the working force have reached

459272 and those who have become retired have reached also to 14,100 employees.

Statistical indications have made clear that the educational level of the working force in several governorate is not corresponding to the education or health needs and other administrative system activities.

Statistics indicate that there is a big dysfunction with regard to the educational outcomes in universities, diploma after the secondary school. More than 80 percent of the working force working in the field education and health sector has reached more than 90 percent in some of the governorates.

This distribution has constituted a huge burden on the management of the human resources in Yemen.

Therefore, the project of upgrading the civil service includes tackling the dysfunction of the working force with regard to its scientific level. Geographical distribution among the working forces have to be taken into consideration with a view of promoting its ability to apply the local authority law.

To tackle the problem of the dysfunction, the cabinet has issued a deci-

sion concerning the basics and employment procedures to establish firmly the justice principle in job opportunities.

Controlling employment automatically

In order to control the dysfunction, the ministry of the civil service has register technically the applicants through computers and comparisons using these techniques:

- 1- Providing a complete database of the applicants in every governorate.
- 2- Detecting repeated names in registration process. In this case, the number of the repeated names have reached 7115.
- 3- Determining the shortage of each specialization in each governorate. These procedures have helped those who deserve to be employed.

Future plans

The future plans of the proper orientation of the individuals is the main focus of the human resources to achieve sustainable development.

Several objectives have been determined in the following fields:

- 1- Social objectives
- 2- Organizational objectives
- 3- Functional objectives
- 4- Human objectives

The concerned bodies at the government aims at determining the role of the local authority to increase the role of the human cadre.

Table illustrates the volume of the working force at different sectors

Sector	The overall employees	Percentage
The administrative system	360223	78,43%
The Judicial system	7398	1,62%
The public Sector	84340	18,37%
Mixed sectors	7271	1,58%
Total	459272	100%

* Reference: A working paper Civil Service

Many jobs from SFD projects

YEMEN TIMES STAFF

It's expected that all the projects financed and implemented by the Social Fund for Development (SFD) will generate five million temporary jobs as well as 14,000 permanent positions. The SFD was established to contain the negative consequences of the economic reform program Yemen implemented mid-1995.

Funding for the SFD comes from the government, the World Bank, donor countries and other Arab funds.

The Social Fund for Development is currently implementing a range of infrastructure projects such as micro-finance support credit and the building of charitable organizations. The funding for this totals US\$ 143,314 for the 2,128 projects.

The total cost for active projects over last four years in Aden, Abyan, Lahaj and Dhali' is US\$ 6 million.

According to an SFD bulletin 1,072

education projects will be implemented in the governorates costing US\$ 74,995,000.

The water supply sector has 416 projects at the cost of US\$ 24,735,000 of which US\$ 13,609,000 has already been distributed.

The health sector has been given US\$ 14,174,000 for 141 projects.

Environment projects costs have totaled US\$ 5.6 million of which 3.2 million has been distributed.

Cultural heritage has been allotted US\$ 2.5 million.

The road building sector has been given US\$ 7,134,000 for 21 road projects.

In the micro-finance program, the SFD has granted loans for 32 projects totaling US\$ 3.7 million of which 2.3 million has been distributed. Loans for underprivileged groups have amounted to US\$ 7 million of which USD 2.9 has been distributed. The SFD is also financing 71 training projects.

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Commemorating the late Dr. Abdulaziz Al-Saqqaf



OUR OPINION

A letter to Dr. Abdulaziz Al-Saqqaf Yemen... without you

Last week marked three years since you left us. During these years, people have continued to talk about your vision, accomplishments, character and ambitions. You had a vision of a modern Yemen. A country with high literacy, economic stability, and a bright future. You served as an example to politicians and all Yemenis by walking as a hard working, dedicated, and enlightened individual who put priorities first.

No matter how hard we try, we cannot truly express the loss that Yemen experienced when you left on June second 1999.

We want to thank you for leaving us the Yemen Times, which is continuing the mission that you assigned it, with confidence and persistence.

Today, the Yemen Times stands as one of the many achievements that you accomplished. It will continue to voice the values it was built upon, namely democracy, freedom of speech and human rights.

Yemen without you is like a lost country without vision. It lacks a man who can drive the country to a new era of technology and modernization.

We know that it will be impossible to find a substitute for you. But we tell you this: You are still on our minds and in our hearts. We promise to continue as a group here at the newspaper and hold on to your principles till the very end.

We promise to work towards the fulfillment of your dream to help build a modern country. The most we can do at this time is through our writing at the Yemen Times. We know that our words are being heard and read, and we hope that decision makers listen to help realize your dream, and the dream of every Yemeni.

A modern Yemen.
We miss you, Dr. Abdulaziz...
May your soul rest in peace.

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

Our View Point

The will to grow

The reason many societies are backward is, in my opinion, because they are unable to master the will to grow. For any nation to grow, it must possess a great idea one that animates it and gives it a driving force. But an idea is an abstraction. It has to be transformed into something people can understand, see and even feel. The idea needs flesh and blood and personality so that the majority of the population can identify with it and internalize it. Does Yemen today have an idea that will push it forward?

Let me start by noting the formidable cluster of internal wounds from which our society is bleeding. They are by now familiar enough: massive deficits, unsustainable unemployment, staggering rise in costs of living, deterioration in the social fabric, a sense

of regional injustice and hegemony, a collapse in the values of hard working and decency, a general neglect and carelessness, corruption, and generally a dramatic fall in the standard of living.

Yet, the wounds by themselves are not a hindrance to the rise of the nation. In fact, the real achievements of any nation are often made in a troubled, rather than peaceful, journey through history. It is part of the dynamism, the change. What is vital, however, is to have the strength to cope with the changes.

There is one critical factor in all of this the individual and his/her place. It is the individual not the personal "forces" that makes history. It is the individual that is the centerpiece of the idea, the derive.

An individual that internalizes the values needed to make a great society. Values of personal integrity, a sense of community, work

ethics, the urge to participate and to be involved and a capacity for sacrifice and commitment. A strong nation must also equip its young with the new skills and insights needed for coping with the emerging technologies, not to fall back on old ways.

Having said this, I feel that as an educator and as a media person - my colleagues and I have a major role to play in shaping the future and destiny of our nation. The kind of educational structure - as inadequate as the present one may be - that we adopt and the democratizing impact of the media - as chaotic as it may be at the moment - are both key forces that will shape the personality and character of our people. Above all, they will determine, whether we will acquire the will to grow.

A leadership with imagination and one which projects confidence would greatly help in this process.

Abdulaziz al-Saqqaf prize for press freedom

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Three years have passed since the death of Dr. Abdulaziz al-Saqqaf. I believe it is important to remember this great man who devoted his life to human rights and press freedom. He advocated these values to promote democracy, modernity and justice.

Dr. Al-Saqqaf was at odds with the people in power. He was a brave man who spoke on behalf of the silent citizens of Yemen. He conveyed his ideas to the public and for this he found opposition in the form of ridicule and harassment. The corrupt cronies in government were annoyed by his writing that addressed the suffering masses. They tried to silence him, but to no avail.

He had a good relationship with many international NGOs so whenever he was beaten or harassed, hell broke loose. The government tried to conform Dr. Al-Saqqaf by luring him into power. He was appointed as a member of the Consultative Council (CC) in 1997. The government believed they could win his favor in this manner.

Contrary to their beliefs he led an internal revolution in the CC and took the position of the chairman of human rights and liberties. He carried out field inspections to several prisons in Yemen

and was able to set free thousands imprisoned without legal warrant.

He was concerned for the oppressed and downtrodden. He made good use of his contacts to raise awareness of human rights abuses in Yemen.

He believed that NGOs are a good step for building up a civil society based on law and order instead of tribal norms. He helped establish a number of NGOs and acted as their honorary president. In 1998 he organized the first NGO conference.

After his death on June 2, 1999, I have felt a difference in press freedom, human rights and civil activities. Without him, I feel we are backsliding in these areas. Many politicians, human rights workers, economists and foreigners share this feeling and a sense of loss.

I remember meeting a VIP at the World Bank Institute in Cairo who lamented losing an important partner in Yemen.

In closing, I hope that human rights workers, journalists, the Yemen Times and other supporters of Dr. Al-Saqqaf's work, would give an award in his name for press freedom to remember and honor his good deeds. This man did a lot for the sake of democratization and human rights in Yemen and the Arab world.

Yemeni society should honor those who lose their lives for its freedom and progress. We should remember such people.

The man, the legend

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Yemen has lost many of its valuable men, a loss not easy to bear. Especially when it is someone like my late father, Dr. Abdulaziz Al-Saqqaf.

My father was one of the few who sincerely fought for the betterment of the people and the nation, starting from his teachings in Sana'a University to the founding of the Yemen Times. He did all this and still left with the words: "I still have more to say..."

No words can describe the passion and love with which he wanted to make a difference in the lives of the people of this nation.

He always wanted to bring the truth and only the truth to the public, even though he suffered a lot for its sake. He never stopped and we at Yemen Times shall never stop moving in the same direction.

Another very important part of his life was his family. He was a great father and a best friend, he taught me how to be a man and how to survive in this crazy life. My father always said, "son, when you do something, do it right, every bit adds value." I couldn't understand what he meant then, but now I do, and I use it. My only regret is that I can't find him now to show my appreciation for all the lessons he taught me.

But that's the way it was meant to be, man dies, but legends live, and his legend shall last forever.

Still in our memory

EMAD AL-SAQQAF
YEMEN TIMES STAFF-TAIZ

A wound is still bleeding! We wonder, is Dr. Abdulaziz al-Saqqaf still alive. Three years have gone by and you are still in our memory.

This great man made every effort to achieve something new. His great achievements are a clear testimony to his shrewdness, sagacity and strong person-

ality. You are a good example of a brave man. You were the supporter of the poor and the oppressed. We miss you, terribly. We are in need of a person like you today. We wish that you were here to see with your own eyes the deterioration that is taking place in our country.

On the third memorial of Dr. Abdulaziz al-Saqqaf, we are filled with a warm remembrance of your friendly, decent and affectionate temperament.

You were always proud of your country. You are in dire need of such people to help change the negative conditions that exist in Yemen.

Several changes and challenges have occurred and we wish you were present to see what is going on. We have the September 11th incident, the political reality in Yemen and Yemen's access to the GCC.

Your works, columns and articles tackled issues from national and humanitarian perspectives.

The establishment of "Yemen Times" is a successful outcome of your hard work towards an independent media.

All your work was a remarkable jump into modernity for Yemen full of innovations and solutions. With much respect, I have written these words on your memorial. I promise to pursue your ideals and march on however thorny the path might be. Peace be on your soul in paradise with all those martyrs and prophets.



COMMON SENSE

Hassan Al-Haifi

Dr. Al-Saqqaf stood for a free and civilized Yemen

When an open-minded observer wants to project on how the world is faring and in what direction are we heading, Dr. Abdulaziz Al-Saqqaf would tell us that the best thing to do is look at the trends. Well, Dr. Abdulaziz, we are indebted to you for that wonderful advice and we are indeed looking at the trends of every aspect of our unpredictable lives. Surely, if you were around, you would be the first to say that the trends are painting a disagreeable outlook for the future. In fact, with the world the way it is, it is hard enough to predict what the global scene will be like, let alone how Yemen will fare in the future.

Dr. Abdulaziz had a vision of the Yemen he would like to see, which is to commensurate with what most Yemenis were hoping for, especially since May 22, 1990. No one can forget the great joy and the open eyed gleam of the millions of Yemenis, who saw Yemen turn a new page on life on that fateful day. "With democracy we couldn't go wrong", thought everyone as the two flags of the former disagreeing regimes came down and the new flag of the new Yemen was hoisted. On that fateful day, Dr. Abdulaziz eyes were also gleaming and the future unfolded before his expansive imagination. Dr. Abdulaziz was not yet the well-known celebrity that he later turn out to be, and only because of that day was he able to become that popular figure. Not only was he a popular personality at home, but he was able to gain world prominence as an image of the Yemen that was to be reincarnated.

The new Yemen, as Dr. Al-Saqqaf and so many forward-looking Yemenis saw it that day, was a Yemen, which was going to project a model of how the future can be for all freedom aspiring Arabs and Moslem people, if they truly wanted it to be so. So, Dr. Al-Saqqaf, seeing a golden opportunity launched the Yemen Times, opening up a new line of communication between the Yemeni people and the rest of the world. This was a breakthrough in breaking the centuries of isolation that Yemen had been living in. The importance of this new channel of communication is that it was not controlled by any of the elements that removed it from its grassroots origin, but came to take on the voice of the people as part and parcel of the popular message that the Yemen Times was meant to convey. Today, the Yemen Times continues to echo the voice of the people of Yemen and refuses to take on any partisan or official tone in its message of hard-core straight-forward journalism. It is a journal not aiming to please anyone or placate the wishes of any official manifestation, but conveys a message of how the people see it and how the people would like it to be.

What we must remind ourselves is that Dr. Al-Saqqaf had the vision which he not only perceived in his imagination, but wanted to have come out of the blueprint in his mind and be translated into a living manifestation. The vision entailed freeing a path for all Yemenis to let their intellect loose and produce a reality out of their dreams and aspirations. Of course in being that way Dr. Al-Saqqaf was braver than most. He took on the challenge of holding on to his dream and translating it into an outspoken voice for human rights and civil liberties. The most important appeal behind this stance was to encourage the rise of a civil society that could be felt, not so much in the philanthropic sphere, but in the advocacy of civil rights and political freedom. Moreover, Dr. Al-Saqqaf was an artist at mobilizing non-official and international support for Yemeni causes, which he saw as essential to the realization of the Yemen that was born on the 22nd of May 1990 - the Yemen of the free, uncorrupted and unselfish. We remember Dr. Al-Saqqaf, because he reincarnated that instinctive spirit in all Yemenis to work for a free and cultured Yemen. A light to beam throughout the world.



Prof. Abdulaziz Al-Saqqaf (1951-1999)

THIRD MEMORIAL

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Waleed Khaleel, a great Yemeni singer and actor talks to Yemen Times:

“Yemenis: Soaring birds”

Waleed Khaleel is one of the most distinguished singers and film directors that Yemen has ever known.

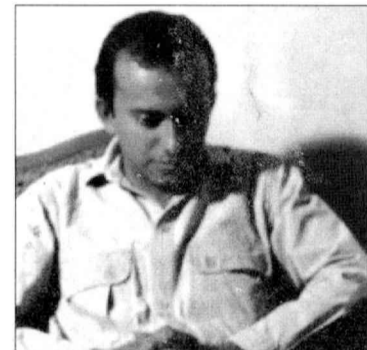
Empty songs which are loved by others are rejected and discarded by Khaleel. He spares no efforts to develop both modern and folk Yemeni songs.

He has become one of the well-known film stars in the world.

Ridhwan al-Saqqaf of the Yemen Times met up with him and filed the following interview.

Q: How did your career start?

A: It started when I was a student in Cairo at the Students' Syndicate. My artistic experience began to be shaped during celebrations organized by the Yemen's Sons League for the Arab and Yemeni communities at the Cairo stages. My beginning was in 1980 where I played a vital role along with Yemeni and Egyptian classmates.



Waleed Khaleel

Q: In your point of view, how do you view the notion of art?

A: Undoubtedly, art plays a vital part in man's life which is similar to that of politics. Art and politics are two sides of the same coin.

The art addresses the intellect and emotions of the human being. Any country without art is like a bread with-



A scene from the movie directed by Khaleel, The Family

out flour. Art raises awareness among the people especially the young. Any society which takes keen interest in art and literature will reach the highest level of prosperity.

The world's horizons are widened for the benefit of the human being in all aspects of life. Art can play a vital role in all aspects like nothing else. Art is an indispensable factor for politicians, media, theater, music and cinema in contemporary life

Q: Can you tell us about your long-term experience in the cinema?

A: My interests in cinema is closely related to my music work. I've performed several works during my studies in Cairo. I've also performed in different films showing day-to-day life in my homeland and the world. Two distinguished actors were chosen, Mohammed Hunaidi and Khaled Assawi.

A short political film was performed dealing with human drama. I also performed a film with prominent Egyptian film stars including Khaled Assabahi, Saleh Dhu Alfakar and Mohsen Mohee Addeen.

In addition to this, I have written some films, and prepared documentary films on the 26 September Revolution and the War of Liberation in the south.

During a political and historical film titled (*An Arab Tale*) I acted together with the great Yemeni poet, Nabeel al-Hakimi.

During my stay in Cairo, I came across some Yemeni revolutionaries including major general Mohammed Qaed Saif. I got acquainted with him and he gave me good advice during my stay in Cairo.

I also met up with Abdurahman al-Baidhani, and talked with him about several topics including his famous oratories recorded in the Voice of Arab. My experience with Yemenis abroad has paved the way for me to prosper and become a film star.

With a great sorrow, there is no room for talking about Yemeni films and of course there is no interest at all that deserve mentioning by the concerned bodies. When I came back to Yemen in 1989 I didn't work as a film director due to the above-mentioned reason.

Q: What are your recent artistic works?

A: My recent works are a continuation and revival of the previous ones. This has been achieved from three standpoints:

First I compiled historical and cultural documents with a view of writing a complete work narrating the contem-

porary history of Aden.

This will be dealt from different angles including the strategic location of Aden City at that time, its social, political, literary and artistic aspects along with the revolutionary movements which had a great effect on the political arena in Yemen at that time.

This has been done in an attentive way together with some corrections of historical facts since the entering of Henz to Aden, a British captain.

This of course will take a lot of time. So, the book will comprise three parts. The first part of the book is about to be finished soon and the other two parts are going to be finished at regular intervals.

Second, I've taken part in a foreign film written and composed by brother Sami along with his wife, a Danish film director. The film is entitled *The Family* and was photographed in Denmark, Sana'a, and Aden. I attended the film festival titled *Odense* in August in 2001, a city in Denmark. The new film is a realistic and social one.

Third, preparations are in full swing to record documentary films on Yemeni antiques, along with interested bodies in the field of old civilizations in the world. Yemen is known for being the cradle of civilization, but its still not well-known for its antique-lovers.



Women's rights: paper versus reality

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Many symposiums and workshops on women have been organized in Yemen with the view of highlighting the problems they are encountering.

The new generation should recognize the prime role of women in society, as we need to plant new seeds regarding the value of empowering and respecting women.

A symposium, on this context, was held May 7-8 on "Women between the local laws, and the democratic reality." The symposium was jointly held by the Women' Forum for Research & Training - Taiz branch and the Canadian Program for Developing Local Efforts, Hudeidah.

Amongst the participants at the symposium were Ali Saleh Abdullah, deputy minister of Social Affairs and a host of other government officials as well as human rights activists and representatives of political parties.

During the symposium many working papers were presented principally focusing on problems facing women in Yemen and how they can be solved.

The issue of women prisoners was highlighted in the first day of the symposium as well as the status of women in relation to human rights and freedoms.

In his paper the "International Declaration of Human Rights and the two international conventions on human rights, Dr. Abdulhaq al-Maghrebi, shed light on this issue from different perspectives, more specifically rights and freedoms as well as how to protect women under the established political systems, and how to apply them in conformity with local laws. He also spoke about the nature of the Human Rights Declaration and how the related international conventions can affect what is in practice here.

Amal Mugam, Secretary-General of the Tihama Association for Development dealt in her paper with the issue of obstacles encountering women. Amal stated that this issue has two dimensions: the first, a social one while the second a cultural one. The latter is reflected in the high illiteracy rates plus the legal unawareness of the majority of women. She added that services provided to women is generally lacking.

Legal obstacles is ascribable to the lack of legal awareness coupled with

women's limited presence at political parties and the top government's posts. She pointed out to the negative impact of the traditional view towards women restricting its duties to household affairs. "Considerable resources should be earmarked to raising women level in addition to outlining a national plan for girl education, specifically in rural Yemen.

Abdulwali al-Qubati and Afrah al-Sakr presented a working paper which attracted the admiration of all participants. The paper discussed the reality of women's prisons in Hudeidah, which lack qualified staff and equipment needed for rehabilitating female inmates. They called for taking into account the special demands of female prisoners in general.

On the second day of the symposium Isra' al-Qirshi, a lawyer, presented a working paper on discrimination against women, stressing the key role of the agreement to prevent discrimination against women.

"This agreement should be compared with the local legislation granting women many rights," she said, pointing out that women's rights are making progress, though they are still violated in different ways.

Su'ad al-Qadasi, chairwomen of the Women's Forum for Research & Training, said, the symposium's program came as a component of an extensive program to change views towards discrimination against women.

She made it clear that in this male-dominated society, which prefers male over female babies, things seem difficult to change easily.

Su'ad al-Qadasi called for sticking to and protecting basic human freedoms in accordance with established international and local standards.

The last working paper focused on the role of university's activities in pushing girls to practical life. Presenter of the paper, Dr. Abdulah al-Hanadoh, highlighted the key obstacles facing university activities, and called for more work towards linking the education process with family and society. "University education shouldn't only be associated with jobs," he recommended.

Since the objective of this symposium is to improve the status of women in Yemen in all fields, as well as to solve problems facing them, organizers say they hope it will achieve what it was organized for.

Tahani Saeed to YT:

We've got a long way to go, Baby

Tahani Saeed al-Khaiba, the director of Gender Studies Department of the Central Statistical Organization (CSO). The department was established in 1987 to show the gap between men and women in fields including education, health, and employment.

It also deals with women and the environment, women in decision-making, women and poverty and media.

The CSO did a household survey in 1998, a poverty survey in 1999 and labor-force survey in 1999. The CSO collects and then analyzes this data to show men and women statistical portraits. Tawfeek M. Sharaabi met with Mrs. Tahaneh and filed the following interview:

Q: What is your department's role?

A: Our department role is confined to collect data and analyze it, providing all bodies concerned and interested with them. We help guide women organizations to points of limitations and problems and they take over by conducting projects and more studies to address problems. The department is not in a position to hold training courses and workshops, mainly because of the limited support.

In 1997, there used to be some support to prepare the report on the situation of men and women. The support was over as soon as the report was prepared. The second report was self-motivated and partly supported by the CSO. In 2001, we published the second report. Now we are planning to publish a small booklet in Arabic and English which will include the important recent data collected recently.

However, we have contacts with women local and international organizations. As we coordinate with other women organizations, including Women National Committee (WNC) which hold such courses and workshops on a regular basis.

Q: What are the major obstacles facing Yemeni women?

A: There are many obstacles and problems facing Yemeni women. Illiteracy is one of the major ones. Illiteracy among women is higher than that among men. It is attributed to traditions. Some families in rural areas prefer to teach the boys rather than the girls. They believe girls should stay at home following marriage. Girls' school enrollment is far less than that of boys. Another obstacle is that schools are sometimes far away from villages. Moreover, there are no schools for girls in some rural areas. Early marriage is another obstacle.

"There are some women prisoners with their children. This obviously has a very negative impact on children and their growth."

Q: How do you assess the situation of women with regard to poverty, health and the labor force?

A: Regarding poverty, reports show that many women run the household. They may be divorced or widowed. These families are even poorer. Thirty percent of families in Yemen are supported by women. They are the breadwinner for their families.

In health, we find that the maternal mortality rate is very high, about 800 to 1000 per 100,000. This is of the highest rates all over the world.

Women's participation in the labor force is still very low, about 22 percent in comparison to men. Moreover this 22 percent is restricted to some restricted fields such as education and nursing. Another problem is that most women

working in rural areas do work for their families with no payment.

However, there is a remarkable improvement in the situation for some women. Girls enrollment is going up. In health production, the situation has also improved. Women had a fertility rate in 1994 of 7.3 percent. Now the rate has slightly decrease. This was attributed to family planning.

Q: What about the issues of domestic violence against women?

A: In the 2001 report, it came out that 30 percent of women suffer domestic violence in terms of bad treatment by the father, brother or husband. There are various forms of domestic violence including girls' circumcision and forced marriage. The report showed that 22 percent of women were circumcised. Studies showed that this phenomenon is much spread in coastal areas: in Mahrah, Hadhramout Aden, and Hodiedah. This is attributed to emigration to Yemen. However, there is some improvement now.

Q: How do you find the role of women organizations in addressing women issues?

A: There are many pioneer organizations which are doing a great job to address women issues, including WNC, Women Rights Forum, Women Studies Center, Sisters' Forum, 'Althadee' Organization, Yemeni Women Union and others. However, there are other organizations which are doing nothing for women.

Women organizations should not focus on holding workshops only. They also should think of support and improving the living standards of women. Some organizations are doing commendable efforts in this regard such as granting loans.

Q: What about the situation of women prisoners?

A: The non-existence of pending investigation offices is a major concern for us and women organizations in gen-



Tahani Saeed al-Khaiba

eral. We requested in many seminars held for the establishment of such offices. However, nothing has changed in the Capital Secretariat let alone other governorates.

Another problem is that there are some women prisoners with their children. This obviously has a very negative impact on children and their growth.

Q: How do you think the Human Rights Ministry can support women?

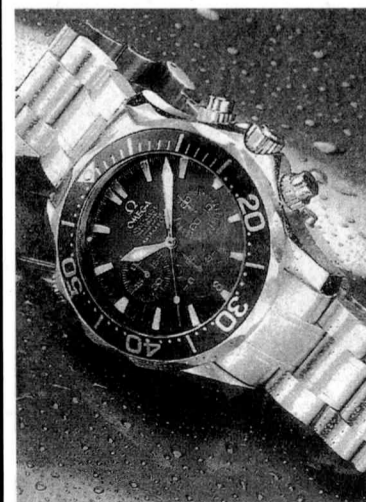
A: The ministry can play a pivotal role in this regard. However, the fact is that the ministry is still in its infancy. The Human Rights Minister has actually been working on setting up the ministry organizational structure. The ministry could be a great catalyst for women rights, especially as the minister is Dr. Waheeba Fara'e. Since its establishment, the ministry has achieved remarkable progress. However, we do believe that if the ministry go on with the same pace it will accomplish many achievements for men and women in general.

Q: Any last word?

A: We appreciate the Yemen Times focus in women issues as we hope to coordinate with each other to shed more light to help address women's rights in our society.

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Before it goes up in smoke

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The dangers of tobacco, both for smokers and non-smokers who inhale smoke produced by others, have been documented scientifically. In 1987, the Health Assembly established World No-Tobacco Day, to take place on 31 May every year. Its aim is to discourage tobacco users from consuming tobacco, and to encourage governments, communities, groups and individuals to become aware of the problem and to take appropriate action. World Tobacco Day has a different theme and a message each year.

This year the World Health Organization (WHO) is celebrating World No Tobacco Day 2002 under the theme "Tobacco Free Sports". The Regional Office for Eastern Mediterranean has expanded upon this theme and is using the slogan "Tobacco Free Sport towards a Tobacco Free

Generation". It is appropriate that the Tobacco Free World Cup kicks-off in South Korea on the same day and this will hopefully strengthen our message and contribute for a wider contribution of it.

The Tobacco Free Sports campaign was launched in Geneva Switzerland, on 22 November 2001 at the Geneva International Conference Center, by WHO and top official from the federation international de Football Association (FIFA) and the International Olympic Committee (IOC). At the same time an international coalition of 12 athlete was formed, two from each region of WHO, all renowned for their sports achievements within their regions. The two athletes chosen to represent the Eastern Mediterranean Region are captain Mohammed El-Khatib from Egypt and Mr. Imran Khan from Pakistan. This team will take forth the message that sports and tobacco do not mix.

It is well known by now that tobacco kills more than 4 million people every year. Between 2000 and 2030 tobacco-related diseases will cause 10 million deaths, sport, however, is about life and

healthy living and it is one of the main tools to promoting both healthy lifestyle and healthy living. Unfortunately, the tobacco industry turned soon into an advertising machine for tobacco products taking advantage from its popularity and appeal to make more and more attractive to the public and to young people in particular. Tobacco use has become an "infectious" disease, through marketing, advertising, sponsorship and promotions and this has to change. Sports should in no way be associated with tobacco consumption, advertising, marketing or promotion.

Thanks to unstinting effort of WHO and its partners the rate of sponsorship by tobacco industry in the world is declining, but in this, the Eastern Mediterranean Region it is on the rise. People think that tobacco money is essential for certain sports events to survive. This is untrue. There are good examples from all around the world, which prove that sports can survive without tobacco money. For example in South Africa, cricket, which the most popular sport there, was totally dependent on the money provided by

the tobacco industry. Yet, in 1996, cricket voluntarily ended its association with tobacco and all sponsorship by the tobacco industry, cricket survive and become healthier. The real truth is that tobacco products needed sports to survive not the opposite. In the countries of this Region, the tobacco industry sponsors many sports events, such as car rallies and football matches. I hope that decision-makers in the Region will address this challenge so that we may see our sports totally free of tobacco.

We have commitment and obligation to our services and to our children to help them achieve the best possible life in terms of health and opportunities and also to support them to choosing a healthy lifestyle, as well as healthy habits based on solid scientific information.

Our children and future generation will be not be able to make an informed decision if the notions of health and healthy living are not implemented in theme at an early age. They must be made aware of two facts, the harmful effects of tobacco and the extent to which they are targeted by the tobacco

industry.

Today, I urge each of you to take a leading role in promoting the message of World No Tobacco Day in our communities. Let us all work to make our favorite sports tobacco-free and help in creating a tobacco-free generation.

Finally, I thank Captain Mohammed El-Khatib and Mr. Imran Khan, on behalf of WHO and the tobacco free initiative for their tremendous generos-

ity in contributing their own time and effort to promote the message of Tobacco Free Sports. They are already role models for the children of the Region in their chosen fields, now they will be role models for Tobacco Free Sports.

I hope that we can take this message forward throughout the year, not just for a day.

Smoking risks

Many young people risk developing emphysema and a lung disease called COPD (chronic obstructive pulmonary disease). A new study by Italian researchers demonstrates new data on COPD in relation to smoking and other respiratory issues. This research was presented at a meeting held by the American Theoretical Society in Atlanta.

COPD is a chronic disease, most

often accompanied by bronchitis and/or emphysema. It is characterized by the gradually closing of the larynx.

A chronic cough and sputum are early symptoms of COPD. Few young people realize that these are signs of a serious illness. To complicate things, not everyone with a cough or sputum like symptoms develop COPD.

Roughly 20% of those with COPD symptoms have asthma. They tend to be younger than people with documented cases of COPD.

In a recent study a questionnaire was sent to 18,000 people between 20 and 44 years old, in nine Italian cities. These people consisted of businessmen, retired people, students, housewives, and the unemployed.

The questionnaire asked about cough and sputum symptoms. It also inquired about asthma attacks to juxtapose similar symptoms.

A third set of questions covered smoking habits. Nearly 12% of smokers have the COPD chronic cough.

Smokers are at high risk of acquiring COPD, nearly 33% of the group surveyed were smokers.

Women smokers from a lower economic class smoke are at higher risk. Seven percent of female smokers had COPD symptoms.

If you are a smoker, it is time to think about how many cigarettes you have smoked. How far gone is your health? How much of your life has gone up in smoke?

Environmental awareness

By ISMAEL AL-GHABRI
YEMEN TIMES STAFF

We need a greater awareness of our environment. We need to go to schools, organize competitions, issue publications and form a friends of the environment association.

It is necessary to implement environmental education into school curriculums. The Ministry of Education should consider the importance of this, as developed countries do. The next generation should have a broad knowledge of their environment and how they affect it.

However, spreading environmental awareness is not only the job of educational institutions, a lion's share should be given to the media. Despite the many studies and research we still lack laws and legislation to protect our environment.

Our common desire should be to maintain a clean environment and to create an environmentally aware society. Every citizen should participate in protecting the environment at home, in the workplace and for country.

Spreading the message to the people should be concentrated on by not only the press, but by television and radio which has a wider audience. These mediums can encourage the people to adopt proper habits in their daily lives.

Weekly radio programs could shed light on the Yemeni environmental issues. They could define the complicated relationship between man and environment and then help remedy negative behavior. Society's practice of littering without regard to their surroundings could be cured with a proper campaign. Radio is an effective wide spreading tool in communication through which we can address the public quickly.

Television is an effective way of

communication, it shows people the message in addition to the story. We have all seen a good example of environmental messages on TV about water consumption. There should be more messages like that focused on children to increase their knowledge about their environment.

We should educate the children

about bad food, especially food contaminated by insecticides and non inspected foods. There should be a link between family and environment. Specially for women, because they are the foundation of the family and her conduct should lead the family in the right direction, towards a clean Yemeni environment.



A Photo of the Utama Sanctuary

World facing critical choices on environment

LONDON (Reuters) - The world is at an environmental crossroads where the choice between greed and humanity will decide the fate of millions of people for decades to come, the United Nations Environment Program said Wednesday.

"Fundamental changes are possible and required," UNEP executive director Klaus Toepfer told a news conference presenting the third Global Environment Outlook report. "It would be a disaster to sit back and ignore the picture painted."

The GEO-3 report, designed to kick world leaders into action ahead of the Johannesburg earth summit in late August, sees a bleak outlook for the future unless radical action is taken now.

"The choices made today are critical for the forests, oceans, rivers, mountains, wildlife and other life support systems upon which current and future generations depend," it said.

The report painted four possible scenarios ranging from the greed-driven "markets first" future to the caring and sharing "sustainability first" approach.

Under the first, three percent of the earth's surface disappears under concrete by 2032, more than half the population is living with drought, 70 percent of the remaining land and animals are under threat and 16 billion tonnes of carbon dioxide is being belched into the air each year from fossil fuels.

Under the latter scenario, cities and highways eat up less land, drought is kept at bay by better water management, the pressure on land and animals stabilizes and global carbon dioxide emissions stabilize at just half the greed policy route.

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In the decade since the first world

earth summit in Rio de Janeiro 58 species of fish, one mammal and one bird species have become extinct and a remaining quarter of the world's mammals and one in eight of its birds are on the critical list.

Life-giving forests are being ripped apart, fertile land is disappearing under concrete or into the sea and waterways are drying up or dying of pollution.

Dire poverty, hunger and sickness are rampant across the planet and the globalization of trade is carrying with it pollution on a global scale.

The world's seas, already under attack from litter and poisons, are also being plundered by man to the extent that nearly one-third of the world's stock of fish is now ranked as depleted, overexploited or recovering, the report said.

But Toepfer, a former German environment minister, stressed that while the picture was bleak it was not beyond redemption.

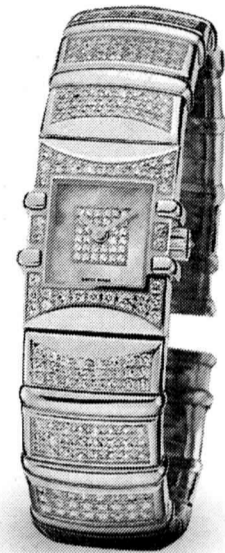
"This is an eye opener. The figures are not a nightmare prognosis for the sake of making a nightmare prognosis," he said, calling on the World Summit on Sustainable Development -- dubbed the second world earth summit -- to take urgent steps.

"Decisive action can achieve positive results. Our motto for Johannesburg is planet, people, prosperity," he said, urging the meeting to set clear, achievable and effective targets to tackle poverty and deprivation without destroying the environment.

"We need a concrete action plan...concrete projects...and above all a clear political declaration," Toepfer said. "That is the most important of all."

"We now have hundreds of declarations, agreements, guidelines and legally-binding treaties. Let us now find the political courage and the innovative financing needed to implement these deals," he added.

Constellation Quadra Bangle



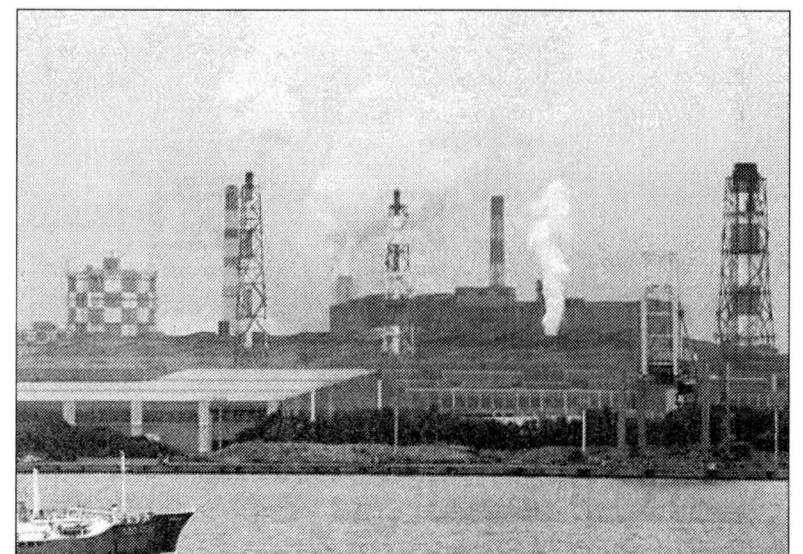
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Local Press

Prepared by Mohammed Khidhr

26 September weekly, organ of Yemeni Armed Forces, 6 June 2002.



Al-Ihya'a al-Arabi weekly, organ of the National Arab Baath Socialist party, 6 June 2002.

Main headlines:

- Pakistani authorities hand over 28 Yemeni nationals to the American forces
- American police arrests 4 Yemeni expatriates and releases another
- President Ali Abdullah Saleh inaugurates the 1st phase of communication, information technology city
- Lebanese president to visit Yemen next September
- Security source: Islah-affiliate students & gunmen storm Sana'a University campus
- YR 413.4 billion worth strategic projects on easing poverty

The political editor of the newspaper has written an article on the phenomenon of vengeance in Yemen saying the elimination of this phenomenon is the responsibility of all. It is a task to be shouldered by all the Yemenis through comprehending the dangers of its continuation with its orientations, dimensions and detriment consequences on security, stability and development. These are pillars constituting the foundations for any civilized construction leading Yemen to progress and keeping pace with world civilization as well as achieving prosperity for the Yemeni people.

Vengeance is one of the inherited deformed phenomena of our Yemeni society that preserves civilized values, traditions and customs. Most of those phenomena have disappeared by virtue of positive developments and changes created by the Yemeni revolutions of 26 September and 14 October that covered all political, and economic fields.

Main headlines:

- U.S. intelligence chief on secret visit to Yemen
- Victims of vengeance around 2000 killed in four governorates
- PGC's assistant secretary-general: Yemen targeted by America
- Iraq invites number of Yemeni media men
- Five-month stay of execution sentences against two editors and editor in chief of Al-Thawri newspaper
- Murder attempt against Chairman of Yemeni Journalists Syndicate

Columnist Abdulhamza al-Mansouri says in an article that Iraq's foreign policy has taken steps that have left their mark on Iraq's modern history and its relations with others.

The writer has cited a number of characteristics of Iraq's policy, summing them up as follows:

- It works for founding and stabilizing an accurate and equal understanding of Iraq's relations with other countries based on respect of Iraq and Arab countries sovereignty.
- It considers pan-Arab security as indivisible entirety through Iraq's relations with non-Arab countries.
- Defending regional and Arab principles or not merely slogans within, the frame of generalizations. They are slogan for actual implementation.
- Iraq's political policy address does not submit to games of politics giving priority to interests at the expense of the nations central issues.
- Iraq's policy is aware of schemes of American imperialism and

- Zionism in the area aimed at facing the fiat accompli policy.
- Iraq's policy has been dependent, in dealing with all, on principle of equality, common interests and balanced international relations stemming from national and pan-Arab interests.
- The Iraqi policy has its special identity through pursuing a policy of comprehensive development in areas of science, technology, culture, industry, agriculture and trade and diversification of armament.
- Avoiding double standard is another feature of Iraq's foreign policy.
- Also, the Iraqi policy depends on a scientific approach pinpointing the goods and choosing the causes away from whims or extortion of the enemies.
- Iraq has no two different policies; one for local consumption and the other tailored for dealing with those outside its boundaries.

Al-Wahdawi weekly, organ of the Nasserite People's unionist organization, 4 June 2002.

Main headlines:

- Political leaderships: Foreign parties behind Eritrea, Yemeni government continues a hush-hush policy.
- Large-scale resentment towards re-erecting British Queen Victoria's statue to Aden.
- Group of gunmen open fires in Shara'ab.
- Chairman of Yemeni Journalists Syndicate, exposed to killing attempted at the Syndicate building in Sana'a.

Columnist Ahmed Saeed discusses in article the problem of Qat in Yemen. He says it is difficult for our government to address the problem of

Qat and confront it as an economic phenomenon. This is because of absence of strategic vision to treat its consequences by encouragement of alternatives for producing other crops bringing higher profits. Such alternatives could attempt Yemeni farmers to grow crops other than Qat.

It is confirmed that Qat tree's negative aspects are not only confirmed to the individuals and family economic and social conditions. They exceed that to the economic situation as a whole. Growing Qat trees causes also a rise in food products and a drop of their purchasing power owing to recession of their cultivated area and expansion of the area allocated to growing Qat trees.

The problem is aggravating everyday through expansion in growing Qat at the expense of other crops. Economic resources in arable lands and water are wasted consecutively if there are no speedy arrangements taken to remove one of the causes hindering development in Yemen. If all failed to tackle this problem, the country would suffer from its consequences.

Attariq weekly 4 June 2002.

Main headlines:

- Thousands of employees in Aden pensioned off.
- Attempted attack on Journalists Chairman.
- Journalists express solidity with their chairman.
- Workshop on development in the Arab countries.
- Somali's refugees conditioned discussed.

Saeed Abdulrah al-Hawthari stresses in his article that the corruption is an integrated system with interconnected links. It has its symbols and mechanism with which some influential use under justification of financial and administrative reform.

People have become accustomed to talk about the octopus of corruption growing at the skinny body of our society, wandering why nobody dares to tackle.

What we experience on the ground is inconsistent with statements and warnings of the president and his fight on corruption. How would the government expect the citizen to believe laws issued by it while they are not enforced. He has not ever seen or heard of a corrupt Qat accounted or stood trail. The citizen wanders when would the wheel of actual reform begin to rotate and the proper person is put in the proper place or position?

AL-Wahda weekly, 5 June 2002.

Main headlines:

- Political discussion about Yemen socialist party initiatives and electoral system.
- Government approves strategy for alleviating poverty in Yemen.
- Number of constituencies to be announced soon.
- Teaching & training institutions in several governorates to be established

The newspaper's editorial is devoted to discussing the issue of vengeance. It says the phenomenon of revenge and tribal fights one of the disasters threatening hopes, inspirations and rather strategies adopted by the government and civil society establishments for building a more stable future and a more firm state. The battle erupting between tribes, however limited it were, devours hopes and expectations of the new the Yemeni generation dreaming of a better future.

This evil phenomenon has become a mark on the forehead of a community feeling proud of their unity and growing democracy. It has become a source

of trouble and arrogance to the state and its modern institutions and to all those yearning for sovereignty of the state and order and law. It has also become a source offering reputation of Yemen and Yemenis.

The vengeance phenomenon could not be eliminated by only symposiums and conferences, nor through decisions and recommendations or even laws. It would not be ended by merely unleashing threats. The will is the essence and determination is the guarantee for this will.

Al-Sahwa weekly 6 June 2002.

Main headlines:

- People's General Congress party divides the country through electoral divisions process.
- Bajammal evades parliament accountability.
- Algerian elections confirm superiority of national and Islamic trend.

Ali bin Abdullaah al-Wasei says in his article that it is natural for the regimes built on multi-party system every political party would seek to get a majority to implement its plans which it deems as favor of the country. The means for obtaining majority should be reasonable. The author wanders about the sort of majority when the ruling party controls everything. Such majority would stand against the reason and logic as long as its leadership wants that. If that leadership wants corruption that majority would support it. For instance prices of electricity and water were increased and some members of parliament took the side of the people, but the majority stood up to that and thus foiled efforts of all those wanting to oppose the rise in prices. In this concept, the majority has become something fearful. It has become a torturing whip.

World Press

Major news items in leading international newspapers

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Egypt

Al-Ahram
Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak and his U.S. counterpart George W. Bush Saturday in Camp David examined ways of activating the peace process in the Middle East in the light of the proposals made by Mubarak for breaking the current deadlock.

Al-Akhabar
Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat called on Egypt and the United States to swiftly hold an international conference on the Middle East peace.

Al-Gomhuria
Egypt's People's Assembly will debate Saturday the new budget for fiscal year 2002/2003.
The debates cover the plan and budget committee's reports on the new budget and means to increase the living standard of people.

Egyptian Mail
Because of the delays in approving the organs transplant law, the Ministry of Health's committees refused to allow the import of corneas which could enable thousands of patients to restore their eyesight.

U.K

The Times
England beat Argentina, their most dearly beloved enemy in sports on Friday. They need only draw in their match against Nigeria on Wednesday to march into the second round of the World Cup.

Financial Times
The millions of pounds spent on celebrating England's World Cup victory over Argentina will help to make up for the large but temporary damage to productivity, analysts said on Friday. The celebration spending could reach 150 million pounds (225 million U.S. dollars) this weekend.

The Daily Telegraph
The British Museum is to close its

doors to visitors on June 17 at the height of the tourist season because of a 24-hour strike by staff protesting at cuts and job losses, its management said on Friday.

The Independent
Two British women who made history by trekking to the North Pole flew to Britain on Friday to begin sampling the home comforts they missed on their three-month journey.

The Guardian
The drive to persuade middle class parents to keep their children in state schools in Britain hangs in the balance because of underfunding and poor discipline, the general secretary of the National Association of Head Teachers warned on Friday.

Japan

Nihon Keizai, Yomiuri, Asahi, Mainichi
Japanese Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi tells government economic council to finish tax reform by end of Fiscal Year 2006.

Nihon Keizai
Emergency defense bills unlikely to pass during the current Japanese parliament session.

Asahi
Japan's birthrate hits record low of 1.33 in 2001.

Yomiuri
Over 50 Japanese firms recall foods that have used banned flavorings.

Pakistan

The News
President Pervez Musharraf on Friday said that Pakistan did not have any aggressive designs but would defend its borders with all its resources and people's power.

The Frontier Post
The Government of Pakistan on Friday condemned Israel's attack on Palestinian President Yasser Arafat's

India

The Statesman
Indian official Friday suggested to the U.S. delegation led by the deputy secretary of state, Mr. Richard Armitage, that American technological expertise be used to monitor telecommunication systems in Pakistan-controlled Kashmir.

The Hindustan Time
Tension was a bit down on both sides of India and Pakistan, but that does not mean the situation was out of danger, said a cautiously optimistic U.S. Deputy Secretary of State Richard Armitage after meeting Indian leaders in New Delhi on Friday.

The Hindu
As the United States Friday delivered a credible and substantive commitment from Pakistan on permanently ending cross-border infiltration across the Line of Control in Jammu and Kashmir, India is likely to respond with some matching gestures in the next few days.

headquarters in Ramallah.

The Statesman
India and Pakistan want to avoid war with each other and tensions are "a bit down" in south Asia but crucial points of dispute between the nuclear-armed rivals remain, U.S. Deputy Secretary of State Richard Armitage said on Friday.

Kenya

Kenya Times
Kenyan President Daniel arap Moi said on Friday that the New Partnership for African Development will enable Kenya and other countries on the continent assemble cars locally.

Daily Nation
A campaign against HIV/AIDS, dubbed "Staying Alive", will soon be launched in Kenya and other African countries.

The Guardian
Nigeria's Supreme Court Friday declared the Independent Corrupt Practices and Other Related Offences Commission as a constitutionally functioning body, saying that the anti-graft panel has power to arrest and detain corrupt officials in the country.

This Day
The World Bank has approved two separate loans worth 237 million U.S.

President Moi has signed into law the bill requiring publishers to sign bonds of one million shillings (12,700 U.S. dollars) to run newspapers and magazines in Kenya.

East African Standard
President Moi on Friday decried the dumping of imported dairy products into the country, saying it was threatening the survival of livestock farmers.

Nigeria

dollars to tackle poverty and health problems in Nigeria.

Vanguard
The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organizations set up the African Network for Innovation in Higher Education as a new drive to promote educational sector in Africa.

Philippines

The Philippine Star
American hostage Martin Burnham and Filipina nurse Ediborah Yap held by Abu Sayyaf bandits were killed Friday afternoon during a rescue bid by government troops in the southern Philippine province of Zamboanga del Norte while Martin's wife Gracia was freed but wounded.

Manila Bulletin
President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo

Friday signed into law four bills, including the 2002 Comprehensive Dangerous Drugs Act which imposes heavy fines and stiff penalties for illegal drug trafficking.

Philippine Daily Inquirer
President Arroyo has asked her allies in the Senate to "reach out" to the opposition and find a way out of the leadership deadlock in the upper chamber.

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I. What to Say Situations and Expressions (19): Expressing disapproval/ criticism (I)

Most of us are eager to hear kind words about us. But how many of us have learnt to take words of disapproval or criticism in a positive way? It is easier to criticize others than bear with criticism. However, when criticizing someone we should be careful about our expression so that the other person gets the point without feeling hurt or offended. In other words, your criticism should be done in a healthy, constructive spirit and not carry a sting with it. Your criticism should aim at correcting a certain aspect of one's personality. It should, by no means, smack of cynicism and bad taste.

Let's examine a few phrases expressing criticism.

- He seems to have a negative approach.
- He gives himself airs.
- He seems to lack modesty and humility.
- He is a maverick.
- You seem to look at the wrong end of the telescope.
- He is too narrow in his outlook.
- His words are full of sound and fury signifying little.
- Thinks himself the salt of the earth.
- He pooh poohs others.
- He has a bloated ego.
- She considers herself an angel.
- He is a Mr. know-all.
- It's not in good taste to deride others.
- It's easy to find fault with others.
- He is a coxcomb.
- He is foppish and dandiacal.
- He is vainglorious.
- They are very parochial in their thinking.
- It's easy to find fault with others, but very hard to discover one's own flaws.
- He is very easily excitable.
- He makes mountains of a mole hill.
- She is too biased.
- We are unworthy successors of a glorious heritage.
- She makes a fetish of clothes.
- He is sick of self love.
- He has a habit of taking bird bolts as canon bullets.

II. How to Say it Correctly Correct errors, if any, in the following sentences.

1. The accused effected madness in

- the court at the time of trial.
2. Murtaja is an adapt in the art of singing classical songs.
3. He is living in object poverty.
4. The children were playing besides the road.
5. The thief was caught red handedly.

Solutions to last week's questions

1. If I told you the plot, it would **quench** your desire to read the story.
2. We must take some steps to **resolve** the stalemate.
3. There is an urgent need to **lay** the basis of a sound and viable labor policy.
4. I love to **see (watch)** the World Cup football matches.
5. The police have **discovered** a conspiracy.

III. How to express it in one word

1. Violent windstorm.
2. Person who sees little or no good in anything.
3. Metrical foot of one long syllable followed by two short syllables.
4. Building where milk is kept and milk products are made.
5. Wall built to keep back water and raise its level.

Solutions to last week's questions

1. Course of study in a school, college, etc: **Curriculum** (n)
2. Of handwriting with the letters rounded and joined together: **Cursive** (adj.)
3. Quick, hurried reading without attention to details: **Cursory** (adj.)
4. Piece of cloth hung up at window or door: **Curtain** (n)
5. In agreement with custom: **Customary** (n)

IV. Grammar and Composition

a) Study Skills Explain the meanings of the following abbreviations

1. ibid; 2. Op. cit.; 3. Loc. cit;
4. Idem; 5. Cf.

b) Idioms and Phrases Use the following phrases in illustrative sentences

1. answerable to
2. annoyed with
3. in anticipation
4. antagonistic to
5. antipathetic to

c) Words commonly confounded. Bring out the differences in meaning of the following pairs of words

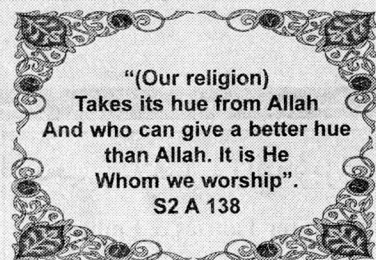
1. astonish, surprise
2. astrology, astronomy
3. attach, attaché
4. attain, retain
5. attire, retire

Answers to last week's questions

1. **aspiration** (n) (desire for something): He has aspirations to rise to the top.
2. **respiration** (n) (breathing): The patient has difficulties in respiration.
3. **assassination** (n) (murder of an important politician or ruler): The assassination of Martin Luther King is a dark chapter in the human history.
4. **murder** (n) (Unlawful killing of a human being): The police have arrested the criminal for cold blooded murder.
5. **assay** (n) (test of purity of a metal): The geologist made an assay of the metal ore.
6. **essay** (n) (a short piece of writing in prose on any subject): She wrote a brilliant essay on the harmful effects of qat.
7. **ascent** (n) (The act of going up): The plane is on the ascent.
8. **assent** (n) (official agreement to a proposal): The President has given assent to the bill.
9. **assumption** (n) (taking something as true): Their assumption that war would break out between the two countries was proved wrong.
10. **resumption** (going on after stopping for some time): The resumption of dialogue between the two sides has generated hope for a peaceful settlement of the issue.

V. Pearls from the Holy Quran

VI. Words of Wisdom
"We pardon as long as we love."
—La Rochefoucauld



Inter-University English Debate and Recitation Competitions, Sana'a University - Sana'a

The Department of English in the Faculty of Arts organized on Sunday 26th May an Inter-University debate and competition for reciting passages from Shakespeare's plays. The universities that participated in this event were the University of Dhamar, the University of Hodeidah, the University of Ibb and the host university, the University of Sana'a. It is an event that the Department enthusiastically organizes every year, and students in Departments of English all over the country eagerly look forward to. It has generated a lot of healthy rivalry, a great deal of expectations about increasingly higher standards of performance every year, and a confidence in the students that, now, they can compete favorably even in an international event of this kind. The glittering ceremony was attended among others by Dr. Abdul Salaam al-Jowfi, the Vice-Rector for Students Affairs, University of Sana'a, Dr. Tawfiq Sufiyan, the Vice-Rector for Post-graduate Studies and Research, Dr. Hussein al-Bakry, the Dean of the Faculty of Arts, Dr. Khalid Tamim, the President of the University Teachers' Association for all university teachers in Yemen, Dr. Ibrahim al-Silwi, the Vice-Rector for Academic Affairs, the University of Taiz, and Dr. Abdul Raheem al-Silwi, the Director of the Computer Center of the University of Sana'a. Teachers from Departments of English in other universities in Yemen came to attend the function as observers. His Excellency, Mr. M. S.

Suman, the Ambassador of India in Sana'a, attended the function as its Chief guest. Jamaal Abdul Nasser Hall, the largest auditorium of Sana'a University, where this function was held, was packed to capacity, but in spite of being overwhelmingly attended, one could notice an admirable degree of silence and discipline.

Address by the Dean

In his speech, the Dean expressed a great appreciation for what Prof. Thakur, the Chairman of the Department of English, and his colleagues were doing to raise the academic standards of achievements in English. He said that he was proud of the way the Department of English was acquiring itself.

Address by distinguished guests

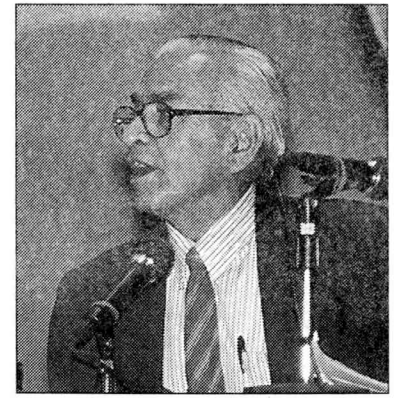
Dr. Abdul Salaam al-Jowfi, Dr. Khalid Tamim and Dr. Ibrahim al-Silwi also expressed great admiration for the Department and praised the English Department for taking the lead in this direction.

Speech by Mr. William Helz, Director of YALI

Mr. William Helz, the Director of YALI, who was one of the three judges, lavishly praised the standard of attainment and the dexterity in oratorical skill displayed by students from different universities in Yemen, more so by students from the Department of English, Faculty of Arts, University of Sana'a.

Remarks by Prof. J. Shaw

Another judge, Prof. Jonathan Shaw, Visiting Professor from India, said that the best students in this competition



Dr. D. Thakur addresses the gathering

would be rated very high anywhere in any national or international event of this type.

Address by Prof. Thakur

In his speech, Prof. Thakur praised the Vice-Rector for Students Affairs and the Dean of the Faculty for all the moral and financial support that they had readily and enthusiastically extended to him for this event. He also praised the members of his Department for putting in a great deal of hard work for the success of this event. He said that reciting the composition of an author, for example, reciting a passage from Shakespeare's plays, was not only a matter rhetorical skill or faultless pronunciation and articulation; it was an act of re-creation; it was an attempt to give a new meaning and a new vigor to the passage being recited. Referring to the participants' performance in the debate, he said that a debate was not a matter of mere facts and arguments; it was an act of fanning the fire hiding inside us and putting that fire into our debate in such a way that it acquires a new glitter, a new glow and by far over shines the logical structure of day to day communication. He said that he started this annual event with the dream that in course of time it will lead to a new tradition and new generation of orators in Yemen, and hopefully, some day in the future one of his students would speak so splendidly in the UNO or in the Security Council that every one in that organization would say that he/she is a really wonderful speaker.



The galaxy of distinguished guests

Results of the competitions

The following are the students who were awarded prizes on that day.

Inter-University Competition for Reciting Passages from Shakespeare:

First

- Wafa Abdul Ghani Hamid, Sana'a University

Second

- Ali Abdullah Saleh Mohammed, Hodeidah University

Third

- Abdullah Mohammed Ibrahim al-Bohaisi, Sana'a University

Excellent Performance:

- Talal Sadiq Ahmed Khalid Hodeidah University
- Saba'a Ali Ahmed, Dhamar University

Very Good Performance:

- Majid Mohammed Shamsan,

Ibb University

- Fawaz Mohammed Ahmed Ali,

Dhamar University

- Fahd Abdul Aziz, Ibb University

Inter-University Debate:

First

- Souleiman Hassan Ali Sana'a University

Second

- Majid Najji Mohammed Nasher Ibb University

Third

- Ahlam Abdul Raheem al-Silwi Sana'a University

Excellent Performance:

- Amar Sais Ahmed al-Buraihi Ibb University

Very Good Performance:

- Muneer Ahmed Ali Hodeidah University
- Sawsan Mohammed Ahmed

Dhamar University

- Ghazwan Mohammed Ahmed,

Dhamar University

Departmental Competition for Reciting Passages from Shakespeare:

First

- Souleiman Hassan Ali

Second

- Wafa Abdul Ghani Hamid

Excellent Performance:

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- Mohammed M. Saleh al-Faqeeh
- Dina Hassan al-Iryani
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Second

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Very Good Performance:

- Shatha Murad Sadiq
- Samar Abdul Aziz Mothahar
- Hayat Ali Abdu

English Department, Faculty of Languages, Sana'a Organizes Literary Competitions

The Department of English, Faculty of Languages, Sana'a University organized Debate, and Elocution Competitions on Saturday, 25th May, 2002 at 10:30 AM. The Essay Writing competition was held by the department a fortnight ago. The function opened with the recitation from the Holy Qura'an by a student of the fourth level, Mohammed Ali Zuhra. In his welcome speech, the Chairman of the English Department, Prof. A. K. Sharma, while welcoming the distinguished guests, stated that the objective of these competitions was to develop the personality of the students in such a way that they were equipped with the necessary skills and resources to face the challenges of their life which lay ahead. The welcome speech was followed by the Elocution and the Debate competitions in which the students of the Department gave ample evidence of their creative gifts. The events were followed by the speeches of the Dean of faculty, Prof. Tariq Al-Junaibi, Prof. D. Thakur and Prof. B. P. Singh respectively. In his speech, Prof. Tariq Al-Junaibi

expressed his appreciation for the effort made by the Chairman of the English Department, Prof. A. K. Sharma to hold such events which helped the students in their pursuit for excellence. Prof. Thakur lauded the efforts of the Department for organizing such creative events which brought out the best in the students. These speeches were followed by the prize distribution and giving away of certificates to the students by

the Dean of the Faculty Prof. Tariq Al-Junaibi and Prof. D. Thakur. The function ended with a vote of thanks proposed by Prof. A. K. Sharma.

The events were coordinated by the Assistant Professor of the Department, Dr. Rajiv Bhushan. The panel of judges included Prof. B. P. Singh, Prof. M. Singh and Dr. R. K. Jayaraman.

Results of the competitions

Debate Competition

1st Prize:

- Enas Othman Ahmed Al-Hopishy (3rd level)

2nd Prize:

- Hanan Abdul Hamed Al-Touqi (4th level)

3rd Prize:

- Mohammed Abdul-Rahman Ali (4th level)

Elocution Competition

1st Prize:

- Enas Othman Ahmed Al-Hopishy (3rd level)

2nd Prize:

- Inass Yahia Al-Shaddadi (3rd level)

3rd Prize:

- Afaq Hussien Ali Al-Tamimi (3rd level)

Essay-Writing Competition

1st Prize:

- Safa Abdullah Al-Sharif (4th level)
- Sohair Murad (4th level)

2nd Prize:

- Hanan Ibrahim Sharafuddin (3rd level)
- Ahlam Abdul Rab Alwan Al-Masny (2nd level)

3rd Prize:

- Najat Ali Al-Badani (4th level)

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How to walk away

It is hard to walk away from your friends but it can be done. A lot of it boils down to your self-esteem. If you know that what you believe in is right, you stand a better chance at sticking to your decision. Having another friend who joins you takes a lot of the power out of peer pressure and makes it much easier to resist. It is great to have friends with values similar to yours who will back you up when you don't want to do something. Remember to give support to a friend you see having trouble resisting peer-pressure too. That is why your parents or teachers have always advised you to "choose your friends wisely". Friends really help to



make you what you are and vice-versa. Even if you face peer pressure alone, there are still things you can do. You can try to avoid situations where you will feel pressurized to do something you don't want to do. Just be firm and say, "No" or hang around other friends who like to do the same things you do. If you continue to face peer pressure and you're finding it difficult to handle, talk to some one you can trust. Don't feel guilty if you've made a mistake. Talking to a parent or a teacher can help you feel much better and prepare you for the next time you are in such a situation.

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Best wishes
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Farewell Function At Amran

The Department of English, Faculty of Education-Amran organized a function to bid farewell to its Level Four students on 28th May 2002. It was attended by a large number of students, teachers from other Departments besides the Dean of the Faculty, Dr. Abdullah Al-Najaar, Vice Dean Dr. Abdul Hamid, Chairman of the Department of English, Professor P.A. Abraham, Dr. S.K. Mukul, Mr. Ibrahim Shami, Mrs. Shahaba and many others. The function started with the recitation of verses from the Holy Quran.

Certificate of Merit

At the function, the Dean Dr. Abdullah awarded a Certificate of Merit to Professor and Chairman of the Department Dr. P.A. Abraham in recognition of his commendable services as an exemplary teacher of English for the past five years in the Faculty. Four students from Level Four- Mohammed Hizam Saleh, Rizwan Kassim Ghalib, Akram Ali Mohammed and Khaleel Shaif were also given certificates and prizes for scoring the highest marks in

Level Three.

In his keynote address, the Dean of the Faculty Dr. Abdullah, appreciating the contribution of Dr. Abraham and his team, urged the students to emulate the good examples taught by their teachers. He also underlined the importance of English as an international language and emphasized that we should give a great deal of priority to the proper learning of this language. The Vice Dean Dr. Abdul Hameed also congratulated Dr. Abraham for his efforts to encourage the students to develop their talents by arranging various extra-curricular activities in the Department.

In his speech Dr. Abraham expressed his gratitude to the Dean who is always a great source of inspiration and encouragement and who has given his unflinching, wholehearted support to all the activities of the Department. He further expressed his sentiments, recounting the days he had spent with the outgoing students. He cited several quotations and called upon the students to contribute to the building of modern Yemen. Dr. S.K. Mukul, in his speech,



Dr. Abraham (right) receives Certificate of Merit from Dr. Abdullah Al-Najaar, Dean (center), Dr. Abdul Hameed, Vice Dean (left) looks on.

expressed his mixed feelings of joy and sorrow on this occasion and reminded the students of their duties responsibilities. Students representing Level Four and Level Three also spoke and they were all unanimous in expressing their gratitude to the teachers from whom they have learned not only English but also many useful tips for life. Some students also recited poems written by them. The function came to a close with the vote of thanks given by Mr. Ibrahim Shami.

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The All India Secondary School Examination Results of the Indian Embassy School, Sana'a have been very good this year with cent-percent pass rate. 506 pupils have obtained first division with the 6th pupils almost making it to that level. I congratulate the students and the teachers on this commendable performance.

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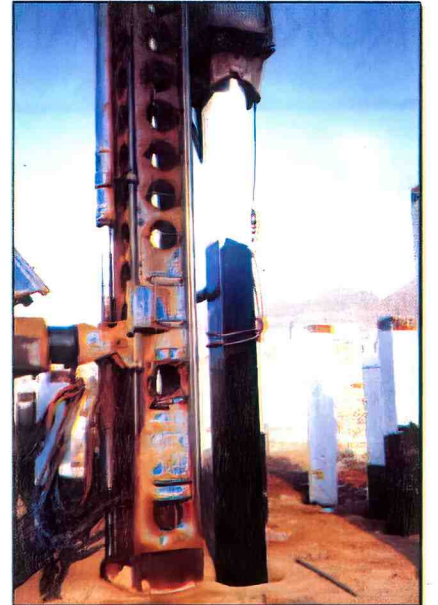
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NATCO inaugurates the festival of Hyundai for the World Cup 2002



Mr. Nabil Hael in a friendly talk with Mr. Abdullah Abdul-Wali

The new models and kinds of Hyundai are a qualitative move and big development in four wheel drive cars.



Hyundai exhibition in the beautiful costume of the World Cup

Among the advantages of the Hyundai festival for the World Cup are the special prices of new models, easy installments, experience of driving cars, and a chance to win NATCO's valuable prizes.



Advertising jokes made the audience laugh

The World Cup 2002 grand prize contest (the prize will be a 2002 Hyundai Accent) in addition to other valuable prizes.



(from left) Mr. Mahdi Allawi Mr. Abdullah Abdul-Wali & Mr Jamal Abdul-Wase'



Many businessmen, officials and spectators attended the launching of Hyundai World Cup 2002 festivals on May 30 with an impressive ceremony. The occasion was also attended by Nabeel H. Saeed, chairman of the National Trading Company (NATCO), Abdullah Abdulwali Nasher, chairman of the World Bank and Mahdi Allawi, regional manager of the Arab Bank.

As soon as the ribbon was cut, Jamal Abdulwasi'a of Hyundai delivered a speech in which he welcomed the people present, and he brought up a number of topics and Hyundai's achievement. He reviewed the history of Hyundai, explaining that it started business more than three decades ago (1967). During its maiden years, Hyundai had collaboration with Ford, the giant American car manufacturer. Cooperation between the two companies went on until 1974. During that year Hyundai produced its first car, completely self-designed- and that was the Pony. "Since then," continued Mr. Saeed, "Hyundai has been developing and improving its products and has made a quantum leap to become the no. 8 car maker of the world. So far it has exported over 7.8 million cars worldwide."

He then briefly defined Hyundai's goals as the following two points:

- To achieve the motto "Pleasing Hyundai's customers" through producing all types of cars (big, medium and small in addition to luxury and sports cars, lorries, buses and special purpose cars) so as to cover all needs and respond to all wishes of its customers.
- To be the world's No. 5 car manufacturer by the year 2010.

After that he listed the successes achieved by Hyundai and said it has established research centers in a number of important cities in Europe, America, East Asia, and the Middle East. These centers exchange information and experience, and thus help the company make improve the quality, reliability, durability and safety of Hyundai cars. Also, it is of Hyundai's policy to develop environment friendly cars. All this led to Hyundai producing 2.7 million cars in 2001 alone and becoming the No. 8 carmaker in the world. He added that Hyundai is still working hard and with persistence towards reaching a higher rank by increasing its investments in field research and development in order to achieve the best technological standards and creations in design, to make its customers happier, specifically in terms of value and to have its fair share in the international market.

Mr. Saeed then mentioned the HyundaiWorld Cup 2002 contest that is organized by NATCO.

The festival has several advantages. These are:

- Special prices for new Hyundai models
- Easy-to-pay installments that extend for three years
- Entering the World Cup 2002 grand prize contest (the prize will be a 2002 Hyundai Accent) in addition to other valuable prizes
- Test-driving Hyundai cars
- The opportunity to trade in customers' old Hyundai cars for new ones.

After that, guests were invited to enjoy sweets and beverages while having a glimpse of the new model range. They listened while experts told them about the new advantages of these models. But what stole the show was the new 4WD Santa Fe with its distinguished design, flexibility and power.

All guests were impressed by the new step taken by NATCO when it allowed them to test-drive all models of cars and by the exploiting the World Cup occasion to present the new Hyundai models.

Mr. Ziad M. Abdulmajeed, a businessman, expressed his admiration for the well-organized contest, the prizes, the distinguished decoration of the Hyundai showrooms, the distinct publications, and on top of all this, the show that came at the beginning of the event. He said all these points show clearly how excellent progress has been made by NATCO in satisfying its customers. At last he said he was very impressed by the latest models from Hyundai and the company's admirable ability to conquer its deserved place in the car market.

Another businessman, Mr. Mohammed Al-Basha, said NATCO was launching a grand beginning that depends on interactive relationship that will build trust between the producer and consumer. He also said he had visited the NATCO Hyundai maintenance center and what he saw there would certainly enhance the buyer's trust that NATCO's after-sale services will be excellent. Such services aim to show respect to customers and fulfill their needs of maintenance at reasonably priced spare parts in no time.



Mr. Jamal Abdul-Wase' and a detailed explanation about Hyundai's activities in the World Cup

Hyundai was manufacturer No. 8 in 2001 in the world of cars and is looking forward to being manufacturer No. 5 by 2010.



Side talks

Hyundai aims to cover the market's requirements of different kinds of cars.



A portion of the audience

Hyundai produced and sold more than 2.7 million cars in 2001.

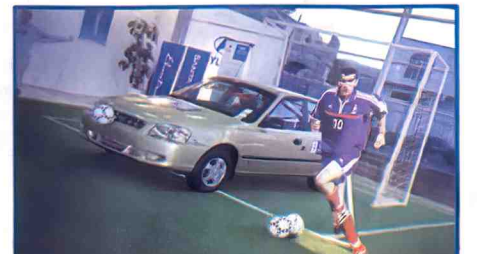


Mr. Ziad Mohammed Abdul-Majid (left) Mr. Mohammed Al-Basha (right)



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Brazil Routs China 4-0 in Group C

SEOGWIPO, South Korea, (Xinhua) — The all-mighty Four Rs - Roberto Carlos, Rivaldo, Ronaldinho and Ronaldo clinched Brazil's 4-0 victory over World Cup debutants China in their

Group C match on Saturday. It was the largest finals win for Brazil in 16 years since their 4-0 triumph over Poland in 1986. After 10 minutes of aggressive play by

the World Cup rookies, Roberto Carlos opened the floodgate for the four-time champions in the 15th minute as the Real Madrid defender fired a cannon-like 25-meter free kick over the outstretched arms of China's goalkeeper Jiang Jin.

Rivaldo, who escaped a FIFA ban after he faked injury in the Turkey game on Monday, tapped Ronaldinho's pinpoint pass into the Chinese net from a close range in the 32nd minute.

Ronaldinho converted the penalty in the 45th after Chinese defender Li Weifeng pulled down two-time World Footballer of the Year Ronaldo.

Brazil, who have never missed a finals, kept pressing on the Chinese defense after the break and Ronaldo made it 4-0 in the 55th minute. Brazil captain Cafu marauded the right flank to beat two Chinese defenders. He passed the ball to the surging Ronaldo in the middle who calmly slotted it home.

The best chance for China came in the

60th minute as Zhao Junzhe sent a strong volley over the diving Brazilian keeper Marcos, only to be blocked by the right post.

Shao Jiayi also had a wonderful opportunity to net China's first finals goal as his 20-meter blast went narrowly wide of goal in the 69th minute. "This is a victory that strengthens the self-confidence, the spirit of the team," Ronaldo said. "We are getting better coordinated every day and we hope to keep scoring goals and win our games." Told he had scored in every match here, the same as Jairzinho in 1970, Ronaldo replied: "Well, we will see if I can match him. I am feeling better, improving physically. I am of course looking forward to that."

Brazil coach Luiz Felipe Scolari said he was aware of the gap in experience between the two countries but knew the Chinese team had improved a lot and began the match at a fast pace.

"We are improving and we know that our team is getting better match-by-

match so I hope we can improve for the next game." China coach Bora Milutinovic was disappointed at the result.

Chinese midfielder Zhao Junzhe said that the Brazil game was a valuable learning experience. "We came to learn from Brazil and we have tried our best," said he said. "We wanted to score. We did have chances to score," he added.



Sogwipo, Chinese defender Li Weifeng (L) vies the ball with Brazilian forward Ronaldo (R) during the Group C second round match China/Brazil of the 2002 FIFA World Cup in Sogwipo.

FIFA happy about No Security Incidents after England-Argentina Match

SEOUL, (Xinhua) — FIFA is happy that there were no serious security incidents following Friday's World Cup match between England and Argentina in Sapporo, Japan, spokesman Keith Cooper said on Saturday.

"There were no incidents of any kind and that the whole game, before, during and after, went off just as anybody could wish it to do so," Cooper said at a daily briefing.

The spokesman said despite a report that there were four arrests made in connection with the World Cup, but they are of no significance.

"At least two of them (arrests) were because somebody stole somebody else's T-shirts. That is the most serious security incident we have in this year's World Cup," said Cooper. Enditem



English midfielder David Beckham (R) and his teammate Paul Scholes celebrate after David Beckham scored a goal during the Group F second round match Argentina/England of the 2002 FIFA World Cup Korea/Japan at Sapporo Dome Stadium June 7, 2002. England defeated Argentina 1-0. (Xinhua)



Paraguay forward Roque Santa Cruz (L) vies an aerial ball with Spanish midfielder Ruben Baraja during the Group B second round match Paraguay/Spain of the 2002 FIFA World Cup in Chonju, June 07, 2002. (Xinhua)



Croatia's Davor Vugrinec (L) battles for the ball with Italy's Cristiano Zanetti during their group G match at the World Cup Finals in Ibaraki. REUTERS/Ian Waldie



Danish soccer fans dressed as Santa Claus cheer on their team mates during an unusual soccer match with South Korean children in Seoul June 7, 2002. The event was held in conjunction with the ongoing World Cup Finals, which are being co-hosted by South Korea and Japan, where celebrations continue as the competition headed into its eighth day of the first round on Friday.

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By SA'AD TAHER

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while others will appeal to visitors taste for shopping entertainment.

'We are looking towards making Bahrain Summer one of the most entertaining and memorable times for visitor,' said Jamal al-Hazeem, Chief Executive Officer of the Economical Development Board.

'There will be something for everyone and particularly those living in the Gulf Cooperation Council, to come here to enjoy themselves so much that they will visit Bahrain to enjoy future events,' Mr. al-Hazeem added.

The Director of Immigration is



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taking action in facilitating the visa procedures for foreign visitors during the Bahrain Summer attractions.

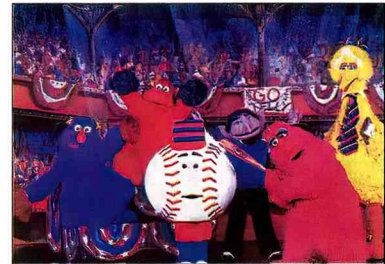
A form shall be designed to help families from all nationalities coming to Bahrain Summer enter the country with fewer formalities. A special counter for Bahrain Summer visitors will be set up at the Airport and the causeway that will process and approve visas for families coming to Bahrain. The forms will be

available at airlines and travel agents offices both in Bahrain and internationally. There are no requirements for family visitors and a visa will be granted immediately. Civil Aviation have agreed to train Bahrain University and school students to provide help and ease the inflow of visitors.

Bab al-Bahrain has been chosen to launch this event as it symbolizes Bahrain's cultural heritage and history. The launch celebrations include:

- 1- A pyrotechnic show.
- 2- A dramatic fireworks display.
- 3- Music
- 4- Mahboob; a lovely dolphin mascot.
- 5- Scheduled events include Sesame Street live, Bear in the Big Blue house Live Fairy Tales Magic, Toys land and illusion shows.
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